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A FEW WORDS FROM CRAIG

As I write this message, I look back and wonder how fast time flies. It seemed only a few years ago when I went to my first Iowa FNAWS fundraiser in Okoboji with my family, not knowing anyone there, except for a call I had made to Ted Schutte, inquiring about the event.

Well, that's been 20 years ago, and now I can honestly call MANY of my fellow Iowa FNAWS' members, great friends and hunting buddies. The commonalities of the interests I have shared with this great group of people have truly made my membership in Iowa FNAWS a very special one! This brings to a closing of a chapter in Iowa FNAWS's long legacy, for after having travelled to Okoboji for all of these years, the annual fundraiser will be moving to a new venue, at the Airport Holiday Inn Express in Des Moines, Iowa.

I know this was a difficult decision and we will probably have some resentment among the membership, however, it was the Board's, and especially my decision that we had to move to a different venue. Our fundraiser was being stagnated with a handful of the same bidders and by moving, possibly, we can attract new members and especially generate more fund to continue our mission of "putting and keeping sheep on the mountain".

In the past, I was always told that Okoboji was hard to get to, especially from people not from Iowa. The Holiday Inn is conveniently situated directly across the Des Moines Airport which should help our out-of-town members, guests and outfitters. I anticipate and hope that we will be getting a few more attendees from this previously-mentioned

group, so for those of you out there, please don't make a liar out of me. Also, being centrally located in the state, the Holiday Inn would provide for a less drive time for our eastern and southeastern Iowa members. The Board toured the facilities this past spring, and I can tell you that the convention center will easily hold our attendees and has the capacity for a lot more. There will also be an area where outfitters and outdoor-related exhibitors can set up and display their goods. So, we welcome anyone interested in setting up a table. The cost is only \$25 and will be waived if an auction item is provided for our fundraiser. If you would like more information on this or want to get a table, please contact myself (402) 650-1383, nakamoto01@sbcglobal.net or Mark Seltzer (402) 321-2683, iafnawsmark@yahoo.com.

Attached, please find the registration form for the fundraiser. I ask that if you plan on attending, **we would really appreciate it if you could send your registration in ASAP**, for being a new venue, we would like to get a head count as early as possible. This year, we will also be offering Corporate Sponsorship tables. We haven't quite worked out the details, however if anyone is interested, please contact me.

Iowa FNAWS has finally decided to enter the computer age by finally putting together a website, www.iowaFNAWS.org. If you would like to contribute to this site, please send your information to iowafnaws@gmail.com and one of our administrators will gladly insert in to the website.

In closing, I would again like to thank my fellow Board members for their commitment to our cause and also to our many Iowa FNAWS members who truly make our organization the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

TED'S TIDBITS

SUMMER 2015

On May 4th, I received a call from North Carolina informing me that Edwin "Booger" Harris had passed away. A massive heart attack had taken this great friend of mine while still in his 60s and sorrow, yet, many fond memories danced through

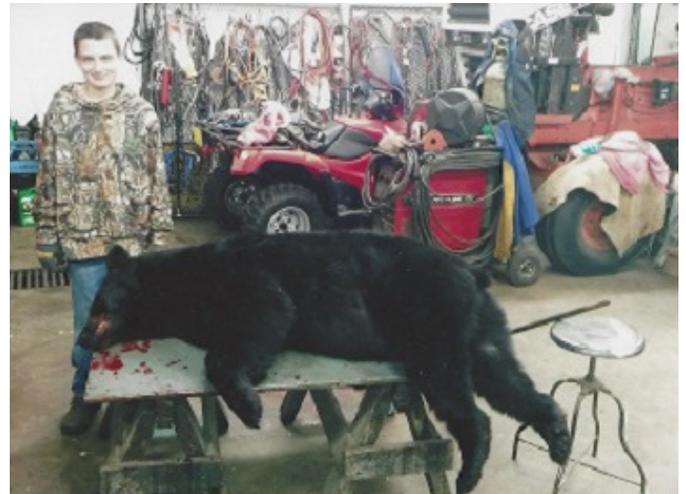
my mind that evening and following days. The first reorganizational meeting of IA FNAWS held in 1990 near Spirit Lake, IA, was a very informal gathering and purpose was to “jump start” a stagnant chapter. A fundraiser it was not until Dr. Jerry Waite exclaimed, “I know Booger Harris will give us a tundra swan hunt.” It was informally auctioned and my winning bid and following trip to North Carolina started a friendship that lasted through the years. Booger donated a hunt every year he was asked and the few years he wasn’t his call to me would be “why the hell didn’t you ask me for a hunt?” He gave to groups he liked and his answer to groups he disliked didn’t take any more explanation after he spoke. You knew where Booger stood on issues and he used language you don’t find in the dictionary. We shared hundreds of laughs together talking farming, hunting, politics, and good whiskies. I was “Boogerized” many times and those of you who knew him know what I mean. At our 2014 IA FNAWS Fundraiser we auctioned the last of his 20 plus donations. It was another swan hunt for two and



I felt a need to see my buddy. His mobility was limited and a wheelchair was needed at times. I bought the hunt but we failed to draw the swan permit for the 2014 season. We would try again for the limited permits in 2015 and Booger reassured me in what a great time we would have. I am not applying for a permit this year and the swan that would have had my permit attached will keep flying. Without Booger the hunt would not be a hunt and now I just wish to cherish the friendship and the memories that friendship provided.

I will not voice an opinion on the taking of the lion in Zimbabwe until I’m assured of factual material regarding the kill. I do know the bulk of the dollars for proper wildlife management is from hunters, and the last thing we, the hunting community, need is unethical hunting to tarnish this fact. I believe the percentage of people hunting is dwindling and the urban society and press fail to see the positive effect ethical hunters have on wildlife numbers.

Life member, Neil Schutte, IA, bought the Manitoba black bear hunt at the chapter’s 2013 auction. His son, Caleb, would accompany him on the youth hunt supplied by the outfitter and Iowa Chapter. Caleb wouldn’t be 12 years old until late in the 2013 season so they waited until the following year and both took nice bears in September 2014. Caleb’s eyes lit up when the black one came to the bait and Neil took a dandy, color-phased cinnamon. My wish is that more of our youth’s time would be spent afield rather than on telephones and computers and the games they provide.



Gary and Susan Tuohy, MI, are supporters of IA FNAWS and in past years have hunted pheasants on the Schutte farms. It was with joy when I saw the photo of Susan and her Altay ibex on the cover of GSCO “Slam Quest” spring issue. This ibex and another four Capra species taken on this extended hunting trip in 2013 brought Susan to the prestigious Capra World Slam Super 20. Only three other ladies have achieved this level and Charlotte Peyerk, MI, is one of them. Charlotte bought the Wyoming Bighorn permit at our 2012

Iowa fundraiser. To get that many world goat species is quite an accomplishment and I congratulate both on this milestone. Susan is an accomplished hunter and both Gary and Susan are great friends of mine.

The political instability refrains many people from traveling or hunting many foreign countries, but this doesn't stop life member Don Oostenink, IA. Don traveled to Cameroon on the African continent in February 2015 in search of the Lavanna buffalo and western roan. He saw country most of us will never see and came home after taking a buffalo, waterbuck ling-ling and a Cob. Not only have I not taken any of these animals but I have a hard time spelling their names. Thanks for the pictures, and keep doing the hunts most of us just dream about.

Fifteen years ago, I knew most of the Board officers of National WSF and its Chapters and affiliates. Today I read the list of officers in their latest publications and determine I know very few of them. This tells me three things. First, that we are successful in getting new blood in our conservation organizations and have people willing to serve and volunteer time for a cause we deem of extreme importance. Secondly, people who have served have given much and might tire out or lose some of their enthusiasm and feel a need for change. Volunteer time on the boards is time away from business, family and other preferred activities and after a length of time a person feels he has done his part. Let's all thank them for their service. And thirdly, maybe I've been doing this too long. Board member input is vital and new ideas along with some old, successful ones are needed. I ask that any of you willing to give of some of your time consider serving on the IA FNAWS Board of Directors. Indicate to any one of us your desires.

Past Board and life member, Rich Meyer, IA, bought the John Grosvenor Okoboji fishing trip auctioned at our 2015 fundraiser. He did what we love to see happen by giving it to a family friend with youth. Tara and Sam Pas had a ball catching dozens of yellow bass and bluegill. Their eyes lit up and the smiles got bigger with each fish they pulled into the boat. We thank Rich for his kind

gesture, and his comment to me was, "They're better fishermen than I am."

In the last newsletter a line got omitted in my closing paragraph regarding the desire to visit Sagamore Hill on Long Island in New York, the home of our 26th president. The line omitted stated that "He preferred to be called Theodore Roosevelt and my wishes are we had one like him today." After watching the last debate my wishes are even greater. We have a trip planned in late September and if I survive the New York traffic we will continue on to some John Adams' museums, Plymouth Rock history, Acadia National Park and New England color.

In closing, a little more insight regarding the beginning of my Tidbits. At the 2015 IA FNAWS fundraiser I purchased the prized Johnson Labrador pick of the litter pup. The pup had not been born and in fact the female would not be bred until mid-spring. The pups were born in early July, and I was informed my chosen yellow lab pup would be delivered in late August. They asked me what the dog would be named so they could start calling it on a personal basis. I told them my dog would be named "Booger." Need I say more?

Till our next hunt,

Ted

Ted Schutte

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Once again the generosity of our members, guests, and outside supporters has resulted in a very successful banquet. I hope everyone that attended had a great time. The board held their spring meeting at the Holiday Inn (Airport), in Des Moines. The facility seems well suited for our banquet and I hope past attendees will make the trip and invite their friends. We are looking for a record crowd with Iowa SCI and a number of Des Moines hunting organizations expressing interest

On a different note, if anyone would like to serve as a member on the board, please let a board member know so we can get your name on the ballot. E-mail me at iafnawsmark@yahoo.com

I am always looking for pictures and articles for the newsletter. Tales of hunting trips, good experiences with guides, especially if the hunt was purchased at one of our banquets, and any other information that you would like to extend to the membership. Use the same e-mail address mentioned above.

Included in the newsletter is a banquet registration form. Feel free to make copies and distribute to friends and fellow hunters.

LIFE MEMBER DON OOSTERNINK AND HIS OUTFITTER AND HIS CAMEROON COB



DON ALSO SHOT A WATERBUCK LING-LING IN 2015



LONNIE COOK WITH HIS BOUNTY



Member, Lonnie Cook hunting with Ram Head Outfitters and guide Johnny Nikirk took his Dall Sheep on the second day of the hunt in early August. They were hunting in the Mackenzie Mountains of the Northwest Territories. The ram measured 37 ½” on both sides with 13 ½” bases. The ram was 13 years old. Three days later after passing on several smaller bulls, Lonnie took this nice Mountain Caribou.



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