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## A FEW WORDS FROM CRAIG

As we inch closer to the upcoming convention season, I felt this would be a great time to get this newsletter out to our membership. Your Board has had a couple of very productive meetings this past year, with an additional one scheduled in December to work on our 2018 fundraiser, which is again scheduled for March 10th at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn.

At this upcoming fundraiser, we are again fortunate to have several special auction tags. Nebraska has again granted us with one of their non-resident elk tag. I just received final confirmation that we will have another Wyoming Governor's Bighorn tag. In addition, for the first time ever, we will have a Wyoming Governor's Moose tag! Although I have not received the final word, I also feel very confident that we will have another Iowa non-resident Whitetail tag.

Your Board is working diligently to secure additional hunts and fishing trips to make our live auction another successful event, and we will be putting a preliminary auction listing together in the near future. For those of you who want to beat the rush, attached, please find a registration form for the fundraiser.

Your Board is looking into the possibility of moving the date of the fundraiser to possibly late spring or early summer. We feel that potentially having a later date might benefit attendance as well as availability of venues. Traditionally, our fundraiser was held in February, however it appears the month of February is a busy month in Des Moines, hence lately; we have had the fundraiser in early March. However, March seems to be a conflict with many of the other outdoor sporting shows and conventions. We would appreciate any

input from the membership regarding this issue. You can either email me or send your comments to our website at [www.iowafnaws.org](http://www.iowafnaws.org).

As you are aware, one of Iowa FNAWS' main emphases is on the youth and the future of the outdoor sports. In this regard, Iowa FNAWS will be sponsoring and underwriting a hunting trip and a fishing trip for two youngsters. These trips were awarded to two lucky Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids attendees. Marshall Arkfeld will be going on a whitetail hunt with his family at Dennis Campbell's Magnolia Lodge in Alabama, and Oliver Juranek will spend a day fishing in Lake Okoboji next summer with semi-pro bass fisherman, Clint Anderson.

While on the subject of promoting the outdoor sports, Iowa FNAWS has also agree to, in conjunction with GSCO and Jeff Chadd's Majestic Mountain Outfitters, jointly sponsor a hunt for Medal of Honor recipient, Clinton Romesha. It's just a small way of Iowa FNAWS showing our appreciation to our servicemen.

In August, I sent out a flyer outlining our upcoming publication of a raffle calendar comprising of our members' photos. We had a tremendous response, and to all of you who sent in your pictures, "thanks for participating!" Kyle Nakamoto is working diligently in finalizing the calendar and he hopes to get the majority of the pictures published, however, I want to apologize in the event that some were omitted for lack of space or picture quality. As of the writing of this newsletter, the calendars are in the final stages of production and should be available by the end of the year. Remember, these are mid 2018-2019 calendars, therefore we will have ample time to get them sold. Also, don't forget that by purchasing one of these calendars, you will be placed in a raffle for 17 guns!

While on guns, attached please find a flyer for a very special offer. We will be raffling off this Kimber rifle with Leupold Scope and Boyt Harness case, valued at almost \$4,500.00! Tickets are only \$25 each. If you would like to purchase tickets, please fill out the accompanying ticket(s) which are printed on the back of the flyer, and send them in with your payment to my attention. We will be

picking out the winner on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. One lucky person will have a very special Christmas!

In closing, again, Thanks for being a part of the Iowa FNAWS family!!

## TED'S TIDBITS

The leaves have fallen and the north winds are blowing. Hunting season in the areas where those north winds are coming from are basically over, and other signs of winter are evident. Some great deer, elk and bird hunting continues in the near future, but we northlanders need to get our heavy coats ready and prepare to turn the thermostats up in anticipation of months of cold and snow.

Roger Hill, IA, spends weeks every fall photographing wild sheep in the Yukon. Many of his photos have been on the covers or part of many wildlife conservation publications. I remember some of the "Wild Sheep" magazines in the 1980s and 1990s having his photos as covers or content. Roger knows where the mineral licks are and goes to some non-hunting areas to get pictures of sheep that will make any hunter drool. He sent me a DVD of this year's trip, and it contains pictures of dark, heavy horned Stones and a Dall sheep that has horns like an Argali. It's pushing a curl and a half and is a real beauty. Thanks, Roger, for the gift, and keep pursuing your passion.

I received my ballot for the election of the WSF Board of Directors. It's a listing of some strong candidates, but I was happy when one name in particular was on that list. Tony Caligiuri is an Iowa man and a strong supporter of Iowa FNAWS and many other hunting and wildlife conservation groups. He's a successful businessman from central Iowa and has attended many hunter group conventions and meetings. Iowa has had numerous persons who have served on the FNAWS and WSF governing bodies, and Tony would be a great person to continue this tradition.

The Iowa pheasant opener was this past weekend, and I now believe the DNR predictions of numbers being down substantially to be accurate in our area. We got some birds, but it was tough. Lots of corn still standing in the fields made it tougher,

and twenty-inch rows 8 to 10 feet high make it a sport for a young, skinny guy. Our grey partridge population remains nil with none seen over the two-day period.

Eileen and I made that June trip to western North Dakota and its Theodore Roosevelt history and parks. Spending two days in the Medora area got me close and personal with "Ol' Teddy," with its impersonators and historic places. In September we traveled the upper peninsula of Michigan with its color and mining history. Driving the highway near the south shore of Lake Superior, we passed through a small town named Melstrand. Wow, did that bring back memories! Many of us knew IA FNAWS member Mel Strand, and he was "one of a kind"—a good friend of mine who passed away a few years ago. Passing through that town once again brought back memories of a friendship started with involvement in the hunting world.

Remember Thanksgiving and its season of thankfulness. Then remember Christmas and its season of giving. After that, enter a new year that hopefully brings prosperity and, above all, health. Attend some of the wildlife shows and conventions, with the most important one being the IA FNAWS Fundraiser in Des Moines in March.

My season's greetings to all.

Till our next hunt,

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## 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 a social evening in the hospitality suites, with the banquet being on Saturday. 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.

## BOARD MEMBER LONNIE COOK AND HIS SUPER TEN QUEST

I have hunted Whitetails since my teenage years and moved to Elk in the late 1990's. As I got closer to retirement I realized I had the time and resources to go on hunts that I only dreamed about in my youth. After my Grizzly Bear hunt in 2013 and my Antelope hunt in 2014 I made a decision to pursue Wild Sheep and connected with my Dall and Stone in 2015. At the WSF show in Reno in January 2016 I lined up my Desert Bighorn hunt for later that year and I took a nice B & C ram. At the GSCO shows in January 2016 I met Chad Lenz of Savage Encounters and told him I was going to need a Rocky Mountain Bighorn to achieve my Grand Slam and we agreed upon a September 2017 hunt in Alberta. In late 2016 I contacted Chad and told him I failed to get a moose on a hunt that fall with another outfitter in Alberta and would he happen to have moose tag that I could purchase while on my sheep hunt. I was able to work that out with Chad and began looking forward to my hunt.



In January I harvested my Bison and now only needed a moose to achieve my Super Ten. I began to train in earnest for my back to back hunts and as the day finally arrived I made the drive to Alberta. I arrived early and we were able to do some pre-hunt scouting that paid off. I was able to find a ram that we went after on the first day and by 3pm I had my Grand Slam. I think GSCO will give it #1993 and it will be documented in the next issue of their magazine. It was a special milestone and I know many of our readers have achieved it in years past and I am hoping that each of us inspires some of our youth to do the same.



Well my Super Ten wasn't going to be so easy. I have a very poor track record on harvesting a moose. In fact my wife, Patti, claims I have a "jinx" or a "hex" put on me in regard to Mr. Moose. Since 2013 I have been on three previous hunts where I have had a moose tag, and one of these hunts was exclusively for moose. That adds up to 34 days of "Tag Soup". My two sheep guides, Jake and Luke, would start me out on moose hunting. After 3 days without any moose seen, Jake bailed out to go guide a Shiras Governor's Tag hunt in Wyoming. Luke and I hunted another 3 days and saw one moose 2 miles away. They were not fully in the rut yet and we were not getting any responses to our calls. New sheep hunters were coming in and Luke had to go set up their camp. There were six other moose hunters in camp and no extra guides, so Chad Lenz, the owner, took me out for 2 1/2 days. Again no moose sighted and no responses to our calls. I used up 8 days of a 7 day hunt and Chad and I sat down and had a little chat. Chad agreed to extend my hunt time, but to accommodate his schedule I need to fly back to Missouri and return a week later. After flying back to Calgary and picking up my car, I drove back to the hunting lodge. The weather was colder and as far as the calendar was concerned we were smack dab in the middle of the rut. The first morning out, Chad called in a bull in the first 20 minutes and my Super Ten was complete. Perseverance pays off. I will end by quoting one of my favorite Statesman, Winston Churchill: "Young men, never give up. Never give up! Never give up!! Never, never, never-never-never-never!"

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