

of service within our organization. Our committees utilize the strengths of highly motivated and dedicated people and are an important facet of this organization. Service on the Chapter level enables you to grow as a leader and project manager and develop great teamwork skills. Chapters are the backbone of this organization; leadership on the Chapter level helps this Association grow.

If you are ready to seize a great opportunity and make incredible things happen with AAZK, I encourage you to run for the Board of Directors. If not, I encourage you to still be like that second salesman who saw opportunity where another saw none.

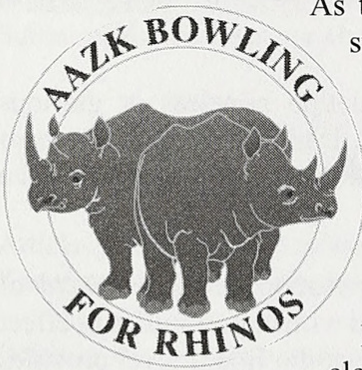
As always, I welcome your thoughts and input. E-mail me at [bob.cisneros@aazk.org](mailto:bob.cisneros@aazk.org) ; I would love to hear from you.

*Bob Cisneros*

*"Some men see things as they are and say why - I dream things that never were and say why not."*  
-- George **Bernard Shaw**

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## Lewa Loses Four Rhinos to Poachers



As this issue of the *AKF* went to press, the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy suffered the demoralizing loss of four rhinos to poachers. Two male black rhinos and two female black rhinos were slaughtered, bringing the population of rhino on Lewa back down to 71 individuals. In a country where the population is slightly above 600 animals, these incidents are a devastating blow to conservation efforts and show the enormous pressure that these animals are under. Lewa has now lost 10 rhinos to poaching in the last three years. *Source: Lewa Wildlife Conservancy*

In related news, Kenyan Wildlife Service officials say that the country's elephant, zebra, and rhino populations are dropping sharply throughout the country over the last four years due to poaching, demand for ivory, drought, and climate change. *Source: earthweek.com*

These incidents serve as a constant reminder of the harsh reality and rapidly escalating threat faced by rhinos and other wildlife. Bowling for Rhinos is as important as ever as we try to help our Conservation Partners like Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and International Rhino Foundation try to save these amazing creatures. Despite the fact that 2012 was a record year for BFR, we cannot rest on our accomplishment. It is critical that we continue to strive towards making 2013 and every year our best year ever. Start planning your 2013 BFR event today!



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