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Hard hunt
for turkey
near Lake
Wenatchee.

Loren Lund

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

PINK IS THE NEW ORANGE

Spring is an exciting time of year for hunters and fishers. The fishing part is obvious, but not quite so much for hunters. Of course we can be out chasing spring black bear and turkeys but, to me at least, the exciting part of spring is the planning and application process for hunts that occur later in the year. It used to be a simple matter to buy a license or apply for both state and out of state permits, but those days are long gone. Today, it is big business with multiple clearing houses charging a fee to do the applications for you and supposedly maximize your chances of being drawn. A lot of our SCI members still do the work themselves and have become quite expert at doing so. Although, almost all of them that I know, have turned to their computers in order to successfully navigate the myriad licensing and preference point systems that exist across multiple states. Even applying here in Washington has become quite the task with at least 12 different types of Big Game Licenses alone and at least 34 different special permit types, in addition to the raffle hunts and special private land applications. Throw in the waterfowl, upland, and small game licenses and/or permits and it becomes

obvious why a lot of casual hunters have given up on the sport and turned to simpler and less expensive pursuits. It's a shame, but still an exciting time for me, as I wait to see what permits I have drawn so the planning can begin. I also apply for my hunting family, which right now includes my wife and two grandsons, so I get to anticipate their hunts as well.

Last year I got drawn for a Multiple Season Elk permit and was able to go muzzleloading for elk for the first time in many years. It was a different experience to be out hunting elk while the elk were still rutting. I saw over 100 elk in 4 days of hunting, to include 5 branched bulls and 3 spikes. It was also a weird feeling to be out rifle hunting for elk while in full camouflage in the same canyons where I normally hunt during modern rifle season covered in Blaze Orange. After lying in the tent at night listening to bulls bugling and after having them answer my bugles during the day, I resolved to apply every year in the future for the Multiple Season license. I did not get drawn again this year, but will keep trying. I should note that this experience took place within 45 minutes of my home, no need to travel out of state for a quality hunting experience.

I suppose I should explain the title of this President's Letter, "Pink is the New Orange." There has been a move afoot in our state legislature to allow the wearing of fluorescent pink during certain hunting seasons as a substitute or in addition to hunter orange. Fluorescent pink, like hunter orange, is not a color that blends in with anything else in the forest or field, so it was felt that it would provide an additional color that could be worn to enhance safety when out and about during a modern firearm season. Well, the proposal has now become the law. The law, ESSB 5148, passed the Senate on February 20 of this year and the House on April 10. The Governor signed it into law on April 22. It should take effect in July of this year and a public education effort is underway so that people can start planning to properly wear the new approved color later this year. Check with the WDFW website to find out the latest official information.

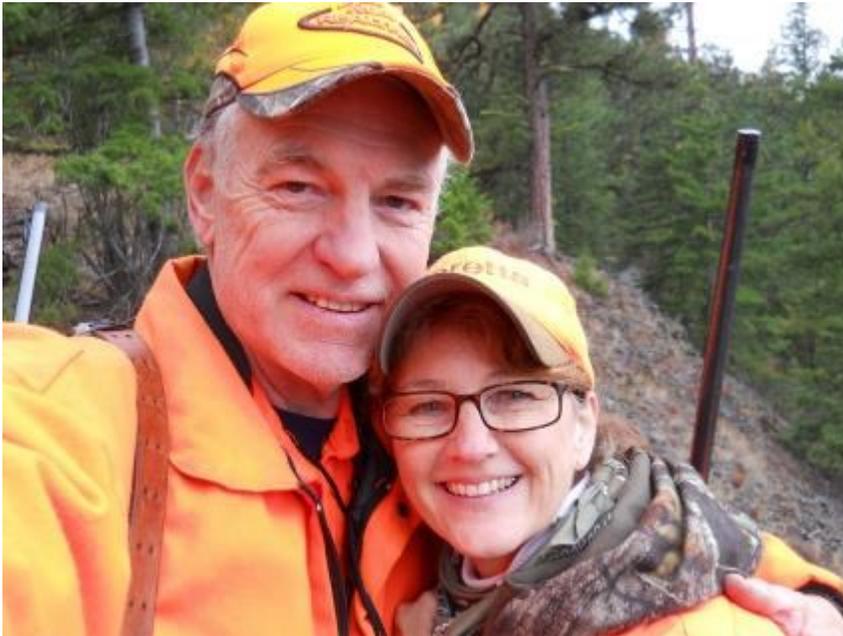
Our annual membership meeting this year takes place on June 22 at the Monson Fruit facility in Selah. There will be lunch, annual elections and a tour of the modern Monson Fruit facility included. At this point, we anticipate that lunch will consist of a main dish provided by SCI which may be, like last year, the popular pulled-pork and/or pulled-chicken sandwiches and then potluck for salads and dessert. SCI will provide cold soda pop and water and you can bring any other soft drinks that you might prefer. We are also inviting representatives from a few other outdoor organizations that we are working with to help host the National Hunting & Fishing Day event at the Sun Valley Shooting Park in September. This should be a fun gathering and a chance to meet and talk to other SCI members, representatives from other outdoor organizations and take a tour of Monson Fruit. Please mark your calendars and save the date of June 22. See you there.

This month concludes my second year as SCI President for the Central Washington Chapter and this is my last President's newsletter. It is time to hand the baton to someone else who might have new ideas and the commitment to help carry our chapter forward. I will still be here, God willing, to help advise and assist the new president, to help continue our legacy Pronghorn project and to continue to help with all the great projects and

organizations we support. My wife also served two years as our chapter president before me, so we are a dedicated SCI and outdoor family and we encourage you to get involved and experience the great satisfaction of carrying out our mission, which is “First for Hunters” and “First for Wildlife.” See you in the mountains, in the field, or out on the water.

Doug Barrett, President, SCI CWC

Douglas H. Barrett



SAVE THE DATE

SCI-CWC
2019 BANQUET
DECEMBER 7 TH

At the Yakima Convention Center



Is this your life?
If so, we can help!

It's not too early to think about what you have to donate to the SCI-CWC Annual Fundraiser & Banquet, Saturday, December 7th at the Yakima Convention Center.

Gift certificates, hunts, fishing trips, silent auction items, homemade items, etc. are always greatly

appreciated. Be creative! As you're cleaning out your closets for some extra room and find some quality items that you hate to just give away, set them aside for our Fundraiser.

If you have something to donate please contact us by email at centralwachaptersci@gmail.com or call 509-877-3260.

Consolation Eland

By Rob Munn

I was able to join a group of my neighbors and friends going on a cape buffalo hunt in Zimbabwe with HHK safaris. We made our plans for a time that we figured would be alright to sneak away from the farm. On a “normal” year there would be enough buffalo in this area of the Save Valley Conservancy for each of us to get our buffalo as long as we could shoot straight, we were told. But the cyclone that hit Mozambique and the eastern edge of Zimbabwe in March made it far from normal. Instead of leaves having fallen off the trees and brush already and grass dried up and trampled down, we found everything very lush and green and thick. It was nearly impossible to find shooting lanes beyond 50 yards.

The first several days were thin on buffalo sightings. We had a few cape buffalo in our area that I was able to chase and I had the excitement of having a bull in my crosshairs only to be told that he wasn't fully mature yet. The middle of the hunt had some new buffs showing up. Each day had all of us following tracks now. It was amazing how well the trackers could follow tracks in grass and hard ground. Whenever I thought they had lost the trail and we were just going

for a hike, there would be some fresh poop confirming they had the trail all along. I think that every time we started following tracks we eventually ran into the buffalo. Problem was, that we would stalk into 30 yards or so and they were always situated where they would see us coming through the thicket before we saw them. If they didn't see us first, then guaranteed, the wind would switch and they would smell us. This would happen multiple times each day. It was the most difficult winds I've ever hunted in, constantly changing directions.

I was able to connect on a really nice old eland halfway through the hunt. It's amazing how massive these animals are. I



had opportunities on impala and zebra, animals I have taken previously and sable. But I didn't speak fast enough for the last sable on their quota and then regretted it once I saw them.



Two of us were unable to get our buffalo and two of us were able to. My brother Randy got a really old dugga boy half way through the hunt and then was able to take a zebra, klipspringer, baboon and blue wildebeest. Troy Hartley got his buffalo when

a group of about 300 crossed into our area on the last day. This was his first trip to Africa and he was able to get an eland, zebra, impala and waterbuck before his buffalo. HHK did a great job of trying to get us on buffalo and work with the difficult conditions. The camp was very nice and the food was great. It was a very enjoyable trip being able to go in a larger group like we did.





Recipe Corner

I dug out some recipes from the archives that Diane Longo submitted years ago. Enjoy!

Buffalo Chip Cookies By Diane Longo

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 -1/4 cups flour
- 1 cup wheat flour
- 1 tsp. Soda
- 1 tsp. Baking powder
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1-1/2 cups raisin bran cereal
- 2 cups chocolate chips

1. Cream butter and sugar
2. Add eggs and vanilla
3. Beat until smooth
4. Add dry ingredients, mix well
5. Bake on greased cookie sheet
10-12 minutes at 350 degrees

NO FUSS COMPANY BREAKFAST CROCKPOT CASEROLE

- 1 32 oz. Bag of frozen southern style hashbrown potatoes
- 1 lb of bacon cut into pieces, fried and drained (quick way to cut bacon into small pieces is with scissors)
- 1/2 cup diced onions
- 3/4 lb cheddar cheese diced
- 1 dozen eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup diced green pepper (optional)

This is so easy and feeds a family. Layer the frozen potatoes, bacon, onion and cheese in the crock pot in two or three layers. Finish up with the cheese. Beat the eggs, milk and mustard plus salt and pepper. Pour mixture over top. Cook on low for ten to twelve hours. We serve this with Pillsbury Buttermilk frozen (not canned) "Home Baked Classics" biscuits - (found in the frozen bread section). Enjoy!

Oopsie! Eddie the Elk has done it again! Lost somewhere within the Newsletter is Eddie's missing shed. Quick, help him find it before the other one falls off!!!





Join Us!

What: A clay pigeon shoot at Double Barrel Ranch to support Hunter's Heritage PAC.

Why: In Washington State, the Hunter's Heritage PAC is the only PAC that works to elect pro-hunting candidates at the state and local levels. The HH PAC is dependent on the generosity of hunters, sportsmen and their organizations for its funding.

HHC PAC has achieved success by having over 80% of their endorsed candidates win their races. HHC was able to kill every anti-hunting bill last session.

The funds from this event will go directly to support the HHC PAC so they can continue to preserve our hunting rights.

When: August 10th at 11:00 - 12:00 check - in

Where: Double Barrel Upland Bird Ranch

13501 S. Harvard Rd.

Rockford, WA 99030

17 miles south of Spokane, WA

This event is open to any group or individual. Entry fee is \$100. Food and beverages will be provided. For more information, call Larry Goodwin at 509-546-1536



Detailed information available at:

www.sci-cbc.com

SCI CENTRAL WASHINGTON CHAPTER

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us for our annual summer meeting, BBQ
and tour of Monson's fruit.

The chapter will provide the main dish, drinks and paper products.
Last names A-N bring a salad or veggie/fruit tray.
O-Z bring a dessert.

JUNE 22ND

11 A.M. - TOUR

(BE THERE BY 10:45)

12 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THIS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE IN THE PARK AREA AT THE LAKE
ADJACENT TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MONSON FRUIT. AFTER THE
MAIN MEETING THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS IN THE MEETING ROOM AT MONSON FRUIT TO DISCUSS
PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN
SEPTEMBER. EVERYONE ELSE IS WELCOME TO HANG OUT AND
ENJOY THE PARK AREA.

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252 N RUSHMORE RD, SELAH, WA 98942

As for the tour, there will be lots of walking with steps up and
down catwalks. Also no open-toed shoes are allowed, and
hairnets are provided and must be worn.



ANTELOPE UPDATE

June 11, 2019

WDFW Pronghorn Meetings

Two public listening sessions were hosted on June 3rd and 4th by WDFW concerning Pronghorn Antelope in Washington State.

The meetings were held in

Mansfield and Prosser on consecutive nights and our Central Washington Chapter was represented at both meetings, along with at least two other state SCI chapters. Nick White attended the Mansfield meeting for us, along with Joe Greenhaw from Seattle Puget Sound Chapter and Mike Price from Northwest Chapter. In Prosser we had six CWC members, Tim Vining, Gary Christensen, Glenn Rasmussen, Jack Smith, Randy Bauman, and Doug Barrett. Five of our six attendees sit on our BOD. Julie and Drew Heimbigner were also present from Seattle Puget Sound Chapter. I am told that about 25 people attended the Mansfield meeting with representation from farmers, Cattlemen, WDFW, Tribal and a scattering of general public and sportsmen/women. In Prosser, there were approximately 35 attendees with SCI, WDFW, farmers, Cattlemen's Association, Colville Tribal, Yakama Nation, general public and sportsman groups.

The purpose of these two meetings was for WDFW to listen to concerns, gather information, and gauge opinion about where to go now that Pronghorn are a reality here in Washington. As it stands, WDFW has no formal Pronghorn management plan in place but they are starting that process and want input from various groups to include in their planning process. The meeting started with a historical briefing about Pronghorn in this state and information about reintroduction attempts dating back to 1938 all the way up to 1968. These attempts all met with failure for various reasons but the latest reintroductions of 2011, 2017 and 2019 have met with some limited success and we may have sustainable populations on the ground now as a result of actions by the Yakama Nation and Colville Tribe. The latest count of animals in our local area show at least 248, with acknowledgement by all surveying parties that many animals were missed during the last count, so the 248 is actually higher. At the time of the last count, approximately 70% of Pronghorn remained on the Yakama Reservation and 30% were off of Yakama land, on both public and private land, but mostly on private land. The Colvilles reported that they have about 99 animals on their land and about 43 off of Tribal land. A scattering of Pronghorn have struck out on their own and we are getting reports from an area from Goldendale to Tri-Cities in the south, to Othello, Ritzville, and almost to Spokane in the north. Various other reports trickle in from time to time but cannot be verified. However, most Pronghorn remain in larger herds that are concentrated for the time being on Yakama Nation, Horse Heaven Hills and Colville Tribal land. With GPS collars now on a large number of animals since late 2017, we are finally gathering data that will really help establish the range, travel patterns and habitat preferences of the Pronghorn, especially with the herds breaking up this spring as they spread out to have their fawns and explore new food and habitat resources. They are like many deer and elk where they spread out in the spring and then come back to herd-up on wintering grounds.

Most participants in the two listening sessions were very positive about the latest reintroductions, however the Cattlemen's Association expressed concern about how a growing antelope population could possibly impact their industry. WDFW acknowledged, as well as the Yakamas, that hunting of Pronghorn may be on the horizon as a management tool once their individual recovery goals are met. There is an online survey concerning Pronghorn management on the WDFW website and we encourage all interested parties to take that survey so that public opinion can be heard and taken into account in the eventual WDFW management plan.

Doug Barrett, President, SCI CWC



TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UP TO

Loren Lund - Wade and I did Lake Chelan and he caught a King in the Lake. My count was zilch, not even a kokanee.



Bryan Monson archery Mule deer taken October 2018 in Saskatchewan, Canada



Bill's shot was 580 yards. Ray's shot was 480 yards. Taken 3-26-19 on the Klickitat with Zoller hunting.

Addie (15 years old) and Jacey Scott (13 years old) – Both harvested their deer from Prescott, WA in October 2018





Tyler and Carla Scott Each harvested Cougars from Vancouver Island, Canada, Feb 2019. Carla shot with a rifle, Tyler did archery.



Mitch Rholf's halibut fishing off Westport, WA

Chris Monson - Rocky Mountain Elk, taken from the Gila National Forest in New Mexico. 150 yard shot, free hand. 5 day on horseback and tent camping smack in the middle of the mountains. Packed out by Daisy the mule.

My Alaskan Adventure.....

By Genoa Perry
(Tom Perry's granddaughter)

My name is Genoa and last summer I went on one AMAZING trip. My dad, Uncle Grant, grandad, sister Aspen and I went on a vacation to Tenakee Springs, Alaska to fish for salmon, cod, rockfish and halibut. The journey there and back was almost as cool as being in Alaska. It was super fun to ride in a float plane.



Exploring Tenakee

Looking out from the plane, the rugged landscape of Alaska seemed tiny, with more beauty and less bears than on T.V. (although still a notable amount).



Tuck coaching Genoa

As soon as we arrived, Captain Tuck, his wife Lisa and hardworking deckhand Ru (I might not be spelling it right) were on the dock, ready to greet us. As we walked through the town, it had a distinct sense of welcoming. We waited at our cabins until a dinner worthy of royalty. And then we went to sleep. For the next few days we had the same

glorious routine. Wake up, eat and fish, fish, fish! The water was strangely warm, and was 68 degrees one day, almost swimming temperature and that wasn't as good for fish. We even spotted some whales and once a whale bumped into the boat inducing a near heart attack to all those involved.

When we were fishing, the deckhand Ru (I might not be spelling it right) was super nice. Later we would eat sandwiches for lunch on the water and my sister would laugh about how there was always a fish on the line, just as Ru (I might not be spelling it right) was about to eat. And I would sit making terrible, trauma inducing puns. Several fish later the boat would be zooming on back for us to stumble into the cabins, as tired as tired can be. At one point my dad took Aspen and me to the baker for some epic milkshakes. Later would be dinner (YUM!!!!!!) and some more relaxation, and then, for my sister and me, an excellent bath in the hot springs. The Tenakee hot spring is so warm and humid. It feels like just breathing there is healthy. Last but not least....bed! But as with all good things it had to end soon. On the last day we woke up, had breakfast, solemnly walked over to the dock and waited for the plane to come and take us home.



Genoa's Big King!





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