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A FEW WORDS FROM CRAIG

I'll open this message with a big "THANK YOU!!" for all of you who participated in our latest fundraiser this past March in Des Moines. This was to date, by far the best fundraiser we have had, in terms both of attendance as well as monies generated for furthering Iowa FNAWS' funding projects. Due to the unbelievable generosity of the attendees, we raised close to \$300,000, and after the dust settled, have almost \$220,000 available for funding. This is incredible, for it amounts to almost \$1500 generated by every single person in attendance, including the 20 to 30 kids.



Hopefully, next year will be another banner year. Speaking of which, we have scheduled next year's fundraiser for March 10th, again at the Airport Holiday Inn, so please keep your calendars open for that date.



Ted Schutte, who has been my mentor and a long time Officer and Board Member, at Iowa FNAWS, has decided to take on a lesser role. Effective at our last Board meeting prior to our fundraiser in March, Ted has decided to retire as an active Board Member and was appointed as Director Emeritus. In this position, although he will not be actively involved in the operations of the organization, he will still provide guidance and support. Don't worry, we are not letting him get off that easy, and he will still contribute his "tidbits" in the newsletters. In Ted's replacement, the Board has appointed Lonnie Cook from Muscatine, Iowa. Lonnie is an avid hunter and has become a very active member over the last several years. Ned Greer and Jeff Lappe have been reelected to the Board. In addition, my son, Kyle Nakamoto has been elected to the Board. All three received the majority of the votes by the membership at this last fundraiser.



I hope many of you have your calendars booked with a year filled with a lot of fishing, hunting and outdoor adventures and I look forward to receiving your pictures and stories for our upcoming newsletters. I for one am planning a spring Saskatchewan black bear hunt, a Greenland musk ox and caribou hunt and a British Columbia mountain goat hunt. I will also tag along with Laureen (if she lets me) on her Aoudad hunt in west Texas. Heck, she might just let me shoot a critter on my own. By the way, all of these hunts were purchased at our Iowa fundraiser. Both Laureen and I strongly believe that we should support our organization and the outfitters who have donated to our fundraiser. It would be counterproductive of me to go out and garner donations for our club and then not support them. Which brings to mind, that should any of you know of outfitters which would be good additions to our fundraiser, it wouldn't hurt to solicit them for a donation, especially if you are contemplating on booking a trip with them. It always seems to help if they feel you have a vested interest in their donation.

Laureen and I are also planning a road trip to the next WSF Chapters and Affiliates Summit in Flathead Lake, Montana. Along the way, we plan on attending a wedding in Pueblo, Colorado, for Jay Furney and Stacy Long and visit Josh Martoglio and crew in Cody, Wyoming. Then we plan to drive back from Montana with Pat O'Neill and Kay Giannola. What amazes me is that all of these relationships would not have developed had it not been for our affinity with wild sheep! As I look back, it is unbelievable the amount of great friends we have made via our association with FNAWS(WSF) and GSCO.

In closing, it's great to be a part of Iowa FNAWS and I look forward to what lies ahead for this fine organization.

TED'S TIDBITS

If you missed our March fundraiser you missed a good one. With so many positive gestures it's hard to explain with fear of not telling some that deserve recognition. Life member, Rick Brandt, NE, as he faced our U.S. flag, sang our National anthem, and if you weren't moved by that, Teddy Roosevelt

would have a few words for you. Then moments later we drew the winner of half the \$1800 cash barrel. The winner was Kirstie Sturgeon who, without hesitation, donated it back to IA FNAWS. That set the tone of the evening and we were off and running. A wolf pelt was auctioned with the proceeds going for predator management in British Columbia. Six people bought and redonated it with over \$3000 raised. With donations from Vladimir Koshcheev and Tony Caliguiri, over \$2000 was raised for Bear Trust International. Proceeds from a Mule deer hunt that would benefit "Colors of Heroes" was donated by Jeff Chadd and Majestic Mountain Outfitters. It was bought and redonated and over \$6000 was generated. The generosity of so many people was amazing and it shone brightly that March evening in Des Moines. The nonresident Nebraska elk tag sold in the \$38,000 range and the buyer was an old friend of mine who I hadn't seen in some 20 years. I believe the Iowa whitetail tag set a new record when it went in the neighborhood of \$11,000. Lesser priced hunts like the AZ Javelin hunt, the NE prairie dog hunt, and the LA alligator hunt all went for good money because the buyer wanted the experience and he knew the dollars were going for a good cause. Just to let everybody know, the 75 year old bottle of Crown Royal that was part of the "Johnson Goodie Box" was consumed in St. Louis to help celebrate the military service and police academy graduation of member Emir Hadzic, MO. Two antique bear traps went for \$3,500 each, purchased by a dedicated and great supporter from Idaho. Our youth in attendance and our next generation of hunters left with guns and merchandise and smiles on their faces. It was a great night for us, the hunters, and the wildlife. IA FNAWS has been successful for years and 2017 achieved the same if not more. We the board and we the members thank everyone for their participation and generosity.

I was saddened to get word of the passing of two FNAWS friends. Les Behrns, MN, died in late 2016 after losing his bout with cancer. I met Les, his wife Shirley and son, John, at the 1986 FNAWS convention in Hawaii and we remained friends for the next 30 years. He, like me, did his sheep

hunting years ago, but we always laughed as we enjoyed talking about those “good ol’ days.”

Life member, Steve Erickson, MN, died on Dec. 21, 2016. We called him Flash, and if you met him, you didn’t forget him. If you look at an Iowa FNAWS life member list you will see #95 is Ashton Erickson. Ashton is Flash’s grandson and he along with #93 Cash Johnson and #94 Teddy Van Gelder became life members at the same time. We all know Cash Johnson, and Teddy is my 13-year old grandson. I believe those boys might have all been in diapers when we grandpas signed them up. My life continues to be in a state of adjustment as it loses some great friends.

On a happy note, IA FNAWS Director Jeff Lappe won an Alaskan dall sheep hunt when his name was drawn in a Grand Slam Club/Ovis drawing. He’ll be hunting with Jeff Chadd and his Majestic Mountain Outfitter’s crew. This is the same Jeff Chadd who donated the mule deer hunt for our IA auction and then to top it off he gave another Montana mule deer hunt to IA FNAWS member Emir Hadzic, MO, who just retired after 20 years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps. We all wish Jeff success in his quest for his dall ram, and it’s great when our local people are winners of great hunts.

In January and February, Eileen and I traveled and visited 6 national parks in the west and a couple past president historical sites. After Sequoia National Park in California our wish was to visit the Nixon and Reagan libraries, but the heavy traffic and 8 lane highways of the Los Angeles area told this farm boy to turn the Tahoe around and head back home. In June we’re going to spend a few days in western North Dakota and visit the area Theodore Roosevelt ranches some 130 years ago. The parks, ranch, and Medora area will help me relive many things I’ve read in books the past few years. Our country has so much to offer in its physical beauty and historic bounty. All we have to do is travel and take advantage of it. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and get ready for the fall hunting season. I’ll close with one of many Theodore Roosevelt quotes, “A vote is like a rifle:

its usefulness depends upon the character of the user.”

Till our next hunt,

Ted

Ted Schutte

ANNUAL BANQUET

The 2018 Iowa FNAWS banquet will be held on the March 9th and 10th, at the Holiday Inn (Airport), Des Moines, IA. Friday will be a social evening in the hospitality suites, with the banquet being on Saturday. Once again banquet tickets will be \$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 the process of checking in at the door. This also allows me to have everyone’s nametags and identification stickers printed in advance. 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 will have a pre-printed name tag at the registration desk. Depending on time, people registering at the door may receive a hand written name tag.

Just a quick note to let everyone know that my address has changed to:

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Please send all correspondence to this address. Also, if you have pictures that you want included in the newsletter, please e-mail the digital file to: iafnawsmark@yahoo.com.

NOW FOR SOME SUCCESSFUL YOUTH HUNTERS AND THEIR BOUNTY

Kenia Link, Dall Ram, Alaska



Cash Johnson



Mason's First Big Tom

One morning at 4:30 I got up and got dressed and me and my dad got snacks for turkey hunting then we got in the truck and drove to 5 acre field and walked to the blind in the dark and when we got there we heard a gobble then my dad called and we heard gobbles until 6:30 a long ways away then at 8:30 we heard a gobble 200 yards away then we called and we saw a tom then he went away and got two other toms and then they came and they saw the decoys and they walked forward and I shot and I hit the bird in the head 5 yards away and it weighed 24.5 pounds and the beard was 9 inches long. Then we went to whistle stop café and I ate 6 pieces of French toast 3 pieces of bacon and 1 egg.

By: Mason Oostenink Age 8



Life member Don Oostenink's grandsons

Blake Oosternink, 11 year old, Eastern Turkey



Mason's South Dakota Adventure

So I was at school and my dad picked me up at 11:30 a.m. and it was a six hour drive to South Dakota and we ate hamburgers and chicken nuggets and when we got there we went to the bathroom and got a snack then we went to the blind and we set up the decoys and we called and did not hear anything then we called again and we heard a gobble and called again and did not hear a gobble after that then we went to our motel and met our friend Pat and we cooked pork patties and I ate 2 and had a Coca Cola then we went to bed and the next day we got up at 4:30 a.m. then we got dressed and got in the truck and went to the field and when we got there we heard a gobble and we called and heard it for a long time then they stopped because the coyotes were howling then we saw turkeys a long way away and we saw one tom and he was doing 360s and the hens were eating bugs and we called and the tom came and then he went back so we moved the blind where we last saw him and went to our motel and ate lunch and took a nap then we went back out and we set up the decoys and we called and we heard a gobble and they went back and forth back and forth and we saw a hen and then one tom came out and we called and he gobbled and came and came and I shot and hit him at 14 yards. Next we drove around and we looked for turkeys and saw a cow have a new born baby calf then we went to get our friend

Pat and then we went to our motel and we ate and went to bed and the next morning we went out and helped Pat and we called and we heard a gobble and called and then we heard coyotes then the tom was gone then we saw a turkey and then it went away then we went to look for it and did not find it and went to a different field and we called and heard a gobble and we saw turkeys and they went back and we went across a river and went after them and we found a shed and we called and they were gone so we went back to the truck and went to the motel and we ate lunch then we went home.

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