



Safari Club International

Naples - Ft. Myers Chapter

Newsletter 2017

November Issue

Letter from the President...

Our first General Meeting on October 18th regarding anti-poaching efforts in Africa, particularly the Rhino was a huge success. We had over 53 people attend with many joining our Chapter. For those who did not know the mission of Safari Club International is funding and directing worldwide programs in wildlife conservation and outdoor projects. We fund over 80 wildlife conservation projects in more than 27 countries contributing more than \$60 million towards conservation. In addition, various SCI Chapters, particularly in the South, have stepped up to help people affected by Hurricane Harvey. It did not matter if those people hunted or were SCI members; all that mattered was that they were people in trouble.

Our November 28th General Meeting in Naples on the topic of the impact of the pollution of Lake Okeechobee on fish, game and potentially our drinking water is **SOLD OUT**. Do not forget to mark your calendar for our Sportsman Auction and Banquet on February 17th at Vineyards Country Club in Naples. We have been fortunate to obtain many exciting silent and live auction items. Look forward to seeing you at our events.



Greg Cheek

President

Naples/ Ft. Myers Chapter
Safari Club International

FEBRUARY 17, 2018

SPORTSMAN'S AUCTION AND BANQUET

Tickets will be available at the Christmas meeting. Games, exciting new safaris both hunting and fishing, as well as upgraded rifles and pistols will be offered!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 2017

SOLD OUT!!!!

Guest Speaker: Phil Flood, Regional Rep SWFL
Water Mgmt District

August 10, 2017 "Florida DEP announced this week that Lake Okeechobee's newest algae bloom is hypertoxic. With microcystin concentrations of 815 micrograms per liter, the water at Canal Point (a town on the east side of the lake) is 80 times more toxic than the World Health Organizations threshold for warning people not to touch." The snakes, game and fish in the Everglades all have elevated levels of mercury. Our drinking water is next.

As residents and sportsmen I know you share my concern for this very complicated issue. This will be a special meeting for our membership. Our speaker on November 28th will be Mr. Phil Flood, the Regional Representative of the South Florida Water Management District. Their responsibility is to manage the water resources in the southern part of the state covering 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys.

Phil's presentation "will start with an overview of the history of water management activities from Orlando through the Everglades. He will talk about the complexity of water storage and water quality issues in Lake Okeechobee, the Everglades, and the Caloosahatchee, and discuss the efforts underway to address the problems and concerns."

John Caragliano, Board Member



Razor Ranch

Member Hog Hunt

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

If you are expecting to join other Chapter members at the 1st Member Hog Hunt of the season, then don't delay registering – **ONLY 3 Morning and 2 Afternoon spots remain!!!**

December 2, 2017

\$200/all inclusive (lunch & quartering). Bring cooler and rifle. 20 hunters max (10 hunters AM and 10 hunters PM). Arrival time is at 7:00am for first group, lunch is at 1:00pm followed by afternoon hunt. Cost includes lunch, skinning, quartering and tip.

Registered Hunters (as of 11/17/17)

Morning	Afternoon
John Caragliano	Greg Cheek
Robert Dibenedetto	Cheek Guest
Steven Meckstroth	Craig Blewett
Meckstroth Guest	Jim Donarski
Meckstroth Guest	Tom Van Note
Meckstroth Guest	Guy Gelakoski
Meckstroth Guest	Gelakoski Guest
Ira Cotton	

2017-2018 Calendar of Meetings & Events

NEW LOCATIONS!! General Membership meetings will be at a variety of locations this year! The individual cost of the membership dinners will vary and the Board will advise well in advance of each the exact cost.

November 13, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting
 November 28, 2017 General Membership Meeting
 \$25 • Seasons 52 Restaurant – Naples

December 2, 2017 - Razor Ranch – Member Hog Hunt
\$200/all inclusive (lunch & quartering). Bring cooler and rifle. 20 hunters max (10 hunters AM and 10 hunters PM). Spots are filling up fast!!

December 9, 2017Chapter Christmas Party
Greg & Jessica Cheek's home – Marco Island

January 8, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
 January 17, 2018General Membership Meeting
Tentative – Embassy Suites

February 5, 2018..... Board of Directors Meeting

February 17, 2018

SPORTSMAN'S AUCTION AND BANQUET
Vineyards Country Club, Naples, FL

March 12, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
 March 21, 2018 General Membership Meeting
Tentative – Embassy Suites

End of March/First of April.....Possible Hog Hunt
Razor Ranch

April 9, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
Election of Directors and Officers



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

The Christmas reception will be held on December 9, 2017 at the President's home from 6 – 9 PM. Hot heavy hors d'oeuvres and limited selection of alcohol. Reservations can be made by emailing Dr. Greg Cheek at cheekhouse@aol.com.



2018 Banquet Tickets Will Be Available for purchase after Thanksgiving!!!!