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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE **BOARD MEMBERS' SPOUSES** AND OTHER CHAPTER MEMBERS FOR ALL THEY DO!!





What a Year! What a Merry Christmas!! It's hard to believe that 2012 is upon us and the next time I write the date I will most likely get the year wrong, but that happens to me at least a few times every January.

In 2011 many outdoors men and women scored big. We saw trophy's from all over the world got onto walls and into photo albums, and even if a record book wasn't cracked, I am

sure each and every one of us would say the time spent in the great outdoors was our biggest trophy! I feel that we are living in a blessed time with abundant game of all types and a tremendous amount of available opportunities out there. Yes, there are continuing fights on the fore front, but this month I will only get into the greatness of the past year, and not the gloom of troubles ahead ©

2011 started off with a BANG at Oklahoma Station SCI. Our annual banquet was such a financial success I think we will be hard pressed to match it for decades to come. Matching 2011's environment, fun and beauty will be achieved every year though and what a night it is. The 2012 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Banquet and Fundraiser is set for Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> at THE Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and what a night it promises to be. More info can be found Here and you had better sign up or you may be left in the cold.



(May 5, 2011 SCI Helps Tornado Victims)

In May, SCI showed up in support of many of the tornado victims here in the Oklahoma City area. We had folks at many locations though many weeks and had a centralized day at the Mundell residence on May 5th. We ran chain saws, hauled more trees than could be counted, cleared fallen trees from roof tops and power lines and cooked up a heck of a great hamburger/hotdog lunch. The Mundell family is forever grateful and it is just another of those things that this club does, give to the community.

(other notes of interest, OKSCI also gave the ODWC over \$17,000, sent 2 youth on their first Antelope hunts, and 2 teachers to AWLS as well but that is just what who we are, not what we did for club member entertainment in 2011 ©)



(Another Future World Trap Champion is Born!)

In June we had a great day our at the Oklahoma City Gun club with a FREE **Member Wing-Shooting Workshop** 

with the ODWC.. Some folks learned how to take down a few clay pigeons on the fly, others just honed their skills and taunted each other as one got broke by the power of the earth instead of the flight of some pellets © Everyone had fun and one lucky winner walked away with a brand new Browning BPS Shotgun!!

In August we all met for a FREE night with Lance Meek from the ODWC who gave a very informative briefing on many of the critical issues in Oklahoma Outdoors, to say it was an eye opener would be an understatement. The night was a great success and fun for all and we even all learned a thing or two I am sure.

In September the big game hunting seasons began and for the next 3 months I don't think we could have gotten 5 members together in the same part of the state for any events (excluding those of us that we all in the same hunting camps that is) but that all changed when the Christmas even came around on 10 Dec.



The 2012 Christmas Event was hosted by Hickory Ridge Ranch and from one sportsman to another; this was not an event to be missed! HHR is one gorgeous place with more big Whitetail, Elk and Turkey to view than

you could do in the couple days we were out there. Their staff put on nothing but spectacular meals and kept us entertained the entire time we were there. We shot clay pigeons over the edge of a fall away hillside that gave us a 5 mile view of the rolling country beyond. We moved indoors and spent hours throwing arrows at their indoor computerized bow range and even Coach hit a few bear while we were at it. The facilities were immaculate and did I mention to you yet, this was yet another free event for SCI members! (Side note, my wife got her first ever deer with a bow while on this trip!!  $\odot$ )

I know there are many more things to cover from 2011 but I only have so much space © The last thing I would like to cover is that ALL OF THIS WAS FREE TO MEMBERS! I think I need to ask what your club has done for you lately and point to our back pages for the only sign-up form you need to fill out to make a difference in the great Outdoors.

http://www.oklahomastationsci.org

### ESSAY CONTEST





15 – 17 Year Old Boy Group Winner

Student Name: Dylan Dunn School: Inola High School

Grade: 11 Age: 17

Teacher: Craig Savage, Contact # 918/543-4248

### Hunting Sharing the Heritage/Archery

When I joined the Inola Air Force ROTC, I found out that the instructors also taught archery in the schools, marksmanship and hunter education. Prior to the introduction to these activities, I had never been exposed to anything like this. My friends convinced me to take part, telling me that this was the only class in school where you could shoot guns and bows and get certified to hunt. Prior to this, no one in my family ever hunted or even fished, so as for having a hunting heritage, there wasn't any.

I have come to love shooting, but archery has become my favorite. To be honest, at first I didn't see a need for hunting or the need to protect the animals, much less the environment. All of this changed since I completed the hunter education course and was able to combine that with archery. When Sergeant Savage and his son took me on a hunt, we spent the weekend walking the woods and looking for deer sign and learning about nature. I saw for myself how each species affected the

other and how to tell which animals were in an area. At night we sat around the camp fire and I listened while Sergeant Savage and his son recounted stories of their previous hunts together. I was saddened to learn that Sergeant Savage had lost his oldest son Kenneth several years before, but he and younger son Dillan brought him to life again as they told stories, reliving their hunts in Alaska and Texas, where the three of them had shared this wonderful world together. I came to see that for them it was not so much about the hunt, but about being together and growing closer.

On our last day, we woke to a cool wet morning just before dawn. The three of us went to the locations where we found the deer had been crossing and feeding. Sergeant Savage had me set by a very large oak tree and told me that he would be no more than a hundred yards to my right. I now held the bow in my hands that Sergeant Savage has used to bring down a moose in Alaska. I had practiced with it and learned how to use the sites, but I just hoped that I would not freeze when the time came to shoot something besides a target. I sat there in the darkness, listening to the noises all around me, wondering what kind of creatures were at play. When the sun rose, I saw that there were two squirrels just above me and they seemed to be playing a game of tag; jumping from branch to branch. As I sat there being as quite as I could, it felt as if hours had gone by, my legs were going to sleep and I was fighting to not do the same. Just as I started to nod off I heard a noise to my left, it was a doe with another smaller doe just behind her, which later Sergeant Savage explained was probably her fawn from a previous year. As they walked by, the first doe stopped for just a moment and I could feel my heart rise into my throat and my muscles tense. I remembered that Dillan had told me to stay calm if this happened; if she didn't smell me she would move on and hopefully a buck would come by following them. It was hard to let those two do go by, but I did and just like he said, about fifteen minutes later a six point buck came within thirty yards of me. I brought the bow up, drew it back and lined up the sites just as the back saw me I released the arrow and the deer jumped into the air and ran off. I sat there and began to cry, thinking I had missed or worse, wounded the deer.

After about twenty minutes, I looked up and there stood Sergeant Savage; he said "com on legs go track down your deer." We went to the spot where the deer was standing when I shot and I saw blood on the ground and my excitement was almost unbearable. As we walked, he showed me how to follow a blood trail and we tracked down the deer I shot only a short time before. I could see drops of blood on the ground, some larger than others and then after no more than ten minutes we found my buck, I had made a perfect kill shot. As I knelt over my first deer, it all came together for me; then I heard Dillan from behind me say, " well now the work starts"; I had been so engrossed in the deer and finding my arrow, that I didn't realize he had walked up behind me.

That night we took the back straps and prepared them for my family. I have never enjoyed eating something as much as I did that deer that I killed, cleaned and cooked myself. Sergeant Savage is my high school teacher and hunter education instructor, but now he is more than that, he is a person who took the time to share a world with me that I never knew existed. This is not a world filled with a lot of people who just want to kill animals; this is a world of family and friendship, which is handed down generation to generation. I have learned how important it is, that this heritage be passed down, not only from generation to generation, but from friend to friend and even from stranger to stranger. If not for the archery program at my school, I would have never experienced all of this. I will never forget Sergeant Savage or his sons Dillan and Kenneth, who will forever live in my memories through the stories they shared with me during the hunt.

# 2011 Essay Contest - A Joint Program of ODWC and OKSCI for the Youth of Oklahoma

According to Colin Berg, education supervisor for the Wildlife Department, the essay contest is an ideal way for youth to show their love for the outdoors and, in the process, possibly win a vacation in the great outdoors. To participate, students must be 11-17 years of age and currently enrolled in any Oklahoma school or home school. Students also must use the theme of "Hunting: Sharing the Heritage" or "Archery: What I like about Archery in the Schools and Bowhunting" or the concept of the theme to develop a descriptive essay or short story. Winners of the previous year's contest are not eligible. Applicants must have successfully completed an Oklahoma Hunter Education course by the entry deadline, which is Nov. 18, 2011. There are two age categories — 11-14 and 15-17.

Winners in the 15-17 age category (one boy and one girl) will receive a guided antelope hunt in New Mexico, and winners in the 11-14 age category are competing for a scholarship within the Apprentice Hunter Program at the YO Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas. Safari Club International's Apprentice Hunter Program is a unique, hands-on course designed for girls and boys aged 11-14. The program covers topics such as the history of hunting, the ethical basis of modern sport hunting, wildlife management, field identification, tracking and interpreting sign, game cooking and the SCI Sportsmen Against Hunger Program. There are three sessions — each one week long — during the summer of 2012.

The four statewide winners and their legal guardians will be invited to Oklahoma City to attend an awards ceremony in March. In addition, the top 25 essay entrants will receive a one-year youth membership to Safari Club International. The Oklahoma State Chapter will reimburse trip travel expenses to New Mexico and Texas up to \$500 per essay contest winner. The winning student essays will be published in the OSCSCI newsletter, "Safari Trails." Publication qualifies the winning entries for the Outdoor Writers Association of America Youth Writing Contest. Several past national winners have come from Oklahoma.





15 – 17 Year Old Girl Group Winner Student Name: Kaitlyn Mccormick School: Broken Arrow High School

Grade: 11 Age: 16

Teacher: Dean Hopp

Hunting: Sharing the Heritage

For my family the best place for parents to spend time with daughters reflecting, communicating, handing down values, providing guidance, and building memories is the deer woods. Since the time I was young father/daughter hunting trips have played a very important role in my life and have helped shape who I am today. Each year my father, sister and I look forward to deer season not only for the hunting, but also for the time we get to spend together without the interruption of electronics or busy schedules where lasting bonds and memories to last a lifetime are created.

Hunting is a legacy that was passed down from my "pop" (grandfather) to my dad. Although my dad always wanted a son to continue the family tradition with, he was blessed with two daughters. Dad was resigned that he would probably have to hunt alone after Pop's death, but was thrilled when my older sister began to hunt with him. At the age of seven I chose to go along and sit in the woods with my dad. I was in awe of the beauty of nature and immediately knew I shared the same passion as my dad and sister. As the youngest member of my hunting family I know

I have a lot to live up to, but there is no greater feeling than the pride I see in my dad when I shoot a deer. The hugs and high fives are shared by all three of us, however that moment when h wraps his arm around my shoulder, looks me in the eye and says, "Good Shot, girl! That's Awesome!" I know that hunting with his daughters means more to my dad than claiming the biggest of bucks.

Hunting with my dad and sister has played a big part in developing my character, given me passion, and fostered a relationship with my dad and sister that will forever be a part of me. My sister and I both learned self-reliance through hunting by finding ways to warm and being aware of surroundings in order to not get lost. We learned to appreciate nature, but most importantly are the values that we learned such as generosity when each year we donate a processed deer to a food bank; responsibility through using a firearm; patience as I sit for hours in the woods waiting quietly; courage when I took my nervous first steps into the woods; gratitude for the land and the gifts it provides; and self-control as I wait for the perfect shot sometimes foregoing a shot until something bigger and better. According to Dr. Don T Jacobs, author of Teaching Virtues, "hunting is the ideal way to teach universal virtues." I am blessed to be raised in a family where hunting has been passed from generation to generation and these values cultivated through the years. The lessons I have gained through hunting will continue to positively have an effect on me for life.









11 - 14 Year Old Girl Group Winner Student Name: Brianna Sawyer School: Boone-Apache Public Schools

Grade: 9 Age: 14

Teacher: Lesli Metzger

### Hunting Sharing the Heritage

My heart is racing with submerged excitement as my dad says, "Shhh, be quiet." Then, I see them; the string of turkeys is walking so close I could have tossed a rock and hit one. My dad and I count over eighty turkeys on the roost after hunting that evening making this hunting trip quite memorable and an amazing experience. Although I was only five, I still remember that hunt vividly.

I began hunting with my dad when I was three years old. I remember sitting next to a tree and pretending to play the quiet game so I didn't make noise. At that age I didn't care if we even brought anything home. I loved getting all dressed up in my camouflage and spending time in the woods with my dad. Not much has changed over the years. Hunting with dad is still one of my favorite pastimes and opportunities to learn more from him and continue the family tradition. Sharing the hunting heritage isn't something I do only with my dad;

many people encourage me and provide the hunting knowledge I have today. Their help they have bestowed over the years deserves recognition to educate others about the hunting heritage and how to continue passing it down through the generations.

Different family members play important roles in my hunting experiences and heritage. My grandfather provides a plethora of family hunting heritage. He lets me borrow his guns contributing many stories and histories for each individual gun I use. It's interesting knowing how family items pass down through the generations and their histories give a sense of connection to the previous generations and their hunting experiences. Along with my grandfather, my uncle Allen also impacts my hunting heritage. Uncle Allen is the one who took me turkey hunting for the first time. My father has also been extremely influential to my overall hunting experiences and heritage. It's amazing to have such people to help continue the family's hunting heritage and share incredible experiences and lessons.

Although my family plays quite an important role in my heritage and knowledge, other people have contributed as well. My dad's boss, Mark Conklin, often takes me hunting when my dad is not able to or is already taking my brother hunting. Family heritage is important, but having the opportunity to learn from others is just as important to developing one's own individual hunting skills as well. I can't forget to mention my teacher who taught me how to shoot a shotgun this year so I would be able to go dove hunting. I learn so much from the wonderful people that take the time to share their hunting knowledge along with their own stories about hunting.

Hanging onto one's hunting heritage is important not only to help develop hunting skills and family heirlooms, but also to help maintain a family history throughout the generations. One's hunting heritage is not only derived from family, but also through experiences and knowledge passed between comrades.





11 -14 Year Old Boy Group Winner Student Name: Triston Hasty-Grant School: Owasso 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center

Grade: 8 Age: 13

Teacher: Frank Blair

### The Feel

Have you ever felt silence? Have you ever heard tranquility? You might think those are in reverse of each other. That's the feeling I get when I am bow hunting. That's what it's like when you are one-hundred percent in sync with nature.

Hunting in my family is tradition. The land has been passed down through the generations since before the Great Depression, and will be passed down for many generations to come. My father and grandfather are extremely knowledgeable and skilled hunters. They have taught me to never take more from the land than we can give back. We plant food plots and use corn feeders in an effort to promote and develop wildlife on the farm.

When I go to the farm, I feel an enormous amount of pride and self-worth. I feel that I am part of something bigger than myself. Although, I get another feeling when I head off into the woods. I sense that I am miniscule among the ancient oaks and all the stories they have to tell. I feel outmanned by my quarry, whose ability to survive is far superior to mine; whom can see with binocular vision, hear minute sound, sense any movement, and bound more gracefully and agile than I could ever hope. Those are the challenges I must overcome.

I wake up early, clothing myself in my layers of warmth. As I walk into the trees I can feel their grandeur. I hike to my tree stand and sit as still and quiet as humanly possible. Then, I see it... I see the sunrise, that's when I get that feeling of absolute tranquility. It can, at times, be hard to contemplate that this is the land that so many of my ancestors before me walked and witnessed the same magnificent sight. Never the less, I still sit motionless and quiet. Then I hear something walking behind me. I turn as slowly as I can. Just out of the corner of my eye, I see the monarch of the woods. The male whitetail deer. He was an extraordinary animal, probably a one-hundred and fortyfive inch deer. He was forty-three yards away, ten yards too far. I stood as discretely as I could. Then came the question, do I sling an arrow just a little further than I normally would? Or stick to my morals and let him come in range? I stuck to my morals, even though my heart was racing and my emotions wanted desperately to harvest this animal.

At the end of the hunt, even though I didn't harvest the animal, I left with pride. I knew I stuck to my family tradition of being an ethical hunter. At the end of the day that's what it boils down too, your family, your tradition, your heritage, and sticking to your morals. That's the feeling I strive for over all, to now I did what I needed to do the way it needed to be done.





# The Rest of The Top 25!!

Calee Salisbury

Enid OK 73701

Zoetta Day

Owasso OK 74055

Lydia Harrison

Watonga OK 73772

Sybil West

Sand Springs OK 74063

Jenni Dupree

Owasso OK 74055

Rebecca Stevens

Overbrook OK 73453

*Madison Thompson* Edmond OK 73025

Brogan Williams

Stillwater OK 74075

Courtney Maichak

Edmond OK 73025

Monique Tungate

Inola OK 74036

Jessica Burrows

Inola OK 74036

Rebecca Brisolara

Lawton OK 73505

Stephen Newport

Ponca City OK 74601

Tyler Roberts

Valliant OK 74764

Tyler Baggs

Broken Bow OK 74728

*Tyler Fletcher* Stilwell OK 74960

Jason Bressman
Edmond OK 73012

Eric Lewis
Rose OK 74364

Dakota Burwell

Coweta OK 74429

**Blake Davis** 

Owasso OK 74055

Kyle Jenkins

Coweta OK 74429

Kirk Russo

Coweta OK 74429

Ethan Miller

Owasso OK 74055

Nathan Lewis

Collinsville OK 74021

Will Mitchell

Owasso OK 74055

A word from the Editor: I would like to personally applaud each and every entrant for a job well done. The topic of Outdoors in general has a world of possibilities and opportunities (pun intended) and I hope each and every one of you keeps up the writing and takes and shot at replacing me in a couple years – heck, start now, send me some more stories and I will see about publishing them in here and/or on our website © Network Larry



# The best gift for 2012

# **40th Anniversary Celebration**

Santa's looking for a big, big bag this year. with so many members wishing for a trip to the convention February 1-4, 2012, that he's afraid he won't be able to fit all those wishes in his bag!

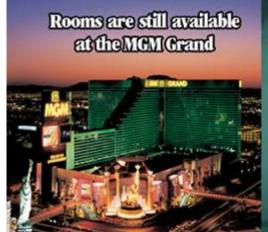
But if Santa doesn't bring you a trip to the convention, it's still not to late too register.

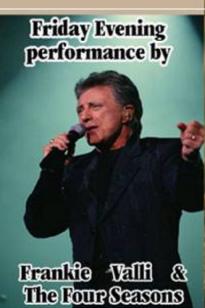
Airfare discounts are available, rooms are plentiful in Las Vegas and, with everything under one roof at the beautiful Mandalay Bay Resort, the 2012 convention is shaping up to be the event of a lifetime!

Top entertainment includes Martina McBride, Trace Adkins, BritBeat and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Attend outstanding seminars with Chad Schearer (Elk Hunting A-Z), Paul Reiss (Fierce Fishes of the Amazon), Ron Dube (Field Dressing and Gutless Gutting) and more. There is 1,000,000 sq. ft. of show floor, thousands of vendors and an opportunity to visit Las Vegas!

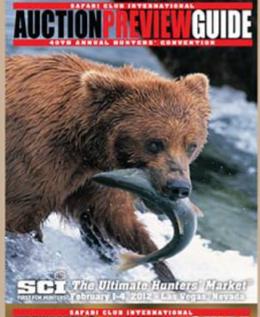
Do we need to say more? Time's running out so make the decision now. Visit www.showsci.org or call 888-746-9724 TODAY! Time waits for no man...but opportunity is knocking NOW!

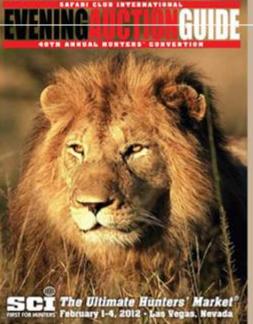
We'll see you in Vegas!





Auction Guides are online and in the mail!





To register visit www.showsci.org or call 888-746-9724

### **AWLS 2011 CONTEST WINNERS**





### Sam Moreton

3rd-Adult, Forest and Water Ecology, Earth Science and Anaimlas.

Sam is Project WILD and hunter education trained. He has been the coordinator for 12 years for New Life Ranch near Colcord Oklahoma. Currently approximately 40 public, private and Christian school groups

come to New Life Ranch for one-three day outdoor education camps. The size of group ranges from 15-350 students. Students receive training in Astronomy, birding, fire building, fishing, flight, fossils, GPS, wildlife habitat, outdoor edibles, insects, forest ecology etc. while at the camp. Exploring and learning about the outdoors in an outdoor setting is the focus of the day and summer camp activities.



### Craig Savage

9th-12th Grade AFJROTC, Aerospace Science and Financial Literacy

School: Inola High School

Incorporates Archery in Schools, Hunter Education and Explore Bow hunting into his AFJROTC class. Craig is also an NRA certified rifle instructor,

NRA Certified Range Safety Officer, and an assistant coach with the Inola FFA for Skeet and Trap.

Besides teaching wildlife conservation in the classroom, Craig has also worked with the youth during Quail Forever youth day activities. He has promoted wildlife habitat restoration efforts along with Quail Forever during its wildlife conservation days for landowners.



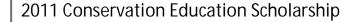


### Beverly Stephens

5th-8<sup>th</sup> Grade English/Geography/Archery

Beverly teaches the Oklahoma National Archery in Schools program at Greenville School in Marietta. She was also instrumental in helping Turner High School setup their archery program. Beverly also annually works with the ODWC to take all 5th-8th grade

students through the Department's STEP program allowing many students that have never shot a shotgun before to receive safe firearms training and quality instruction from ODWC staff members.



Two educators will be awarded a scholarship to an eight-day conservation education school at Safari Club International's American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) at Granite Ranch near Jackson, Wyoming. The AWLS program covers many different aspects of conservation education.

Lodging, meals and training materials will be provided by Oklahoma Station Chapter

Safari Club International. Transportation to Jackson, Wyoming, will be covered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Educator applications are judged in categories such as:

Training in conservation education or environmental education programs.

Current programs you are conducting in your school and community with a conservation and environmental emphasis.

Past programs you have conducted with a conservation and environmental emphasis.

Teachers of state winners in the youth essay contest: Hunting: Sharing the Heritage, will receive priority consideration.

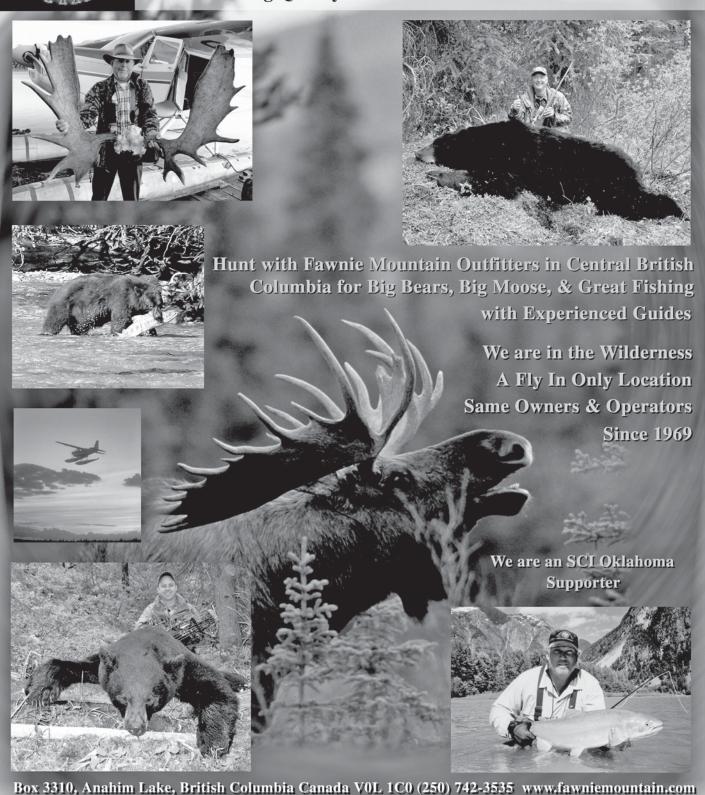
The AWLS program is conducted during the summer. AWLS presents an outdoor program for educators which concentrates on natural resource management and provides participants with a base knowledge from which they may evaluate conservation efforts. Participants learn about stream ecology, map and compass, language arts and creative writing in an outdoor setting, fly tying, shooting sports, wildlife management, the Yellowstone ecosystem, camping, whitewater rafting, educational resources and how to implement outdoor education ideas. Six sessions will be offered June through August of 2011.

More Info on The AWLS Program can be found Here.



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## TROPHY ROOM (From the Cover)





This is the story of our elephant hunt in a forestry area in eastern Zimbabwe on Oct. 2 – 16. I am hunting with my wife Chris, who has never been and good friend Richard Cooke PH of Richard Cooke Safaris who I've never hunted. Chris did not miss a minute of the

following. October is called suicide month because of the heat and the second half of our time here did not disappoint.

Email Sent to my kids-Hello from Vic Falls. This is our last hunting day, but we cut it short and came in and will be fishing in the morning on the Zambezi. Got very hot today on the ride in, felt like Wichita Falls in july. Had some of cool weather and a rain early though. Mom had a great time. On day 11 we finally shot an old Bull elephant with thick tusks. Big thrill, side brain on the move and down in one. We had a recovery and then decided to take a day and relax. Saw a huge lion at the water where we were going to set up our camp. Earlier we went for a drive and came across Rhino tracks, we tracked for 19 km including 2k extremely difficult and found and photographed him. Probably the only people anywhere to do so in a wild none park or private area. Big male lion that evening. Crazy, Then it happened. A second ele was on quota and not booked. If we saw a monster we would hunt him.....

Second email - OK-Story continued in the middle--- We were fighting a wild fire 3 different days starting day 6 to keep a large hunting block called Kongoni, which had water and a lot of talk of giant elephants, from going up in flames. The fire first burned on day 6 outside our hunting area and we set a large backfire to keep it out. It jumped our road into our Sulani block (5k x 5k) and the forestry people stayed and put it out. Pretty hairy at night. The next day nobody there and it started up again and kept burning. Kongoni pan is still **15km** away but has water and Rich said the place of big bulls. We had seen nothing there, but one 50 lb. bull on day 1. This fire ended up burning 20 km to the north during our hunt. Needless to say we did not stop it. good try though.

Back up to the beginning and make this a story. Now more of the past. We flew thru Paris and had 15 hours there to go into town, probably a mistake. The hotel we booked for the day had a security evacuation at noon, so only three hours sleep. After an afternoon in Paris, we left for Joberg at 11pm and on arrival at 10am we missed our flight to Vic Falls. We also spent the day looking for our lost bags and after we found them, we spent the night at the Afton House, which is fantastic.

Eventually we made it to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe the next day and had a another nights rest before the trip to the bush. No hunting days missed. Note-Lifesaver- take a phone or a computer for communication on any overseas trip, especially Africa. Emails were flying from Paris and Joberg airports.

On our drive into our camp there is a big lioness going to drink at the waterhole we overlook from our fire. Welcome to Africa, Chris. A lion 60 yards from your tent. We used a tented camp set up on a waterhole as the area did not provide a particularly nice setting for their permanent camp. We had a large tent with nice beds, and a three minute 5 gallon hot shower and a flush toilet. The dining area and fire overlooked the water at 50 yards. Animals drifted in during the day, and many more at dusk and night. The meals were prepared on an open fire and dinner was served under a canopy. The hunting area is 10-15 km wide and 70 km long. Later on, Chris was wondering if the tents were lion proof.

Day 1 takes us to the famed Kongoni Block on the north end, where not much is happening. We do track an elephant group with one bull and find a 50 pounder in the group. Morning of Day 2 and a 50-55 lb+ lone, no tailed bull, as he walks to 20 yards from us on the road while we start to approach. We see him a week later and would consider shooting him again. Also on Day 2 we track and find ourselves at 40 yards from 10 bulls, 2-3 or 40, 3 over 50, and a Beast pushing 60 who was 8 to 12 inches taller than the rest. Rich wouldn't let me shoot him on only the second day. We had a prior agreement, nothing under 60 in the first week. That is the only way to shoot a giant. I am not sure how you could approach ten bulls grouped so tightly to 20 yards or less. We saw bulls of 50 lb.+ on 5 of first 6 days. Day 5 included a long death march in high heat, while tracking a large group we didn't find.



On **Day 6**, Kongoni area again, and we find a group of huge tracks that came and left in the night. We encounter the fire for the first time today, and fight it until dark. The drive out is very concerning, but we managed to not burn the truck or ourselves. Scary stuff, watching not to lose the cruiser. We were not sure our route was safe. That night, the Cooke family, including Belinda, Ty and Shanny joined us in camp for the weekend.

Day 7 a group of 5 bulls came to the water in front of our camp at dinner. We stood at 40 yards and viewed in the moonlight. The next morning we found their track on the road about 3 k from camp and followed. Found them 1 k later. We found 6 bulls and stayed with them for 2 hours to check all of them well. The big one was on the far left and was pushing 55-60lb. Thick also. We decided he was a possible shooter and approached. We were 20 yards and Rich said no, too much time left and he was doubting himself. The bull came closer and was at 18 yards when something got his attention and he came closer. At 15 yards, frontal, video running, Rich said if he came any closer take him, but if not let him go (video, yes). He then turned and left. I was having a bit of trouble on that one. Serious remorse. The story was perfect, see

him at night and track in the morning, seriously close in frontal stare down etc., but not to be. We all (including kids) fight fire again for most of the afternoon.



Next **Day 8**, and a similar story tracks and a huge bull, thick

ivory, after a half hour he came to only 13 yards, a shooter, frontal, on video, very thick maybe 19 inches around but broken, Maybe 55 to 60+ anyway and a verbal NO from Rich. I was to shoot if him came any closer. At the sound the bull turned and exit left. Another shootable bull runs off. Not as tough as the big guy from yesterday, but holy cow. I hope we do shoot one. As Rich emphasized before the hunt, nothing under 60 during the first half of our time in this area. Hunt now half over and I have turned down 6-7 bulls over 50 and 3 pushing 60 or more????? Then the fire started again and after all this, the famed Kongoni Pan may burn anyway? We fought fire, I mean fought with backfires, shovels and branches with leaves beating. **Day 9** finds the first camp meat, a nice monster male steenbok.

Move - A couple of days of little activity so we move camp on **Day 10** away from Kongoni and concentrate on the south end to save 1-1/2 hour drive one way. Giving up on the Kongoni Block was welcome to me. The area had only produced long drives, fire fighting and a lot of heat. The south is where we have seen all of the elephant activity on this hunt. We have given up on Kongoni and the north end.

We find a large set of bull tracks on Day 11 and follow. Turns into two groups of mixed bulls and cows and babies. First group nothing of size. We can't move to the next without wind problems, so Rich makes some noise with a stick and the first bunch (20 or so) move off. The other group which is also under a large tree, as it is very hot, and has three bulls, with one of size. Same problem, cows with babies, so the sticks are beaten together again, they move, and the bulls moved one way and the cows another. We followed these big guvs for about a ½ Km and they stopped under a tree. We moved in and decided he was the one. Well over 50 and thick all the way out, maybe a surprise 60 upon weighing. We moved to 25 yards with the 3 of them facing away when one got wind and moved. Suddenly they went running to the right and I side-brained him on the move and down in one shot. It's great on video. Pictures and a day of recovery. A few beers, but we are so tired that is about all we could muster. We decide to sleep in to 5:30 am.

Day 12 is supposed to be day off. Then we find a Rhino track and decided to follow it on the road. 5 k later he leaves the road. We take off on foot for about 2K and he loops back to the road. We follow another 10 k and he enters a large vlei with some green grass. This tracking goes from easy to impossible. A mile and a hour later he goes out of the vlei and into the bush after feeding. We find him sleeping under a tree 300 yards from the vlei. We all climb a nearby tree and make noise to wake him. Photos and video taken of him exiting stage left. We are probably the only people on earth that tracked a wild, non-private, non-park rhino. All told, a total of 19 km by GPS. Very cool.

That night we go to watch 50 or so ele's come to another water hole and then a lion roars, as it is nearly dark, we drive to him and find an absolute monster lying in very short grass. We get to 30 yards for some pics and video. He did not move. Rich said that he is the largest lion he has seen in the wild in 16 years of

hunting. He had a full Black main, past the shoulder. Then in the dark he roared as we left. I caught the sound on the video camera. This is about a mile from our camp. Chris did not sleep so soundly that night.



Day 13- OK, a earned day of rest, right? No more fires, mopane flys, or tracking in high heat. Another ele is on quota and unsold, but it would have to be a giant to consider. We were heading to check Kongoni Pan, again, and then off to Hwanke National Park for a leisure day. Well after an hour of driving we find, despite all efforts, the fire is burning, having moved over 10 miles, and has reached the Kongoni Block. We fight again, backfires, shovels, beating with sticks etc. At 11:30 Rich said to me lets go check the water hole in case something did happen here today. That's actually why we are here. We left the guys fighting fire and, with me driving and Chris with the video on riding shotgun, Cooke and Muzi on top, we go to Kongoni Pan. As I drive up Rich and Muzi start beating on the top of the cab. As I stop, we see a lone GIANT bull is at the water. Ribs showing, age sunken head and hips etc., with huge long black ivory. Rich jumps from the truck and proclaims, "Jaws, This is a Giant."



He leaves us and takes the truck and rushes back for the guys to abandon the fire and come. Muzi, Chris and I stay to watch him in case he moves into the forest. 30 minutes later all are back and we wait another hour for him to leave the waterhole. When he is 500 yards from the pan we move in. The wind is swirling and hits us in the back several times when we are only 50 yards from him. We decided to go in quickly. At 25 yards the wind goes straight to him as we get into position. He goes to the right. I take a 25 yd moving side-brain which doesn't down him but knocks him silly and he stops. A quick heart/lung follow and it is over as he collapses on the spot. As we approach Rich is beaming. These elephants are so big they are hard for me to judge. These Botswana and Wankie elephants of Zimbabwe are monsters. They are a minimum of a foot taller than Zambezi Valley elephants. This ivory was very long and thin? Well, he turns out to have 17" at the lip with 52"+ length outside, and ivory, very black with age. This guy was in his last year or so of life. I am still waiting, but possible 70 lbs, depending on the root cavity. A very Big Day for everyone.



**Day 14** saw another 50+ bull outside our camp and then a day of game viewing in Hwange Park, which is just across our boundary, separated by the Cape to Cairo railway. We saw another possible 70 lb. bull along with all the game in the park.

On our last hunting, **Day 15** we packed and took a quick sable drive and then left in a 100 F. for Vic Falls where we got a real shower and meal at the Ilala Lodge. We went fishing the next morning above the Falls in Richard's boat. When you go thru



rapids in that river you pay attention. Especially, when there is a croc greeting you at the boat dock. Rich caught two tigers on a fly, Chris one tigerfish and a monster 6 lb. yellowfish, me nothing as usual.

This trip was a special one. It is a privilege to be able to hunt these great beasts. We were among vast numbers of ele's everyday. The adult Bull count was over two hundred with a high of 31 in a day. All of these but a few were tracked and checked on foot. There were groups of 10 and 12 bulls together. Chris held a steady video camera while being stared down by many a massive elephant bull. That includes frontal confrontations at 15 and 13 yards on consecutive days. She learned trust, for sure. There was talk of a big bull, but never in my wildest dreams did I ever think things would work like this. We experienced a truly traditional safari with great company. Rich and Belinda Cooke (email at <a href="mailto:rookesafaris@microlink.zm">rookesafaris@microlink.zm</a> or <a href="mailto:safaris416@yahoo.com">safaris416@yahoo.com</a>) are a great team.

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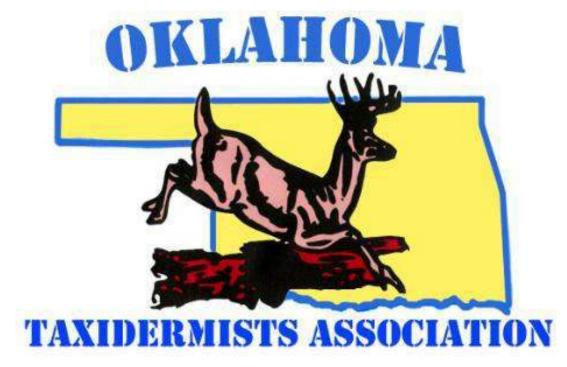
Hunting Team: Jim and Chris (video), <u>Richard Cooke PH, Gareth Dicker</u>-Appy, Video, and Camp Manager, <u>Silas - Muzi - Martin and Israel</u>-Trackers, and <u>Cheisa</u>- helpful Game Scout.

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### BOWERS CORNER



All my rifles are cleaned and put up for the year and the web browser is busy checking out draw requirements for next year's big game hunts across America. The shotguns are still warm with waterfowl still around, but this is the time on the year that I am SO glad I bow hunt!

The weather is finally getting to those low temps I grew up with in Northern MN, which means hunting season, and we finally gets some days off in the middle of the busy weeks and can head to the field without using our paid days off © And did I mention, big game hunting with a bow right now is at its best ©

Bow hunting Whitetails is my primary love, but there's so much more to do with a bow. In a couple months we will be down on the big lake with night lights bow fishing, In between there is target practice in the back yard with the kids and chest thumping shoot offs with the friends over at H&H computerized range. There is never really a time of year when one cannot use their bow and chase something

Another great thing about bow hunting is the availability of locations and tags. You can get seriously close to home hunting grounds with a bow in your hand. I have spots that are no more than 2 miles from my house and I live in the city © As for tag opportunities, they are almost a given in most states. Those states that you looked at and projected a 3-5 year draw wait you can probably get that same hunt with a bow in the very first year you put in.

Each of these topics really deserves a full page of discussion but for today let's talk about the first step, shooting a bow. I know of allot of folks that simply think they can't shoot a bow and I am here to tell you that is plain hog wash. Now, if you have a torn rotator cup or old shoulder issue from falling of a horse one to many times, then I say get yourself a cross bow and lets go hunt! If you aren't in that category then let's go get a bow.

Now don't go running to your buddies house and try and crank back with his 70 pound mean machine, it is not needed. Your first gun was not a 700 Mag with long range optics so let's start with the 223 or 30-30 version of bows you started hunting with.

The legal draw weight to hunt big game in most states is 40lbs. To compare today's bow to what you may have tried before, just know that my 11 year old pulls 20 pounds, 14 is up to 25, 16 year old is at 35 and my wife is at 42 – btw, those are just my girls © The advance of let off, triggers and overall design, I think that over 80% of adults can pull 40lbs and if not, start at 30 and work up to it in 3 or 4 weeks, yes, it will be that quick to get your unused muscles strengthened up.

The next most common rationalization I hear when people say they don't bow hunt is hitting a target. I will go back to the open sight 30-30 again and will say you couldn't hit a grapefruit 5 out of 5 at 30 yards when you started with it either. Well, you will be able to do just that at 10 yards the day you get your bow, within 15 days at 20 yards, and then depending on your eyes and drive, at 30 yards in a month. These new bows have sights that make it that easy. Now add that over 50% of deer are shot at less than 30 yards each year and more like 60% at less than 50, you are not missing out on anything that you would have been able to shoot if you had a rifle in your hands ©

The last comment I hear is, I don't have the patience to bow hunt. Well, I used to think that one too but once you get a bow in your hands in the field your patience level simply goes up. One thing that is a real helper on this is weather. We are sitting on our blinds and stands in late September and let me tell you, sitting still in nice warm weather is soooo mush easier © Playing the wind is no different with a bow or rifle and when you get to increase your opportunities across 5 months instead of 3 weeks you see that your rifle is just not needed.

If you don't believe me on any of this, drop me an email and lets go shoot. I personally have bows of all sizes and weights in my case and stopping by any of the local stores will open a target range at no cost for you to throw some darts. I will guarantee you walk out ith a new bow purchase and it will be the best money you have spent in a long long time!

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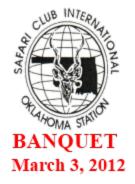
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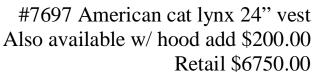




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BRIARWOOD SPORTING CLUB WHITETAIL HUNT FOR TWO HUNTERS: Our friends at Briarwood in Bellefontaine, Ohio have generously donated a 3-day hunt for two Northeastern Whitetail Deer. They have spent several years compiling the industry's best genetics to provide their clients with the largest whitetails in North America. Included are lodging, meals, beverages, guide, and a \$3,000 credit for two hunters toward the harvest of two trophy whitetails. Hunts start at \$4,000 for up to a 159" whitetail (up to 169" \$5000, 179" \$6000, 189" \$8000, 199" \$10,000 and bucks over 200" start at \$12,000). Method of take is hunter's choice. Hunter has option to upgrade and/or harvest additional animals. Additional hunters can book at a 10% discount from current price list. Briarwood has NO HUNTER DAILY FEES and is located 45 minutes Northwest of Columbus, Ohio. Hunt to be taken September 30- December 20, 2012. Taxidermy/shipping of trophy and gratuities are not included. While hunting at Briarwood, you will also have access to Ohio's best fishing. Try your luck in one of eleven lakes for largemouth bass, blue gill and perch, or cast a fly in one of their many streams for trophy Rainbow, Brook, Brown and Golden Trout. Donor Value: \$3,000.00 www.BriarwoodClub.com







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So, if hunting in Africa has been your dream, here is an excellent opportunity to help the Oklahoma Station Chapter of SCI and fulfill that dream at the same time.

You are bidding on the following: Full day fees (Daily Rate) for one hunter 1x1 (one hunter, one guide) and one observer (non hunting companion) for a full ten (10) days of hunting. **AND** your choice of **three** of these **five** trophy animals: impala, blesbuck, common springbuck, gray duiker, warthog. This is a \$7145 value. Additional animals may be added at current trophy fees, if quota is available. The observer may be upgraded to a 1x1 hunter for an additional \$220 per day plus trophy fees.

**This Package Includes**: Services of a licensed professional hunter (guide), hunting vehicle and support team. Pick-up and drop-off at Port Elizabeth Airport. Accommodations, meals, soft drinks, liquor, local beer and wines in reasonable quantities. Daily laundry service. Trophy fees for the included animals. Field preparation of trophies and delivery of trophies to a local taxidermist or shipping agent.

**This Package DOES NOT INCLUDE**: Any air travel, pre and post safari accommodations and meals. Trophy fees for animals taken in addition to those included in the package or animals wounded and lost. Hire of rifles and ammunition. Gratuities to professional hunter and staff. The preparation, packing, documentation and export of trophies from South Africa and all items of a personal nature.

If the winning bidder wishes to add additional days, they may do so at current rates. The safari can be taken in 2012 or 2013. We hunt mid-March to mid-August.

To reserve their preferred hunting dates the winning bidder MUST contact Joe or Barbara Dabney (see below) within 60 days of the auction closing date. Failure to do so may result in their having to accept what ever dates are available.

For additional information, or for help planning your hunt, contact Joe or Barbara Dabney at Mankazana Safaris North America, LLC, P.O. Box 177, Mountain View, AR 72560. 870-214-1028. Web site: <a href="https://www.mankazanasafaris.com">www.mankazanasafaris.com</a>, email: <a href="mainto:info@mankazanasafaris.com">info@mankazanasafaris.com</a>. Joe and Barbara plan to be at the Backwoods Hunting and Fishing Show in OK City the weekend before your fund raiser.









It's not often that a North-American dangerous-game hunt is available at our annual SCI Chapter banquet/auction.

The March 3rd, 2012 Oklahoma SCI auction will be special!

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SCI contact: Mike Mistelske

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Hunt: 10 days for Grizzly and Black Bear in Alaska, May, 2013,...in Jeff Chadd's <u>exclusive concessions</u> in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Number of Hunters: 1 Value: \$13,700





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Jeff has achieved an excellent reputation in all areas of his hunting business. By scheduling a small number of hunts, hand-picking your guides, maintaining his camps he demonstrates his absolute dedication to the commitment that was made when you booked your hunt.

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Jeff offers many high-quality hunts...

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...For Dall sheep, big moose, grizzly and black bear, talk with Jeff about his Alaska hunts.

...Contact Jeff by phone at either 970-901-7584 or 406-347-5401, or by email at sheephunter@majesticmountainoutfitters.com

If a grizzly is on your dream-hunt list, plan ahead now for the March 3rd, 2012, SCI Oklahoma Station Chapter banquet and auction; our Alaska hunt will include grizzly and black bear!

Once again, we'll be at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahloma City!

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# YOUTH WHITETAIL BUCK HUNT IN EASTERN-OKLAHOMA PROFESSIONALLY VIDEOED. THE ENTIRE FAMILY IS INVITED!







HICKORY RIDGE RANCH near Lamar, Oklahoma, includes 2,000 very wild acres under high fence and another 1,350 acres outside the fence, along the South Canadian River. The ranch is professionally managed for whitetail bucks, and it has deer scoring over 250". Owner Denver McCormick has made it possible to offer this very special youth hunt...for a big whitetail buck! The lucky young hunter may bring his parents & siblings, too! Professionally videoed by Bo Newsom!

Contact person: Denver McCormick, denvermccormick@yahoo.com, cell # 405-203-7555

Web: http://hickoryridgehunting.com SCI contact: Josh Jones

Type of hunt: One youth hunter for 3 Days/3 Nights for one whitetail buck

...may be accompanied by parents and siblings

Where/when: Eastern Oklahoma, near Lamar / Fall 2012

Value: \$8.500

Description: The youth hunter and his/her family are invited to arrive on the evening before the Oklahoma "Youth Deer Gun (Antlered)" season (usually mid-October). The young hunter will receive a fully-guided hunt, including any whitetail buck up to 140" (hunting may take place inside and/or outside the high-fenced area, as the guide directs). Hunting is conducted from first-class "Ranch King" blinds located near food plots, feeders, or other prime spots. The young hunter and his family will enjoy the full hospitality of the ranch (lodging, meals, and trail-riding on ATVs) for the duration of their stay. Parents and siblings may also hunt at prevailing rates.

### The young hunter is expected to have opportunity at a 140-class buck!

This exciting adventure will be captured in HD video and custom edited by award winning videographer and video editor Bo Newsom. Bo Newsom has produced, edited and filmed for dozens of national, top rated outdoor television programs including Mossy Oaks Hunting The Country, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World Hunting TV and Paul Newsom's Great Outdoors. Bo is a former Sr. Television producer for Cabela's TV, The World's Foremost Outfitter. Newsom's work has aired on The Outdoor Channel, V.S., ESPN, National Geographic Channel, Pursuit Channel, The Sportsman's Channel and Wild TV in Canada. This is one hunt that will be enjoyed year after year, generation after generation!

As an added bonus taxidermy work for a shoulder mount of the buck will be included. The young hunter must have passed the Oklahoma hunter safety training program and be properly licensed to hunt deer in the "Youth Deer Gun (Antlered)" season before arriving at the ranch. The only other expense not included is a gratuity for the guide.

Parents and siblings may relax and enjoy the accommodations, or ride ATVs.

On a controlled basis, as advised by the guide, family members may observe the youth's hunt. Family members may also enjoy the great hunting themselves, at current rates.





BRONZE: "HIGH TAIL"

26x18x11inches \* Edition Size: 350 Gallery Value: \$7,500.00

### ...a masterpiece of the renowned Master Sculptor, Lorenzo Ghiglieri...

Lorenzo Ghiglieri is known the world over for his faithful reproductions of North American wildlife. This beautiful White Tail buck can be recognized by the characteristic white underside to his tail, which he displays as an alarm signal during escape, thus earning the name, "HIGH TAIL".

The sheer power, magnificence and magnitude of the works of this modern American Master transcend description through mere words. The visual impact of his artwork speaks volumes and moves the uninitiated fine art admirer, the novice fine art collector and the seasoned fine art aficionado, alike.

The White House permanent collection is the home of Lorenzo's creation of "the official" AMERICAN BALD EAGLE; The Vatican houses his masterpiece, ST. FRANCIS OF ASSIZI, MAN OF PEACE; and his stunning MOTHER AND CHILD is the showpiece in the private collection of the incomparable Italian Tenor, Luciano Pavarotti.





## BRONZE: "LAST GLANCE"

26x18 inches \* Edition Limit: 250 Gallery Price: \$12,800.00

### ...a masterpiece of the renowned Master Sculptor, Lorenzo Ghiglieri...

This beautiful sculpture attests to the profound impact that a magnificent, lone bull elk can have upon any wilderness adventurer who witnesses the privilege of the "LAST GLANCE".

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### BRONZE: "LUCKY STRIKE"

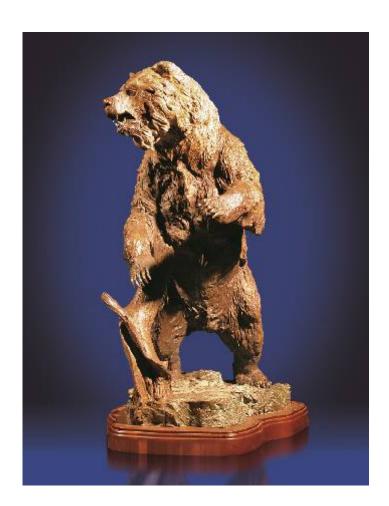
31x53x16 inches \* Edition Limit: 50 Gallery Value: \$33,500.00

### ...a masterpiece of the renowned Master Sculptor, Laran Ghiglieri...

An appreciation for the The Old West and its historical impact is part of the artistic legacy that Laran Ghiglieri has inherited. The Great Gold Rush of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century has romanced the collective American imagination and inspired this scene, where even a wild bear cannot deter the miner and his pack train from claiming the "LUCKY STRIKE".

A world class Master Sculptor, Laran follows his family's tradition of quality and excellence through visual arts. Born to a family of exceptional artists, he began designing and creating master works of art at age eleven.

Laran commands a dedicated following and has contributed to many spectacular monuments including a 14 ton, 33' tall bronze eagle. His moving sculptures range in theme from historical to wildlife to patriotic.





BRONZE: "PROVOKED"

32 inches \* Edition Limit: 850 Gallery Price: \$31,500.00

...a masterpiece of the renowned Master Sculptor, Lorenzo Ghiglieri...

"PROVOKED" is <u>not</u> a product of imagination. Only someone who has actually come face to face with such a specter, as Lorenzo Ghiglieri has himself, can create the formidable presence of a wild bear PROVOKED.

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## ONCE AGAIN, OUR GREAT GOOD FORTUNE!

### **ALFONSO FABRES**

ONE OF SCI'S OLDEST AND MOST STEADFAST SUPPORTERS

OUTFITTER AND GUIDE TO THE KING OF SPAIN



AN EXCITING PRIVILEGE TO OFFER THIS HUNT!

Contact person: Lucía López, Assistant to Sr. Fabres

BANQUET March 3, 2012

E-MAIL – <u>info@huntinspain.com</u> huntinspain@ctv.es

Web – http://www. huntinspain.com/

SCI-OK contact: Josh Jones

Adventure: Spanish big game and more!

Where: NW Spain, near beautiful Salamanca (and close to Portugal)

Date(s) of Trip: August 15, 2012 – February 15, 2013, subject to availability of outfitter

Value: \$9,200.00

**Description:** Unlimited hunting days and fee for any trophy fallow buck, even the largest gold medal. The hunt is valid until a trophy bull is collected or wounded. The number of days for this hunt is unlimited, however, the hunt is over if the trophy is collected, wounded or if 3 reasonable chances are missed. Other species of big game are available, but <u>it is not a requirement to take additional species</u>. Many other activities are also available.

Accommodation for this hunt is unique: an 18th century lodge which has been refurnished with all modern facilities. It is based in one of Spain's oldest bull-fighting ranches, where you will be able to see and take pictures of these free, impressive and beautiful animals in the wild and if you enjoy a challenge you are welcome to fight one of them.

If you are keen on culture and tradition, you will enjoy visiting nearby Salamanca, one of the best examples of Romanic and Gothic art in the World. It is full of Roman Bridges, Cathedrals, Castles and Monasteries, and a visit is highly recommended if you come with a companion on this trip. Salamanca was elected the European Capital of Culture in 2002.

#### INCLUDED:

- -HUNTING PERMIT TAG-TROPHY FEE-TROPHY SURCHARGES, even GOLD MEDAL
- -FULL ACCOMODATION, TRANSPORTATION, & 1x1 PROFESSIONAL HUNTER GUIDE
- -RED FOX, if found during the hunt, are also included

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- -Hotels while in Madrid
- -Hunting license & Insurance: \$290; -Export permit & Veterinary certificates: \$200
- -Extra daily rates while hunting other species: \$590/day (discounted from normal \$695); -Non hunting companion, \$250/day
- -18% V.A.T.

### PLEASE VISIT THE HUNTINSPAIN WEBSITE FOR MUCH MORE INFORMATION!

#### A great Oklahoma hunt for our 2012 auction!



Contact person: ODWC's 2007 "Landowner Of The Year", John Miller

Millerranch1@pldi.net, 580-334-8498 (cell)

A VALUED REPEAT SUPPORTER OF OUR OKLAHOMA CHAPTER!!

SCI contact: Joshua Jones

Here's a special opportunity: hunt with J & J HUNTING on the Miller Ranch in western Oklahoma for self guided Spring turkey!

Type of hunt: One hunter for 4 Days/5 Nights for two wild turkey

Where: Western Oklahoma, 16 miles from Arnett

Date(s) of Trip: 2012 or 2013 Spring turkey season

Value: US \$750

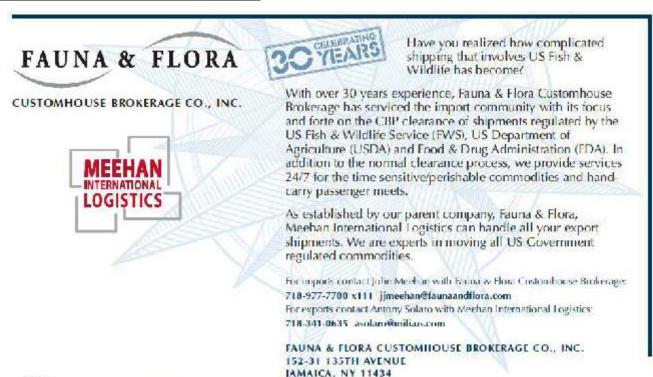
Description: Arrive on the afternoon before the hunt begins. After showing you to your accommodations in the bunkhouse ranch personnel will drive you around and orient you with the ranch while pointing out the best areas for turkey. The next morning, or for as long as necessary over the next four days, the hunter will guide their self on this turkey hunting adventure. Hunters at Miller Ranch are mainly after Rio Grande turkey although there is a good chance of taking a Merriam as well. Both species are extremely vocal birds which can lead to a very exciting hunt. If you love turkey hunting or simply enjoy a do it yourself hunt this is the adventure for you.



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#### CONSERVATION



#### **Triumph or Tragedy**

By Joshua Jones

Since the beginning of the 1900's hunters have been the driving force behind wildlife conservation. Here in Oklahoma there is no better example of this movement than our now over abundant population of whitetail deer. Much of this success can be attributed to revenues generated through fees and taxes related to hunting which are then put back into further conservation efforts. On a global scale this principle is embodied by the incredible recovery of rhinos. Once on the brink of extinction these massive mammals have been essentially brought back from the grave.

By the late 80's estimated rhino populations worldwide were barely over 10,000, this includes both species from Africa and the three Asian species. To emphasize how bleak the outlook was for rhinos the black rhino of Africa had fallen from roughly 60,000 individuals in 1970 to only 3,500 by 1988 and the Javan rhino of Asia only numbered around 50. These tragically low numbers of both African and Asian rhinos were the byproduct of poaching, the insatiable Asian market for rhino horn (which is used in traditional medicines), very few efforts to protect them, and for the Asian rhinos habitat loss was a major factor as well.

For two of the Asian species the future is still very dark. As of January 1, 2011 the Javan rhino was still holding around 50 individuals scattered throughout the small region known as Java although it was once widespread throughout India, Vietnam and Indonesia. Although the Javan rhino is not increasing in number conservationists can at least say it has not decreased any further. However this does not hold true for the Sumatran rhino. In 1988 these rhinos numbered around 900, but today the estimated population have fallen to only 200 in the wild.

There is a bright side however instead of all this doom and gloom. Thanks to intensive management programs both the black and white rhinos of Africa and the Indian rhino are recovering. Habitat preservation

and increased protection have allowed the Indian rhino to double in numbers from 1,200 in 1988 to 2,500 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2011. But even this drastic improvement cannot compare to the improvement seen in African rhinos.

Since the implementation of a management program in 1968 which includes the use of hunting as a management tool white rhino populations have skyrocketed. At the beginning of this new strategy estimated numbers for wild white rhino were only 1,800. Now in 2011 there are over 20,000 individuals in the wild.



(Taken by SCI Member in South Africa, 2009)

From 1988 to 2001 black rhino numbers continued to plummet with estimates as low as 3,100 left in the wild. Mainly this was due to a lack of funds to pay for conservation efforts. However in 2004 CITES voted to allow the annual hunting of ten black rhino. Since then current estimates have climbed back up to roughly 4,900.

The main reason these hunting based conservation strategies were so successful is money. Revenues from rhino hunts help to fund future conservation programs (including anti-poaching efforts) as well as putting cash into the pockets of locals and politicians, this in turn gives them a reason to want to keep rhino around. Along with generating much needed funding rhino hunts remove excess males from the population which although past breeding age may still prevent younger males from breeding. Based off the success of rhino hunting in Africa it would be reasonable to hope for similar results in Asia. This is assuming the Indian rhino reaches a level at which it is deemed stable enough to allow the harvest of a few individuals and that there will be a market for such hunts. However if these criteria are met the revenue generated could be used not only for the conservation of Indian rhinos but for the other two Asian species as well.



(Taken by SCI Member in South Africa, 2009)

So is the story of the world's rhinos going to play out as a triumph or tragedy? Poaching of rhino for their horn is still a major threat, especially with the constantly rising value of rhino horn on the Asian black market. Also the outlook remains bleak for two species and one day they may disappear forever. But there is hope. With the success of white rhino and the current recovery of black and Indian rhino one finds reason to believe these magnificent creatures can be saved.

#### UPDATE Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Vietnam's rare Javan rhinoceros was declared extinct in that area after poachers killed the last remaining animal in the country for its horns, the World Wildlife Fund said.

"Vietnam must see this loss as another warning sign of its looming wave of species extinctions," Dr. Barney Long, WWF's Asian species expert, said in a statement. "The single most important action that is needed to save remaining threatened species like tigers and elephants is protection."

The country had been struggling to keep the population alive amid widespread poaching that the WWF said was the cause of many Asian rhino species being brought to the "brink of extinction."

The WWF said people in certain parts of Asia believe the horns, when ground down and dissolved in boiling water, help treat typhoid fever or even cancer, the WWF said, noting that there has been no scientific proof of that.

The group said trying to bring the species back into the area won't work.

"Reintroduction of the rhinoceros to Vietnam is not economically or practically feasible," WWF's Asian Elephant and Rhino Program Coordinator Dr. Christy Williams said. "It is gone from Vietnam forever." So now, the Javan rhino only exists in one area in the world, according to the WWF.

The group reported that there is one population of less than 50 animals in the Ujung Kulon National Park in Java, Indonesia. Now, workers will turn their attention there, working with anti-poaching patrols to hopefully keep the species from going extinct.

"For the Javan rhino, we now have to focus entirely on one site in Indonesia where strengthened protection is needed along with fast-tracking the proposed translocation and habitat management," Long said.

Post by: CNN news blog editor Mallory Simon

http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/25/last-rare-rhinoceros-in-vietnam-killed-by-poacher-group-says/



Oh what a December © The bells of cheer heard throughout the land, smiles in no short supply, and the bustle of the holiday season upon us. The weather was shifting and the hunting seasons were changing so everyone in Oklahoma knew that Christmas time was soon at hand. We at SCI had all of the same cheer and spirit and had a GRAND Christmas day out at Hickory Ridge Ranch in late December.

All the folks at HRR did such a good job of hosting us rough necks and keeping everyone doing things through the day. The food was spectacular at



Great food in a Great Environment

every meal, the environment was beautiful and warm, and even sitting out by the bon fire with jackets to keep the wind of our necks was very comfortable.

Through the day some of us got into a little friendly fire fight with shotguns as our weapon of choice. WE shot singles and also a fun game of elimination with the shooter after you knocking you out if they hit your missed clay. Now us none of us are ranked clay shooters (OK, that were



Just making some noise and looking out across Lamar Oklahoma

present anyway) we did have our share of misses but I do know one young man who changed his Christmas wish for the year after getting done with a dozen rounds. A simple tip on how to hold the gun and he didn't seem to be able to miss ©

Another thing we did through the day and night was get some game time and target practice in in HHR's computerized bow range. With a 20 yard setup and such a spectacular room setup, I must say this was more fun than being in the woods .. well, maybe not, but as close as you can come. If you have never done Computerized bow

shooting, find a range and give it a try! Through the rounds rounds mini of tournaments we went though I must confess I have plenty of pics of bad shots and even



some proof of end One of many good shots through the day

scores which may be debated for decades, but I think I will leave those out for now ©

For those less adventurous with the hardware there were ranch tours going on through the whole day and to say the visual enticements were stunning would be doing an injustice. Seeing a 200 Inch Whitetail on the hoof, or 400 Inch Elk just grazing around is just breath taking. There were turkeys cruising around causing noise as they seemingly never stop messing with each other and I am sure many other critter sightings I just don't remember.

HRR is definitely a premier ranch for any place in the world and we are very proud that it is right here in Oklahoma. So the next time you want a great day out! have 2 ideas for you: 1 – Become a member of Oklahoma Station Safari Club International as this whole day was free to ALL SCI members, and/or 2 – get ahold of the folks out at HRR and book a hunt or day visit and go see what stunning really is! ©

MERRY CHRISTMAS All and her's to a Happy New

Year filled with tags a plenty and a new problem in life thrying to figure out where to hang all the new mounts!!





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#### **Project WILD**

#### What is Project WILD?

Project WILD provides educators with the tools, training and resources needed to engage students in active, hands-on learning about wildlife and the environment. The program focuses on developing students' critical thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills through the use of cross-curricular lessons that are designed to address diverse teaching and learning styles. A balanced approach to key environmental issues teaches students how to think, not what to think about wildlife and the environment.

The activity guides are available only by participating in interactive, hands-on, fun workshops. Workshop participants gain valuable experience in using the guides, selecting and conducting activities to meet curriculum requirements and improve their content knowledge.

Since 1984, over 22,000 Oklahoma educators have attended an Oklahoma Project WILD workshop and been certified in Project WILD, Flying WILD or Science and Civics. Oklahoma Project WILD is a program of the University of Central Oklahoma and is funded in part by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

For more information about OK Project WILD please contact:

Lisa Anderson

Phone: (405) 990-1292

okprojectwild@fullnet.net

Program website: http://www.okprojectwild.org

#### Oklahoma National Archery in the Schools Program

#### The Program

"The OAIS program allows our special needs students to participate on an even playing field with their peers."

- Carla Buck, Physical Education Teacher, Mustang Public Schools



"Teaching Archery to Elementary & Middle School students has added diversity and excitement to P.E. class! It has brought our students, parents, teachers & community together & the excitement is contagious!"

- Misti Mitchell-Bain, Comanche Public School Physical Education Director/Teacher

"While teaching the OAIS course curriculum I noticed that student attendance was near 100 percent and the students' self discipline was greatly improved."

-Colby Cagle, Teacher, Bethel Public Schools

Schools across the country are discovering an exciting new program that hits the bullseye in meeting the physical education needs of their students. Through the Oklahoma National Archery in the

Schools (OKNASP) Program, students have the chance to excel today, tomorrow and throughout a lifetime in the unique sport of archery. The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), of which OKNASP is a part, is a coordinated effort and partnership between schools, state wildlife agencies and the nation's archery industry.

In Oklahoma, OKNASP promotes physical education by providing target archery training to the state's youth.

Designed for 4th-12th graders, the curriculum covers archery history, safety, techniques, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement.

**How can your school join the program?** Teachers attend an eight-hour National Archery Association training class taught by certified Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation instructors. They return to their schools fully prepared to teach the two-week archery course to their students.

What is required of teachers? Teachers must simply attend a free one-day workshop conducted by OKNASP certified instructors. Topics covered will include range set up, running a safe archery range, building student skills, equipment maintenance and more. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please contact the OKNASP coordinator. Once a teacher has completed the training course, their school is eligible to purchase an equipment kit.



To learn how to bring this exciting program to your school, contact:

• Coordinator <u>Justin Marschall</u> at (405) 522-1857

More information about the program

#### Oklahoma Aquarium



The Aquarium is gaining a reputation as a top destination spot in northeast Oklahoma. The Aquarium, located along the bank of the Arkansas River in Jenks, features 200 exhibits, including a 400,000-gallon shark tank. The facility also showcases many of Oklahoma's native fish species.

To complement its recreational appeal, the Aquarium also has five "wet labs" where students can conduct freshwater and marine experiments. As a whole, the facility functions as a learning laboratory for students of all ages. Along with a wide array of natural exhibits, the Aquarium will offer plenty of thrills, including a shark viewing dome that puts visitors within inches of these majestic fish.

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Tulsa-area offices are located at the Aquarium complex.

"We encourage everyone who comes by the Aquarium to stop in and see us," said Colin Berg, education supervisor for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. "Visitors can stop in and pick up a Hunting Guide, buy a fishing license or find out about other Department services."

Oklahoma Aquarium offers discounts for hunters and anglers

It pays to be a hunter or angler - at least it does at the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks.

Hunters and anglers who show their Oklahoma hunting or fishing license at the Aquarium will receive \$2 off the regular admission price every Tuesday through the end of the year.

For more information about the Oklahoma Aquarium call (918) 296-FISH (3474), or go to their Web site at okaquarium.org.

Other general information and directions to the Aquarium are available on the Aquarium's web site Oklahoma Aquarium. To contact the Aquarium call (918) 296-FISH (3474).

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The author of the original communication writes:

This may interest you. I talked with this young lady yesterday afternoon. This is what what told me: She had been bow hunting elk using a cow call near Headquarters, Idaho.

She changed her position and was crossing an open meadow when the wolf appeared at the edge. It saw her and the wind was blowing directly from her to the wolf. She raised her arms and waved them to catch it's attention, it came straight for her. The bow was dropped and the **S&W M-29 44 Magnum** was deployed. She made the 1st shot at about **10 feet**, hitting it above the left eye. It dropped and changed direction, trying to get away after the shot. She shot it again in the lungs, then a 3rd time in the neck. It took two men to lift it into the pick-up.



She's a tall woman, about 5' 11" and pretty tough. She hunts bear and cougar with hounds - her own hounds! Her husband is a long range shooter and is adept at making 600 plus yard shots. The lady, however, is the one who busts the brush with bow or rifle. The wolf's size comes into perspective when you compare her size to it.

Another report was received this week was from **Tim Johnson** of <u>Fishhawk Guides</u> in Clarkston, the fellow who donates fishing trips to our Elmer Keith Shoots each year. He reports: "One of my Idaho Outfitter friends hunted a group of out-of-state elk archery hunters from the Great Lakes region last week and they called in a pack of 17 wolves by cow calling. None of the hunters had a sidearm or wolf tag and it was a very traumatic experience as the wolves surrounded the hunters! All hunters went home early very disturbed claiming these wolves are very different from the Great Lakes wolves as they claimed these Idaho wolves actually "Hunt" you and were

Outdoor have definitely taken on new dimensions of excitement since the save the wolf movement. Anyone for berry picking without a sidearm?

#### PEARL HARBOR MISTAKES,

Another chapter in the Providential History of the United States of America. God bless us! A very different and interesting conclusion of the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor.

Tour boats ferry people out to the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii every thirty minutes. We just missed a ferry and had to wait thirty minutes. I went into a small gift shop to kill time. In the gift shop, I purchased a small book entitled, "Reflections on Pearl Harbor" by Admiral Chester Nimitz.

Sunday, December 7th, 1941--Admiral Chester Nimitz was attending a concert in Washington D.C. He was paged and told there was a phone call for him. When he answered the phone, it was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He told Admiral Nimitz that he (Nimitz) would now be the Commander of the Pacific Fleet. Admiral Nimitz flew to Hawaii to assume command of the Pacific Fleet. He landed at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1941. There was such a spirit of despair, dejection and defeat. You would have thought the Japanese had already won the war.

On Christmas Day, 1941, Adm. Nimitz was given a boat tour of the destruction wrought on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Big sunken battleships and navy vessels cluttered the waters everywhere you looked. As the tour boat returned to dock, the young helmsman of the boat asked, "Well Admiral, what do you think after seeing all this destruction?"

Admiral Nimitz's reply shocked everyone within the sound of his voice. Admiral Nimitz said, "The Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could ever make, or God was taking care of America. Which do you think it was?"

Shocked and surprised, the young helmsman asked, "What do mean by saying the Japanese made the three biggest mistakes an attack force ever made?"

Nimitz explained: Mistake number one: the Japanese attacked on a Sunday morning. Nine out of every ten crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave. If those same ships had been lured to sea and been sunk--we would have lost 38,000 men instead of 3,800. Mistake number two: when the Japanese saw all those battle - ships lined in a row, they got so carried away sinking those battleships, they never once bombed our dry docks opposite those ships. If they had destroyed our dry docks, we would have had to tow everyone of those ships to America to be repaired. As it is now, the ships are in shallow water and can be raised.

One tug can pull them over to the dry docks, and we can have them repaired and at sea by the time we could have towed them to America. And I already have crews ashore anxious to man those ships. Mistake number three: Every drop of fuel in the Pacific theater of war is on top of the ground in storage tanks five miles away over that hill. One attack plane could have strafed those tanks and destroyed our fuel supply.

That's why I say the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could make, or God was taking care of America. I've never forgotten what I read in that little book. It is still an inspiration as I reflect upon it. Admiral Nimitz was able to see a silver lining in a situation and circumstance where everyone else saw only despair and defeatism.

President Roosevelt had chosen the right man for the right job. We desperately needed a leader that could see silver linings in the midst of the clouds of dejection, despair and defeat.

There is a reason that our national motto is, "IN GOD WE TRUST." And it must remain our motto, if we are to be the GREAT nation who returned from the brink of destruction and despair to be the greatest nation on earth which is "the home of the free and the home of the brave."

#### Mike:

I purchased the Deer Hunt on the Miller Ranch at last years banquet and attached is a picture of the deer I took on Thanksgiving morning. Due to my work schedule, I only had 1 and 1/2 days to hunt and was very pleased to take the deer I did. The real trophy on this trip was getting to know John Miller and his family. They were very open and friendly and helpful. John agreed to accommodate my schedule without any qualms and was a great help in skinning and quartering the deer for transportation. Great country, good folks and a pretty deer, it doesn't get any better.

#### Tom Walton



#### <u>UPDATE ON WESTERN GREAT LAKES WOLF</u> DELISTING

Yesterday the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will be issuing a final rule removing gray wolves from the list of endangered and threatened species in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and in portions of adjoining states. Safari Club International (SCI) lauds Secretary Salazar for again attempting to return these recovered wolves to state management.

This rule will become final 30 days after it is published in the *Federal Register* and at that point state game agencies will be tasked with the future management of gray wolves. There are over 4,000 wolves in the Western Great Lakes population segment, a number which far exceeds the species' recovery goals. The FWS and states achieved those wolf recovery goals over a decade ago.

This is the FWS's third attempt to delist these recovered wolves. The previous attempts were reversed after the delistings were challenged by anti-hunting groups and overturned by federal courts. "While the announcement of the delisting of wolves in the Western Great Lakes is a positive step, the FWS has attempted to delist these recovered wolves twice before, only to be thwarted by environmental radicals who used litigation as a weapon to the detriment of sportsmen and species," stated SCI President Kevin Anderson. "Safari Club fully expects the same environmental groups to once again employ costly and dilatory litigation tactics to attempt to stop this reasonable delisting of the recovered gray wolf."

SCI has gone to court to defend each previous attempt by the FWS to delist the Western Great Lakes wolves and will likely do so again in any future litigation challenge to this latest delisting. SCI has defended hunters in numerous court cases over wolves since 2001 and is the uncontested leader advocating for wolf delisting. SCI strongly supports returning wolf management to the states and successfully lobbied for federal legislation to prevent legal challenges to the delisting of recovered wolves in Montana and Idaho. SCI continues to advocate for the same legislative solution to be adopted to prevent legal challenges to the Western Great Lakes delisting.

"If the Endangered Species Act worked as intended, the delisting of recovered species would be as easy as listing them," stated SCI Chief Communications Officer Larry Rudolph. "SCI will continue to advocate for much needed ESA reforms so species, like the gray wolf, do not find themselves stuck on the endangered species list long after recovery is achieved."

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