



President's Column...

Members of the Naples Ft Myers Chapter of SCI:

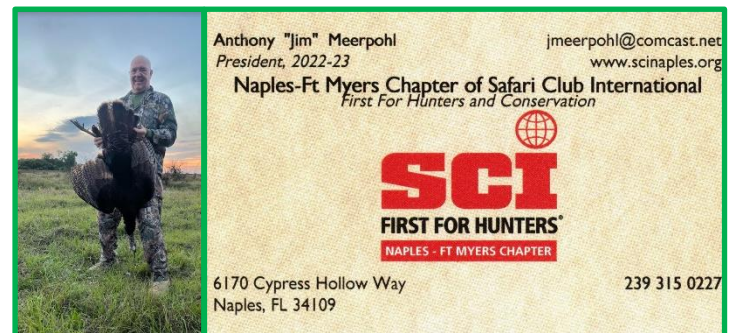
Last month I was able to get some last-minute tickets to a sold-out Ducks Unlimited Banquet. Kevin Zylstra and I attended and represented our Chapter. We sat at a table of eight in the venue that had 250 attendees. Quite an impressive Banquet for the DU Chapter. Kevin and I had a great night, luck was with us in many ways. We introduced ourselves to the 6 attendees with whom we shared the table and immediately things began to happen. Ryan Grady, an outfitter who had just started "Everglades Outdoors" was seated at our table and had donated a Turkey hunt. A young couple seated next to me turned out to be Cameron Bissell, a free-lance outdoor sportswriter.

I announced I would buy Ryan's donated Turkey hunt when it came up for auction, and I was fortunate to win the hunt. Cameron won a 12-gauge shotgun and I then offered to share the Turkey hunt with him since he had never hunted for Turkey before. Ryan agreed to the extra hunter when he discovered Cameron would provide publicity for his fledgling outfitting venture. Two days later Cam and I traveled to Ryan's camp in Hendry County, and we were fortunate (with Ryan's expert help) to harvest mature Osceola Turkeys. You can read the episodic event on our Facebook page.

The point of this is Kevin and I asked each of these individuals to become involved with our Chapter and both have agreed to become contributing members. So, I ask each of you reading this article to take a moment, think about a friend, a relative or someone you know who enjoys the sport of hunting and ask them to become involved in our chapter. I think you will be delighted to get another person involved and supporting our chosen sport.

Please read Cam's article on Agriculture, Hunting and Conservation included in this newsletter.

Also, on Wednesday May 10, 2023, we will hold a membership meeting at the Embassy Suites, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive, Estero, FL 33928. The meeting will commence with our annual election of officers and related business, but we will also have a speaker on the timely topic of the condition of sporting Animals in SW Florida. Hope to see you all at this event!



SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter

Speaker Meeting

May 10th, 2023



Join Us for a Cash Bar, Buffet Dinner, Election of Officers & Speaker on Sporting Animals in SW Florida!

Cost: \$40.00 per person
Location: Embassy Suites, [10450 Corkscrew Commons Dr. Estero, FL 33928](#)
Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

SIGN UP TODAY at:

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

Or

DOWNLOAD & MAIL IN WITH PAYMENT
[MAIL-IN SCINFM Speaker Meeting Sign-up](#)

Questions? Contact Ira Cotton at iwcotton@centurylink.com

Free Range American CAMERON BISSELL

Cameron Bissell is a freelance writer, first-generation sportsman, and Florida transplant from Massachusetts. His work includes writing for Florida-based nonprofits and outdoor gear companies from around the world. When not writing, he spends his time in the woods and waters of Florida, hunting any available game with a newfound addiction to waterfowl. If he's not in the woods or on the water solo, he's usually transporting one or all four of his kids between activities and the beaches. His outdoor aspirations include catching a yellowfin tuna on spinning gear and hunting elk in Colorado. If he had his way, every hunting license would come with a plaid shirt. Checkout Cameron's Website: <https://freerangeamerican.us/>



Cam's article on Agriculture, Hunting and Conservation:
<https://scinaples.org/blog/cameronbissell>



SCI Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter would like to WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

**MARK MOORE
& CAMERON BISSELL**

SCI NFM would also like to welcome Cameron Bissell to our Board of Directors as Advisor - Creator for Publicity.

Current Chapter Members as 3/31/23: 73

BECOME A MEMBER

To become a member of the Safari Club International Naples - Ft Myers Chapter, you first need to sign up for a National SCI membership with (4) easy steps:

1. **Join SCI:** <https://scinaples.org/Membership>
2. **Select Membership & Country:** **ONE** year, **THREE** year or **LIFE** Membership & Agree to **SCI TERMS.**
3. **“Support Your Local Chapter” PAGE will prompt up.** Type in your **Florida** address and search. Select **“Naples-Ft. Myers Chapter”** (no cost to join our Chapter.)
4. **Proceed to CHECKOUT: Pay for the National membership** and our Chapter will receive a confirmation you joined our Chapter!

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)

Sign-up for a Life Membership or Senior Life Membership and receive: (2) 4 Day passes to SCI's Annual Hunters' Convention in Nashville TN 2024*

NOTE: If signing up for Senior Life you must call Member Services at 888-485-8724.

We want to emphasize that there is **no additional membership fee to join our chapter** once you are a national member. By affiliating with our chapter, you will have access to exclusive local events and activities and will be supporting our conservation and outreach initiatives in our community. Joining our chapter is a great way to get involved and make a difference in the world of hunting and conservation. Don't wait, sign up today and start enjoying all the benefits of being a part of the SCI Naples - Ft Myers Chapter!

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For more information about SCI Membership:
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