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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY RICK CHEATUM

BANQUET

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 5th annual SEIMDF banquet in November. We had a great crowd of nearly 200 show up at the Ramada Inn on November 1st for the banquet and annual fundraiser and have a great time. Moving from August to November meant we lost a few potential attendees who might have attended but were busy with the late Elk and Deer seasons, but we gained those who went salmon fishing in Alaska last year in August. To try to make everyone happy, we are asking you in the subsequent survey if you would like yet another time of the year for the banquet. We know there will never be a perfect time of the year for a banquet, but we are considering moving the banquet again if it will help the attendance.

Non-the-less, the banquet was a great success. As Terry Taysom notes in his column this month, we took in a little more money than before, and we kept a little more. That means we have more money to plow back into land acquisitions, conservation easements, or other habitat improvements for the deer. I would like to especially thank each of the many persons and merchants who gave money or prizes for the banquet. Every merchant is hit more than once a week to give to a school function, a charity fund-raiser, a wildlife event, or some other good cause. Many are forced to make choices about the events and causes they will support, because it all takes away from their bottom line. Those who continue to support the Southeast Idaho Mule Deer Foundation deserve our support and returned loyalty when it comes time to spend our hard-earned dollars.

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2004-year, please do so soon. We don't want to lose anyone, but we can't keep carrying non-members and sending newsletters out to those who haven't renewed.

SYMPOSIUM

Last January, your Foundation held a symposium for the general hunting population and had a great turnout to discuss alternatives to the deer hunting seasons. We sent the results of the survey from the symposium to the Idaho Fish and Game Department and to each of the Commissioners. We only received a response from commissioner John Watts, but we hope the others at least read your desires for more aggressive action to help the mule deer population return to the pre-1993 levels. We are currently planning another symposium for mid-January, this time to discuss Chronic Wasting Disease. So far, CWD hasn't been found in Idaho, but it is probably only a matter of time, since it has been found in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. The exact times and dates haven't been worked out yet, but keep watching for notices in the Thrifty Nickel and on the Radio and Television stations and we will let everyone know when it is going to be held.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The Board of Director's appointment of JJ Pascoe and Dave Klatt to the Board was re-affirmed at the annual election during the banquet. Thanks for re-electing everyone who was on the ballot. During the re-organizational meeting at the December monthly meeting, we also re-elected officers. Your new officers for the next year are:

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FROM THE EDITOR BY JJ

You know, getting old sure ain't for a sissy or a pansy. It takes fortitude, perseverance and strength-then you can actually try getting out of bed after pondering the process for some time. It's kinda like the ol' jughead you took to hunting camp every year and swore you'd never do it again. Yep, that one, saddle him up and then prepare for the rodeo to get the kinks out, his and yours. Gosh, that sure was fun when you were young, wasn't it? Man and beast in perfect harmony, he didn't like you and you sure didn't think he'd take any prizes. Well, I'm just like that horse except I can't even crow-hop, let alone buck. But it takes about an hour or two to get the kinks out. I never make an appointment before 10 A.M. because I'll be late. But you know what, I'm just glad and proud to be here, old and stove up be darned, it's a hoot to be alive. I hope everybody feels the same, cause this time of year can get some people "down", holidays can be kind of hectic for people. Not me, I just stay hid out until about January 5th, works great.

Now I'll talk a little about this group of pages you're reading, the Newsletter. When I stood in as Editor, I didn't have a clue; maybe I still don't at times. But I have so many good people jumping in to help me, it has been, I believe, a worthwhile endeavor. I think the

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thing I'm most proud of implementing is the Guest Opinion Series. (Also the "Views- Women of the SEIMDF" stands out). When this Foundation was starting and spreading our wings, we didn't say very much that was in any way contentious or thought provoking. I guess we were, for lack of a better phrase, testing the water before we jumped in. I just got through editing the fifth of the Guest Opinions and I can truthfully say that we are now totally into real, issue-oriented discourse with many people of various opinions and ideas venturing forth their agendas. From my perspective, this can only be a good thing, opening discussions and provoking the members to think about the writer's ideas and philosophies as pertains to wildlife and all the issues that surround it. Of course, when you open your publication to these kinds of articles, you have to try to balance all sides of the issues. Therefore, you get this issue's writer commenting on the last issues Guest Opinion. I guess I've been more than fortunate to have the caliber of people step forward and address issues through this format. And I can't thank them enough, it is what I find truly rewarding about spending the time here- the people who

truly care for our wildlife and our way of life. From Lin Whitworth to Eric Krasa, and those in-between, thanks so much. And I hope it keeps going the same way for the foreseeable future.

I have been toying with another idea for the Newsletter, sort of a "member of the quarter" profile and Q & A format. That way some of our members can be identified with who, what and why they belong to SEIMDF and some of their ideas can be put into print. Sounds interesting to me and I'm going to try to get the idea formatted. (More work for me but what else have I got to do? Retirement is good.).

If any of you that reads this little dandy have any ideas for specific improvements or just an idea that you entertain, let me know. I always like to hear from people on the content of the Newsletter and the Web Site. (Unless you are really mad about something, then call 911 or another board member).

The Web Site. I finally got to it and updated some of the content, as Rick has mentioned. We are adding photos on site and soon the Rifle that Mayo Haskett built and donated for raffle will be on the site. We also now have a

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Guest Opinion page on the site as well as in the Newsletter. In addition, Michael (thanks for your help) has updated our search engine status; we are now back in the top 10 for Mule Deer. I plan on contacting Monster Muley's and having them write an article about us for their "huge" site, which we are linked to, they do this on occasion. I have to re-search some more options for more information being made available through our site. All in all, it's going well.

Also on the burner is another project involving art, a painting to be exact. This is just in the "talk-about" stage but might entail SEIMDF getting a painting of the year, or something along these lines. I'm in consultation with a local artist checking on this. More to come.

I'd like to thank everyone who steps up every year and makes the Fund-raiser such a success. About a month before the event, it starts getting a little nerve racking for many of us; we begin to get concerned that maybe things aren't going as planned etc. Nevertheless, every year things seem to shake out just fine; it amazes me time and again. It certainly wouldn't happen without all the people who work to put it all together, and all the people who attend. We thank you for your continued support. Special thanks go to all that donate so much (prizes, money etc.) to this endeavor. Thanks also to Cathy and the crew at Safari Graphics for working with me on this Newsletter.

Happy Holidays,

JJ

PS- If I've left anyone off the Annual Members list, let me know and I'll rectify it.

OTHER ISSUES

By Terry Taysom

A great big thanks to all of you who attended and/or helped us out with donations and labor for our annual banquet/fund-raiser on November 1. Your function was once again a resounding success. Thanks to all of you our net to gross ratio was a resounding 74%. This equates to an additional \$ 22,530.00 being available for future wildlife projects.

It has been a very successful year for your Southeast Idaho Mule Deer Foundation. Three major projects have been completed this year including: The Conservation Easement near Pebble Creek ski area, the purchase and resale of Soda Hills property to the BLM and the land purchase in the Arco area of critical deer and elk winter range that was previously destined to become a high-fence buffalo hunt area prior to our purchase. All these properties are now protected from development and will remain habitat for wildlife.

Your Board of Directors is always on the "hunt" for future projects. If you know of anyone who may be willing to work with us on Conservation Easements or any other projects that will benefit our mule deer resource please get them in contact with any of the board members.

In the near future you will be receiving correspondence from S.E.I.M.D.F. asking your opinion of the best time to have our next banquet/fundraiser. We are currently considering mid-August, the first part of October or late January. Please take the time to respond so that we can select the time that best fits the most members.

Your Board is currently considering whether or not to host another mule deer symposium, in January, to solicit hunter input regarding last years hunting season and seasons for the upcoming year. Input from last years symposium was forwarded to the Fish & Game and our regional Commissioner. Please advise any board members as to whether or not you would like to see the symposium put on again this year. My personal opinion is that this is a worthwhile endeavor and even though we may not get immediate response from the "powers to be" it is important that sportsmen keep speaking with a unified voice and let their presence be known.

Even though next year's hunting seasons seem a long ways away right now, Fish & Game will soon be starting their process of public meetings, etc. to set seasons for next year. Please make an effort to ensure that your opinions and wants are expressed. Remember that if you don't make an effort to express your opinions you shouldn't complain about the outcome.

Happy Holidays and a Great New Year



CAMPFIRES AND KETTLES

By Jerry Hackworth

Well, we are closing in on the end of the year hopefully with some getting lean wild game. Let's take some of that wild stuff to the potluck holiday parties and let the nons eat a tasty dish. I say don't tell them what they are eating with the exception of vegetarians because they can have a violent reaction to protein.

Mayo Haskett donated the following recipe. The recipe belongs to Dwayne and Linda Whitworth.

- 2-3 lbs. of elk or deer steak
- 1 - big can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 - small cans of cheddar cheese soup
- 2 to 3 cans of beefy mushroom soup
- potatoes, carrots, and one large white onion.

Flour and brown steaks in Dutch oven with small amount of oil.

Remove steaks from oven. Mix soups in Dutch oven with the drippings. Add steaks back to oven.

Fill the oven with cut up potatoes, carrots and onion. Cook in oven at home, in a pit or charcoal. Your choice. I assume that you cook it long and slow.

I have not tried it yet but it sounds great and it is on my dishes to cook.

Now get out a shallow oven, a piece of wax paper, cheap chocolate cake mix, can of tart red cherries, almond extract, instant coffee, and a little flour.

Mix cake according to directions with the following deviations:

Use the liquid from the cherries and milk to total $\frac{2}{3}$'s of liquid required and mix into cake then add about half of the remaining liquid required in the form of brandy.

Fold in one big tablespoon instant coffee. Dredge cherries in flour and fold into cake.



Line oven bottom with wax paper. Pour mixture into oven. Cook with charcoal or in oven.

Be careful with charcoal. A 12" oven will take 8 coals on bottom and 12 on the top and let charcoals burn down.

Cake should be done in about 75 minutes.

While cake is cooking, we need to make two batches of frosting.

- 2 - tablespoons sweet butter
- 3/4 - cup semi-sweet chocolate chips.
- 4 - tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ - cups confectioners sugar as needed.
- 1 - teaspoon vanilla
- 2 - tablespoons Kailua
- 1 - teaspoon instant coffee

The other frosting is the same except substitute white chocolate, semi-sweet and ammeretto for the Kailua and don't add coffee. Mix all ingredients except liquor in pan over low heat and whisk smooth. Add liquor and let cool slightly.

Turn cake onto oven lid remove waxpaper and dribble dark chocolate over cake then follow with white chocolate over the top of brown chocolate.

Anybody have some ice cream?

Please have a HAPPY HOLIDAY and take a moment to say a silent thank you to our men and women in uniform that are in harms way fighting for Freedom for people they don't even know.

VIEWS- WOMEN OF THE SEIMDF

Converted to Camo

by Debra Probart Cheatum

Since I can finally claim to be a true "Camo Convert," I would like to send a message to the clothing, gun, hunting accessory manufacturers and sporting goods stores. Sit up and pay attention boys, you are missing out on the best shopping market on this planet.... women, converted to camo.

In preparation for any hunting trip, we shop. Now some of us have the necessary rifle or shotgun so we shop for the necessary clothing. Or, we try to shop for hunting clothes. Just out of curiosity, how many of the local sporting goods stores carry camo clothing for women? Not many. How many of the clothing manufacturers have a women's camo clothing line. Not many.

We shop for camo clothes and are forced to buy men's clothing and either wear the shirt sleeves rolled up several times and have the shirt tails around our knees or spend the extra money to have them tailored to fit.

I have been on a quest for the past year to find a camo hunting coat that actually fits. I've hunted in the local shops, catalogs and I have even traveled to the hunters shopping "Mecca" in Sydney, Nebraska to no avail. Although I have come close, it would still involve the extra expense of a tailor to fit the coat correctly. My tailor thinks she's on retainer as she no longer needs to measure my camo shirts, she just starts cutting and regardless of how much I appreciate her expertise, I would rather send her a little less of my business.

Now, even though this is one of my pet peeves, I will admit there are a few manufacturers who are actually seeing the light and have a few women's sizes in the camo line. Very few, but at least it's a start. It just isn't good enough or fast enough. Manufactures and sporting goods shops, you are ignoring a huge market of shoppers.

And since I'm on the subject, let's have a chat with the gun manufacturers. You are also ignoring a huge potential market. I have a rifle or two and a shotgun here and there, but every one of them had to have the stock shortened to fit. Mr. John Kontes of 8-Ball Gun Shop has come to my rescue more than once.

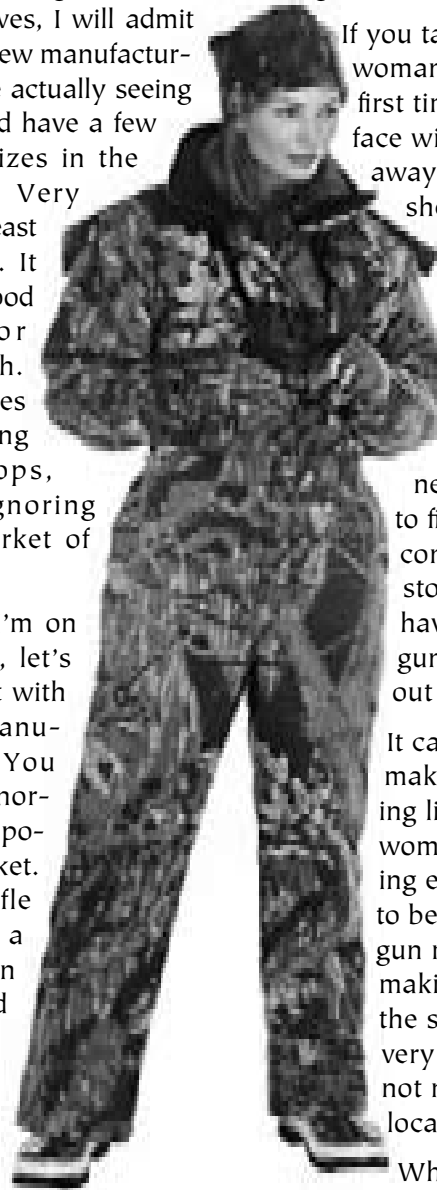
Of course if you shorten the stock to fit a "normal" person, the gun is barrel heavy and out of balance. So, here's the deal and it's very simple. Start building guns to fit women. Women like to shoot. Women like to hunt. What we don't like is shooting a rifle that is too long and either bruising an arm or getting slammed in the face with a scope. We need

guns that fit.

If you take a young girl or woman out to shoot for the first time and she is hit in the face with the scope or comes away with a painful arm, will she shoot again? Maybe, but maybe not. If she shoots again, will she anticipate the pain? Guaranteed. Will she jerk the shot because she's afraid of being hurt? Probably. We need guns that are made to fit women. Sure we can continue to shorten the stocks to fit but we still have a problem with the gun being barrel heavy and out of balance.

It can't be that difficult to make a women's clothing line or build guns to fit women hunting and shooting enthusiasts. However to be fair, there are a few gun manufacturers who are making guns for women but the selection of calibers is very limited and they are not readily available in the local shops.

When one considers that the number of Camo Converts is steadily increasing, creating a women's line of clothing with a variety of choices and guns to fit is simply a logical and wise marketing strategy. We're here to stay. But if you want our business, if you want us to shop in your stores, if you want us to purchase your merchandise, you need to wake up and smell the roses because we have money to spend; we just need a product line that caters to women who have Converted to Camo.



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COYOTE SURVEY

By *Chuck Aikin*

Well, as Emeril would say, "We're gonna Kick It Up a Notch!" This year we are getting more aggressive on the "survey". We have added more drop off places and the prizes are rolling in. To date we have a Savage model 10 in 300 Winchester Short Magnum, a spotting scope, binoculars, electronic predator call, your choice of a coyote rug or pedestal mount, 6 X 20 X 40 Weaver scope, and a Ruger KM77MKII in 223.

I'm pretty sure there will be more prizes added through out the year. This year the Board has decided that you must be present at the banquet for the drawing to be eligible to take home any of the prizes. As you can see, it will be more than worth it to show up, as the least expensive prize is worth \$200.00.

This year the drop off places will be:

- A to Z in Blackfoot
- Lee Aikin's Sports in Pocatello
- Max's in Idaho Falls
- Sammy's in Mackay
- Snake River Sports in Burley
- Sportsman's Warehouse in Idaho Falls

All rules remain the same as previous years except for the ones mentioned above. The required paw to be turned in is still the RIGHT FRONT WITH THE DEW-CLAW ATTACHED.

You will also need to report the unit in which the coyote was taken.

Good luck, have fun, be careful, and have a happy holiday & prosperous New Year.

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ATTENTION PLEASE

If you haven't renewed your membership, would you please do so now. We really need to keep the membership numbers stable. In fact, we need to add new members, so tell your friends, relatives and neighbors. More projects require more money and people-power, renew now and get a new member to join.

— Thanks, SEIMDF

GUEST OPINION

By Eric Krasa, DVM

Eric Krasa is an avid sportsman and hunter. He is Editor and frequent contributor to Safari North, the Newsletter of Safari Club for Eastern Idaho. He is also an active member of SEIMDF. As always, the opinions expressed here are the writer's and not necessarily those of SEIMDF.

I read with great interest the comments of Daryl Meints in the last issue of the newsletter of the Southeast Idaho Mule Deer Foundation. While Daryl and I may disagree on some issues, I have always enjoyed and thought highly of his comments because typically they are right on the mark. The message I read was simply that mule deer season is a 365-day event, not just the short period in October that finds us pursuing them in the hills.

Mule deer's enemies come in many forms. The most serious don't come with four legs, unfortunately, but rather are much more complex and insidious. They masquerade as county zoning meetings, grazing allotment plans, timber sales, and even mining plans. Some enemies are as large as the Idaho legislature, the BLM, and the U.S. Forest Service, and sometimes the Governor's office. At times, these agencies wage nothing short of war on wildlife.

It is my strong belief that the membership of the SEIMDF recognizes this fact and is quite willing to defend the best interests of mule deer and wildlife in general when called upon to do so. It's what makes our membership so special. Often we don't know how best to help and are unsure of what steps to take. So when the IDF&G issues a challenge through Daryl and make no mistake, it is a challenge, we are uncertain what to do. Perhaps the Department could let the leadership of the SEIMDF and other wildlife groups better know the issues and when public meetings occur with various agencies and how best to respond. An example might be working with the Department to prevent a heli-skiing operation in the middle of the best wintering area for mountain goats in eastern Idaho. Wouldn't it be interesting to have 200 deer hunters show up at a Forest Service grazing allotment meeting? We can be a powerful group helping defend the best interests of mule deer at any forum.

It is in the best interest of mule deer and those of us that hunt them that we have a politically strong Department. Mule deer's enemies are strong and well organized. Political strength comes from strong public support. And that only happens when the Department has credibility with sportsmen. Statements such as: "We can't manage for 30" bucks," (Pocatello homes are full of them); "it's too many people moving into mule deer winter range," (Arbon Valley has been losing population every decade since the 1920's and there are fewer people living in the valley now than ever); "it's the drought," (central Montana's has been worse); "A mature buck is now 2½ years old," kills the Department's credibility. A lack of political strength allows other groups to simply feast on the Department and we suffer for it.

Some days I feel like a refugee twice. Once when pheasant hunting crashed in the early 1980's never to return and a second time when deer populations tanked a decade ago and didn't rebound like the Department said they would. I left Idaho on trips to find a quality



hunting experience and found it in Montana, our neighbor to the north. While bird hunting there, I just happened to notice all the deer. So I forsake purchasing Idaho deer tags and began hunting both Wyoming and Montana instead. Hunting there reminds me of hunting in Idaho for deer during the 1980's. I can hardly image the experience of those hunting in the 60's and 70's.

This year I drew a tag to hunt antelope in Montana during October. While hunting, we noticed deer; I mean hundreds and hundreds of deer. Montana's Region 7 (approximately the southeast quarter of the state) always seems to have a large deer population of both mulies and whitetails but this year deer were everywhere. A biological phenomenon is occurring right now and I would highly encourage any member of anyone with even the slightest interest in mule deer to see for themselves. It is truly an amazing and perhaps a once in a decade event.

According to Montana FWP employees, mule deer populations were near or at record levels after last year's hunting season. A mild winter combined with good weather during fawning plus rains in the spring at the right times resulted in minimal fawn mortality. Rains in September and early October helped deer to put on extra fat going into what is predicated to be another mild winter by Montana standards. The result is an exploding deer population. Residents and non-residents can each shoot one

buck on an A tag. Non-residents can shoot up to 3 does (including a whitetail doe) and residents can shoot 4 does on B tags. Montana's Department is expecting a success rate of 85% or better on mature bucks ages 4-5 years or older. Doe to fawn ratios indicate there are 120-150 fawns per 100 does which must be some kind of record, but no surprise since most does twinned and almost all fawns have survived. What is truly amazing is that these events occur over a geographic area larger than southeastern Idaho.

And so it's my turn to issue a challenge to our Commission and Department. Why can't we have an expanding mule deer population like southeastern Montana

instead of a deer population stuck at low levels for over a decade? I challenge our Commission and Department to investigate events in southeastern Montana. If that region's mule deer population is increasing, is it the result of management action by their Department or just a fortuitous event of nature? We know that weather always plays a large role in determining mule deer populations. We also know Montana manages to have a significant population of mature bucks. After more than 40 years of hunting mule deer during all of November (including the rut), they are still expecting an 85% success rate on mature bucks this year. Compare that to anywhere in southeast Idaho.

What can be learned from Montana's experience and can it be applied to mule deer in eastern Idaho? How can we better work with our Department to bring about an increasing mule deer population? How can we best direct our efforts to reverse the current trend and have mule hunting similar to the quality experience of eastern Montana? That's our challenge, both to our Department and our organization.

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES of SEIMDF

The purposes and objectives of the Southeastern Idaho Mule Deer Foundation are:

1. To promote and enhance increasing populations of mule deer in Southeast Idaho by promoting and cooperating in any items of business that are beneficial to or concern mule deer.
2. To promote the professional management of Southeast Idaho Mule Deer in order to augment the number and size of game herds, such professional management to include the use of regulated hunting as a legitimate tool of conservation and game management; and to achieve optimum populations of mule deer wherever possible throughout Southeast Idaho, and to safeguard against the decline of mule deer populations.
3. To promote biologically supported management of all species indigenous to Southeast Idaho and to ensure that no species is managed to the detriment of any other species.
4. To protect, defend and preserve the lawful right and privilege of recreational hunting through education of the general public as to the conservation benefits of lawful hunting, and to vigorously respond in a positive manner to those anti-hunting individuals and groups who strive, either legally or unlawfully, to prohibit this legitimate recreation.
5. To encourage all men and women hunters to be responsible conservationists who harvest animals humanely and utilize their meat without waste, while hunting under conditions of fair share and good sportsmanship.
6. To advocate the funding of both federal and state fish and wildlife departments and agencies through the purchase of hunting licenses, federal and state game stamps, and the payment of excise taxes on firearms and other sporting equipment, the combination of which continues to provide funds for fish and wildlife management.
7. To the legal use of all methods of travel on public lands to support enforcement of travel laws and regulations.



INFORMATION

Rick Cheatum—President

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In addition, we voted to make the job of 'PR Guy' an official board office. Congratulations to JJ Pascoe for being elected back to the Board of Directors and thanks JJ for the great job of keeping up our Web site, publishing our newsletter and staying on top of all the many PR duties that come along. Without JJ to manage all the myriad of duties he does, your foundation would be much less effective.

(Editor's Note) I can see from the above that I will have to be careful cuz the Prez must have some plans for lots of extra work, he's kinda heaping on the accolades. And by the way, there was one loud Nay vote on the "PR Guy" office, you can decide for yourselves who cast that one. Thanks for the confidence Rick, but I think everyone does as much as I do).

I would like to once again invite everyone to the monthly board meetings. One of the things that makes the SEIMDF different from the other wildlife organizations is we do have monthly meetings and we spend the money raised at our banquets here in Idaho. If you would like to get more involved, come to the meeting the first Tuesday night of each month at 6:30 at the cafe in the Ramada Inn. I send out an e-mail notice of this meeting and the agenda each month, so if you aren't getting it, send your e-mail address to me at cheatum1@hotmail.com and I will include you in the notice.

WEB SITE

Speaking of the web site, have

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WHEN WE MEET:

All meetings and the annual Fund-raiser are held at the Ramada Inn, Chubbuck, Idaho.

Meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Regular meetings for 2004 are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month.

you been on the web site lately? www.semuley.org will take you to our web site with some great pictures by JJ and a way to keep up with our activities. JJ is currently working on putting our latest fund-raising effort on the web. If you haven't seen the rifle we are currently raffling off, you are missing a truly great piece of the gunsmith's art. Mayo Haskett is letting us raffle off his Daniel Paul engraved Interarms Mauser. This is a rifle of the type most of us only get to read about in a gun magazine or see in a museum. Now, for only the cost of a raffle ticket, it could be yours to enjoy forever. The tickets are limited, so if you want a chance to own this beautiful rifle, get your ticket early.

COYOTE SURVEY

Speaking about rifles and raffles, let's talk about the coyote survey. We will probably have the rules and posters for the 2004 contest out before you read this, but in case you haven't seen them, here is your notice that we are doing the survey for 2004 and it is going to be bigger and better than ever. Chuck Aikin is taking charge

of this project and he is getting great cooperation from a number of merchants all over eastern Idaho. We will have some new drop-off points and more rifles, optics and varmint hunting accessories than ever before.

There is one new important change to the rules for this year. To be eligible to win a drawing the night of the banquet, entrants must be present. We debated this hotly at the last board meeting, and in the end decided attendance was not too much to ask if we were going to use your foundation dollars for this event and not have any financial return. The good news is the coyote hunters are reporting fantastic success this year so far. Coyote populations are very high due to a huge mouse population this summer that allowed almost a 100% survival of pups. You know what they will turn to when the snow finally piles up this winter, so let's get after them. If anyone is looking for a coyote-hunting partner, give me a call.

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