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### MAJOR AWARDS AT ANNUAL HUNTER CONVENTION

July 30, 2008

**TO: SCI Chapter Presidents** 

From: Paul Babaz, Awards Chairman Subject: Major Awards at Convention

#### Dear Chapter President,

I am sending this email to serve as a reminder of the deadlines for the International Hunter, Hall of Fame and C.J. McElroy Awards presented during the evening banquets during the Annual Hunters Convention. The deadline for submitting applications is September 1, 2008. The reason for this deadline is to give the committee sufficient time to make their selections, the SCI staff to process the paperwork and gather information from the winner and allows Mike Roger's Jr. ample time to create the videos.

This year the Hall of Fame Award will be selected by their peers, an application process will not be used. If you or chapter members want to nominate an individual for the Hall Fame Award please contact me. Merle Shepard has asked that an ADHOC Committee review The International Hunter Award criteria. The new criteria will be posted on the SCI web site and be available as soon as the committee has completed their assignment. The C. J. McElroy Award applications are available through the SCI web site under the 2008 Awards Issue icon in Trophy Records.

If you have any questions concerning any of the Major Awards do not hesitate to call me. Sincerely,

Paul Babaz



Leadership of the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International

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# The view through the Presidents sight:

Greetings Oklahoma Station members and supporters. The dog days of summer are upon us, and I hope your summer plans have gone well. It is hard to believe that it is less than 30 days until our first hunting season opens with the ever so humbling dove, and then on to our fall hunting activities.



I returned from South Africa two weeks ago where my wife and I hunted for a week with one of our Oklahoma Station donors, Africa Maximum Safaris in the Northwest Province. We had a tremendous time and between us we harvested five very nice animals. Then we went to the Kwa Zulu Natal Province on the East coast for a week of photo safari with another Oklahoma Station



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donor, Zulu Nyala Game Lodge. This was a trip I could heartily recommend to anyone. We saw so many animals and beautiful scenery and the people were wonderful. We even took the opportunity to organize a group of the guests at the lodge and we pitched in and bought \$ 500 worth of school supplies and delivered them to a school in a Zulu village near the game ranch. Those kids were so excited and the teachers were so grateful to receive the much needed supplies. The kids sang and danced for us.

Being there was a humbling experience. We take so much for granted here in the USA. Our disadvantaged here in the USA would be

considered wealthy by many of the people in Africa. We don't have to carry our water to our homes, or gather wood to heat and cook. I am so thankful to live in America where we enjoy the freedoms we have and enjoy opportunities to pursue security and happiness. We are a blessed nation.

But we have to fight to protect those freedoms and SCI is the number one organization fighting to protect our freedom to hunt. SCI is the only hunting/conservation outfit with a full time staff of lobbyists, scientists, attorneys and biologists in Washington DC working for us every day. SCI is to hunting as what the NRA is to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment!

One of the greatest expenses of the chapter is printing and mailing. We are once again looking for those of our membership who would be willing to receive announcements via email and download our Safari Trails Newsletter from our website. If that would work for you, be sure to give us your current email address and also let us know if you change it. There is more information on this topic in this issue of Safari Trails. This would save precious dollars which could go toward youth and conservation programs.

I hope your hunting plans are coming together and I wish you a safe and enjoyable hunting season.



# CO ELECTRONIC:

# Make our Chapter dollars go further...and add to your convenience: Do you have access to the Internet? An easy way to help, please...



While it doesn't work for everyone, switching from paper to electronic communications is a tremendous convenience for many people—and it saves a lot of money—and a few trees!

If you have fast Internet service, you can help make your SCI Chapter funds go further.

Each year, the printing and mailing of our *Oklahoma Safari Trails* newsletter and other bulletins costs approximately \$10,000. That's more per member than what we each pay in for our Chapter membership! That's money we could be using for wildlife conservation or hunter education or humanitarian projects.

If you are able and willing to access Oklahoma Safari

Trails on our website (www.oklahomastationsci.org) and to use email to receive the few other communications that we send out each year, that would be great! Remember, because of file size (Oklahoma Safari Trails in particular), you will need something faster than a dialup connection in order for this to work well.

If the Internet would work for you, we'll switch your name from the "mail it" list to the "email it" list. Please simply email Verilea Faust now at Faust4v@pldi.net, and we'll get it done. When you send Verilea this email, please do these three things:

- 1) for a subject, show "SCI switch me to email";
- 2) if you want us to use an email address other than the one you're sending this message from, state the address that you wish us to have on file for you;
- 3) state your SCI member number.

If you still want or need to receive everything in paper form, you don't need to do anything. Thanks much!

### And, while you're thinking about it...

...even if you don't want to switch completely to electronic communications but you do use email, would you please send an email to Verilea (Faust4v@pldi.net) to confirm the email address that we should have on file for you (just to update our files).

- A) for a subject line, please show "current email address";
- B) if you want us to record an email address other than the one you're sending this message from, state the address that you wish us to have on file for you;
- C) please include your SCI member number;
- D) if you have any other contact information to update, please include same.

# Special hunt/fishing for two Oklahoma veterans of the Mid-East conflicts

Mike Mistelske – mjmistelske@yahoo.com – 918-695-8556]

Thanks to Jay Barczak, manager of Wild Game Outfitters (Porum, Oklahoma) and Hubert Sanders, area fishing guide, we have opportunity to take two of our most honored citizens on a free three-day guided

combination hunting and fishing trip this winter, lodging and meals included—and maybe a couple other surprises. The outing will be filmed for a nationally televised hunting show.

You are needed to help select two military veterans for this trip, please.

We here in the United States of America owe our many freedoms to the men and women of all generations who have served in our armed forces, giving their time, and in many cases their health or even their lives, to win and preserve our way of life. We thank them all!

We would like to honor all our armed forces veterans by taking two of them on a combination elk hunt and fishing trip (two cow elk—one for each veteran, and fishing for both) here in Oklahoma in January or February, 2009. While each and every veteran deserves our most heartfelt thanks for his or her contributions to our own lives, we must select just two for this trip. We would like particularly to acknowledge those Oklahoma-resident men and women who have served in recent war-on-terrorism campaigns.

If you or someone in your family or in your circle of friends has received or been officially determined to be eligible for a) the "Afghanistan Campaign Medal", or b) the "Iraq Campaign Medal", or c) the "Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal", please consider this service member for this hunting and fishing adventure.

Please use good judgment in nominating veterans for this trip. While some disabilities (including very limited mobility in the lower body) can be accommodated for both the elk hunt and for the fishing, it would be

unwise to nominate anyone with an acutely life-threatening condition, frailty, sensitivity, or allergy.

---At the time of the trip, each of the two veterans must hold a valid Oklahoma hunting license (the basic hunting license will suffice) and a valid Oklahoma fishing license.

---The two hunters may use archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm suitable for elk; they must be physically capable of controlling and firing the weapon, including adequate visual acuity; and they must be able to shoot with reasonable accuracy. If

necessary because of a hunter's physical limitation, the elk hunting will be from a ground blind, in which case shots will be at relatively close range, e.g., within 15 yards for archery, and within 50 yards for firearm. Absent a physical limitation, stalking the elk is possible.

---Limited mobility, including confinement to a wheelchair, can be accommodated for both the elk hunt and the fishing; but the individual must provide his/her own specialized equipment, including transportation to the hunt site (90 miles southeast of Tulsa). A standard firearm will be provided by Jay or Mike if necessary.

---Bunkhouse-style lodging (limited privacy) and meals will be provided.

---Each of the two hunters may bring one companion at no cost if he/she wishes.

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---Allparticipants must arrive by their own transportation at the hunt location on a Sunday p.m. The hunting and fishing will take place Monday through Wednesday. "Check-out" is any time Thursday.

---Each participant must be sufficiently flexible with regard to his/her personal schedule, so as to accommodate dates ultimately determined by SCI.

Please submit your nominations for this special hunt by mail or email (preferred) to Mike Mistelske (17858 W. Coyote Trl., Sand Springs, OK 74063 or mjmistelske@yahoo.com;) to be received by Mike no later than October 31st. Give the name, age, and all contact information for the veteran; and provide your name and contact information. Please include a brief description of the veteran's military service and combat experience, and please describe any physical limitation he or she may have. Two veterans will be selected at random from those nominated and confirmed to be eligible; SCI's selection will be final.

The hunting/fishing trip will take place between January 1 and February 28, 2009, on dates agreed upon by all parties to the maximum extent possible. Mike Mistelske and Jay Barczak will accompany the hunters, and it is intended that the hunting and fishing will be filmed and shown on the nationally-broadcast "Redneck Adventures" TV show.

When you get a chance, express your appreciation to Jay Barczak of Wild Game Outfitters (http://www.wildgameoutfitters.com), Shannon Ostergard of Reflections Taxidermy (http://www.reflectionstaxidermy.com), and Jim Allgood and Keith Rayborn of Redneck Adventures TV Shows (http://www.redneckadventures.com). Fishing guide Hubert Sanders does not have a website, but he can be reached through Jay Barczak.

Thank you, to all our armed-forces veterans; and God bless America!

# SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL WORKING IN YOUR STATE

Dear SCI Member.

Great news! Safari Club International and the hunting industry's biggest companies who support the National Shooting Sports Foundation have teamed up to grow and maintain hunting participation in your state. SCI pledged \$250,000 to NSSF's annual Hunting Heritage Partnership grants program. That \$250,000 is matched 2 to 1 with the industry's \$500,000, which is then matched again with local or state funds and in-kind support.

The goal is for SCI and NSSF to help state wildlife officials focus critical funding on recruitment and retention programs that will generate more hunters and more on-going revenue for hunting and conservation.

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation received \$21,000 to conduct a direct mail campaign aimed at encouraging former hunters to pick up the sport again and purchase a hunting license in 2008.

Thank you for supporting SCI and continuing the freedom to hunt. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to get involved with your local chapter.



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Dear SCI Chapter President,

It's that time of year to begin planning for the Annual Hunters Convention and the Major Awards Program. The Young Hunter Program has been a bright spot during the Thursday evening banquet and auction. In 2006 the Trophy Records Committee voted to create new criteria for this award. The Young Hunter Award is truly a prestigious honor, please note the criteria below:

The young hunter must be a current member of SCI, 14-19 years of age, complete the application posted on www.scifirstforhunters.org, compose a 500 word essay on the topic, "How I Am A Role Model for Hunting", complete a hunter safety education certification course, obtain a letter of recommendation from an SCI chapter, and obtain a letter of recommendation from a school administrator. Applicants are scored on 30 percent conservation work and community service, 25 percent hunting and outdoor experience, 25 percent role model for hunting (including essay), 10 percent SCI chapter recommendation and 10 percent TRC overall judgment. The two applicants with the highest overall percentage will become the 2008 Young Hunter of the Year recipients. All major award applications are due in the Tucson office by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the awards year.

The Trophy Records Committee formed a partnership with Cabela's who now sponsor the award. The SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter Award applicants each receive a \$40.00 gift card and the award recipients receive a \$100.00 gift card.

The Trophy Records Committee is very proud of this award and the young men and women who have applied for the award over the years. I would like to get the word out to your chapter members encouraging more young hunters to submit applications. All the information required for the young hunter award is posted on the web site under the Trophy Records icon. Could you forward this message to your chapter members or post it in your next newsletter.

Thank you,

R. Douglas Yajko MD

Trophy Records Chairman

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### ZIMBABWE June 26, 2008

This Travel Alert updates safety and security concerns in Zimbabwe, and urges U.S. citizens to defer all travel to Zimbabwe at this time, and to consider relocating if necessary to ensure their security during the election period. The U.S. Embassy may periodically restrict the travel of U.S. government personnel outside the capital city or within Harare during certain hours. This supersedes the Travel Alert for Zimbabwe dated June 2 and expires on August 1, 2008.

U.S. citizens should defer all travel to Zimbabwe. U.S. citizens resident in Zimbabwe should carefully review their personal circumstances, avoid all travel after dark, and consider moving to a more secure location in advance of, and immediately following the scheduled June 27 runoff of the presidential election. Due to the uncertain security situation, the U.S. Embassy may periodically restrict the travel of official U.S. government personnel outside the capital city or within Harare during certain hours. Since the March 29 general election, Zimbabwean security forces, including some military and police, as well as so-called war veterans, have created a climate of intimidation and fear across the country. There have been numerous and widespread attacks on opposition supporters, renewed farm invasions, and arrests and beatings of election officials accused of vote tampering. There is a continued risk of arbitrary detention or arrest.

Americans should be particularly cautious when using still, video or telephone cameras in any urban setting or in the vicinity of any political activity, as this could be construed by Zimbabwean authorities as misrepresenting oneself as an accredited journalist, a crime punishable by arrest, incarceration and/or deportation.

American citizens traveling to or resident in Zimbabwe

should register with the U.S. Embassy by completing a registration form online at https://travelregistration.state.gov. Registration enables the Embassy to contact American citizens in case of emergency and provide updates on the security situation.

Important notices for American citizens are posted on the U.S. Embassy in Harare's website at (http://harare.usembassy.gov/warden2008.html).

As the Department of State continues to develop information on any potential security threats to U.S. citizens overseas, it shares credible threat information through its consular information program documents, available on the Internet at http://travel.state.gov. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. The U.S. Embassy is located at 877 Pretorius Street, Arcadia in Pretoria; telephone (27-12) 431-4000 (within South Africa 012-431-4000); fax (27-12) 431-5504 (within South Africa 012-431-5504); web site http://usembassy.state.gov/pretoria/.

The U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg provides consular services for Americans in the Pretoria area. The Consulate General in Johannesburg is located at No. 1 River Street (corner of River and Riviera Road), Killarney, Johannesburg; telephone (27-11) 644-8000 (from South Africa 011-644-8000); fax (27-11) 646-6916 (from South Africa (011-646-6916). Its consular jurisdiction includes Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, NorthWest, and Free State provinces.

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The Consulate General in Durban is located at the Old Mutual Building, 31st floor, 303 West Street, telephone (27-31) 305-7600 (from South Africa 031-305-7600), fax (27-31) 305-7691 (from South Africa 031-305-7691). Its consular jurisdiction is KwaZulu-Natal Province.

## **AG News and Views**

by Russell Stevens

Those of you who hunt or manage property for white-tailed deer are well aware of the increased use of food plots and feeders in recent years. These tools are becoming so popular that many are now considering them the staple of habitat management. In fact, planting food plots and establishing feeders are usually the first tools, and often the only tools, implemented for "habitat" improvement. Food plots and feeders are intensive management practices and, while widely used, they are not real habitat improvement practices in most cases. Usually, they only work as supplemental feeding to concentrate wildlife populations for improved harvest success or observation.



Trees with ribbons are marked for removal to create openings to encourage plant diversity and improve wildlife habitat.

Costs associated with implementing these practices increased between 2006 and 2007. At the time of this writing (late June '08), projections indicate that costs will increase even more this year. For example, those that fed corn in feeders to white-tailed deer in September 2007 paid about \$260 per ton (\$6.50/50 lb.). The September 2008 price is projected to increase by about \$134 per ton or to \$9.85 per 50 lb. Those of you that purchased corn in December last year paid about \$280 per ton (\$7/50 lb.) The December 2008 corn price is also projected to increase by about \$120 per ton or to \$10 per 50 lb. If you fed alfalfa pellets last year and plan to again this fall, you can expect about a \$120 per ton increase (\$3/50 lb.) from 2007.

Wheat is probably most commonly planted in fall

food plots for white-tailed deer. Wheat seed was about \$13 per bag in 2007. This year, wheat seed may be more difficult to obtain, and the price is projected to increase to at least \$15 per bag. While diesel prices are high, the good news for those of you spending a lot of tractor time planting food plots is that prices are projected to remain about the same. This may not be a major concern for those planting small areas, but, if your goals call for large acres of food plots, these increases can be significant.

This brings us to the basic fundamentals of wildlife habitat management. Admittedly, the rising cost of diesel and other products will increase the cost of implementing basic extensive habitat management practices such as prescribed fire and brush sculpting, but they are two of the best and most effective methods of managing wildlife habitat. Grazing management and rest from disturbances are the other two. And, other than a little planning time, grazing and rest can basically be implemented at no cost for wildlife habitat improvement.

All of these tools, coupled with population management, are the keys to good wildlife habitat management. Proper application of grazing management and rest will control herbaceous plant density and diversity, and allow high quality native forbs (including legumes) to persist, which are extremely important to wildlife. Prescribed fire can be applied to encourage forb growth, control brush and herbaceous plant density, and improve browse quality.

What about food plots? As the old saying goes, "When it rains, you can grow 'em, but don't need 'em, and when it doesn't rain, you need 'em, but can't grow 'em." Feeders are more reliable in drought, but, like food plots, are usually applied in a feeble attempt to address only one component of wildlife habitat - food. To address all aspects of wildlife habitat (food as well as cover, water, space and arrangement) and to insulate against the blows Mother Nature sometimes deals, you get a bigger bang from your "buck" by properly applying extensive wildlife habitat management practices - grazing, rest, prescribed fire and brush sculpting.



# Oklahoma Station – Safari Club International

P. O. Box 168 – 114 North 4th Street Okarche, OK 73762



# 2009 Annual Banquet & Charity Fundraiser Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

### <u>Purpose of Oklahoma Station – Safari Club International:</u>

- Protect our freedom to hunt for all hunters and for all species of wildlife, regardless of method of harvest as long as it is legal and ethical;
- Education of the value of hunting as a part of scientific based wildlife management;
- Conservation of wildlife to preserve the heritage of hunting for future generations;
- Humanitarian services, such as Sportsmen against hunger and Sensory Safari.

Our members are hunters who care about conservation and embrace the highest of ethical standards. We believe that hunting and conservation are not only compatible, but also inseparable.

### Purpose of our Annual Banquet & Charity Fundraiser:

- To enjoy the camaraderie of fellow hunters with our families, friends and coworkers in the greatest venue in Oklahoma, the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. A fantastic meal and beverage to be enjoyed by all.
- To raise money to fund charitable programs which support our purpose. We raise funds through live & silent auctions, general contests and other exciting games. Our auctions include outfitted hunts in Oklahoma &, across North & South America and overseas; hunting adventures, firearms, hunting gear, camping equipment, guided fishing trips, art, jewelry and much, much more.
- To meet donor outfitters from around the world; many of our donor outfitters will be at the event for you to meet and discuss the details of hunts they offer.

### 70% of Money Raised Stays in Oklahoma!!

To Reserve Tickets, call Verilea Faust (405) 721-7229. Credit Cards Welcome.

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# 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND CHARITY FUND RAISER SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Registration - 4:30 to 6:30 PM Outfitters Room Open 3:30 – 6:30 (Look for announcement of Special Guest)

### NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

1700 N. E. 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

	<u>TICKET PURCHASE FORM</u>
\$	GOLD SPONSOR \$1,000 -Receive 8 tickets at a premium location Reserved Table with special recognition in the program & OS Website & Safari Trails for one year. Letter for tax purposes indicating donation value will be provided.
	In addition you will receive two (2) Raffle tickets –For Sponsor only drawing – Value \$ 500
\$	$\underline{\text{GOLD SPONSOR}}$ \$800 - IF PURCHASED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY $10^{\text{TH}}$ , 2009
\$	SILVER SPONSOR \$800 - Receive 8 tickets at a preferred location Reserved Table with special recognition in the program & OS Website & Safari Trails for one year. Letter for tax purposes indicating donation value will be provided.
	In addition you will receive one (1) Raffle ticket – For Sponsor only drawing – Value \$ 250
\$	SILVER SPONSOR \$650 - IF PURCHASED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10 <sup>TH</sup> , 2009.
====== \$	RESERVE TABLE \$550 - Receive 8 tickets at a Reserved Table. CONFIRMED SEATING FOR YOU & SEVEN (7) GUESTS.
\$	RESERVE TABLE \$500 – IF PURCHASED ON OR BEFORE JANAURY 10 <sup>TH</sup> , 2009
\$	GENERAL ADMISSION - \$75 – IF PURCHASED AFTER JANUARY 10 <sup>TH</sup> , 2009 (\$ 100 @ DOOR)
\$	GENERAL ADMISSION - \$50 – IF PURCHASED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10 <sup>TH</sup> , 2009
	Mail, Fax or E-Mail Ticket Order to: Verilea Faust - OSC-SCI, PO Box 186, Okarche, OK 73762 FAX 405/263-7956 E-Mail faust4v@pldi net
	THERE WILL BE NO RESERVE TABLE RESERVATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 2009. Tickets will be held at the door – Tickets will not be mailed. OSC-SCI is a 501(3) Charitable Organization.
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## CURRENT LIST OF ITEMS FOR MARCH 09 BANQUET

### Your next adventure: looking ahead to our next banquet and auction

It's never too early to get organized—or to start dreaming, researching, and planning the next adventure. So, what might be coming up for our next annual fundraiser banquet and auction (March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, once again at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in OKC)?

There are lots of possibilities, and we're busy with emails and phone calls around the world.

As usual, North American big-game hunts are the most difficult to procure.

Please be sure to read, elsewhere in this edition of *Oklahoma Safari Trails*, the "Hunts for our next banquet?" letter addressed to you. **This is important!** 

Here's what's shaping up so far (always subject to change, of course):

<u>Outfitter</u>	<u>Adventure</u>	<u>Value</u>
Wild Game Outfitters	Oklahoma: Elk or Whitetail	\$ 5,200
Chain Ranch	Oklahoma: Turkeys, Hogs, and Fishing	\$ 1,300
Chain Ranch	Oklahoma: Hogs	\$ 600
Flying W	Kansas: Pheasants	\$ 1,400
Hunt Bud Consultants	S. Dakota: deer or pronghorn or pheasants	\$ 3,250
Alaska Legends	Alaska: Fishing and Wildlife Viewing	\$ 2,950
McDougall Lodge	Alaska: Fishing	\$ 3,245
Action Whitewater	Idaho Rafting	\$ 2,780
Louisiana Hunters	Louisiana: Alligator	\$ 3,500
Silvertine Wildlife	Saskatchewan Elk, Whitetail, or Bison	\$ 3,000
International Adventures	Scotland: Roe Deer at Balmoral Estate	\$ 6,950
Hunt In Spain	Spain: Trophy Fallow Deer	\$ 9,200
Hunt In Europe	Serbia: Roe Deer	\$ 5,000
MG Hunting	Argentina: Bird shooting	\$ 4,650
Lindsay Fraser	New Zealand Red Stag	\$ 4,300
Kimihia Safaris-John Berry	New Zealand: Big game	\$ 3,000
Harv Hollek	Vietnam: Buffalo, Mousedeer, etc.	\$12,000
Mankazana Safaris	South Africa's Eastern Cape: Plainsgame	\$ 3,000
Zulu Nyala Group	South Africa: Photo Safari	\$ 3,950
Viglietti Safaris	Namibia: Plainsgame	\$ 4,000
Lew Harris Safaris	Zimbabwe: Elephant and Cape Buffalo	\$34,500
Other supporter	<u>Item</u>	<u>Value</u>
Satterlee Arms	Custom .300 Win Mag Rifle	\$ 7,000

# Hunts for our next banquet?

Mike Mistelske (mjmistelske@yahoo.com)

## Our last banquet and auction featured some great hunts, and thanks to you our fundraiser was one of the best in years

Something we'd probably all like to see at every fundraiser is more North American hunts—for native big-game species in particular. Unfortunately, these are the most difficult for us to get. Short hunting seasons, limited numbers of permits in many cases, high demand, and the economics of North American outfitting all work against us.

You might be able to help: If you have enjoyed a particular hunt or outfitter and have developed any kind of positive relationship with that outfitter, you may well be successful if you request his support for your SCI Chapter. Even if you've not hunted with him, he might say, "yes", if you ask him. Is there a hunt you'd like to go on?

### What can we offer a prospective donating outfitter?

While we can never guarantee that there will be followup business from our Chapter members and friends; if the outfitter is good, then there's a good chance that more business will follow. Certainly we are a large group of serious hunters; almost 400 of us invested the time and expense to participate enthusiastically in an evening of celebrating our hunting passion at the last banquet.

Does it work for the outfitters? Perhaps the best answer to that question is that some of our outfitters have donated to us every year for almost ten years—and some of them give us more than one hunt each year. Certainly, these outfitters support us because of their general commitment to hunting and to what SCI does for all hunters and outfitters, but they also consider the economic benefits that they derive from a relationship with the many members of our Chapter. The best results come to an outfitter if he commits to at least three years of support for a group such as ours.

### Do the outfitters give us hunts as 100% donations, and without any strings attached?

Well, sometimes—and of course these are best for us in terms of the financial return to our Chapter. In other cases, the outfitter requires a certain minimum price be returned to him, or a % of the proceeds from our sale of his hunt. In yet other instances, the outfitter requires that a full-paid hunter accompany the purchaser of his donated hunt.

If the hunt is a good one, we'll try to work with whatever the outfitter requires. The closer the donation is to a no-strings-attached 100% donation, the better for our Chapter.

What else can we give the outfitter in return for his donation? Depending on the dollar value of the donation, and depending on whether or not the outfitter requires a share of the proceeds and/or that a full-paid hunter also goes on the hunt, we provide various levels of support for the outfitter: recognition in our *Oklahoma Safari Trails* magazine, seats at the banquet and a space to set up and meet all the hunters and their guests, and even paid booth space and lodging for him to exhibit at the Oklahoma City Backwoods Hunting Show.

If you're comfortable asking, the worst that can happen is that the outfitter will say, "no thanks". I'll help if you want me to, but the best approach is often from the hunter whom the outfitter already recognizes. We're finalizing many hunts for next winter's banquet already, so now's the time for you to talk with the outfitters—before hunters from other chapters do.



# **SPORTING CLAYS OPEN**

# OK Quail Unlimited State Council to Hold Sporting Clays Open/Fundraiser

**Tecumseh, OK** – The Oklahoma Quail Unlimited (QU) State Council, with assistance from state-wide QU Chapter members, will be holding their first annual QU/OK Sporting Clays Open. The fundraising event is open to the general public and sportsmen 18 and older. The event will be held at Quail Ridge Hunting & Sporting Clays near Tecumseh, OK on Friday, September 19, 2008. Registration is at 11:00. Fees begin at \$100 per shooter.

"We've just added a "Flush and Flurry" to our agenda for the days event," commented Bob Schuster, OK QU State Chairman. "This entertainment aspect of the event pits two shooters against the Promatic triplewobble Huntsman target-thrower. It is a great crowd pleaser. There will be an additional nominal fee charged to participate but shooters will be rewarded (based on total number of broken targets per each round), with additional raffle tickets for the event."

"The quail need our help right now! There is no time to waste....we're loosing habitat at an alarming rate", stated Bob Peterson, Quail Unlimited Central Plains Regional Director. "If you like quail, and to quote a friend – "There ain't nobody that don't like quail" – then you should be at this event. The proceeds from this fundraiser will positively and directly affect the quail habitat in the state of Oklahoma. We're assisting the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and taking positive steps on public lands to impact the quail habitat...to the benefit of the quail and the people of the state of Oklahoma," Peterson added.

The sporting clays event is not a "registered shoot" but boasts 100 sporting clay targets through the winding and challenging course, assorted prizes, a full-

course catered lunch, top shooter awards, a chance to win a QU Prize pack for pre-registered shooters and a shotgun valued at \$1000 (odds of winning based on overall score). Various sponsor packages and advertising opportunities are being offered, ranging from \$50 and up.

The event is limited to 30 - five person teams or 150 shooters. All individual entries will be teamed. Each participant must provide their own personal protective equipment, shotgun and shells. Members of the media are encouraged to attend.

To receive individual or team applications, please visit www.qu.org and click on the QU OK Sporting Clays Open link located under the NEWS-Press Room. For additional information call Bob Peterson at 417-359-5807 or email him at bpeterson@qu.org. For directions to Quail Ridge Hunting & Sporting Clays please call David Martin at 405-306-1578 or visit www.quailridgeok.com.

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# SPORTING CLAYS OPEN

SUPPORT QUAIL HABITAT RESTORATION IN OKLAHOMA!





### QUAIL RIDGE HUNTING - Tecumseh, Oklahoma - Friday September 19, 2008

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1 SHOOTING SLOT (WILL BE TEAMED)

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(Pre-registered shooters entered in "Early Bird" drawing. Five chances to win.)

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DAY OF EVENT SCHEDULE (times are tentative, may vary slightly)

11:00 AM - Registration 12:00 PM - Lunch 1:00 PM - Clay Shoot Begins 4:00 PM - Awards & Auction for more information contact bpeterson@qu.org
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- 3. Approach Options
- 4. Shooting Distances and Opportunities
- 5. Concealment
- 6. Maximization of Your Comfort

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# Oklahoma House defends its sovereignty from D.C. intrusion

Steamed over a perceived increase in federal usurping of states' rights, Oklahoma's House of Representatives told Washington, D.C., to back off.

Joint House Resolution 1089, passed by an overwhelming 92-3 margin, reasserts Oklahoma's sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and, according to the resolution's own language, is 'serving notice to the federal government to cease and desist certain mandates.'

Charles Key, the Republican state representative who authored the resolution, told WND that he introduced it because he believes the federal government's overstepping of its bounds has put our constitutional form of government in danger.

#### STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008) HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1089 By: Key AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution claiming sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over certain powers; serving notice to the federal government to cease and desist certain mandates; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows:

'The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.'; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and

WHEREAS, the scope of power defined by the Tenth Amendment means that the federal government was created by the states specificallyto be an agent of the states; and

WHEREAS, today, in 2008, the states are demonstrably treated asagents of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, many federal mandates are directly in violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has ruled in New York v. United States, 112 S. Ct. 2408 (1992), that Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states; and

WHEREAS, a number of proposals from previous administrations and some now pending from the present administration and from Congress may further violate the Constitution of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the State of Oklahoma hereby claims sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States.

THAT this serve as Notice and Demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate of each state's legislature of the United States of America, and each member of theOklahoma Congressional Delegation.

## THE SPORTSMEN'S VOICE

### **Legislation Offers Simple Fix to Longstanding Inequity**

Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus members recently introduced legislation that seeks to rectify a longstanding inequity in the collection of the firearms and ammunition excise tax (FAET), a major source of wildlife conservation funding. H.R. 6310 will change the way American firearms and ammunition manufacturers pay their federal excise taxes from the current bi-weekly to quarterly schedules. This simple change could free as much as \$22 million annually for manufacturers to invest and contribute to industry growth, which in turn, would provide more money to support state wildlife restoration programs through the Pittman-Robertson Trust Fund. "When CSF and NSSF informed me of this issue and the potential benefit this simple fix will have on conservation, I quickly called on my colleagues in the Sportsmen's Caucus to work with me on introducing legislation that can result in a rare win-win for everyone involved," said Rep. Kind, cochair for the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

### **Legislation Introduced to Maintain Access for Recreational Fishing**

Legislation has been introduced by Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus members in the wake of a consent decree filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina that prevents off-road vehicle and citizen access, including recreational fishing, to a significant portion of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Companion bills, S.3113 and H.R. 6233, would restore access while still providing necessary and adequate protections for the shorebirds. In an issued statement, Sen. Elizabeth Dole (NC) stated, "Beach users and members of the local community deserve to have their voices heard to ensure the development of a long-term plan that protects the natural habitat of the Seashore while maintaining its economic and recreational benefits."

### **EPA Imposes Silly, Confusing and Unneeded Regulations on Recreational Boaters**

On June 17, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Clean Water Act proposal which unnecessarily creates a cumbersome and complex permitting scheme for recreational boaters, throwing them into a regulatory regime designed for land-based industrial facilities like sewer treatment plants. The EPA proposal represents a sweeping, unprecedented and confusing new regulatory regime for every recreational boat operator or owner in the country, demonstrating the urgent need to pass the Clean Boating Act of 2008 (S. 2766 and H. R. 5949) as these new regulations will take effect on October 1, 2008.

The BoatBlue Coalition is working vigorously to move

forward on getting the Clean Boating Act added to expedited procedures in the Senate and House before the October 1 deadline. CSF is a member of the BoatBlue Coalition and has been working closely with them to educate and inform members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus on the issues impacting recreational boating.

### **Gun Owners, Hunters and the Industry Rejoice in Supreme Court Second Amendment Decision**

The Supreme Court has ruled that Americans have a right to own guns for self-defense and hunting, the justices' first major pronouncement on gun rights in U.S. history. The court's 5-4 ruling struck down the District of Columbia's 32-year-old ban on handguns as incompatible with gun rights under the Second Amendment. The District of Columbia's gun law was among the nation's strictest.

The leadership of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus issued the following statements upon hearing the court's decision.

"This is a landmark affirmation of our constitutional rights. As an avid outdoorsman and hunter, I've long been an advocate of the rights of gun owners who use firearms responsibly, while working to punish those who use guns to commit crimes. For over three decades, the D.C. gun ban has stripped citizens of their right to keep and bear arms - a clear violation of the Second Amendment. This decision will reverberate for years as a victory for individual liberty." Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)

"As co-chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I have long been a supporter of individual gun rights for law-abiding citizens. The Court's historic decision today shows that the DC handgun ban simply went too far. I applaud the Court for this commonsense decision that shows that individual gun rights and reasonable restrictions can go hand in hand." Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI).

### Conservation Leaders, Policy Makers and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies Focus on the Future

After a century of rock-solid success, America's hunting heritage and its model of wildlife conservation will take center stage in Washington, DC this fall at the White House Conference on Conservation. To prepare for the conference and ensure its success, an enormous amount of time, in-depth analysis and discussion has been ongoing.

Following a 3-day technical meeting in Denver, Colorado earlier this spring, in June leaders from the hunting and wild-life community, congressional staff, administration officials and state fish and wildlife agency representatives sat down in Washington, DC to discuss proactive policy that needs to be addressed as the hunting community looks to move into another century of conservation success.

### **SCI Web Radio Free for Hunters**

Tucson, AZ – Safari Club International has launched SCI Web Radio, a free online program available to hunters everywhere. The first program, available now at www.safariclub.org/webradio features inside views of important hunting and conservation issues through the eyes and words of SCI President Merle Shepard and President Ex Officio Dennis Anderson. Hunting television star Michael Waddell will wrap up this show with some tales of adventure from his hunting travels.

"Starting SCI Web Radio adds a new dimension to SCI's communications," said SCI President Merle Shepard. "Like Safari magazine, Safari Times newsletter and Expedition Safari on television, it will bring to life key issues and concerns for the hunting community."

"Bringing SCI's dedication for hunting to the internet can only strengthen the sportsmen's community as SCI Web Radio will be able to act as a singular voice for hunters everywhere," said SCI Web Radio Host Jerry Evans. "I am excited be a part of SCI's radio program."

SCI Web Radio is the newest way that SCI's members and hunters around the world will be entertained and informed on the ever-changing environment that surrounds their passion. From legislative victories, to attacks by anti-hunting groups, to conservation suc-

cess stories, the online world will be able hear and see SCI Radio.

Each week will feature a new one-hour show. For radio you can see, visitors will have the opportunity to watch video footage from select interviews. A monthly newsletter is available to all who register their email address with webradio@safariclub. org. Look every week for the latest news on Safari Club International, First For Hunters at www.safariclub.org/webradio.

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### Serving The Hunter Who Travels

# Outfitter Critiques: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly

This section of The Bird Hunting Report is based entirely on subscriberwritten Bird Hunting Report forms received by our offices. It is designed to provide first-hand opinions on what is happening in the field. Our policy at The Bird Hunting Report is as follows: We publish excerpts in the newsletter of Bird Hunting Reports as received, except in cases when booking agents or outfitters submit reports on hunts in which they have a financial stake or when we have reason to question whether there are ulterior financial or personal motives on the part of the person submitting the report. It goes without saying that a single report in this section should not be taken as the final word on an outfitter's competence. Many elements of a hunt are subjective. What is wrong for one hunter may be right for another. Moreover, personality conflicts often occur on hunts. It is obvious that hunters, as well as outfitters, can be the cause of a ruined hunt. We think all seasoned hunters can sort this out and make proper use of our Bird Hunting Report Program. Our pages are open for a rebuttal of equal length by any affected party.

Subscriber Wayne H. W. Latta, of Stouffville, Ont., wrote us a letter he also copied to the Mexican Ambassador to Canada and the President of Mexicana de Aviacion:

"I am writing to you to warn my fellow bird hunters about the serious problems I had with Mexican customs in Mexico City involving my two shotguns in transit to Argentina and Uruguay.

"My well-experienced travel agent had arranged a business class ticket with Mexicana Airlines from Toronto to Buenos Aires via Mexico City on June 2, 2008, returning June 9, 2008, Mexican Airlines assured her there would be no problem transporting my two shotguns.

"I checked in with Mexicana the morning of June 2, filled out the necessary forms for the guns, had the had case and guns inspected and X-rayed. My other gear was checked through to Buenos Aires and I was instructed to pick up the guns in Mexico City and re-check them.

"On my arrival in Mexico City, after a difficult time locating the luggage area where my guns were, I was informed they would have to clear customs.

"The Mexican Airlines agent, a nice young man Carlos Babarosa, and I proceeded down the baggage hall to Mexican customs. I explained the guns were in transit, provided Canadian registration forms and my Canadian Firearms Permit plus documents from Mexicana. The Mexican customs lady wanted more papers although she could not specify what papers, even though we explained the guns were in transit going through Mexico. I had a long layover, and the negotiations continued with two sessions. Mexican had three people on their team and customs had two.

"To Mexicana's credit, they accepted full responsibility for transporting the guns and were more than willing to fly them to Buenos Aires. All of this talk and no action involved five hours. I barely had time to get a sandwich and a couple of drinks from the first class lounge. In the end, my guns were impounded by customs, and I proceeded to Buenos Aires on schedule, leaving the gun problem with Mexicana.

"In Buenos Aires, the Frontier agent and I met with Mexicana and arranged for him to pick the guns up when they arrived on another flight. In my dreams!

"Despite repeated telephone calls and efforts on the part of Frontiers agent Claudio, Mexican Airlines never were able to free any guns from Mexican customs and deliver them to Argentina or Uruguay.

"On June 9, we had a pleasurable overnight flight from Buenos Aires to Mexico City with Mexicana but not looking forward to the renewed battle with customs.

"Round Two Mexicana. Me versus Mexican customs. Mexican supplied me with a vehicle and driver to drive to the Mexican Military Headquarters to obtain an import and export permit for my guns.

"At Military Headquarters, lots of discussion and meetings regarding my problem. At one time, five army officers were involved. After four hours, a very official document for my guns was produced. I signed for same, and Luis the driver and I were back to the airport.

"The Mexicana representative and I were now dealing with a new rude and nasty customs agent. He did not like my official document from the military and wanted a different paper, and after two hours of negotiations, we gave up.

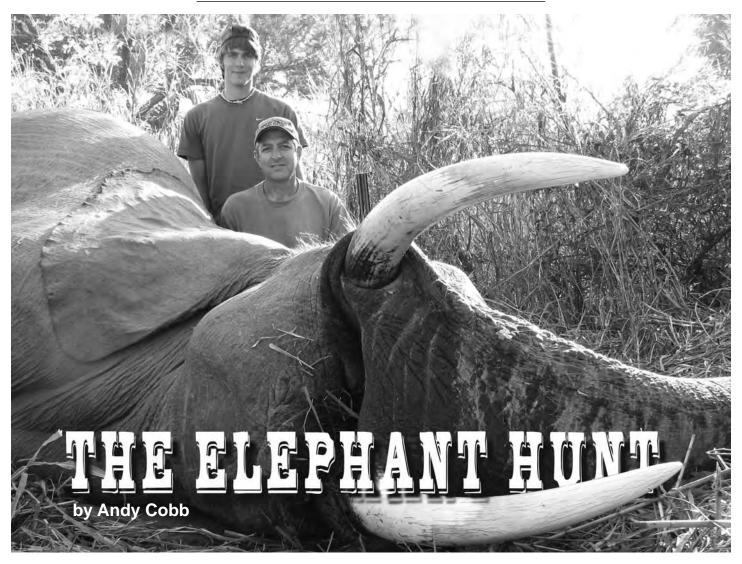
"While my negotiations were going on, two nice gentlemen from Guatemala showed up with their permits to attend a double trap shoot in Acapulco. The Meany McNasty customs guy did not like their papers either and impounded their guns. They left for the tournament without their Perazzi tournament guns. Well, at least they were not just picking on this Canadian hunter.

"Mexicana fed me dinner and put me up at the Fiesta Hotel overnight and rearranged my flight for the next day.

"The next day, a new Mexicana negotiator and a new, more pleasant customs lady joined the gun negotiations. The Mexicana lady gave up. At my urging, the customs lady called the Military Headquarters twice, one 20-minute call and one 15-minute call, during which the military seemed to be delivering an earful to her. After an hour or so, police inspection of the guns, etc., two Mexicana employees took my gun case to the Toronto flight, and I lost a day in Mexico City on my return trip.

"In summary, Mexicana Airlines did accept their responsibility in this matter, and they did stand in and support my cause. They did admit they had many problems with Mexican customs, and I thought they should not have attempted to transport my firearms. I had 17 hours of aggravation and frustration due to Mexican customs, and I lost a day in Mexico City on my return trip.

"I have hunted in 19 different countries, and in all my travels I have never had problems that would even compare with this event! Had I not been successful on day two, I was prepared to abandon the guns and seek recompense from Mexicana Airlines"



We found out from some locals about elephant bulls that were frequenting the crops areas about 1-1/2 hours from our camp. We spent one day looking unsuccessfully. We found much elephant sign and then encouraged the bushmen to do a little advance scouting for us before we arrive the following day. Upon arrival Fixon and Michael claimed the found the bulls nearby. We crossed the river and walked about a mile when we engaged three elephant bulls. The grass they were in was 10 - 12 feet tall. We stalked closely off and on for the next 3-1/2 hours. Through several observations with good optics we determined two were shootable with 3 foot of ivory from the lip (35 - 40 lbs.) with one better than the other.

The team included Lou Hallamore (PH), Alfred and Clemence (Trackers), Mike Forzley (buffalo killer), Makrone (game scout), Phillip (apprentice PH with a video camera), Fixon and Michael (local bushmen), and yours truly. We could hear them in the tall grass most of the time as we were always within

100 yards. We were within 20 - 30 yards on several occasions, but could not see the bulls. We could see the tops of the grass shake as they fed. Several times our trackers would climb 30 -40 feet into a tree to check out the size and direction of the bulls. We had a possible chance when we caught them in an opening at about 35 yards. Lou gave me the ok for a side brain shot to the bigger guy, just when they disappeared. We were around 2 hours into the chase at that point. This entire time we were within a kilometer of our starting point. At one point we were face to face with the third non-target at about 20 yards visible thru a small isle of the grass. We were able to back out quickly. They knew we were around obviously. Finally, the elephant were on the edge of the grass and quite visible on the elevated river bank and we slid down the sand to the mostly dry river and hoped to sneak behind and under them and get a shot up from the sand. They went back into the grass about 25 to 30 yards. We climbed back up the bank (not easy)

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Mice for food

and were between the bulls and the river bank. We had two, somewhat visible on our left at 15 yards and another ahead and right closer, but obscured by the grass. The wind was good. Alfred our lead tracker went forward by himself 3 or 4 yards to get a look as Lou (PH) was wondering if he should pull us back and out of the situation. Alfred motioned us forward urgently, as he saw the one on the right was our guy. Lou and I went up to ten yards and the bull raised his head up over the top of the grass looking at us. His body was mostly hidden, his ears were spread, trunk down out of the way, perfect. Frontal brain shot at 10 yards and he went straight down and fell where he stood with only a rear leg moving slightly. As he fell he made a clearing of grass we were able to stand in as we moved up and I put 3 more anchor shots in him at 3 yards. Lou said in 28 years of hunting, it was the best and most dangerous elephant hunt he had experienced. If I was not carrying my 470 double we would not have been there. A bolt gun would not do according to Lou and he would have left much earlier. We were feeling quite high at the moment. It was 5:00 pm so we got a few pictures, cut the tail, and left, with a full elephant recovery, tribal style, in the morning. When we arrived at 7:00 there were 100-150 people waiting patiently in the river with another 100 showing up as things went on. It was a happy time for them, with expectations of a big hunk of meat, as food is a little short at the moment. I observed people in this area digging ad catching for mice for food (picture included).

I am now spoiled, as most seasoned elephant hunters do not have this type of ultimate experience under their belts. Along with watching Mike hunt and kill three cape buffalo in four days along with his Big 3 (Kudu, baboon, warthog), the leopard, and being with my buddy Lou this turned out to be quite a trip. I have now hunted lion 88 days on various hunts and have not been able to get a male to step up to the plate. So next time...



The shooting lane



fixon and Michael right after the shot (a nerve twitched right after this and they jumped straight up and off at light speed

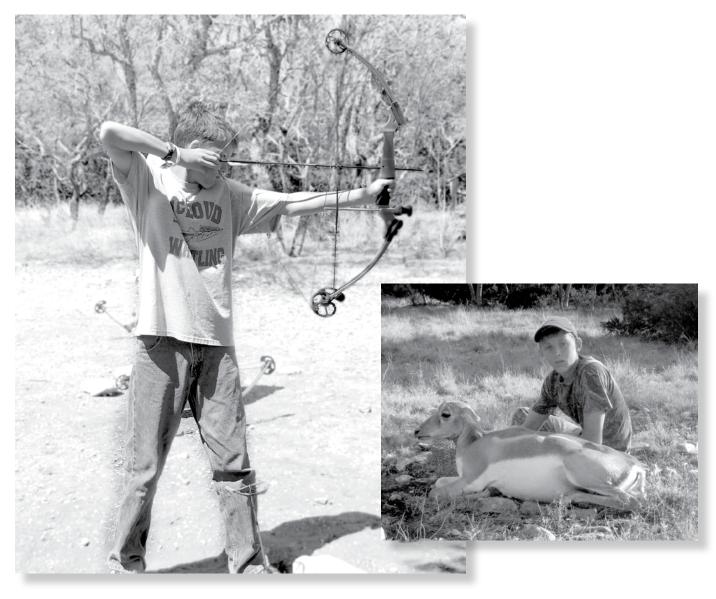


Some of the crowd waiting for meat



By Joshua Mouser

Last year I wrote an essay and won a trip to the Y.O. Ranch thanks to the Safari Club International Oklahoma Station. I had a lot of fun learning new things, making new friends, and hunting. I harvested a beautiful black buck doe. The first few days we spent doing lots of fun things like shooting guns and bows, swimming, playing games, climbing on the ropes course, and hunting wild boars with dogs. On Wednesday we finally got to go hunting. I wanted to harvest a black buck. I thought it would be easy to hunt them but it was hard. They would run as soon as you got your gun up. Through the rest of the week my guide and I chased the black buck. It was the last night and I still had not tagged out. My guide and I went out hoping I would get a shot at a black buck. As soon as we got out in the field a black buck gave me a perfect shot. I shot and she ran a little ways and dropped. I really had fun at the Y.O. Ranch.I want to thank the Safari Club for sending me to this very fun camp and I really enjoyed my time there.



# Bear Hunt with Moose Lake Lodge and Fawnie Mountain Outfitters British Columbia



### By Allen England

This past May my wife and I journeyed to Moose Lake Lodge with Fawnie Mountain Outfitters in British Columbia, Canada for Black Bear. We flew into Vancouver, Canada and spent the night at the very gracious Delta hotel near the airport. The next morning we boarded a flight on Pacific Coastal Airlines which took us to Anahim Lake where our host John Blackwell met us for a short flight in his plane to Moose Lake Lodge. One can drive to Anahim Lake, but the only way to travel to Moose Lake is by bush

plane. Valerie would remain at the lodge while I hunted.

After lunch I traveled by bush plane to spike camp where I was met by my guide Dave Chamberlain. Dave would be my cook, guide, and driver for the next 5 days and nights. Spring was later arriving in this area of B.C., there wasn't much green, but they had some recent rain and it was a pleasant 75 during the day. My guide explained that if we didn't see many bear at first. We would see them before the end

of my hunt. We drove logging roads in a four-wheel pickup glassing ad looking for bear. As the week went by the weather became warmer and the grass grew several inches a day. The bear, black and cinnamon, of all sizes began to show up. Finally, on the fifth day I killed a handsome black bear that was 6' plus. Dave said that he had never hunted over two days without

killing a bear in the eleven years he had been guiding. Usually, the hunters are back at the lodge after 2-3 days and spent the rest of their time fishing. We hunted part of the next day and still had no luck on the second bear.

The food at the lodge was great according to my wife. The meals in the lodge were prepared by an excellent chef, Bernie, who is an excellent story teller. Even the conditions and food at the spike camp were very good. The lodge is picture perfect, nestled in the mountains with the lake in view. If you are looking



for a successful bear hunt with a large bear as a result this is the place to go. The next group of 3 hunters killed 4 bear, one over 7' that will probably be Pope and Young. One can only conclude that even a late arriving spring in British Columbia can net a large bear if one is patient.

# TROPHY ROOM FUN AT THE Y.O. RANCH

by Hannah Stevens

I had a lot of fun at the Y.O. Ranch! The people were nice, the food was <u>great</u> and the scenery was amazing! Here is a little bit of what I did while there:

The whole week was "ladies first" since I was the only girl camper there. Needless to say, I was treated very well! I got to eat first, go first in the camp store, and sit in the front seat of the vehicles. We spent Sunday afternoon playing capture the flag, and then we had an amazing birthday cake for one of the campers.

own food. Unfortunately it started storming and we had to go back to camp early.

Wednesday morning we shot the rifles we would be hunting with. After lunch, we started hunting. Two of the people in my group got what they were looking for but I didn't get a chance to shoot.

On Thursday, we woke up at 5:30 a.m. and went hunting. No one in my group got anything. We weren't hungry so we hunted through breakfast. We

got back just in time to do the ropes course. In the ropes course, you climb a pole, walk across a tight-rope then slide down a big cable slide. After that we had a late lunch and went hunting again. I went hunting in a blind with my guide and counselor. We sat there for hours and only saw Whitetail deer. I was after an Axis deer. It was getting



Monday morning we split up into two groups and one group went to the rifle range and the other went to the archery range. I went to archery. After lunch the counselors taught us how to age and score deer.

Tuesday my group went to the rifle range. After lunch we took the Hunters Education Safety Course, and then we shot some skeet. Since it was always "ladies first", I was the first to shoot! After that, we went hog hunting. It was my first time to hunt hogs without a gun. We used dogs and a knife. We only got two and I was fortunate enough to kill one. When we got back from that, we packed out stuff and hiked a mile and half or so to go on an overnight campout. While there we learned how to build our own fire and cook our



pretty dark so we finally got down. On the way back we saw a herd of Axis. There was still a little light left so I set up. My guide told me to shoot the one on the right. I finally got a clear shot and took it. We went looking for it but couldn't find a blood trail. We

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ended up just going the direction we saw it go and found it! It was really hard to see because the spots on its back looked just like the rocks it was laying on. When we got to it we saw that it was actually a yearling buck.

On Friday morning we went hog hunting again with one of the ranch wranglers. We saw big tracks but we never heard or saw the hog so we followed the tracks until we finally had to go back to eat. When lunch was over, all the campers went and took pictures of the animals that we harvested. Since everyone was through hunting, we went on a safari. I got to feed a giraffe an apple out of my mouth!

On Saturday, the campers got to cook the dessert, beans and biscuits in Dutch-ovens for our parents. While we were waiting for the dessert to cook we got the make a pizza. I don't think we would have been able to cook any of it without the help of Cee-Dub and Penny. After all of the parents got there, we had an awards ceremony. They gave everyone a great picture of the group and picture-awards for the camper that won the archery, rifle and shotgun competitions. I was lucky enough to win the archery and rifle and came in second on the shotgun. We watched a video that the camp director, Cathy Martell made. After lunch we gathered up my stuff including my Axis meat and hide and headed home.

Thank you SCI for giving me the opportunity to have the experiences at the Y.O Ranch. I had an awesome time!

Sincerely, Hannah Stevens



### **HUNTING REPORT**

### The News Is Getting Worse

That CITES paperwork problem we told you about in our last bulletin is getting worse. Seems the US Fish & Wildlife Service is soon going to simply destroy CITES trophies that arrive in the US with faulty documents, denying hunters the option of shipping their trophies back to the countries of origin and re-exporting them with documents containing no clerical errors.

The Service has not given a timeframe for when this extreme enforcement will begin, saying only that it is at their discretion. Destruction of what the Service now considers "illegal" CITES shipments (that is, CITES shipments with permits containing clerical errors) conceivably could begin any time this year. We have that from John J. Jackson, III of Conservation Force. US shipping agents hope the Service will permit the re-export of trophies for at least the remainder of this year in order to get everyone accustomed to the new requirements, but there is no guarantee of that. If you have a CITES trophy overseas about to be shipped, it is absolutely essential that you take all possible steps to insure that the CITES paperwork accompanying it is properly and fully filled out.

### **CITES Paperwork SNAFU Creating Huge Trophy Shipment Boondoggle**

The Hunting Report has just learned that scores of trophy shipments entering the US are being stopped by the US Fish & Wildlife Service due to improperly completed CITES documentation. The word we have at this point is shipments from Namibia, Tanzania and Zambia are involved, but shipments from other countries may also be involved. The problem is that shippers and customs officials in these countries are not filling out the necessary CITES paperwork according to new requirements of US Fish & Wildlife. The service is ruling that the documents are invalid and thus the shipments are illegal. Hunters faced with this problem are being given the choice of returning their shipment to the country of origin or having it seized by US Fish & Wildlife, with the understanding that the seizure can be appealed.

We learned of the emerging crisis this morning from

an affected subscriber who had already told USFWS to seize his trophies. That is NOT the right way to handle this emergency, according to John J. Jackson, III, of Conservation Force. He says it will cost more in attorney's fees to appeal the seizure than it will to return the trophies to their country of origin and then re-ship them with the proper paperwork. Also, he warns that the appeals process can take up to two years, and there is no guarantee of success.

This emerging crisis for US hunters is the result of new and highly stringent paperwork requirements the service implemented this past September. Jackson wrote about these new requirements in his Conservation Force Bulletin at the time, and we followed up with warnings of our own. Frankly, it was not entirely clear up until now just how nit-picky and punitive USFWS was going to be. Clearly, their implementation of this is going to be a nightmare for hunters, with the smallest clerical errors being treated as fatal paperwork flaws. For example, we understand at least two shipments have been stopped simply because authorities in the range nations forgot to indicate in duplicate on the form how many CITES species were covered by the import permit.

It is unclear at this point how the hunting community can completely solve this problem, as clerical errors are inevitable in paperwork of this sort, especially when it is being filled out by often poorly trained, low-salaried individuals. Clearly, the professional hunters and taxidermists in the range nations are going to have to step up to the plate and help eliminate errors and omissions in CITES paperwork. To that end, we have already posted to our web site a copy of the CITES document that is causing all the trouble, along with instructions on how it must be filled out. We have also posted a sample there of a properly filled out form. See hyperlink below. Longer term, solving this problem is probably going to require some kind of political intervention, as the total elimination of clerical errors and omissions is impossible.

Make no mistake - this is not just an Africa problem. This is a global problem that will affect CITES imports from all over the world, including Tajikistan and Mongolia, to cite just two countries outside Africa. If you currently have a CITES species awaiting shipment anywhere in the world, you are clearly at risk of either having it seized or being forced to

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re-ship to a far-flung corner of the world. The action you can take at this moment is to click on the hyperlink below and study the CITES document that comes up, along with the set of instructions on how it must be filled out. Next, send this document to the agent

and/or outfitter who helped you take a CITES species. Urge them to get involved in the export process right away and help make sure your CITES paperwork is properly filled out. - Barbara Crown.

### Standard permit/certificate form

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### "SERVING THE HUNTER WHO TRAVELS"

### DATELINE: NEWFOUNDLAND

# News Analysis Is Woodland Caribou Hunting About to End?

(Editor Note: Last month we told you that woodland caribou in Newfoundland were in real trouble, and that hunting opportunities for this species were being affected. Editor Barbara Crown has the full scoop on what's happening, including information on who you can still call to take one of these hunts.)

Hunters who need a woodlandcaribou to complete a caribou slam or a North American Grand Slam may need to make aquick scramble for Newfoundland this season. Why? Because there's areal possibility that woodland caribou hunting there may cease in 2009. Although woodland caribou can be found in small numbers in afew other places in Canada, hunting for them is either closed or extremely limited. The reason for the possible closure in Newfoundland is that woodland caribou numbers there havefallen drastically over the last few years. The problem started in the early 2000s, when hunter trend data and herd survey indices indicated the caribou population on the island was declining. However, the data did not point to the

causes of the decline, so in 2003 the Wildlife Division of Newfoundland Department of Environment and Conservation began a caribou calf mortality study that focused on survival rates for calves from several herds. They found that fewer than 10 percent



of calves were surviving their first year. Later studies using intensive adult radio collaring and populationassessments looked at season range distribution, habitat use, migration routes and the rate, timing and cause of adult caribou mortality. The bottom line of all this research was that the herd overall had dropped from a peak of over 90,000 in 1996 to a present population of only 37,000. The natural adult mortality, meaning death by predation and causes other than hunting, was found to be about 12 percent. Combine that with a calf recruitment rate of less than 10 percent and you have a grim situation

indeed. Those figures mean Newfoundland cariboupopulations will continue to decline independently of any other pressures, including hunting. The survival rate will have to increase to at least 15 percent just to stabilize populations at current levels. The reason for such low calf recruitment is significant predation. Wildlife Division studies have clearly identified black bears, coyotes and in some cases lynx as the key predators of caribou calves. All focus on calves primarily from birth to 14 weeks of age. Black bears alone account for 30 to 50 percent of observed calf mortalities. Coyotes are thought to be mostly responsible for the balance. The predation is so bad that each of the separate herds on Newfoundland has dropped 40 to 60 percent, with the Grey River herd decreasing by about 90 percent. For this reason, the Wildlife Division closed Cari-bou Management Area (CMA) 63 this season. They also had to change the CMA's boundaries, as well as neighboring CMA 61 and 62, in order to conserve the remaining GreyRiver caribou because this herd has actually abandoned its traditional

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range and is now spread north and west during the fall. In addition to the closure of one unit, hunting permits have been cut drastically. From 2001 to 2006 the overall quota (resident and nonresident together) went from 7,730 to 4,635. In 2007, it was reduced to 2,760. This year, the license quota is 1,235. Only 400 of those were allocated to nonresident hunters. So, what is being done to turn this trend around? This past February, the Ministry of Environment and Conservation announced it had budgeted \$15.3 million for a fiveyear scientific and management strategy that is supposed to expand efforts to better understand and mitigate the current decline. This is inaddition to the \$3.7 million already spent in science and management efforts the last two years. Part of the new effort is supposed to be directed to reducing predator numbers. The only bright spot right now in this grim picture is the possible prospect of increased hunting opportunities for predators in Newfoundland. Robert Hussey, execu-tive director of the Newfoundlandand Labrador Outfitters Association, says he has already submitted a listof association members who are prepared to set up predator removal sta-tions on calving grounds whenever the Wildlife Division gives them the green light. Predator hunts are a great marketing opportunity for Newfoundland to bring hunters who want to shoot coyotes and bears, Hussey told The Hunting Report. When those increased

predator opportunities will come line, however, is another question. Word is the Wildlife Division will allow the predation of calves to continue this year in order to establish a research baseline from which to judge the effectiveness of future predator removals. Wildlife officials we spoke to at press time would not verify or deny that. Nor would they elaborate on any of the other action items in the strategy. In the meantime, the question on everyone's mind is whether there will be a caribou season at all in 2009. The Wildlife Division has not determined that yet. The answer will likely depend on the outcome of additional population studies currently under way. The good news is that interested hunters can still get in on a woodland caribou hunt this year. As this was written in late May, there were a small number of caribou licenses available. Hussey says he keeps a list of outfitters who have called him with openings. He was unwilling to send us the list for publication because he says it changes regularly, depending on who has a sudden cancellation or who just hadn't gotten around to calling him. Hussey is willing, however, to e-mail or fax the list to any hunter who contacts him. He can be reached by phone at 709-686-6350; or by e-mail at info@nloa.ca. If you decide to contact the operators on that list, there are a few things you should keep in mind. Because caribou numbers have dropped significantly, they can be more difficult to locate. Outfitters who have-

been hunting the periphery or just inside of the caribou ranges may not have any in their area now. Be sure the outfitter you choose can get you into remote, difficultto-access areas. Be sure to check references from the previous year to verify that hunters were seeing caribou in the outfitter's area and that he has the ability to put you where the game is, whether by plane or boat. Unfortunately, the Wildlife Division has not yet compiled the stats from the 2007 hunt, so you can't use that as a reference tool. Ask pointed questions about how the hunt is conducted. Road hunting from a truck is probably not going to be very productive in most areas. Ask how many licenses the outfitter received last year versus this year. Outfitters with significant cuts may have a lot fewer caribou in their areas. Also, if you are offered a combo hunt, find outwhich is the priority animal. You don't want to end up concentrating on moose or bear with a caribou as only an animal of opportunity. The caribou rut runs the last three weeks in October and is the best time to see large concentrations of animals with dominant bulls among them. Although there are fewer caribou, we are told that some trophy bulls can still be found. Just don't expect this hunt to be easy. This is bog and swamp country, and this hunt requires walking for hours through that kind of terrain. Get in shape before you go. Good luck! –Barbara Crown. he

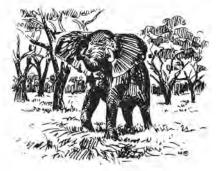
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### **DATELINE: AFRICA**

News... News... News Zimbabwe Update. Plus, Developments Elsewhere

(Editor Note: Hunting Report President, Publisher Don Causey filed the following report on new developments in Africa.)

The good news this month is safaris to Zimbabwe are continuing to go forward without trouble as this is written. We are processing a single new subscriber



complaint about a safari to this country, but it turns upon issues other than security, which is what most hunters are concerned about at this point. Typical of the reports we are receiving is the following one we received in April from Mike Streetman. It is not as recent as some of the others we have gotten, but it does not differ in tone or substancefrom all of the reports that havecome in: "Just a note to inform you that I returned yesterday from 19 days in Zimbabwe. I flew into Harare, where I spent two days with my PH and his family. We then traveled to the Save Valley Conservancy for four days before driving on to Mahenya, the communal area bordering Gonarezhou National Park, to hunt elephant. We went through a

few road blocks coming and going but were either waved through or experienced a friendly conversation with police or military. The mood in the areas I visited was 'business as usual.' I sensed an anxious but hopeful mood in the people I met."When I arrived at Harare International Airport the only thing that I noticed that was a bit differentthan on prior trips was the presence of uniformed soldiers around all of the military helicopters. On about the 26th and 27th of March, we drove about town. The only unusual sights were fairly long lines at banks and at ATM's, as citizens are only allowed to withdraw about \$5 per day. Shops are low on goods of all kind, and many are closing down. We also drove by Mugabe's main compound and found it to be fairly well guarded by North Korean-trained military personal."I would have no qualms about returning to Zimbabwe, but I do think it would be prudent for hunters to leave their hunting areas promptly and make sure that their PH has an exit strategy in place should something unusual take place. This latest trip was my sixth into Zimbabwe over the last few years...."The only warning I feel I should issue about Zimbabwe is a repeat of the one I gave last month about the use of cameras in urban areas and any activities that might be construed as surreptitious reporting. A new wrinkle last month was the apprehension of an undercover reporter who was seeking to transmit photos

via a satellite phone. The incident has heightened governmental sensitivity to satellite phones, even though the phones we rent here at The Hunting Report and those commonly available elsewhere don'thave the capability of transmitting images. Still, if you carry a satphone to Zimbabwe – and I recommend you do that – keep it out of sight in urban areas or when you are around individuals you don't know. Another somewhat less important warning is to be on the lookout for injured buffalo and perhaps other game when you are in the field. No one is talking about it, but poaching has increased of late in Zimbabwe as the economy has crumbled and food has gotten scarce. The danger that can pose is pointed out by a note I just received from subscriber Larry Glenn. He says a tracker was killed by a buffalo last month in Zimbabwe near where he was hunting. The buffalo was thought to have beepreviously wounded by buckshot. Buffalo wounded that way, of course, are walking time bombs. Still in Zimbabwe, that CITES export document problem we have been telling you about just won't go away. Not completely anyway. The problem started, when the US Fish & Wildlife Service turned thumbs down on the CITES export/ permit document Zimbabwe was attaching to CITES animals. As we previously reported, that form has now been redesigned and approved by the CITES Secretariat, USFWS, and Zimbabwe.



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### □ Polar Bear Listing

### Assessing The Impact And Mapping A Way Forward

onservation Force, its allies and Canadian partners were stunned to learn this past month that the US Fish & Wildlife Service has listed all of the polar bears in the world - every population - as "threatened". On the afternoon of May 14th we listened telephonically in disbelief as the Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne delivered his press release. He said it had been a "difficult decision". The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was America's most "inflexible law" and did not permit the service to consider the "adverse consequences" of the listing. The listing would stop the import of all hunting trophies because it triggers a provision in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), but nothing else would change. Nothing else would change because the MMPA is stricter than the ESA and the other activities have already been approved under the MMPA. In our view, one more time a foreign species has been listed to the detriment

of a foreign nation's people and conservation program without any concomitant benefits.

The "consensus" view about climate change and the future projections for polar bear were the "best available



science". (In the actual rule, this was explained to be synthesis reports of a large number of experts such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Arctic Climate Impact Assessment.) That view is that sea ice is vital to the bear, the sea is melting

and computer modeling projects that it is likely to continue melting. The loss of sea ice habitat threatens all bears in the foreseeable future with endangerment even though the current bear population is approximately "25,000". By mid-century, the polar bear is projected to lose 30 or more percent of its sea ice habitat and is likely to become in danger of extinction within 45 years. "It was a difficult decision but I believe that it is the only decision I could make," the Secretary said.

He also said, "While the legal standards under the ESA compel me to list the polar bear as threatened, I want to make clear that this listing will not stop global climate change or prevent any sea ice from melting." He announced that he was taking regulatory action to make certain the ESA "isn't abused to make global warming policies." The subtitle of his press release was the "Rule will allow continuation of vital energy production in Alaska." "List-

ing the polar bear as threatened can reduce available losses of polar bear (US hunters in Canada, I suppose), but it should not open the door to use of the ESA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles, power plants, and other sources. That would be a wholly inappropriate use of the ESA law. The ESA is not the right tool to set US climate policy." Kempthorne then quoted a recent statement by President Bush, "There is a right way and wrong way to approach reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The American people deserve an honest assessment of the costs, benefits and feasibility of any proposed solution. Discussions with such far-reaching impact should not be left to unelected regulators and judges but should be debated openly and made by the elected repre-



sentatives of the people they affect." (Emphasis added.)

The Secretary followed this with a list of four steps soon to be taken "to make sure the ESA is not misused to regulate global climate change." First, the USF&WS is issuing a special rule (4(d) rule) stating that "if an activity is permissible under the stricter standards of the MMPA, it is also permissible under the ESA with respect to the polar bear. (Incidentally, the MMPA has a specific provision allowing subsistence hunting by Alaskans, so that will continue, but treats ESA "threatened" listed species as "depleted", so trophy imports from Canada are prohibited.) Second, the Director of USF&WS would "issue guidance to staff that the best scientific data available today cannot make a causal connection between harm to listed species or their habitats and greenhouse gas

emissions from a specific facility or resource development project or government action." Third, "[t]he Department will issue a Solicitor's opinion further clarifying these points." Fourth, "[t]he Department will propose common sense modifications to the existing ESA regulatory language to prevent abuse of this listing to erect a back-door climate policy outside our normal system of political accountability." (Emphasis added.)

I listened for over one-half hour as Conservation Force's staff printed out the 383-page final decision in another room that was being released simultaneously with the telephonic press conference. It had been an uncommonly hard-fought battle, but genuine fear came over me. Fear that US hunters would never know the polar bear again, and anxiety that - all the work aside those that drafted the rule wanted the bear to be listed. Within an hour I had another fright. The Assistant Director of USF&WS and the top solicitor called on the phone. They said the Final Rule would be published the next day, May 15th, and would be effective immediately because of the Court Order that it be made effective by that date. The permitting office was returning all permit applications by mail and revoking all permits that had been issued but not yet used! Approximately 60 US hunters took polar bears this spring (March, April, May) at a cost exceeding 1.5 million dollars. None of them had yet been able to import their trophy because of the unusually timeconsuming import permit application process. According to the Assistant Director, there was nothing left to do for those hunters unless the Marine Mammal Protection Act is amended in the future. It was all over.

I informed the Assistant Director that the federal judge who made the listing effective has agreed to reconsider her Order. The trial court that was forcing the late Final Rule had reinstated Conservation Force's motion to intervene in the suit, granted the intervention to represent the interest of those hunters with outstanding permits and ordered briefs on the effective-date issue. The court ordered the govern-



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ment defendants to respond to the issue within 10 days, gave the plaintiffs (Center for Biological Diversity, Greenpeace, Natural Resources Defense Counsel) 10 days to brief the issue if they choose to, and Conservation Force as the intervenor five days after that to reply to those briefs. In sum, the date the Final Rule was to be made effective was not yet conclusive or final. Specifically, the court had agreed to reconsider its Order to permit import of those trophies taken up to the date of the court's Order, 28 April, compelling the USF&WS to make a Final Rule by May 15th. The court had mistakenly said April 17th, but we were able to get it to correct that error in still another motion that changed the deadline date to 28 April.

Conservation Force, as an intervenor, had also filed a motion with the trial court to stay the court's Order which eliminated the minimum 30 day or more date of effectiveness after publication until we could appeal, but the court declined that stay request. At that point, we decided not to take an emergency appeal until after the judge reconsidered the effective date. Thereafter, we may be able to appeal on behalf of any hunters who are still affected, but will have protected the property interests and rights of the others.

On the afternoon of the 14th of May, we went back and forth with this information over a period of several hours and finally convinced the USF&WS to "await any final decision on this (the) case before taking further action on any pending permits," - one small success in the trenches. The USF&WS is holding all pending permits in limbo and those with permits dare not import their trophies until the court rules because the effective date as of this moment is the 15th of May. Imports after the 15th are illegal at the time of this writing. Everyone must await the pending reconsideration.

The service had asked the court to give it until the end of June to publish the final determination, which coincidentally would have been enough time to grant most if not all of the outstanding trophy permit applications. It argued that the bear's current status was

not dire and that the petroleum drilling, hunting, etc. was already found not to be risks of concern. The court would have none of it. We at Conservation Force also called and asked the chief trial counsel for the plaintiffs if they would consent to any extension of time for the limited purpose of importation of the already dead trophies, but the plaintiff would not consent. You can judge their objection for yourself. What did our Canadian friends or the US hunters do wrong other than participate in the foremost polar bear conservation and management program in history at a time when the bear population is at an all-time high of more than 25,000? Moreover, it is unprecedented for a species to be listed on projections when its present population has not significantly declined.



Who would have thought the bear was going to be listed based upon 45-year projections when such projections are not reliable beyond 10 years maximum? How could the projections be the best available information when the scientific process calls for testing of hypotheses, not just inventing them? Why would the permit applicants be deprived of reasonable notice when they themselves had to publish 30-day notice to the public in the permitting application process?

#### Peer Review of Rule

According to the Service, one of the peer reviewers (expert outside scientist consulted by the Service) "expressed concern that the proposed rule was flawed, biased, and incomplete, that it would do nothing to address the underlying issues associated with global warming and that a listing would be detrimental to the Inuit of the Arctic." Apparently, the peer reviewers had a great many objections to the proposed listing. We fully agree with those enumerated objections. We think the polar bear has been listed prematurely over the range nation's objections without corresponding benefits, and without taking into account Canada's programs. One more time a foreign species has been harmed by its listing without balancing benefits.

The response to one of the generalized comments by the peer reviewers merits direct quotation:

Comment PR3: Harvest programs in Canada provide conservation benefits for polar bears and are therefore important to maintain. In addition, economic benefits from subsistence hunting and sport hunting occur.

<u>Our response</u>: We recognize the important contribution to conservation that scientifically based sustainable use programs can have. We further recognize the past significant benefits to polar bear management in Canada that have accrued as a result of the 1994 amendments to the MMPA that allow US citizens who legally sportharvest a polar bear from an MMPAapproved population in Canada to bring their trophies back into the United States. In addition, income from fees collected for trophies imported into the United States are directed by statute to support polar bear research and conservation programs that have resulted in conservation benefits to polar bears in the Chukchi Sea region. We recognize that hunting provides direct economic benefits to local native communities that derive income from supporting and guiding hunters, and also to people who conduct sport hunting programs for US citizens. However, these benefits cannot be and have not been factored into our listing decision for the polar bear.

We note that, under the MMPA, the polar bear will be considered a "depleted" species on the effective date of this listing. As a depleted species, imports could only be authorized under the MMPA if the import enhanced the survival of the species or was for scientific research. Therefore, autho-

rization for the import of sport-hunted trophies will no longer be available under section 104(c)(5) of the MMPA. Neither the Act nor the MMPA restricts take beyond the United States and the high seas, so otherwise legal take in Canada is not affected by the threatened listing.

In the final pages of the listing the Service provides the following insight into trophy importation:

"Regarding ongoing importation of sport-hunted polar bear trophies from Canada, under sections 101(a)(3)(B)and 102(b) of the MMPA, it is unlawful to import into the United States any marine mammal that has been designated as a depleted species or stock unless the importation is for the purpose of scientific research or enhancement of the survival or recovery of the species. Under the MMPA, the polar bear will be a depleted species as of the effective date of the rule. Under sections 102(b) and 101(a)(3)(B) of the MMPA therefore, as a depleted species, polar bears and their parts cannot be imported into the United States except for scientific research or enhancement. Therefore, sport-hunted polar bear trophies from Canada cannot be imported after the effective date of this listing rule. Nothing in the special rule for polar bears published in today's Federal Register affects these provisions under the MMPA."

Permit me to add that it is a very serious criminal offense to attempt to import your bear with or without a permit at this time. Just don't do it! We still have a 4-point strategy to get your bear in and your childrens' as well.

#### **Interim Final Rule**

■ The Service simultaneously published a special rule, 73 FR 28306 (May 15, 2008). It allows continued subsistence uses of polar bear in Alaska because that take and use is exempt under both the ESA and MMPA. It is limited to Alaskan natives. The special rule states "Under...the MMPA, it is unlawful to import...an individual taken from a species or population stock designated as depleted....The

statutory provisions of the MMPA allow fewer types of activities than does the ESA for threatened species, and the MMPA's standards are generally stricter....Section 9(c)(2) of the ESA sets out an exemption to the general import prohibition for threatened, Appendix II wildlife...(which) would typically apply to the import of sport hunted trophies...However, persons importing sport-hunted trophy polar



bears that were taken in Canada will not be able to use this exemption...(because) [u]nder the MMPA...the polar bear are 'depleted' species as of the effective date of their listing as threatened...under the ESA...." It goes on to state that the ESA cannot "override the more restrictive provisions of the MMPA." It should be noted that reform legislation to carry the ESA exemption for trophies over to the MMPA would once again

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permit import of trophies from Canada. The Rule also points out that depleted species (those listed as threatened under the ESA) also are not eligible for public display permits.

#### **New Litigation Claims**

■ The three plaintiffs served a 60day notice of intent to sue the government and also amended their suit to make multiple new claims on the date of publication of the final rule, 15 May. They claim all polar bear should have been listed as endangered or, alternatively, some of the populations are distinct populations and those should have been listed as endangered. They challenge the continued petroleum drilling, greenhouse gases, subsistence uses and harvests, and generally challenge the government's tack that the ESA is not to be used to regulate the underlying causes of ice melt and climate change. The court will now decide. Moreover, the service can't go back on its findings that the best available scientific information supports the listing at this time. All due respect to President Bush, unelected regulators and courts will decide the impact of the listing upon the American public, as they already have upon our Canadian friends.

It is imperative that all those who took polar bears this Spring contact Conservation Force at: 504-837-1233. E-miail: jjw-no@att.net. We need information from each hunter to help the whole. Do not delay. We have a fourpart strategy and need the information for all four parts. That strategy includes the pending litigation and possible appeal. Next, we will seek special legislation to permit the importation of the trophies snared in the application process at the time of the listing and reform of the MMPA to give back to Canada the conservation program they have been deprived of due to the listing. Finally, we have a legal team reviewing every aspect of the listing and alternative types of permits for importation. Our effort has been and will continue to be beyond compare. We need help now. Please make a tax-deductible contribution to Conservation Force at PO Box 278, Metairie, LA 70004-9821. - John J. Jackson, III.



## E-news from SCI 's Washington Office

## **Senate Democrats Meet with Sportsmen's Community**

Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Jon Tester (D-MT), representing the Democratic majority, recently took time to meet with the conservation community to identify key issues to address during the short time remaining in the 110th U.S. Congress. SCI's Director of Hunting Advocacy, Dr. Bill Moritz was at the meeting where topics ranging from the recently enacted Farm Bill, to energy development, and the upcoming White House Conference on enhancing hunting and fishing opportunities on federal lands were discussed. Other organizations attended the briefing session including the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Boone & Crockett Club, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

## Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax Bill Introduced in the Senate

"Congressional Sportsmen Caucus Co-Chairs, Senators Max Baucus (D-MT) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) introduced legislation, S. 3331, seeking to rectify a longstanding inequity in the collection of the firearms and ammunition excise tax (FAET); a major source of wildlife conservation funding. S. 3331 is the companion bill to H.R. 6310 introduced in the House last month...The Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax flows from the IRS through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to the state wildlife agencies and is the major source of funding for the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund...If passed, S. 3331 and H.R. 6310 would allow the firearms and ammunition industry to pay the FAET on a quarterly basis; the same payment schedule as every other industry that supports conservation through dedicated excise taxes." (Source: www.sportsmenslink.org) Read more at http://www.sportsmenslink.org/media\_ room/Press-Releases/Baucus-Crapo-FAET.html

SCI Attends State Legislator's Dinner in New

#### **Orleans**

At the annual National Congress of State Legislators, SCI and NASC announced to the group that they would be working collaboratively to bring model legislation to the sportsmen's caucuses around the country that would allow more big game tags to reach disabled and terminally ill hunters. The message was presented at a dinner attended by state Representatives and Senators from Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arkansas and Missouri with Executive Council Members, Sen. John Astle (MD) and Rep. Robin Webb (KY) attending. Schriever, Louisiana SCI members, Ron and Jackie Bartels, who are the sub-Chairs of the Sensory Safari & Disabled Hunter sub-Committee for SCIF were joined by SCI's DC staffer, Nelson Freeman. The dinner hosted by the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) was sponsored by Safari Club International and U.S. Smokeless Tobacco. National Shooting Sports Foundation, Shell Oil, and Comcast were also in attendance.

## U.S. Treasury Restricts More of Mugabe's supports in Zimbabwe

A recent press release from the U.S. Department of the Treasury has included 17 new individuals and businesses that have been added to the growing list of Zimbabwean with whom American should not interact with financially. As has been reported in previous "In the Crosshairs", any financial interaction known or unknown will be viewed by the U.S. Treasury as a financial act supporting the regime of Robert Mugabe. Please read the full press release from the U.S. Department of the Treasury here, http://www.ustreas.gov/press/releases/hp1097.htm

## Namibia: Ivory Money Key to Jumbo Benefits

"All the revenue Namibia will generate from the sale of ivory to either China or Japan will be used exclusively for elephant conservation and local communities living alongside elephants... This was spelled out yesterday by Environment and Tourism Permanent Secretary Dr. Kalumbi Shangula, who has just returned from the 57th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee in Geneva, Switzerland...The meeting approved China as a buyer of ivory from four southern African countries that CITES had allowed to auction off their stockpiles of ivory...Japan was allowed to import ivory in 2006... 'Namibia will pay the proceeds into the Game Products Trust Fund which supports wildlife conservation and community development programmes,' said Shangula." (Source: allafrica.com) To read the full article, http://allafrica.com/stories/200807220554.html.

## **South Africa: Country Donates 160 Elephants to Zambia**

"The South African Government has donated 160 elephants to Lusenga Plains National Park in Zambia's Kawambwa Disrict. Luapula Province Acting Permanent Secretary Clement Siame said the elephants would arrive next week for Lusenga Plains National Park as part of an ongoing restocking program. Speaking at a preparatory meeting for Destination Luapula Tour on Wednesday, Mr. Siame said the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) had given the Park 100 Zebras, 100 Wildebeests and 280 Impalas, as well, to increase the animal population there." (Source: allafrica.com) To read the full article, http://allafrica.com/stories/200807240304.html

## SCI Fights On For the Delisting Of Northern Rocky Mountain Wolves

Despite a disappointing ruling in which a Montana federal district court issued a preliminary injunction that temporarily returned the wolves of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming to the federal "endangered" species list, SCI lawyers continue to aggressively represent the interests of its members and those of the hunting community in general, by defending the delisting of wolves. Currently, SCI is conferring with legal counsel for federal, state, and other non-governmental defendants in the case to determine the most effective means to persuade the Montana court to uphold the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to delist the species. SCI is also actively engaged in litigation to defend the delisting of the Western Great Lakes wolves and will be participating in a hearing on that case on Monday, August 4, 2008 in District court in the District of Columbia.

## July 18, 2008

## **China Approved for Controlled Ivory Imports From Africa**

"China has been approved as a buyer of the one-off sale of African Elephant ivory under strict conditions. The decision was taken at a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) meeting in Geneva, Switzerland...Members of the CITES Standing Committee voted by a clear majority in favour of acceptance of China as an approved buyer. The decision comes into effect once it enters the meeting's formal written record...The request to trade African Elephant ivory was originally approved at the CITES Conference of the Parties in 2002 and then modified to include new conditions at the meeting in 2007. The CITES meeting this week was charged with deciding whether China could be approved as a trading partner. To gain approval, China had to convince CITES it had put in place adequate measures to manage regulated sales and tackle any illegal domestic ivory trade." (Source: www.Traffic.org) To read the full article on CITES approved ivory trade with China, please go to http:// www.traffic.org/home/2008/7/15/china-approved-forcontrolled-ivory-imports-from-africa.html.

### Polar Bear Litigation Revs Up

As previously reported, SCI filed a lawsuit in Washington D.C. to challenge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's current ban on the import of polar bears from Canada. Two sets of anti-hunting/environmental groups have been granted permissive intervention in the case. SCI has also submitted a 60-day notice letter to the FWS outlining the claims it intends to bring to challenge the actual listing of the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. SCI can file that lawsuit in mid-August. The State of Alaska also has filed a 60-day notice letter and could sue the FWS as early as next week over the listing. Three animal groups have already filed a lawsuit in California challenging the listing, arguing that the FWS should have listed the polar bear as "endangered" instead of "threatened." An endangered listing would have an even greater impact on the ability to import polar bear trophies into the United States. Other groups may file lawsuits on one side or the other of the listing issue. The field is crowded and how the dust will settle remains unknown. SCI will

keep you posted.

## SCI Files First Brief in Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Litigation

SCI has filed its first brief in one of the three lawsuits currently pending over the delisting of the Yellowstone area population of grizzly bears. The delisting paves the way for possible future sustainable hunting of the bear. SCI's brief, filed in District Court in Montana, supports the delisting and opposes the brief filed by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. Among other things, SCI argues against delisting standards that would essentially keep the grizzlies on the threatened species list forever, defends the adequacy of State funding for managing the bear, and explains that the States will regulate any future hunting of grizzly bears in a sustainable way. Briefing in the two cases pending in District Court in Idaho is set to commence in August and September. SCI has been granted amicus (friend of the court) status in one of these case and its request for amicus curiae status in the other case is pending. SCI will keep you posted on developments in all these cases.

## **Court Approves Minnesota Trapping Plan**

The U.S. District Court for Minnesota recently approved a plan proposed by the State to reduce the risk of "take" (harm or death) of threatened Canadian lynx during trapping of other animals. SCI participated as amicus in the lawsuit that imposed liability on the State for authorizing trapping in lynx range, an area of northeast Minnesota. After finding liability, the Court ordered the State to come up with a plan to minimize the risk of take. The State's plan allows trapping to continue, but imposes some additional restrictions on the methods of trapping. The restrictions are much less onerous than those sought by the animal rights plaintiffs in the case. The Minnesota Trappers Association is satisfied with the Court's approval of the plan. As part of the resolution of the case, the State is also seeking an "incidental take permit" from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that would allow the take of lynx during trapping, subject to conditions. SCI will keep you posted.

## Zimbabwe: Parks Authority Embarks On Animal Census

"The Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (PWMA) has embarked on a programme to estab-

lish the population of animal species in the country by having the information from stakeholders in the hunting industry...The Parks Authority public relations manager, Retired Major Edward Mbewe said stakeholders from the hunting industry would meet in various provinces this week to provide information on aspects of wildlife... 'The stakeholders in the industry will be attending workshops to establish the game quota setting and how the wildlife is conserved,' said Rtd Major Mbewe...The figures he said would help the authority to come up with details of showing if the wildlife population is decreasing or increasing which will help them to come up with better conservation methods." (Source: allafrica.com) View the full article at http://allafrica.com/stories/200807160751.html.

## An End to Alaska Subsistence Litigation

Late last month, a federal district court in Alaska approved the Federal Subsistence Board's regulation that establishes the membership distribution of the councils that advice the FSB on subsistence priority decisions related to hunting. Upon approving the rule, the court dismissed the final claim of SCI's Alaska subsistence litigation -- a suit that SCI filed almost a decade ago. As a result of SCI's litigation challenge, the FSB took it upon itself to correct many of the illegal conditions addressed in SCI's complaint. In addition to including recreational hunting interests on the advisory councils, the FSB established a higher standard of evidence upon which recommendations should be made, disbanded illegal decision-making bodies, created specific meeting guidelines and rules for documenting decision-making, and opened hunting opportunities formerly closed to the recreational hunting community. SCI's litigation team is currently examining whether any of the issues in the case should be appealed. If we pursue an appeal, we will update you in future Crosshairs.

## SCI Granted Amicus Status in State of Alaska's Subsistence Appeal

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has granted SCI the right to participate as an amicus (friend of the court) in a case brought by the State of Alaska to challenge subsistence hunting determinations made by the Federal Subsistence Board. Drawing upon its extensive knowledge of federal subsistence law, SCI's litigation team submitted a brief in support of the state's position, challenging the legality of the FSB's

subsistence allocation. The case of State of Alaska v. Federal Subsistence Board will be argued in the Court of Appeals in California on August 5, 2008.

## **Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Americans and the 2nd Amendment**

On June 26, 2008 the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling, confirmed that the Second Amendment right to bear arms is an individual liberty. http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/07pdf/07-290.pdf. The Court affirmed the D.C. Circuit Court ruling that overturned a Washington D.C law that severely limited the ownership of handguns and only allowed the ownership or possession of long guns if they were locked and disassembled. The Court found that these restrictions were an unconstitutional violation of a resident's Second Amendment rights. The Court rejected the idea that the Second Amendment only applies to the collective militia. While the Court protected the rights of individuals of the United States to "bear arms" from governmental infringement, it did not establish an absolute right. The government can still impose reasonable restrictions on the right to bears, with the Court providing some guidance on what might and might not be reasonable.

The National Rifle Association of America already has filed suit to reverse firearm bans in both the San Francisco and the Chicago areas. You can view the NRA's release at http://www.nraila.org/.
The National Shooting Sports Foundation also weighed in on the Supreme Court's monumental decision. http://www.nssf.org/news/PR\_idx.cfm?PRloc=share/PR/&PR=062608.cfm.

## N.W.T. Minister Wants Polar Bear Import Ban Reversed

"Bob McLeod is all in favour of protecting Arctic polar bears. But he thinks the Bush administration is being 'hypocritical' by trying to do it at the expense of American big game hunters, who spend millions each year seeking polar bear trophies in Canada's North. McLeod, the Northwest Territories' minister of human resources, on Monday opened a four-day trip in Washington to protest a Department of the Interior decision in May that prohibits the import of polar bear hides from Canada... 'For the record, nobody asked us about it,' McLeod says in a speech to be delivered Tuesday. 'This decision will effectively wipe out our

sport hunting industry - and with it the livelihood of many of the Inuvialuit people in the Arctic coastal communities of our territory." (Source: www.canada.com) View the full article at http://www.canada.com/topics/news/story.html?id=6c588f46-da6e-4816-a4be-789a4836b478.

## **SCIF Testifies for Congress**

SCI Foundation Director of Conservation, Dr. William Moritz, testified before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans on Wednesday June 25th. The oversight hearing was titled "Planning for a Changing Climate and its Impacts on Wildlife and Oceans: State and Federal Efforts and Needs." Dr. Moritz highlighted four distinct points on wildlife management and the role that hunters have played over the past 70 years. (1) Wildlife and wildlife habitat are essential components in the debate about Climate Change policy. (2) Hunters will be part of the solution. (3) Climate Change policy needs to be based on sound science. (4) Funding for conservation has historically come from hunters but more support is needed to ensure fish and wildlife populations are sustained. SCIF was commended by congressional staffers and those in the audience for ensuring that the hunter's voice was heard and that the input from sportsmen will not be ignored in future debates.

## SCI Attends NSSF 2008 Shooting Sports Summit

This week in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the National Shooting Sports Foundation hosted their 2008 Shooting Sports Summit. At this event, the hunting and sporting goods manufacturers were presented with a comprehensive study on hunting and shooting sports participation in the United States. SCI attended the event and hopes to bring back to the SCI membership new and creative ideas on addressing hunter participation in the 21st century. A series of 261 action items were presented to attendees, addressing such issues as youth and adult participation, how access affects participation levels and many, many more.

NSSF's keynote speaker was Arkansas Governor, and former Republican Presidential Nominee, Mike Huckabee. He expounded on his family's hunting heritage and how he has been an avid sportsmen his entire life. He recounted numerous campfire stories that had the entire audience laughing. Gov. Huckabee ad-

dressed not only the history of hunting in his past but the importance of hunting and hunters for sustaining America's traditions for every future generation. SCI President-Elect Merle Shepard and Executive Director John Eichinger spoke with Governor Huckabee about the interests and future of hunting in America.

John Eichinger, in a speech to summit participants, talked about some of the ways that SCI is working with NSSF's Hunting Heritage Partnership to get new people involved in hunting and the shooting sports around the country.

#### TSA Restricts .50 Caliber Ammunition

It has recently come to the attention of SCI that the Transportation Security Administration has begun to restrict individuals from flying with .50 caliber ammunition. This does not prevent individuals from flying with their .50 cal or larger rifles, most notably being the .577 and the .505. SCI has been communicating with the NRA to have this current restriction lifted. To read NRA-ILA's latest information please go to this link: http://www.nraila.org/Legislation/Federal/Read.aspx?id=4002

## Alberta to Allow Sunday Hunting to Cull Deer Herd, Control Chronic Wasting Disease

"In Alberta, the day of rest will soon become the day to reload. Starting this fall the government is to allow Sunday hunting throughout most of the province - partly to help reduce the growing number of deer, but also to stem the spread of chronic wasting disease along parts of the Saskatchewan boundary. But the relaxed rules will apply to all big game, said Darcy Whiteside, a spokesman for the Sustainable Resource Development Department. "We are opening up Sunday hunting pretty much across the province and definitely in those areas," White said Tuesday. "It is an opportunity for hunters to use the whole weekend to hunt." (Source: The Canadian Press) To read the full article: http://canadianpress.google.com/article/ ALeqM5jpYgb5uBX6z3dYfNfVqM3MmEHR7g

### **New York Legislature Passes Youth Hunting Bill**

At the eleventh hour, the New York State Legislature sent Senate Bill 8228/Assembly Bill 11033 to Governor Paterson. This bill has now passed both the state Senate and the state Assembly and if signed by the Governor, youths aged 13 and older will be able to

hunt big game in the state of New York after passing a hunter education course. Passage of this bill into law will be a great step forward for youths interested in hunting big game and will help generate more revenue for the Department of Environmental Conservation through license sales. The original bills, S. 8228 and A.B. 11033 were sponsored by New York Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair Senator Dale Volker and Caucus Member Assembly Woman Francine DelMonte.

SCI commends the New York Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus for their diligence to make sure that the youths of New York have the opportunity to hunt and carry on such a vital tradition in their home state. The New York Governor's office is currently reviewing the Youth Hunting bill and SCI hopes that it will be signed in the very near future.

#### **Wood Bison Alaskan Reintroduction**

Safari Club International Foundation has worked very closely with the Alaska Department of Game and Fish, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, the Canadian Wildlife Department, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to transport 53 wood bison from Elk Island National Wildlife Refuge in Canada to the state of Alaska for eventual reintroduction to their historical range within the interior of Alaska. The process of reintroduction began over 10 years ago, and the final hurdles of state and federal permitting were overcome in June of this year.

SCIF's Dr. William Moritz will be discussing this most recent conservation success story this Saturday, July 19th on the Bob Bauer Outdoor World radio show. The Bob Bauer Outdoor World radio show streams live via the internet every Saturday morning from 8am to 10 am Eastern on http://www.camp-2fires.com/.

#### **Lawsuit Filed To Challenge Disney Gun Ban**

"A man fired by Walt Disney World after he brought his gun to work filed a lawsuit Friday against the entertainment company. Disney officials claimed the company doesn't have to follow a new state law allowing people to bring firearms onto business properties...Edwin Sotomayor worked at Disney as a security guard for 13 years. He was suspended on July

4 and later fired after bringing his .45-caliber pistol to work at Disney's Animal Kingdom...Sotomayor showed up at the Orange County Courthouse with his attorney to file the lawsuit. It is a petition claiming his constitutional rights were violated and asks that Disney give him his job back and remove a no trespass warning to allow him back on the property...Sotomayor claimed that Florida's new bring-your-gunto-work law, which took effect on July 1, gives him the right as a holder of a concealed-weapons permit to bring his weapon and keep it locked in his trunk in a Disney parking lot." (Source: www.wesh.com) To read the full article on the lawsuit, http://www.wesh.com/news/16854329/detail.html.

## **Supreme Court Decision Scrambles National Park Firearm Plan**

Many State Laws Will Be Subject to Legal Challenge and Uncertainty

"A plan by the Bush administration to tie firearms regulations in national parks and refuges to state law will compound the legal chaos created by last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down the District of Columbia's gun law, according to comments filed by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). Today is the final day of public comment on the plan which would drop park rules dating back a century in favor of changing and uncertain state firearms laws. On April 30, 2008, the U.S. Interior Department proposed to repeal nearly century-old national park rules requiring that firearms be unloaded and unavailable for ready use. In its place, the Bush administration would substitute the various laws governing 'any state park, or any similar unit of state land, in which state the federal park, or that portion thereof, is located...' Under the plan, national parks within the District of Columbia, such as the National Mall and even the White House, may have no enforceable firearms restrictions if the D.C. government is unable to fashion a new, legally defensible set of firearm restrictions once the ruling takes

full effect in July." (Source: Yuba.net) To read the full article: http://yubanet.com/usa/Supreme-Court-Decision-Scrambles-National-Park-Firearm-Plan.php

## 2008 Waterfowl Survey Shows Ducks Breeding Farther North, Bypassing Dry Prairies

The preliminary estimate of total ducks from the 2008 Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey was just over 37 million, which is a nine percent decline from last year's estimate, but still 11 percent greater than the 1955-2007 average. In the U.S. and Canadian prairies, population estimates of many species declined; while populations increased in the boreal forest to the north, likely reflecting in part those birds that overflew the prairies because of drier habitat conditions there. (Source: www.fws.gov) To read the full release: http://www.fws.gov/news/News-Releases/showNews.cfm?newsId=1343A288-ED86-9F4C-104B27E863D65DCF

### Namibian Economic Diversification Project.

"The Namibia Professional Hunting Association (Napha) and the Emerging Commercial Farmers' Support Programme will host a workshop on trophy hunting as a lucrative form of land utilisation this month... The one-day event will take place on Monday, July 28 in partnership with the Lazarus Shinyemba Ipangelwa Foundation at the NamPower Convention Centre in Windhoek...According to a strategic plan issued by the Environment and Tourism Ministry in March this year, trophy hunting is estimated to generate around N\$500 million per year...Hunting quotas granted to communal conservancies in rural areas in the past two years earned the conservancies around N\$11 million annually." (Source: www.Namibian.com) To read the full article on the economic development project by the Namibian Government and the Namibian Professional Hunters Association please visit http://www.namibian.com.na/2008/July/environment/08160D6727. html

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#### ARTICLE I -- NAME

THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:
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#### ARTICLE II -- CHAPTER OFFICES

THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THIS ORGANIZATION ("CHAPTER") SHALL BE P.O. BOX 186, 114 N 4TH STREET, OKARCHE, OK, 73762.

#### **ARTICLE III -- PURPOSES**

THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:

- 1. TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL & SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.
- 2. TO COLLECT, ORGANIZE AND DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND DATA REGARDING WILDLIFE OF THE WORLD AND CONSERVATION OF THE SAME. TO RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF ALL NATURAL RESOURCES.
- 3. TO PROVIDE CHARITABLE DONATIONS OR SUPPORT TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS PURSUING THE SAME OR SIMILAR GOALS AS THIS ORGANIZATION.
- 4. TO PROMOTE, ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC AND BIOLOGICAL STUDIES REGARDING WILDLIFE OF THE WORLD; TO LEARN MORE OF THEIR GENEALOGY, HABITAT AND ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS. THESE STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS AND SCIENTIFIC EVALUATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE.
- 5. TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT HUNTERS' RIGHTS.
- 6. TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING SPORT HUNTING'S IMPORTANCE AS A VIABLE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT TOOL.

- 7. TO PROMOTE SAFE & ETHICAL SPORT HUNTING, IRRESPECTIVE OF MEANS OF HARVEST.
- 8. TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE WORK WHICH FOSTERS AND PROMOTES THE ABOVE STATED PURPOSES.
- 9. TO SUPPORT & FACILITATE HUMANITARIAN SERVICES THAT ARE CONGRUENT WITH SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION AND ALL OTHER STATED PURPOSES ABOVE.
- 10.TO HOST AT LEAST ONE MAJOR FUND RAISER PER YEAR IN ORDER TO SUPPORT OUR PURPOSES.
- 11. TO CONDUCT OR FUND ONE SIGNIFICANT CONSERVATION PROJECT PER YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

#### ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERS AND THEIR VOTING AND OTHER RIGHTS

SECTION 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERS. THERE SHALL BE ONE (1) CLASS OF MEMBER WHICH SHALL BE REGULAR MEMBER. A PERSON TO BE ELIGIBLE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL, BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND SHALL HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN HUNTING AND CONSERVATION.

SECTION 2. SIZE OF MEMBERSHIP. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS SHALL BE UNLIMITED.

SECTION 3. GOOD STANDING. A MEMBER IS IN GOOD STANDING WHO IS CURRENT IN THE PAYMENT OF DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS AS ASSESSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY SUCH MEMBER AND HAS ABIDED BY ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 4. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE RATIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER.

SECTION 5. VOTING RIGHTS. EACH REGULAR MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CAST ONE (1) VOTE ON EVERY MATTER SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF THE MEMBERS.

SECTION 6. CERTIFICATES. CERTIFICATES MAY BE ISSUED TO EACH NEW MEMBER, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 7. DUES. DUES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL BE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS TO EACH MEMBER WHEN RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. FAILURE OF A MEMBER TO COMPLY WITH ANY SUCH DUES OR ASSESSMENTS WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THAT MEMBER.

SECTION 8. DUES - WHEN DELINQUENT. ANNUAL DUES ARE ASSESSED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND BECOME DELINQUENT WHEN SIXTY (60) DAYS PAST DUE. THE BILLINGS FOR COLLECTION OF DUES FOR OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL SHALL BE HANDLED BY SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL OR OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER.

SECTION 9. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE. A MEMBER WHO MAKES FALSE STATEMENTS ON HIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR WHOSE CONDUCT IS DEEMED DETRIMENTAL TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL MAY BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP. PRIOR TO THE TAKING OF SUCH ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SUCH MEMBER SHALL BE CITED IN WRITING AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON THE CHARGES ALLEGED BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN THE EVENT OF A DISMISSAL OF THE MEMBER, A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER SETTING FORTH THE BOARD DECISION AND A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF FACT. IN THE EVENT THE MEMBERSHIP IS TERMINATED FOR CAUSE THERE WILL NOT BE A REFUND OF MEMBERSHIP DUES.

SECTION 10. RESIGNATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS. ANY MEMBER MAY RESIGN BY FILING WITH THE SECRETARY HIS WRITTEN RESIGNATION. DUES PAID BY HIM IN ADVANCE SHALL NOT BE REFUNDED OR PRORATED. SUCH RESIGNATION SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE RESIGNING MEMBER OF THE OBLIGATION TO PAY DUES, FEES, OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WHICH HAVE ACCRUED UP TO THE DATE OF SUCH RESIGNATION AND WHICH ARE UNPAID.

REINSTATEMENT OF A FORMER REGULAR MEMBER SHALL BE MADE IN THE SAME WAY THAT AN APPLICANT FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP MAY BE ACCEPTED; HOWEVER, SUCH APPLICANT FOR REINSTATEMENT IS TO PAY ALL DUES, FEES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY DUE AND UNPAID BY HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS PRIOR RESIGNATION.

#### ARTICLE V -- MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. MEETINGS. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE HELD NOT LESS THAN QUARTERLY AT A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1A. SPECIAL MEETINGS. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AT ANY DATE AND PLACE MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OR BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 2. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. A WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE DELIVERED TO ALL MEMBERS AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE SET FOR THE MEETING. EACH WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE THE MEETING'S AGENDA AND ALL TOPICS, ITEMS AND/OR MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE MEETING. THE NOTICE SHALL BE MAILED NO LATER THAN THIRTEEN (13) DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE TO THE MEMBERS' ADDRESSES ON FILE, AND SUCH MAILING SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR 10-DAY ADVANCE DELIVERY. MAILING TO THE ADDRESS MOST RECENTLY PROVIDED BY A MEMBER, WHETHER CURRENT OR NOT, SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENT TO DELIVER NOTICE.

SECTION 3. QUORUM OF REGULAR MEMBERS. A QUORUM OF REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF THE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY PROPERLY NOTICED MEETING.

SECTION 4. VOTING. A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST AT A MEETING WHERE A QUORUM IS PRESENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE ANY QUESTION PRESENTED AT SUCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNLESS A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF VOTES ON A QUESTION IS REQUIRED BY THESE BYLAWS.

#### ARTICLE VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE PROPERTY, AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS OF THE CHAPTER SHALL BE MANAGED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS ("BOARD"). THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF EITHER NINE (9) OR TWELVE (12) DIRECTORS, ELECTED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP FOR THREE (3) YEARS STAGGERED TERMS; AND 1/3 OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS SHALL BE VOTED ON EACH YEAR AS THE THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRES.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS. A CHAPTER MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION IF HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE BY THE DATE OF TAKING OFFICE AND IF HE HAS NEITHER BEEN CONVICTED OF NOR PLED GUILTY TO ANY FELONY VIOLATION OF A U.S. JURISDICTION. A DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED IF HE IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY TO A FELONY VIOLATION OF ANY U.S. JURISDICTION.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF DIRECTORS. AT THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING AFTER FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL ELECT DIRECTORS. A SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NEXT TERM SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR. EACH DIRECTOR ELECTED AT SAID MEMBERS' MEETING SHALL TAKE OFFICE ON THE FIRST OF APRIL FOLLOWING SAID ELECTION AND SHALL HOLD OFFICE AS PER ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. VACANCIES OCCURRING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS FOR ANY REASON MAY BE FILLED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE. A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SO ELECTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF

#### HIS PREDECESSOR.

SECTION 5. QUORUM OF DIRECTORS. 50% OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. PROXYS GRANTED SHALL BE COUNTED IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OR PRESENCE OF A QUORUM. AT ANY MEETING, A MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT MAY ADJOURN THE MEETING IF A QUORUM SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

SECTION 6. ACTION BY DIRECTORS. THE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS PRESENT WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE SHALL BE THE ACT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNLESS A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF VOTES ON ANY QUESTION IS REQUIRED BY THESE BYLAWS.

SECTION 7. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE HELD ON ANY DATE AND SUCH TIME AND PLACE AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NOTICE OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL MEETINGS. SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE NOTICE; SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE HELD ON ANY DATE AND SUCH TIME AND PLACE AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE PRESIDENT, OR BY THE VOTE OF 50% OF THE DIRECTORS PRESENT AT A REGULAR MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT. OR BY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE.

ADEQUATE NOTICE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING SHALL BE IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, NOTICE OF MEETINGS; EXCEPT THAT THE 10-DAY REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH NOTICE MAY BE WAIVED IF TWO THIRDS OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE AGREE TO SUCH WAIVER IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE (CONFIRMED IN WRITING WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE TELEPHONE CALL); AND EXCEPT THAT THE NOTICE MAY BE GIVEN VERBALLY TO ANY DIRECTOR IF SO ACCEPTED BY THAT DIRECTOR (WHICH VERBAL NOTICE SHALL BE RECORDED BY THE SECRETARY).

ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ANY CASE SHALL STATE THE PLACE, DATE, TIME AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND SHALL INDICATE BY WHOM IT IS BEING ISSUED AND BY WHOSE DIRECTION THE MEETING IS BEING CALLED.

SECTION 9. BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHOUT MEETING. IN THE EVENT THAT IT SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO CARRY OUT THE CHAPTER'S BUSINESS AND IT IS IMPRACTICAL FOR THE BOARD TO MEET, ANY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER MAY CAUSE THE SECRETARY TO POLL ALL DIRECTORS BY MAIL, PERSONAL CONTACT, OR TELEPHONE ON ANY SPECIFIC MATTER OR MATTERS BEING PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD. ANY MATTER MAY BE PASSED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF ALL DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE.

IF THE VOTE SHALL HAVE BEEN MADE IN WRITING, THE SECRETARY SHALL RECORD THE SPECIFIC MATTER OR MATTERS PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD AND ATTACH THERETO THE BALLOTS RECEIVED. IF ANY VOTES SHALL HAVE BEEN TAKEN VERBALLY, THE SECRETARY SHALL RECORD A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM OF THOSE VOTES, INCLUDING THE NAMES AND VOTES OF THOSE DIRECTORS VOTING, AND SHALL, AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, OBTAIN FROM EACH OF THOSE DIRECTORS A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THEIR VERBAL VOTE.

SECTION 10. PROXY. VOTING BY PROXY SHALL BE LIMITED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. ANY DIRECTOR MAY GIVE HIS PROXY TO ANOTHER DIRECTOR.
- 2. A PROXY MAY BE GIVEN IN WRITING (PREFERRED) BEFORE OR DURING THE MEETING, OR BY PHONE CALL DURING THE MEETING WITNESSED BY THE MAJORITY OF THOSE DIRECTORS IN PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE AT THE TIME (IN WHICH CASE THE SECRETARY SHALL, AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, OBTAIN A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THAT PROXY FROM THE GRANTOR).
- 3. A PROXY SHALL BE VALID ONLY FOR ONE MEETING AND IS VALID FOR ALL ISSUES ADDRESSED AT THAT MEETING, UHLESS RESTRICTED TO/FROM SPECIFIC ISSUES BY THE GRANTOR OR UNLESS RESTRICTED BY PROVISIONS OF THESE BYLAWS. A PROXY MAY ALSO PRESCRIBE A SPECIFIC VOTE ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE.

- 4. NO PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED MORE THAN TWO (2) VOTES (HIS AND ONE PROXY) ON ANY SINGLE ISSUE.
- 5. NO PROXY SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR VOTING INVOLVING AMENDMENT, REVISION, OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS.

SECTION 11. MINUTES. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PRECEDING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE READ AT EACH MEETING WHERE A QUORUM IS PRESENT UNLESS DISPENSED WITH BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF SUCH DIRECTORS. SUCH MINUTES SHALL BE APPROVED, WITH CORRECTION IF NECESSARY.

SECTION 12. TREASURER'S REPORT. AT EACH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE TREASURER SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, AND GIVE THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES MAY, AT ANY TIME DURING A MEETING WHERE A QUORUM IS PRESENT, ELECT BY A MAJORITY OF DIRECTORS PRESENT TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL, LEGAL AND/OR SENSITIVE ISSUES WHICH WOULD OR COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHAPTER'S INTERESTS. THE MINUTES SHALL REFLECT ONLY THAT THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A SPECIFIC TOPIC, AND THE MINUTES SHALL REFLECT THE DECISION OF THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SECTION 14. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER, AT ANY TIME, BY TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REMOVE ANY DIRECTOR, EITHER FOR CAUSE OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

SECTION 15. COMPENSATION. DIRECTORS SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT compensation fop their services without knowledge AND APPROVAL by a majority of the board of directors. in the event a director is an employee, agent, and/or principal of an organization OR enterprise, or IS A person who derives or is in a position to derive financial benefit or other compensation/consideration, it shall NOT BE to the detriment of oklahoma station chapter and/or safari club international's goals, policies, AND/or financial WELL BEING. nothing herein, shall be construed to prevent any director from receiving reimbursement of expenditures made on behalf of the oklahoma station chapter of safari club international.

section 16. conflicts of interest. no director shall act in any manner OR hold any position with any other organization who's goals and objectives are inconsistent and potentially detrimental to this organization's goals, policies and objectives. all directors who are directors of other organizations shall annually, AT OR PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AT WHICH DIRECTOR/OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED, in writing, submit a list of all other SUCH associations, advisING the board of the positions held; and the board sHall approve or disapprove in the MEETING minutes. all directors who have any potential and/or apparent conflict shall advise the board, and the board shall determine if there is a conflict and verify that the situation is not and will not be detrimental to this chapter. in the event it is THE BOARD'S OPINION that a conflict or potential conflict exists, the director MAY BE SUSPENDED UNTIL HE HAS REMOVED THAT CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT TO THE BOARD'S SATISFACTION. iF, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF SUSPENSION, THE DIRECTOR HAS NOT REMOVED THE CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT, HE may be asked to resign, or procedures of removal may begin.

#### ARTICLE VII -- OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NAMES OF OFFICERS. THE OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER SHALL BE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER. IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, AN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND/OR ONE OR MORE VICE PRESIDENT. IN ADDITION, THE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE MAY ELECT SUCH OTHER OFFICERS OR ASSISTANT OFFICERS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

SECTION 2. LIMITATIONS OF POWERS. NO OFFICER SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR HIS SERVICES OTHER THAN REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NO OFFICER MAY HOLD A SIMILAR OFFICE WITH ANY OTHER CLUB, ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION WITH OBJECTIVES AND IDEALS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THIS CHAPTER, WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST MEET

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, OF THESE BYLAWS. ADDITIONALLY, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST ALSO BE A BOARD MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD FOR AT LEAST THE ONE FULL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT.

SECTION 4. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. AT THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING AFTER FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, IF ANY EXISTING OFFICER'S TERM IS DUE TO EXPIRE, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL ELECT A REPLACEMENT. A SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT TERM SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR. EACH OFFICER ELECTED AT SAID MEMBERS' MEETING SHALL TAKE OFFICE ON THE FIRST OF APRIL FOLLOWING SAID ELECTION AND SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS. OFFICERS MAY BE ELECTED FOR SUCCESSIVE TERMS, OR FOR POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER, AT ANY TIME, BY TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF ALL DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE, TO REMOVE ANY OFFICER EITHER FOR CAUSE OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

SECTION 6. DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

- PRESIDENT: THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND OPERATING OFFICER OF THE CHAPTER AND, SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHALL HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE CHAPTER AFFAIRS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE:
  - 1. SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHAPTER.
  - 2. MAY SIGN SUCH DOCUMENTS OF THE CORPORATION AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
  - 3. SHALL CONFER WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON CREATION OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF SAID COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT. THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ASSIGN TO HIM. IN THE ABSENCE OR INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO ACT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL ASSUME THE RESONSIBILITIES AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

- VICE PRESIDENT(S). THE VICE PRESIDENT(S) SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ASSIGN TO HIM. IN THE ABSENCE OR INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO ACT OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT(S) SHALL ASSUME THE RESONSIBILITIES AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.
- TREASURER. THE TREASURER MAY BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH A FIDELITY BOND AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD FOR HIS FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES OF TREASURER. THE BOND SHALL BE IN SUCH AN AMOUNT AS SHALL BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE EXPENSE OF SAID BOND SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAPTER. THE TREASURER SHALL:
  - 1. BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FUNDS AND SECURITIES OF THE CHAPTER FROM ALL SOURCES AND DEPOSITORIES AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DESIGNATE.
  - 2. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, MAY DESIGNATE SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS NECESSARY TO ASSIST HIM AS HIS AGENT IN CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE.
  - 3. REVIEW AND REPORT ALL RECORDS OF CHAPTER INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.
  - 4. MAKE A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CHAPTER. THIS FINANCIAL

REPORT SHALL BE MADE AT EACH REGULAR MEETING.

5. PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO HIM BY THE PRESIDENT AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

#### SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY SHALL:

- 1. KEEP THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS IN A BOOK PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE.
- 2. SEE THAT ALL NOTICES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS ARE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THESE BYLAWS OR AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
- 3. KEEP A REGISTER OF THE MOST CURRENT MAIL AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS PROVIDED BY EACH MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER.
- 4. PREPARE AGENDAS FOR ALL THE MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- 5. PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY.

#### ARTICLE VIII -- SEAL

THE CHAPTER SEAL SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

#### ARTICLE IX -- CONTRACTS AND INSTRUMENTS

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE. NO PERSON SHALL HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO EXPEND MONEY OR BIND THE CHAPTER BY ANY CONTRACT OR INSTRUMENT UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THESE BYLAWS OR BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DO SO.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY AUTHORIZE ANY OFFICER, OFFICERS, AGENT OR AGENTS OF THE CHAPTER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY CONTRACT, NOTE OR OTHER INSTRUMENT IN THE NAME OF THE CHAPTER. SUCH AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE CONFINED TO SPECIFIC INSTANCES AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE GENERAL AUTHORITY.

### ARTICLE X -- PAST-PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

SECTION 1. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THERE SHALL BE A PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL ("COUNCIL") WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF ALL PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE CHAPTER WHO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING AS MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER. A QUORUM FOR THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF ITS MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY MEETING. THE COUNCIL SHALL BE REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE FOR THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE RATHER THAN ONE VOTE FOR EACH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL'S ONE VOTE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS PRESENT.

SECTION 2. TERM. EACH PAST PRESIDENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR A LIFE TERM, AS LONG AS HE REMAINS IN GOOD STANDING AS A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 3. DUTIES. THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE CONDITION AND OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHAPTER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

#### ARTICLE XI -- FISCAL YEAR

THE FISCAL YEAR OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL END MARCH 31 OF EACH YEAR.

#### ARTICLE XII -- RULES OF ORDER

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THESE BYLAWS, ALL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY "ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER REVISED" IN SO FAR AS THEY ARE APPROPRIATE.

#### **ARTICLE XIII -- PROPERTY RIGHTS**

NO MEMBER, DIRECTOR, OR OFFICER SHALL HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN ANY OF THE ASSETS OR PROPERTY OF THIS CHAPTER EXCEPT THE RIGHT TO MAKE USE THEREOF AS A MEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

#### ARTICLE XIV -- DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

UPON LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, WINDING-UP OR ABANDONMENT OF THIS CHAPTER, ALL OF THE PROPERTY AND ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR CONVEYED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY WAY OF GIFT TO ONE (1) OR MORE DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS, EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME AND PROPERTY TAXATION AND ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE CHAPTER AS MAY BE ELECTED BY THIS CHAPTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF INCORPORATION RELATING TO THE LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, WINDING-UP OR ABANDONMENT OF ITS NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS.

IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY PROPERTIES OR ASSETS OF THIS CHAPTER BE CONVEYED OR TRANSFERRED TO ANY MEMBER UPON THE LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, WINDING-UP OR ABANDONMENT OF THIS CHAPTER. ON A TRUST INDENTURE WHEREIN THE CHAPTER IS THE TRUSTEE AND THERE REMAIN UNPERFORMED DUTIES OR FUNDS DUE UNDER THE TRUST PROVISION, AND SUCH TRUST AGREEMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN A PROVISION GIVING THE CHAPTER POWER TO APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, UPON DISSOLUTION, THE CHAPTER MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN THE STATE DESIGNATED BY THE TRUST INDENTURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO ADMINISTER SUCH FUND.

#### ARTICLE XV -- INTERPRETATION OF BYLAWS

THE PRONOUNS AND RELATIVE WORDS HEREIN USED ARE WRITTEN IN THE MASCULINE AND SINGULAR. HOWEVER, MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE PERSONS OF THE FEMININE SEX; AND SUCH WORDS SHALL BE READ AS IF WRITTEN TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE FEMININE SEX.

#### ARTICLE XVI -- AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

#### SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THESE BYLAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE DIRECTORS SERVING AND AUTHORIZED TO VOTE (NO PROXYS PERMITTED), PROVIDED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN WRITING TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD AT WHICH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED [UNLESS SUCH 30-DAY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE DIRECTORS SERVING AND AUTHORIZED TO VOTE (NO PROXYS PERMITTED)]. TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST SEVEN DIRECTORS.

ANY CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE CHAPTER ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OR PUBLICATION OF THE CHAPTER.

#### SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS BY THE MEMBERS AT A MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

A. THESE BYLAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY DULY-AUTHORIZED AND OFFICIALLY CALLED MEETING OF THE MEMBERS BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE.

- B. SUCH PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS AT ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, MUST BE SIGNED BY 30% OF MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE.
- C. PROPOSALS FOR ANY SUCH CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS AT A MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PRINTED IN THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OR JOURNAL OF THE CHAPTER NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS OR MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AT WHICH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED.
- D. NOTWITHSTANDING PRIOR NOTICE BY MAIL OR BY PUBLICATION OF SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS, GERMANE REVISIONS TO SUCH PROPOSALS MADE FROM THE FLOOR SHALL BE IN ORDER.
- E. ANY CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE CHAPTER ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OR PUBLICATION OF THE CHAPTER.

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[ARTICLE XVII REPEALED]

ADDENDUM A

SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 29, 1987

- 1. EACH CHAPTER WILL FORWARD TO SCI A YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THE CLOSE OF THEIR FISCAL YEAR BUT NOT LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS. EXTENSIONS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IF NECESSARY.
- 2. EACH CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE FUND-RAISER PER YEAR AND DONATE 30% OF NET, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF \$2,000 TO THE SCI GENERAL FUND. IT IS HOPED THE FUND-RAISERS WOULD GROW EACH YEAR, BUT THERE IS NO MINIMUM REQUIREMENT. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENCOURAGE THE CHAPTER TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN A SOCIAL GROUP.
- 3. A CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A NEWSLETTER OR SIMILAR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR CHAPTER MEMBERS AT LEAST QUARTERLY WITH A COPY TO SCI-TUCSON, THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT.
- 4. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO BE REPRESENTED AT NO LESS THAN ONE BOARD MEETING PER YEAR. CHAPTERS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.
- 5. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT PRIOR TO EACH BOARD MEETING. THE OBLIGATION OF SCI IS TO REQUEST THAT REPORT THROUGH THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS.
- 6. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE CONSERVATION PROJECT ON A LOCAL LEVEL ON A YEARLY BASIS.
- 7. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE EDUCATIONAL PROJECT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS (I.E., LOCAL PROGRAM, PARTICIPATION BY SENDING A PARTICIPANT TO AWLS/GRANITE RANCH OR IN ONE OF THE COMING PROJECTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MUSEUM).
- 8. A CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS.
- 9. NEWLY CHARTERED CHAPTERS SHALL UPON APPROVAL OF THEIR CHARTER SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT SAID CHAPTER SHALL FULLY COMPLY WITH AND ABIDE BY ALL BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EITHER AT THE TIME OF SIGNATURE OR ANY TIME THEREAFTER.

10. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF NO LESS THAN 25 MEMBERS.

#### ARTICLE XVIII. DEFINITIONS

- COMPENSATION IS DEFINED AS CASH, MONEY OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN KIND, SUCH AS A TRADE-OUT FOR A HUNT, SERVICES BY OUTFITTER/DONOR OR ANY OTHER THING OF VALUE THAT IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL AND/OR OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER'S INTEREST AND/OR CONSTITUTES A DETRIMENT.
- <u>DETRIMENT</u> IS DEFINED AS ANY FINANCIAL CONFLICT THAT DOES OR COULD DECREASE ANY OF THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE CHAPTER; AND/OR ANY CONFLICT THAT DOES OR COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE POLICIES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHAPTER; AND/OR ANY ACT THAT DOES OR COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF THE OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER AND ITS MEMBERS.
- MAIL IS DEFINED AS WRITTEN TRANSMISSION OF DATA OR INFORMATION BY PLACEMENT WITH THE POSTAL SYSTEM, COURIER, TELEGRAM, FAXSCIMILE, OR E-MAIL TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY A MEMBER; UNLESS FURTHER SPECIFIED IN A PARTICULAR SECTION OF THESE BYLAWS.
- NOTICE IS DEFINED AS MAILING THIRTEEN (13) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE SET FOR A MEETING. SUCH MAILING SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR DELIVERY TEN (10) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE SET FOR THAT MEETING. EXCEPTIONS ARE PERMITTED AS MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THESE BYLAWS.
- QUORUM IS DEFINED AS: FOR DIRECTORS, 50% OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE; FOR PAST PRESIDENTS, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE; FOR MEMBERS, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. FOR DIRECTORS, PROXYS GRANTED SHALL BE COUNTED IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OR PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.
- WRITTEN OR IN WRITING IS DEFINED AS HAND-WRITTEN OR TYPED (WHETHER DELIVERED IN PERSON, BY POSTAL SYSTEM, OR BY COURIER SUCH AS UPS OR DHL), TELEGRAM, FAXSCIMILE OR EMAIL; UNLESS FURTHER SPECIFIED IN A PARTICULAR SECTION OF THESE BYLAWS.

# 2008-2009 Hunting Guide/Regulations

Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know that the 2008/2009 Hunting Guide/Regulations should be hitting the shelf this week. In an effort to help promote the Oklahoma Station of Safari Club International we listed the organization and logo on several pages.

Page 11 is the promo for the Archery in Schools Program and your \$9,500 donation to AIS last year is listed on this page.

Page 32 is the Hunters Against Hunger Program and your logo appears on the box where we thank you and Natureworks for sponsoring the program

Page 40 is the Essay Contest and Teacher contest again your logo and an appreciation statement for assisting with the sponsorship of this great program

Page 58 Safari Club is again listed along with all of the donors to the Department this past year

As always we appreciate the support that the Oklahoma Station of Safari Club International gives to the Department and its programs.

I'd like to invite you to our 2009 Archery in the Schools state shoot. It is scheduled for April 1, 2009 at the Cox Convention Center downtown Oklahoma City. We anticipate between 1,200 and 1,500 kids this year. We have room for conservation organizations to set up booths at this years event so we would like you to be there if possible.

Thanks,

Colin Berg, Education Section Supervisor, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

# WOMEN'S OUTDOOR SKILLS WORKSHOP

### Tenkiller State Park

EVENT COODINATORS: Leann Bunn, Don Chitwood, and Luann Sewell Waters

WITO Committee: Jackie Morrow, Judy Blackwell, Selonda Mosley, Carla McCoy, Becky Harris, Marty Peters, Susan Cro, Sheri Blaylock, Sandy Potts and Tenkiller Park Partners.

## OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Tenkiller State Park Vian, OK

PARTICIPANT NAME		
ADDRESS	_	
CITY, STATE, ZIP		
PHONE (DAY):	PHONE (EVENING):_	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		(VERY IMPORTANT: CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT BY
EMAIL OR NOTIFICATION WILI	L BE DONE BY PHONE)	
DATE OF BIRTH	(PARTICIPANTS 14-17	MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AND HAVE A
SIGNED RELEASE FORM INC	LUDED WITH REGISTI	RATION FORM)

THERE ARE TWO RELEASE FORMS THAT MUST BE SIGNED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS WORKSHOP, ONE FOR THE NWTF AND ONE FOR THE OKLAHOMA TOURISM AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE LATTER IS REQUIRED ONLY FOR THOSE THAT ARE INTENDING TO TAKE THE RAPPELLING COURSE.

- YOU WILL ATTEND 3 TO 6 SESSIONS DEPENDING ON YOUR CHOICES, IF YOU STAY FOR THE ENTIRE WORKSHOP.
- 2. PLEASE RANK IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE #1 WILL BE YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY, #16 BEING YOUR LOWEST PRIORITY. THIS ALLOWS US TO ASSIGN ALTERNATE CLASSES THAT WE KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THOSE CLASSES THAT ARE ONLY OFFERED ON SUNDAY OR ARE LONG CLASSES BECAUSE THIS WILL LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLASSES THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO CLASS SIZES.
- 3. THERE WILL BE NO ALTERING THE NUMBER ALLOWED PER CLASS, AT INSTRUCTORS REQUEST.
- 4. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE CLASSES ONLY OFFERED ON SUNDAY, YOU MUST PAY THE EXTENDED WORKSHOP FEE. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT TO GET YOU IN MOST OF THE CLASSES YOU REQUEST, SUNDAY CLASSES MAY BE REQUIRED.
- 5. SATURDAY LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR MORNING DUTCH OVEN CLASS; SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR AFTERNOON DUTCH OVEN CLASS. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST WILL BE FRUIT, MUFFINS, YOGURT, DONUTS, DANISH, COFFEE, JUICE, AND WATER. SNACKS AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE WORKSHOP. SUNDAY LUNCH WILL BE A HOTDOG LUNCH PROVIDED BY TENKILLER PARK PARTNERS.
- 6. EARLY REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT THE DRIFTWOOD NATURE CENTER WITHIN TENKILLER STATE PARK FROM 7:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31, 2008.
- 7. IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST IN THE NIGHT TIME ORIENTERRING CLASS THE FIRST CLASS WILL OCCURR OCT.31, 2008 AT 9:30 P.M. AFTER EARLY REGISTRATION. THOSE LADIES THAT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS SECTION WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE.
- 8. REGULAR REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 1, 2008 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:50 A.M.; COMMUNITY BUILDING, TENKILLER STATE PARK. CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M.
- 9. CLASSES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.
- 10. MUST HAVE AT LEAST 5 LADIES FOR A CLASS TO OCCUR.

CLASS SCHEDULE MORNING CLASSE

MORNING CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. AFTERNOON CLASSES BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.

SILENT AUCTION: ALL DAY SATURDAY AND ENDING AT 8:00 P.M.

SUPPER BEGINS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

RAFFLE: 5:30P.M.-8:00 P.M.

1	
	AND SUNDAY MORNING 2 HOUR CLASS: 15 PERSON
	LIMIT
2	COLD PROCESS LYE SOAP AND ANTLER JEWELRY:
	SATURDAY MORNING AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
	SOAP SAMPLES WILL BE PROVIDED: \$5.00 MATERIALS
	FEE. 2 HOUR CLASS
3.	DUTCH OVEN COOKING: SATURDAY MORNING CLASS
	WILL BE PROVIDING OUR LUNCH AND THE SATURDAY
	AFTERNOON CLASS WILL BE PROVIDING OUR SUPPER 4
	HOUR CLASS INCLUDING CLEANUP TIME. <u>15 PERSON</u>
	REQUIREMENT PER CLASS OR WE DON'T GET TO  "FOR A TIV":
	<u>"EAT!"</u> :
4	SKEET SHOOTING: SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND
	SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2 HOUR CLASSES. 15 PERSON
	LIMIT. CLASS WILL BE HELD AT THE CORP OF
	ENGINEERS HEADQUARTER OFFICE ACROSS THE DAM.
5	LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING/BACKPACKING:
	SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY MORNING: 2
	HOUR CLASS.
6	KNIFE FORGING: SATURDAY CLASS (ALL DAY) AND
<u> </u>	SUNDAY CLASS (ALL DAY) LIMIT OF 8 LADIES PER
	CLASS NO MORE WILL BE ALLOWED. \$12.00 Materials
	Fee.
7	MUZZLELOADER: SATURDAY MORNING AND
'	SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 5 PERSON LIMIT PER CLASS. 2
	HOUR CLASS.
8	TRAILER BACKING: SATURDAY MORNING AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 10 PERSON LIMIT: 3.5 HOUR CLASS
9	BASIC FISHING TECHNIQUES: SATURDAY MORNING
	AND SUNDAY MORNING, 3 HOUR CLASS
10	WIGOD ADT GATUDDAY ATTENNOON AND GUNDAY
10	WOOD ART: SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2 HOUR CLASS, \$5.00 MATERIALS FEE
	AFTERNOON 2 HOUR CLASS, \$5.00 MATERIALS FEE
11	PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING: SATURDAY
	MORNING, SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY
	MORNING: \$8.00 MATERIALS FEE. THREE HOUR CLASS
12.	BASIC SELF DEFENSE: SATURDAY MORNING AND
12	SUNDAY AFTERNOON 1 _ HOUR CLASS, 15 PERSON
	LIMIT
12	ELINE ENLA DDING, CATUDDAY MODNING CATUDDAY
13	FLINT KNAPPING: SATURDAY MORNING, SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON: MATERIALS
	FEE OF \$5.00, FOUR HOUR CLASS; MUST PROVIDE OWN
	EYE PROTECTION AND LEATHER GLOVES FOR THIS
	CLASS. 10 PERSON LIMIT PER CLASS.
14.	BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY: SATURDAY MORNING AND
14	SUNDAY MORNING
15	
	FRIDAY NIGHT CLASS: 9:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY NIGHT
	CLASS: 8:30 P.M. 2 HOUR CLASS 15 PERSON LIMIT
16	FLY FISHING AND FLY TYING: SATURDAY

## AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON 10 PERSON LIMIT; 2 HOUR CLASS

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE LAYOUT AND CHOOSE YOU CLASSES ACCORDINGLY.

PLEASE COME PREPARED FOR INCLEMATE WEATHER: RAIN GEAR AND WARM CLOTHES ARE RECOMMENDED. THIS EVENT WILL OCCUR RAIN OR SHINE!

#### WORKSHOP FEES: ALL CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR AVAILABILITY

- \$50.00 Single for one day (Early Bird by October 20, 2008 is \$5.00 off) includes DUTCH OVEN
  LUNCH AND DUTCH OVEN SUPPER, use of all equipment, program materials and instruction.
  Workshop fee also includes complimentary Women in the Outdoors 1-year membership, membership card, decal & 1-year subscription to the Women in the Outdoors magazine.

  \$75.00 Mother /Daughter special for One day (Early Bird by October 20th, \$5.00 off)

  \$65.00 Single for Two days (Early Bird by October 20th, take \$5.00 off)

  \$85.00 For Two days Mother/Daughter Special (Early Bird by October 20th: Take \$5.00 off)
- If you are planning on staying at Tenkiller State Park in one of our beautiful cabins or in one of our camping areas, Please Call to Reserve

cabins or RV sites in Fox Squirrel campground only: 918-489-5641 or 918-489-5643.

You can make your reservations online at: www.Oklahomaparks.com or at tenkillercabins@oklahomaparks.com

Tenkiller State Park manager, Steve Williams, has authorized a \$10.00 per night discount and a late check out time of 2:00 p.m. on Sunday of the event for all WITO participants. RV sites will be discounted \$3.00 per night and Tent sites will be discounted \$2.00 per night. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU MENTION THIS EVENT WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS.

#### THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION AND/OR RAFFLE!!!!

(This is perfect opportunity for early Christmas shopping!)

THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR A RIFLE SO COME PREPARED TO PURCHASE TICKETS!!!

## ALL VOLUNTEERS, PARTICIPANTS, AND INSTRUCTORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SILENT AUCTION!

Make checks payable to:	NWIF.	Mastercard,	Visa, American	Express or	Discover also	accepted.	Complete the f	ollowing for	credi
card transaction:									
Credit Card Information:									
Card Type	Card	Number	Exp. Date						
Signature as on Credit Ca	rd:								

## THERE WILL BE NO SWITCHING CLASSES AFTER THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE. OCTOBER 15, 2008. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 20 TH.

### \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE \*\*\*\*\*

YOUR MATERIALS FEES WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE. IF YOU SELECT A CLASS THAT REQUIRES A MATERIALS FEE PLEASE COME PREPARED TO PAY BY CHECK OR WITH EXACT CASH AMOUNTS. AT REGISTRATION YOU WILL BE ASSESSED YOUR INDIVIDUAL MATERIALS FEES ACCORDING TO THE CLASSES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED.

CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL UPON RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION FEE. THIS WILL INCLUDE DIRECTIONS TO OUR PARK. IF YOU SEND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION THEN A HARD COPY WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

## **Questions? Contact:**

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MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO: TENKILLER STATE PARK WITO 2008 HCR 68 BOX 1095 VIAN, OK 74962 ATTENTION: LEANN BUNN

#### **EVENT ITINERARY**

**EARLY REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 31, 2008** 

7:00 P.M. -9:00 P.M.

DRIFTWOOD NATURE CENTER WITHIN TENKILLER STATE PARK

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY REGISTRATION

NOVEMBER 1 AND 2, 2008

REGULAR REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION

TENKILLER STATE PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING

7:00 A.M.-7:50A.M.

DANISH, COFFEE, WATER, YOGURT, JUICE, AND FRUIT AVAILABLE

REMEMBER THAT CLASSES ARE ON A FIRST REGISTERED BASIS. MOST CLASSES WILL HAVE A SIZE LIMIT, AND YOU WILL BE PLACED IN CLASSES ACCORDING TO YOUR PREFERENCE. IF A CLASS IS FILLED YOU WILL BE PLACED IN YOUR NEXT CHOICE.

#### FRIDAY OCTOBER 31, 2008 NIGHT CLASS: 15 PERSON LIMIT

NIGHT TIME ORIENTERRING: CLASS WILL MEET AT THE NATURE CENTER; CLASS WILL BEGIN AFTER EARLY REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE AT 9:00 P.M. THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE THIS CLASS WILL BE NOTIFIED AHEAD OF TIME.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2008** 

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO LOCATION AND TRAVEL TIME.

SILENT AUCTION WILL BEGIN

MORNING CLASSES:

8:00 A.M - 10:00

BEGINNING RAPPELLING: DIRECTIONS TO SITE WILL BE ANNOUNCED

MUZZLELOADER: GOOSE NECK BEND NORTH BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY: NATURE CENTER

<u>10:15 A.M. - 12:15</u>

COLD PROCESS LYE SOAP AND ANTLER JEWELRY: COMMUNITY BUILDING BASIC SELF DEFENSE: IN SHELTER 1 AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE PARK

LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING/BACKPACKING: NATURE CENTER

8:00 A.M. - 12:15

KNIFE FORGING: ALL DAY CLASS OUTSIDE OF COMMUNTIY BUILDING

TRAILER BACKING: HICKORY FLATS BASIC FISHING: FISHERMAN'S POINT

FLINT KNAPPING: OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING UNDER EASY UP

DUTCH OVEN CLASS: OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING/IF INCLEMENT WEATHER IN SHELTER 2

PINE NEEDLE BASKETS: COMMUNITY BUILDING

LUNCH: 12:15-1:15 P.M.

**AFTERNOON CLASSES:** 

1:30 -3:30 P.M.

SKEET SHOOTING: CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT OFFICE, DIRECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED.

MUZZLELOADING: GOOSENECK BEND NORTH WOOD ART: SHELTER 1 ENTRANCE OF THE PARK.

3:40- 5:30 P.M.

LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING/BACKPACKING: NATURE CENTER

COLD PROCESS LYE SOAP AND ANTLER JEWELRY: COMMUNITY BUILDING

FLY FISHING AND FLY TYING: SHELTER 1 ENTRANCE OF THE PARK

#### 1:30 - 5:30 P.M.

DUTCH OVEN COOKING: OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING/IF INCLEMENT WEATHER IN SHELTER 2 BEHIND NATURE

**CENTER** 

KNIFE FORGING: SECOND HALF OF MORNING CLASS OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING

TRAILER BACKING: HICKORY FLATS BOAT RAMP ON BACKSIDE OF PARK

PINE NEEDLE BASKETS: COMMUNITY BUILDING

FLINT KNAPPING: OUTSIDE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING/EASY UP FOR SHELTER

#### **EVENING MEAL: 5:45-7:30**

RAFFLES AND AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING EVENING MEAL

#### SATURDAY NIGHT CLASS: 8:30 P.M. 15 PERSON LIMIT

NIGHT TIME ORIENTEERING: MEET AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

IF YOU WISH TO BE IN THE SATURDAY NIGHT CLASS STIPULATE THIS AND ORGANIZE YOUR OTHER CHOICES ACCORDINGLY, OTHERWISE YOU MIGHT BE PLACE IN THE FRIDAY NIGHT COURSE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR OTHER CLASS CHOICES.

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2008**

#### **BREAKFAST**

8:00a m.

(Fruit, yogurt, muffins/sweet rolls, coffee, juice, and water)

CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.

#### SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

9-11:00 A.M.

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY: NATURE CENTER 10 PERSON LIMIT

BEGINNING RAPPELLING: LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED 2 HOUR COURSE 15 PERSON LIMIT

PINE BASKET WEAVING: COMMUNITY BUILDING 3-4 HOUR 10 PERSON LIMIT

BASIC FISHING TECHNIQUES: FISHERMAN'S POINT 3-4 HOUR

KNIFE FORGING: ALL DAY CLASS OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING 8 PERSON LIMIT

#### LUNCH: 11:30-12:30 COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES

12:45-4:45P.M.

SKEET SHOOTING: CORPS OF ENGINEERS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE 2HOUR COURSE 15 PERSON LIMIT

KNIFE FORGING CLASS: ALL DAY CLASS CONTINUED FROM THE MORNING WOOD ART: COMMUNITY BUILDING; 2HOUR COURSE 15 PERSON LIMIT

BASIC SELF DEFENSE: SHELTER 1 ENTRANCE OF PARK; 1-2 HOURS

FLINT KNAPPING: OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY BUILDING/ INCLEMENT WEATHER THEN

SHELTER 2 BEHIND NATURE CENTER 4 HOURS; 10 PERSON LIMIT

FLY FISHING AND FLY TYING: OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING 2-3 HOURS; 15 PERSON LIMIT

## NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE YOUR BELONGINGS OUT OF THE CABINS BEFORE 2:00 P.M. SO PREPARE BEFORE CLASSES START ON SUNDAY TO BE OUT OF YOUR CABIN.

Thank you for attending our WITO event and visiting Tenkiller State Park

**OKLAHOMA'S HEAVEN IN THE HILLS** 

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## Oklahoma Station - Safari Club International



Application for Lifetime CHAPTER Membership
(You must maintain an active membership in Safari Club International for Lifetime. Chapter Membership in the Oklahoma Station chapter to be in effect.)

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Sam C. Munhollon Membership Chairman 10830 N. Bryant Oklahoma City, OK 73131

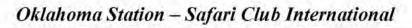
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## Membership Application





## ADULT CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

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1) STEINER "Peregrine XP" 10 x 44 binocular



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Retail Price: \$2,499

Typical Discount Price: \$1,599 + tax &/or shipping

BUY IT THROUGH SCI NOW PRICE: \$1,350 total

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ZEISS "CONQUEST" 4.5–14 x 44 RZ 800 riflescope

Retail Price: \$937

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BUY IT THROUGH SCI NOW PRICE: \$725 total

- ---FOR ALL THE REST, THERE'S SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR PHOTOS.
- --BELOW AND ON THE NEXT PAGE IS THE LIST, INCLUDING RETAIL/LIST PRICES WHERE AVAILABLE, AND INCLUDING THE <u>TOTAL</u> PRICE FOR YOU TO BUY THROUGH SCI <u>NOW</u>. THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU CAN BUY CHEAPER, BUT IT SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY.
- --WE EMPHASIZE BUYING "NOW", BECAUSE IN SOME CASES THERE ARE AS FEW AS FOUR ITEMS FROM ANY ONE MANUFACTURER AVAILABLE TO US—NOT FOUR DIFFERENT MODELS, BUT FOUR ITEMS TOTAL. PERIOD.
- --EACH OF US NEEDS TO BUY NOW BECAUSE WE NEED TO PUT OUR ORDERS TOGETHER AND PLACE A SINGLE ORDER, INCLUDING FULL PAYMENT, WITH EACH MANUFACTURER BY YEAR-END! THEN THE ITEMS WILL BE SHIPPED TO US IN TIME TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE BANQUET (or sent to you later if necessary; you would need to pay for the shipping).
- --WE CAN NOT GET THESE ITEMS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS—ONLY AT BANQUET TIME, BUT YOU COULD PUT A NICE PHOTO IN THE XMAS STOCKING!
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- --DO NOT ASK THE MANUFACTURERS OR ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THESE SPECIAL PRICES OR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM!!!!! THIS IS SPECIAL FOR SCI!!!
- --ALL SALES ARE FINAL. REPEAT: ALL SALES ARE FINAL.
- --TO ORDER, EMAIL OR FAX VERILEA FAUST: faust4v@pldi.net or 405-263-7956.
- --PAY BY VISA, MASTER CHARGE, OR CHECK.
- --ORDER AND PAY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2008!!
- --USE THE LIST BELOW AND ON THE NEXT PAGE AS YOUR TWO-PAGE ORDER FORM. COMPLETE EVERYTHING! SEND THESE TWO PAGES TO VERILEA

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"ST" = STEINERwww.steiner-binoculars.c	om	"ZS" = ZEISSwww.zeiss.com			
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## YOU FILL IN THE "QTY" AND "TOTAL \$" ON EACH LINE, AND ADD THE TOTALS

VERY LIMITED SUPPLY OF SOME ITEMS; FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED... (if a manufacturer closes the program or raises prices, payment will be refunded in full)

MFR	ITEM	~RTL \$	YOUR \$_	TOTAL QTY \$
ST	Binocular, Peregrine XP, 10 x 44, black	2,499	1,350	
ST	Binocular, Predator C5, 10 x 42, green	1,199	640	
ST	Binocular, Predator C5, 12 x 42, green	1,299	690	
SW	Binocular, EL, 8 x 32, green	1,888	1,500	
SW	Binocular, SLC, 10 x 50, green	1,999	1,550	
ZS	Riflescope, Conquest, 4.5–14 x 44, Z-Plex, matte	852	650	
ZS	Riflescope, Conquest, 4.5–14 x 44, RZ 800, matte	937	725	
ZS	Riflescope, Conquest, 4.5–14 x 44, RZ 1000, matte	937	725	
LP	Riflescope, VX-7, 2.5-10 x 45, XT Duplex, matte	1,749	1,200	
LP	Riflescope, VX-II, 3-9 x 40, LR Duplex, matte	415	300	
NI	Riflescope, Monarch Gold, 1.5–6 x 42, Nikoplex, matte	841	525	
NI	Riflescope, Monarch Gold, 2.5–10 x 50, BDC, matte	1,061	630	
NI	Riflescope, Monarch, 8–32 x 50 SF, BDC, matte	963	600	
SW	Riflescope, Z6i, 1-6 x 24, CD-I, matte	2,199	1,800	
SW	Riflescope, Z6, 1.7-10 x 42, Plex, matte	1,854	1,490	
KA	Riflescope, CSX, 1.1-4 x 24, C-DOT, matte	1,750	1,450	
KA	Riflescope, KX, 3-9 x 42, Plex, matte	749	625	
SW	Spotting Scope, STS, 65 mm, w/ 20-60 eyepiece, grn	1,965	1,600	
SW	Spotting Scope, ATS, 65 mm, w/ 20-60 eyepiece, grn	1,965	1,600	
SW	Spot'ng Scope, STS HD, 80 mm, w/ 20-60 eyepc, grn	3,142	2,575	
SW	Spot'ng Scope, ATS HD, 80 mm, w/ 20-60 eyepc, grn	3,142	2,575	

## Be Santa, and save \$150!! Give a gift that will literally last a lifetime!!



JUST
IN TIME
FOR
CHRISTMAS!

SCI Chapter Lifetime-Member rates are about to increase!

National member lifetime rates have already increased (sorry, we didn't get any advance notice of that one); but we would like everyone to have a little more notice here in our Oklahoma Chapter, so our chapter lifetime-member rates will not increase until December 31. Then they will go up from the current \$600 to a new \$750 (for those 65 and older, up from the current \$400 to a new \$500).

So...Santa, or Mrs. Santa, or Mom & Dad Santas....

...how about giving that gift that keeps on giving—for a lifetime!

Contact Sam Munhollon now to buy a lifetime membership for that special someone in your life—or for yourself! Do it now, 'cause it takes time to process! Contact Sam at <a href="mailto:smunhollon@aol.com">smunhollon@aol.com</a> or 877-838-1234 or 405-302-4130.

If you or your favorite member is already a National lifetime member, then all you need now is an Oklahoma Station Chapter lifetime membership: \$600 under 65 years of age; \$400 for those 65 and above.

A National lifetime membership is a prerequisite for lifetime membership in our chapter. A National lifetime membership currently costs \$1,500 for anyone under 60 years of age, and \$1,250 for those 60 and above.

Thanks, Santa!