



## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Fellow Hunters,

It happens regularly. The phone rings and on the other end is a member who asks what (and if !?!) we are doing anything in the Chapter. I am always happy to discuss virtually anything with interested members. But each of these calls also strikes a nerve connected to my Bad-Conscious-Department. As a Board we have simply not been communicating with you in an organized way. From now on, we intend to issue Newsletters in a timely fashion and hopefully upgrade as we go along.

Your new Board was formed at the AGM in June. Separately, we are presenting ourselves in order for you to get a better feeling for who is working for you. As your new President I am first of all very pleased with the fact that those individual who gave their hearts and souls to start this Chapter are still "on board". Added at the election were four new Directors. By using a provision in the generic SCI bylaws, which we are still working under, we have

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also added three more Directors bringing the total to eleven. I am confident that we now have the manpower to carry out quite a few of these good ideas and projects we have been talking about, but never had "time" to do.

So, what have we done?

Scott Middleton, Secretary, has got us incorporated under the Societies Act in Alberta.

Herb Schmidt is building on his success with the Sensory Safari. We will get even more mileage out of next year's event. As Membership Chair he is also streamlining the application process for new members.

Tim McKinnon, our Convention Chairman, is already planning to incorporate more and new ideas at the April Convention.

Bob Brintnell, Treasurer, and a CA by profession, is implementing an effective accounting system and is presently busy with the first Financial Statement

We have also finalized the revision of the Bylaws specifically for our Chapter. That is an important step, as it is needed for an

application as a Charitable Organization, enabling us to receive tax-free donations.

We realize that we need our own Web-site, but we have not yet reach a decision on the details.

In the planning is also a BIG raffle. Details to follow when it is finalized.

Participation is confirmed for the Sportsmen's Show and Alberta Professional Outfitters convention.

Finally, a couple of questions:

Have you given your E-mail address to our Secretary?

Do you want to be involved in any of our committees? If so, please let me know.

This year is drawing to a close. I really hope that you had a very good hunting season to remember. If you got your trophy or your meat is not really important. Did you take a kid hunting? Did you tell your non-hunting neighbors and friends about your positive experiences in the outdoors? Don't feel bad if you have to say no to both questions, but let us not forget that we are the ambassadors for hunting. The non-hunting majority of the public makes the decision in a democratic society. Consequently we can retain our privilege to hunt only if the greater public accepts us. Let our actions count!

Have a very good holiday season! Yours in hunting,

Sven-Erik



"Rudolph's not very well, so I've had to get someone in from the agency."

## **MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

**President:** Sven-Erik Jansson

An outfitter\guide by profession having served on numerous boards and committees related to conservation, forestry and the Outfitters Society and a member of SCI for more than 10 years.”In my native Sweden. I grew up with hunting as a way of life.I feel obliged to try to preserve the privilege to hunt for the benefit of my children and grandchildren and for whoever enjoys the outdoors.”

**Vice-Chairman:** Tim Mckinnon

I work for a large world wide company as Canadian Warehouse Operations Manager. I am an avid Hunter and licensed guide and have served on other hunting committees. My goal with SCI is to help make sure there is a hunting future for my children and allow them to experience and respect the outdoors the way it is meant to be.

**Secretary:** Scott Middleton

I have been deeply involved in outdoor life and the backwoods for many years. Thus I have a keen interest in the wilderness, wildlife and hunting. I also believe that the environment can be used without being abused, should be used by those who enjoy it and left alone by those urbanites who do not. I further detest such “eco-freak” groups such as PETA and the likes, and have no patience for their radical, insane agendas. I also believe that being an “Active” member in such rational & meaningful organizations such as SCI is a must for anyone, that has interest in maintaining their access and enjoyment of the wilderness and hunting!

I own an International Trading company based in Nisku for many years, and will contribute as much as possible to this chapter. I am looking forward to seeing the Northern Alberta Chapter of SCI develop further this season, and hope to see the members take an active interest in their own future.

**Treasurer:** Bob Brintnell

I am a chartered accountant and a partner in the firm of Meyers Norris Penny LLP. I am an avid big game hunter. I have hunted extensively in Alberta and Internationally. I spend a significant amount of time riding in the mountains in the spring summer and fall.

## **DIRECTORS:**

### **Herb Schmidt: Membership Chairman**

I'm in sales and work for Acklands - Grainger Inc. I travel the province and get to see a lot of Alberta and all it's game (great job) I've been involved with the hunting field since I was 14, a guide for 10 years in Grande Cache, I've hunted on three different continents and been a member of SCI and FNAWS for many years.

### **Bob Kress: Fundraising Chairman**

### **Glen Semenchuk:**

### **James Sheret: Past President**

James Sheret is a finishing carpenter who lives on a farm near Athabasca. He has been an avid hunter for over 20 years and enjoys spending time in the outdoors with his two sons.

### **Bob MacDonald**

I work in the sporting goods distribution business. I have been fairly involved with the Fish & Game Association and have been a long time member of SCI, RMEF and The Boone & Crocket Associates Program. .

### **Lee Fote:**

I would characterize myself as a father, teacher,avid big game hunter, and conservationist. I am a southerner by birth, a northerner by choice, and a relaxed person by nature. My history has involved guiding waterfowl hunters, big game hunters and a lot of Outdoor education. My current employment is as at The University of Alberta where as an Associate Professor I teach and conduct wildlife research. My other work is in a diversity of initiatives and conservation projects. I represent sportsmen in the NE Region of Alberta on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Conservation Association and I am flattered to be invited to join the board of Alberta SCI.

### **Dave Park:**

I am a biologist, presently working as regional manager for the Alberta Conservation Association. I'm also engaged in a Masters of Science program at the U of A, Dept. of Biological Science.

I've hunted since I was a pre-teen (started with a Daisy BB gun). Today I focus mainly on big game, hunting with firearms and bow. I've never hunted outside Alberta, but

have many hopes and dreams toward that end. My wife also hunts, although because she's a teacher and most of Alberta can't be hunted on Sundays (we really need to try to change this!), her opportunities are limited. We are both committed to raising our son in a hunting lifestyle. I've also been fortunate to have exposed several friends to hunting, and have guided them through their formative periods. I find this very rewarding.

I look forward to my involvement with the Safari Club.

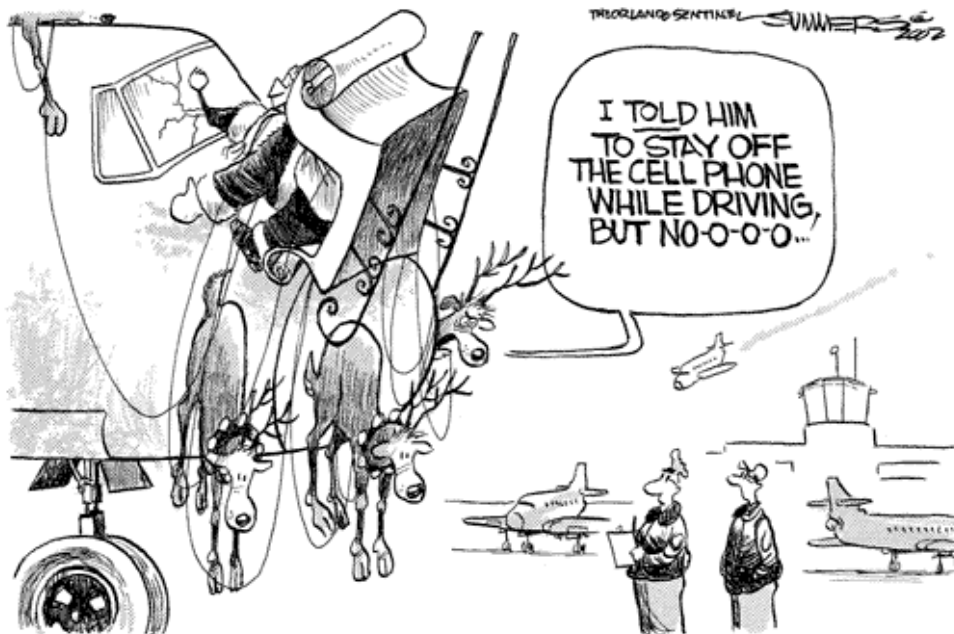
## IMPORTANT DATES:

**April 5-2003---3 rd** Annual fundraiser in St. Albert. For more info please contact Tim Mckinnon, [macattack7@shaw.ca](mailto:macattack7@shaw.ca)

**June 14, 2003---**Second Annual Sensory Safari. Due to the overwhelming response and feedback from last years, this will be held again this year. Anyone wishing to help out or bring some mounts, skins, etc. please contact Herb Schmidt. Herb Schmidt [schmidth@agi.ca](mailto:schmidth@agi.ca)

## HUNT REPORTS:

This section is for you to share your hunting experience with other SCI members. Forward a brief description/story and picture if possible and we'll try to get them all published.



*Whose idea was it to invite Frosty over to our hot tub*



## **Links**

Alberta Fish and Wildlife

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/hunting/>

SCI

<http://www.SafariClub.org/>

Canadian Firearms Center

<http://www.canadianfirearms.com/en/default.asp>

Alberta Conservation Association

[www.ab-conservation.com/](http://www.ab-conservation.com/)

Hunting for Tomorrow

[www.huntingfortomorrow.com/](http://www.huntingfortomorrow.com/)

## **EDITOR'S NOTES:**

As editor of this newsletter I'm on the hunt for ideas, suggestions, stories, pictures, just about anything that we can share with our members. With this newsletter and future issues we will keep you informed of what has and will be happening in the Northern Alberta Chapter of SCI.

We are small now but will increase our numbers as more people hear about and participate in our programs. My plan is to email these to as many members as possible to save a little on postage. Please forward your email address to myself or our secretary.

As always the more you put into a cause the more you and others will get out of it. If everyone sets aside a small amount of time then the burden on a few will be decreased drastically.

With another successful hunting season behind us there should be some time to send us a note with ideas for fundraising, social gatherings, or any other ideas will be considered.

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## Past Presidents Message

As my Presidents' term came to an end, I found myself reflecting back to my first real exposure to the SCI organization at their Annual Hunters Convention in Reno.

Upon returning home, I realized there were enough hunters in Northern Alberta to warrant a second SCI chapter in our province. As I set out to investigate the possibility, I was soon joined by a very dedicated group of sportsmen. They became our first Board of Directors and together we set out to make this new chapter a reality.

It's hard to believe that two years have now passed, and I feel very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet and work with these outstanding individuals. We have certainly had our challenges, but we can also be extremely proud of our accomplishments.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to those Board members whose terms have expired. Your contribution and dedication to establishing this chapter was commendable and very much appreciated. I would also like to thank those individuals who have agreed to stay on for another term.

In addition, I welcome all the new directors to the Board. These individuals bring a heightened level of enthusiasm and a vast array of knowledge and experience to our Chapter. As I continue on as Past President, I look forward to working with them in accomplishing our chapter goals over the next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of our Chapter. Your support helps us to protect our right to hunt now and in the future. I encourage you to get involved and share your hunting experiences with fellow outdoorsmen. The future success of this chapter depends on your input and involvement and I am confident you will find the experience very rewarding.

James Sheret



*DID YOU TAKE A YOUTH HUNTING THIS YEAR??* The grin on the 15 year old young hunter will be with me forever as we stood over his first Muley buck laying in the prairie grasses.

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (copy if needed)**

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Work \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors Name \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENROLL ME FOR THE SCI MEMBERSHIP CHECKED BELOW

\_\_\_ 1 Year SCI Membership \$55.00 US

\_\_\_ 1 Year Northern Alberta Chapter Membership \$20.00 US  
(must be existing SCI member)

\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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