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AUCTION PROPOSAL

MOUNTAIN GOAT

2019

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Dear FWP Commissioners, July 12, 2019

The Safari Club International – Great Falls Chapter would like to thank you for the great work you are doing on behalf of the Montana sportsmen and women. We appreciate the opportunity you have given to the Great Falls Chapter over the past ten (10) years for allowing us to auction the Governor's Mountain Goat Tag.

We are the second largest chapter in SCI out of 190 chapters!

The Mountain Goat Tag sold for **$60,500** at our banquet on March 9, 2019.

The Great Falls Chapter SCI has raised **$231,700** over 10 years for the Governor's Mountain Goat Tag with Montana FWP receiving 90% of the money which totaled **$208,530**.

Please find enclosed a proposal to conduct the license auction for the Mountain Goat for 2020.

Should you have any comments, questions or concerns please contact me at your convenience at:

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Respectfully,
Patty Ehrhardt

Patty Ehrhardt
Past President & Banquet Chair
Safari Club International – Great Falls Chapter

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a. Statement of Organization's Purpose

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Great Falls Chapter of Safari Club International, is committed to provide a channel for organized efforts to promote a public understanding and acceptance of hunting as an effective tool for wildlife conservation, management and education.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of SCI is to protect the freedom to hunt and to promote wildlife conservation worldwide.
The mission is supported through the many arenas of the organization:

- Conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitats
- Education of the public regarding hunting as a conservation tool
- Humanitarian services for those in need

GREAT FALLS CHAPTER SCI FACTS

- **Second largest SCI Chapter in the world out of 190 chapters**
- Nationally recognized as the top Membership Growth chapter for 2015
- March 2019 the Governors Tag sold for **$60,500** at the Great Falls Chapter SCI.
- Has auctioned the Governors Mountain Goat tag since 2010 (10 years) bringing in a total of **$231,700** to the Chapter. 90% of the money goes to MT FWP who has received a total of **$208,530** over the past 10 years.
- Chapter established in 2001
- Current membership – 1,426
- Four (4) general membership meetings per year
- Held 18 Annual Banquet and Fundraisers – last 10 years grossed $200,000/year
    - Averages 375-400 attendees each year
    - Grossed over $3.1 million in the past 18 banquets with over $1.4 million put back into sponsorship and projects in the Great Falls Area
- Board consists of 11 volunteers

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SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL
Great Falls Chapter
BYLAWS

Proposed and Accepted: September 26, 2001
Proposed and Accepted January 24, 2005
Proposed and Accepted May 22, 2006
Proposed and Accepted December 7, 2009

I. NAME AND ORGANIZATION:

The name of this non-profit organization (or incorporated association) shall be SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL, GREAT FALLS CHAPTER.

II. PURPOSES: The purposes of this organization shall be as follows:

1. To collect, organize and distribute educational information and data regarding the wild animals of the world and hunting opportunities available in the world.
2. To receive donations and to disburse same to Safari Club International or other organizations or individuals pursuing the same or similar goals as this organization.
3. To affiliate with Safari Club International in Tucson, Arizona, (herein "SCI Tucson"), so that all regular members of this organization shall also be regular members of Safari Club International.
4. To provide a channel for organized efforts to promote a public understanding and acceptance of sport hunting as an effective tool for wildlife conservation and management.
5. To participate and associate with other clubs throughout the world that share common goals, beliefs, and purposes.
6. To promote the goals and objectives of SCI Tucson, including the following:
   A. The Chapter will conduct at least one fund-raiser per year and contribute 30% of the net to SCI Tucson. In any year a fund-raiser is not conducted, a minimum of $2,000 shall be contributed to the general fund of SCI Tucson.
   B. The Chapter shall produce a quarterly newsletter and a copy of the same shall be provided to all current Chapter members, SCI Tucson, the President of SCI Tucson, and the Regional Representative.
   C. The Chapter shall be represented at least one Board meeting of SCI Headquarters per year other that the meeting held at the annual convention.
   D. The Chapter will submit to the Regional Representative a written report on Chapter activities prior to each Board meeting held by SCI Headquarters.
   E. The Chapter will conduct at least one conservation project annually.
   F. The Chapter will conduct at least one educational project annually.
   G. The Chapter will hold membership meetings at least quarterly.
   H. The Chapter will prepare and forward to SCI Tucson a year-end financial statement not later than six months after the close of the Chapter's fiscal year.
   I. The Chapter will have at least 25 members at all times.
7. To engage in such other activities as may be appropriate in conjunction with the foregoing.

III. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING:

1. Membership: There shall be three classes of members.
   A. Regular members shall have all of the rights of membership, including the right to vote on all items submitted to the general membership for a vote.
   B. For the provision of Husband & Wife occasions, one spouse may have a non-subscribing Chapter membership for the discounted rate provided by SCI plus Chapter dues. NSCM members have the right to vote on all items submitted to the general Chapter membership
   C. Youth membership at the regular rate of an SCI Youth membership with no fees paid to the Chapter. Youth members have the right to vote on all items submitted to the general Chapter membership.
2. Qualifications: To be eligible for membership, a person must be of good moral character and must agree to promote the purposes of this organization.
3. Application for Membership: All applications for membership must be in writing on a form specified by the Board of Directors, and applications for Chapter membership must be submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors.
4. Voting Rights: Each Chapter member in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote on every matter submitted for a vote of the members. Neither voting by proxy nor cumulative voting will be permitted.
5. Transfer of Membership: No membership may be transferred by any manner from the Chapter.
6. Initiation Fees and Dues: Initiation fees and dues and special assessments for members shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.
7. Dues - When Delinquent: Annual dues are due and payable promptly upon receipt of billing for the same from SCI Tucson. A member shall be delinquent if payable in full is not made by or within 60 days after the member's anniversary date. Any member who becomes delinquent shall be considered to have voluntarily terminated membership in the organization.
8. Termination for Cause: A member who makes false statements on his membership application or those whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the principles of this organization or SCI Tucson may be dropped from Chapter membership by vote of a majority of the Chapter members present at any regularly planned meeting. The motion for removal of the Chapter member shall have cause and said motion should be made by a member of the Chapters Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have authority, and an obligation, to set up hearing procedure on any contested termination of membership.
9. Resignation and Reinstatements: A member may resign by filing with the Secretary his written resignation. Dues paid by him in advance shall not be refunded or pro-rated. Such resignation shall not relieve the resigning member of the obligation to pay dues, fees or special assessments which have accrued up to the date of such resignation and which are unpaid. Reinstatement of a former member shall be made in the same way that an applicant for membership may be accepted; however, such applicant for reinstatement shall, as a condition to his reinstatement, be required to pay all dues, fees and special assessments which were previously due and unpaid by him at the time of his prior resignation.

IV. MEETINGS:

1. Order of Business: The order of business shall be: (a) minutes (b) treasurer's report (c) a report by the committee chairmen of the activities of their respective committees. (d) Review by the president of the activities of the board of directors and officers for the same period. (e) Old business. (f) New business (g) good of the order.
2. General Membership Meetings: A regular meeting of the members shall be held: (a) quarterly. The Secretary shall give each member written notice of the time and place of each regular meeting at least seven (7) days before the date scheduled for the meeting (b) During the 2nd general membership

meeting, elections of the Chapter officers and/or Board of Director positions shall be held.

3. Special Meeting: The Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the members for any purpose it deems appropriate. Written notice, including a call of the special meeting, shall state the date, time and place of the holding thereof and shall be delivered personally or by mail to each member entitled to vote at such meeting at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. If mailed, the notice shall be deemed to be delivered the day after it is deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address appearing on the organization's records, with postage thereon duly paid.

4. Quorum of Members: A quorum shall be constituted as follows: At a regular meeting, properly noticed, those members present. At a special meeting, at least one fourth of the total membership.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. The property, affairs and business of the organization shall be managed by a board of directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of:
   A. The President
   B. The Vice-President
   C. The Secretary
   D. The Treasurer
   E. Six Directors
   F. The Immediate Past President: The Immediate Past President shall be considered as a Director; he/she shall have BOD voting privileges and should serve in an advisory capacity to the BOD and the Chapter. The Immediate Past President shall hold the BOD advisory capacity for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months. This position is to be recognized as an addition to and separate of the six Directors.
   G. The Banquet Chair: The Banquet Chair is a BOD appointed position and shall be considered as an addition to the six Directors and shall have BOD voting privileges.
2. Term of Officers: At all elections, each Officer shall take office at the first Board meeting following his/her election and hold office for a two-year term. An Officer shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms in the same position.
3. Vacancies: Vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by majority vote of the Directors then in office. A Director so elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.
4. Quorum of Directories: A majority of the directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. Action by Directors: The vote of a majority of the Directors with a quorum present at the time of the vote at a regular or specially called meeting shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless a greater percentage of votes on any question are required by these Bylaws.
6. Notice of Meeting of Board of Directors: Notice of time, date, and place of regular meetings shall be given by resolution of the Board of Directors or in the manner herein provided for special meetings. Notice of all special meetings shall be given as follows: All notices shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting, and may be given by telephone, in person, mail, email or fax. Notices given by mail, email or fax shall be sent to the Director's address appearing on the organization records. If sent by mail, they shall be deemed delivered on the day after mailing, and if sent by fax or email, they shall be deemed delivered on the day the message is sent. The purpose of a special meeting shall be stated in the notice thereof Attendance of a Director shall constitute his waiver of notice, unless he attends for the sole purpose of objecting to the transacting of any business thereat on the ground that it was not properly called.
7. Meetings of Board of Directors:

A. Regular Meetings: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly, at the time and location agreed upon at the prior Board meeting.

B. Special Meetings: A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or Vice-President of the organization. Notice of all special meetings shall be given in accordance with Section 6, Article V of these Bylaws.

8. Minutes: The minutes of the last preceding meeting of the Board of Directors shall be read at each meeting, unless dispensed with by vote of the Directors.
9. Treasurer's Report: At each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall make a report of the receipts and expenditures, and report the financial condition of the organization.
10. Removal of Officers: The Board of Directors shall have the power at any regular or special meeting by two-thirds majority vote (i.e., at least 5 of 7 directors, 6 of 9 directors, etc.) to declare vacant the office of any Officer, for just cause. Upon written request of any Director or Officer so removed, the matter shall be reconsidered and voted upon again at the next regular Board meeting.
11. Compensation: Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as such. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any Director from serving the organization in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.
12. Expenses: All claims for reimbursement of expenses shall be made in writing to the Treasurer. The Board of Directors must approve the payment of all valid (previously approved) expenses claimed by a member, Officer or Director. BOD must approve any single expense equal to or exceeding $500.00.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Qualification: To be eligible to be nominated as an Officer, a person must have been a member in good standing of Safari Club International.
2. Nominating Committee: The Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee. It shall consist of a minimum of three members for the purpose of developing the slate of Officer Candidates for the upcoming elections. This Committee will be responsible for collecting the nominees from the Chapter membership, checking the qualifications of all nominees, then preparing the ballots to be presented to the Chapter membership.
3. Ballots: All nominations should be received in proper form by the Nominating Committee, not less than seven (7) days prior to the second quarterly Chapter meeting. At such time as the nominations are collected, the Nominating Committee shall prepare the ballot to be voted upon by the regular membership during the election meeting. Additionally, upon the commencement of the meeting, as the Chapter members arrive, they should have their membership status verified, and then if their membership is in good standing in the Chapter, they should be given a ballot with all names and descriptive paragraphs listed of the nominees, providing for an informed decision during the meeting. Each ballot should be prepared ahead of time by the Nominating Committee.
4. Late Nominations: During the second quarter general membership meeting, nominations may be accepted from the floor prior to the votes being cast. Newly nominated Officer candidates will be written on the ballot of the Officer position that they are running and shall be given not more than two minutes to describe their qualifications, past contributions and future goals they would suggest for the Chapter.

VII. OFFICERS:

1. Names and Qualifications of Officers: The officers of the organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. No two of said offices may be held by the same person.
2. Limitation of Powers: No Officer may receive compensation for his services.
3. Term of Office: Officer, Director, and Banquet Chair Positions shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.
4. Duties and Powers of Officers:

A. President: The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the organization, and, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision and control of the organization's affairs. He/she (1) shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors; (2) may sign with the Secretary or any other proper Officer of the organization authorized by the Board, any contracts or other instruments approved by the Board for signature; (3) may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors by giving notice in accordance with Section 6 of Article V of these Bylaws; (4) Should be the principal Director of activities at Chapter meetings.

B. Vice-President: In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, his duties shall be performed by the Vice-President, and if the Vice-President shall also be absent or unable or unwilling to act, the Secretary shall perform the President's duties. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as the President or the Board of Directors may assign to him.

C. Treasurer: The treasurer shall (1) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and all such securities of the organization from all sources and deposit all such money in the name of the organization in such depositories as the Board may designate; (2) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the organization; (3) keep a complete record of all organization income and expenditures; (4) make a report to the Directors of the financial condition of the organization every month; (5) at the second quarterly meeting, make a complete report of the financial condition of the organization for the immediately preceding calendar year, and; (6) perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

D. Secretary: The Secretary shall (1) keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose; (2) see that all notices of meetings of members and Directors are given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (3) be custodian of organization records; (4) keep a register of the addresses of each member of the organization; (5) conduct correspondence; (6) read correspondence and other communications at the meetings of the Board of Directors; (7) perform such other duties as the President or the Board of Directors may specify.

E. Banquet Chair: The Banquet Chair shall (1) Establish annual banquet logistics (i.e. time and place of banquet); (2) coordinate all aspects of Banquet with Directors; (3) perform such other duties as the President and/or the Board of Directors may specify.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Time of Election: The election of Secretary and Treasurer (officers) and three (3) Director Positions should occur in odd numbered years, during the regularly scheduled second quarter Chapter meeting. The election of the President and Vice President and the other three (3) Director positions should occur in even numbered years.

ODD YEARS	EVEN YEARS
TREASURER	PRESIDENT
SECRETARY	VICE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR #1	DIRECTOR #4
DIRECTOR #2	DIRECTOR #5
DIRECTOR #3	DIRECTOR #6
DIRECTOR #7 (appointed Banquet Chair)	DIRECTOR #8(Past-President)

2. Method of Voting: During the second quarter meeting, after sufficient time for each Chapter member to review the qualifications of each person running for the President's position, the ballots indicating the President should be collected, then counted and results told to the Chapter President, who will report to

the membership. If the newly elected Chapter President had indicated a desire to run for any other Officer position, his/her name should be marked off of any subsequent ballots. At that time the Vice-Presidents office should be voted on and the incumbent President should notify the membership who has been elected as the new Vice-President. If there is no duality present, at the time the Vice-President is voted on, votes should also be collected for the Secretary, and Treasurers offices.

IX. COMMITTEES:

The four elected Officers shall create any such Standing or Special Committees as he may deem necessary or desirable to serve the organizations interests and appoint the chairman thereof Each Committee shall remain in effect until the tasks of that Committees are finished, or until the term of the President who has created the Committee is completed.

X. AMENDMENTS:

After seven (7) days written notice to the membership, these Bylaws may be repealed or amended or new Bylaws may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present at the meetings. These Bylaws may not be amended or repealed by the Directors, except to enlarge the number of Directors per Section I Article V of these Bylaws. Whenever any amendment of any Bylaw is adopted, amended, or repealed, it must be copied into the book of Bylaws of the organization and copies sent to the full membership within thirty (30) days.

XI. CONTRACTS AND INSTRUMENTS:

No person shall have any authority to expend money or bind the organization by any contract or instrument unless specifically authorized by the board of directors.

XII. FISCAL YEAR:

The fiscal year of this organization shall commence on June 1 and end on May 31 of each calendar year.

XIII. RULES OF ORDER:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws, all meetings of the members, Board of Directors, and Committees shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (Revised), insofar as they are appropriate.

XIV. PROPERTY RIGHTS:

No member, Director, or Officer shall have any rights, title or interest in any of the assets or property of this organization, except the right to make use thereof as a member in accordance with authority of the Board of Directors.

XV. DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Upon liquidation, dissolution, winding up, or abandonment of this organization, all of the property, and assets of this government shall be transferred or conveyed by way of gift to one or more domestic or foreign organizations, foundations, associations, or societies exempt from federal and state income and property taxation and engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the organization. Any such transfer or conveyance shall be executed in accordance with the laws of the state/province, Country relating to the

liquidation, dissolution, winding up, or abandonment of non-profit organizations. In no event shall any properties or assets of this organization be conveyed or transferred to any member, upon the liquidation, dissolution, winding up, or abandonment of this organization, except for full consideration.

XVI. Expenditures:

It shall be deemed that the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, has the authority to approve expenditures for the normal functions of the Chapter.

XVII. Non-Hunting Projects:

It shall be the Chapters responsibility to fund, on an annual basis, a non-hunting related project that will be deemed to help promote the positive "community relations" aspect of the Chapter. This project may be submitted by anyone who is a member of the Chapter and should be voted upon by the quorum of members present at a meeting however, if the project needs immediate approval, a quorum of the Board of Directors may approve the expenditure of up to $1,500.

XVIII. Biannual Audit:

The Board of Directors shall select an accountant or accounting firm to review the books and statement of financial position on a biannual basis prior to each election.

c. Details of Organization's previous involvement in the conservation of the species hunted under the license

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EFFORTS

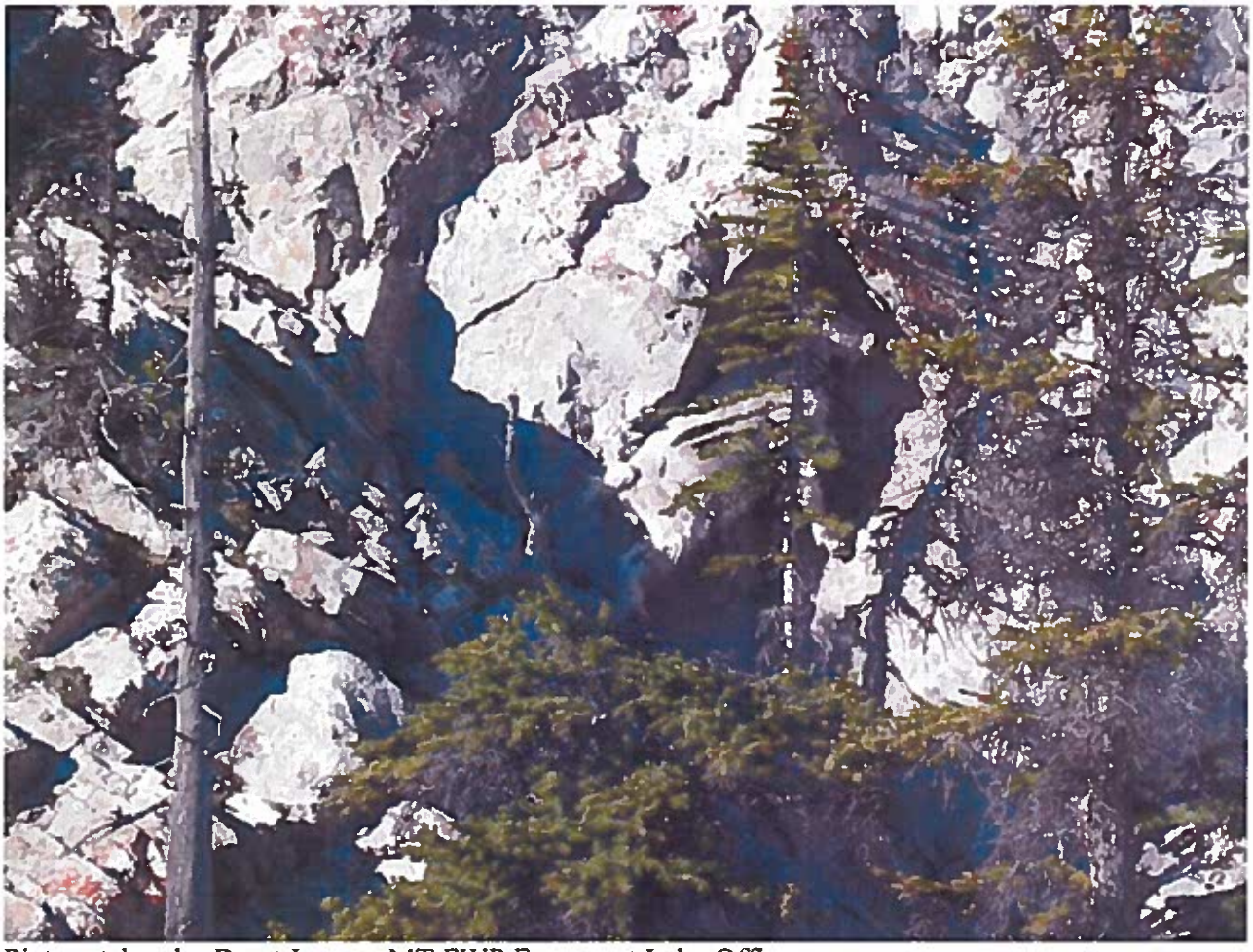
Safari Club International, Great Falls Chapter has been very active in high impact wildlife conservation efforts. Our efforts have been targeted to increase game animal numbers and survivability in areas previously occupied as well as introducing game species to new areas conducive to high survivability.

Great Falls Chapter SCI has donated funding and provided volunteer labor to the following projects:

- **CAPTURE AND RELOCATION OF 25 MOUNTAIN GOATS OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD**
  - Directly contributed **$18,500 and over 100-man hours**.
  - Worked closely with MFWP Biologists and Region 4 officials as well as private landowners

- **Brent Lonner, MT. Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Freezeout Lake Office sent the Great Falls Chapter a note and picture on July 7, 2017**

"Thought I'd pass along a photo of one of our radio collared mtn. goats from the 2008 transplant from Round Butte that Great Falls SCI was so supportive of. I found her last week as part of a summer aerial big game survey (mainly goats and sheep) of the upper Teton River drainage area. She was aged as a yearling at that time, which puts her at 11 years old now. Found her in upper Bear Gulch just NW of Ear Mtn. Good to see her still alive! Thought at least the Chapter board might be interested."



Picture taken by Brent Lonner MT FWP Freezeout Lake Office

PARTNERED WITH MFWP ON PROJECTS

- 2018, 2019 - Donated **$5,600** in funding for research project on elk in Central Montana. We worked with Sonja Anderson, Area Wildlife Biologist, FWP. Two of our Board Members were able to spend 2 days with Sonja looking for newly born elk and putting radio collars on them.

- 2018 - Donated **$2,000** towards implementation of the Big Snowy Aspen and Meadow Restoration Project. Working with David B Kemp, Natural Resources Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Donated **$50,000** toward the Whitetail Prairie land acquisition in 2014
- Donated **$10,000** toward the Olson Conservation Easement project in 2015
- Capture and relocation of Merriam Turkeys
    - 2015 worked with MFWP, NWTF and private land owners to transfer 97 Merriam's wild turkeys from Nebraska and reintroduce North of Carter.
    - Winter 2016 transplanted 135 turkeys from Nebraska to Montana in two different places on the Missouri River between Fort Benton and Loma.

- Worked as a coalition with MFWP, the Montana Chapter of the National Wild **Turkey Federation and private land owners to reintroduce wild turkeys to the** Missouri River area between Cascade and Ulm Montana

- Donated **$20,000** to MFWP to help secure perpetual recreational access on Chokecherry Bend and Riverdale Ranch Conservation Easements on Missouri River near Cascade (9 miles river frontage and 2,000 acres)
- Donated a full body "robo" deer decoy to MFWP poaching reduction project
- Donated **$500** to FWP for permanent stock rails at Beartooth Wildlife Management Area
- Support other wildlife conservation programs through our attendance sponsorships of Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, Friends of NRA, Mule Deer Foundation, Walleyes Unlimited, Christian Sportsman, etc.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL AREA ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Safari Club International, Great Falls Chapter is proud to be associated with and support other likeminded sportsmen organizations and agencies as well as various community service projects.

SCI, Great Falls Chapter has donated funding and/or provided volunteer labor to the following projects:

- Donated **$11,000** to **Hooked on Fishing not Drugs Program** for junior high students in Great Falls area.
- Two Highway clean ups per year on US Highway 89
- Donated **$10,000** to East and North Middle School in Great Falls to sponsor hunting bulletin board allowing students to post pictures of their hunt. All students were awarded prizes.
- Annually support of University of Great Falls Ladies' Basketball team and Men's wrestling team.
- Provided Archery Backstop netting for indoor Highwood Youth Archery Range in Belt, MT
- Donated **$2000** toward youth archery programs in Region 4
- Donated **$300** toward youth waterfowl/upland bird education in Region 4
- Donated a meat grinder to Set Free Ministries in Great Falls
- Donated **$6,000** to Great Falls Shooting Complex
- Donated **$12,500** to Sun River Skeet Club
- Donated **$4,000** for the purchase of orange hunting vests for the Hunters Safety Program over past 4 years
- Contribute instruction annually in Bow Hunter Education Program

- Donated **$2,000** toward the construction of a new boat ramp at Lake Frances in conjunction with Walleyes Unlimited
- Teddy Roosevelt Conservation program - Currently working toward the protection of natural habitat for future sportsmen use in the Missouri River Breaks
- Donated **$28,000** towards high school senior scholarships for college

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

Safari Club International, Great Falls Chapter has been very active in humanitarian efforts both locally and abroad. These efforts have been designed to touch people of all social and economic status.

Great Falls Chapter SCI has donated funding and/or provided volunteer labor to the following projects:

- **MILITARY SUPPORT**
  - 2017, 2018, 2019 support of the newly opened Grace Home Veterans Center (GHVC). Given over **$6,000** to date. The article and picture from our Chapter Happenings 2019 is below.

Rick Vukasin, Great Falls Chapter SCI Board Member presented a check in the amount of $2,500 to Bill Chafin and veterans of the Grace Home Veterans Center on May 8, 2019. The check was a combination of money donated by attendees at the March Chapter Banquet and matching funds from the Chapter Board of Directors.
In addition, the chapter donated a quilted wall hanging with the name Grace Veterans Home Center sewn on.
Grace Home Veterans Center is committed to providing housing, employment and general assistance to U.S. Veterans in need. Service is provided without regards to religion, race or national origin. Grace Home is a program of St Vincent DePaul of North Central Montana. The money will go to use in their new garage which is a woodworking and mentoring shop for veterans to engage and keep their hands as well as their minds busy.

Utilizing the new workspace, the Grace Home will work in cooperation with St. Vincent de Paul by refinishing and repurposing furniture and other items, which will then be given to the My Neighbor in Need Program.

Grace Home is at 2211 5th Avenue North; they are always grateful for donations such as tools, old furniture, and anything the vets can refurbish.

- Provided **$1,500 funding** for new flag poles at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. The article and picture from our Chapter Happenings 2019 is below.

Great Falls Chapter SCI Raises Money for New Flagpoles at Highland Cemetery

Five years ago the 'Raise the Flag for the Holidays Committee' was formed with the sole purpose of installing new lighted flag poles so flags can be flown 24 hours a day over the veterans buried at Highland Cemetery. Jim Porter, Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and Marine Corp League approached Scheel's and the Great Falls Chapter SCI about funding two new flag poles. The lights had been installed in previous years.

Great Falls Chapter SCI and Scheels partnered in a Safe/Gun Raffle at the Annual Great Falls SCI Banquet, March 8, 2019 and together raised $3,000 toward the new flag poles. Randy Knowles, a member of the Great Falls Chapter SCI then stepped up and contributed the remaining money needed to install the two new flag poles.

Jim Porter wrote "The fighting never stopped when the sun went down, and the veterans that are buried at Highland Cemetery deserve to have the flag flying over them at all times. "

We would like to thank all active and retired individuals who have served in the armed forces for their years of service in this great country of the United States of America.

We would also like to thank Jim Porter for bringing this project to our attention, Scheels for partnering with us and especially Randy Knowles for putting this project over the top financially.

- Donated **$1000 to Boy Scouts of America Pack 4143 for tree planting/cleanup of Black Eagle Park.** The article and picture from our Chapter Happenings 2019 is below.

Chapter Sponsors Boy Scouts Black Eagle Park
Tree Planting and Clean up

Ruth Fischer, Great Falls Boy Scouts of America sent the following thank you and pictures to us for sponsoring the Boys Scouts Black Eagle Park tree planting and clean up on June 29, 2019.

"I am sending you an update on how our Great Falls Chapter Safari Club sponsored project went. We had a fabulous turnout. There were 28 youth and adults that came to help out. We had a total of seven trees to plant.

We had three groups planting the trees and the work went very swiftly. There were 2 other groups that helped out with painting the benches of the picnic tables. Everyone worked so well together the painting and planting were done in a little over two hours. We then spent some time trimming the mature trees around the park and finished our morning with Pizza from Pizza Hut for lunch.

All Participants in this project have earned their Messenger of Peace Patch that is worn on their uniform surrounding the World Crest. This project completed the 3 requirements to earn this patch which are as follows.

1. The personal dimension: harmony, justice, and equality
2. The community dimension: peace as opposed to hostility or violent conflict
3. Relationships between humankind and its environment: security, social and economic welfare, and relationship with the environment

I want to say Thank You to the Great Falls Chapter SCI, for being our sponsor. The Black Eagle Park is maintained by volunteer and funded by donations. We appreciate your help, and this project would not have been as successful as it was without the Safari Club's generosity.

Thank you, to all of the Scout Families that came and helped out with planting the trees, painting, and general maintenance of our beautiful community park"

- Annually send $1000 of Beef Jerky care-packages to Montana Guardsmen in Afghanistan
- Sent Christmas care-packages to soldiers in Iraq

- **SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER**
  - Directly accounted for the donation over 145,000 pounds of wild game meat to those in need
  - Contributed over 1,000 pounds of game burger to "Operation Giving Spirit" (aid to Montana families of deployed Soldiers and Airman)

- **MEDICAL/EDUCATIONAL ABROAD**
  - Blue Bag Program – have donated thousands of educational and medical supplies to tribes and orphans in Africa on a continual basis

  - Sponsored local doctor to Cameroon for Humanitarian Healthcare Project, providing services to over 1,000 patients in need
- **HANDICAP DONATIONS**
  - HUNT - Donation of a special "handicap" hunt for deer or elk
  - HUNT – Sponsored a disabled youth hunter on an African Safari
  - THERAPEUTICAL – Donated $2000 Equipony therapeutical exercise system for physically disabled to Eagle Mount in Great Falls
  - SENSORY – Annually put on Sensory Safari through the Deaf and Blind School for the blind to feel real wildlife mounts, antlers, horns, skins and furs

d. Details of organization's previous experience in auctions

AUCTION EXPERIENCE

Great Falls Chapter SCI has conducted an annual fundraising auction for the past **eighteen years**. This past year the fundraising banquet grossed $336,000.

A few highlights of the annual SCI, Great Falls Chapter Banquet/Auction are:

- Live Auction with an average of 25 hunts and/or fishing trips annually
  - Everything from Africa to New Zealand to Eastern Montana
- Live Auction with an average of 8 original art and jewelry annually
- Silent auction over 100 quality items annually
- Raffles for over 20 firearms, jewelry and much more
- Banquet draws an average of 350 guests
- Average spend of $800 per attendee

e. Information on how the auction would be conducted and an estimate of the potential revenue that will be generated

2020 PROPOSED AUCTION PLAN

Great Falls Chapter SCI has scheduled the next banquet on March 14, 2020.
We will work directly with national SCI and local entities to market and execute the auction on the following points:

- Great Falls radio and newspaper adds
- Mailing invitations to over 1000 people statewide – including members of all four SCI chapters as well as past attendees
- Great Falls Chapter Website: www.safariclubgreatfalls.org
- Electronic mailings to the other 190 SCI chapters
- Safari Times Newspaper (Internationally distributed)
- Local newspaper articles (Montana Outdoors Articles)
- Safari Magazine (Internationally distributed)
- During live auction allow phone bids

- Offer online bidding during the live auction – we have done this the past 4 auctions and will continue with this.

EXPECTED REVENUE

Based on our eighteen-year history of local wildlife hunt auctions and our nine-year history with auctioning the Governor's Mountain Goat tag, we anticipate the following revenues to be over $30,000.

- **2019** the Mountain Goat tag went for a record **$60,500!**

f. Statement indicating whether the organization plans to retain up to 10% of the proceeds to cover reasonable auction expenses and that the organization will submit expenses associated with the auction of the license.

RETAINER INTENT

It is the intent of Great Falls Chapter SCI to retain the 10% offering.

The acquired funds will be placed into the existing account earmarked for the express use of local (Montana) conservation projects. Portions of which will be matched by SCI International through existing matching grants. The Great Falls Chapter has a strong history of supporting Montana Conservation projects.

g. Contact Information

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