



Safari Club International

Naples - Ft. Myers Chapter

Our Mission is to protect the freedom to hunt and promote wildlife conservation.

SCINFM Newsletter



Spring Issue 2023

President's Column...

Hello Members and Potential Members:

As your Chapter President, I attended the Safari Club International's Convention last weekend in Nashville, TN. I was overwhelmed at the scope of the vendor presence, delighted by the subjects of the presentations, and educated on some key points on how to manage chapter operations more effectively. The financial status of the National organization was reported as very good. The SCI Board is making North America hunting rights (including Canada, USA, and Mexico) a priority for the foreseeable future. That is not to say they will abandon international hunting rights and access, but anti-hunting sentiment in North America is in need of education and facts, and SCI is determined to continue to be the leader in Hunting rights preservation.

I can report that SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter Sportsman's Banquet held on January 21st, 2023 was a modest success. Many incredible hunts from the live auction were bought and many incredible items, including guns, trips and gear were won! I also would like to welcome our new members that joined SCI and our Chapter at the banquet.

Our Chapter's membership events have been a huge hit, selling out the two bird hunts in January and February 2023! Current members and our new members had a fantastic time at these events! Greg Cheek has done a great job filling spots with new members and selling out tickets! He has also reported that the Member Hog Hunt in March 2023 has already been sold out!

Jorge Diaz continued our Chapter's mission to provide quality hunting experience to youth hunters and their families. George had six youth along with their parent(s) harvest their first wild hog at Razzor Ranch February 4th, 2023.

We acknowledge Razzor Ranch for their part as being a generous provider of the opportunity and their guides for giving our youth hunter a tremendous memory.

Before we end the Season, we ask all our Chapter Members to VOTE for the 2023-2024 Board Members, Directors and Committee Chair positions. The slate of officers will be sent via email for membership consideration. In the meantime, consider joining the Board of Directors! In April we will hold a regular member meeting and have our officers take their respective places. Also, a short slate of 6 amendments to our current bylaws will be voted in. [Click here for amendments.](#)

Our purpose is to provide Chapter meetings with topics and presentations that will engage and educate our membership. You can access our calendar on our website at www.scinaples.org.



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SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter 2023-2024 Board of Directors



Consider joining SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter BOARD OF DIRECTORS! Positions open for Board Members, Directors, and Committee Chairs.

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BOARD NOMINEE BALLOT**](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF SCINFM LIFETIME BOARD MEMBERS:

DR. GREGORY R. CHEEK

Our Chapter is proud to announce that one of our members, Dr. Gregory R. Cheek, has completed the top award from Safari Club International, **The World Conservation & Hunting Award**, in 2022. Less than 90 hunters in the world have achieved this award. The requirements for this SCI award are that one has travelled to all the hunt-able continents and taken all the major big game of the world. Greg achieved this award by harvesting approximately 400 different species, travelled 6 continents, and aided in numerous conservation projects. Greg also received **SCI World Hunting Award Ring** in 2017. This ring represents the premier honor in the world of hunting. Greg is a lifetime member of Safari Club International and SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter. Greg is also a past President of our Chapter, SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter, and currently holds numerous positions on the board of directors.



Pictured Above: Gregory Cheek with wife Jessica Cheek

SCI NAPLES-FT. MYERS YOUTH HUNT

On February 4th, 2023, the Safari Club International Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter sponsored a Youth Hunt for graduates of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's Hunter Safety program. Our goal is to introduce youth to the outdoor experience of ethical hunting in Florida.



"Congratulations" to the following youth recipients:

(Left to Right) Johnny Brueckner, Chaz Campano, Chance Dever, Noah Duerden & Kenny Porazzo

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SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

\$65.00 (1-Year)

\$150.00 (3 Year Membership)

\$1,500.00 (Life Membership)

\$1,250.00 (Senior Life-Ages 60 and over)

SCI NAPLES-FT. MYERS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

\$25.00 (1-Year)

\$60.00 (3 Year Membership)

\$250.00 (Life Membership)

*A Lifetime National SCI Membership **automatically** qualifies you a Lifetime SCINFM Chapter Member.

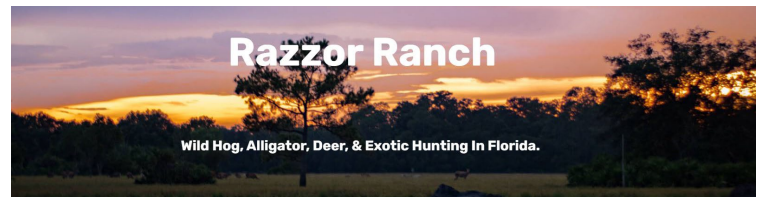
Annual dues are \$65 for SCI National, and an additional \$25 for the Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter. The \$90 fee includes membership in both organizations, a subscription to the bimonthly magazine "Safari", and allows members to attend the national and local chapter meetings.



SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

PURCHASE A 3-YEAR SCI NAPLES-FT. MYERS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP!

\$100.00 Hog Hunt at Razzor Ranch when you purchase a 3-Year SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter Membership for the **first 50 members** that sign-up! A \$295.00 value for only \$100, get these while they last!



<https://scinaples.org/Membership>



SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

(Jan-Mar 2023)

Randy Graham, Andrew Peterson, David Hupric, Josh Yelensky

2023 CALENDAR EVENTS

Mar. 18, 2023.....Member Hog Hunts (Razzor Ranch)

April 2023.....End of Year Chapter Meeting

October/November 2023.....,Season Kick-Off Meeting

<https://scinaples.org/meetinginfo.php>