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The view through the Presidents sight:



IT IS A TIME OF CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES...A TIME TO PULL TOGETHER.

Thank you, to those who attended our March 7th fundraiser. The impact of the economic downturn was quite apparent, but we still enjoyed a very special evening. One highlight certainly had to be the recognition of our armed-forces personnel, including Colonel Craig Boddington's presentation of SCI's Medal of Valor to Oklahoma veteran Ray Durossette.

We were fortunate to be able to help Ray and two other Oklahoma veterans go on special hunts in the last few months, and we are continuing the recognition of our armed-forces men and women this year with a project that will send an Oklahoma Purple Heart recipient on an African dream hunt in mid-2010! As with the last three veteran hunts, all expenses are expected to be covered by volunteer members and partners, and through donations made specifically for this purpose.

All other Chapter programs--everything on which we actually spend our hard-earned money--will focus as always on hunting and wildlife in Oklahoma. Much emphasis will be placed on education of Oklahoma adults and children--lots and lots of them! The wildlife that will help us accomplish some of this will surprise you. Read more elsewhere in this issue.

As most of us are doing at home, here in our Chapter we must trim costs and conserve cash. We're determined to do this with a **positive** overall impact on value to you, our members. The objective is both to protect the Chapter's fiscal strength and to increase value--real value, which lies in our programs to protect the freedom to hunt (probably more important now than ever in our history) and in our programs to conserve wildlife. Your enthusiastic support is more important than ever! Now is a very good time for you to encourage your friends to join and become active.

Perhaps the only really visible step to reducing our costs will be the switch from paper to "electronic" newsletters. The cost of printing and mailing *Oklahoma Safari Trails* now far exceeds your annual membership dues (which we are proud to say have not increased for about 15 years). Consequently, this is the last quarterly **paper** issue of *Oklahoma Safari Trails* that we will publish. We'll continue to publish, but most of the time only on our website (www.oklahomastationsci.org).

We'll remind you by postcard the first couple times that we only post a newsletter "online".

You can still have paper if you wish, but you'll have to print it yourself. Already, for over a year, each issue of *Safari Trails* has been posted to our website (and remains there, in the "Newsletter" library); there you can read it, download it, or print it at any time. If you don't have a computer or Internet access, most public libraries would be pleased to assist you--or there are the kids and grandkids, most of whom have ready access to such resources. We may continue to publish an occasional paper issue, e.g., in late December. Over the rest of the year we may actually be able to post useful information more frequently than before, again thanks to the use of our website.

I'm out of space, but you'll find more detail--and interesting reading--throughout this newsletter. Thank you! **Remember:** united we stand; please bring your friends to SCI now.

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Mike Mistelske, President

May, 2009

DEFEND THE 2ND AMENDMENT

SCI members

I wanted to let you know the latest information about our continued fight for Second Amendment rights. I recently became a co-sponsor of an important piece of pro-gun legislation, the Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act. Also known as H.R. 1074, this bill would do away with several excessive and outdated restrictions on interstate firearms business.

Want to learn more about the Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act? Read the primer below courtesy of the NRA.

Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,

Tom Cole, Member of Congress, 4th District, Oklahoma

P.S. Will you help us send a strong message to President Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder, and Nancy Pelosi? Please grow the team by forwarding our petition to five of your friends! Visit DefendThe2ndAmendment.com to learn more!



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BATFE/Federal Firearms Law Reform H.R. 1074 The Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act

H.R. 1074, introduced by Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), would remove several antiquated and unnecessary restrictions imposed on interstate firearms business since 1968:

- Virtually all interstate transfers directly between private citizens are banned; so are nearly all interstate handgun sales by licensed dealers.

- Firearms dealers may only do business at their licensed premises or (since 1986) at gun shows in their own state.

- Dealers may not even transfer firearms to one another face to face, away from their business premises.

These restrictions originated with the Gun Control Act of 1968, which only allowed licensed dealers to sell rifles and shotguns to residents of a different state under a lengthy series of conditions. First, the buyer's state had to have a law allowing such transactions.¹ Second, the transaction had to comply with the state law in both the buyer's and seller's states. Third, the dealer had to notify the chief law enforcement officer in the buyer's state, and wait for evidence that the officer had received the notification. Finally, the dealer had to wait seven days after receiving the notice

before completing the transfer.

These restrictions were supposed to prevent buyers from evading the few "background checks" available at the time, which were mostly carried out via state laws requiring local police chiefs to issue firearms permits.

In the 1980s, the Congress revisited these restrictions during the debate over the Firearms Owners' Protection Act (FOPA). As the Senate Judiciary Committee's report on FOPA put it, the 1968 inter-

state sales provisions were “so cumbersome that they [were] rarely used.”² When the Congress passed FOPA in 1986, it did away with the state authorization, notification and waiting period requirements. Federal law now allows dealers to make interstate rifle and shotgun sales, as long as (a) the buyer meets in person with the dealer, and (b) the transaction complies with the laws of both the buyer’s and the seller’s states.³

Since 1998, however, all people buying firearms from dealers in the U.S. have been subject to computerized background checks under the FBI’s National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), either by the dealer contacting NICS (directly or through a state “point of contact” agency) or by the buyer presenting a state firearms permit issued after a NICS check. Any of these systems are far more advanced than anything available in 1968.

H.R. 1074 are common sense measures that would take advantage of these technological improvements to further reduce restrictions on law-abiding citizens. Under H.R. 1074:

Individuals could buy handguns, as well as rifles or shotguns, from licensed dealers in another state, subject to the background check requirement. The buyer and dealer would still have to meet in person and comply with the laws of both states.

Example 1: A buyer from Texas visits a gun store in Oklahoma and wants to buy a handgun. Neither Texas nor Oklahoma have any special state permit or other purchase requirements; dealers in both states contact the FBI directly for NICS checks. The Oklahoma dealer could make the sale to the Texan exactly as he could to an Oklahoman, by contacting the FBI for a NICS check. (This is the same procedure an Oklahoma store would currently use to sell a long gun to a Texan.)

Example 2: A buyer from Nebraska visits a gun store in Wyoming and sees a handgun he wants to add to his collection. Nebraska requires a handgun buyer to have a “certificate” issued by his local sheriff or police chief after a background check. Wyoming has no state permit requirement, but the dealer still has to request a NICS check by contacting the FBI. Under H.R. 1074, the dealer would have to make sure the buyer has the Nebraska certificate, and also contact NICS.

Dealers could engage in their business at gun shows in other states, but would have to comply with the laws in the state where the gun show takes place.

Example 3: A dealer from Arkansas exhibits at a gun show in Illinois. Illinois requires all gun buyers to present a Firearms Owners’ ID (FOID) card, and requires all dealers to contact the Illinois State police to request a background check on the buyer. Illinois also has a 24-hour waiting period for long guns, and a 72-hour waiting period for handguns. Before transferring any firearm at the show, the Arkansas dealer would have to review the buyer’s FOID card, contact the Illinois State Police for the background check, and wait the appropriate period of time based on the type of gun involved.

Some state laws may be so complex that they would prevent interstate transactions. The 1984 committee report on FOPA recognized this problem, noting “where a dealer feels uncertain about the requirements of the law of the state of the purchaser’s residence, he may “decline to make a sale to such person.”⁴ H.R. 1074 does not override the laws of any state.

Finally, H.R. 1074 would reduce theft and loss of firearms during shipment between dealers. BATFE’s longstanding interpretation of the Gun Control Act generally forbids licensed dealers from transferring firearms directly to other licensed dealers, face to face, away from their licensed premises.⁵ Even though the dealers have already had a thorough background check, under the current interpretation, dealers who agree on a sale are forced to return to their business premises and ship firearms to each other by common carrier, which always involves some risk of theft or loss. H.R. 1074 would allow a face-to-face exchange instead.

1. At least 31 states passed such laws. Though the laws are now obsolete, 30 many are still on the books.

2. S. Rep. No. 98-583, at 10 (1984). There was no report on FOPA in 1986; the report is on an earlier version that included the same language.

3. 18 U.S.C. “922(b)(3).” Dealers are presumed to have knowledge of state laws; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also provides dealers with an annual guidebook.

4. S. Rep. No. 98-583, at 11.

5. See, e.g., letter from Bradley A. Buckles, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, to Rep. Jim Kolbe (Sept. 28, 2000). The only exception, due to a 1996 amendment to the Gun Control Act, is for “curios or relics” firearms “of special interest to collectors” due to their age, rarity, or historical importance. 18 U.S.C. “923(j); 27 C.F.R.” 478.11.

THE STORY BEHIND “TAPS”

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something Every American should know. Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it out and it's true:

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps.' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler

to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done.

Gone the sun.

From the lakes

From the hills.

From the sky.

All is well.

Safely rest.

God is nigh.

Fading light.

Dims the sight.

And a star.

Gems the sky.

Gleaming bright.

From afar.

Drawing nigh.

Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.

For our days.

Neath the sun

Neath the stars.

Neath the sky.

As we go.

This we know.

God is nigh



I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

IT'S THE AMMO STUPID, NOT THE GUNS!

I've said for a long time that they wouldn't go for your guns, they'd go for your ammo... guns have a Constitutional protection. Ammo does not. A list of states where this legislation is pending is in the final paragraph. Not in CO or NM yet, they'll go where the pansies are first. MB

Gun owners had better TAKE ACTION on this one or you (we) are done for. Ammunition Accountability Act

Heads up to all of you who swore to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign AND domestic.

Let your state Legislatures know that we do not want this bill passed, and petition them to vote no on this bill. We should keep after them until the bill is closed by bombarding them with e-mails, phone calls, and letters.

Get to all your politicians to get to work and NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!!!

The Legislative session has begun, and the Ammunition Accountability Act is being introduced across the country. Below is a list of states where legislation has already been introduced:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.

<http://ammunitionaccountability.org/Legislation.htm>

Remember how Obama said that he wasn't going to take your guns? Well, it seems that his minions and allies in the anti-gun world have no problem with taking your ammo!



The bill that is being pushed in 18 states (including Illinois and Indiana) requires all ammunition to be encoded by the manufacture, a data base of all ammunition sales. So they will know how much you buy and what calibers. Nobody can sell any ammunition after June 30, 2009 unless the ammunition is coded.

Any privately held uncoded ammunition must be destroyed by July 1, 2011. (Including handloaded ammo.) They will also charge a .05 cent tax on every round so every box of ammo you buy will go up at least \$2.50 or more! If they can deprive you of ammo they do not need to take your gun!

Please give this the widest distribution possible and contact your Reps!

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2 NEW SCI TRAILERS



2009 VETERANS' ELK HUNT

Mike Mistelske

You'll remember that for several months last year we requested nominations of US military combat veterans, from among whom two were selected at random for a free elk hunt in eastern Oklahoma. All of this was thanks primarily to the generosity of Jay and Melody Barczak of Wild Game Outfitters, currently operating on Duchess Creek Ranch, about 40 miles east of Henryetta. Jay and Melody donated the complete hunt—including the elk, lodging, and meals!



Our generous hosts for this special hunt...Melody and Jay Barczak

Melody and Jay's son Tim and daughter Felica also pitched in: Tim primarily in the field helping to guide, and Felica primarily helping her mom with the many chores in and around the house.

Our hunt location was the Duchess Creek Ranch, near Porum, Oklahoma

Other major contributors to this special outing included Paul Thomas of Thomas Meat Processing (Keefeton, OK); taxidermists Larry Garrett and Mooch Foreman of Gentry Creek Taxidermy (Checotah, OK); taxidermist Shannon Ostertag of Reflections Taxidermy (Monett, MO); Tulsa Red Castle Gun Club board members; the Oil Capital Rod and Gun Club; and Cabela's. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation played a major role in promoting this event.

Our lucky veterans were recently-retired Colonel David Berry, a highly-decorated veteran of more than 40 years' service in our armed forces, and Chris Whinery, a decorated veteran of over four years' military service. Each veteran also chose a guest to bring with him: David selected his brother-in-law, John Cox; and Chris elected to bring his wife, Gennifer.



[left] Outfitter/guide, Jay Barczak

[center] Veteran and eastern-Oklahoma resident, Chris Whinery

[right] Veteran and western-Oklahoma resident, Colonel David Berry

So....having made all the preparations, collected nominations for several months, exchanged scores of emails and phone calls, and coordinated the schedules of everyone involved, the appointed date on which to start the hunt finally arrived. No one developed a schedule conflict, and we all gathered at Duchess Creek Ranch exactly as planned. Great!

However, you'll also remember the big ice storm that hit on January 26th. That just happened to be the first day of our hunt...and we happened to be in what at least seemed to be the epicenter of the storm!

The ice-encrusted forest was beautiful! However, this was intended to be primarily a spot-and-stalk hunt, which requires a certain degree of stealth. Duchess

Creek Ranch is heavily wooded, and with the ice-covered branches bowed over until the ends of many branches—and even the tops of many smaller trees—were touching the ground, “quiet” simply did not exist. At its worst, the ice was so heavy that the cracking and breaking of branches had the elk so spooky that the most one might hope for was a fleeting glimpse as the elk nervously flitted away. The hunters’ ability to move around was severely hampered: it was all but impossible—and pretty dangerous—to try to walk through the forest, and even most of the 4WD trails were blocked by bent-over and broken branches.



But our intrepid guides and hunters carried on... even during the freezing rain.

Everyone saw elk, and there was one brief sighting of a wild hog. Getting a decent shot, however, was a different story. To make that long, wet, cold story a little shorter...one elk was taken, and one other only narrowly avoided a trip to the meat processor.

In spite of the harsh conditions and the difficulty of bagging elk, everyone enjoyed themselves—thanks mostly to the Barczaks’ warm hospitality!

The fireplace and a couple electric space heaters kept us warm, evenings were spent watching movies and playing cards, and no one ever went away from the table hungry. We all saw game and got plenty of exercise, and the icy forest was literally “as pretty as a picture postcard”. Despite the horrible driving conditions, everyone made it home safely—although very, very slowly.

But the story is not completely over: Chris, who did not have a shooting opportunity on this outing, plans to take Jay up on his offer of a free return trip within the next few weeks; and both David and John are already planning a return hunt next fall.



Veteran David Berry’s friend, John Cox, and his hard-earned cow elk.

Many cows and bulls (and many whitetail deer) were seen in our three days.

Thanks again, Jay, Melody, and everyone else who contributed so much to put this special event together!

[If sufficient sponsors can be identified, Jay and Melody hope to be able to offer a special hunt through our SCI chapter again next winter. Jay may be contacted at 918-484-5718 (home), 816-284-0014 (cell), or jay@wildgameoutfitters.com.]

Mike Mistelske 918-695-8556 mjmistelske@yahoo.com

P.S. from David Berry, addressed to Jay and Melody Barczak:

“On behalf of myself and John Cox, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for a memorable three-day experience. You provided wonderful accommodations, and service was second to none. In spite of the bad ice storm that rolled in on the end of the first day, Jay kept us in elk. John was able to capitalize on the expertise of Jay and his associates and harvested a very nice cow Elk. I also had the opportunity to harvest a cow but it was not in the cards, and I simply missed the animal. Again, on behalf of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airman we would like to thank SCI and Wild Game Outfitters for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. John and I will be back in November to again take advantage of the wonderful opportunity that has been afforded us.”

“The Silent Secret”

We’ve all heard it a thousand times, “*Wild Meat Tastes Gamey*”. Not if you use a little common sense it won’t! Follow a couple of basic guidelines and you will never have a problem with “Wild” or “Gamey” tasting meat.

Gamey tasting meat is the direct result of poor handling. Once the animal is down deterioration starts immediately, bacteria begin multiplying and the breakdown process is underway. You guessed it; the meat is starting to rot. Fortunately this process can be controlled with sanitation and refrigeration, so “CLEAN IT” and “GET IT COOLED” as soon as possible. Whether natural or mechanical, temperature can help control the rate of bacterial growth and the natural breakdown process.

There are several factors that must be added into this equation; Heat, moisture, bacteria and flies. Heat and moisture create the perfect environment for bacterial growth. It allows pH levels to rise. Bacteria, protozoa, microorganisms, maggots, mold and mildew all require certain pH levels to survive. All of these living organisms continuously threaten the edible quality of our game meat after the harvest. Since blood has nearly the same pH as pure water (neutral pH 7-7.5), it becomes important to understand how the pH scale will help us understand, finally, why each of the organisms readily thrive on decomposing meat. And the more we defend against them the better our game meat will taste once it is prepared for the table.

Heat: All hunters know we must keep game meat cool and dry, among other things. By reducing the core temperature of the animal below 40°, we can control or at least slow the growth rate of bacteria.

Moisture: Moisture levels also determine the rate and level of bacterial growth, as water provides a perfect (neutral pH 7-7.5) environment. Blood can also be a contributing factor for growing bacteria and microorganisms.

Bacteria: Once again, pH levels determine to what extent bacteria and microorganisms can survive. Studies revealed that the breakdown of animal tissue is fostered when the pH level is 6.5- 8, but the decomposition slows drastically with a pH of 5.5 or lower. However, you can’t discuss bacterial growth and microorganisms without mentioning the other contributing factors that provide a perfect environment, such as heat and moisture.

Flies: Insects such as the blowfly, quickly locate a carcass in warm weather and deposit eggs onto exposed meat surfaces. Within 24 to 48 hours those eggs transform into maggot larvae, which quickly become hungry if allowed to grow. It is interesting to learn that flies are sensitive to acid (pH levels). It is suggested that flies require pH levels of 6 or higher to survive. The preferred range for blowflies to land on any surface is 6.5 to 8, but the higher the pH the better for them because they not only feed on meat but also on bacterial growth, and they thrive on the effects this growth has on decomposing flesh. Therefore, the cooler we can keep the meat, the more acidic (lower pH) the meat surface, the better prevention of flies and maggots.

You’ve heard it said that once the animal is down the real work starts. Not only has the work started, the deterioration process has started before you get your knife out. You have to do two things immediately, clean it and get it cooled down. Example: The core temperature of a deer is 101° Fahrenheit. So gutting the animal immediately exposes it to the outside air, which in turn will allow it to cool down. If it’s warm outside, you might as well ring the dinner bell because everything has access to it now.

Once the animal is down, deterioration starts immediately. At

- 32° it takes 20 hours for bacteria to double
- 40° it takes 6 hours
- 60° it takes 2 hours
- 70° it takes 1 hour
- 90° it takes 30 minutes

HR45...and so it starts!

I verified this bill on the House of Representatives website. I suspect this is the first of many.
We must not allow this to pass! *Jim Seale*

Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009 (Introduced in House)

Are you ready for the House Bill titled 'HR 45, Blair Holt Licensing and Record Act of 2009'. It will make it illegal to own a firearm unless it is registered with the database in Washington D.C. As a gun owner you will have to be finger printed, you will be required to provide your DL#, SS#, you must maintain a valid address at all times, submit to mental and physical health records being put on file, you will also be required to file any address changes and you any ownership changes even if private sale. Each update will cost \$25 and if you fail to comply you will lose your right to own firearms. This bill and its language mirror almost completely one defeated last year in the House of Representatives by soon to be Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel. We the citizenry be as lucky this time?

Pass this on to everyone who believes in strict Constitutionalism and remember that laws only apply to those who obey them. Criminals by definition and nature do not abide by laws. New laws and restrictions only apply to the law abiding citizen and are not written with the criminal in mind. With guns, it is not about having laws on the books to prosecute individuals, it is about taking guns away from the people so that no one has them in the first place. One last item to note, when assuming power and creating a fascist state, Hitler was a proponent of strong gun laws because a disarmed populace was much easier to control than an armed one. The kings of old also outlawed weapons of any kind in any region that they conquered to quell the ability of the citizens to rise up against them.

The Founding Fathers of this nation understood all of the above and because of this they included the second amendment in the constitution. In fact, they knew that at some point in every society's life span that the need for the population to arise came about. To this end they made the right to keep and bear arms against a tyrannical state an absolute right that could not be revoked. They did this because the first thing tyrants and despots do is to remove a populations right to defend themselves. When this is done the ty-

rants have no problem with the destruction of society as we know it.

Send this on to all true patriots! Protect your Second Amendment!

The following is a summary of the bill as provided by the Congressional Research Service. If you read the whole bill, you'll find it will effectively preclude the ownership of ANY firearms by law-abiding people unless licensed by the Attorney General. How long do you think THAT would take??

Congressional Research Service Summary

The following summary was written by the Congressional Research Service, a well-respected nonpartisan arm of the Library of Congress. GovTrack did not write and has no control over these summaries.

1/6/2009--Introduced.

Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009 - Amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to prohibit a person from possessing a firearm unless that person has been issued a firearm license under this Act or a state system certified under this Act and such license has not been invalidated or revoked. Prescribes license application, issuance, and renewal requirements.

Prohibits transferring or receiving a qualifying firearm unless the recipient presents a valid firearms license, the license is verified, and the dealer records a tracking authorization number. Prescribes firearms transfer reporting and record keeping requirements. Directs the Attorney General to establish and maintain a federal record of sale system.

Prohibits: (1) transferring a firearm to any person other than a licensee, unless the transfer is processed through a licensed dealer in accordance with national instant criminal background check system requirements, with exceptions; (2) a licensed manufacturer or dealer from failing to comply with reporting and record keeping requirements of this Act; (3) failing to report the loss or theft of the firearm to the Attorney General within 72 hours; (4) failing to report to the Attorney General an address change within 60 days; or (5) keeping a loaded firearm, or an unloaded firearm and ammunition for the firearm, knowingly or

recklessly disregarding the risk that a child is capable of gaining access, if a child uses the firearm and causes death or serious bodily injury.

Prescribes criminal penalties for violations of firearms provisions covered by this Act.

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) establish and maintain a firearm injury information clearinghouse;

(2) conduct continuing studies and investigations of firearm-related deaths and injuries; and (3) collect and maintain current production and sales figures of each licensed manufacturer.

Authorizes the Attorney General to certify state firearm licensing or record of sale systems.

Former OS-SCI Director and longtime SCI Supporter Marry



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith

Smith - Halter

Donald M. Smith of Oklahoma City, and Krissa K. (Van Pelt) Halter from Denver, exchanged wedding vows March 28, 2009 in an event reflective of the spirit of the Old West. The couple was married near a silver mine site in the ghost town of Ashcroft, 10 miles from Aspen.

In keeping with a Victorian theme, Krissa wore a shearling wedding coat, stovepipe boots, Italian leather riding slacks, a ruffled shirt, and a black cowboy hat. Don wore an 1880's style, formal, wing-collared shirt with a string bow tie and a long black frock coat.

Guests were brought to the wedding site in a 20-person sleigh drawn by Percheron draft horses. Don, his two sons Michael and Brian, and his Best Man, Mike Young, rode their quarter horses to the wedding site from up the valley in two feet of snow.

Krissa, her mother Gertrude Van Pelt, her daughter Heather Van Pelt, and her Bridesmaid, Holly Gomez, rode to the wedding site in a small sleigh pulled by Clydesdales.

Reverend Luke Back of St Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City officiated, as the couple stood on a narrow foot bridge over a babbling brook.

Together, the wedding party read prayers of Celtic spirituality written by J. Phillip Newell, their friend and expert on Celtic spirituality. During the procession and recession, the children of Don's cousin, Cara, beat a Native American drum and struck a Tibetan song bowl.

After the ceremony, Krissa mounted Mac, the quarter horse Don gave her as a wedding gift, and Don mounted Blue. Hand-in-hand, they rode through the snow to the 130-year-old Blue Mirror Saloon in Ashcroft, where they hosted their guests with champagne and hot cider.

The couple is honeymooning in Egypt, riding Arabian horses in the desert to reach the pyramids at dawn. The couple will reside at DuckSmith Farms in Logan County, Oklahoma, and at the Lazy O Ranch near Aspen.

Don founded Smith Cogeneration, a developer of highly efficient power plants. Recently, Don founded Smith Algae Biofuels and BioFeeds. CO2 emissions from his natural gas-fired plant in Oklahoma City will feed algae, which will produce diesel oil. The algae will also generate the type of oils rich in omega 3 fatty acids, which will be fed to a new blood line of cattle, developed at Don's ranch north of Oklahoma City.

Don, a Harvard graduate, began his quest to improve the environment with economic practicality as an assistant professor of economics at Southern Methodist University.



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The growth of bacteria at lower temperatures can be a good thing, it's called aging. Let me pose this question to each of you. Would you eat meat if it were hung in a cooler for 3 days at 35°? You bet! And it would be great. Now the same question, would you eat meat if it were hung outside in 60°, 70° or even 80° weather? Not a chance!

It's the hunter's responsibility to provide the best quality care for the animals they harvest each and every time. It makes no difference if you're 5 miles or 500 miles from home, that animal sacrificed its life for the table fare we crave each and every year. This should require us as hunters to make the commitment of taking every measure and precaution to prevent or at least reduce the chance of losing edible meat from unseen forces of nature.

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Oklahoma Station SCI Works to Protect a Threatened Oklahoma Species

The 2009 Lesser Prairie Chicken Festival, Woodward, OK
April 17 – 23, 2009



Northwest Inn, Woodward, OK – Audubon Central for the LPCH Festival

Oklahoma Station SCI Past President, Scott Holmes and his wife, Adrienne Holmes attended and participated in the 1st Annual Lesser Prairie Chicken Festival, April 17 – 19, 2009 in Woodward, OK. Adrienne is a board member of the Audubon Society and brought to the attention of the OS – SCI board that we have an important, but un-noticed population of Lesser Prairie-Chickens (LPCH) in NW Oklahoma that is threatened due to encroachment of civilization and as it turns out large vertical structures, which in past were perches for predators such as eagles, hawks and falcons who feed on prairie chickens. Prairie chickens don't tolerate vertical structures which are quickly populating the NW Oklahoma Landscape; they are called wind turbines, Eastern Red Cedars and Power Lines. Greater Prairie-Chicken hunting is allowed in Oklahoma only by means of Falconing. Some states allow both species of prairie-chicken hunting, but neither of Oklahoma's species populations is large or healthy enough to support hunting, and is in real danger of extinction.

Most attendees to the Festival had never seen a prairie-chicken. There were people from Oklahoma, Canada, Alaska, South Carolina, Arkansas, Minnesota, Texas and many states far beyond the South Central Plains who came to participate in this unique event. On Friday, upon arrival at Sue Selman's ranch, my wife and I set out to help Dr. Dwayne Elmore, OSU, to set up six ground blinds on the location of two separate Lekks of Lesser Prairie-Chickens. This would provide un-disturbing view of the LPCH mating ritual for the festival attendees. Let me tell you what a Lek is, it is a high level area of ground that the prairie chickens have selected to be a community ground for the purposes of socializing. It is instrumental for their breeding activities. At this time of year, the females come to observe the males who challenge each other with dances, gobbling, and challenges of aggressiveness. The males strut, dance, beat their wings, gobble and blow out their orange air sacs (Syrinx- sound producing organ located at the base of the trachea) in their throat. The males face each other; lay low to the ground to jump high in the

air in a prance to attack the other, which really is mostly show, more than physical injury. After the show, the female will choose one male to accompany her for breeding purposes.

The Sioux Indians have a dance which mimic's the mating dance of the Lesser Prairie Chicken.

After setting the blinds and getting settled in Sue Selman's guest bunkhouse, we went to LPCH Central, which was the Northwest Inn in Woodward for a "Meet -N- Greet." We set up the OS-SCI booth as we are a significant sponsor of this event. The OS board agreed to fund and support a conservation program for the LPCH. One of the major mortality problems for the LPCH is that they fly very low over the vegetation at over 50 MPH, but they don't see barbed wire fences, and kill themselves by flying into the fences. Studies have shown that marking the fences with flags make the LPCH aware of the fence and they fly over it. Fences that are flagged have NEVER shown one incidence of LPCH mortality, but fences that aren't marked have a high mortality rate. For some reason this is particularly true for females, this is especially important as they provide the next generation of birds. The Audubon Society asked us to fund the purchase of materials and labor to cut the flags to mark the fences in the area of known Lekks, which would help diminish the mortality rate of this almost extinct species in Oklahoma. The material is starter strips of white vinyl siding cut into 3 -5 inch strips that have a lip, which snaps onto the barbed wire and show up handily.



After the Festival attendees were able to view the LPCH show, we had a huge brunch at Sue Selman's ranch house which warmed the belly and gave us strength for going out to mark fences (which was totally voluntary), but everyone volunteered. Our first location was a newly acquired property for the Oklahoma Wildlife Department, the Cimarron Bluffs Wildlife Management Area, which has one active LPCH Lek. The ODWC biologist responsible for CBWMA gave us information about the history of the WMA and safety instructions before we set out to mark fences.



Everyone was given a bag for the festival literature, but we used them to carry the white vinyl strips of siding. Each bag carried hundreds of flags. In a short time our crew marked 1-1/2 miles of fence near a Leek. Each day, another crew went out after viewing the LPCH show, and marked fences with great enthusiasm.



That afternoon, back at LPCH Central, we had presentations by Dr. Elmore on the LPCH and the issues which affect them and other wildlife; for example the problem of the invasion of Eastern Red Cedar on wildlife habitat and other cultural issues. Adrienne made a presentation of the geology and fauna of the region and our own board member's wife, Dr. Andrine Shufan, OSU gave a fascinating presentation on the importance of insects to the whole ecological structure; complete with live specimens, which she passed around. Yuck! We had a great day afield and an informative afternoon in class room.



We knew we were preserving a part of Oklahoma's heritage for a threatened species, and hopefully some day the LPCH will make a come back for us and future generations to enjoy. Who knows, they may again be a huntable species someday.

Just FYI, anyone planning a hunt or other trip into southern African for 2010 may find it advisable to book their air travel soon because flights are expected to book early and be full from approx. May 15 to August 15, 2010, due to the World Cup soccer in South Africa.

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EXPOSED:

The Secret Animal Rights Agenda Of America's Next Regulatory Czar

Barack Obama's pick for "regulatory czar," Harvard Law School Professor Cass Sunstein, may be the incoming president's most popular appointment so far. Judging from his resume -- best-selling author, "pre-eminent legal scholar of our time," and an endorsement from The Wall Street Journal -- we can almost understand why. Almost. Because as we're telling the media today, there's one troubling portion of the new Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) Administrator's C.V. that has seems to have flown under everyone's radar: Cass Sunstein is a radical animal rights activist.

Don't believe us? Sunstein has made no secret of his devotion to the cause of establishing legal "rights" for livestock, wildlife, and pets. "[T]here should be extensive regulation of the use of animals in entertainment, scientific experiments, and agriculture," Sunstein wrote in a 2002 working paper while at the University of Chicago Law school.

"Extensive regulation of the use of animals." That's PETA-speak for using government to get everything PETA and the Humane Society of the United States can't get through gentle pressure or not-so-gentle coercion. Not exactly the kind of thing American ranchers, restaurateurs, hunters, and biomedical researchers (to say nothing of ordinary consumers) would like to hear from their next "regulatory czar."

A version of the same paper also appeared as the introduction to *Animal Rights: Current Debates and New Directions*, a 2004 book that Sunstein co-edited with then-girlfriend Martha Nussbaum. In that book, Sunstein set out an ambitious plan to give animals the legal "right" to file lawsuits. We're not joking:

"[A]nimals should be permitted to bring suit, with human beings as their representatives, to prevent violations of current law ... Any animals that are entitled to bring suit would be represented by (human) counsel, who would owe guardian like obligations and make decisions, subject to those obligations, on their clients' behalf."

It doesn't end there. Sunstein delivered a keynote speech at Harvard University's 2007 "Facing Animals" conference. (Click [here](#) to watch the video; his speech starts around 39:00.) Keep in mind that as OIRA Administrator, Sunstein will have the political authority to implement a massive federal government overhaul. Consider this tidbit:

"We ought to ban hunting, I suggest, if there isn't a purpose other than sport and fun. That should be against the law. It's time now."

Sunstein also argued in favor of "eliminating current practices such as greyhound racing, cosmetic testing, and meat eating, most controversially."

He concluded his Harvard speech by expressing his "more ambitious animating concern" that the current treatment of livestock and other animals should be considered "a form of unconscionable barbarity not the same as, but in many ways morally akin to, slavery and mass extermination of human beings." Sound familiar?

As the individual about to assume "the most important position that Americans know nothing about," Sunstein owes the public an honest appraisal of his animal rights goals before taking office. Will the next four years be a dream-come-true for anti-meat, anti-hunting, and anti-everything-else radicals? Time will tell. For now, meat lovers might want to stock their freezers.

Hurrah to Montana, Texas and Alaska!

In what may be the first move by the states to reclaim their God Given rights that have been systematically destroyed by the Federal government, Hurrahs must be given to Montana, Texas, and Alaska. Montana has passed and the other two states are trying to pass legislation that would let gun companies make guns for sale only in the respective state and let state residents buy them without a NICs background check. Since the guns would never enter interstate commerce, the interstate commerce clause of the US Constitution would not apply! The Governors of all three states who have said they would sign the legislation (Montana has and the first guns should be made in a few months) should be congratulated for telling the federal government to drop dead .

BILL LIMITS GUN REGULATION

By ROY MAYNARD

A bill by state Rep. Leo Berman exempting Texas-made firearms, gun accessories and ammunition sold within the state from federal regulation and law -- including registration -- was heard in a House committee on Monday.

The bill also provides for the Texas Attorney General's office to defend Texans who run afoul of the federal government because of this law.

Berman, a Tyler Republican who has pushed several "states' rights" measures this legislative session, said his bill would affect more than 300 manufacturers in the state.

"Under the 9th and 10th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, states have responsibility for regulating intrastate commerce," Berman said. "The federal government has no role."

Worse, he said, the federal government would like to increase regulations.

"With the appointment of Eric Holder as U.S. attorney general, we have the most anti-Second Amendment attorney general in the history of the nation," Berman said. "What we're saying with this is there are some guns not subject to federal regulation. We have guns and gun accessories and ammunition here that are not subject to their regulation."

Berman said the bill has the support of the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association. Contacted on Monday, the Texas State Rifle Association's Alice Tripp did not comment.

Berman said his bill could also spark economic development.

"This gun bill will invite new industry into Texas, that will take advantage of intra-state commerce," Berman said. "We're talking about gun manufacturers, gun accessory manufacturers, and ammunition reloaders."

Montana passed a similar bill earlier this month, and a court challenge is expected when the law goes into effect in October.

"It's a gun bill, but it's another way of demonstrating the sovereignty of the state of Montana," said Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat.

Opponents there warn the law could result in gun purchases with no criminal background checks.

Tyler attorney and gun rights advocate Sean Healy said Berman's effort is commendable.

"I applaud Leo's effort to put the federal government in its place," Healy said. "Americans have been conditioned for decades to accept Washington's meddling in their lives. We have grown complacent, and we accept most new restrictions without batting an eye. As a result, Washington has gotten used to doing whatever it wants."

That applies to sweeping federal regulation of firearms, he added.

"I think Leo is right about the Constitution," he said. "The founders intended for the federal government to have the powers specifically given to it in the Constitution, and the states and the people to keep the power to do everything else."

Still, the bill could end up putting the state on a collision course with the federal courts.

TURKEY SHOOT

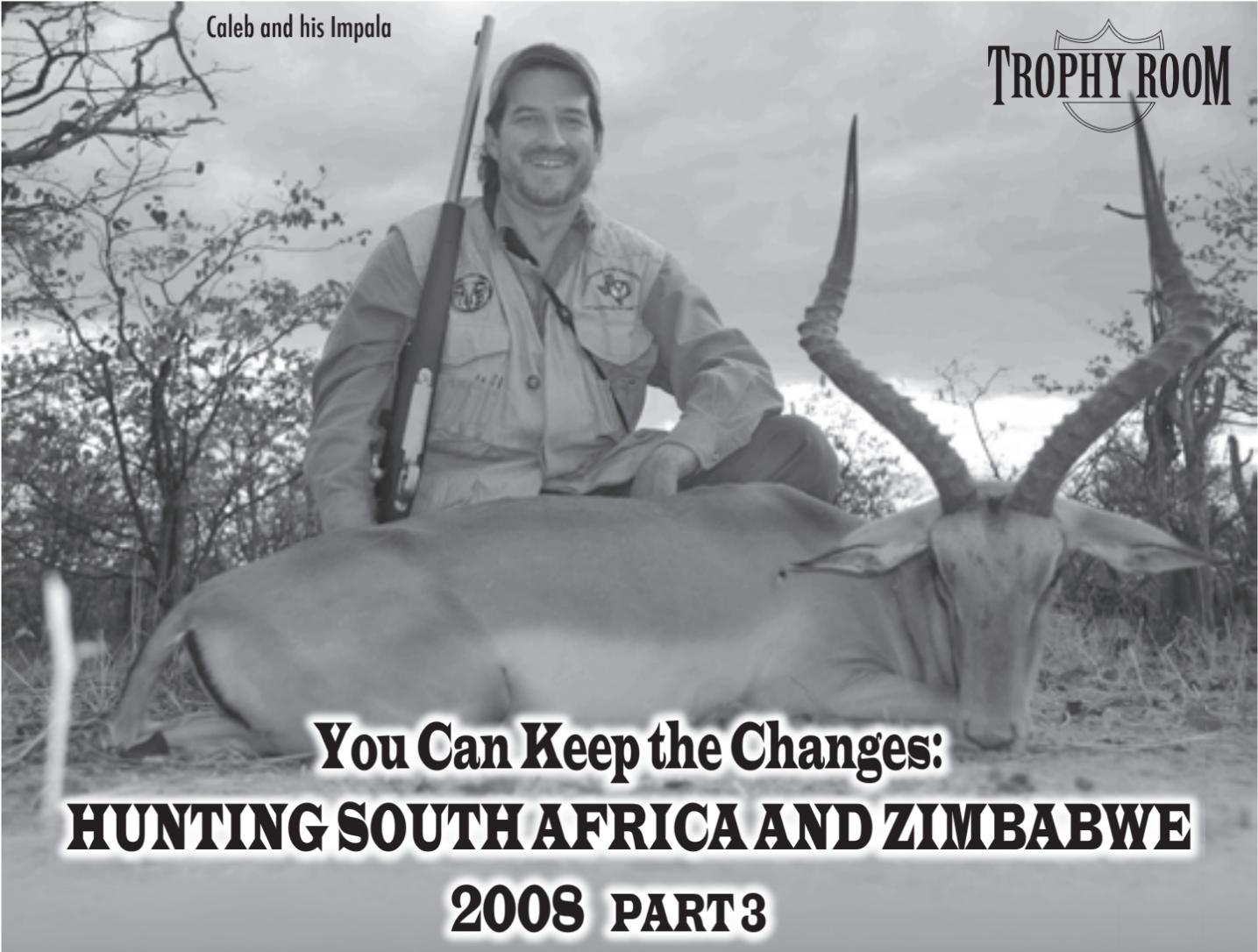


We had a great weekend 5 birds, Stefan and I got a bird they were two real nice gobblers. Mine had a 10 inch beard Novak said it was a 4 year old bird, Stefan had a nice bird also. Novak got one and Hunter got two with one shot. We had 5 birds in the bag. *Steven W. Glass*



Caleb and his Impala

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You Can Keep the Changes:
HUNTING SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIMBABWE
2008 PART 3

By Caleb Harris, M.D., Ponca City, OK

The afternoon was spent hunting on foot with impala, wildebeest, and/or bushbuck as the quarry. We went to a different area of the property where there were open plains leading into some riverine bush. There was another pan which was largely dried up, with just a very small amount of water remaining. While crossing it we were caught in the open by a small herd of impala. This herd was mainly ewes with a few young males. We sat still and let them drink. A couple of them spotted us, but since we didn't move they just drank and eventually they moved on. Devlin mentioned something about Joanne making arrangements to hunt bushbuck on a different property that evening, and I didn't think too much of it at the time. We continued to stalk the area and eventually we were back at the truck. We drove back to the lodge and reached it right as the last light was fading. Over dinner there was discussion of the bushbuck hunt, and it was then that I realized they were talking about the

hunt being that night. I wasn't really prepared for this.

I think my eyes must have looked as big as the desert plates when I realized what they were talking about. I asked if that was a common practice in this area; thinking along the lines of "When in Rome..." He stated that it wasn't the only way bushbucks were hunted in the region, but was fairly common due to their nocturnal nature. He also said bushbuck was frequently hunted with shotguns on driven hunts in Natal. To complicate matters, there was also a question of exactly what constituted privately owned lands and what was government owned along the banks of the Limpopo which held the absolute best chances for bushbuck in the area. Devlin was all for it, and seemed a little surprised that I wasn't just jumping at the chance to go. Joanne seemed to understand my misgivings a bit better, but she seemed to be worried that she may have spent the better part of an afternoon making arrangements for nothing. Stephen was

a bit more philosophical; his recommendation was to at least go out, and see what it was like. If I felt it was too unsporting I could just call it off and other arrangements would then be made. He did add that

enough? The second one took a little bit of thinking; did I want to take him like this? As I watched him walking around enjoying this giant smorgasbord of potatoes (or was it tomatoes?) while being spotlighted continuously, it suddenly hit me. He was paying no attention to the light at all. I had never spotlight hunted before, but had always heard that deer or other animals would freeze when hit with a bright light in their eyes. I'd seen the effect of headlights on whitetail deer many times and just assumed most animals would react similarly. This guy didn't seem to care at all. I don't know if this is the norm for bushbuck because this was the first one I'd seen, and he was alone in the field. Maybe this is the way they usually respond, maybe this one had a brain tumor, or was just too excited about the feast that this field represented. Maybe he was just stupid. I don't know, and will probably never know. I agreed that if he walked into an area where I had a shot I'd take him, but we weren't going to use the truck to move toward him for a better position. With the truck parked I'd use



Caleb with his 100 yard shot Bushbuck.

the spotlight hunting they had made arrangements for would be on a farm for a crop raider, and that if not shot would likely just be poisoned.

After dinner we took off on what ended up being almost a 2 hr drive in the dark. Most of the drive was along a fence line separating Botswana from South Africa. A few wrong turns were made, and at one point we even questioned whether we had accidentally crossed into Botswana. Along the way I started hoping we'd get frustrated and just turn back. I also started having hopes that no bushbuck would be spotted, and even gave some thought to missing a shot on purpose. Just had to keep telling myself "When in Rome..." Finally we reached the farm, I can't remember his name but the landowner was of Afrikaner descent, and he seemed glad to have someone there to take a bushbuck. He joined us in the truck with some of his dogs. We drove to one of his potato fields, and there seemed to be a shape moving off in the distance. The truck was stopped, and the spotlight turned on. There off in the distance was a bushbuck. It seemed to have decent horns, and soon some decisions had to be made. The first one was fairly easy for me because I would be deferring to Devlin: were the horns big

it much like a treestand or elevated blind. Eventually he walked into an area which provided a clear shot. I steadied myself and settled in for a chest shot at what I thought would be a 100 yd shot. I squeezed off a shot which I felt good about, and then all I could see was smoke.

Devlin shone the light in the area where the bushbuck had been, but he was nowhere to be seen. The farmer took his dogs out off in the direction of where he had last been seen, while Devlin continued to sweep the area looking for a wounded bushbuck. Now he shone the light towards the farmer, and we could see that the dogs had settled in an area and were almost fighting with each other. The owner reached them and although I couldn't understand his Afrikaans, he sounded happy. Devlin went out to where he was and they started making their way back trying to keep the dogs off of their load, a bushbuck. He'd fallen at the shot; once again the shot hit him right where the neck joins the shoulder; high and right. The next day would definitely start with a trip to the range. As we dropped the landowner back at his farmhouse he told us that we were welcome to come back any time for porcupine and warthog at no fee.

As we drove back, and even as I write this, mixed emotions color this episode. On the negative side it was at night with a spotlight from a vehicle, which goes against tradition and the laws of hunting where I live. On the other hand the bushbuck had plenty of opportunity to leave, he wasn't chased with the truck, and the light didn't paralyze him the way it seems affect much of North American game. If anything the light should have scared him off. It also was not against any South African hunting laws. I'll hunt bushbuck in the future, but I doubt I'll do it this way again. I do realize that it is mainly the dogma of hunting ethics that trouble me about it; as an experience it was not that much different than sitting in a stand hunting whitetails over a crop field. I won't really argue either way about how "sporting" this was; arguments can be made either way as I have been doing in my own mind ever since. I will say that part of why I am interested in hunting the entire Spiral 9 (not to be confused with SCI's Inner Circle of spiral horned antelope, which I have a strong opinion about) and even starting to think about the Big 5, is to see many different countries, and environments, and to hunt using different methods and get different experiences. In that respect I can add night hunting in the Limpopo Province to the list of experiences.

We saw plenty of game on the drive back including a giraffe and an armadillo. Watching the giraffe in the full moon was another one of those priceless memories, something about its clumsy gait gives it a gracefulness in the dark. We made it back to the lodge without any wrong turns like we'd made on the way out. Pictures were taken at the skinning shed, and then we found Stephen asleep on the lodge's couch. No one woke him, a fact he lamented the next day. The next morning started with another trip to the range after a breakfast of coffee and toast. My sights were still off just a bit to the right, and a slight adjustment was made. I couldn't get it perfectly where I wanted it because I was running out of ammunition for my 375. I'd been lucky so far that my misplaced shots were finding the spine, and the animals were dropping like they were hit by the Thor's Hammer, but I was nervous about what could have happened, and I didn't want to be wounding animals unnecessarily. I told Devlin this, and decided that any future shots would be taken at 100 yds or less, and he was agreeable to this. The wind was blowing harder this morning, and

everywhere we went the game seemed skittish. We saw impala a few times, and even tried a couple of stalks when nice rams were in the herds. Both times



Warthogs at Xomaqua.

the wind was not in our favor but we tried anyway. If the choice is to try a stalk or to just keep driving I'll take the doomed stalk any day, on plains game at least. Finally getting hungry we headed back to the lodge for second breakfast, brunch, lunch or whatever one wants to call it.

Over lunch Stephen discussed his disappointment that he wasn't woken up with news of the bushbuck the night before. He was excited that I got one. We also had a long overdue talk about finances. I had a bit of sticker shock. I'd been keeping a mental tally of fees, but unfortunately I had been using outdated figures. I had gone over my budget, but not as much as I'd thought. I also consoled myself after a mental figuring of what such a hunt would cost if I'd set it up to take the animals I'd bagged. At this point Stephen said that I could take the impala we'd been looking for on the house. I spent the first part of the afternoon catching up on my journal and watching Devlin's bull terrier Bwana harass some warthogs that were in the lodge complex. One of the funnier moments was him chasing a piglet in circles around its mother. Mamma hog just sat still and let her piglet be chased. I have a feeling Bwana would have been in trouble if he got too close to the baby.

Eventually we drove off in search of impala. The wind had settled since the morning, but the game wasn't as active. We came up on a pair of rams, and had a rather challenging stalk through the bush and up and down a kopje, but no luck. We kept going, and then saw some impalas ahead. Devlin drove on past

them and then said “I know this herd, we call them the Baobob Bachelors.” There are a couple of really good rams in there. I’ll just drive past them so the wind will be in our favor.” He drove a little further and then stopped. We got out and the chase was on. They kept moving on us, but they weren’t running, so we kept after them. Devlin picked out one, but his vitals were blocked by a tree. He set up the sticks and I got ready. After what seemed like hours but probably wasn’t even a full minute he finally walked into the clear maybe 85 yds away. I took aim and squeezed, and once again an animal dropped to the shot.

We walked up on him and this time I found the entrance wound in line with the foreleg, right where I’d aimed, it was a bit higher than intended, but it had taken out the spine in the shoulder, not the neck. I also noticed that this seemed to be a fairly good ram. We took the pictures and loaded him up, and headed back for the lodge. Along the way we saw some gemsbok at a distance, but never any wildebeest. I’d decided that mom would have to make do with a bushbuck backskin for a rug, and from a later conversation with her it sounds like she is even more excited about some leather goods from the hippo and/or buffalo. We returned to the lodge and had the best dinner I can remember having in Africa. After dinner I felt a sudden wave of exhaustion come over me. At the time I thought it was the adventures of the previous ten days catching up with me; little did I know that in some respects the adventure was just beginning.

The next morning I had a final breakfast of coffee and rusks. I did some final rearranging of the bags so that I’d have room for airport gift shop purchases in my carry-on bag. The car was loaded up and we were ready to go with what should have been hours to spare. Then the first complication hit, the car wouldn’t start. Stephen tried tow starting it multiple times, but it wouldn’t turn over. Eventually Devlin got behind the wheel and he got it going on the first try. We then hit the road and stopped at a fuel station to top off the tank. Now with a full tank we prepared to get going again and once again it wouldn’t start. Luckily one of Stephens workers had another truck at this store at the time, and he helped us try to tow start it. I’m not sure how long this went on, but we weren’t getting it go-

ing. Finally Stephen gave up and we were towed into a mechanic’s shop. For Stephen’s sake I won’t say what was wrong, but he was pretty embarrassed once he found out what the problem was.

Finally with a working car we were headed for the airport. Luckily we had left with some time to spare. Somewhere between Alldays and Warmbaths I realized that not only was I exhausted and cold, but my back and neck were aching. I began to think of tick bite fever for some reason. I knew we hadn’t really encountered any mosquitoes along the way, even in the Zambezi Valley, plus I’d been taking my lariam faithfully. I mentioned my symptoms to him, and said that if it didn’t go away or if I felt worse I’d hit up one of my colleagues for some doxycycline when I got home. He talked of how we hadn’t seen any mos-

quitoes, and then said the incubation period for tick bite fever was 10days, and how there hadn’t been any ticks on the buffalo. Right about then I scratched my ankle and noticed a sore that looked like a cigarette burn, I showed it to him and he said “You’ve got tick bite fever all right. You must have gotten it in Natal.”

We pulled off into Warmbaths and found a pharmacy. Stephen called a general practitioner friend of his, and he called in a prescription for me. We hit the road again, and seemed to have plenty of time to get me to the airport, and at any other time of day it would have been. Unfortunately we were hitting Pretoria at rush hour. The slowdown was eating up any spare time we had. Stephen even called Delta letting them know our situation they said they could keep the ticketing counter open a whopping extra 10 minutes. I suddenly had visions of being stuck in JoBerg an extra day or two and started thinking about contingency plans. I used Kathi Klimes as a travel agent, and I’d bought trip insurance, and started trying to remember where I kept their numbers.

Somehow we made it to O.R. Tambo Airport with 5 minutes to spare before the ticketing counter was to close. Stephen told me to run to the gate and he’d catch up with me bringing the bags. I made it to the

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all right. You must have
gotten it in Natal.”

ticket counter, and there was one person in front of me still checking in. Somehow the line for security went very fast and I wasn't held up there too much, but the line at passport control was ridiculous. Looking at my watch I had only 5 minutes to make it to the boarding gate before they closed it. I hopped over the metal barricades and went up to the agent at the end of the line and apologetically told him my predicament. With great politeness and genuine concern he said "Go to that desk, please." If there is one thing which amazes me about South Africa is the politeness of the people; here I was, hopping the barricades to cut in front of about 150 people in line, and the official in charge of the line actually say "please" to me. I don't think that would ever happen in America. After getting my passport stamped I took off running for my gate. I don't remember how far it was, but I do know that as I got there my watch said it was exactly the time the gate was supposed to close boarding. I reached the gate and to my horror saw that the sign above it was listing a different flight. I knew that my flight hadn't pulled away and in gasping breaths asked about my flight, certain that they'd let me board. As it turns out, my flight hadn't even started boarding yet.

With great relief I settled into a seat, and within a minute or two they did start boarding my flight. Wing-ing our way back to Atlanta was a blur for me. I do remember that the lady in the seat next to me stayed in hers, and didn't spill over into my seat, and that I was having a lot of fever sweats as I dozed and semi dozed over the Atlantic. As I think about it, I was probably the passenger causing someone unease on the flight back. Although I wasn't crowding her space, who wants to sit next to someone who's obviously ill

even if they claim to be non-infectious? By the time I reached Atlanta I was feeling much better. Aches were gone, chills improved, but just feeling weak. After a 4 hr layover and a connecting flight to Wichita, only the weak feeling and a 1 hr drive home remained. I think getting the doxycycline in my system within 24 hrs of onset of symptoms made a big difference. I'll continue to use lariam for malaria prophylaxis, but I'll take some doxycycline with me as well in case of tick bite fever again.

It felt great to be home again, but as I was settling in for the last of my fever dreams I was doing my pre-sleep-wide-awake dreaming of this past hunt and of future hunts. I was thinking back on the past 11 days, 2 countries, 3 areas, and 6 animals. I also found myself dreaming of the remaining 5 of the spiral nine, and trying to figure out how I can work more buffalo and bushbuck in to those hunts. Sitatungwa, bushbuck, and buffalo in Zambia? Hunting the East African varieties of Sitatungwa and bushbuck, complemented by lesser kudu and buffalo in Tanzania? Bongo and/or Lord Derby eland in Cameroon or CAR along with harnessed bushbuck and/or forest sitatungwa? What might be available in Uganda if hunting there takes off? I think that the fantasizing about, researching, and planning for the safari approaches but never reaches the thrill of the actual trip. Those plans will remain fantasies or rather quasi plans until I pay for the taxidermy and shipping, and the overage from this trip and an expansion to the house just to hang the trophies. Maybe I can bribe the wife by letting her get new granite countertops in the kitchen at the same time?



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Red River Squealers Annual 2009 Float Trip and Gar Snagging

Sanders caught a buffalo that was around 30 lbs that we did not get a picture of.

The alligator gar we guess to be 30-40 lbs.

We also caught about 25 long nose/needle nose, spotted and short nose gar but all were relatively small.

We caught a number of large shad and one channel cat and another buffalo that was about 18 lbs.

LD Ferguson



Heres a picture of a future SCI member.

I recently won a hunt for signing up as a new member with Don Brown to SCI. I Really didnt know what to expect, but was treated to a first class experience for a young hunter.

The hunt was at the Triple S Ranch (SSS-Ranch.com) in Calvin, Oklahoma. The guys there really know how to take care of their clients! When we arrived, my guide, Delvon, was very anxious to get my sidekick, 8-year-old Tristan Brave, a shot at a hog. Delvon went above and beyond the call of duty. As you can see, Tristan hit the hog right below the ear and “put out his lights” with a perfect shot, using the little Model 7, 250 Savage. The hog never knew what hit him. He dropped where he stood. This was Tristan’s first kill, and I am sure not the last. He is already talking about next deer season!

Steve and the gang at SSS are awesome, and this is a great place for someone wanting to start a young person off as a hunter. The guys really cater to their clients. Meat processing is available and lodging is good for small or large groups. Give Steve a call and they will fix you up. 405-220-2221



An Oklahoma Veteran Takes His First Whitetail!

By Mike Mistelske

Ray Durossette has had more than his fair share of experience, including Desert Storm, Southeast Asia, the Liberation of Kuwait, Operation Just Cause (Panama), and service in Bosnia. What Ray didn't have much experience with was hunting whitetails: he'd made a bit of an attempt the last two years, but without so much as seeing a deer.

Step in, Dan Yoder, owner of World Class Whitetails of Ohio. Dan had been working with me regarding support for OSC's then-upcoming March fundraiser, and Dan happened to mention that he had the idea of hosting a disabled hunter who had never before shot a whitetail buck. Talk about perfect timing! As I told Dan, I just happened to have a whole bunch of veterans on file from the two Oklahoma elk hunts we had recently organized with Jay Barczak (Wild Game Outfitters). Dan agreed: if we could find not just a disabled person, but a disabled veteran for Dan's hunt, so much the better.

A thorough search of the information submitted by the many veterans whose names had been in the hat for our elk hunts showed several with disabilities, and phone conversations with each of those lead to one--only one--who had never before shot a whitetail: Ray Durossette!

A single photo tells the rest of the story:



Ray with his first-ever whitetail! Congratulations, and thanks for your service!

2008 - Hunt for Number Six of the "Big Five"

Michael Engster

The hippo (hippopotamus amphibious) is a large, mostly plant eating African mammal inhabiting rivers and lakes in groups of 5 to 30 animals. It is recognizable for its barrel shaped torso, enormous mouth and teeth, hairless body, stubby legs and tremendous size. It is the third largest land mammal by weight (1.5 to 2 tons plus) behind the rhino and the elephant.

Despite its stocky shape and short legs it can easily outrun an Olympic sprinter. The hippo is also one of the most aggressive creatures in the world and is often regarded as the most ferocious animal in Africa. It is claimed that this species kills more people than any other animal except the mosquito. Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, considered a five-minute sequence crossing a river filled with hippos to be the most dangerous thing he ever filmed.

Needless to say, we read all of that after we came back from Africa!

"Shooting a rogue hippo in the water is just hippo killing – not hippo hunting." These are more or less the words of Mark Sullivan, who is probably one of the most controversial hunters of our time. I agree with his statement up to a certain level, but I had no idea that my son Martin and I would need to test this statement first hand.

After a four hour ride back and forth to the town of Louis Trichard we were unpleasantly surprised by an obese black official who denied us the hippo license that had been promised to us by the same person. This is also part of the new Africa – not everything goes as planned.

Well, now we are sitting together with our PH Jeff Smith discussing our options. The whole trip has not really been a success so far, and frustration sets in. Some of our stuff was stolen, the food is lousy, my zebra hide does not have a head on it any more, our luggage came four days after our arrival in Johannesburg, and the gun permits are missing. And like I

already mentioned – we do not have a hippo license. So we retreat to the bar to have a stiff gin-tonic.

The day is shot, and the evening drags on with Jeff Smith out of sight. We are sitting here close to the border of Zimbabwe waiting to go back home to Oklahoma. My son Martin and Ruth, his fiancée of two days, retreat to their cabin while I try to find Jeff. He is on the porch just putting his cell phone down. "I might have found a hippo. It is a five-hour ride one way. If you want to go, talk to your son and let me know what he thinks. I have to call this guy back ASAP."

"Call him now, we are going! "

And so we left our camp at 0400 hours, Jeff, Martin, Ruth and I driving to a farm called Waterberg where due to lack of water the hippos had a hard time and decided to be nasty and check out fields, gardens and a newly established golf course. Civilization was closing in on wildlife, and one more time wildlife was going to lose. How do you teach a hippo to stand clear of the "green"?

I looked at my son. "If we have to be the executioners – let's make the best of it."

When we reached the Waterberg Farm, a man with a .38 caliber revolver strapped to his hip welcomed us and led us to a nice porch where we were served cool drinks. We were also told to keep our guns out of sight. "We have a lot of animal loving guests here, and we do not want to upset them."

He continued to give us instructions before we finally left the compound and the tourists behind and headed for the hills. It took less than five minutes and we were in Africa! No more telephone poles, cabins, cars, roads or people; but very rough terrain and an abundance of wildlife. A lot of pictures are taken: kudus, zebras, nyalas, warthogs, hartebeest and more.

"Shooting a rogue hippo in the water is just hippo killing – not hippo hunting.."



While not everything on this trip went as well as one might have hoped for, there were encounters with a very nice warthog... (shot by yours truly)

...and a huge baboon! (also shot by yours truly, but shown with my hippo-hunting son, Martin)



We stop, get out of our Land Rover and walk up to a cliff overlooking a deep ravine and a small creek feeding a little lake further down the hill. Glassing for hippo reveals nothing but a more or less dry river bed with some small leftover pools of water. Our host explains: "This is the result of a long dry spell. We need rain and we need it bad."

We continue going uphill on a bumpy track that seems to shake our teeth loose before we stop again. I feel sorry for Ruth: this is her engagement vacation, and we torture her like this. However the best is yet to come!

The guy with the little revolver decides to check out the neighborhood for a particular hippo bull, and we start walking single file along what once was a river. Jeff, the PH, does not carry a gun, I am armed with a camera like Ruth – only Martin carries his Krieghoff double rifle...without permission to shoot.

The going is rough – rocks everywhere, and while we are concentrating on not losing our footing we come up to a little pool of water too small to hide a hippo. Wrong!!

Imagine you are in your swimming pool and hold a rubber ball under water and then let it go. Well, that is the situation with a hippo popping out of this little overgrown waterhole. It charges us instantly!

Everybody is running uphill. Ruth stumbles and falls twice, and we have to help her up. My video camera takes pictures of the rocky ground. Everybody is shouting and scrambling until the hippo stops and starts ambling downhill into the brush.

We were too excited to have felt any fear – the whole thing just happened too fast and was too unexpected. Fact however was: We were lucky the hippo

did not like to run uphill on rocky ground. We were also lucky to get a good look at an animal that was all scarred and way too thin for a healthy hippo. In other words: We saw the one that had to go.

The battle plan is very simple: Drive downhill in our Land Rover to a small lake. Make sure to get there before the hippo gets there. Move upstream on foot to intercept our prey and finish the job the right way.

Let's do it!

It takes us about 45 minutes on rough roads to reach the big pond at the bottom of the hill

This time our PH does not leave his gun in the truck. He carries a Heym double rifle chambered in .416 Rigby, while Martin uses his trusted Krieghoff Big Five in .470 N.E.

Heavy medication – to say the least.

Jeff leads the way, followed by Martin, myself, Ruth and the guy with the small revolver.

Slowly we work our way upstream. The little valley is narrow and the heat is getting to me. Very soon the shirt clings to my body; I am soaked, and so are the rest of us. Every time the little creek makes a bend we move around it with utmost concentration.

Slowly but surely the adrenalin level rises. Every step brings us closer to the kill zone – and then we see it...

The hippo bull had left the creek bed and is resting in a small patch of grass about hundred yards to our right.

"Let's kill him", says Jeff to my son. "If something goes wrong – climb a tree." He looks at me and grins. The biggest tree is smaller than my arm.

"Come on Martin! Everybody else stay back!"



Martin and Ruth, and one very belligerent hippo!

Martin single-handedly downed the rogue with five close-range shots from his .470 double!

And then they move in while I keep the camera rolling.

I do not think you can surprise a hippo bull in the open. 5,000 pounds of meat jumps up, Martin fires the first shot, the bull changes direction coming straight at us. Martin's gun goes off again and the 500-grain solid hits the face of the attacking giant and knocks him down for a fraction of a second. The bull recovers in a heartbeat and continues his charge, however slightly off course. My son fires two more shots and we hear the hippo crashing down the riverbank.

We all start running, but this time we are not running away. The hippo is still alive (after 4 good hits with a .470 N.E. 500 grain slug), and our PH asks Martin to shoot one more time for safety. "Remember, it is the dead ones that kill you."

And then it is all over, and we stand in front of an animal the size of which I have never hunted. It is hard to describe the emotions, but strangely there is also some sadness in the mix.

In my book one thing is for sure: Whoever came up with the term "Big Five" definitely never hunted hippo on land – or he forgot about it.

Picture time, shaking hands, big smiles, hugging and more pictures after a bunch of black guys show up to butcher the beast. Hunting has united us all – at least for this moment. Race, profession, religion, politics – at this very moment these things no longer separate us. At this very moment the world is at peace, and we are all brothers and sisters. Tomorrow when we get to the airport things will be different again.

I shake hands with my son. I have a tight throat. This moment will never be forgotten. We will have it forever. It is ours!

We hand the hippo over to the black guys. They will have a feast tonight, and the camp and cooking fires will be high. We will not be there. We will miss out on the last chapter of this hunt, but we are pressed for time and have to drive back to our main camp close to Musina. Tomorrow the long journey back to Oklahoma begins. Then we are no hunters any more – but engineers, accountants, doctors or whatever.

But when you leave Africa you leave something behind - so you have to come back and claim it. At least that is what they say.

PADDLE FISH



Paddle Fish 03-22-08 Twin Bridges State Park

L. D. Ferguson with son and grandson.



TURKEYS



Jake with a full fan. 16 lbs. Cleveland County, Oklahoma 4-12-09

The Jake strutted for my decoy-which was quite surprising since I had not seen any turkeys at all at the farm in the last year and was not expecting to see any. I took my Turkey gear anyway-just in case. I did not go out at all until 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, when it quit raining. He had a fungus on his beard and most of it was gone-but a very nice sized tom for such a young bird. *L. D. Ferguson*

This is the biggest Jake that I have ever seen. It weighed 19 lbs. Noble Co. Had a 2" beard (I think it was broken off) and 1/2" spurs.





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Host Culling of White-tailed Deer

Host culling as an adaptive management tool for chronic wasting disease in white-tailed deer: a modelling study

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Summary

1.

Emerging wildlife diseases pose a significant threat to natural and human systems. Because of real or perceived risks of delayed actions, disease management strategies such as culling are often implemented before thorough scientific knowledge of disease dynamics is available. Adaptive management is a valuable approach in addressing the uncertainty and complexity associated with wildlife disease problems and can be facilitated by using a formal model.

2.

We developed a multi-state computer simulation model using age, sex, infection-stage, and seasonality as a tool for scientific learning and managing chronic wasting disease (CWD) in white-tailed deer *Odocoileus virginianus*. Our matrix model used disease transmission parameters based on data collected through disease management activities. We used this model to evaluate management issues on density- (DD) and frequency-dependent (FD) transmission, time since disease introduction, and deer culling on the demographics, epizootiology, and management of CWD.

3.

Both DD and FD models fit the Wisconsin data for a harvested white-tailed deer population, but FD was slightly better. Time since disease introduction was estimated as 36 (95% CI, 24–50) and 188 (41–>200) years for DD and FD transmission, respectively. Deer harvest using intermediate to high non-selective rates can be used to reduce uncertainty between DD and FD transmission and improve our prediction of long-term epidemic patterns and host population impacts. A higher harvest rate allows earlier detection of these differences, but substantially reduces deer abundance.

4.

Results showed that CWD has spread slowly within Wisconsin deer populations, and therefore, epidemics and disease management are expected to last for decades. Non-hunted deer populations can develop and sustain a high level of infection, generating a substantial risk of disease spread. In contrast, CWD prevalence remains lower in hunted deer populations, but at a higher prevalence the disease competes with recreational hunting to reduce deer abundance.

5.

Synthesis and applications.

Uncertainty about density- or frequency-dependent transmission hinders predictions about the long-term impacts of chronic wasting disease on cervid populations and the development of appropriate management strategies. An adaptive management strategy using computer modelling coupled with experimental management and monitoring can be used to test model predictions, identify the likely mode of disease transmission, and evaluate the risks of alternative management responses.

Kevin A. Shufan, Ph.D.
Research Entomologist



SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter Award

Dear Oklahoma Station Chapter members,

It's time to begin planning for the SCI Annual Hunters' Convention and the Major Awards Program. The SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter Award is truly a prestigious honor and has become a bright spot during the Thursday evening banquet and auction.

The Trophy Records Committee voted to create new criteria for this award in 2006, please note the criteria below:

The Young Hunter must be a current member of SCI, 15-21 years of age, complete the application posted on www.safariclub.org under Youth Hunter, compose a 500 word essay on the topic, "How I Am A Role Model for Hunting", complete a hunter safety education certification course, obtain a letter of recommendation from an SCI chapter and obtain a letter of recommendation from a school administrator.

Applicants are scored on 30 percent conservation work and community service, 25 percent hunting and outdoor experience, 25 percent role model for hunting (including essay), 10 percent SCI chapter recommendation and 10 percent Trophy Records Committee overall judgment. The two applicants with the highest overall percentage will become the 2010 Young Hunter of the Year recipients.

All major award applications are due in the Tucson office by September 1, 2009.

The Marketing and Trophy Records Committees formed a partnership with Cabela's to sponsor the award. The SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter Award applicants each receive a \$40.00 gift card and the award recipients receive a \$500.00 gift card.

The Trophy Records Committee is very proud of this award and the young men and women who have applied for the award over the years, and would like to get the word out encouraging more young hunters to submit applications. All the information required for the young hunter award is posted on the SCI web site under the Trophy Records icon.

Thank you!
Trophy Records Committee

[above paraphrased from a Trophy Records Committee announcement]

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- ... Applicants must not have previously hunted in Africa.
- ... Applicants must not have previously received any SCI-sponsored hunt.
- ... Applicants must meet all the other criteria specified in this document.

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THE SCHEDULE:

- ...APPLICATION PERIOD: April 15 - October 15, 2009.
- ...REVIEW AND SELECTION BY FRANS BUSSIAHN: October 15 - December 15, 2009.
- ...WORK WITH VETERAN TO CONFIRM ALL DETAILS: January-February, 2010
- ...PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS: March, 6th, 2010.
- ...THE HUNT: dates as available in 2010, 10 March or later (May-August is nicest weather)

ELIGIBILITY: AN APPLICANT MUST MEET ALL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- ... must be a current Oklahoma resident living in OK & expecting to remain so throughout 2009 & 2010
- ... must have been awarded the "Purple Heart" for US military service prior to 8 May, 1975
- ... if separated from military service, must not have been separated under dishonorable conditions
- ... must not have previously hunted in Africa (same requirement for optional companion)
- ... must not have previously received any SCI-sponsored hunt
- ... must not be a convicted felon or currently charged with a felony crime
- ... must be able to travel internationally without a companion, or must be able to provide own companion. [SCI may be able to provide a companion if necessary.]
- ... must be physically capable of controlling and firing a rifle, including adequate visual acuity; and must be able to shoot with reasonable accuracy
- ... must not have any acutely life-threatening condition, frailty, sensitivity, or allergy
- ... if requiring a wheelchair and/or other specialized equipment, must provide his/her own equipment including arranging own means of obtaining supplies/medicines/oxygen/etc while in Africa
- ... must not require dialysis or other frequently-recurring medical services
- ... must be willing to sign a waiver of responsibility for any mishap or problem of whatever nature
- ... must hold a valid passport with expiration beyond June, 2011, and with at least two blank visa pages
- ... must be able and willing to submit application and all required supporting documents by email (including scanned attachments as jpg files) [Need help? Ask a friend or go to a public library.]

TO BE CONSIDERED, AN APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING (ANY OMISSION MAY PRECLUDE FURTHER CONSIDERATION):

- ... current Oklahoma Driver's License or State-issued ID card
- ... DD214(s), including at least one showing award of Purple Heart for service prior to 8 May, 1975
- ... any other available documentation showing award of Purple Heart for service prior to 8 May, 1975
- ... a statement that he/she meets each and every requirement stated above for eligibility
- ... a personally-written "motivation" letter, describing his/her military service, hunting experience, and reason for wanting to be selected for this hunt; include address, email address, and phone numbers

ALL ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO mjmistelske@yahoo.com (WITH ANY SCANNED ATTACHMENTS AS JPG FILES) NO LATER THAN 15 OCTOBER, 2009.

EARLY SUBMITTALS WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

[SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER NUMBERS WHICH THE APPLICANT PREFERS NOT TO SUBMIT MAY BE BLACKED OUT.]

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Mike Mistelske, president 10 April, 2009 www.oklahomastationsci.org

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Ever thought about tossing on a backpack and heading off into the woods? Come learn about backpacking: the gear and how to fit it, hiking techniques, trip planning and more!

Backpack Cooking

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Dog Training

If you have an interest in hunting dogs or you just want your favorite booby to behave better, then this class is for you. Professional trainers will cover techniques they use for training woman's best friend. (Dogs will be provided)

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OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER – SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL
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ARTICLE I -- NAME

THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:
OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER – SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL

ARTICLE II -- CHAPTER OFFICES

THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THIS ORGANIZATION (“CHAPTER”) SHALL BE P.O. BOX 186, 114 N 4TH STREET, OKARCHE, OK, 73762.

ARTICLE III -- MISSION AND PURPOSES

THE MISSION OF THE OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER SCI IS TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM TO HUNT AND PROMOTE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND WORLDWIDE.

THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:

1. TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL & SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.
2. TO COLLECT, ORGANIZE AND DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND DATA REGARDING WILDLIFE OF THE WORLD AND CONSERVATION OF THE SAME. TO RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF ALL NATURAL RESOURCES.
3. TO PROVIDE CHARITABLE DONATIONS OR SUPPORT TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS PURSUING THE SAME OR SIMILAR GOALS AS THIS ORGANIZATION.
4. TO PROMOTE, ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC AND BIOLOGICAL STUDIES REGARDING WILDLIFE OF THE WORLD; TO LEARN MORE OF THEIR GENEALOGY, HABITAT AND ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS. THESE STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS AND SCIENTIFIC EVALUATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE.
5. TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT HUNTERS' RIGHTS.
6. TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING SPORT HUNTING’S IMPORTANCE AS A VIABLE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT TOOL.
7. TO PROMOTE SAFE & ETHICAL SPORT HUNTING, IRRESPECTIVE OF MEANS OF HARVEST.
8. TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE WORK WHICH FOSTERS AND PROMOTES THE ABOVE STATED PURPOSES.
9. TO SUPPORT & FACILITATE HUMANITARIAN SERVICES THAT ARE CONGRUENT

WITH SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION AND ALL OTHER STATED PURPOSES ABOVE.

10. TO HOST AT LEAST ONE MAJOR FUND RAISER PER YEAR IN ORDER TO SUPPORT OUR PURPOSES.
11. TO CONDUCT OR FUND ONE SIGNIFICANT CONSERVATION PROJECT PER YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERS AND THEIR VOTING AND OTHER RIGHTS

SECTION 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERS. THERE SHALL BE ONE (1) CLASS OF MEMBER WHICH SHALL BE REGULAR MEMBER. A PERSON TO BE ELIGIBLE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL, BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND SHALL HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN HUNTING AND CONSERVATION.

SECTION 2. SIZE OF MEMBERSHIP. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS SHALL BE UNLIMITED.

SECTION 3. GOOD STANDING. A MEMBER IS IN GOOD STANDING WHO IS CURRENT IN THE PAYMENT OF DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS AS ASSESSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY SUCH MEMBER AND HAS ABIDED BY ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 4. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE RATIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER.

SECTION 5. VOTING RIGHTS. EACH REGULAR MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CAST ONE (1) VOTE ON EVERY MATTER SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF THE MEMBERS.

SECTION 6. CERTIFICATES. CERTIFICATES MAY BE ISSUED TO EACH NEW MEMBER, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 7. DUES. DUES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL BE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS TO EACH MEMBER WHEN RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. FAILURE OF A MEMBER TO COMPLY WITH ANY SUCH DUES OR ASSESSMENTS WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THAT MEMBER.

SECTION 8. DUES - WHEN DELINQUENT. ANNUAL DUES ARE ASSESSED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND BECOME DELINQUENT WHEN SIXTY (60) DAYS PAST DUE. THE BILLINGS FOR COLLECTION OF DUES FOR OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL SHALL BE HANDLED BY SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL OR OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER.

SECTION 9. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE. A MEMBER WHO MAKES FALSE STATEMENTS ON HIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR WHOSE CONDUCT IS DEEMED DETRIMENTAL TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL MAY BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP. PRIOR

TO THE TAKING OF SUCH ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SUCH MEMBER SHALL BE CITED IN WRITING AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON THE CHARGES ALLEGED BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN THE EVENT OF A DISMISSAL OF THE MEMBER, A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER SETTING FORTH THE BOARD DECISION AND A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF FACT. IN THE EVENT THE MEMBERSHIP IS TERMINATED FOR CAUSE THERE WILL NOT BE A REFUND OF MEMBERSHIP DUES.

SECTION 10. RESIGNATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS. ANY MEMBER MAY RESIGN BY FILING WITH THE SECRETARY HIS WRITTEN RESIGNATION. DUES PAID BY HIM IN ADVANCE SHALL NOT BE REFUNDED OR PRO-RATED. SUCH RESIGNATION SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE RESIGNING MEMBER OF THE OBLIGATION TO PAY DUES, FEES, OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WHICH HAVE ACCRUED UP TO THE DATE OF SUCH RESIGNATION AND WHICH ARE UNPAID.

REINSTATEMENT OF A FORMER REGULAR MEMBER SHALL BE MADE IN THE SAME WAY THAT AN APPLICANT FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP MAY BE ACCEPTED; HOWEVER, SUCH APPLICANT FOR REINSTATEMENT IS TO PAY ALL DUES, FEES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY DUE AND UNPAID BY HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS PRIOR RESIGNATION.

ARTICLE V -- MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. MEETINGS. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE HELD NOT LESS THAN QUARTERLY AT A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1A. SPECIAL MEETINGS. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AT ANY DATE AND PLACE MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OR BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 2. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. A WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE DELIVERED TO ALL MEMBERS AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE SET FOR THE MEETING. EACH WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE THE MEETING'S AGENDA AND ALL TOPICS, ITEMS AND/OR MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE MEETING. THE NOTICE SHALL BE MAILED NO LATER THAN THIRTEEN (13) DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE TO THE MEMBERS' ADDRESSES ON FILE, AND SUCH MAILING SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR 10-DAY ADVANCE DELIVERY. MAILING TO THE ADDRESS MOST RECENTLY PROVIDED BY A MEMBER, WHETHER CURRENT OR NOT, SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENT TO DELIVER NOTICE.

SECTION 3. QUORUM OF REGULAR MEMBERS. A QUORUM OF REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF THE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY PROPERLY NOTICED MEETING.

SECTION 4. VOTING. A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST AT A MEETING WHERE A QUORUM IS PRESENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE ANY QUESTION PRESENTED AT SUCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNLESS A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF VOTES ON A QUESTION IS REQUIRED BY THESE BYLAWS.

ARTICLE VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE PROPERTY, AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS OF THE CHAPTER SHALL BE MANAGED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS ("BOARD"). THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF EITHER NINE (9) OR TWELVE (12) DIRECTORS, ELECTED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP FOR THREE (3) YEARS STAGGERED TERMS; AND 1/3 OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS SHALL BE VOTED ON EACH YEAR AS THE THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRES.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS. A CHAPTER MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION IF HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE BY THE DATE OF TAKING OFFICE AND IF HE HAS NEITHER BEEN CONVICTED OF NOR PLED GUILTY TO ANY FELONY VIOLATION OF A U.S. JURISDICTION. A DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED IF HE IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY TO A FELONY VIOLATION OF ANY U.S. JURISDICTION.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF DIRECTORS. AT THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING AFTER FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL ELECT DIRECTORS. A SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NEXT TERM SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR. EACH DIRECTOR ELECTED AT SAID MEMBERS' MEETING SHALL TAKE OFFICE ON THE FIRST OF APRIL FOLLOWING SAID ELECTION AND SHALL HOLD OFFICE AS PER ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. VACANCIES OCCURRING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS FOR ANY REASON MAY BE FILLED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE. A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SO ELECTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF HIS PREDECESSOR.

SECTION 5. QUORUM OF DIRECTORS. 50% OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. PROXYS GRANTED SHALL BE COUNTED IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OR PRESENCE OF A QUORUM. AT ANY MEETING, A MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT MAY ADJOURN THE MEETING IF A QUORUM SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

SECTION 6. ACTION BY DIRECTORS. THE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS PRESENT WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE SHALL BE THE ACT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNLESS A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF VOTES ON ANY QUESTION IS REQUIRED BY THESE BYLAWS.

SECTION 7. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE HELD ON ANY DATE AND SUCH TIME AND PLACE AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NOTICE OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL MEETINGS. SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE NOTICE; SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE HELD ON ANY DATE AND SUCH TIME AND PLACE AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE PRESIDENT, OR BY THE VOTE OF 50% OF THE

DIRECTORS PRESENT AT A REGULAR MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT, OR BY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE.

ADEQUATE NOTICE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING SHALL BE IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, NOTICE OF MEETINGS; EXCEPT THAT THE 10-DAY REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH NOTICE MAY BE WAIVED IF TWO THIRDS OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE AGREE TO SUCH WAIVER IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE (CONFIRMED IN WRITING WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE TELEPHONE CALL); AND EXCEPT THAT THE NOTICE MAY BE GIVEN VERBALLY TO ANY DIRECTOR IF SO ACCEPTED BY THAT DIRECTOR (WHICH VERBAL NOTICE SHALL BE RECORDED BY THE SECRETARY).

ADEQUATE NOTICE IN ANY CASE SHALL STATE THE PLACE, DATE, TIME AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND SHALL INDICATE BY WHOM IT IS BEING ISSUED AND BY WHOSE DIRECTION THE MEETING IS BEING CALLED.

SECTION 9. BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHOUT MEETING. IN THE EVENT THAT IT SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO CARRY OUT THE CHAPTER'S BUSINESS AND IT IS IMPRACTICAL FOR THE BOARD TO MEET, ANY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER MAY CAUSE THE SECRETARY TO POLL ALL DIRECTORS BY MAIL, PERSONAL CONTACT, OR TELEPHONE ON ANY SPECIFIC MATTER OR MATTERS BEING PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD. ANY MATTER MAY BE PASSED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF ALL DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE.

IF THE VOTE SHALL HAVE BEEN MADE IN WRITING, THE SECRETARY SHALL RECORD THE SPECIFIC MATTER OR MATTERS PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD AND ATTACH THERETO THE BALLOTS RECEIVED. IF ANY VOTES SHALL HAVE BEEN TAKEN VERBALLY, THE SECRETARY SHALL RECORD A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM OF THOSE VOTES, INCLUDING THE NAMES AND VOTES OF THOSE DIRECTORS VOTING, AND SHALL, AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, OBTAIN FROM EACH OF THOSE DIRECTORS A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THEIR VERBAL VOTE.

SECTION 10. PROXY. VOTING BY PROXY SHALL BE LIMITED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ANY DIRECTOR EXCEPT THE PRESIDENT MAY GIVE HIS PROXY TO ANOTHER DIRECTOR.
2. A PROXY MAY BE GIVEN IN WRITING (PREFERRED) BEFORE OR DURING THE MEETING, OR BY PHONE CALL DURING THE MEETING WITNESSED BY THE MAJORITY OF THOSE DIRECTORS IN PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE AT THE TIME (IN WHICH CASE THE SECRETARY SHALL, AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, OBTAIN A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THAT PROXY FROM THE GRANTOR).
3. A PROXY SHALL BE VALID ONLY FOR ONE MEETING AND IS VALID FOR ALL ISSUES ADDRESSED AT THAT MEETING, UNLESS RESTRICTED TO/FROM SPECIFIC ISSUES BY THE GRANTOR OR UNLESS RESTRICTED BY PROVISIONS OF THESE BYLAWS. A PROXY MAY ALSO PRESCRIBE A SPECIFIC VOTE ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE.
4. NO PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED MORE THAN TWO (2) VOTES (HIS AND ONE PROXY) ON ANY SINGLE ISSUE.
5. NO PROXY SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR VOTING INVOLVING AMENDMENT,

REVISION, OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS.

SECTION 11. MINUTES. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PRECEDING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE READ AT EACH MEETING WHERE A QUORUM IS PRESENT UNLESS DISPENSED WITH BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF SUCH DIRECTORS. SUCH MINUTES SHALL BE APPROVED, WITH CORRECTION IF NECESSARY.

SECTION 12. TREASURER'S REPORT. AT EACH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE TREASURER SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, AND GIVE THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES MAY, AT ANY TIME DURING A MEETING WHERE A QUORUM IS PRESENT, ELECT BY A MAJORITY OF DIRECTORS PRESENT TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL, LEGAL AND/OR SENSITIVE ISSUES WHICH WOULD OR COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHAPTER'S INTERESTS. THE MINUTES SHALL REFLECT ONLY THAT THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A SPECIFIC TOPIC, AND THE MINUTES SHALL REFLECT THE DECISION OF THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SECTION 14. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER, AT ANY TIME, BY TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REMOVE ANY DIRECTOR, EITHER FOR CAUSE OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

SECTION 15. COMPENSATION. DIRECTORS SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN THE EVENT A DIRECTOR IS AN EMPLOYEE, AGENT, AND/OR PRINCIPAL OF AN ORGANIZATION OR ENTERPRISE, OR IS A PERSON WHO DERIVES OR IS IN A POSITION TO DERIVE FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR OTHER COMPENSATION/CONSIDERATION, IT SHALL NOT BE TO THE DETRIMENT OF OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER AND/OR SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL'S GOALS, POLICIES, AND/OR FINANCIAL WELL BEING. NOTHING HEREIN, SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT ANY DIRECTOR FROM RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE ON BEHALF OF THE OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL.

ARTICLE VII -- OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NAMES OF OFFICERS. THE OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER SHALL BE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER. IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, AN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND/OR ONE OR MORE VICE PRESIDENT. IN ADDITION, THE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE MAY ELECT SUCH OTHER OFFICERS OR ASSISTANT OFFICERS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

SECTION 2. LIMITATIONS OF POWERS. NO OFFICER SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR HIS SERVICES OTHER THAN REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. NO OFFICER MAY HOLD A SIMILAR OFFICE WITH ANY OTHER CLUB, ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION WITH OBJECTIVES

AND IDEALS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THIS CHAPTER, WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, OF THESE BYLAWS. ADDITIONALLY, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST ALSO BE A BOARD MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD FOR AT LEAST THE ONE FULL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT.

SECTION 4. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. AT THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING AFTER FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, IF ANY EXISTING OFFICER'S TERM IS DUE TO EXPIRE, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL ELECT A REPLACEMENT. A SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT TERM SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR. EACH OFFICER ELECTED AT SAID MEMBERS' MEETING SHALL TAKE OFFICE ON THE FIRST OF APRIL FOLLOWING SAID ELECTION AND SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS. OFFICERS MAY BE ELECTED FOR SUCCESSIVE TERMS, OR FOR POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER, AT ANY TIME, BY TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF ALL DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE, TO REMOVE ANY OFFICER EITHER FOR CAUSE OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

SECTION 6. DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT: THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND OPERATING OFFICER OF THE CHAPTER AND, SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHALL HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE CHAPTER AFFAIRS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE:

1. SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHAPTER.
2. MAY SIGN SUCH DOCUMENTS OF THE CORPORATION AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
3. SHALL CONFER WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON CREATION OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF SAID COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT. THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ASSIGN TO HIM. IN THE ABSENCE OR INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO ACT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT(S). THE VICE PRESIDENT(S) SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ASSIGN TO HIM. IN THE ABSENCE OR

INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO ACT OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT(S) SHALL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

TREASURER. THE TREASURER MAY BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH A FIDELITY BOND AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD FOR HIS FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES OF TREASURER. THE BOND SHALL BE IN SUCH AN AMOUNT AS SHALL BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE EXPENSE OF SAID BOND SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAPTER. THE TREASURER SHALL:

1. BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FUNDS AND SECURITIES OF THE CHAPTER FROM ALL SOURCES AND DEPOSITORIES AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DESIGNATE.
2. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, MAY DESIGNATE SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS NECESSARY TO ASSIST HIM AS HIS AGENT IN CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE.
3. REVIEW AND REPORT ALL RECORDS OF CHAPTER INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.
4. MAKE A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CHAPTER. THIS FINANCIAL REPORT SHALL BE MADE AT EACH REGULAR MEETING.
5. PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO HIM BY THE PRESIDENT AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY SHALL:

1. KEEP THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS IN A BOOK PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE.
2. SEE THAT ALL NOTICES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS ARE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THESE BYLAWS OR AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
3. KEEP A REGISTER OF THE MOST CURRENT MAIL AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS PROVIDED BY EACH MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER.
4. PREPARE AGENDAS FOR ALL THE MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
5. PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SPECIFY.

SECTION 7. VOTING.

1. DIRECTORS (NOT OFFICERS) HAVE VOTING RIGHTS.
2. AN OFFICER MAY CONCURRENTLY BE A DIRECTOR; IF SO, AS A DIRECTOR, HE

HAS VOTING RIGHTS.

3. AN OFFICER WHO IS NOT CONCURRENTLY A DIRECTOR DOES NOT HAVE VOTING RIGHTS.

4. THE PRESIDENT IS, BY DEFINITION, A DIRECTOR (WITH VOTING RIGHTS) FOR THE DURATION OF HIS PRESIDENCY.

SECTION 8. DIRECTOR STATUS.

IF AN OFFICER IS A DIRECTOR AT THE TIME OF HIS ELECTION TO OFFICE, HIS TERM AS A DIRECTOR MAY EXPIRE DURING HIS TERM AS AN OFFICER. THAT OFFICER CONTINUES TO SERVE ANY REMAINING BALANCE OF HIS OFFICER TERM, BUT WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS (UNLESS HE IS REELECTED TO A NEW TERM AS DIRECTOR OR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD TO FILL A DIRECTOR VACANCY--EITHER OF WHICH RESTORES HIS VOTING RIGHTS).

EXCEPTION: THE PRESIDENT MAINTAINS HIS DIRECTOR STATUS (INCLUDING VOTING RIGHTS) FOR THE DURATION OF HIS PRESIDENCY, NOTWITHSTANDING OTHER PROVISIONS OF THESE BYLAWS REGARDING THE LENGTH OF A DIRECTOR'S TERM.

ARTICLE VIII -- SEAL

THE CHAPTER SEAL SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE IX -- CONTRACTS AND INSTRUMENTS

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE. NO PERSON SHALL HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO EXPEND MONEY OR BIND THE CHAPTER BY ANY CONTRACT OR INSTRUMENT UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THESE BYLAWS OR BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DO SO.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY AUTHORIZE ANY OFFICER, OFFICERS, AGENT OR AGENTS OF THE CHAPTER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY CONTRACT, NOTE OR OTHER INSTRUMENT IN THE NAME OF THE CHAPTER. SUCH AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE CONFINED TO SPECIFIC INSTANCES AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE GENERAL AUTHORITY.

ARTICLE X -- PAST-PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

SECTION 1. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THERE SHALL BE A PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL ("COUNCIL") WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF ALL PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE CHAPTER WHO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING AS MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER. A QUORUM FOR THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF ITS MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY MEETING. THE COUNCIL SHALL BE REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE FOR THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE RATHER THAN ONE VOTE FOR EACH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL'S ONE VOTE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS PRESENT.

THE PAST-PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL'S ONE VOTE IS IN ADDITION TO THE VOTES OF THE INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS; THE COUNCIL DOES NOT OCCUPY ONE OF THE DIRECTOR POSITIONS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE VI OF THESE BYLAWS, BUT THEIR ONE VOTE CARRIES THE SAME WEIGHT AS AN INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR'S VOTE.

SECTION 2. TERM. EACH PAST PRESIDENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR A LIFE TERM, AS LONG AS HE REMAINS IN GOOD STANDING AS A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 3. DUTIES. THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE CONDITION AND OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHAPTER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE XI -- CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. NO DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SHALL ACT IN ANY MANNER OR HOLD ANY POSITION WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION WHO'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE INCONSISTENT AND POTENTIALLY DETRIMENTAL TO THIS ORGANIZATION'S GOALS, POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES.

ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS WHO ARE DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SHALL ANNUALLY, AT OR PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AT WHICH DIRECTOR/OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED, IN WRITING, SUBMIT A LIST OF ALL OTHER SUCH ASSOCIATIONS, ADVISING THE BOARD OF THE POSITIONS HELD; AND THE BOARD SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE IN THE MEETING MINUTES.

ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS WHO HAVE ANY POTENTIAL AND/OR APPARENT CONFLICT SHALL ADVISE THE BOARD, AND THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE IF THERE IS A CONFLICT AND VERIFY THAT THE SITUATION IS NOT AND WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THIS CHAPTER. IN THE EVENT IT IS THE BOARD'S OPINION THAT A CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT EXISTS, THE DIRECTOR OR OFFICER MAY BE SUSPENDED UNTIL HE HAS REMOVED THAT CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT TO THE BOARD'S SATISFACTION. IF, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF SUSPENSION, THE DIRECTOR OR OFFICER HAS NOT REMOVED THE CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT, HE MAY BE ASKED TO RESIGN, OR PROCEDURES OF REMOVAL MAY BEGIN.

ARTICLE XII -- WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

THIS WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY: (1) ENCOURAGES ALL MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD WITH CREDIBLE INFORMATION ON ILLEGAL PRACTICES OR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF ADOPTED POLICIES OF THE CHAPTER; (2) SPECIFIES THAT THE CHAPTER WILL PROTECT THE PERSON FROM RETALIATION; AND (3) IDENTIFIES WHERE SUCH INFORMATION CAN BE REPORTED.

SECTION 1. ENCOURAGEMENT OF REPORTING. THE CHAPTER ENCOURAGES COMPLAINTS, REPORTS OR INQUIRIES ABOUT ILLEGAL PRACTICES OR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE CHAPTER'S POLICIES, INCLUDING ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER CONDUCT BY THE CHAPTER ITSELF, BY ITS LEADERSHIP, OR BY OTHERS ON ITS

BEHALF. APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS TO RAISE UNDER THIS POLICY WOULD INCLUDE FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETIES, ACCOUNTING OR AUDIT MATTERS, ETHICAL VIOLATIONS, OR OTHER SIMILAR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER PRACTICES OR POLICIES.

SECTION 2. PROTECTION FROM RETALIATION. THE CHAPTER PROHIBITS RETALIATION BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CHAPTER AGAINST MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING GOOD FAITH COMPLAINTS, REPORTS OR INQUIRIES UNDER THIS POLICY OR FOR PARTICIPATING IN A REVIEW OR INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS POLICY. THIS PROTECTION EXTENDS TO THOSE WHOSE ALLEGATIONS ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH BUT PROVE TO BE MISTAKEN. THE CHAPTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISCIPLINE PERSONS WHO MAKE BAD FAITH, KNOWINGLY FALSE, OR VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS, REPORTS OR INQUIRIES OR WHO OTHERWISE ABUSE THIS POLICY.

SECTION 3. WHERE TO REPORT. COMPLAINTS, REPORTS OR INQUIRIES MAY BE MADE UNDER THIS POLICY ON A CONFIDENTIAL OR ANONYMOUS BASIS. THEY SHOULD DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE SPECIFIC FACTS DEMONSTRATING THE BASES FOR THE COMPLAINTS, REPORTS OR INQUIRIES. THEY SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CHAPTER'S PRESIDENT; IF THAT PERSON IS IMPLICATED IN THE COMPLAINT, REPORT OR INQUIRY, IT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE VICE PRESIDENT. THE CHAPTER WILL CONDUCT A PROMPT, DISCREET, AND OBJECTIVE REVIEW OR INVESTIGATION. MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE CHAPTER MAY BE UNABLE TO FULLY EVALUATE A VAGUE OR GENERAL COMPLAINT, REPORT OR INQUIRY THAT IS MADE ANONYMOUSLY.

ARTICLE XIII -- DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY

THIS DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY IDENTIFIES THE RECORD RETENTION RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND OUTSIDERS FOR MAINTAINING AND DOCUMENTING THE STORAGE AND DESTRUCTION OF THE CHAPTER'S DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS.

SECTION 1. RULES. THE CHAPTER'S OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDERS (I.E., INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS VIA AGREEMENTS WITH THEM) ARE REQUIRED TO HONOR THESE RULES: (A) PAPER OR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS INDICATED UNDER THE TERMS FOR RETENTION BELOW WILL BE TRANSFERRED AND MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; (B) ALL OTHER PAPER DOCUMENTS MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER THREE YEARS; (C) ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS MAY BE DELETED FROM ALL INDIVIDUAL COMPUTERS, DATA BASES, NETWORKS, AND BACK-UP STORAGE AFTER ONE YEAR; AND (D) NO PAPER OR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS WILL BE DESTROYED OR DELETED IF PERTINENT TO ANY ONGOING OR ANTICIPATED GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING OR PRIVATE LITIGATION.

SECTION 2. TERMS FOR RETENTION.

A. RETAIN PERMANENTLY:

GOVERNANCE RECORDS – CHARTER AND AMENDMENTS, BYLAWS, OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS, GOVERNING BOARD AND BOARD COMMITTEE

MINUTES.

TAX RECORDS – FILED STATE AND FEDERAL TAX RETURNS/REPORTS AND SUPPORTING RECORDS, TAX EXEMPTION DETERMINATION LETTER AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE, FILES RELATED TO TAX AUDITS.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RECORDS – COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS AND SAMPLES OF PROTECTED WORKS.

FINANCIAL RECORDS – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ATTORNEY CONTINGENT LIABILITY LETTERS.

B. RETAIN FOR TEN YEARS:

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND SUPPORTING RECORDS.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS RECORDS – STATE AND FEDERAL LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION REPORTS AND SUPPORTING RECORDS.

C. RETAIN FOR THREE YEARS:

LEASE, INSURANCE, AND CONTRACT/LICENSE RECORDS – SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENTS, VENDOR, HOTEL, AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENTS, EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS, CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS, AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS (RETAIN DURING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT AND FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE TERMINATION, EXPIRATION, NON-RENEWAL OF EACH AGREEMENT).

D. RETAIN FOR ONE YEAR:

ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND FILES – CORRESPONDENCE FILES, PAST BUDGETS, BANK STATEMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, SURVEY INFORMATION.

SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS. EXCEPTIONS TO THESE RULES AND TERMS FOR RETENTION MAY BE GRANTED ONLY BY THE CHAPTER'S PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE XIV -- FISCAL YEAR

THE FISCAL YEAR OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL END MARCH 31 OF EACH YEAR.

ARTICLE XV -- RULES OF ORDER

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THESE BYLAWS, ALL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY "ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER REVISED" IN SO FAR AS THEY ARE APPROPRIATE.

ARTICLE XVI -- PROPERTY RIGHTS

NO MEMBER, DIRECTOR, OR OFFICER SHALL HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN ANY OF THE ASSETS OR PROPERTY OF THIS CHAPTER EXCEPT THE RIGHT TO MAKE USE THEREOF AS A MEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE XVII -- DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

UPON LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, WINDING-UP OR ABANDONMENT OF THIS

CHAPTER, ALL OF THE PROPERTY AND ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR CONVEYED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY WAY OF GIFT TO ONE (1) OR MORE DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS, EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME AND PROPERTY TAXATION AND ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE CHAPTER AS MAY BE ELECTED BY THIS CHAPTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF INCORPORATION RELATING TO THE LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, WINDING-UP OR ABANDONMENT OF ITS NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS.

IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY PROPERTIES OR ASSETS OF THIS CHAPTER BE CONVEYED OR TRANSFERRED TO ANY MEMBER UPON THE LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, WINDING-UP OR ABANDONMENT OF THIS CHAPTER. ON A TRUST INDENTURE WHEREIN THE CHAPTER IS THE TRUSTEE AND THERE REMAIN UNPERFORMED DUTIES OR FUNDS DUE UNDER THE TRUST PROVISION, AND SUCH TRUST AGREEMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN A PROVISION GIVING THE CHAPTER POWER TO APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, UPON DISSOLUTION, THE CHAPTER MAY MAKE APPLICATION TO A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN THE STATE DESIGNATED BY THE TRUST INDENTURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO ADMINISTER SUCH FUND.

ARTICLE XVIII -- INTERPRETATION OF BYLAWS

THE PRONOUNS AND RELATIVE WORDS HEREIN USED ARE WRITTEN IN THE MASCULINE AND SINGULAR. HOWEVER, MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE PERSONS OF THE FEMININE SEX; AND SUCH WORDS SHALL BE READ AS IF WRITTEN TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE FEMININE SEX.

ARTICLE XIX -- AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THESE BYLAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE DIRECTORS SERVING AND AUTHORIZED TO VOTE (NO PROXIES PERMITTED), PROVIDED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN WRITING TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD AT WHICH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED [UNLESS SUCH 30-DAY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE DIRECTORS SERVING AND AUTHORIZED TO VOTE (NO PROXIES PERMITTED)]. TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST SEVEN DIRECTORS.

ANY CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE CHAPTER ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OR PUBLICATION OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS BY THE MEMBERS AT A MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

A. THESE BYLAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY DULY-AUTHORIZED AND OFFICIALLY

CALLED MEETING OF THE MEMBERS BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE.

- B. SUCH PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS AT ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, MUST BE SIGNED BY 30% OF MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE.
- C. PROPOSALS FOR ANY SUCH CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS AT A MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PRINTED IN THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OR JOURNAL OF THE CHAPTER NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS OR MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AT WHICH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED.
- D. NOTWITHSTANDING PRIOR NOTICE BY MAIL OR BY PUBLICATION OF SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS, GERMANE REVISIONS TO SUCH PROPOSALS MADE FROM THE FLOOR SHALL BE IN ORDER.
- E. ANY CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE CHAPTER ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OR PUBLICATION OF THE CHAPTER.

ADDENDUM A

SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
ESTABLISHED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 29, 1987

- 1. EACH CHAPTER WILL FORWARD TO SCI A YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THE CLOSE OF THEIR FISCAL YEAR BUT NOT LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS. EXTENSIONS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IF NECESSARY.
- 2. EACH CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE FUND-RAISER PER YEAR AND DONATE 30% OF NET, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF \$2,000 TO THE SCI GENERAL FUND. IT IS HOPED THE FUND-RAISERS WOULD GROW EACH YEAR, BUT THERE IS NO MINIMUM REQUIREMENT. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENCOURAGE THE CHAPTER TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN A SOCIAL GROUP.
- 3. A CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A NEWSLETTER OR SIMILAR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR CHAPTER MEMBERS AT LEAST QUARTERLY WITH A COPY TO SCI-TUCSON, THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT.
- 4. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO BE REPRESENTED AT NO LESS THAN ONE BOARD MEETING PER YEAR. CHAPTERS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

5. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT PRIOR TO EACH BOARD MEETING. THE OBLIGATION OF SCI IS TO REQUEST THAT REPORT THROUGH THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS.
6. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE CONSERVATION PROJECT ON A LOCAL LEVEL ON A YEARLY BASIS.
7. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE EDUCATIONAL PROJECT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS (I.E., LOCAL PROGRAM, PARTICIPATION BY SENDING A PARTICIPANT TO AWLS/GRANITE RANCH OR IN ONE OF THE COMING PROJECTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MUSEUM).
8. A CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AT LEAST QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS.
9. NEWLY CHARTERED CHAPTERS SHALL UPON APPROVAL OF THEIR CHARTER SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT SAID CHAPTER SHALL FULLY COMPLY WITH AND ABIDE BY ALL BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EITHER AT THE TIME OF SIGNATURE OR ANY TIME THEREAFTER.
10. THE CHAPTER IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF NO LESS THAN 25 MEMBERS.

ARTICLE XX. DEFINITIONS

COMPENSATION IS DEFINED AS CASH, MONEY OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN KIND, SUCH AS A TRADE-OUT FOR A HUNT, SERVICES BY OUTFITTER/DONOR OR ANY OTHER THING OF VALUE THAT IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL AND/OR OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER'S INTEREST AND/OR CONSTITUTES A DETRIMENT.

DETRIMENT IS DEFINED AS ANY FINANCIAL CONFLICT THAT DOES OR COULD DECREASE ANY OF THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE CHAPTER; AND/OR ANY CONFLICT THAT DOES OR COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE POLICIES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHAPTER; AND/OR ANY ACT THAT DOES OR COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF THE OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER AND ITS MEMBERS.

MAIL IS DEFINED AS WRITTEN TRANSMISSION OF DATA OR INFORMATION BY PLACEMENT WITH THE POSTAL SYSTEM, COURIER, TELEGRAM, FACSIMILE, OR E-MAIL TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY A MEMBER; UNLESS FURTHER SPECIFIED IN A PARTICULAR SECTION OF THESE BYLAWS.

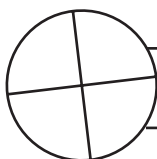
NOTICE IS DEFINED AS MAILING THIRTEEN (13) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE SET FOR A MEETING. SUCH MAILING SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR DELIVERY TEN (10) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE SET FOR THAT MEETING. EXCEPTIONS ARE PERMITTED AS MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THESE BYLAWS.

QUORUM IS DEFINED AS: FOR DIRECTORS, 50% OF THE DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE;

FOR PAST PRESIDENTS, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE; FOR MEMBERS, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. FOR DIRECTORS, PROXIES GRANTED SHALL BE COUNTED IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OR PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.

WRITTEN OR IN WRITING IS DEFINED AS HAND-WRITTEN OR TYPED (WHETHER DELIVERED IN PERSON, BY POSTAL SYSTEM, OR BY COURIER SUCH AS UPS OR DHL), TELEGRAM, FACSIMILE OR EMAIL; UNLESS FURTHER SPECIFIED IN A PARTICULAR SECTION OF THESE BYLAWS.

IN THE CROSSHAIRS



E-news from SCI 's Washington Office

UPDATE ON TRAVELING WITH YOUR FIREARM

Recently, SCI's London Chapter worked to clarify reports from other hunting publications of changes for hunters travelling through the United Kingdom with their sporting firearms. Below is a statement prepared for SCI by the UK Department of Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), who handles the import and export of firearms in the UK.

Traveling Through the UK to Your Hunting Destination

"There have been reports in the hunting press recently that the UK has banned passengers with sporting firearms flying through the UK to many more destinations, including many in Africa and Central Asia.

Legislation on transshipment is being changed from 6 April 2009. An extra 49 countries are being added to a list of sensitive destinations, which will mean that a license will be required to transit or transship small arms or other "Category B" weapons to those destinations via the UK. However, there has for some time been a special license - the Open General Transshipment License (Sporting Guns) - which allows hunters or others who are passing through the UK accompanying their sporting weapons as personal

effects, to do so without applying for a license for the individual trip, provided they meet the terms set out in the body of the license. Those terms state a number of things, but most importantly, that the trip should be no longer than 30 days and the firearms return with the individual; and the license also sets out the types of weapons covered and the destination countries for which it can be used.

The Open General Transshipment License (Sporting Guns) is not affected by the forthcoming changes in legislation. It will remain in force; the list of excluded countries will not be expanded; and as before, it will not be necessary for hunters to register to use it. You will need to look at the actual license (<http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file38952.pdf>) for details of all the exclusions, but the prominent hunting countries for which this license cannot be used are Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Iran, FYR Macedonia, Nepal, China, Serbia, Sudan, Uzbekistan, and Zimbabwe.

Therefore, the message for hunters is clear; in terms of transiting the UK, nothing has changed and there is no reason to alter your plans as a result of what BERR is doing."

HUNTING GUIDELINES

TO HECK WITH IT –LET’S GO HUNTING

Guidelines from 52 years experience on six continents

Do Your Homework –decide what you want to hunt. Look through the SCI or Boone & Crocket record books to find where the trophies have been taken for the species you want to hunt. Decide the ideal trophy size and the minimum size you will be proud to take home. Contact the hunters listed in the record book about their guide, the hunt conditions and quantity of game available. Also speak with a Hunting Consultant about your goals: Mike Mistelske, 918-695-8556 or Jeff Neal, www.jeffcnealinc.com

Ask The Guide

- Game you actually can expect to see in sufficient numbers.
- Success % and size of trophies collected this year and last.
- Tell the guide the trophy size you want –from ideal to unacceptable.
- What is the best time of year to get the animal I want?
- Reference list –call at least 3 or 4.
- Describe terrain, mode of hunt (spot & stalk, tree stand, walk, horse, vehicle).
- Detail accommodations and food.
- Name of the guide you will hunt with –age and experience.
- I choose to not be in camp with hunters I do not know and trust. When standing on top of a high mountain half way around the world, I do not want to flip a coin to see who shoots the only trophy Marco Polo ram. My son, OK –no other.
- Costs and any extras? Terms of payment.

Do not go on the first or last hunt of the season

Because –on the first hunt they usually have not pre-scouted the area to know where the game is and the camp may not have been set-up ahead of time. On the last hunt they are anxious to close the camp and go home after a long season. Largest trophies may have been taken.

Hunter’s Responsibility for a Successful Hunt; know your limitations

- Good physical condition and physical health
- Be able to walk several hours in hot weather

(African or desert hunt).

- Be able to climb at least 40 floors at least once/day for 2-3 wks before a mountain hunt.
- Be comfortable riding a horse if that is the transportation.
- Inform guide of your physical and medical situation and limitations.
- Take all inoculations recommended by CDC for overseas hunt.

Make Your Hunt fun and Memorable Experience

- Help the guide tie the packs on the horse; learn to tie the diamond hitch.
- Participate in some of the duties around camp. Help cape or skin your animal.
- Hunts do not run on a precise schedule –relax. Bring 2 paper back books for possible days of bad weather in the mountains.
- Bring minimum gear in one medium duffle and a day pack to carry every day.
- No matter how well you prepare it is no disgrace to be out-walked by a guide half your age that makes his living stomping around the mountains.
- When you are tired, tell him. When you want to take a break or go back to camp, tell him. It is your hunt!

Shoot accurately: select appropriate gun for game to be hunted.

- Shoot accurately from 4 positions (stand, sit, kneel, prone). There is no bench rest in the field. Shoot at least 100 rounds at 100-200 yards from the four positions prior to your hunt.

- Be able to run 30-40 yards and shoot accurately at 100-200 yards.
- Be able to identify the kill zone for each animal from all angles & shoot quickly.
- Know bullet impact elevation from 100 to 300 yards for plains game. If the animal is farther than that –get closer. Also, when hunting in the mountains, know that the bullet impacts higher when shooting steeply up hill and down hill.

Know the game you are hunting: read about their habits and habitat.

- Know how to skin, cape, and care for your own trophies especially in Asia.
- Do not hesitate to tell your guide exactly how 'your taxidermist' at home wants the animal skinned. If that offends him, be prepared to do it yourself.
- Measure trophies antlers, horns, and body before skinning.
- Take many pictures close-up of the animal and of the terrain for the taxidermist.
- Attach your name & address to skull, horns, and skin. (laminated business card)

Necessary Documents

- Register each gun, binocular and spotting scope separately with U.S. Customs (form CF4457) before leaving the U.S. to prove you bought them in the U.S. (It is wise to take 2 guns overseas)
- USFWS 'Declaration for Importation Permit' (3-177) for overseas trophies.
- CITITES permit if required. Some animals require only export permit from country of origin.
- Veterinarian certificate from country of origin (where required).
- Official 'Invitation Letter' to hunt in the country (where required).
- Passport and visa.
- Canadian Non-Resident Firearms Declaration.
- Some countries require a "Firearms Permit Application" completed in advance.
- International Certificate of Vaccination (Public Health Service). Take with you. Verify these suggestions with the CDC and your personal physician.
- Tetnus & Diphtheria (booster every 10 years)
- Typhoid

- Yellow Fever (where required).
- Cholera (where required).
- Hepatitis A
- Gamma Globulin (where required).
- Meningealcoccal (where required).
- Larium Tablets (Malaria).
- Global Rescue (Air Medical Evacuation –Domestic or International) Do not go overseas or into the mountains without this necessary insurance. 1-800-381-9754

Hunting in Mountains & Cold Weather

- o 1 medium duffel bag –pack everything in one bag.
- o 1 day pack –carry every day with emergency survival gear.
- o 1 pair waterproof/insulated boots with airbob or vibram soles (extra bootlaces).
- o 1 pair warm camp shoes.
- o 4 pair wool socks.
- o Down sleeping bag –minimum 0 degree.
- o Auto inflate foam pad.
- o 2 pair polypropylene long underwear –1 light, 1 heavy.
- o T-shirts, underwear.
- o 2 cotton/canvas shirts –earth tones.
- o 2 wool/chamois cloth shirts.
- o 2 pants –(1 pair wool).
- o 2 pair gloves –1 leather, 1 insulated.
- o 1 wool cap –for sleeping and wear under rain parka.
- o 1 hat with brim.
- o Gore-tex rain parka and pants.
- o Down jacket and down vest.
- o Flashlight with extra batteries.
- o Digital camera with minimum 1GB memory stick.
- o 2 knives –Swiss army and sheath skinning knife. Don't forget a sharpener.

Know How Your Taxidermist Wants the Skin Prepared

- o Personal toiletry –toothbrush, chapstick, soap, towel, hand lotion, etc.
- o Kleenex packets (12 packets) easier to carry than toilet paper. Also, used as fire starter with a flint stick.
- o First aid kit –personal medication, antibiotic, moleskin, band-aids, lomitol, etc.

- o Survival kit –see separate list.
- o Rifle –270 or 7mm Rem. Mag - either/or are my choice. Gun cleaning kit.
- o Rifle scopes –Schmidt & Bender 3-12 x42 or Swarovski 2.5-10 x 42 –I use both.
- o Binoculars –10x25 Zeiss or Swarovski.
- o Spotting scopes –20-60x
- o Laser Rangefinder –maximum range 750 yards.
- o Hard gun case when traveling by air.
- o Leather cartridge case (12 shells) worn on belt.
- o Ammunition –2 boxes (each gun) in metal container (I have used a child's lunch box) for airlines.
- o I take my own rifle scabbard & saddle bags –if hunting horseback in North America.
- o Camouflage clothing in North America is OK –Camouflage clothing is not recommended overseas because they think you are military–check with outfitter.
- o Clothes should be earth tones, brown, beige, gray, dark green on all other continents.

African Safari and Asian Shikar - Hot Weather Essentials

- o 2 pair light weight pants.
- o 3 light weight shirts.
- o 1 pair light weight hunting shoes or boots appropriate for terrain.
- o 4 pair socks (wool combination).
- o 1 pair camp shoes.
- o 3 under wear, t-shirts.
- o Brimmed hat.
- o Light weight jacket or vest.
- o Windbreaker.
- o Personal toiletry –toothbrush, chapstick, hand lotion, razor, etc.
- o First aid kit –personal medications, antibiotic, malaria pills (consult your doctor), Imodium A-D.
- o Mosquito repellent –100% deet.
- o Sun screen.
- o Dark glasses.
- o Camera with at least 1GB memory stick.
- o Flash light & batteries.
- o Swiss army knife & sheath skinning knife (knife sharpener).

Be Prepared to Skin Your own Trophies in Asia

- o Binoculars –10x25, Zeiss or Swarovski.
- o Spotting Scope –20-60x.
- o Leather cartridge case (12 shells) worn on belt.
- o Rifles for African plains game: 270, 7mm Rem Mag (my choice), 338 Win Mag.
- o Rifles for dangerous game: 375H&H Mag & 416 Rem Mag, (my choice), 470 Nitro Express another good choice.
- o Scopes for dangerous game rifles should be detachable. Following wounded game in tall grass and very thick steamy cover you need both eyes open.
- o Schmidt & Bender 1.25-4x20 or Swarovski 1.25-4x24 –I have both.
- o Hard gun case for overseas transportation for two rifles.
- o Ammunition –3 boxes/rifle in metal container (child's lunch box) for airlines.
- o "Certificate of Registration" for personal effects taken abroad. List each rifle separately with U.S. Customs and take certificate with you for your return.
- o Passport, Visas, official letter inviting you to hunt in their country.
- o Cash in foreign currency (small denominations) for tips. Traveler's checks & credit cards are not accepted in some countries; ask your agent. Pre-pay trophy fees if refundable for trophies not taken.

All clothing colors should be earth tones –no camouflage in most countries –ask outfitter. Pack Light, Every Thing in One Duffel Bag –they wash your clothes everyday on African safari.

The Survival Gear in Backpack

- o Rain parka & pants (Gore-tex)
- o Extra socks/wool
- o Wool cap
- o Warm mittens or leather gloves
- o Down vest, down shirt jacket or polar fleece

Survival Gear

- o Polarshield blanket
- o Knife –Swiss Army and Sheath knife
- o Knife sharpener
- o Wire saw
- o 50 ft. nylon cord/rope
- o Waterproof matches in container
- o Flint stick
- o Candle and fire sticks
- o Kleenex (12 packs)
- o Whistle
- o Signal mirror
- o Map & compass
- o Flashlight, extra batteries
- o Small First Aid Kit

Read an Outback Survival Techniques Book

Tips for Better Trophy Photos

1. Position the trophy so there are no distracting objects, such as vehicles, fences, or people in the background. Try to find a background which will provide a good contrast for you and your trophy.

2. If possible, pose your trophy with a light back ground (sky or dead grass). This focuses attention and outlines the subjects better.

3. Pose the trophy broadside, with the head upright and facing the camera. If necessary, prop the head or hold it by the horns. DONOT hold it by the ears, sit on it, place it on your shoulders,

or hang it by the neck/legs.

4. The hunter should be at least an arms length from the trophy, and preferably behind the trophy to maximize the effect of size.

5. Remove all visible blood and make sure the tongue is not hanging out.

6. The photographer should lie on the ground and shoot up at the subject. This makes the trophy look as large as possible.

7. Clear brush, grass, or other obstructions from the foreground.

8. Shadows pose problems. Make sure the sun is shining on the front of the trophy (at the photographer's back), instead of behind it. Do not let the photographers shadow in the photo.

9. Make sure the hunter's face is visible and not covered by the shadow of a hat. Use a flash to eliminate shadows.

10. Fill the frame with your subject. Do not crop heads, bodies, horns, or antlers. If the background is spectacular, you may allow some framing for it; otherwise give your trophy full attention.

11. Take several photos from different angles, using different exposures, if your equipment allows. Always better to have several photos to choose from on such memorable occasions.

MAKE YOUR FIRST SHOT COUNT



The African elephant is the largest land mammal on Earth. The heart shot is the easiest to make because the heart and lungs are large and it is always fatal. Place the shot low in the chest just behind the leg. If the bullet enters the lungs, the animal could run for several hundred yards. If the bullet enters the heart the elephant may fall instantly. The broadside brain shot is instantly fatal. A shot placed between the eye and the ear (just slightly

in front of the ear) is perfect. The frontal brain shot can be difficult. If the distance is 40-50 yards, place the shot just below a line between the eyes. If the distance is closer, 20-30 yards, place the shot 12-16 inches lower. If your shot is fatal the elephant will sit down before rolling over. However, if the animal is only stunned, quickly try to get a broad-side shot at the heart or brain. If the trunk is raised and facing the hunter, aim low for the center of the chest to hit the heart and lungs. I have used the .375 H&H Mag (300 gr. solid) and the Rem .416 Mag (400 gr. solid) with equal success. I feel much safer with the .416 in the case of a charging or wounded animal. The .470 and .500 calibers would also be a good choice for dangerous game. Always use the gun that you can shoot accurately. Test fire a large calibre rifle before you buy.



Lions are seen most often in the open savanna or by baiting with Wildebeest or Zebra. They have mediocre eyesight, excellent hearing and smell; they can run 100 yards in about six seconds. Place the shot just above the knee joint to reach the heart. A shot through the shoulder will also reach the heart and further cripple the animal. A charging lion can best be stopped with a shot to the chest or to the nose is fatal. The 375 H&H Mag with 300 gr Nosler or Swift A-Frame pointed soft point is ideal.



The African buffalo is a mean, intelligent, and vindictive animal and very dangerous when wounded. They have been known to lie in wait in the tall grass and ambush the hunter. The broadside heart shot is the same location anatomically for all animals. A buffalo charges with his head up giving a clear frontal shot to the heart. A shot placed to the nose may reach the brain for an instant kill. A charging Nile buffalo out of the tall grass hit the dirt only three feet from me thanks to my .416 Rem Mag with 400 gr solids. I load so the first shot is a 400 gr. Swift A-Frame soft point, the next two are solids. If the only possible shot is from straight behind the animal, place the bullet just under where the tail is attached; affectionately called "The Texas Heart Shot." If the bullet hits the spine the animal will collapse; if not, it may pass through the stomach to the lungs and the animal will 'hump-up' giving you time to make a broadside heart shot.



The African leopard is nocturnal and usually hunted from blinds baited with an Impala or hind quarter of a larger animal. The cat will jump into the tree just after the sun goes down. When the spot light goes on you have just a few seconds to decide on the best angle to hit the heart. The 7mm Mag or .30-caliber rifle is adequate. If the cat is wounded and the blood trail shows lung blood, he will not go far into thick cover. Let him die and find him in the morning. Trailing a wounded Leopard in the dark through thick cover is treacherous and not advised.

To guarantee a successful hunt and the safety for all concerned, use the appropriate rifle and ammunition for the game you are hunting, know the anatomy and location of the heart, lungs and brain from every possible angle. The first shot is the most important –make it count.

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What is the correct caliber and ammunition for the above animals? The one you can shoot accurately - hit the kill spot. Large bodied animals present a problem for some hunters; they tend to place their shot in the middle of the body instead of where the heart is located in the lower third of the body. The high shot may damage the lungs but a goat could lead you over some rough terrain before you find him –if you find him. A wounded Elk can virtually disappear in the woods and travel for miles. It is a shame to lose such great trophies. You could be in real danger with a wounded bear. Moose can take a lot of punishment and move very fast and far; my friend had to shoot a moose 12 times with his 300 Weatherby Mag 180gr bullet. Remember where the heart is located. If the moose faces you and raises his head you have a clear heart kill shot; if the moose lowers his head to eat there is an open spine shot for an instant kill.

I have killed all of the above with a 7mm Rem mag/175gr nosler or Swift A-frame and two Elk with a .270/150gr Nosler. My son killed a large Yukon moose with the same .270/150gr Nosler with one shot. Again you must be able to place the bullet in the kill spot. The heart, lungs, liver and spine are located in the same position in all mammals. Would a larger caliber be better to ensure a clean kill? Maybe, however, while hunting in Wyoming years ago my friend shot a Pronghorn high in the shoulder with his new Weatherby 300mag/180gr bullet. We chased that poor animal for two hours and after missing 7 or 8 long shots, my friend lost all confidence and realized that he was too sensitive to the recoil of his Weatherby and out of shells he asked me to finish the animal. I was shooting my .270/130gr. Would it be better to use a 7mm Rem mag, 300 Win mag, 338 mag or 375 H&H mag? It depends on you. Always take the rifle you can shoot accurately. Bigger is not always better. Also, find the one or two loads that each rifle shoots accurately and don't change.



The Whitetail on the left presents two possibilities for shot placement. The shot placed at the base of the tail may miss the spine because he is standing at a slight angle resulting in a wounded animal. My choice would be to place the shot back behind the ribs with the bullet passing through some of the gut, lungs, heart and exit in the left front leg. The Mule Deer on the right is in good position to place the shot just under where the tail is attached; if the bullet hits the spine, the animal will collapse, otherwise the bullet will pass through the gut, lungs and possibly heart.

Make the first shot count and enjoy your trophy hunt experience.

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WEEKLY WILDLIFE NEWS

In addition to bear season regulations, the Commission also approved regulations for a September archery antelope season in the Panhandle. The season will open the day following the close of Oklahoma's controlled antelope hunts and will run 14 consecutive days. This year those dates will be Sept. 14-27, 2009. The season limit will be two antelope, which may include no more than one buck.

"This is an open season, and you do not have to draw out for this opportunity through the Department's controlled hunts program. However, hunters must secure written landowner permission prior to going afield," Peoples said. "We are confident this will provide an opportunity to hunters who otherwise may never get a chance to hunt antelope."

The Commission also set dates for the new northeast elk zone that it approved at its March meeting. The dates will be the same as statewide season dates for deer archery, deer youth gun, muzzleloader deer and deer gun seasons. The combined season limit for the northeast elk zone will be one elk per hunter, regardless of sex and method of taking. The same equipment that is legal for the respective deer season will be legal for harvesting elk in the zone.

The Commission also increased the daily limit of pheasant for the 2009-10 season to three cocks daily, with six in possession after the second day.

Antlerless deer hunting dates for 2009-10 muzzleloader and modern gun seasons also were set by the Commission at its recent meeting. Zone 1 will be open Nov. 21 and Dec. 6, 2009, of the deer gun season and the limit will be one antlerless deer. Zones 2, 7 and 8 will be open Oct. 24 to Nov. 1 (all of muzzleloader) and Nov. 21 to Dec. 6, 2009 (all of gun). The limit will be two antlerless deer during muzzleloader and two antlerless deer during gun season. Zones 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 will be open to antlerless hunting Oct. 24 – Nov. 1 (all of muzzleloader) and Nov. 21 – Dec. 6, 2009 (all of gun). The limit will be one antlerless deer during muzzleloader season and one antlerless deer during gun season. Zone 10 will be open Oct. 24-26 and Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009 (muzzleloader) and Nov. 21, 28 and Dec. 6, 2009 (gun). The limit will be one antlerless deer during muzzleloader season and one antlerless deer during gun season.

Holiday antlerless deer season in zones 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 will be Dec. 18-20 and Dec. 25-27, 2009.

The Wildlife Conservation Commission is the eight-member governing board of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Wildlife Commission establishes state hunting and fishing regulations, sets policy for the Wildlife Department and indirectly oversees all state fish and wildlife conservation activities. Commission members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is set for 9 a.m. May 4 at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation headquarters (auditorium), located at the southwest corner of 18th and North Lincoln, Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Archery in the Schools state shoot continues drawing record numbers

A total of 1,085 students from across the state shot 43,745 arrows April 1 at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Archery in the Schools annual state shoot at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

Students at the state shoot came from 93 schools and competed in archery after a season of practice and competition in their respective schools as part of the Oklahoma Archery in the Schools (OAIS) program.

The number of students at the state shoot reflects the growth of the OAIS program during its five years of existence. This year's state shoot saw an increase of more than 300 students over last year's shoot and almost 600 more students than were present in 2007. The state shoot also has grown so much that the Wildlife Department was forced to move it from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond to the Cox Center to accommodate more shooters.

The state shoot is the season finale for the OAIS program, currently about 160 schools participate throughout the year. Coordinated by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Archery in the Schools is part of the National Archery in the Schools program. The program partners state wildlife agencies, schools and the nation's archery industry to introduce students to the sport of archery. The Archery in the Schools curriculum is designed for 4th-12th graders and covers archery history, safety, techniques, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement.

The top three shooters in each category at the state

shoot received medals and prizes. First place winners received a new Genesis bow, second place winners received a new set of Alpen binoculars and third place winners took home a new bow carrying case. In addition, the top five shooters in each category and first place teams automatically qualified for the national shoot to be held May 8-9 in Louisville, Ky.

The top three shooters in each age category, as well as the top three team schools in each category, include:

High school boys

Casey Taylor, Keys, Score 380
Cole Thompson, Keys, score 379
Blake Blakely, Keys, score 376

High school girls

Amanda Mixon, Chandler, score 369
Korrie Gee, Coweta, score 354
Kayla Replogle, Coweta, score 352

High school top three teams

Coweta High School, score 3,171
Keys High School, score 3,148
Chandler High School, score 3,122

Middle school boys

Hunter Ginn, Coweta, score 379
Danny Phillips, Maryetta, score 369
Ryan Kelley, Coweta, score 366

Middle school girls

Abigail Unruh, Morris, Score 348
Hannah Lawhorn, Keystone, Score 346,
Dakota Provence, Wister, Score 343

Middle school top three teams

Coweta Middle School, score 3,147
Shawnee Middle School, score 2,936
Wister Middle School, score 2,909

Elementary school boys

Kolt Perkins, Zaneis, score 358
Chase Stocker, Garfield, score 347
Grayson Shockley, Cherokee, score 345

Elementary school girls

Hunter Tolliver, Zaneis, score 406
Hailey Pilkenton, Greenville, score 404
Hadlie Barnes, Greenville, score 392

Elementary school top three teams

Zaneis Elementary, score 3,018
Chickasha Elementary, score 2,969
Coweta Elementary, score 2,921

more schools scored high enough to compete as teams at the national tournament. In addition to the top three teams in each category, qualifying teams include:

High schools

Shawnee
Beggs
Carney
Crowder
Tecumseh

Middle schools

Maryetta
Morris
Zaneis
Cimarron
South Rock Creek
Keystone
Moss

Elementary schools

Wayland Bonds
Greenville
Cherokee
Houchin
Shawnee
Sperry
Moss
South Rock Creek
Morris
Beggs

According to Lance Meek, OAIS coordinator, the state shoot was made possible by the efforts of hard-working people involved with the OAIS program.

The success of the OAIS program and state shoot is only possible because of the efforts of Wildlife Department employees and our partners such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Morrell Targets, participating schools and coaches, and volunteers from the archery community," said Lance Meek, OAIS coordinator for the Wildlife Department.

About 160 schools across the state have enrolled in the Oklahoma Archery in the Schools program, which offers archery to students, and grant money can make it easy for other schools to join up as well.

Partial grants are available for schools to acquire all the equipment, including bows, arrows, targets, safety nets, curriculum and training necessary to begin an OAIS <<http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/archeryinschools.htm>> program in their communities at little cost.

In order to be eligible for a grant, the school must send a teacher to an eight-hour workshop where they will learn how to conduct the program at their school and instruct students in archery.

Teachers interested in learning more about the OAIS program or in starting an OAIS program at their school should contact Meek at (405) 522-4572 or lmeeek@odwc.state.ok.us <<mailto:lmeeek@odwc.state.ok.us>> , or contact Colin Berg at (918) 299-2334 or cberg02@sbcglobal.net <<mailto:cberg02@sbcglobal.net>> .

For more information on the Archery in the Schools program, log on to wildlifedepartment.com.

In addition to the top three teams, several

The Hunting Report

Dog Handler Accidentally Shot During Leopard Hunt In Namibia

By now you may have heard that Craig Boddington's daughter, Brittany, was involved in an accidental shooting last week during a leopard hunt in Namibia. Seems Brittany Boddington was hunting a large cat behind hounds with PH Nic Kruger of Omujeve Hunting Safaris in the Karibib district when things went horribly wrong. The leopard refused to tree and had led the dogs into an area of thick cover. Kruger and his dog handlers called off the dogs to let them rest and to let the cat move on out of the area. When they put the dogs out again to pick up the trail of the cat, they discovered the leopard was waiting for them in the thick cover. It charged the hunting party at a short distance. Kruger shot at the leopard, but it managed to attack one of the dog handlers, a South African called "Punki."

Because of the obstructed visibility, I'm told that Boddington simply could not see the dog handler was under the cat, which she thought had been wounded by Kruger. She shot at the leopard, and it ran away. The shot, however, hit Punki instead of the leopard. You can read the entire account as reported by Brittany Boddington and Nic Kruger to the Namibian police by clicking on the links below. Punki, I'm told, was rushed to a hospital, where he was stabilized and is now recovering well. In addition to the shot in his hip, his ankle and leg were chewed up badly by the leopard.

According to Dave Fulson of Safari Classics Productions, which books and films safaris, Punki is well known and quite popular among leopard hunters. He says Boddington has created a recovery fund to help pay for his medical expenses. Anyone who wishes to help may send a donation to the Punki Recovery Fund, PO Box 3303, Granada Hill, CA 91394.

I should note that in the past Namibia had considered outlawing leopard hunting with dogs because of safety concerns. I'm told leopards chased by dogs tend to identify the human hunters as the source of their problem and will jump over the hounds to attack every person in the hunting party. Some argue, however, that the risk is simply part of dangerous game

hunting and that nothing is more exciting or sporting than hunting a leopard with dogs. Already, some are speculating whether this incident could lead to the prohibition of hunting leopards this way in Namibia. What are your views on this type of hunting? Send me an e-mail with your opinion and why you think leopard hunting with dogs should or should not be allowed. If enough people feel strongly one way or the other, I'll start a forum on the subject. Regardless, I'm glad that Punki will be alright and that no one else was injured in this incident. - Barbara Crown, Editor.

Brittany Boddington's Statement to Namibian Police

I, Brittany Boddington, a 23-year-old U.S. citizen herewith declare under oath as follows: I was hunting leopard with Nic Kruger of Omujeve Hunting Safaris Namibia on the Fahlwater farm in the Karibib district. We found some fresh leopard tracks at about 5:15 in the morning and when it was daybreak we put down the dogs. We set out following the sound of the hounds through the brush, but this was a very aggressive cat. It was not running from the dogs like most cats do. Zukile was one of the dog handlers, he was contacting us by radio telling us that the cat was fighting the dogs and had injured several of them. These dogs know what they are doing and almost never get close enough to get hurt. After a couple of hours we came up to a really thick area where the dogs were barking and the leopard would not tree. The leopard held its ground and the dogs were tired and bleeding so we sent Classen to get the car so that we could give the dogs some water. At this point we called the dogs away from the leopard, and they laid down in the shade waiting for the car to bring water. After they had all had water and were looking rested, the dog handlers started encouraging the dogs to go back into the brush and find the tracks of where the leopard had gone. The dog handlers were sure that the leopard had run away because none of the dogs were barking, so we started walking slowly in the direction that the leopard had been.

Nic showed me the flattened grass in an area surrounded by bushes where the leopard had been hiding when the dogs were last barking. The dogs were scattered all around us looking for tracks and as I was examining the flattened grass area I heard a dog begin to bark. Before the dog could even get the whole bark out I heard the growl of the leopard. When I heard Nic's shot go off, I stepped out from behind him and

saw the leopard come out from behind a bush. The leopard paused for a moment, and in the tall grass I could see only slightly more than the outline of the leopard's back. I saw that the leopard had been hit and it stopped with its head down in the grass. I got my rifle up and took a shot at the part of the leopard that I could see.

The leopard then jumped up, and Nic hit it again with another shot as the leopard ran into the bush. Nic ran after it to make sure it would not come back to attack again. At this moment I heard Zukile yell. We realized that Punki had been shot, and we called Nic back, and he sent Classen to get the car. We held pressure on the wound, and we kept Punki awake until the car could get through the thick brush to where we were. We loaded him into the back seat of the car, and I jumped on the back of the cruiser. The entire way to the hospital I was trying to figure out what had happened. I could only imagine that I had shot over the leopard and hit Punki as he was running away. I didn't know where they had been standing, so I assumed that he had just run when the leopard charged. It was only after we had wheeled him into the emergency room that Simon told me, "You should see what the leopard did to his ankle." My response was a surprised, "The leopard bit him? When did the leopard bite him?" Simon then told me that Punki had been attacked and mauled by the leopard and that he was in fact under the leopard when I shot. I screamed, "WHAT?" and then it all started to make sense.

Nic had seen the two men fall to the ground in the tall grass before I had stepped out from behind him. Both men were wearing full camouflage from head to toe, and in the tall grass they were completely invisible to me. The leopard bit through Punki's leather belt and had been thrashing him about in the grass when I shot. Apparently the leopard was pulling him up from the ground, and as I fired my rifle, the leopard pulled him up by the left side and the bullet must have missed the leopard and gone through his hip. I know better than to fire when a leopard is mauling someone, I would not have shot had I known that there was a person even close to the leopard. The whole attack from beginning to end took less than four seconds and there was just no time to sort out what was happening.

- Brittany Boddington.

PH Nic Kruger's Statement to Namibian Police

I, Joachim Nicolaas Kruger, a 27-year-old Namib-

ian citizen herewith declare under oath as follows: I am a shareholder and Licensed Professional Hunter with Omujeve Hunting Safaris and a resident on the farm Ongombo West Section II # 56 Windhoek District. I was guiding a legal leopard hunt on the farm Fahlwater in the Karibib on the 24th of April 2009. We found a big leopard track at 05:15 in the morning and decided that it was a big leopard and that we could start the hunt as soon as it was light enough. At first light we released the hounds to start tracking the leopard. After some time Zukile called me on the radio and said he was hearing the leopard. We started to approach Zukile. The leopard was in thick brush and wasn't afraid of the dogs. He was fighting with the dogs and injured a couple of them, which is very unusual with this experienced pack of hounds. As time passed it was clear that the dogs were afraid of this leopard, and the leopard wasn't planning on getting in a tree soon.

I decided that it was too dangerous to attempt to approach the leopard. We called the hounds back, and I sent Claasen to fetch the vehicle. We gave the hounds water hoping that the dogs would be fresh again and would have an advantage over the leopard, and that they would then push the leopard into a tree and give us a nice, safe, clean shot. Zukile, Punki and myself thought the cat had moved off, and we decided to move to the spot where the cat was laying down last and get the hounds back on the track. Zukile and Punki were walking a short distance in front of me with Brittany right behind me and Simon Elton a couple of steps back. Suddenly one of the hounds made a sound and I saw the leopard charging towards Zukile. Zukile fell to the ground, and as the leopard approached Punki I saw a gap and shot the leopard, but the shot was not fatal. The leopard jumped on Punki, and Punki fell to the ground. Then the leopard moved towards Claasen but turned back toward Punki and started biting him. Then I heard a shot from Brittany's rifle.

Brittany didn't know at the time that Punki was under the leopard because she was walking behind me when it happened, and when she stepped out behind me, Punki was already down in the tall grass. That is why she couldn't see him, and of course she is eleven inches shorter than I am, so she could see much less than I could in the long grass. She shot at the leopard because it stopped, which for her was the right thing to do at that stage. Any hunter in the same situation would have done the same. When she shot the leopard

it was busy biting Punky and there was a lot of movement as the leopard was pulling Punky around. Because of her height Brittany was unable to see this.

The whole thing happened very quickly, in less than three seconds, much too quickly for me to give any instructions or clarify the situation. I am certain her bullet hit Punky because the leopard pulled Punky up right into the line of her shot, suggested by deep bite marks on his belt. After Brittany's shot the leopard dropped Punky and started to run away, and then I shot the leopard again and ran past Punky. I knew that he was bitten by the leopard, but at this time I did not know he had been hit by a bullet. The leopard was still running away from us, and I just wanted to make sure that the leopard was dead because I didn't want to track a wounded leopard after what has already happened. The leopard was dead when I reached it, and Zukile called me and said that I must come quickly and that Punky was shot. Until that moment I had no idea that Punky was shot, and I told my tracker Claasen to run and bring the truck. Meanwhile we took our shirts and held pressure on the wound. While we waited for the truck I called EMED rescue and Doctor Jordaan and made some arrangements as to what to do and where to meet the ambulance. The truck came about two minutes later, and we loaded Punky in the truck and raced to the main road, which was about 10km away. As we got on the main road, the ambulance was on its way from Okahandja, and we drove straight to Okahandja Hospital where they were quick to help and to get Punky stabilized. Then EMED rescue came and they then moved him to Windhoek where the doctors were waiting for him. - *Joachim Nicolaas Kruger.*

A Note From Dave Fulson of Safari Classics Productions

As many of you know, I am one of Craig Boddington's partners in our two TV shows "Tracks Across Africa" and "Hornady's Africa With Craig Boddington and Ivan Carter." During a phone call with Craig this morning from Namibia, Craig asked me to post this to answer any questions on what is sure to be a well-traveled topic in the rumor mill.

Craig's eldest daughter, Brittany, is an avid and fairly experienced big game hunter with multiple safaris under her belt, several of which were targeting

dangerous game. I have filmed several of her safaris for the show, and always found Brittany to be safety conscious where firearms were concerned, a result of learning under a father who stresses the point of firearm safety at all times. Last week while filming a leopard with dogs hunt with our Tracks TV crew in Namibia, an incident happened that resulted in: (1) a flat out charge from an UNWOUNDED but agitated male leopard; (2) a dog handler being savaged by the cat; (3) an attempt by Brittany to shoot what was, by the time of her shot, a wounded leopard, resulted in accidentally hitting and wounding the man being mauled.

At the time of the accident, Craig was filming in Zimbabwe, but flew to Namibia to assist as best he could, and as you can imagine to comfort his daughter from the obvious anxiety of the situation she was dealing with. The attending PH was Nic Kruger, a first rate hunter and co-owner of Omujeve Safaris. Nic is an experienced leopard man, and we have enjoyed several wonderful safaris under his and his brother Corne's care.

For those of you who have never experienced a close range charge from an infuriated leopard, trust me, it is scary as hell and it happens with shocking speed. It is easy to second guess these situations, especially when the facts of the hunt are unknown or blurred second-hand accounts. The following is the official police report as filed by both Nic and Brittany. Please read both accounts, and I believe you will reach the same conclusion as I have, that this was a very fast-moving situation that both PH and client were trying their level best to control to the best of their ability and skill.

As I said, due to the last name involved, this is bound to get some attention in safari circles. Craig thought, and I agreed, that posting the police reports would be the best method to make sure the facts were accurately portrayed. I have seen some fairly experienced hunters loose their heads under far less stressful situations than the flat out charge of a leopard at point blank range. I think Brittany did her best to stand firm and shoot what she believed to be a wounded cat. The accident was just that, a terrible twist of luck that can happen to each and every one of us that hunt dangerous game.



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Special Report

Trophy Seizures & Forfeiture Crisis: Problems and Resolutions

■ Two problems have now reached crisis levels at US ports of entry. US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) inspectors have generally stopped using their discretion when there is any appearance of a paperwork problem with a trophy. More and more frequently, inspectors are seizing shipments for any reason, no matter how minor, and without providing any opportunity to correct the perceived paperwork error. It is motivated by an attitude that trophies are unfavorable and undesirable trade. That incorrect attitude has been reinforced by the new FWS internal CITES regulations under which any and all errors, including innocent typos, invalidate permits. There is seldom any question about the authenticity of the permits or the legal take of the trophy, so the errors are of little or no biological or conservation harm. Enforcement has become stricter and blind.

The second level of the problem makes this far worse. The petition for

remission process has evolved into a sham. The petition for remission is the elective step the hunter can take to have the solicitor for the port where his shipment is seized review and mitigate the seizure. The solicitors reviewing the petitions are supposed to exer-



cise discretion and consider the materiality of the error and mitigating circumstances, but instead they are rubber stamping the seizures and inevitably ordering forfeiture. The solicitors are not administrative judges. They are agents of the Director of the FWS that

now take the position that any paperwork irregularity renders the trophy “illegal contraband,” making it impossible for them to release it. They are supposed to exercise fair discretion after considering the mitigating circumstances, but they too have adopted an attitude that hunting trophies are unfavored and undesirable trade deserving of zero tolerance.

Congress has provided express protection of property owners. Innocent owners are not supposed to lose their property, and penalties should be less than the total loss when it is disproportionate to the error. But solicitors are disregarding those protections because of their stated belief that the property is contraband and undesirable trade. There is no denying this growing threat to hunting and the conservation programs of foreign nations because it is being repeated across the country in written solicitors’ opinions and subsequent forfeitures of trophies. There is a growing written record of

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solicitors' outright refusals to apply the innocent owner defense or to apply the proportionality test and adjustment in lieu of absolute forfeiture.

In the Port of San Francisco, we have four compelling instances where the solicitor in a short span of time ruled that seized trophies can't be remitted (released to the owner) because, as a matter of law (mistaken), the trophies are "contraband." In each instance, the solicitor ordered full forfeiture and wrote that "Petitioner's good faith or innocence is not material to the proposed forfeiture of the wildlife specimen... (because an) 'innocent owner defense' may not be asserted in instances where the property... is 'contraband or other property that is illegal to possess'.... Petitioner may not raise an innocent owner defense.... Denial of an innocent owner defense in this matter is further supported by the very nature of the property to be forfeited."

Those trophy owners had no chance to receive fair consideration of

their petitions for remission. Those trophy owners had no chance for return of their trophies from the get-go. Conservation Force sent notice to the Secretary of Interior and Director of USP&WS to no avail. To get meaningful hearings it has become necessary to file a complaint in federal court for declaratory and injunctive relief. In March, we filed the first suit in federal court in San Francisco for judicial relief. It is for two forfeitures that have already been ordered after failed petitions for remission and request for reconsideration. In two other seizures in San Francisco, we converted petitions for remission into claims, the alternative for relief from forfeiture which removes the claim to court and takes it away from the local solicitor. In those two cases the initial petitions for remission were denied, which left no doubt that the remission process was a complete sham. The petition can be viewed on Conservation Force's web site at www.conservationforce.org under *News & Alerts*.

In Memory of Harry Tennison – International Hunting & Conservation Icon

■ This issue is dedicated to Harry Tennison. He died on March 4, 2009 at the age of 89. He was the founder of GAMECOIN, Game Conservation International, which he was president of for more than 25 years. GAMECOIN held its first Conference in 1967 and inspired the foundation of many other organizations. He was also the president and/or chairman of Shikar Safari Club International (1969 and 1970), Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth (1956 and 1991), Fort Worth Zoological Association, International Rhino Foundation, Operation Rhino, Operation Game Thief (founding first president in Texas) and Operation Orphan. He co-founded the African Wilderness Leadership School in Natal, RSA. He was a serious big game hunter and also authored *An African Affair*. He helped found the International Rhino Foundation and had the title of "Father of the Black Rhino." In 1989, he imported 10 black rhino from Africa. Those rhino or their off-

spring (more than 50 as of 1998) survive today across the country from the Fort Worth Zoo to Orlando's Disney World.

Harry was the recipient of too many awards to list here, from Ducks Unlimited Sportsman of the Year to induction into the Hunting Hall of Fame. Perhaps the ultimate honor was his selection for the Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award that transcends them all. He was chosen to be the first individual to receive that award after a worldwide search for the first recipient in 2005.

Harry was a friend and advisor to yours truly. He and GAMECOIN both have financially supported Conservation Force from its inception. Harry was a consummate hunter, conservationist extraordinaire and inspirational leader. Our way of life and some part of the state of the natural world are part of his legacy. He is one of those who have left this world a better place.



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Briefly Noted

Attorney Help Needed Now: The above San Francisco suit against the FWS on the trophy seizure crisis had to be filed in the port of seizure. These "in rem" rules have proven to be a hardship on hunters, as the seizures are far from their homes and local counsel. That hardship is no doubt why the seizure and forfeiture practices have grown to be so unfair and one-sided. In the San Francisco case cited above, Stanford Atwood, a prominent local attorney, has agreed to serve as local counsel, and yours truly appears *pro hac vice*. A great debt of gratitude is owed to Atwood.

The injury caused by these seizures to the hunting community and range nation programs is already staggering. We need *pro bono* local counsel help in each regular port of entry until we are able to turn this around in court or in Congress. As I write this, help is needed in Atlanta, Los Angeles and Denver to file "claims" instead of petitions for remission until there is adequate judicial precedent applying the innocent owner defense and/or proportionality adjustments. The filing of a "claim" brings the matter before the local federal district court instead of the local solicitor. In that case, the impartial court applies the law and discretion instead of a USP&WS solicitor that does not believe remission is applicable to trophies. Attorneys that wish to help should contact me at jjw@att.net or at 504-837-1233.

Recommendation on Filing Petition for Remission of Seized Trophies: This is what Conservation Force advises until the underlying issues are resolved in court or Congress. If your trophy is seized by US Fish & Wildlife upon import and you choose to file a petition for remission to the solicitor, do it as soon as possible after you receive the official written "notice of seizure." The reason is that you have only the same number of days to file a claim in court as to file for remission before the solicitor, but filing a petition suspends the clock on the time you

have to file a claim. If your petition is denied, you can still file a claim, but the claim removing it to court (just a short one-page form) has to be filed within the number of days you had left when your petition for remission was filed. The longer you wait to file the petition for remission, the less time you have to file a claim if and when the petition is denied. If the denial specifies your trophy is contraband or illegally imported, you are going to lose anyway unless you convert it to a "claim" for an impartial court.

Wood Bison Litigation and Downlisting: The wood bison of Canada are larger than the plains bison of the USA, but trophies of those bison have not been importable to the US because they are listed as "endan-



gered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). They were downlisted by the Parties of CITES from Appendix I to Appendix II to facilitate trophy export/import, but that did not change the ESA impasse. Neither did Canada's downlisting of the bison under their own laws and regulations long ago. During the early years of the Bush Administration, the USP&WS published notice that it would begin permitting import of "endangered" species in select cases and specifically cited the wood bison as an example. Despite repeated requests by the Secretary of Interior and Director of USP&WS, the White House never approved the change in permitting practice. The permits filed by Conserva-

tion Force at the urging of FNAWS and others went unprocessed.

Furthermore, the Bison Recovery Team filed a petition to downlist the bison from endangered to threatened more than two years ago. Despite repeated requests, the USP&WS was too busy to attend to the downlisting petition though they expressed that it warranted downlisting.

In early December the Acting Director of USP&WS telephoned and suggested Conservation Force voluntarily dismiss all of the pending wood bison permits we had submitted on behalf of various hunters. In December, Conservation Force and a number of allied organizations sent a Notice of Intent to Sue and in March filed suit to both compel the downlisting determination within the non-discretionary expired deadlines and also to compel the processing of the outstanding trophy import permits. Suit was filed and is in federal court in the District of Columbia. A copy of the suit can be viewed on Conservation Force's web site at www.conservationforce.org under News & Alerts.

The USP&WS did respond to the notice by making the required 90-day finding. It was a positive finding that the downlisting may be warranted. (74 FR 21, Page 5908, February 3, 2009). The comment period has passed, and we expect a positive 12-month finding shortly. We are also in court to enforce all the remaining deadlines. The comments are available on the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) web site (www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=FWS-R9-1A-2008-0123) and by far favor the downlisting. Conservation Force and its allied organizations filed a joint comment as well. We hope and expect with the help of the federal district court that the bison will be downlisted and importable by late December 2009, since that would be the mandatory 24-month period by which they must complete the process.

Suleiman Markhor Suit: Conservation

Force has long had a two-pronged effort to import "endangered" Suleiman markhor. One is a downlisting petition, and the second is test import permits. In December, the Acting Director of USF&WS asked yours truly to dismiss all outstanding import permits, including those applications filed for import of Suleiman markhor. That left no choice but to proceed in court to compel the downlisting and also to compel the processing of the import permits. Conservation Force sent a notice of intent to sue for the failure of the USF&WS to act for a decade on the downlisting petition for the listed Suleiman or straight-horned markhor.

Similar to the wood bison, CITES supports trophy hunting of this species, adopting a quota expressly to facilitate the beneficial hunting. But the White House would not approve the proposed import of the trophies under the "enhancement" section of the ESA, and the USF&WS let the downlisting petition languish. Conservation Force and a number of allied organizations jointly filed suit in March in federal court in the District of Columbia. This suit is available on Conservation Force's web site at www.conservationforce.org under *News & Alerts*. It is a suit for failure to timely make a 90-day, 12-month or 24-month final determination on the downlisting. The USF&WS violated all three mandatory deadlines. It is also a suit for failure to process the trophy import permits that have been pending for years. The suit cites how the award-winning conservation program for Suleiman markhor has had to price its hunting trophies at less than one-third the price of the flare-horned (Kashmir) markhor that can be imported (\$45,000 versus \$150,000 respectively). That perfectly demonstrates that the ESA has had a negative impact in this instance.

Like the wood bison suit, this case should be a winner. The decade-long delay has caused the highly regarded recovery program for Suleiman the loss of millions of dollars. The program is the single most celebrated international success story in the world today, and a founding board member of Conservation Force, Dr. Bart O'Garra,

helped conceive and initiate it in the 1980s. Both the Clinton and Bush administrations promised relief, but neither delivered. We will wait no more.

This and the wood bison suit are unprecedented. The issues are monumental and will affect US hunting of all listed species under both CITES and the ESA. The suits and legal issues are a tremendous challenge, but the alternative unthinkable: losing without a fight. **Polar Bear Enhancement Permits:** In



March, Conservation Force filed an administrative appeal for seven test import permits for polar bear under the enhancement section of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the sole remaining procedure to potentially import polar bear. The Request for Reconsideration was supported by three statements from Dr. Mitch Taylor, Dr. Milton Freeman and Dr. Lee

Footo that warrant reading if you wish to appreciate the enormous importance and role of hunting. These are definitive statements on how hunting by US hunters actually reduces the total offtake and the innumerable ways it enhances the maintenance of the polar bear population hunted. The request and statements can be viewed at www.conservationforce.org under *News & Alerts*.

These permit applications are unprecedented because the enhancement section of the MMPA has never been used for the purpose of trophy import before. They are pioneering permit applications in the truest sense. A decision is expected by June.

The World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities: Yours truly was voted on the Executive Committee of the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA) and made Chairman of its task force on the transportation of sporting firearms called the Transit Task Force. The WFSA is an important international organization representing the sport hunting and shooting industry before the UN.

So why are we taking on this additional responsibility? The problems of traveling with firearms are growing and must be addressed. We've recruited Barbara Crown, editor of *The Hunting Report*, to serve on the committee, and she has already prepared an important summary of the transportation and transit problems around the world. *The Hunting Report* is a service as well as a publication. Our plan is to put it to work for you in partnership with the very top leadership of the whole worldwide firearms industry.

The WFSA is also hosting a seminar entitled *The Ecological and Economic Benefits of Hunting* that is to be published to document the benefits of hunting while also identifying the growing firearms transportation and trophy permitting threats to those conservation and livelihood benefits. It should be a useful tool to educate the political leaders of developing countries that vote in the UN, as their perceptions are often different from the wildlife authorities of those same countries. — John J. Jackson, III.

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SCI THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX ON CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE EDUCATION.

Andrine Shufraan -- April 10, 2009



An Endangered Species, the American burying beetle--a small creature helping to carry a large message about SCI and conservation to 300,000 Oklahomans annually!

This spring has been busy with new growth in the OK-SCI education department. Two valuable activities that reach hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans were implemented already this year. The goal of both educational activities is to foster in children at a young age an appreciation for the natural world around them in the hopes that attitude will develop into a life-long value of nature, the desire to be out in it, and the desire to protect it for future generations to come. In addition, these activities reach adults and open their eyes to a great deal of activity that is taking place in the world without their awareness. The wildlife we are talking about here is not the large beasts of the plains or forests, but rather the smallest, most abundant and diverse, and most approachable to children of all wildlife: insects and their relatives.

The first activity involved two executives of the Oklahoma Station SCI board of directors: a regional event entitled Insect EXPO. In conjunction with the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America and the Oklahoma State University Insect

Adventure, members of SCI volunteered their time and knowledge for a whole day of educational madness patroned by nearly 600 2nd through 6th graders and their teachers and parents. This event featured 14 stations teaching and demonstrating with hands-on activities the important ecological role of insects. The enthusiastic participation of OK-SCI's members was crucial to the overwhelming success of this event (see photo.) This experience with something so negligible to most people stresses and brings home to all involved the interconnectedness of all forms of life on the planet. Each species, large and small has a vital role to play in the many types of cycles and webs that function on the Earth. With this appreciation of the importance of tiny and icky creatures, children and adults are better able to recognize the importance of wildlife conservation on the macro-scale such as birds, fish, grazers, and top predators. This general admiration of wildlife increases the realization that all the habitats supporting these animals are important to preserve and protect as well.

And this leads us to the next activity in which SCI's Oklahoma Station Chapter is providing educational support for wildlife conservation and habitat preservation. In March, SCI OK approved a grant proposal from the Oklahoma State University Insect Adventure for the creation of a traveling display entitled "SCI works to save CSI." This educational display will discuss the disappearance of the Endangered Species the American burying beetle through habitat loss and breeding resource destruction and will highlight the SCI mission of conservation with the inclusion of SCI brochures. This large, colorful, and professional display will travel for many years to come with the OSU Insect Adventure to all their presentations and events throughout the state of Oklahoma. The OSU Insect Adventure is part of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and has face-to-face contact with more than 300,000 Oklahomans of all ages, annually. OK-SCI's grant will cover designing and production of the display, the cost of

designing and printing brochures, and the establishment of a live colony of the beetles' "look-alike" but non-threatened sister species to enhance the hands-on experience received by attending the display. The display will attract children and adults with such a unique experience and keep them on-site with learning about such an unusual Endangered Species and the causes of its demise. This will give attendees an opportunity to get to know SCI and their mission and to obtain informational pamphlets and membership applications. The entire presentation should be completed by mid-June and ready to accompany the OSU Insect Adventure to Boy Scout camp, OSU Grandparent University, the OKC State Fair, and dozens upon dozens of classroom presentations in the fall of 2009. The OSU Insect Adventure is thrilled at this collaboration with SCI-OK and looking forward to bringing this fascinating and distinctive conservation message as well as information about SCI-OK to so many people throughout the state.



OK-SCI Chapter President Mike Mistelske working with some of 600 enthusiastic young Oklahomans to increase their appreciation of nature and of the importance of conservation.



Oklahoma Station – Safari Club International



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