



# Safari Club International

Naples - Ft. Myers Chapter

Newsletter 2017

Summer Issue

## Letter from the President...

This is my first newsletter as your President and it will take some "big shoes" to fill the tracks that J. Walter Cross left in his years of taking on this responsibility. What a great job he and his staff performed these past years. Thankfully J. Cross is still actively involved with the chapter along with many of the previous board members. Please keep in mind these are VOLUNTEER positions. No pay, a lot of phone calls and meetings, out-of-pocket monies for numerous meetings and items, etc.

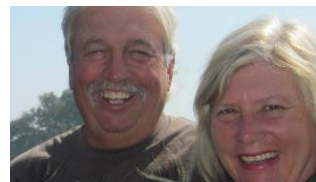
If you are serious about the sport of hunting we desperately need your help in attending our general meetings, attending the yearly banquet and fundraiser and supporting those offerings, and being a good steward of our environment.

I am challenging each and every member to bring at least one new member into our Chapter and join SCI and keep our hunting heritage strong. Our web site

[www.scinaplesftmyers.org](http://www.scinaplesftmyers.org) will enable you to download the application form.

We have supported many worthwhile projects from offering and subsidizing hunts and equipment for physically challenged adults and kids to helping in the efforts of anti-poaching by supplying a drone to curb poaching in Uganda.

The 2017-2018 Calendar of Meetings and Events shows the many opportunities for you and your friends to participate in our Chapter activities. Take the time to facilitate the coordination of a group of your friends to attend the events listed!! Keep our hunting heritage strong. I promise, in addition to having fun you will sleep better knowing you're helping disadvantaged individuals and conserving wildlife.



**Greg Cheek**

President  
Naples/ Ft. Myers Chapter  
Safari Club International



**Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter Board of Directors**

**2017-2018**

President: Greg Cheek  
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***Committee Chairs***

Membership: Ed Jackson  
Hospitality: Ira Cotton  
Education: Rod Benson & Bruce Essen

Past President: J. Cross

***Live Auction Chairs***

African & European: J. Cross  
North & South America: Greg Cheek

***Silent Auction & Banquet Games***

Rob Griffin

***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!

***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.

October 9, 2017 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
October 18, 2017 ..... General Membership Meeting  
*Bistro Soleil Restaurant – Marco Island*  
November 13, 2017..... Board of Directors Meeting  
November 15, 2017.... General Membership Meeting  
*Seasons 52 Restaurant – Naples*

**December 2, 2017**

**RAZOR RANCH – MEMBER HOG HUNT**  
**\$200/all inclusive (lunch & quartering). Bring cooler and rifle. 20 hunters maximum (10 hunters AM/10 hunters PM). Reserve your spot now, spots will fill quickly!!**

December 9, 2017..... Chapter Christmas Party  
*Greg & Jessica Cheek's home – Marco Island*  
January 8, 2018..... Board of Directors Meeting  
January 17, 2018..... General 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

**SAVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR**

We are putting together the details for the upcoming year.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**OCTOBER 18, 2017**

**Bistro Soleil Restaurant**

**100 Palm St, Marco Island, FL 34145:**

Gathering at 6:00PM – Cash bar

Plated (3 course) Dinner & Program 7:00PM

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Greg Cheek

World Hunting Award Ring recipient recognizing extraordinary efforts in conservation of wildlife. Greg will be discussing anti-poaching efforts currently taking place in Africa.

**A door prize will be given to one lucky person out of those who submit their reservation 30 days before the meeting!**