

Mark Seltzer
52522 230th Street
Glenwood, IA 51534



*Foundation for
North American Wild Sheep*



A FEW WORDS FROM CRAIG

As I gather my thoughts for the writing of this newsletter, what comes to mind is the philanthropic makeup and generosity of the membership of the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Iowa FNAWS, along with the Nebraska Game and Parks, recently hosted the 9th annual WSF Chapters and Affiliates Summit at Ft. Robinson State Park in the northwest corner of Nebraska. What really amazes me, is that how time and time again, the attendees of these Summits show their giving spirit by donating and bidding on the items at the auction, which has become a ritual finale at this annual event. This year, we were able to raise approximately \$25,000, which will be designated to be utilized for Nebraska Game and Parks' bighorn sheep program! What a great bunch of guys and gals!! Along with the various sponsorships, we will be directing around \$30,000 to Nebraska. I do not know of any other organization whose members are so passionate for the causes which they represent.

In addition to the auction, the annual Chapters and Affiliates Summit is a two-day event which brings together delegates from the various chapters and affiliates, along with the directors and executives from WSF. It is a great venue to find out what's going on at the national level as well as with the individual chapters and affiliates. Topics discussed range from sheep habitat and disease, individual chapter and affiliate's events, happenings at the national level, fundraising, and many other items related to the Wild Sheep Foundation. For, me getting to know and intermingling with the other delegates and WSF personnel is the most satisfying and gratifying part of this event. It really makes me feel humbled to be a part of such an organization.



TODD RECEIVING A WILD SHEEP LIFE MEMBERSHIP FROM GRAY

This past February was the first time we had our Iowa fundraiser held somewhere other than Okoboji and, I am happy to report that it turned out to be a huge success! Not only was the attendance up by over 20 percent, our revenue and net also had a huge increase. That being said, we have decided to go back to the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn for the 2017 fundraiser, which is scheduled for the weekend of March 10th and 11th, so please mark your calendars. Okoboji was very good to Iowa FNAWS, however, by having the fundraiser more centrally located in Des Moines, it appears that we were able to draw from a larger, more diverse market.



OUR C&A HOSTS FROM NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS



ONE OF MANY AUCTION ITEMS

Speaking of our fundraiser, for those you who went to the event, noticed that we had designated several activities and well as raffles and auctions for the youth who were in attendance. This too, was a huge success; however I would like to take this time to apologize for possibly having placed too much emphasis on the youth, especially in regards to the General Raffle. I don't think we realized the amount of tickets our enthusiastic young attendees would accumulate! Therefore, in all fairness to all attendees, we will be rethinking the way we will do the youth raffle to ensure that it will be equitable for all our raffle ticket purchasers. We will also be looking at adding other activities for our attendees. I look forward to seeing you there next March.

I closing, I hope you are planning an eventful upcoming hunting season and best of luck in your pursuits!

TED'S TIDBITS

I'm not voluntarily moving out of this country regardless who wins this fall's election. We recently have had some horrible events happening here and around the world that sadden us all, but we are a country with a history of strong leaders and in these times this leadership needs to excel for the

good of all. The likeness of a Theodore Roosevelt would be my choice.

After 25 years of IA FNAWS fundraisers held in the Iowa Great Lakes area, the Board decided to try a new venue in Des Moines. We've had great success in the past and the move proved to be also successful with many new attendees and great support from the Iowa SCI Chapter. We encouraged youth participation and feel we must continue to do so for the future of hunting. We learned some lessons and know we need a separation of youth and adult raffles. People who buy tickets should not have competition from youth given free ones. An interesting fact was that the location of our banquet was the same grounds that early wild sheep organizers held meetings in the 1970's. The original founders of National FNAWS (now the WSF) met in June 1977 to discuss and sign the official documentation that established FNAWS. I'm told the building where they met burned down and in its place today is the new Holiday Inn Convention Center which was our venue in February and will be again in 2017.

Charter Member #12 Roger Hill, from Roland, IA, was in attendance and was recognized with a life membership from National WSF. Many of Roger's photographs have been pictured in past "Wild Sheep" magazines as well as other national and regional publications. Roger continues to shoot wild sheep and wildlife with his camera and probably has more grand slams than anyone. His weren't taken with a rifle or bow but with a trusty camera and with long legs that endured miles of hiking. Also in attendance was our new WSF Chairman of the Board, Doug Sayer, ID, along with his wife, Shelley, and one of their precious grandchildren. Everyone in attendance was a special guest and I'm hoping to see all of you and others at the Iowa Fundraiser in 2017.

In early April I returned to Des Moines to attend the Iowa SCI show and banquet. They had a great show and my highlight was seeing Riley Heller receive the "SCI Youth Hunter" award. Riley was 15 years old and a sophomore from West Des Moines and an accomplished archer. He helps mentor other young archers at many events and took an 11 point Iowa whitetail last fall. He's what we want to see in

our young men and both he and his father are IA FNAWS life members. His dad is Mike Heller, one of our IA FNAWS Board of Directors.

John Coulter, MN, long time member of many sheep groups, took his desert sheep in Mexico to finish his grand slam of sheep. John won this hunt at the 2016 Grand Slam/Ovis Convention in Las Vegas and within a month had his ram. His first dall was in 1977, the stone in 1983, bighorn in 1987, so for 29 years, John waited to fulfill his dream. Someone is lucky in all the draws or raffles and John was at the 2016 GSC/Ovis show.

Our sympathy goes out to Jerry and Lonnie Nichols on the passing of their son, Troy, at the age of 50. As many of us know, life is cut short for some, giving the rest of us more reasons to count our many blessings and cherish the memories of loved ones who have passed.

In late June, I attended the WSF Chapter and Affiliate Summit held at Fort Robinson in western Nebraska. Iowa Chapter FNAWS partnered with Nebraska Game and Parks in hosting this meeting. I can't say enough to compliment the Nebraska folks on a job well done. Their hard work in planning this event made it easy for us and enjoyable for all. Fort Robinson holds so much history from the Indian conflicts of the 1800's to a POW camp in WWI, to an equine and dog training base in the early 1900's through the 1940's. Everyone enjoyed the informational meetings in the mornings and the social events in the afternoon and early evening. Our hats go off to all the NE Game and Parks officials and the attendees who gave of their time and generous financial support. This generosity will enable Iowa FNAWS to fund some \$30,000 towards Nebraska's wild sheep and other wildlife projects.

Since 1984, I believe I've only missed 3 National Wild Sheep shows. The 2016 event in Reno once again proved that this group is truly a family of wild sheep fanatics. It was great seeing old friends and also meeting new ones. My wife, Eileen, won one of the \$1000 floor credits and we promptly spent it and more at the "girl places." Many deserving individuals won awards and I continue to be amazed at the generosity of this family of addicted wild sheep hunters and friends. Leaving Sunday on the drive

back to Iowa, I started feeling subpar and by the second day on the road it turned into feeling miserable. Ending the day in North Platte, NE, Eileen was determined I go to the hospital. I disagreed somewhat and said we'd make it home the next day and if I didn't make it just bury me alongside the Platte. Thousands of pioneering families made that trek and many succumbed for various reasons. We made it back home and, yes, I was hospitalized and the old Negro spiritual came to mind when I told Doc "Ain't Got Time to Die."

It's been a wet and warm spring and summer but believe our pheasant count is pretty good. The whitetails continue to pulverize my garden and the sweet corn patch needs a double wire electric fence to keep the whitetails and raccoons at bay. A trip is planned in September to celebrate the retirement of my 38 year old son-in-law after 20 years in the Marine Corps. He'll be back with his family in the St. Louis area. From there we'll head east and take in some civil war and past president historical sites. Appomattox, Mt. Vernon and Monticello come to mind with many more in between. My trophy room is full, and reading history and tantalizing the guys on the farm have become my preferred hobbies. Keep hunting while you can, and the rest of us will try to make more opportunities available for you and our children. Our parks, wildlife and other natural resources are there to be seen and enjoyed. Just do it.

Till our next hunt,

Ted

Ted Schutte

ANNUAL BANQUET

The 2017 Iowa FNAWS banquet will be held the March 10th and 11th, at the Holiday Inn (Airport), Des Moines, IA. Friday will a social evening in the hospitality suites, with the banquet being on Saturday. There has been a change this year concerning reservations. The board has voted to charge \$50.00 per person if banquet registration is received before February 1st. Those registering at the door will pay \$65.00. This is intended to streamline to process of checking in at the door. This also allows me to have everyone's nametags and

identification stickers printed in advance. We found out this year that the tables seat 10, not 8 as was the case in Okoboji. If you wish to reserve a table, please let me know, on your banquet registration form, who will be sitting with you. Anyone who registers in advance and is unable to attend will receive a refund. If anyone know someone that does not currently get the newsletter and would like to get it, have them e-mail me at jafnawsmark@yahoo.com.

DOESN'T THIS GUY HAVE JOB



Here is Lonnie's recount of his Alaskan Brown Bear Adventure.

The circumstances didn't allow for great pictures. After I shot the bear it rolled down the mountain 500 yards and went over the edge of a steep embankment into a creek/stream bottom. Broke one of his legs and punctures a few spots on the pelt. The massive bear (1,000 to 1,200 pounds) was difficult to move around to get it set up for the best pictures. We were able to move it a little and get it out of the heavy water stream, to the edge for caping out. My guide who has had hunters take close to 50 bears over the last 18 years, has never had one this difficult to work on. The pelt measured 11 feet 1 inch wide from front paw to front paw and 9 feet 1 inch from nose to tail. These two numbers are added together and divided by 2 for the average. The 10 feet 1 inch is called the squared hide. The skull measured 19 1/2 inches long and 9 3/4 inches wide. These two measurements are added together and it would be 29 1/4 inches. This is the raw score and the official scoring will take place 60 days after the drying out period. For you hunters the Boone & Crockett All Time Record Book minimum is 28 inches.

We were spotting 5 to 8 bears each day of the hunt and in total there were 3 big boars in this area located

30 miles northeast of Sand Point, Alaska. I took the bear on the 2nd day of the hunt, Wednesday, May 11. We had pursued this bear from noon to 6:30 that day (covering over 5 miles) when finally on the 3rd stalk we were able to close the deal. It was too late in the day to skin the bear and carry him out the 2 miles to camp, so we left him and came back the next morning. I was able to get home today, one week early.

THIS FISHING ADVENTURE WAS PURCHASED AT OUR 2016 FUNDRAISER



LOOKS LIKE FUN



NED AND HIS BEAR



BOARD MEMBERS

Craig Nakamoto
53749 US Hwy. 275
Glenwood, IA 51534
President

Pat O'Neill
16717 45th St. NE
Foley, MN 56329
Vice President

Mark Seltzer
52522 230th Street
Glenwood, IA 51534
iafnawsmark@yahoo.com
Secretary/Treasurer

Ted Schutte
574 Golf View Dr.
Sibley, Iowa 51249

Todd Stowater
1015 S. Minnesota
Algona, Iowa 50511

Mike Heller
1621 S. 50th Place
W. Des Moines, IA 50265

Laureen Nakamoto
53749 US Hwy. 275
Glenwood, IA 51534

Jerry Nichols
2398 Cumming Road
Winterset, IA 50273

Jeff Lappe
308 Q Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Edward (Ned) Greer
218 Jordan
Council Bluffs, IA 51503