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**Next Meeting : When : Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:30 PM**  
**Where : Casper Petroleum Club**

**Presentation :** Chapter Member Gail Zimmerman will show videos of his recent hunts in Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

**Agenda :**

- 1) Welcome members and visitors.
- 2) President's remarks.
- 3) Chapter business.
- 4) Presentation.

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 1, 2010:** No meeting is planned in April as a result of the dinner event, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 10.

**Saturday, April 10, 2010:** Eighth Annual White Elephant Dinner and Fund Raiser to be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel here in Casper.




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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

On Monday, February 22, 2010 I attended the SCIF Conservation Committee budget planning meeting held at the Grand Hyatt hotel in Dallas, Texas. We spent thirteen hours on Monday (7:00 AM to 8:00 PM) reviewing projects and setting the 2010/2011 budget for the Conservation Committee.

Prior to and during the meeting, we reviewed a number of conservation projects submitted from various entities and/or organizations requesting varying degrees of funding from the Safari Club International Foundation.

Projects submitted for evaluation included:

- Alaska Wood Bison Restoration Program. \$190,000. The State of Alaska has approximately 82 disease-free wood bison in various enclosures around the state awaiting transplant to three potential locations within Alaska including the Yukon Flats, Minto Flats, and the lower Innoko River. Release of bison at one of these sites is contingent upon the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Alaska developing special regulations for the release thereof under the Endangered Species Act, which is expected to occur sometime in late 2010. Once these special regulations have been adopted, Alaska is seeking funding for the transportation of the bison to the selected release site, erection of temporary enclosures to facilitate said release, and funding for supplemental feeding both prior and subsequent to release.
- Conservation Status for the African Lion in Namibia. \$20,000. Proposal to quantify lion populations and incidents of lion/human conflicts in the Kaudom/Caprivi area of Namibia in order to develop an adaptive management strategy for lion conservation in the area.
- Game Management Unit 15A (Alaska's Kenai Peninsula) Moose Productivity Study. \$249,200. Proposal to try and determine declining pregnancy rates and subsequent recruitment in the Alaska-Yukon moose population in GMU 15A.
- Juvenile Dall's Sheep Ram Survival, Home Range and Movements. \$50,000. Dall sheep populations on the Kenai peninsula have decline by as much as 50% in some units in the last 20 years, which has resulted in a concomitant decline in available permits as the population drops. Juvenile rams (3-5 years of age) would be collared with a radio-collar to determine survival rates, movements and home range in an attempt to understand why many of the juvenile rams are not surviving to maturity.
- Seasons of the Caribou. \$300,000. Proposal to fund an in-depth film of the Woodland caribou life cycle in Newfoundland, with a primary focus on the predation issue of these herds, the affects of habitat degradation and human intrusion on these herds, and the massive science-based research project currently underway (which is partially funded by SCIF) to determine the causative factors in the precipitous decline of caribou in Newfoundland.
- Advancing the Conservation of Jaguar in Paraguay. \$44,000. Proposal to fund the preparation of a National Conservation Plan for jaguars in the Paraguayan Chaco. In addition to the Conservation Plan, data would be collected on the distribution, occurrence and home range of jaguars in the Chaco.
- Portable Digital Dental X-Ray Machine. \$20,500. Request to purchase a portable dental x-ray machine to be used to age lions taken in Zambia. Use of the portable x-ray machine would eliminate the need to extract a tooth from each lion, which must then be sent to a laboratory for aging. Use of the x-ray technology would allow for the immediate aging of lions taken recently as well as provide the ability to quickly collect data from lions taken in 2009. This data is then used by the Zambian Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) to effectively manage lion population throughout the country.

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In addition to these proposals, The Conservation Committee approved funding for the following projects at our meeting held in Reno on January 22, 2010 in conjunction with the Annual Hunter's Convention:

- Funding the Operation and Maintenance of the Friedkin Conservation Fund (FCH) 5H Micro-light. \$60,000. The FCH runs an anti-poaching operation on 9,000,000 acres in Tanzania which employs 80 game rangers utilizing two micro-light aircraft, fourteen land cruisers, a small aircraft and several watercraft. The proposal from FCH was to fund the operation and maintenance of one 5H Micro-light for a period of five years.
- Evaluating the Influence of Climate and Bear Predation on Shiras Moose Declines in the Rocky Mountain States. \$50,000. Project proposed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department through the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit to review the causative agents in the dramatic declines in Shiras moose population in historic habitats across the Rocky Mountain west. This study will look at climatic factors affecting habitat function and the effects of predation on these moose populations and represents a first step in producing a comprehensive management plan for managing moose population in Wyoming and the surrounding range states.

### **2010 WHITE ELEPHANT DINNER**

Tickets for our eighth annual dinner and auction scheduled for April 10, 2010 are now on sale and attendance to the event will be open to both members and non-members alike. As in the past, tickets for the event will not be available at the door the night of the dinner.

Our speaker was originally proposed to be Dr. Larry Rudolph, the current president of SCI. Unfortunately, SCI business must take precedent and a conflict has developed that will preclude Larry from attending our dinner event in April. I am currently in the process of finding a replacement speaker and will keep you advised of my progress in this regard. If you have any suggestion in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at 307-473-1268

### **Live and Silent Auction Merchandise**

As in the past, we will sponsor both a silent and live auction again this year, with the silent auction beginning when the doors open and continuing until at least dinner. The live auction will begin immediately following our featured speaker and will be limited to approximately 35 items so that we can conclude the evening at a reasonable hour. Some of the merchandise to be offered this year will include:

- Boyt double rifle case;
- Diamond Blade Pinnacle I Friction Forged Knife w/Leather Sheath;
- *Disturbed Mud Bath* by Kobus Möller - 2010 SCIF limited edition giclee conservation print;
- Four classic registrations to the 2011 SCI Convention in Reno, Nevada;
- Glock 21 semi-auto handgun in .45 ACP with two 13-round magazines;
- Jim Shockey Signature Series Yukon Bow by Alpine Archery;
- Kimber Pro Carry II semi-auto handgun in .45 ACP with night sights;
- Leupold RX-1000 TBR Range Finder;

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- Leupold VX 3 3.5 - 10 X 40 Matte Duplex Rifle Scope;
  - Scrimshawed ostrich egg from Taxidermy Enterprises in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.
  - Soft canvas gun cases from Cabela's;
  - Stamasus custom stainless steel damascus knife;
  - Stealth Cam Sniper IR Digital Camera/Video Recorder;
  - Stealth Cam Sniper Pro Flask Scouting Camera;
  - Steiner 10 X 42 "Merlin" binoculars;
  - Swarovski SLC 10 X 42 "Neu" binoculars; and
  - Traditional Zulu baskets from Ilala Weavers in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.
  - Winchester Model 70 Featherweight bolt-action rifle in .30-06 Springfield;
  - Zeiss Victory 2.5 - 10 X 50 Diavari rifle scope;

A complete list of the auction items will be posted to our website as we get closer to the event and additional auction items are secured.

### **Live and/or Silent Auction Out-of-State Hunting/Fishing Trips**

I am still in the process of evaluating a number of donated trips that may or may not be offered in conjunction with our auction and a complete listing of these trips will be provided in the April newsletter and will also be posted to our website.

At present, I am leaning towards the following hunts:

- a three-day fully guided pheasant hunt for two hunters with Pheasant City Lodge in Wessington, South Dakota on 9,000 acres of private land;
- a three-day high volume dove hunting trip for four hunters in Argentina;
- a seven day plains game safari in South Africa for two hunters with Kido Safaris; and
- a five day hunt in Spain with Espacaza for one hunter and one-non-hunter.

As I stated in the February newsletter, the Central Wyoming Chapter receives literally dozens of offers for donations each year from hunting/fishing outfitters worldwide and each year we try very hard to screen these potential donations to ensure that the trips offered in conjunction with our fundraising efforts are with upstanding and reputable organizations. We will assist the successful bidder with trip preparation should you so desire, but we are not responsible for any disagreements or misunderstandings that may arise in conjunction with your trip. All pertinent information on the donated hunts will be provided prior to the auction and we would encourage those of you who are interested in one or more of these trips to visit the applicable website and familiarize yourselves with their operation. If you have any questions concerning these donations, please feel free to contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

I would encourage you to check our website ([www.sciwyoming.com](http://www.sciwyoming.com)) on a regular basis for information on the dinner event and any items to be offered in conjunction therewith.

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## Raffles

Raffles currently planned for our April 10<sup>th</sup> event will include a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds from ticket sales split evenly between the Central Wyoming Chapter and the winning ticket holder.

We are also considering a raffle for any new members that join SCI and the Central Wyoming Chapter in conjunction with our April 10 dinner event. More information in this regard will be provided in the April newsletter.

## Ticket Information

Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person (\$25 for children 12 and under) and will include a 12 oz prime rib dinner with baked potato, garden vegetable, dinner salad and dessert.

A ticket reservation form is attached herewith for your convenience in obtaining tickets or you may contact any of the officers or board members listed below for tickets.

Draft beer will be provided free of charge for our guests who are of legal age. We will also have a cash bar for those individuals who prefer bottled beer, wine or cocktails.

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership as of February 13, 2010 stands at 140 active members, with an additional 4 members who have recently allowed their memberships to lapse. If you have questions concerning your membership status, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

The strength of any organization lies in its members and we need to get the word out to our hunting friends and neighbors that they need to join SCI. The loss of our hunting rights affects ALL hunters, not just members of SCI, and the hunting public needs to understand who we are and what we are really all about. Passion just doesn't always spring up over night - it takes an understanding of the issues and the realization that there is a very real threat to our hunting heritage out there. So, if you have a friend or neighbor that is not currently a member of SCI, bring them to the meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> and introduce them to the Central Wyoming Chapter!

Current National SCI Membership Types and Fees include the following (does not include annual Chapter dues of \$20):

- Life Membership    \$1,500;
- Senior Life Membership     \$1,250;
- 3 Year National Membership     \$150;

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- Family Membership                      \$95
  - National Membership                    \$55; and
  - Young Hunter                              \$15 (national dues only, no charge for Chapter membership).
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For those individuals who are National Members, you can save \$15.00 by renewing your national membership for a three-year period and avoid the hassle of having to renew you membership on an annual basis.

### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

A cash bar will be open and available during the evening for refreshments. For those of you who would like to come early and have dinner, you may order from either the bar menu (lighter fare) or from the regular dinner menu at your discretion - cash or check please for non-club members. Spouses are always welcome - be sure to bring your better half and introduce them to our chapter, some fantastic presentations, and the adventure of the great outdoors! Likewise, children are also welcome and are the future of hunting both in North America and elsewhere. We encourage you to bring your kids, introduce them to SCI and the Central Wyoming Chapter and promote our sport. As the SCI bumper sticker says: "Hunt with your kids, not for them". We encourage you to bring a friend, introduce them to Safari Club International, and help our new club continue to grow.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or require information regarding SCI, the Central Wyoming Chapter, or the contents of this newsletter, please feel free to contact one of the officers listed below:

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## NOTICE

If you have news or announcements that you would like included in future issues of the newsletter or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268 or send an email to: [biologist@prodigy.net](mailto:biologist@prodigy.net).

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Bob Anderson still has the following item for sale:

- Swarovski PH riflescope: 6-24 X 50 with Plex reticle and target turrets. Like new with very light ring mounts from previous mounting – the glass perfect! New retail value = \$1,998.95 + S&H, will sell for \$1,250!

The scope can be seen at 5315 East 21st Street in Casper. Call 307-473-1268 for additional information.

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