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Wisconsin Chapter REPORT

by Fred Spiewak, President

There is an uncertain feeling happening right now as we live through the effects of the Covid-19 virus pandemic. We are among the chapters who were fortunate to have our Banquet early enough to be unaffected and successful. Throughout the SCI organization chapters were forced to cancel their banquets.

We are compelled to cancel the April membership meeting. We will be monitoring events and trying to decide when the next membership meeting will be scheduled.

I've always felt that March is a transition month moving us into Spring. March is more important to the SCI Wisconsin Chapter than the approach of Spring. March is the month we had our 43rd Grand Banquet. This is the annual fundraiser that makes all of our project funding happen during the year. This year was no exception. The banquet auctions had about ninety hunts to sell along with many non-hunt items. John Miller did a spectacular job of filling the auctions with great hunts anyone could enjoy. The trips available spanned several continents. The

emphasis was, North America, making many of these hunts close enough to drive to.

Remember, your bids, during the auctions were a donation towards funding all the programs that help youth, conservation and keeping hunting in our future. In fact, this year's Saturday evening "Ask Auction" proceeds will be used to fund Shooting Sports for youth throughout the year.

My wife Lynn and I attended the SCI Convention in Reno, NV back in February. It is always a great benefit to talk to outfitters in person about a trip I'm planning and creates a sense of commitment in me once I've done the introduction. Our Banquet at Grand Geneva was such an opportunity for you as well. We had outfitters coming from a wide range of hunting possibilities. Many of you took the time to get to know them and book a hunt. A number of the exhibitors said they are exited about returning in 2021.

April is here and Spring hunting for turkeys has arrived. It's my fervent hope that you are safe and ready to get back



into the woods.

Turkeys are a tremendous success in Wisconsin and the seasons available are all good. I've harvested turkeys in the first season as well as the last season. Don't forget to purchase extra tags online. I like having the option of several periods, I have five covered with tags, in the event weather or other commitments interfere with my turkey plans.

This year's Spring Hearings will have several interesting questions on the ballot. Not the least of which will be whether or not there is support for a longer and earlier deer rifle season.

Last year, online voting started. This year the group meetings are cancelled. The entire event will take place online. Be sure to go online and express your opinion by voting. Take a look at the DNR website, prepare and attend the meeting online in your county. This is a unique opportunity to weigh in on what we think about game management proposals.

our monthly meetings are
CANCELED
until further notice

43rd ANNUAL
GRAND BANQUET

MARCH 6 & 7, 2020
GRAND GENEVA RESORT
LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN



Sean Coykendall - Member of the Year



Sharon Yunk - President's Award



Bob Eastman - President's Award



Membership Incentive Winner - Jim Marks (Vortex Scope) presented by Dan Small



Chapter Member Drawing Winner - Frank Schimpf presented by Dan Small



Joel Kleefisch is making breakfast!



Heath Smith, New Zealand Hunting Adventures - Outfitter of the Year presented by John Miller



Larry Fischer - Veterans Award Winner presented by Dan Small



People's Choice Photo Contest - Cassandre Hetzer presented by Dan Trawicki and Dan Small



Pat Barwick, John Kubichek Whitetail Award Winners presented by Harry Mattox



People's Choice Taxidermy - Dave Polak, Dave's Creative Taxidermy - Harry Mattox, Kamchatka Brown Bear presented by Dan Small

