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SCI Annual Hunters' Convention

Silent Auction Bidding Rules & Regulations

Silent auction items will be showcased daily at the silent auction location for open bidding to all SCI members. All open bidding, legibly written (including name, membership number and bid), will be accepted on bid boards until 30 minutes before the close of each silent auction (annual closing times will be posted in the annual day auction guide and on signage at the silent auction location). Open bid boards will be closed 30 minutes prior to the close of each silent auction. The highest bid from the bid boards will be highlighted. The final 30 minutes of bidding in the silent auction is submitted on a sealed bid form and dropped into a drop box located in the silent auction area. Sealed bid times will be posted and announced during the auction. The winning bid will be determined at the end of the 30-minute sealed bid period. The highest bid is determined from a combination of open written bids and sealed bids for each item. If a sealed bid is higher than the last open bid, that becomes the winning bid. If two sealed bids are for the same amount, the winning bid is determined by time of bid. All sealed bids are available for review in the Auction Distribution Room after final winning bids have been posted. Sealed bid instructions are posted on the bid boards and on signs in the silent auction location. Winning bids from the previous day's silent auction will be posted each morning at 9:00 a.m. beginning on the second convention day in the silent auction location, and at the Auction Payment Counter and the Auction Distribution Room. On the last Convention day, winning bid will be posted at 4:00 p.m. and all final payments must be made prior to the close of the Convention.

The silent auction contains displays of large placecards on the tables with the bid boards explaining the sealed bid period. The auction is then closed at the end times. The explanation of procedure is in large print and readily displayed. All silent auction staff explains the process to bidders throughout the day for submitting sealed bids. All silent auction staff announces the process so all attendees looking at the items can be aware. The silent auction staff shows the attendees the forms and hand them out, explaining this process. Thirty minutes before the close of auction, the written bid process is closed and last bid is highlighted on each bid board. The sealed-bid deposit boxes are put on the tables with the bid board reflecting the last highest bid. Bidders are given pencils and forms to complete and put in the sealed bid boxes for the last 30 minutes. The boxes are pulled at the close of the auction and no more sealed bids are accepted.

SCI reserves the right to close silent auction items on a buy-it-now basis. Items offered on a buy-it-now basis will be offered for sale during silent auctions under normal silent auction procedures, with the added rule that attendees may purchase the item for an established price at any time during bidding hours for the auction in which the item is offered unless bids have surpassed the buy-it-now price. Signs advising attendees of buy-it-now availability and buy-it-now price will be affixed to, or displayed near, all items offered on a buy-it-now basis. Attendees wishing to buy such an item for its posted buy-it-now price may inform a member of the silent auction staff of the attendee's intent and a member of the silent auction staff will assist the attendee in completing the purchase. Once an attendee has signaled his/her intent to purchase a buy-it-now item for its advertised buy-it-now price to a member of the silent auction staff, the item will no longer be available for bidding and will be considered sold unless and until the transaction cannot be completed. In the event that the transaction is not completed, the item will be returned to the silent auction area, bidding will resume on that item on its original bid board, and bids entered on that bid board prior to the aborted transaction will be honored by SCI.