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President's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year! Here it is 2018..where does the time go!! I hope this finds you all fit as fiddles and as happy as clams!!

This year is sure to bring many good things and many opportunities to DO GOOD THINGS for our communities!! Let's find some projects!! We cannot say that our SCI Northwest Chapter year is over and another is beginning because our fiscal year runs from July 1st, 2017 through June 30th, 2018. So there is still time to do many wonderful projects before our year is complete.

Our next BIG project is the 43rd Anniversary of our Sportsmen for Conservation Fund Banquet & Wildlife Benefit Auction. This is our BIG money maker for the year. It funds most of our projects and fulfills our budget needs. It is coming up quick! Mark those calendars for FEBRUARY 17, 2018!!! The planning is in full swing!! Volunteers are always needed so don't hesitate to speak up and join in!! It is sure to be a great afternoon and evening of fun, excitement, great company, yummy food and drink, and lots of auction items and raffle prizes!! OH, Did I forget to mention GUNS!! Sign up today!! Bring nine friends and fill up a table. Better yet, buy a sponsor table! That Stoeger 12 Gauge shotgun will look good in your duck blind! Look for the flyer in this issue of the Newsletter!

The 46th Annual SCI National Convention, "2018 Ultimate Sportsmen's Market" is being held January 31- February 3 in Las Vegas. Another event you won't want to miss! "The Convention is a fun time to meet old friends, swap hunting stories and

enjoy the grandest marketplace in the world for everything dealing with hunting", well put by CEO Rick Parsons. It offers great entertainment as well and many auctions, seminars, and exhibitors to meet. You can see it all when you "Chase the Adventure" at SCI's Annual Hunter's Convention!

I always want to thank all of the Northwest Chapter's great volunteers and busy worker bees! Your Board of Directors is working hard to fulfill the mission of SCI, protecting our freedom to hunt and promoting wildlife conservation worldwide. Thank you!!!

See you all at the Banquet!! OH YEAH!!

JoDean Peters

SCI Northwest Chapter President



Birthday on the River

By Del Web



The last few years, I have looked with interest at the 5-day Whitewater Rafting trip on Idaho's Salmon River offered at our Chapter's Annual Fundraiser, donated by Verle Duerden's Action Whitewater Adventures on the main Salmon River. They furnish all equipment, meals and guides. My sister and I usually get together for a trip into the wilds once every summer. How to put these ideas together? Maybe 4th of July on the Salmon as a Birthday present would work? (Her birthday is July 6th – more about that later.)

She thought it was a great idea! I was able to buy it at the Banquet and start planning. I contacted Action Whitewater and discovered they had a trip scheduled to start July 3rd. We signed up and started getting ready. They do trips from mid-June into September-depending on water conditions. The trip starts in Salmon, Idaho and finishes in McCall, Idaho. There are a variety of options to get to the start and we elected to drive. This meant getting my pickup shuttled to McCall for a fee.

We met the guides and other members of our group the evening of July 3rd at our hotel in

Salmon to coordinate the trip start the next morning. Our group of 12 plus guides ranged in age from 16 to 72(me). People were from Oregon, Washington, Texas, Connecticut and Utah.

Floating options ranged from drifting in your life vest, individual paddle rafts, group paddle raft to riding on the equipment raft. Since daily temperatures reached 85 to 95 F, most people got wet one way or another every day.

July 4th was our first day on the river. Celebrating the 4th around the campfire that night was very special.

Wildlife along the river was a treat. Besides birds of many kinds, we saw deer, elk and bighorn sheep. I was the only member of our group not to see a black bear. I did not bring a fishing pole, but, will if I go again.

Oh, about that birthday. My sister did not want others to know about her birthday. Of course, I let the guides know anyway. They surprised her with a dutch-oven cake and a special song for her at the campfire that night.

Memorable stops were made at Bronco Billy's Trading Post and a great hot spring feeding a rock "tub".

The River and the Staff of Action Whitewater Adventures made this a very memorable experience for us.

**If you have old, new, funny or memorable pictures & stories
about your outdoor adventures, we want them for our
website and newsletter!**

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**Fred Peters with an archery
antelope from Wyoming in 2017.**
Four day hunt in early September,
great accommodations...Lots more
info at the banquet!

2018 Auction Item



**Jan Pearson with a red hartebeest and a springbok. Read more about this adventure later in this issue and bid on this
hunt at our 2018 banquet! Tickets available now at www.scinw.com. See you there on February 17!**

“Kahne’s Kare Packages”

In Recognition of Kahne Loftus

For his compassion and willingness to help others!

Submitted by JoDean Peters

This past November, I received a letter from an acquaintance about her son and how he was coping with a loss of a very dear uncle. I am sharing this letter with you to celebrate Kahne’s wonderful way of sharing with others and to help himself cope with his terrible loss. Please read on...here’s the letter..

“A year ago, Oct. 7th 2016, my Little brother Derek Harris passed away completely unexpectedly in his sleep, he was only 31. He not only was Kahne's Uncle, but his best friend! Anytime he could invite someone to go anywhere with us, it was always "Uncle Dude", that was his nickname for him! Kahne invited him to everything, that it got to the point where all Kahne’s friends knew and LOVED "Uncle Dude"!!

My brother didn't like sports, but because Kahne loved baseball so much, he would go to baseball games with us for Kahne! When my brother passed, it devastated all of us, but Kahne the most, as it was the first time he lost a loved one, that he was old enough to understand what death was. Watching him deal with emotions he had never experienced before was and is very difficult to watch.

With that in mind, we got in touch with a friend of ours and got Kahne a Military pen pal (American Soldier) overseas (Afghanistan), which has helped Kahne cope with missing his Uncle Dude. He will never replace "Uncle Dude", but having a pen pal is helping him deal with his passing.

In writing to his pen pal, Chad, Kahne found out that Chad and the 37 soldiers in his platoon don’t get to come home for the holidays. Kahne didn’t skip a beat, and asked if we could send some care packages!!



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Words from Kane’s Mom:

This past Christmas was Kahne’s first year doing the Kare packages, and the soldiers were thrilled. He has gotten letters back from several of the soldiers, thanking Kahne and telling him how very much the packages meant to all of them and they couldn’t believe the generosity of Kahne’s friends and family. Kahne is already planning next year’s boxes, and is excited to send more than last year.

Kayne is in the 6th grade at Eatonville Middle School in Eatonville, WA. He is 12 years old, and loves baseball. He gets straight A’s in school and is in all advanced classes. He has grown up around hunting and fishing, and this next September will be his 1st year hunting, and he is extremely excited! He likes to trap shoot and is learning how to shoot a bow and arrow. He is an avid outdoorsman at the age of 12.

On July 4th, Kahne will be having a 4th of July “Kahne’s Military Holiday Kare Packages” BBQ to start collecting donations for the soldiers, and will also be having a prize drawing to help raise money to send the Holiday Kare packages over to the soldiers.”

To find out how you can help, contact Kahne’s family at kawaloft@yahoo.com

I feel that kids like this should be recognized for their compassion and creativity.

Thank you, Kahne, for all you are doing to make the soldier’s lives so much better and putting smiles on their faces!



High Country Adventures (HCA) Hunting Safari for Women with Jamy Traut Hunting Safaris in Namibia



2018 Auction Item

2017 April 29 – May 10, 2017

Camp Panorama, Namibia - by Jan Pearson

An African hunting safari was not high on my 'bucket list' until I had the opportunity to go with other women. The HCA Safari adventure captivated me; I really wanted to go. The anticipation and excitement before the trip and experiences and learning during the trip are treasured memories to last my lifetime. I have gained confidence as a hunter and deeper perspective as a conservationist and...I had a blast!

The safari was based at Jamy Traut's Panorama Camp for a plains game hunt and designed as an introduction for women to hunting in Africa. There were four women hunters. Wayne van Zwooll, our sponsor and host from HCA, traveled with us from Frankfurt to Namibia. The Professional Hunters (PH) were Jamy, Dries, and Louw. Fine men, excellent hunters and dedicated conservationists. The staff of trackers and skimmers were skilled and friendly. We rode in Land Cruisers and other rigs to go hunting. The camp was very well run, clean, comfortable and welcoming.

Our hunt package included room/board and four trophies: kudu, gemsbok, blue wildebeest and red hartebeest. The plan for each day was to locate the animals, seek out a trophy target, then stalk.

Sometimes, the stalk ended with a take-down, other times it didn't. In single-file, we carefully, quietly followed the PH, crouched, and occasionally crawled on hands and knees in the sandy, grassy terrain (thorns and dried animal scat aplenty) on fair chase hunts every day. We hunted eight full days. The animals were beautiful, healthy, and abundant.

The first afternoon at camp, we went to the range to check our rifle zeros. Two shots confirmed my rifle was good to go. My rifle was a Winchester Model 70, 300wsm with Leupold VX-3 4.5 x 14 cds scope. We celebrated our first evening at camp with a traditional dish called bobotie, a casserole of ground game meat, a blend of spices, vegetables and a thin layer of custard on top. Yummy!! The meals at camp were delicious, prepared by Jamy's Swedish-trained chef.



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As our week progressed, we saw a tremendous number and variety of animals including giraffe, sable, kudu, Burchell's and mountain zebras, hundreds of springboks, gemsbok, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest, black wildebeest, blesbok, eland, bat-eared foxes, ostrich, secretary birds, Kori bustards, lilac-breasted rollers, parakeets, Guinea fowl, weaver birds and their nests, and many more that we didn't identify, as well as three puff adders and one dead zebra snake. Each day held new sights to see. I learned how to identify the Southern Cross constellation in the gorgeous night's sky. On cloudless nights, we could see the Milky Way and many, many stars. Dawn awakened us with rosy skies and dusk wound down our days with glorious fiery color.

A very special highlight of the entire trip was our opportunity to have a hands-on experience with a male white rhino. One morning, veterinarians arrived to take test samples of the animal. The Safari Sisters were invited to watch and allowed to touch the sedated animal! An experience of a lifetime!!

After the rhino experience, we fell into a routine of breakfast, morning hunt, return to camp for lunch, nap (or put feet in the pool) to rest during the heat of the day, afternoon/early evening hunt, social hour/camp fire, dinner, sleep. A few times all four of us ladies hunted together but usually two hunters were with one PH and one or two trackers. Wayne alternated between groups and trekked with us the entire way.

I had takedowns on blue wildebeest, gemsbok, springbok, red hartebeest, and a Burchell's zebra. All shots were from shooting sticks, 160–220 yds. except for the zebra which was a little further out.

The Safari Sisters were a constant source of encouragement. We looked out for each other, helped each other with equipment, took lots of photos, and have memories to share for a lifetime. What a marvelous time we had getting to know one another, cheering each other on, and laughing around the fire pit—a group of fine women with various levels of hunting experience and common-sense approach to life as well as to hunting.

All animals taken were brought back to camp for food. As owner of his conservancy, Jamy is responsible to feed not only his family and hunters at camp but also, his workers and their families, and locals in the community/tribe depending on the location. I will be proud to have my animal trophies to not only remember my hunts but to honor the animals that fed many families.

As a Safari Sister alumna told me when I called her for a reference:

“you never want anything to end.” Whether it is anticipating the day during breakfast and coffee, riding in the trucks, stalking an animal, lingering around the campfire, absorbing the beauty of the sunsets, talking with new friends, reliving the day's sights and sounds . . . you don't want it to end! She was right.

I can't wait to return.



ITS ALMOST HERE!



**NORTHWEST CHAPTER OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL
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Dick Gates Memorial Youth Hunt
Donated by Calen and Shantell Johnson of
Four Aces High Ranch

The youth hunt sponsored by the SCI Northwest Chapter is always a wonderful event to introduce hunting to young hunters that are new to the experience. In memory of Dick Gates, a cherished and hard working member of the Northwest Chapter, the youth hunt has been deemed the "Dick Gates Memorial Youth Hunt".

Each year, these youth hunts are auctioned off at our Annual Sportsmen for Conservation Fund Banquet and Wildlife Benefit Auction. Our 2018 banquet will be held on February 17th. Most of the youth hunts will be auctioned in the Live Auction, but there are also chances to win one in the Silent Auction and the Bucket Raffle. So good luck this year with your bids!!

The 2018 Youth Hunt will be held on June 21-24 at the Four Aces Ranch in Ashwood, Oregon. Its a great adventure for a youth 8 to 17 years of age. Good food and bunkhouse lodging is provided.

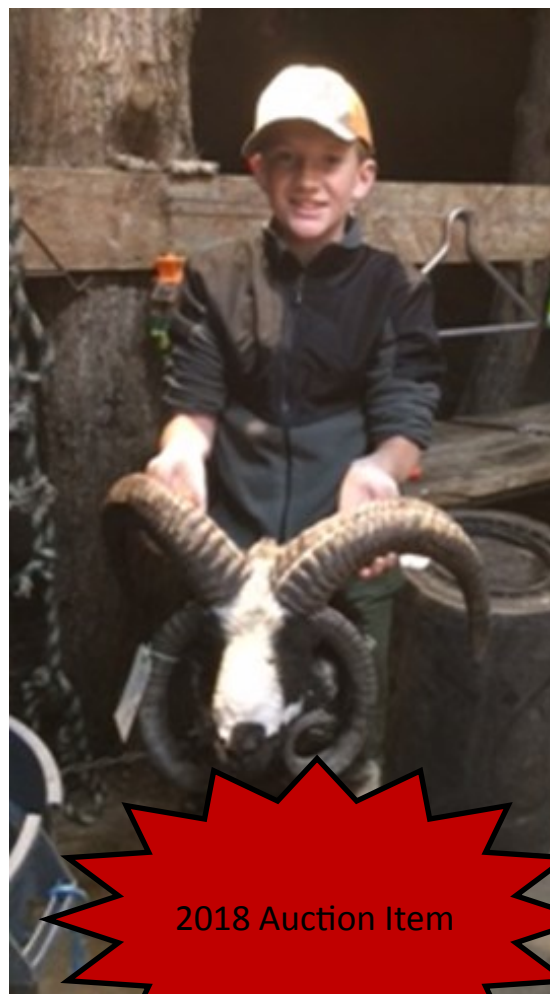
Join us at the Auction!! Bid often and bid high!! Take those kids hunting!!

June 2017, Four Aces Youth Hunt
By Dallin May

Hunting on Four Aces Ranch was a thrilling experience. When we got there, I learned about Jacob, the giant four horn sheep, I was jumping and bouncing around with excitement. Straight away I told my guide Mike that I wanted to target him. When we left we were driving in Mike's quad looking for Jacob, and of course two other people were going after the monster sheep as well. It wasn't five minutes later when we stumbled on a good size sheep group. Then we saw two sheep that looked like four horns.

Mike went out to get a better look, and a few minutes later he came back and said, "I think that's him." I grabbed my gun and started stalking down the hill. I got within thirty-five yards when I rested my gun on my knee and dropped him. I couldn't believe that we were the lucky ones to find him first. He was the biggest four-horned sheep the owner had ever seen.

After pictures we took him to camp to clean him out. His monstrous, symmetrical horns got everyone's attention. I was so proud of my sheep and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this hunt. The rest of the trip we saw various sheep, a few Spanish goats, Catalina cows, enormous bison, chased some hogs, and spotted a couple wild deer. This trip was an amazingly successful and fun hunt that I'll always remember.



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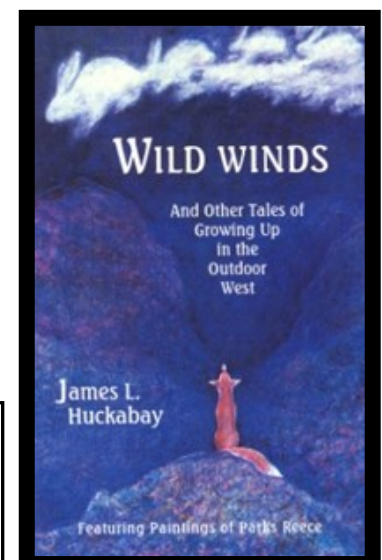
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The school offers six teacher sessions and one student session for ages 16-18 in Wyoming. A registration fee of \$900 covers meals, lodging, and round-trip ground transportation to and from the Jackson, Wyoming, airport.

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Applications can be found on SCIF's website: <http://safariclubfoundation.org/education/american-wilderness-school>

For information on registration, program specifics, and session dates contact Todd Roggenkamp at troggenkamp@safariclub.org or (520)954-0669.



State Hunting News

WDFW will allow fawns to remain at Rochester facility through winter

OLYMPIA – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will not euthanize any more deer this winter at a wildlife rehabilitation center in Thurston County under an agreement with the facility's owners announced today. The agreement follows WDFW's action Nov. 9 to euthanize three fawns and an elk calf removed from the For Heaven's Sake Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation facility in Rochester, where state wildlife managers found those animals – all males – to be habituated to humans and unfit for release into the wild.

While that action was consistent with state regulations, WDFW wildlife managers have agreed to work with the facility's owners, Claudia and David Supensky, to find other options for the 11 deer remaining at the rescue center.

"The department has a responsibility to intercede when animals become too habituated to humans to survive in the wild," said Eric Gardner, chief of WDFW's Wildlife Program. "We removed four animals that displayed signs of severe habituation, but we've agreed to work with the owners to find a mutually acceptable solution for the other deer in their care." Before taking action in November, WDFW contacted a number of institutions licensed to care for deer on a long-term basis, Gardner said. The only one that expressed interest was Washington State University (WSU), which has tentatively agreed to take up to six female fawns for inclusion in a longstanding nutritional study.

Under its agreement with the Supenskys, WDFW will allow the remaining fawns to stay at the Rochester facility through March 16, 2018, although WSU could take some of those animals before then. Gardner said the department will continue to seek potential homes for the deer and assess the status of those remaining at the facility in spring.

Gardner described the Supenskys, who have been licensed to operate their facility since 2010, as "caring people who work hard on behalf of the animals in their care." But responding to reports from concerned citizens, a WDFW veterinarian and other wildlife specialists observed signs of habituation among the deer at their facility during a series of visits starting in August.

"Those animals showed that they had lost their fear of humans and were still looking to be fed at a time when they should have been weaned and avoiding people," said Gardner, noting that state regulations generally prescribe that such animals be euthanized.

Under their agreement with WDFW, the Supenskys are required to minimize contact with the remaining deer, avoid hand-feeding them, and wean any of them that are still bottle-feeding. If they choose to keep taking ungulates, the agreement commits them to work with WDFW to develop a corrective action plan for their facility.

Gardner noted that there are 30 licensed wildlife rehabilitation facilities in Washington, most of which are registered non-profit organizations that rely on donations and grants to cover their operating expenses. Many of the animals that wind up in those facilities were "rescued" by well-meaning citizens who unwittingly separate the animals from their mothers.

"It's never a good idea to remove a fawn from its natural environment," Gardner said. "If you're concerned about an

animal's situation, please call a WDFW regional office." For more information about wildlife rehabilitation facilities in Washington state, see WDFW's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/health/rehabilitation/>

In Memoriam

Frederick Joseph "Pete" Peters



Frederick Joseph Peters "Pete" died peacefully at his home in Woodinville, WA on November 7, 2017. He was 78 years old. His burial with military honors took place at the Tahoma National Cemetery. He is survived by his son, Frederick C. Peters (Audra) of Phoenix, AZ and close companion Virginia Madrid of Woodinville, WA. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Kristin, and three brothers, John, Calvin and Raymond Peters. Condolences may be offered at the Barton Funeral home, Kirkland, WA (Bartonfuneral.com).

Pete graduated from Jessup W. Scott High School in 1957 and the University of Toledo in 1962. He was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity.

Upon graduation from UT, Pete was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. He served 25 years as an Infantry officer, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1987. His overseas assignments included two and a half years in combat in Vietnam as a US Special Forces (Green Beret) A-Team Commander. He was an advisor to Vietnamese special operations units and served as commander of an airborne (paratrooper) rifle company. Pete earned numerous decorations in Vietnam including Valor in Combat and a Purple Heart.

In addition to his combat service in Vietnam, Pete served five years in Europe as a NATO Staff officer and an Operations Officer at US Army Headquarters Europe. He was a member of the teaching faculty at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk VA, where he coordinated NATO'S military operational planning tactics for all branches of our armed forces. He also taught ROTC classes at the University of Toledo.

After retiring from the military, he established a tax and financial services practice in Woodinville, WA, which he operated until shortly before his passing. Pete's hobbies included hunting, fishing, skiing, golf and cooking. He hunted major game animals in Europe, Australia, Canada and Argentina as well as on four safaris in Africa. In his travels he covered all 50 states and 56 foreign countries. He traveled a long way from the front porch of his boyhood home on Albion Street in Toledo.



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British Columbia Bear

By Alyssa Ford

This was my second hunting trip with Babine Outfitters near Smithers, B.C. Canada but the first for me hunting. The first-time hunting at Babine I was 10 years and I was with my Dad. It was a great week of hunting and I was able to get my first two bears on this trip.

I was able to get my first bear which was a very nice bear but the second bear was an extremely memorable event. We had a long day of hunting with no luck I was a little disappointed and very tired. Around 10pm we were heading back; as we came around the corner we saw a moose cow and her calf standing off to the side of the road. We stopped the car and watched them for a little bit. They jogged off into the trees but then came running back out of the woods as if something was chasing them. We could see some trees shaking and the sounds of at least one bear exhaling very loudly.

I quickly got out of the truck as quietly as I could with my bow and stood in front of the truck. As I was standing there I could hear the bear shaking the trees and grunting at me. I still couldn't see the bear and I kept thinking that the bear was going to come out and be right in front of me. While I was standing there I noticed there was a bear down the road. The guide Jack got out of the car and grabbed my rifle and we walked down the road.

Once we got closer you could tell that this was a big bear. I wanted to get a bear with my bow but I didn't want to give up this bear. I decided to

take this one with my rifle. I got my rifle set up and I had my crosshairs on the bear. My guide made an elk call and made the bear turn broadside. Right as I got on the bear I pulled the trigger. The bear then ran into the trees. At first, we were a bit hesitant to go in to find the bear because we knew that there was at least one other bear hanging around the area. But we looked around for a while and we weren't seeing much blood. By then it was about 11:00 at night and it was too dark. So, we decided to come back the next day with the dogs.

The next morning when we came back and it didn't take long to find the bear. It was only 10 feet away from our last marker. I was in awe at how big this bear was. My bear ended up make the SCI World Record Book at number 37 for Inland Black Bear. It was a great experience that I will never forget.



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