

Alabama SCI Special Meeting and Retreat
August 20-22, 2010
Grand Hotel-Marriot, Point Clear Resort and Spa

Dear SCI Members (and potential future members):

This is a follow up reminder to our earlier letter. We are truly excited at how our inaugural AL-SCI Special Meeting and Retreat is shaping up. We encourage you to attend. If you can stay at the Grand Hotel that's great, if you are local and wish to drive in or stay with friends in the area that's fine too.

Reasons to Attend:

- Admission is free, to SCI members and to non-members alike.
- We have a group of exceptional and exciting presentations by world-class speakers.
- Each of our four (4) Presentation Programs will be punctuated by doors prizes consisting of free hunts that have been donated to our Chapter (must be present to win).
- Participants at our two (2) AL-SCI Planning/Retreat Sessions will be eligible to win knives and other merchandise donated to our Chapter (must be present to win).
- The mornings are reserved for golf outings, fishing or having fun and relaxing.
- By participating you will help our AL-SCI Chapter reach out to other hunter-conservationists who are not presently SCI members as well as the various SCI-National members living in Alabama who are too distant to regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings in Birmingham.

SCI is an effective and critical organization, supporting its activities helps to ensure our rights as sportsmen and conservationists.

If you wish to stay at the Grand Hotel you can contact them at 800-544-9933 or by going online at **Marriotgrand.com**. The Hotel has a range of promotional rates or you can check out what's available under our event code (**SAISAIA**). Rooms are scarce but still available via this code!

This Meeting is going to be a special event that you do not want to miss. It is also an inaugural event to help promote and benefit topics and issues that we all care deeply about. We would appreciate your participation and input and look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Bruce Tatarchuk, Event Coordinator
Alabama-SCI Board Member (brucet@eng.auburn.edu)

P.S. While not a hard requirement, we need to select a meeting room and would appreciate an email indicating your potential attendance and the number of guests with you. Thanks!

Agenda for SCI-Alabama Meeting, August 20 to 22, 2010
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Friday, August 20th

SCI-AL Planning & Retreat Session #1

2:00PM Open to all SCI members living in Alabama, Session Moderator - John Chitwood

Friday Afternoon, Presentation Program #1

4:00PM “The Alabama Wildlife Federation: Programs, Goals and Youth- Teacher Educational Initiatives,” Tim Gothard, Executive Director

5:00PM Dinner on your own or in semi-organized groups

Friday Evening, Presentation Program #2

7:30PM “Turkeys Around the World: Habitat, Classifications, Record Keeping, Hunting Opportunities and Personal Anecdotes,” John Chitwood

8:30PM “A 42-Year Quest for the Super Slam of North American Big Game™,”
Dennis Campbell

9:30PM Continuing Discussions in the Lounge

Saturday, August 21st

8:00AM **AL-SCI Scramble on the Links or Group Fishing**
Winning SCI member teams receive special awards

12:00PM Lunch on your own

Saturday Afternoon, SCI-AL Planning & Retreat Session #2

1:00PM Open to all SCI members living in Alabama, Session Moderator - John Chitwood

Saturday Afternoon, Presentation Program #3

3:30 PM “The Alabama Alligator Program,” Chuck Sharp, Biologist and District Supervisor for Wildlife and Fisheries, AL-DCNR

4:15PM “Hunting North American Black Bears,” Gaines Slade

5:00PM Dinner on your own or in semi-organized groups

Saturday Evening, Presentation Program #4

7:00PM “Alabama SCI: Summary and Overview of Current Activities,” Randall Bush

7:30PM “Hunting Lion, Buffalo and Hippo,” John Crowder

8:30PM “Hunting Elephant and Dangerous Game with My Friend Craig Boddington,”
Bill Jones

9:30PM Continuing Discussions in the Lounge

Sunday, August 22nd

(Depart at your leisure or stick around for a Scramble rematch)

**Door Prizes for the SCI-Alabama Meeting, August 20 to 22, 2010
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SCI-AL Planning & Retreat Session #1 (Friday 2:00 to 4:00PM)

One 4 1/2 inch blade sheath knife

SCI-AL Presentation Program #1 (Friday 4:00 to 5:00PM)

10-day South African safari (daily rates) for two hunters to include one day trip into Kruger and one day of Tiger fishing on the Komati River. Accommodations and meals are included. Each hunter must take at least six game animals. Leon Small of Thaba Mahaka is the donor. Website: www.thaba-mahaka.co.za.

SCI-AL Presentation Program #2 (Friday 7:30 to 9:30PM)

Daily rates for two rifle hunters for 10 days with trophy fees for a warthog, duiker, steenbuck, baboon, jackal and an impala or a blesbuck. Accommodations and meals included. Donated by Leon Small of Thaba Mahaka. Website: www.thaba-mahaka.co.za.

Winning Scramble Foursome (Saturday AM)

Four sets of four Alabama Chapter Commemorative double old fashion glasses

Winning Fishing Team (Saturday AM)

Eight Alabama SCI ball capsand hopefully the makings for a fish fry??

SCI-AL Planning & Retreat Session #2 (Saturday 1:00 to 3:30PM)

[Two separately drawn prizes]

1. North American SCI Commemorative folding knife with buffalo horn handles and the SCI logo on blade.
2. Folding Buck knife with sheath

SCI-AL Presentation Program #3 (Saturday 3:30 to 5:00PM)

10-day South African safari (daily rates) for two hunters including \$500 per hunter toward trophy fees. Each hunter is required to take at least 3 trophy animals and a deposit of \$500 per hunter is required and will apply toward the final trophy bill. Accommodations, meals, airport pickup and return to Polokwane International Airport, field prep of trophies, etc. are included. Donated by Richard Lemmer of Safri Afrika. Website: www.safariafrika.net.

SCI-AL Presentation Program #4 (Saturday 7:00 to 9:30PM)

[Two separately drawn prizes]

- 1) 7-day South African safari for one hunter and one observer with trophy fees for one impala included. Must be taken in 2010 unless other arrangements can be made with outfitter. Accommodations, meals, pickup and return to Port Elizabeth International Airport, field prep of trophies, etc. all included. After the hunt a photo safari to Kruger National Park and/or Oddo Elephant Park are available for \$300 per day, per person, to include all meals, accommodations, transportation and conservation fees. Donated by Hannes De Beer of Only Africa Safaris. Website: www.onlyafricasafaris.com.
- 2) Texas exotic hunt for two hunters for 3 days and 4 nights at Indianhead Ranch. Accommodations, meals, airport pickup and return to Del Rio International Airport are included. No trophy fees included and a \$45 license is required. Must be taken in 2010, unless arrangements can be made with outfitter. Donated by Diane Delagrange of Indianhead Ranch. Website: www.indianheadranch.com.