

# KENTUCKIANA HUNTER



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# President's Message

By Larry Richards, Chapter President

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As this issue of our award-winning newsletter finds you, hunting season will have begun and our Chapter Dove Hunt will be history. Last year's big hit was repeated again this year! A thunderstorm put a premature end to the shooting, but regardless, we had a great time with plenty of doves. We thank Rick Davis for allowing us to enjoy the venue of his farm. Unfortunately, we will be looking for a new venue in 2016 as Rick is selling his farm. This also means we must find a new location for our Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Program. If a member has a location and would allow us the use of it for either event, we need your help!

Our 2015 Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend event was a huge success again this year! Sixty-eight youth and adults attended, passed the Hunter Education course on Saturday, and were given the familiarization classes in the various disciplines on Sunday. We had an excellent turnout of member volunteers and youth volunteers who helped put this event together and all are to be congratulated on their efforts. This is one of our most important events throughout the year, and it was refreshing to see all the new faces! The additional volunteer help was key in providing the quality program we intended. We also had attendees from the leadership of the Southern Ohio SCI Chapter who looked in on our event with an eye toward starting their own youth program and they were very well received and, hopefully, very impressed. Our chapter's focus on the youth we mentor speaks well of us and we hope to keep our youth up front and foremost in the future.

Our 4th annual Kentuckiana SCI Day in the Country Chapter Meeting and Picnic at members Sam and Alice Monarch's farm was also a huge success. You can read more about this event in this newsletter but to say a good time was had by all would be a huge understatement! Sam and Alice very graciously hosted this event and everyone who attended was warmly treated and well fed! Thanks to Sam and Alice for again putting this event on for our chapter!

Congratulations to our Chapter "Top Gun" Champion this year, Mike Maddox. The Kentuckiana SCI "Top Gun" Championship event was held at Indian Creek Gun Club with lively com-

petition and good shooting by all who participated. If you are a shotgun enthusiast, please compete next year and help keep setting the competition bar a bit higher!

Our next chapter event is the upcoming Pheasant Tower Shoot at Rick's farm. Mark your calendar for October 24th. There will be 10 birds per hunter released and lunch will be served. The cost is a very reasonable \$100 per hunter, and we need 30 hunters to put this event on, so please get your reservations in as early as possible. Mallory and I make two; let's get this done! Tower shoots are a blast as, literally, everyone is a winner!

Our chapter has nominated Ivy Stevens as our candidate for this year's Safari Club International Young Hunter of the Year Award. Ivy, who is an avid outdoorsman, has volunteered for years at our Chapter Fundraiser, Day in the Country event, and Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend. Being a "Gold Palm" Eagle Scout, Ivy has the breadth and depth of experience to merit this award and we wish him well! We have a good number of young hunters and sportsmen and sportswomen who are beginning to mature and become active members, helping out with our events and providing excellent role models for the other young folks just starting out. We thank Ivy and each of them and wish each of them continued successes in their journeys.

As the Christmas season approaches please remember that a membership in SCI and the NRA are an excellent "stocking stuffer" and help send the correct message to our young sportsmen and sportswomen that involvement in these organizations is our primary tool in our fight to preserve our 2nd Amendment and to keep our hunting heritage healthy. With that note – please mark your calendar for the 2016 Chapter Fundraising Banquet on February 20th at the Audubon Country Club. It's going to be a safari attire, past and present, event!

I hope you have plans that include young people in hunting this fall. Mallory and I are going elk hunting this October in Colorado and it's her turn for a bull! Dad gets to watch and help and that's plenty! Our youth are our future! Good hunting this season – be safe, responsible, and take plenty of pictures!

As always – my door, email and phone are always open to any member with suggestions, input or criticisms.



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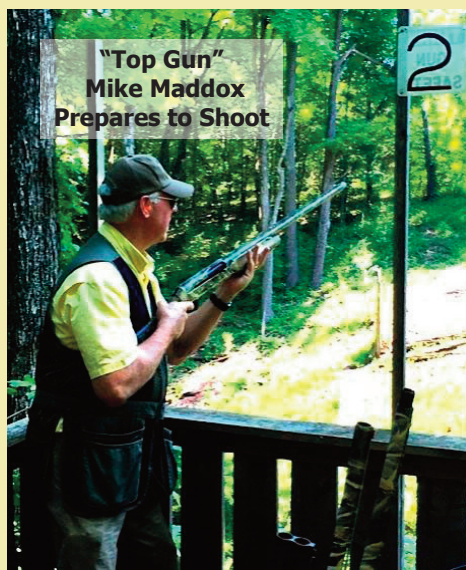
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## About The Cover

Will Bowling, an Elk Program Biologist with KDFWR, took the photo of this magnificent elk while doing a "Herd Survey" in Knott County, Kentucky. No one can say with certainty the day or even the year the last indigenous Kentucky whitetail deer, eastern wild turkey, bison, black bear or elk died or was killed, but we do know that by the early 1800's, these animals were virtually extinct in Kentucky. Thanks to the KDFWR and the hunters and fishermen who fund the KDFWR, we now enjoy a healthy population of deer, turkey, and elk and a recovering population of black bear. Read "Elk in Kentucky" in the "Conservation Corner" section of this newsletter.



## Mike Maddox Wins 2015 Kentuckiana SCI "Top Gun" Title

By Sam Monarch

The Indian Creek Gun Club in Georgetown, Indiana was the setting for this year's "Introduction to Sporting Clays" event and to the Annual Kentuckiana SCI "Top Gun" Championship that were held on August 22, 2015. Taking top honors on the sporting clays field this year was Chapter Member Mike Maddox with teammate and defending "Top Gun" Champion, Michael Graham, being the runner up.

Shotgun enthusiasts find sporting clays challenging with varying sizes of clay targets being thrown at a wide range of trajectories, distances, angles, and speeds that simulate actual live-bird hunting. Plan to attend next years Sporting Clays event as a contender for top honors or as a student of the sport.

Congratulations to Mike Maddox, the 2016 Kentuckiana Chapter SCI "Top Gun" Champion, and to Runner-Up Mike Graham. Our thanks to Indian Creek Gun Club and to all Chapter members who participated and provided the lively competition.

## The Sundance Turkey

By Fred Hatcher

In April 2014, I took the Osceola Turkey which gave me five different species of turkeys including the Osceola, Rio Grande, Goulds, and Eastern which SCI recognizes as the "Grand Slam of Turkeys". The National Wild Turkey Federation recognizes these four US turkeys as a "Grand Slam of Turkeys" then added the two Mexican Turkeys for a "World Slam of Turkeys". All I needed was a Merriam to complete a "World Slam of Turkeys".

Most Merriams are found in South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming. When two or three outfitters from that area told me their hunting schedules were full and I could not find a hunt, I thought I would have to forget getting a "World Slam" for 2015. As a last chance effort, I called CARTERS HUNTING FOOL magazine and application service out of Cedar Lake, Utah. I was referred to Jeff Carter, who also likes to turkey hunt, and he suggested that I hunt the South Dakota-Wyoming corner.

Jeff gave me the name of an outfitter out of Sundance, Wyoming. The town of Sundance was named after Sioux Indian's religious ceremonies, but its name was made famous by one of the most notorious bank robbers of the old west who spent time in jail there and came to be known as the Sundance Kid. The town of Sundance is about twenty to twenty-five miles from the Devils Tower, a national monument that could be seen in the distance going to and from the hunting areas.

Merriam turkey season started on April 11, 2015 and I was scheduled to have ear surgery on April 21st. The surgery was a delicate procedure that would leave me out of commission from four to six weeks; consequently, the time frame in which I could go turkey hunting was very short! Taking Jeff Carter's recommendation, I called SEVEN J OUTFITTERS owned by Jeff and Deb Smith and explained my situation. They offered a three-day hunt for one bird in Wyoming and a four-day hunt for a second bird in South Dakota. They said they could take me on their second hunt, April 15th to the 19th! Getting those dates with a great outfitter, a huge hunting area with lots of birds, good guides, good accommodations and great food was a real find. I LUCKED OUT!

Time passed quickly and I was soon headed to Sundance. I was warned before hand to expect any kind of weather and the warning held true. The day I arrived, it started raining late in the afternoon and the next morning, it was snowing and foggy when we went out to the area we were going to hunt. Despite the weather, we saw a couple of hens but no gobblers.

We soon went back to the lodge for brunch then on to another hunting area that afternoon. Both areas were about twenty-five miles from the lodge. We sat quietly, listening for a gobbler and luck was with us as we heard the magical music of a gobbler. We set up on a hillside above where we had heard the gobbling and called. Twenty to thirty minutes later, a hen and a gobbler came walking up within twenty-five yards. I lucked out again and soon had my turkey.

ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL!



Fred's Sundance Turkey



Lodge



When the first adventurers of European descent visited Kentucky in the 17th century, they must have delighted at the scene before them. At that time, Kentucky was a magnificent mix of habitats and their associated animals: towering forests in the east gave way to the savannas and canebrakes of the Bluegrass, which gradually transitioned into the prairies and bottomland forests of western Kentucky. According to early accounts, the variety and abundance of wildlife nurtured by these diverse habitats was amazing. Elk, bison, black bear, white-tailed deer, and wild turkeys were found throughout the state, along with a myriad of other species.

This wildlife nirvana was not to last, however. European-American settlement of Kentucky began in the mid-1700s, and within 100 years, many of these iconic wildlife species had disappeared from the state. Habitat loss and unregulated hunting were the root causes of these declines, both of which were directly related to pressures from increased settlement.

Elk populations were hit especially hard as increasing numbers of European-American pioneers came to Kentucky. As one of the largest members of the deer family, a single elk could provide a significant amount of prime meat. This likely meant that many frontier families would have targeted elk as a food source, but it also made the species attractive to market hunters. Outright persecution likely also played a role in the decline of the species, as many early settlers were likely hesitant to share their crops with herds of large herbivores. Finally, as homesteads and settlements spread across Kentucky, the availability of wild spaces for elk to escape human pressure dwindled. These factors resulted in a rapid decline in elk populations across the state, and the last wild elk had disappeared from Kentucky before the Civil War.

As it turns out, however, this loss was not the final chapter for elk in the Commonwealth. In the mid 1990s, a group of Kentucky sportsmen and sportswomen realized that there might be an opportunity to reverse the state's historic loss of elk. A grassroots support effort – led largely by members of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Shikar Safari Club – arose around the initiative, and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) outlined the details of a potential elk restoration project in early 1997. The proposed elk restoration plan included an overall habitat assessment, recommendations to minimize potential agricultural damage, and the delineation of an elk restoration zone in eastern Kentucky.

KDFWR was aware that many Kentucky sports-

# Elk in Kentucky

By Will Bowling  
KDFWR Elk Program Biologist



men and women were very interested in returning elk to the state, but to better gauge Kentuckian's opinions KDFWR opened the proposed elk restoration plan to public comment. It soon became apparent that most respondents overwhelmingly supported the reintroduction of free-ranging elk into Kentucky. In fact, 90% of comments from Kentuckians outside the proposed elk restoration zone were in support of the proposed restoration project, and 99% of comments from within the proposed elk restoration zone favored reintroduction. After determining that elk restoration was both biologically and socially feasible, KDFWR opted to move forward with the restoration project. Several source herds were located, and the first free-ranging elk to walk Kentucky soil in more than 150 years stepped from a transport trailer in December 1997.

To ensure a strong herd, KDFWR biologists continued relocating animals to Kentucky through 2002, eventually bringing approximately 1,550 individuals from six donor states (Kansas, Utah, North Dakota, Oregon, New Mexico, and Arizona). Early research demonstrated a healthy, growing herd, and KDFWR opened a limited elk hunting season in 2001. The hunting season has continued each year since, with KDFWR awarding 900-1,000 annual elk hunting permits in recent years.

This evolution from an embryonic herd to a robust population capable of supporting annual hunting has proceeded remarkably well. As a result, some of the KDFWR Deer and Elk Program's future activities will reflect this transition from a new population to an established herd. KDFWR Deer and Elk Program Coordinator Gabe Jenkins said, "In coming years, we will probably begin to focus a bit more on habitat management. We have several exciting habitat projects lined up on public lands, and we're also exploring ways we can partner with private landowners to improve elk habitat on private property."

While the Kentucky elk restoration is a great success story, it is important to remember that elk and many other game species were absent from Kentucky in recent history. Our present cornucopia of wildlife is a direct result of the synergy created between the scientific wildlife management of KDFWR and the stewardship of Kentucky's hunter-conservationists. Our combined efforts have corrected some of the effects of past excesses and ecological misunderstandings, and with a dedication to conservation, we can ensure that future generations of Kentuckians will grow up knowing that elk still roam the Commonwealth.



## Habitat Improvement Check List By KDFWR

### October - November

- ☐ Leave a portion of crops standing all winter for wildlife
- ☐ Leave food plots fallow for two years (minimum)
- ☐ Plan for next year's projects
- ☐ Do not fall-plow crop fields
- ☐ Order catalogs for seedlings, shrubs, or seeds for spring
- ☐ Flood moist soil management units

### December

- ☐ Check for wildlife use of habitat improvement projects
- ☐ Check fences to keep livestock out of woodlands
- ☐ Hinge-cut cedars and/or create brush piles
- ☐ Plant tree and shrub seedlings
- ☐ Conduct timber stands improvements

To speak to a KDFWR Wildlife Biologist call 1-800-858-1549

# Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI Honors Two Wildlife Conservation Officers

By Larry Richards

The Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI recently hosted the Shikar-Safari Club International awards ceremony to honor the two KDFWR's "Wildlife Conservation Officer of the Year Award(s)" for 2013 and 2014. We extend our sincerest congratulations to Officer Chris King, the "2013 Officer of the Year" and Officer Steve Nelson, the "2014 Officer of the Year".

The ceremony was held in the Pee Wee Reese room at Audubon Country Club at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Those present were: the people shown in the photograph above, plus Ivan Schell, Bob Edwards, Randy Phelps, Mike Ohlmann, and Chris Bohner, photographer and husband of Janis. Janis is a representative from Shikar-Safari Club International, a conservation-based organization that presents awards annually to deserving wildlife law enforcement officers, and she was present to present the award to Officer King and to Officer Nelson. Janis and her husband, Chris Bohner, have another connection with our Chapter. Both attended our Chapter Fundraiser earlier this year and Mrs. Bohner attended our very first Chapter Fundraiser that was held at the Brown Hotel twenty years ago.

After the awards were presented, our group had a very dynamic conversation about who we are, what we do, and our involvement with the KHFFH Program, then Colonel West educated us about some of the KDFWR programs, and Ms. Bohner told us of Shikar's work. One available program mentioned was connecting trained dogs to the KDFWR law enforcement program. Colonel West was very eloquent and very



Captain Stuart Bryant; Officer Chris King, "2013 Officer of the Year"; Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI President, Larry Richards; Ms. Janis Bohner, Esquire, Shikar Safari International; Officer Steve Nelson, "2014 Officer of the Year"; Colonel Joe West, Commander, Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division; and Captain Brett Zalla

appreciative and voiced his desire to work with Shikar to acquire several very much-needed trained dogs for the K-9 program, as the current K-9 program has not been maintained in the face of dwindling monies even though there is a great need for this capability in the field.

We were also educated about the move to the State Police radio band, thus utilizing their dispatch capability statewide, having greatly reduced officer response-time statewide, a huge success. Colonel West also updated the gathering on pending legislation that would make each participating officer in the Department eligible for some additional monies (\$3000.00 per year) through an existing program of which they are not now a part. As this program has the potential to measurably increase the Department's officer retention capability, we need to reach out to whomever will listen and champion their cause.

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## Kentuckiana SCI Military Pheasant Hunt

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December Date  
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## Pheasant Tower Shoot

**October 24, 2015**

**Rick Davis Farm  
Henryville, Indiana**

**10 Pheasants Released Per Shooter  
\$100 Per Shooter  
Lunch Included**

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# 2015 KYSCI Youth Hunter Education Weekend “Developing The Leaders Of Tomorrow”

By Michael L. Graham



2015 Participants & Volunteers

## Youth Instructor Clay Monarch Teaches Shotgun



As I write this article, I think back on my 3 years with KYSCI and how much fun it has been to be a part of the Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend. Each year, we seem to find new ways to improve, and as technology evolves and our younger club members become more actively involved with the event, fresh ideas always seem to be plenty.

Without a doubt, this year's Hunter Education Weekend was our best yet! We had 68 students complete the hunter education class with 51 of those being youth and 17 being adults. Of the 68, 12 students were females. 50 students were from Indiana and 18 were from Kentucky. This is a great number to hit and one I hope we can continue to build upon and develop as we become more proficient.

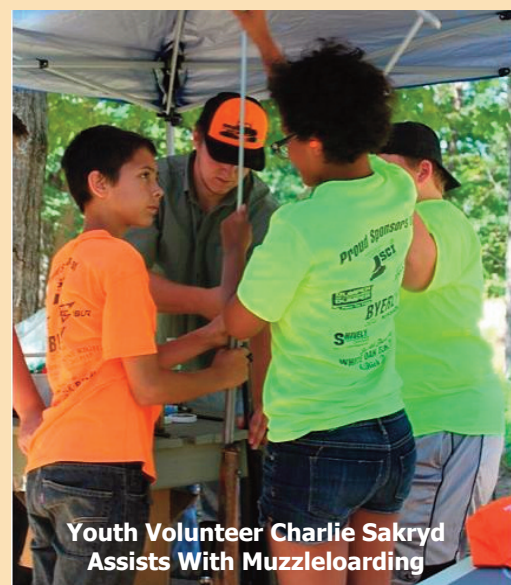
There is another number that is important to mention and one that may be even more important than the 68 students mentioned above. The number I'm referencing is the number of volunteers that participated and donated time and energy to making this weekend a success. In total, we had roughly 45 volunteers/instructors, with 11 of those being youth apprentices. These eleven youth are what I want to focus on in this article because I believe they are the most important volunteers we have as they are our future.

These young volunteers are the direct product of the hard work and effort that our seasoned volunteers have put into the youth event over the last eleven years. These young Chapter volunteers stand as the measuring stick for all other youth who wish to become hunters and conservationist. I have no doubt that among these dedicated youth lie a future KYSCI President or an International SCI President. They all possess the knowledge and skills necessary to lead and that comes in no small part to being reared by amazing parents who have taught them to help out, be responsible, and be respectful to others.

As coordinator for the youth event, I was able to focus on keeping things running smoothly because of these eleven individuals taking a lion's share of the foot work off my back and allowing me to spend my time more productively. I was so very proud of not only how all our youth volunteers performed but also how they acted. Not once did I feel worried about where they were or what they were doing. They stepped up, took charge and took the initiative when the situation called for it. Each parent and grandparent should give himself or herself a huge pat on the back and be proud that they have helped "Develop the Leaders of Tomorrow". I am proud to introduce these eleven youth leaders to you (in alphabetical order): Isiah DeGrasse, Kris Guinn, Cameron Kuerzi, Drew Kuerzi, Tre Kuerzi, Clay Monarch, Isaac Ohlmann, Malory Richards, Charlie Sakryd, Ivy Stevens, and Andrew Turner.

Additionally, we had several new volunteers this year join our returning volunteers/instructors who played an enormous role in the remarkable success of our youth event. These dedicated volunteers manned the following stations at the two day event: shotgun, high power rifle, rimfire (CMP proficiency level), archery, crossbow, muzzleloader/blackpowder, woodsmanship, indigenous game species identification & anatomy, tracking & blood trailing & back-packing, and field care for trophy & meat for processing as well as being chefs, servers, people movers, paper pushers and clean up crew. These youth & adult volunteers/instructors, in conjunction with the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife, provided an outstanding program in firearm responsibility and hunting safety. To each of the youth & adult volunteers/instructors, please know how truly thankful we are for your help!

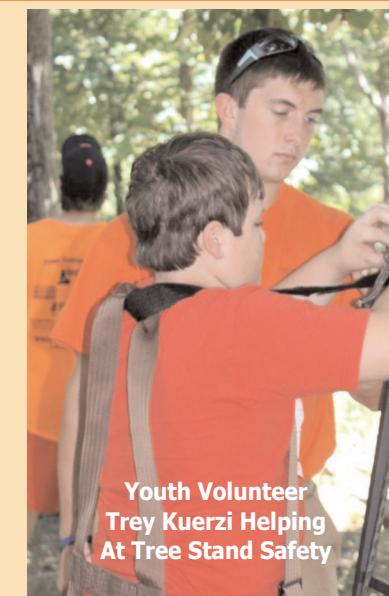
In closing, I hope everyone who came and participated, either by volunteering or attending the classes, had a wonderful experience and will join us again next year on the first weekend in August 2016. It is sure to be a great time and who knows what it will have to offer next year.



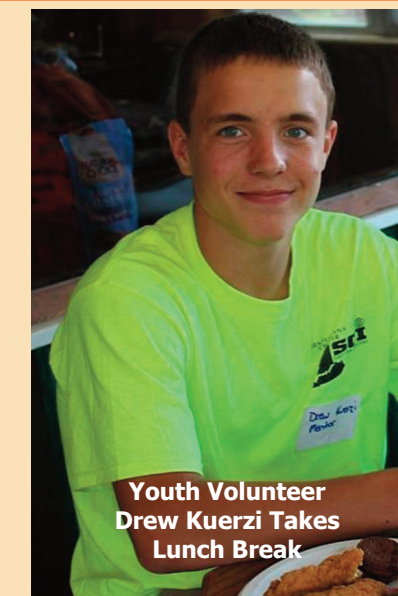
Youth Volunteer Charlie Sakryd Assists With Muzzleloading



Youth Volunteer Isaac Ohlmann At Archery



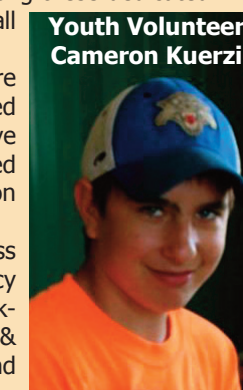
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Youth Volunteer Drew Kuerzi Takes Lunch Break



Youth Volunteer Mallory Richards Listens As Youth Instructor Ivy Stevens Teaches Muzzleloader



Youth Volunteer Cameron Kuerzi



Youth Volunteers Isiah DeGrasse & Trey Kuerzi Break For Lunch



Sherry Maddox, Toni French, & Larry Richards

## Chapter Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Program Receives \$1500 Grant from Cabela's Outdoor Fund

By Sam Monarch

The Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI's "Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend" program has become our Chapter's signature event. Since the program's inception in 2005 with energetic volunteers and borrowed equipment, the "Youth Event" has developed into a model program complete with a detailed curriculum and a trailer full of equipment and, as the story herewith explains, wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

This year's event was blessed with a \$1500 Cabela's Outdoor Fund Grant which greatly enhanced our operating budget and made it possible for us to reach more youth and apprentice want-to-be hunters. Our sincerest thanks to the Cabela's Outdoor Fund and to Cabela's Representative Toni French for delivering the check to Chapter President Larry Richards and Chapter Treasurer Sherry Maddox during this year's "Youth Event"!

# Another Magnificent Day In The Country

By Larry Richards

Many thanks to Sam and Alice Monarch for hosting our 4th Annual "Kentuckiana SCI Day in the Country" picnic. This year marked our largest turnout of members and families to date – 73! Fortunately, clear skies and beautiful weather blessed us all day.

Sam and Alice had worked overtime to ready their magnificent stage for this event and everything was beautifully groomed and prepared. This was my first chance to attend our annual picnic as work has had me elsewhere in years past. I was impressed with the coordination of all who helped put the outing together.

Some of us, the volunteers, a.k.a., the lucky ones, arrived early at Sam's house and were treated to a magnificent breakfast and then it was off to the farm to begin setting up. Volunteers Pat Riley, Louie Manion, Mike Graham, Keith Graham, Alice Monarch, Jim Warren, Clay Monarch, Daughter Mallory Richards, and I and other volunteers began the tasks of marking trails, setting up water stations, assembling the tables, chairs, and canopies for the picnic area and the fishing station manned by Mike Maddox, the archery backstop and range for Tom Hebert and shooting range for Sam Monarch and Lowell Stevens were being made ready. Mary Free-Phelps set up turkey decoys and assembled her turkey calls for her station while Randy Phelps set up on the tree stand safety station and Sherry Maddox set up the Corn Hole yard game.

Members and guests arrived shortly after noon and were soon organized and settled in for the afternoon. They fished in the stocked lake and several nice fish were caught and released; however, some of those catfish were released into "Lake Crisco" a bit later! Members enjoyed the archery station that was run very professionally by Tom Hebert. He has a gift there and obviously has had professional training in teaching people new to the bow! His patience and experience were key to getting everyone on target.

Sam's rifle range was soon very busy and shooting was constant throughout the afternoon. Everyone who attended had a

chance to visit all the activities and spend some time visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Right before we sat down to dinner, I called the business meeting to order and we announced the results of the elections held in July for Chapter Officers and Directors. Jim Warren was elected as Chapter Vice President and Sherry Maddox was re-elected as Treasurer. Two new Board Members were elected - Peter Cameron and Stuart Ray. Each brings a unique skill set to the Chapter and we thank them for stepping up when asked. To remain relevant and active, we need new insights and ideas at the Board level and would encourage any member who can, to participate when possible. The meeting was soon adjourned and Randy Phelps asked the blessing and we sat down to a feast. caterer Amy Galloway served up a wonderful meal of Moonlight Mutton, Sam and Mike Maddox's Bar B Q pulled pork and fried chicken with baked beans, green bean, Au Gratin potatoes, cole slaw, and Strawberry Shortcake and Pecan Pie for desert. After dinner, Sam led a multi-vehicle RTV ride across the farm showing a wildlife friendly environment.

This annual event provides an excellent opportunity for all members and their families and guests to get acquainted with one another, relax, and really enjoy "A Day in the Country"! Top that off with high quality "comfort food" and great activities, and you have the makings of lasting friendships and good, fun memories. Thanks Sam and Alice for the tremendous effort and support of the Chapter over the years! Our Chapter extends many thanks to Mike and Sherry Maddox for keeping track of and towing the Chapter's equipment laden trailer out to the farm for the event. Amazing how much really necessary stuff the Chapter has collected in 20 years! Thanks also to David Cook who took photos and to the other members who donated their time and effort in supporting all the activities at the picnic. Looking forward to next year, I encourage each member to plan on attending – you will love the experience!

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Affair**



**Catch Of  
The Day**



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Good Friends**





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Turkey Calling Instructions



Hard Fought Catfish



Perfect Way To End A Great Trail Ride

# Kentuckiana Chapter SCI Dove Hunt

By Mike Maddox

Our chapter was again fortunate to be invited to dove hunt on Chapter Member Rick Davis's farm in Henryville, Indiana. Rick and Chapter Member Jim Warren had worked very hard planting food plots of sunflowers and other game attracting plants to draw in the doves. Rick had mowed the fields low so we could spot the birds that were shot. I started calling Jim about six weeks prior to the opening weekend to see if any doves were coming into the fields, and as the "Chapter Dove Hunt" approached, Jim kept me posted as the numbers of doves rose.

I started taking reservations on August 1st and had 42 confirmed hunters by the day of the hunt. In the meantime, Jim created a good menu of burgers, wild boar BBQ, and elk shoulder. We asked the shooters to arrive at Rick's farm between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM on opening weekend, Saturday, September 5th. With great anticipation, Saturday arrived and hunters began to show up at noon. I started checking in hunters and collecting the \$10 fee to help cover costs for the event. Youth (fifteen and under) were free.

By 1:30 PM, most of the hunters had arrived and we started drawing locations for individuals and groups that wanted to hunt together. Jim and Rick had generated a map of the farm and had marked 50 locations: one location from which each hunter could hunt. We decided to get the hunters into the field and situated in their spots by 2:30 PM so they could shoot for an hour or so; then, in anticipation of the predictable early afternoon lack of doves flying, around 3:30 PM, we asked the hunters to come in and eat which would take about an hour. That strategy worked great as the birds didn't start flying well until 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. On schedule, the hunters filtered back to the lodge where the food was set out. As excitement was obvious, the hungry hunters soon had their food and chowed down. I wolfed my food down as I was ready to get Chase, my lab, and get back to our spot for the afternoon shoot.

Since everyone knew their shooting location, it was easy to get back to their hunting spots. It didn't take long to start hearing shots sound off. Soon, I could hear shots blasting all over the farm. It was pretty much nonstop shooting for the next hour and a half. Just when everything started really cooking, I looked off in the distance and saw a huge black cloud moving in our direction with lightning and thunder cracking in the distance. At first, it looked as if it might bypass us, but about a half hour later, the wind picked up and the lightning and thunder started cracking around us. The birds flew to the roost and we flew to the trucks to keep from getting blown away and soaked. The hunt came to an abrupt halt as the storm engulfed the farm.

Every hunter must have taken several birds with the number of shots that were heard in the hour and a half of fast shooting. I needed three birds to finish my limit, but that did not happen with the abrupt rush to gather the decoys and gear and get back to the truck before drowning.

That is the way hunting goes: weather can make or break any given hunting adventure; however, we were lucky to get in some really fast shooting for a brief period. From the conversations that took place, I believe everyone enjoyed the hunt, the food, and the camaraderie of our members making the Kentuckiana SCI Dove Hunt another successful Chapter event!

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# “LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



## A Lion's Cautionary Tale

Unless you have been asleep for the last few months, you could not have helped but notice the furor arising from the harvest of a male African lion designated as Cecil by the local researchers. The animal was wounded with a compound bow and arrow and eventually finished with a rifle. PETA fueled an online firestorm calling for the hunter's death. At the other end of the spectrum, a Zimbabwe national, Goodwell Nzou, studying for his PhD at Wake Forest, called out Americans for being more interested in the fate of a killer of people and cattle than the African people who have to deal with the realities of living with Simba. He noted that black Zimbabweans do not cry for lions, nor do they adore any lions, and he called for the killing of lions by any means, legal or illegal.

Somewhere in the middle are a few journalists who seem to understand the interaction between humans, animals and economics. One of the more lucid is Norimitsu Onishi, a Canadian Japanese who was assigned to the African bureau for the New York Times in Johannesburg, RSA in 2014. He won a Pulitzer Prize for reporting on the Ebola crisis in 2015. On August 11, 2015, Onishi wrote that the outcry for Cecil could undercut conservation efforts. If there were a complete ban on lion hunting, the tolerance levels for lions would plummet. In wild areas outside the protected areas, lions would be exterminated quickly. On September 13, 2015, Onishi cited numerous instances where local Botswanans, who depended on the hunting of lions, were losing their jobs, had no meat left over from elephant hunters, received no necessities paid for by hunting fees and are suffering unrestrained destruction of crops and domestic stock by elephants and lions.

But I digress. My purpose with this column is to explore legal issues and this article will focus on the legal exposure of hunters like Dentist Walter Palmer. Erin Fuchs writing for Business Insider investigated what legal trouble that Palmer could face in the US. That potential legal trouble is of course all premised on the characterization of Palmer's actions as being illegal in Zimbabwe. That country has charged the landowner and guide with conducting a hunt without the appropriate quotas, licenses, approvals, etc. These men have been released on \$1000 bond before they are to stand trial. Palmer has apparently not been charged by Zimbabwe. Palmer takes the position that he paid for a legal hunt and expected that he was, in fact, getting a legal hunt. If one assumes that, in fact, the PH and landowner are found to be guilty of an illegal hunt, could Palmer face prosecution within the US? Fuchs consulted law professor Daniel Rohlf who noted that Palmer could not be charged successfully with a violation of the endangered species act because federal law leaves decisions about managing wildlife within other countries to those countries; however, Rohlf speculated that Palmer could be held criminally liable in the US under the Lacey Act.

In 1900, Iowa Congressman John Lacey introduced his act into Congress to make it a federal crime to poach game in one state with the purpose of selling the bounty in another. The Act has been amended many times over the years so that now the maximum penalty is \$10,000 plus a year in the federal pen. The Act, 16 USC 3371, criminalizes the purchase for money of guiding, outfitting or other services for the illegal taking, acquiring, receiving, transporting or possessing of wildlife across state lines or international boundaries. Rohlf asserts that Palmer could be held accountable under this provision.

While this could be the case, the Lacey Act in 1981 was amended to require that the illegal taking to be “knowingly” committed. Palmer has always asserted that he believed that his hunt was legal and that all the proper documents and approvals had been obtained for the hunt. As is said in legal circles, the jury is still out as to whether the hunt was illegal in Zimbabwe, and whether if illegal Palmer knew or should have known that the hunt was illegal.

The takeaway for Kentuckiana SCI Chapter members, however, is that each hunter needs to assume responsibility for insuring that his or her hunt is being conducted with the proper permits, for the correct animal, using the permitted weapon, on the legal location at the proper time. In other words, do your due diligence! The chapter makes every effort to insure that this is the case with respect to hunts that it markets at its fundraiser; however, each hunter needs to take additional precautions. First, have the outfitter commit in writing that all the legal requirements have been met. Second, have the outfitter send copies of the requisite documentation. Given the environment that hunters find themselves in these days, no reputable outfitter should balk at providing these items. With these precautions, you can reasonably believe that you have done everything possible so that you will know what you “should have known” and steer clear of Lacey Act violations.



## *A Warm Welcome to Our 27 New 2015 Chapter Members!*

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 Chris Greenwell, Louisville, KY  
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 Ron Kramer, Louisville, KY  
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 Crystal Noem, Union, KY  
 Shane Noem, Erlanger, KY  
 Kelly O'Daniel, Prospect, KY  
 Bill Perkins, Louisville, KY  
 David, Roesler, Louisville, KY  
 John, Schaaf, Louisville, KY  
 Dean Schamore, Hardinsburg, KY  
 Allyson Samper, Louisville, KY  
 Marty Stamper, Louisville, KY  
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 Nancy Stevens, Goshen, KY  
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## *IN THE SPOTLIGHT*



## **FUNDRAISING BANQUET**

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

**Social Hour: 5:00 PM**

**Dinner: 7:00 PM**

**Auction: 8:00 PM**

**Audubon Country Club  
3265 Robin Road  
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**Attire: "Classic Safari" or Casual**

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## *Joyce's Crunchy Coleslaw*

By: Joyce Cook

### **INGREDIENTS:**

14 oz. bag of coleslaw mix, washed  
 Sliced Green onions, (optional)

1/2 Stick butter

1/2 c. Sunflower nuts

1/2 c. Slivered almonds

3 - 3oz. pkgs. broken  
 "Ramen Noodles"

3/4 c. Canola oil

2 T. Soy sauce

1/2 c. Sugar

1/4 c. Apple cider vinegar



**Directions:** Toss coleslaw mix & green onion; set aside. In a skillet, brown broken "Ramen Noodle", almonds & sunflower nuts in butter. Cool on paper towels. (Do not use seasoning packets.) Dressing: In saucepan, mix vinegar, Canola oil, soy sauce & sugar. Bring to boil & boil for 1 minute, stirring well as it boils. Cool dressing completely. Serve: place coleslaw mixture in bowl, top with noodle/nut mixture, shake dressing well & pour over top. (As coleslaw does not keep well after dressing is added, only combine the amount to be served.)

## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

### **October 24, 2015**

- Kentuckiana SCI Member/Guest Pheasant Tower Shoot
- Location: Rick Davis Farm, Henryville, IN
- Contact: Jim Warren - jimandmjw@aol.com - 502 298 7231

### **December 2015 TBA**

- Kentuckiana SCI Military Appreciation Pheasant Hunt
- Location: Clover Creek Hunting Farms (Volunteers Needed)
- Contact: Mike Maddox - explorer111749@aol.com - 502 236 0924

### **January 28 - 31, 2016**

- QDMA National Convention
- Location: Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY
- Contact: www.qdma.com

### **February 3 - 6, 2016**

- Annual SCI Hunter's Convention
- Location: Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Contact: www.scifirstforhunters.org

### **February 20, 2016**

- Kentuckiana SCI Fundraising Banquet
- Location: Audubon Country Club, Louisville, KY
- Contact: Sherry Maddox  
explorer111749@aol.com  
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### **May 19 - 22, 2016**

- NRA Convention
- Location: Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY
- Contact: www.nra.org

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# SCI Blue Bag Treasures

By Alice Monarch



Greeted by One Class & Soccer Team

When Husband Sam surprised Grandson Tom with a safari to South Africa this spring, one of his first questions was, "Are we taking a Blue Bag?" Taking an SCI Blue Bag filled with treasures for the local children has become a "must" when planning a safari to Africa. The treasures to which we refer really are necessities! This time our SCI Blue Bag was filled with new colorful tee shirts, warm socks, underwear, flip-flops, sweatshirts, school uniform shirts, and other items of clothing. We also packed several boxes of crayons, pencils, coloring books, and other school supplies but, due to airline excess baggage charges and weight limitations, we opted to take more clothing which would weigh less than the school supplies. Sam's, Tom's and my bags were also brought up to the maximum weight with candy and more clothing for the children.

When our trip was in the planning stages, we contacted our outfitters & PH, John & Lauri Abraham & Vlam Myberg of Madubula Safaris, and asked if there was a school near Rooipoort, our hunting camp, with children who were in need. The immediate response was, "Yes!" Nearby Schmidtsdrift Bathlaping Intermediate School, which had 291 students between the ages of 4 – 17, would be delighted to have anything that we wanted to share with them. Vlam, who became aware of our weight limitations, agreed to take us shopping at a local sporting goods store for a couple of soccer balls. When we arrived at the store, between the reasonable prices for balls and the favorable US Dollar vs RSA Rand exchange rate, we purchased a va-

riety of soccer balls, rugby balls, kick balls, basketballs, and 3 hand pumps! The children always love soccer balls but we had a dozen brand new, high quality balls of various kinds! I couldn't wait to see their faces!

As the beautiful camp at Rooipoort is located on DeBeers Mining Company property across from one of DeBeers diamond mines, I assumed that there would be plenty of good jobs for the locals but that was not the case. The native residents of the community surrounding Schmidtsdrift School are unschooled people and are not suitable to work in the mines. DeBeers employs a few people as day laborers when they are needed, but those jobs are few and far between.

When we arrived at the school, the principal, Mr. Duiker, and Ms. Cindy Carls, a representative from DeBeers, and the school's soccer team greeted us warmly. My first thought was that the brick school building looked great! Surely, it had lots of supplies and desks and extras for the children but I was wrong! I was soon told that even



Alice, Tom, Sam in Front of School

though supplies and desks were very limited, the thing that the children needed the most was clothing. Thankfully, we had made the right decision to bring mostly clothing!

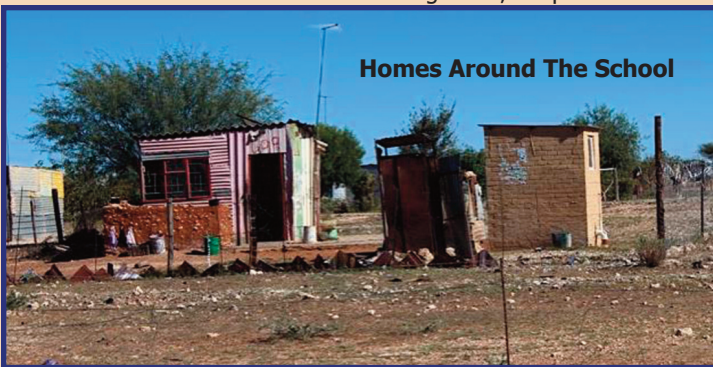
As we unloaded the Blue Bag items, Mr. Duiker had one of the teachers bring his class out to meet us. The children's expressions were priceless as Tom, Vlam, Ms. Carls, Sam, and I kept unloading new clothes, crayons and coloring books and pulling different balls out of the box! One little girl smiled sweetly as I placed a new bright pink shirt with rhinestones on it in her hands and a hushed "Wow" slipped out! She seemed to speak for all of the children.

The real story was revealed as we drove past the school and through the community. These people have so very little. The primitive housing is mostly made of what we would refer to as makeshift "roofing tin" buildings and adobe huts. There were no trees for shade and virtually no grass in their small yards. I can only imagine how hot it gets inside those all-metal buildings in the blistering African sun or how cold it is on their freezing winter mornings. The photos tell the rest of the story.

An Update: Vlam has been in contact with Ms. Carls since our visit to the school. He reported to us that DeBeers involvement with the school had traditionally been very low-key, but they have started getting more involved as a result of our asking about the school. Thankfully, our SCI Blue Bag gifts carried from halfway around the

world sparked an awareness of the needs of these children in their own back yard.

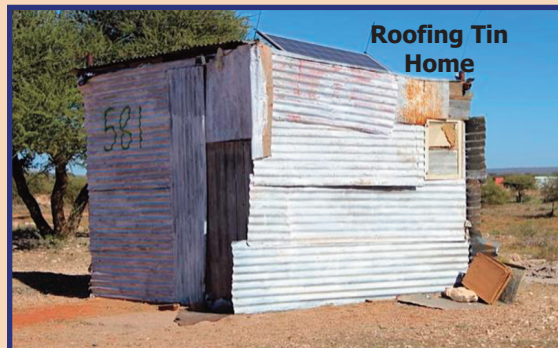
Note of Thanks: Our Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI co-sponsors SCI Humanitarian Services Blue Bags for Chapter members. To borrow a SCI Foundation Blue Bag, contact Karen Crehan at 520-620-1220, Ext. 231 or email her at [kcrehan@safariclub.org](mailto:kcrehan@safariclub.org).



Homes Around The School



Children's Homes



Roofing Tin Home