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I can't believe its August already. The summer flew by but I guess that's OK because it is bringing us closer to hunting season! It wasn't an uneventful summer though, the outdoors sports world is bigger than ever and with the global events and world records set by the folks that set them I see a great trend ☺

I try and stay out of politics and things that are opinionated (OK, I don't, I actually like them) and

this summer has shown some great trends and make my heart smile. Beginning with movie topics and wolf delisting, leading into no talk about tougher gun control with the horrendous events of the summer, and add in the kids records, the Olympic inclusions and support for guns and bows, and the publicity that archery sports got, I see the world moving in stride to a conservationists mind set.

I am by no means saying the fight is over and we need to let down our guards, but instead, now is the time to start inviting everyone you know into the outdoors world. The number of ladies hunting and fishing is the fastest growing segment, kids are signing up and taking courses in school, and everywhere you look there is another group popping up to do some type of outdoor activity together – it is a great time in our world. Now go invite your wife, kids and neighbors to go sight in the rifle or bow and see if we can't get back to the hunting camps of the past and build our own lore.

OKSSCI now has a Facebook page. We are busy posting news and info for our Oklahoma folks and trying to keep up on the big topics as well as posting available opportunities for our members,. Run over the <http://facebook.com/oklahomastationsci> and give us a like, you will be ahead of our Safari Trails on allot of things but we still hold the great stories and some high points for this space. You will also find live videos as well as saved videos. We have 10 or so minutes from Governor Fallin speaking on gun and hunting topics and after watching it you will find out why I say our Oklahoma Governor rocks! ☺

OK, enough with the politics, ITS ALMOST HUNTING SEASON! Have you gotten your food plots planted? Next month is the sweet time for making that move. If you keep an eye on the weather and pray for a touch of rain, planting some deer herbs will really help your season and you heard out. A beat type plant will be your favorite hangout come December (sorry rifle guys this is for us bow hunters). The beats will stay good through the frost and frozen ground and the deer will dig at them to get them up for their high dietary needs of the winter.

Thankfully in Oklahoma we have farms, and allot of them, so if you are in one of those areas with allot of product, then the best move is to talk to your farmer and his neighbors. Come the end of October those bean fields are going to be gone and some of the other fields too. So just because your trail cams say the deer are funneling through a spot by the hundreds does not mean it will be so from Mid October to late November.

You have to move with the deer. Planting your own special leafy plot of greens will keep the deer on your trails. See if it is OK and a rule I always go by is to never use anything perennial (it grows year after year). The problem with perennials is your hunt area changes and the farmer in the area won't like it if you plant something that may spread into his area year after year. Best to stay safe and plant annuals.

Once you have your area, always make sure you put up stands or ground blinds for north and south wind directions. We primarily have south winds in Oklahoma but during the later months we get more frequent North winds so put up a second stand set for that wind direction – those are the blissful days in the woods where deer seem to be running everywhere. Speaking of blinds, get off the field. A small pocket field has enough cover for deer to step in early, but those big wheat fields not so much.

If you want to shoot a trophy this year you need to have a stand in the woods. Those big boys won't show you their racks in a field during daylight hours. If you setup under some cover you may see less deer, but the quality will be better. I like to get 30-50 yards off the field near water or just where the real thick stuff joins the thinner stuff. You only get 50-100 yards of view this way but the big boys know that and will work through there with more ease and will give you an opportunity during daylight hours.

Once you have your spots picked out, get the stands in there early. It takes a week for a deer to get comfortable around a new thing in his woods. I'm not saying it never happens, but putting a stand or blind up a couple days before season does not work. I have put blinds up in the middle of fields before and after a week the deer will walk right by it but for the first week or two you don't even see a deer in the field. The sooner the better is the rule to go by on this.

If you need a place to hunt, look into some sports clubs around but if you really want huge options and opportunities, learn to shoot a bow or cross bow. The public land of Oklahoma is spectacular and due to driving distances, I normally hunt them as much or more than my set aside farm land. There are more deer than you would believe on most of the public lands and if you scout and hunt them like your lease, you will have success!

As much as I would love to give you all my tricks and tips, I only have so much space and time to work in. You will find more great info and opportunities though out this quarter's publication and on our Facebook page which is going to light up with truckloads of info over the next 4 months. So get your plan together, gather your resources and LETS GO HUNTING!

Network (aka Larry W Gerads) Larry

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Hunting on Six Continents

M. William Lockard, Jr.
Past President, Oklahoma Station
Safari Club International

Growing up with a father who enjoyed hunting and fishing I learned to shoot a rifle and bait a hook at an early age. He set up a target range in the basement of our house so we could practice often with a .22 rifle. Years later I was fortunate to be a member of the 2nd Air Force Rifle Team that won the “1957 Strategic Air Command Championship.”

For several years I hunted deer with my brother-in-law, Fred Percival, and a friend, Bill Wendt, on the Percival ranch in Colorado. Then Bill Wendt and I began yearly hunting trips to various western states. Through the 60's and 70's we took several 21-day horseback trips into British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon Territory. These were wonderful experiences hunting in the Canadian Rockies for Big Horn, Dall and Stone sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, moose, grizzly bear, and caribou.

To feel the exhaustion of the steep climb, the narrow ledges, loose rock, and sometimes crawling for several yards over sharp rocks, stalking wild animals is a most exhilarating experience; and then to stand on top of a great mountain and look out over the awesome vista. WOW! What a blessing to witness God's beautiful world and know you are a small part of the over-all plan! Beginning in the 80's forward I hunted for musk ox and polar bear in the Northwest Territories, caribou in Quebec, moose in Newfoundland, and brown bear in Alaska.



Over the past 55 years and 47 international hunting trips, I have had the fantastic adventure of experiencing many diverse customs and cultures on six continents, plus the added joy of having my wife Suzanne join me on 28 of those trips. She chooses not to go up the mountains or into the Arctic. However, she has spent the night with me high in a tree, on the ground surrounded by thorn bush for protection from a nosey lion, in a rodent-infested mud hut, in a thatched hut with dirt floor and an occasional jumping spider or two, and many tented camps throughout Africa.

Suzanne and I slept on a bed with rope springs and straw mattress in India and she spent three nights in the front seat of a truck with a Jaguar prowling around outside in South America. On one occasion in Tanzania, she was holding the tent together during a strong wind and rainstorm while a pack of hyenas rummaged around in the camp. The professional hunter and I were miles away hunting lion and endured the storm while sleeping on the ground. She tried to convince me that she had the worst of it; she was at least dry in her tent. There are not many women who would endure such unusual accommodations and adventures; yet, we believe our shared experiences have enriched our lives and broadened our horizons, and brought us closer together as we survived.

I give her great empathy when she survived a Malaria attack after a safari in Central African Republic. Sue is thinking of someday writing a book on “Bad Bathrooms of the World”...and she should know! But, before you give her too much sympathy and me

too much grief, you should know that we have also stayed in several lovely old inns, dating from the 1700's, while hunting in Spain and in very nice homes on sheep ranches in South Africa and New Zealand. In the home of the Minister of Agriculture in Turkmenistan, we attended a traditional Turkmen wedding celebration. After one safari we spent an enjoyable week in Egypt floating down the Nile and another weekend in Marrakesh, Morocco. We have stayed in London and other times in Paris to enjoy the theater for a few days following some hunting trips. Also, did you know that the London subway has a direct line from Heathrow airport to the front door of Harrods and the exclusive shops on Beauchamp Street?..... Suzanne knows.

Other great experiences include hunting polar bear for 16 days on a dogsled in minus 25-50 degrees and sleeping in igloos. I learned how to get off the sled quickly when it broke through the thin ice. Sue and I hunted Asiatic buffalo with only a map and compass in Australia's unmapped aborigine outback. We then fished in the Arafura Sea around the uninhabited islands off the north coast for seven days, miraculously surviving nine hours of 'the perfect storm' with 15-20 waves before reaching a safe island to beach our boat; hunting ibex in the Tarus mountains in Turkey for seven days, sleeping in caves; hunting Bezoar ibex on the steep canyon walls between Turkmenistan and Iran; hunting the beautiful Trans-Caspian Urial sheep and Russian Saiga antelope in Kazakhstan by the Caspian Sea and eating fresh sturgeon with buckets of black caviar and too much vodka.

A truly fun experience was a month-long hunt in Mongolia for Maral stag and Siberian Roe deer in the

northern forest riding and occasionally racing with the Mongols on their small Mongolian ponies; then hunting Argali sheep and ibex in the Gobi Desert; hunting Goitered gazelle using a small group of camels to stalk the gazelles. (My advice! Don't drink camel's milk.) I was among the first Americans to successfully hunt the very rare Sichuan Takin in the mountains of Sichuan Province in China.

Suzanne stayed in Katmandu while I was flown by helicopter into the Himalayas and let off at 10,000 feet. From there, with porters and Sherpa guides I spent 16 days hunting on foot for the rare Himalayan Bharal

(blue sheep) whose natural range is 14-17,000 feet. The mountains get steeper every year for me with only thin air to breath. I swore that was my last mountain hunt (1989); and, I have said that after each of the eight mountain hunts since then and I really meant it; however, there is something special about hunting in the mountains.



In 1997, I hunted the magnificent Marco Polo sheep to complete my quest for a grand slam of the "Wild Sheep of the World." After 25 hours continuous travel time, first by plane to Alma Ata, Kazakhstan and then by car to Bisheek, Kyrgyzstan; changing to a Russian jeep at 4:00 AM and bribing an armed Russian road block with two bottles of vodka and some money, we arrived at our base camp at 11,000 ft. near the Chinese-Kyrgyz border at lunch time.

After lunch, with no time to rest, we rode out on little Mongolian ponies for over four hours into the nearby valleys looking for sheep. I fell asleep and almost dropped off my horse on the way back to camp. We spent two days searching many peaks and valleys for sheep.

The third day, on a high ridge just above 13,000 ft. overlooking mountain ranges as far as I could see into China, I was successful in taking a magnificent 13-year-old specimen just as it began to snow heavily. Descending to the valley, the snow stopped. Riding three hours back to camp by moonlight with the beautiful Marco Polo ram tied to the spare horse was the end of a perfect day.

Two days later I rode out with my non-English speaking Kyrgyz guide looking for a Mid Asian ibex, and it began to snow again. About halfway up the mountain the snow was knee deep on the horses, and they kept falling on the slippery and loose rocks underneath. It was risky to ride under these conditions, so we dismounted and continued to climb until we became engulfed in a whiteout with blizzard-type winds. We fortunately decided to stand still with our backs to the wind and use the horses to block the wind. It was so cold my camera froze. About 40 minutes later, the blizzard abated, and we were only 10 paces from a sheer drop off to a bottom I could not see. After giving thanks, I turned and headed down the mountain and back to camp. I didn't need one more ibex that bad.

Completing 47 international hunting trips, including 13 Shikaris in Asia and 13 Safaris in Africa, and collecting all of the dangerous African game, including two elephants, two lions, leopard, eight buffalo and bison, rhinoceros, and five bear species, I have fortunately experienced only three heart stoppers:

Nile buffalo charging from the tall grass to within four feet, rhinoceros at eight paces, and a Mid-Eastern brown bear charging from eight feet in the mountains of northern Turkey by the

light of a full moon.

Some of my fondest memories are hunting ducks with my six-year-old son before I took him to afternoon kindergarten; hunting with him in Alberta for moose and elk during his junior year in high school; and hunting sheep, moose, and caribou in the Yukon for his high school graduation present. We enjoy many fishing trips, pheasant and deer hunts now that he is an adult. And more fun is hunting pheasants, pigs, deer and fishing with four grandsons. Who says you can't live your life adventures over again!

Looking backward I am amazed at how rapidly the years seem to have passed. I asked Suzanne, "Did you really enjoy all that as much as I did?" She laughed and agreed it has been a wonderful life of adventure.

All of these experiences can best be summed up in that wonderful song:

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider
all the works they hand hath made.
I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder; Thy power
throughout the universe displayed.
When through the woods and forest glades I wander I
hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountains grandeur and
hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
O Lord, how great Thou art*





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Safari Club International Annual Convention, February 2, 2012**

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- SCI's Crowning Achievement Award

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Governor Fallin Presents to Winner – From Left to Right: Ryan Dunkerson (VP), Nathan Walker, Brent Fleming (Winner), Mary Fallin (Oklahoma Governor), Wesley Womack (Treasurer), Elizabeth Crabtree (Secretary), Kevin Allen (Club Advisor)

On August 7th, 2012 in the Blue Room at the State Capital, Governor Fallin presented four rifles to Brent Fleming of Atlanta, KS. This event was the culmination of a fund raising effort by the OSU Shotgun Sports Club to support Club activities and to add to their MidwayUSA Foundation account. The Club was given by MidwayUSA the set of four super grade, Winchester Model 70 “nearly perfect rifle set” of which only 100 sets are made every year. The Club raised \$10,000, kept \$5,000 and sent \$5,000 back to MidwayUSA where they matched it with \$15,000 for a total addition to the Clubs’ foundation account of \$20,000. The gun set came in 22-250, 270 Winchester, 300 Winchester magnum, and 375 H&H magnum.

During the presentation, Governor Fallin delivered a very good speech on Second Amendment rights and many subjects relevant to our Oklahoma and National conservation. Click the picture to the right to have a listen. It is very heartwarming to know our top government figures have our back!



Governor Mary Fallin Speaks on Conservation and Second Amendment Issues



Approved Project:

Due to recent changes with the STEP program, ODWC is requesting that the \$15,000 that the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International had earmarked for an additional trailer be reallocated to provide 10 \$1,500 grants to Oklahoma Schools that agree to implement the Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program. Grants may be for a variety of equipment including clay target throwers, guns, gun safes etc.. Any item purchased with grant dollars donated by Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International will include a decal with the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International logo affixed to it if possible. The OKSSCI Board Voted to increase to \$20,000.

ODWC Background Information

Recent Changes to STEP:

The ODWC recently moved the oversight of the Department's Shotgun Training Education Program (STEP) back to the Information/Education Division. Damon Springer was selected to fill the vacant coordinator position as of June 1, 2012. With the migration of STEP back to I&E we spent some time discussing the current and future direction of STEP.

STEP History:

The STEP program has been in existence for 15 years and was initially developed to address waterfowl hunters concerns regarding the mandate of non-toxic shot.

STEP events during the first five years focused on hosting events for avid waterfowl hunters. Considerable time was spent reviewing lethality information for non-toxic shot including information on the importance of pattern testing, learning to judge distance and most of all the difference of steel shot performance compared to historically used lead shot. Hands-on shooting with their own firearms and steel shot ammunition supplied by the Department was the primary focus at these events.

As non-toxic shot became more acceptable the program began focusing on one-day shooting clinics for beginners at open to the public events or specific events for groups. At this same time the ODWC began working with FFA to develop an FFA shooting sports program. This program has steadily grown over the past 10 years, but unlike all other ODWC education programs there has not been a training component for teachers or any grants to schools from the ODWC. Due to the overwhelming interest by schools we are planning to migrate a portion of the funds spent on one day events to a grant program for schools to purchase equipment so they can incorporate a scholastic shooting sports program into their in-school curriculum.

Other ODWC In-School Education Programs History:

Archery in Schools: Eight years ago, the ODWC became the primary sponsor of the Oklahoma National Archery in Schools Program. When we began OKNASP, the ODWC opted to provide partial grants to outfit schools with equipment kits. The program has only been operated within the school system and grown from 10 schools to over 310 schools involved. Since these schools all have their own equipment kits, they spend an average of 8 weeks participating in archery. Last year an average of 122 students participated in each schools archery program (37,820 participants)

Hunter Education: Three years ago, the ODWC began using its own Hunter Education curriculum that was authored by the University of Central Oklahoma. The decision to create our own curriculum was based upon the belief that if it was Oklahoma specific it would be an easier fit within Oklahoma Schools. 95 of our OKNASP teachers taught HE as part of their in-school curriculum this last year. This was the second year that HE was offered through our in school program. Over 6,000 students have been certified during the last two years at school. Teachers spend an average of 3 ½ weeks teaching the in-school HE course.

Another major benefit of producing our own HE curriculum has been a significant cost savings. Prior to having our own curriculum the ODWC was paying \$2.50 per copy for a generic curriculum. Today, our cost is .59 per copy and it is available on-line for download free of charge. This savings has allowed for expansion into another in-school program that compliments both OKNASP and HE.

Our goal is to have 75% of our OKNASP schools involved in teaching Hunter Education during the 2013 school year. If the average number of students holds true this would mean over 6,000 students will receive HE at school during the 2013 school year. At our traditional hunter education courses we certify 13,000-15,000 students a year. Combining these two numbers you can see how our total certification begins to grow. We will explain more how we are tracking their transition into being active hunters at the meeting on July 9th.

Explore Bowhunting: Two years ago the Department partnered with the Archery Trade Association (ATA) to offer a bowhunting program to our OKNASP teachers. We were part of the ATA pilot program for Explore Bowhunting and were one of the only states to offer it specifically within the school system. During year one, 10 Oklahoma schools participated as pilot schools. This past year 63 schools taught portions of the Explore Bowhunting curriculum at school. The schools spent an average of six weeks covering the curriculum and averaged 63 students per class (3,969 students).

This year ATA has committed an additional 63 kits to the Department and we are purchasing 17 kits to train 80 more teachers. Since some of these teachers teach at more than one of our OKNASP schools (Elem., JR High and High School) we estimate that there will be 200 schools involved in the Explore Bowhunting program during the 2013 school year.

Oklahoma Fishing in Schools: Last year 40 of the 63 EB, HE, OKNASP trained schools also were certified to teach our Oklahoma Fishing in the Schools (OKFITS) program. At this time we do not have any numbers in regards to the fishing in school program, due to it being offered after our late winter teacher survey. However, we believe the numbers will be comparable to the OKNASP numbers in regards to participation. This year we have allocated enough money to certify and provide equipment kits to 100 more teachers. This will get us again close to 200 actual schools involved in the program.

Currently we are using our one-day fishing clinic instructor booklet, but plans are underway for the Department to develop a school specific fishing curriculum with activities and correlations that make it easier for teachers to implement. Again at our traditional one day events we have averaged 15,000-20,000 participants per year. By this time next year, we anticipate that over 20,000 kids will have participated in the OKFITS program during the 2013 school year. Thus in just two years of being in the school system we will have doubled the number of participants.



Why are we migrating to in-school programs:

Research has shown that both current and future hunters need the following along their path to becoming and continuing as lifelong hunters/shooters and anglers.

1. A positive threshold experience.
2. Access to equipment.
3. Access to the resource.
4. A Guide.
5. Social Support.

These five needs were identified more than 20 years ago through research conducted by Bruce Mathews at Cornell University. However, until the last few years natural resource agency education programs including those administered by ODWC only addressed these needs at single day events.

Today Oklahoma youth while at school are involved with programs that meet the above needs on an every-day basis via our suite of in-school education programs. As stated above there are 310 schools actively involved in OKNASP, 95 teachers are also teaching hunter education, 63 of the 95 also taught Explore Bowhunting, and 40 of the 63 taught our Oklahoma Fishing in the Schools Program this past year.

Of the above, quite possibly the most important item is social support. Why, because it is the one thing that influences our everyday lives. We know through research that those who have hunted and fished for years drop out of the sport due to lack or loss of social support. Usually, this has been a result of moving or hunting/fishing partners passing away etc.. When kids at school are involved in these programs on a daily basis, the social support is developed and quite often the friends we make during our elementary-high school years are ones that we continue the rest of our lives. Thus introducing these lifelong activities through the school systems makes perfect sense.

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NEWS and UPDATES



Local programs and events that we partake in or sponsor are changing all the time. To keep our Contributions sheet up to date is a full time project indeed. Below are the things we have been up to in the past few months with a little info on each event. For past action items, please see our Contributions Sheet.

At its August meeting, the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission voted to accept nearly \$40,000 in donations that will help the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation accomplish a range of conservation initiatives.

The \$40,000 was comprised of donations from several conservation partners, including \$20,000 from the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International for a scholastic shooting sports pilot program to be implemented by the Wildlife Department in Oklahoma schools; \$10,000 from the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International for the development of the Department's Operation Game Thief trailer used to educate the public on the importance of following game laws Management Area.



Oklahoma Game Thief Trailer Above



This was only one of many projects we were involved in, look how cool this project came out from scenes around these years ODWC Expo.

SCI represents very well in many booths throughout the biggest free outdoors focused event in Oklahoma (not a certified stat but I am sure it is true).



Kids Numbering Animal Mounts to Names – some folks mention 3rd generation of this event at the Expo ☺ Two Pictures Above

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Participating in the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International Essay contest provided me with the opportunity to do two things I love to do: write and hunt. The weeks and days leading up to the hunt I was able to spend time with my sister and dad as we sighted in my gun and practiced shooting. Finally, early August 22nd my dad and I packed up the camper and headed out on what would turn out to be one of the most memorable experiences of my life. We took the “scenic” route, or maybe my dad just took that wrong turn to spend more time with me. When we finally arrived, I met the other essay winners, Tony, and my guide. Being out on the ranch with no cell phone service, joined by others that love to hunt, provided time for lots of great hunting stories. The weather was perfect for hunting and the scenery was beautiful. The first morning of hunting, I had to walk over ten miles uphill. Finally, that evening I shot my antelope. I was completely worn out and tired, but it was so worth it. This was truly a once in a lifetime experience for me.

Kaitlyn McCormick



Kaitlyn McCormick with her Antelope

Safari Club International (SCI) brings

Christmas in August

Each year the Oklahoma chapter of SCI host a youth essay contest, with the theme of Wildlife Conservation or Hunting. Last year five Inola high school students who took part in Hunter Education, Marksmanship, Archery and Explore Bow Hunting through Inola Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC), wrote stories and essays for the contest.

Instructors of these subjects also enter a separate contest for a chance to win a trip to the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) - West (located near Jackson, Wyoming)

Craig Savage, the Inola AFJROTC instructor and his student, Dylan Dunn were both selected as winners of the SCI contest and the other four Inola AFJROTC students who entered the contest placed in the top 25. Dylan won an all-expense paid, guided trip to hunt Pronghorn Antelope on the Martinez Ranch in New Mexico. Dylan asked his AFJROTC instructor to accompany him on this hunt.

In 2008, Craig Savage started teaching AFJROTC at Inola high school and with the financial support of groups like the Inola Education and Enrichment Foundation, Indian Territory Quails Forever, NRA, SCI and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation he was able to introduce Archery, Marksmanship, Hunter Education, and Explore Bow Hunting to students in AFJROTC.

After taking the hunter education class through AFJROTC, Dylan was given the opportunity to accompany his teacher Craig Savage and his son on a deer hunt. It was the story of this hunting trip that Dylan entered into the SCI contest. After talking with Dylan’s mother and the school principle, Mr. Savage accepted Dylan’s invitation to take him on the Antelope hunt and on the 24th of August they drove from Inola to the Martinez ranch and set up camp.

At the camp they meet several other hunters to include the female winner of the SCI essay contest. After setting up camp, they went out and did some target practice and shot prairie dogs. That evening they all toured the ranch and scouted for Antelope. This year

there were a lot less Antelope than in the past, primarily due to the continued drought. Mr. Martinez warned everyone not to pass up any opportunity, because they would probably have to do a lot of walking to be successful and that opportunity might be the only one they would get. That night Dylan and MR. Savage met their guide Mark and developed a plan for the next morning.

Mr. Martinez woke everyone up at five that morning and within thirty minutes they found themselves following Mark across the prairie toward a distant mountain. The sun was just coming up to their right and they could make out four Antelope about six hundred yards to their left. Mark indicated for them to kneel down. It was still to dark to be able to determine if they were does or bucks. While they watched these four Antelope, Mr. Savage, who was about six feet behind them, tossed a rock at Dylan. Dylan turned to see Mr. Savage pointing to his right, as Dylan looked in that direction, he saw a buck Antelope just on the other side of the fence. It was about two hundred yards in front of them and it was focused on what turned out to be four doe Antelope. In a few minutes it jumped the fence and was directly in front of them. Dylan took aim and asked the guide if he could take it. Mark said, "If you have the shot take it". Dylan took aim and squeezed the trigger, the bullet hit the buck in the throat and it hit the ground.

It had taken Dylan less than 20 minutes to bag his first Antelope. Mr. Savage had loaned Dylan his Winchester .270 for the hunt, which was more than enough rifle for the job. Dylan cleaned out the Antelope at the direction and help of Mr. Savage and the guide. Back at camp they hung the buck and Dylan learned how to skin his Antelope. That afternoon Dylan and Mr. Savage went back out and with the help of the guide, they located a buck they had scouted the previous day. Dylan carried an Antelope decoy in front of them as he and Mr. Savage walked toward the buck that was concentrating on a doe. Using the Decoy, they were able to get within 300 yards of the buck before he became curious. The two stopped as the buck began walking towards them. Mr. Savage got down on the ground and took aim while Dylan continued to hold the decoy. By this time the wind went from the calm of the morning too blowing about 40 miles and hour from their left. Once the buck got to about 200 yards it stopped and after several tense minutes, finally presented a broadside shot. Mr. Savage was shooting a Savage .223 caliber 55-grain bullet. When he fired he also hit the buck in the neck dropping him in place. Of course as it turned out, Dylan had taken the larger of the two Antelope.

Dylan and Mr. Savage had planned on going up to his in-laws in Raton New Mexico and doing some trout fishing since they had taken their Antelope on the first day, but once they got back into cell service, Dylan received a text informing him that his Aunt has passed away so they drove back to Oklahoma early.



Dylan Dunn and Craig Savage

Despite the loss of his aunt, Dylan expressed that this hunting trip was probably the best experience of his life so far and if not for SCI and his teacher and mentor, this would have never been possible. To be able to offer these hunts to the SCI youth winners each year, Mr. Tony Martinez is required by the state of New Mexico to allow a number of public hunters to take Antelope on his property. By working with the New Mexico Fish and Game, Mr. Martinez is able to keep the public hunters to youth as well. Even though he does not have to, he goes out of his way to make sure the public hunters are taken care of and accommodated with a place to camp and with the lay of the land just like the SCI hunters. If adults wish to hunt a buck Antelope on the Martinez ranch, they can purchase a permit from him for a reasonable amount which affords them the opportunity to also experience the hunt of a life time.

Story By: Craig Savage

Dear, Safari Club International

I want to start off by saying thank you so much for affording me this wonderful experience!!! As I was writing my essay for a school assignment I never would have dreamed that it would get me to such an incredible place to have such an incredible experience!

I had never killed a ram before, so this was all new to me! The ram I harvested was beautiful! He was a really old Corsican. One of the oldest in the herd! My guide Joe Jett and Dustin were really seasoned at this so they knew exactly how to get me on one of the biggest rams out there. I really appreciate all the people who made it possible to get to the Y.O. and once there to harvest an animal!

None of it would be possible without Safari Club International!! Thank you greatly for all you have done!!

Sincerely, Triston Grant

Sir

I wanted to let you know about my AWLS experience.

I could not have asked for a more delightful and enriching experience. The teachers and instructors were the best I have seen in a very long time. The days were long, but well worth every minute that we spent.

The only suggestion I have for our SCI chapter is, that we send more teachers and start sending youth to the camp as well.

I talked with teachers who came from other states and most of their SCI chapters don't choose who they send the way we do. Most of them just offer a scholarship and teachers just apply. One teacher that was there was even approached by SCI to attend because they did not have any applicants. We also had teachers who were there that were just teaching kindergarten and had nothing to do with wildlife, hunting or even science. The individual I shared my room with has never taught school and just became certified to teach in his state. They told us that the teachers in the class before my class were extremely unruly, playing laser tag at night, not going to classes or meals and acted like they were on a vacation.

I think all of this could be avoided if all the chapters would standardize how they choose participants and model their selection process after our SCI chapter in Oklahoma. Although we do not send as many instructors to the school, we do send adults and youth to these schools that are dedicated and engaged in the subjects and areas being taught. The teachers in my class were all very professional and engaged with the in the classes, however some of them knew nothing about wildlife conservation or hunting and many of them have never even picked up any type of firearm.

The Oklahoma chapter of SCI is definitely doing things the right way.

I would like to see SCI move to having some smaller regional chapters and not so focused on the high end of hunting. There are not a lot of hunters out here that will never do a Safari to Africa nor will they ever be able to hunt anything but public lands. Smaller regional chapters could hold banquets to raise money at the grass roots of communities and reach those hunters who support hunting but only have limited resources. Through these regional chapters, SCI could reach out to more youth and adults through local education programs, events and sponsorships.

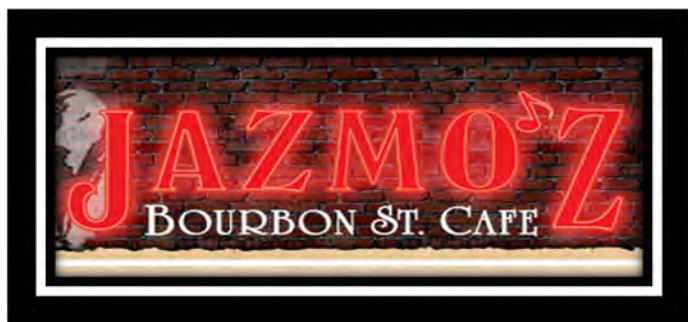
I would also like to be able to come sometime and address the Oklahoma SCI board about a donation request for our Marksmanship and Archery programs. We would also like to request that SCI sponsor our annual Marksmanship and Archery competitions at Inola high school. Besides teaching Marksmanship and Archery, we also teach hunter education, explore bow hunting and aquatic education. We also conduct numerous wildlife conservation classes and outdoor training to include survival.

Thank You

Craig Savage, USAF, MSgt (RET)

Aerospace Science Instructor (ASI)

Inola High School, AFJROTC OK-20011



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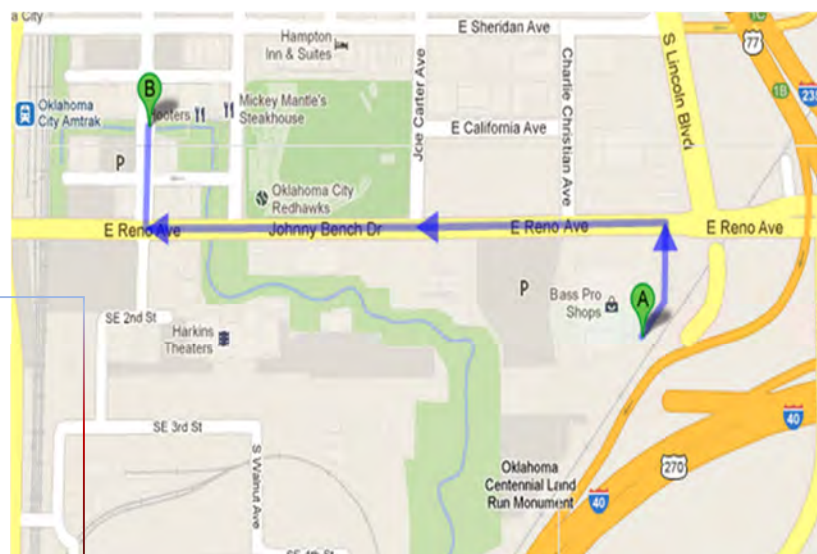
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A service of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

Wildlife Department receives slate of donations from important partners

At its August meeting, the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission voted to accept nearly \$40,000 in donations that will help the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation accomplish a range of conservation initiatives.

The \$40,000 was comprised of donations from several conservation partners, including \$20,000 from the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International for a scholastic shooting sports pilot program to be implemented by the Wildlife Department in Oklahoma schools; \$10,000 from the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International for the development of the Department's Operation Game Thief trailer used to educate the public on the importance of following game laws; \$3,500 from the Oklahoma State Game Warden Association and another \$3,000 from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for the Wildlife Department Youth Camp, which hosts a group of teen-aged campers for one week each summer and teaches them about conservation, game laws, and careers at the Wildlife Department, and; \$1,000 from the Indian Territory Chapter of Quail Forever for prescribed burns, ridge-top clearing and water impoundments on the Spavinaw Wildlife Management Area.

"It's our partners in conservation that enable us to accomplish all that we do for wildlife," said Richard Hatcher, director for the Wildlife Department. "The sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts who make up the memberships of these groups that donated this money are going the extra mile to ensure Oklahoma remains a premier state for wildlife-related recreation and conservation."

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 Justin Marschall at
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[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).

Recent Changes to STEP:

The ODWC recently moved the oversight of the Department's Shotgun Training Education Program (STEP) back to the Information/Education Division. Damon Springer was selected to fill the vacant coordinator position as of June 1, 2012. With the migration of STEP back to I&E we spent some time discussing the current and future direction of STEP.

STEP History:

The STEP program has been in existence for 15 years and was initially developed to address waterfowl hunters concerns regarding the mandate of non-toxic shot.

STEP events during the first five years focused on hosting events for avid waterfowl hunters. Considerable time was spent reviewing lethality information for non-toxic shot including information on the importance of pattern testing, learning to judge distance and most of all the difference of steel shot performance compared to historically used lead shot. Hands-on shooting with their own firearms and steel shot ammunition supplied by the Department was the primary focus at these events.

As non-toxic shot became more acceptable the program began focusing on one-day shooting clinics for beginners at open to the public events or specific events for groups. At this same time the ODWC began working with FFA to develop an FFA shooting sports program. This program has steadily grown over the past 10 years, but unlike all other ODWC education programs there has not been a training component for teachers or any grants to schools from the ODWC. Due to the overwhelming interest by schools we are planning to migrate a portion of the funds spent on one day events to a grant program for schools to purchase equipment so they can incorporate a scholastic shooting sports program into their in-school curriculum.

Other ODWC In-School Education Programs History:

Archery in Schools: Eight years ago, the ODWC became the primary sponsor of the Oklahoma National Archery in Schools Program. When we began OKNASP, the ODWC opted to provide partial grants to outfit schools with equipment kits. The program has only been operated within the school system and grown from 10 schools to over 310 schools involved. Since these schools all have their own equipment kits, they spend an average of 8 weeks participating in archery. Last year an average of 122 students participated in each schools archery program (37,820 participants)

Hunter Education: Three years ago, the ODWC began using its own Hunter Education curriculum that was authored by the University of Central Oklahoma. The decision to create our own curriculum was based upon the belief that if it was Oklahoma specific it would be an easier fit within Oklahoma Schools. 95 of our OKNASP teachers taught HE as part of their in-school curriculum this last year. This was the second year that HE was offered through our in school program. Over 6,000 students have been certified during the last two years at school. Teachers spend an average of 3 ½ weeks teaching the in-school HE course.

Another major benefit of producing our own HE curriculum has been a significant cost savings. Prior to having our own curriculum the ODWC was paying \$2.50 per copy for a generic curriculum. Today, our cost is .59 per copy and it is available on-line for download free of charge. This savings has allowed for expansion into another in-school program that compliments both OKNASP and HE.

Our goal is to have 75% of our OKNASP schools involved in teaching Hunter Education during the 2013 school year. If the average number of students holds true this would mean over 6,000 students will receive HE at school during the 2013 school year. At our traditional hunter education courses we certify 13,000-15,000 students a year. Combining these two numbers you can see how our total certification begins to grow. We will explain more how we are tracking their transition into being active hunters at the meeting on July 9th.

Explore Bowhunting: Two years ago the Department partnered with the Archery Trade Association (ATA) to offer a bowhunting program to our OKNASP teachers. We were part of the ATA pilot program for Explore Bowhunting and were one of the only states to offer it specifically within the school system. During year one, 10 Oklahoma schools participated as pilot schools. This

past year 63 schools taught portions of the Explore Bowhunting curriculum at school. The schools spent an average of six weeks covering the curriculum and averaged 63 students per class (3,969 students).

This year ATA has committed an additional 63 kits to the Department and we are purchasing 17 kits to train 80 more teachers. Since some of these teachers teach at more than one of our OKNASP schools (Elem., JR High and High School) we estimate that there will be 200 schools involved in the Explore Bowhunting program during the 2013 school year.

Oklahoma Fishing in Schools: Last year 40 of the 63 EB, HE, OKNASP trained schools also were certified to teach our Oklahoma Fishing in the Schools (OKFITS) program. At this time we do not have any numbers in regards to the fishing in school program, due to it being offered after our late winter teacher survey. However, we believe the numbers will be comparable to the OKNASP numbers in regards to participation. This year we have allocated enough money to certify and provide equipment kits to 100 more teachers. This will get us again close to 200 actual schools involved in the program.

Currently we are using our one-day fishing clinic instructor booklet, but plans are underway for the Department to develop a school specific fishing curriculum with activities and correlations that make it easier for teachers to implement. Again at our traditional one day events we have averaged 15,000-20,000 participants per year. By this time next year, we anticipate that over 20,000 kids will have participated in the OKFITS program during the 2013 school year. Thus in just two years of being in the school system we will have doubled the number of participants.

Why are we migrating to in-school programs:

Research has shown that both current and future hunters need the following along their path to becoming and continuing as lifelong hunters/shooters and anglers.

1. A positive threshold experience.
2. Access to equipment.
3. Access to the resource.
4. A Guide.
5. Social Support.

These five needs were identified more than 20 years ago through research conducted by Bruce Mathews at Cornell University. However, until the last few years natural resource agency education programs including those administered by ODWC only addressed these needs at single day events.

Today Oklahoma youth while at school are involved with programs that meet the above needs on an every-day basis via our suite of in-school education programs. As stated above there are 310 schools actively involved in OKNASP, 95 teachers are also teaching hunter education, 63 of the 95 also taught Explore Bowhunting, and 40 of the 63 taught our Oklahoma Fishing in the Schools Program this past year.

Of the above, quite possibly the most important item is social support. Why, because it is the one thing that influences our everyday lives. We know through research that those who have hunted and fished for years drop out of the sport due to lack or loss of social support. Usually, this has been a result of moving or hunting/fishing partners passing away etc.. When kids at school are involved in these programs on a daily basis, the social support is developed and quite often the friends we make during our elementary-high school years are ones that we continue the rest of our lives. Thus introducing these lifelong activities through the school systems makes perfect sense.

Oklahoma Station Safari Club International is VERY proud to be a MAJOR sponsor for all of these programs and more ☺



IT IS ALMOST HERE!! Only 3 days, 6 hours and 15 minutes left till opening day!! OK, only for us bow hunters but hey, I told you in the summer to get bow and start practicing, but alas, it's not too late. Oklahoma is one of the states that allows for Crossbow and if you run over to H & H you can pick one up and be hunting in a week or so (please practice first and get comfortable with your new equipment).

For me, I have spent the last 3 weeks setting up stands, checking cams again and again and can't wait till that first dawn comes over the trees. Unfortunately the first day this year falls on a Monday but I think I can swing a few hours before work then once the weekend is here it is night and day adrenaline rush.

The bow is tuned, the arrows were changed from practice points to broad heads and everything is in place for the only mistakes to be made to be done by me. Yes, I trust my equipment and my skill, but let me tell you, there are 6953 things that can go wrong when chasing whitetails. And this year, I have added one new layer.

We have decided (my hunting partners and I) that we will not shoot a deer unless we get it on video. We have had some test runs this summer at this and let me tell you, this is one whole new dimension to add to the hunt. Not only does it require 2 people in the stand, doubling your chance of getting busted, but equipment issues are twice as likely with tech stuff as these fine hunting tools we buy.

The reasons to video are many: relive the event, give the game a life time in video, laugh at one another for our imminent mistakes, etc. but I think more likely it is just to make it harder on ourselves with this already difficult task. In truth though, it is just as much fun recording as hunting.

Have you ever been with someone else when they shoot their first animal? Hopefully a kid or someone who you taught to hunt? Well, being a videographer is like that each time ☺ The biggest issue though is the equipment. Cameras are done by the thousands, tripods and swing arms are good but none are perfect for the situation, add in the weather whose only job is to mess up your perfect shot and you have a recipe for disaster. I actually had to start a new company to fulfill that swing arm need and let me tell you, making it be perfect has been tough but fun ☺

If you have dreams of putting your creation on TV, then open the check book. You will need 3Cmos or better quality and that is not in your \$4350 camera. The Panasonic HDC series is as cheap as this comes at \$850 and from there they just to \$3K real fast. I recommend you try it with what you have first to make sure you have the patience and stick to it ness (charging, reviewing, editing, cleaning, etc).

One other thing I tested out and love which is more on Bower topic is shrink fletchings. I tested out the NAP Quickfletch brand and I will tell you, I love them. They made my arrows feel more balanced somehow, and the flight pattern I achieved is impressive. It took me about 3 minutes to blade of the old beat up fletchings and shrink the new ones on. I think from now on I will be buying my arrows without fletchings. One other thing this did was to revitalize some of my old arrows.



As you know, over time the fletchings get more beat up that any part of your arrows. We pull on them, they fly though all kinds of different materials, and eventually they go from finely combed veins or straight plastic, to a rag of feathers or bent in 10 directions. These shrink on fletchings give new life to the old shafts in deed.

Well, I have a ton of stuff left to pack and ready for Monday so got to go. If you are not within 72 hours of hunting season 2012, get out there and get an arrow throwing device, and if you are, "Let's Roll"!

Network Larry - editor@oklahomastationsci.org

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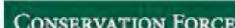
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CONSERVATION PROGRAMS - Thirty percent (30%) of net monies raised by the Oklahoma Station Chapter support programs that provide for full-time staff lobbyists & biologists in Washington, DC. SCI is the only hunting organization that has full-time lobbyists & biologists working to provide sound scientific information to influence legislation and regulations that affect hunting both at the federal and state levels. 70% of funds raised by the Oklahoma Station Chapter are used in Oklahoma for hunting-education, wildlife-conservation and humanitarian-services programs.

Highlights of 2011- 2012

Funded a Operation Game Thief Trailer for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife – Our chapter committed \$25,000 over 3 years to the ODWC to build a new trailer to be used in the Operation Game Thief program. We received a \$5,000 grant from the SCI foundation to help with this commitment.

We provided the funds to send 4 Oklahoma teachers to the 7 day American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson Hole Wyoming in 2011. These teachers will now be prepared to take this learning experience and bring it to hundreds of our state youth over the coming years. We will send at least 3 teachers to the 2012 training. The ODWC helps us support this program and contributes the travel cost for 2 teachers each year.

Our chapter agreed to support an additional Shotgun Training Education Program (STEP) replacement trailer. Our commitment is for over \$15,000 to help ODWC purchase a new trailer for this fantastic program.

Our chapter helped fund a youth shooting range at the Oklahoma City Gun Club with a \$1,500 donation.

As a result of our very successful 2011 banquet we were able to provide over \$30,000 to the national SCI organization for conservation and in support of our right to hunt.



Conservation

OKLAHOMA HABITAT DONOR PROGRAM -

- Financial support for the Hackberry Flats Wetlands project, Frederick, OK.
- Financial support for a "Quality Deer Management" program in Lincoln County, OK.
- Financial support for the ODWC black bear collar program

RESTORATION OF RUFFED GROUSE & PRAIRIE CHICKEN - Financial support towards restoration of ruffed grouse and Greater Prairie Chicken habitat in Oklahoma. 2009 support for Audubon Society/OSC conservation project to protect the threatened Lesser Prairie Chicken in Northwest Oklahoma in conjunction with the Lesser Prairie Chicken festival.

INTRODUCED EIGHT (8) ELK INTO THE EXISTING HERD IN SE. OKLAHOMA -

Chapter financed the purchase, transportation and release of 5 mature bred cow elk and 2 mature bulls plus radio-collar transmitters for monitoring purposes. These 8 elk will improve the gene pool in the existing elk herd in SE Oklahoma which is in cooperation with the Timberline Elk Ranch, Cushing, Oklahoma, and the ODWC.

2005 AIR BOAT (18 X 8'), 502 CU. INCH CHEVROLET ENGINE 502 HP RATING WAS PURCHASED FOR OKLAHOMA DEPT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION USE.

ODWC Contributions – Since the foundation of the Oklahoma Station Chapter of SCI, over \$ 280,000 has been funded for various Wildlife Department programs either through direct funding or purchase of equipment for ODWC use.

Education

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUTH EDUCATION & OUTDOOR

PROGRAMS – Archery in the Schools program (\$ 9,500 in 2008), Last Frontier Council - Boy Scouts of America; Eddy Eagle Gun Safety program; Make a Wish Foundation, Youth Hunter Education Challenge, & the 4H Youth Shooting Team.

OKLAHOMA DEPT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COLORING BOOKS - We purchased 65,000 wildlife conservation coloring books for school children.

APPRENTICE HUNTER PROGRAM -An annual youth essay writing contest that focuses on America's hunting heritage; co-sponsored by the Okla. Dept of Wildlife Conservation. Two students in the 11-14 age category win scholarships to attend a weeklong program at the YO Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas. One boy and one girl, 15-17, each win a guided pronghorn antelope hunt in New Mexico and presentation of their mounts at the Annual OSC Awards Banquet & Charity Fundraiser.

THE AMERICAN WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL - Each year, our Chapter and the Okla. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation sponsor two Oklahoma educators for an 8-day experience at SCI's Granite Ranch near Jackson, Wyoming, in fields of wildlife ecology, firearm safety and shooting sports, camping, white-water rafting, stream ecology, natural resource management with a base knowledge from which to evaluate conservation efforts. They bring this training back to their classrooms to educate thousands of Oklahoma youth on the value of hunting as a wildlife management tool.

STEP PROGRAM – Okla. Dept of Wildlife Conservation's **Shotgun Training Education Program ("STEP")** – OSC-SCI supported this program by originally purchasing a custom built 26-foot long gooseneck equipment trailer. OSC purchased two additional trailers in 2008. These trailers carry the program's portable trap machines, firearms, ammunition, safety and gun maintenance equipment. In the past 10 years, 100,000 persons in the state



of Oklahoma (65% are youth under the age of 18) have participated in STEP, leaning the importance of hunting as a conservation and management tool and improving their shooting skills to ensure the humane harvesting of wildlife.

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE EXPO – Our Chapter supports the ODWC - Wildlife Expo with significant funding and with workers. This is the biggest and the most successful comprehensive hands-on outdoor education experience and recreation event in State history. Approximately 60,000 attend annually. In 2011, OSC featured "Predators of Oklahoma" with a game for thousands of youth to identify the animals and win a prize for successfully doing so (all eventually won). We estimate over 8000 kids participated in our "Predators of Oklahoma" game.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE CENTER MUSEUM, ANTLERS, OK. – Our Chapter contributed to the building of the museum/learning center in SE Oklahoma. The operation is a joint agreement of the Okla. Dept of Commerce, Okla. Tourism and Recreation Dept and the Okla. Dept of Wildlife. The facility will be utilized as a regional tourism attraction while at the same time serving as a wildlife and natural resource conservation public education center.

SAFARI IN A BOX - Safari in a Box is a K-12 education kit designed to provide exciting, hands-on learning. It gives teachers and others who work with young people resources and ideas to introduce youth to important concepts of habitat, wildlife management and impacts resulting from human and wildlife interactions. Initial SIB placement was in memory of OSC member David Rocker.

"SCI SAVES CSI" - 2009 support of OSU's "Insect Adventure", a project which teaches basic conservation principles to over 300,000 individuals in Oklahoma each year (and also contributes to the conservation of the endangered American burying beetle, a species valuable in Crime Scene Analysis).

Humanitarian Services

SAFARI-CARE – On numerous occasions, OSC members have traveled internationally and carried medical, educational and relief supplies to villages in need of support.

SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER – OSC originally funded 100% of operating expenses for the program in excess of \$200,000 annual budget. OSC also managed the program State-wide for over 10 years. OSC continues to financially support this program annually, and in 2011 as we have for the past 10 years we supported this program with a \$ 2,000 contribution to ODWC.

SENSORY SAFARI DAY - A hands-on adventure for sightless and sight-impaired children and adults. Members loan their animal mounts for these people to see for the first time, through their fingertips, animals from around the world. The event is co-sponsored by the Okla. Dept. Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Station Chapter - SCI and the H&H Gun Range.

VETERANS' HUNTS – OSC organized Mid-East-Conflict veterans' hunts in conjunction with Jay Barczak of Wild Game Outfitters-Duchess Creek Ranch, Porum, OK, and in conjunction with other supporters. In 2009, three veterans were drawn from public nominations for guided elk and deer hunts complete with all accommodations. In 2010, OSC and Mankazana Safaris presented a Purple-Heart veteran the hunt of a lifetime in Africa. OSC supports our troops who protect our freedoms!



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Dates are- Sept 14-23, Sept 28-Oct 7, and Oct 10-19

Please contact John Blackwell to discuss this great hunt. mooslk@telus.net

Or 250 742 3535. Email is best initial contact.

Website is www.fawniemountain.com

Just a little something new. Not all hunts and items through the year happen in March at our banquet believe it or not. We will now be adding updated items and sales from our Sponsors who qualify through donations to our annual banquet.

Alberta Canada - Fall Black Bear Hunts - 2012

Outfitter: Troy Cunningham

Contact Info: 580-330-1493 cell

Email: Legendwaterfowl@yahoo.com

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Each tag allows harvesting two (2) black bears

Available tags: TWO

These are Spot and Stalk four (4) day hunts. Success is 100% on taking both bears with this Outfitter.

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Hunter pays for transport to Peace River and the car rental.

With meals and lodging normally \$3500 US - being offered for \$3000 US each - lodging is at the lodge

Without lodging and meals normally \$3000 each -

being offered for \$2500 each - Manning is a small town of 1500 persons with motel and restaurant.

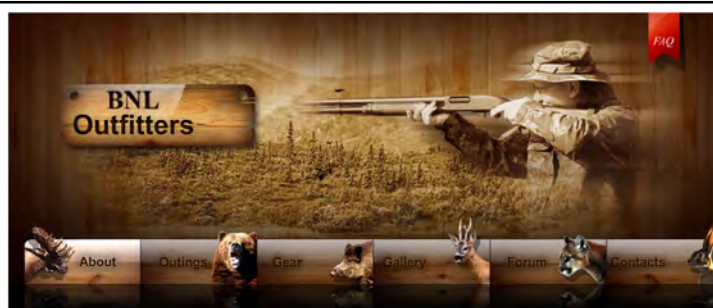
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WHAT A SUMMER



There have been so many events this summer that made local, national and international headlines that tie right into our conservationist past time. From archers in the schools, to international shooting events in the Olympics, to national championships in the fishing world. There were numerous records set on all levels and I am only going to touch the tip of the iceberg on all of these, but here are a few of the bigger ones that simply give us outdoors men and women a warm fuzzy ☺



Kim Rhode Sets New Olympic Record By Winning Another Gold

For All Media: July 30, 2012

Washington, D.C. – Through London's rain and lightning, U.S. Olympian and SCI Life Member Kim Rhode became the first U.S. athlete to win five medals in five consecutive Olympic games, and also broke an Olympic record of shooting 99 out of 100 targets. This historic accomplishment was triggered when Kim won the gold medal in Women's Skeet.

"The hunting and shooting community is reveling in Kim's astounding accomplishment from this weekend's Olympic Skeet Shooting gold medal performance," said SCI president John Whipple. "Not only did Kim set an Olympic record of shooting 99 out of 100, she also is the first American athlete to win a medal in five consecutive Olympic Games. She embodies the excellence of an Olympic legend."

"SCI is proud to sponsor Kim Rhode during her historic win. Her performance definitely puts women's skeet on the map for the general public to fully appreciate. Thank you to Kim for being a true ambassador for the sport," concluded Whipple.

Contact: Nelson Freeman, media@safariclub.org



Today's winners of the 2012 Carhartt Bassmaster College Series National Championship -- Zack Birge and Blake Flurry of Oklahoma State University! Get the full story here: <http://www.bassmaster.com/tournaments/2012-carhartt-college-series-national-championship> and follow College Bass on Facebook for more updates this weekend!



Archery in the USA has gotten huge and our Olympic team is showing it is getting good too :) Congrats boys!

The USA presence in shooting sports in the Olympics was nothing short of spectacular this year. It is not all years that we have a strong fielding in these events so that makes it even all the sweeter ☺ Add to the mind blowing speed that archery is catching on in the schools and the world records being set by the kids and you can see how blessed the sports portion of our agendas is have a SPECTACULAR 2012!

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When: Nov 3rd-18th or Nov 24th to Jan 31st all packages are 10 days, Fri—Sun

Who: You of course! Pack your bags and let's horse back into the deep wilderness or hunt closer to home, the packs will drive this, and see if we can't beat the odds on a wolf hunt. It will be difficult but as this is the first seasons in decades it will never be easier.

Where: North Timberlands of Minnesota (North of Nashwauk, Mn)

Not Included: Transportation to and from MN, Hotel Stays on travel days (if needed), Hunting Licenses, tags and Face Cream for those smile wrinkles you will gain...

The Timber Wolf has been of the protected species list far to long and is at the moment going to be an available hunt. If the folks on the other side of the fence have their way this may be the last chance for another few decades. You cannot afford to miss this adventure so get scheduled up and lets go hunting.

You will fly or drive into Hibbing MN and we will transport you (if needed) to our remote house 45 miles away. The scenery is nothing short of something you see in a magazine. This adventure is on horse, truck and foot. If interested or don't draw a wolf tag, **Whitetail** hunting is a Wal-Mart trip away and will be included in the package as game to hunt, as well as fishing for Northern Pike, Walleye, Bass and Crappie, as long as the season is open and the ice on the lakes doesn't prevent us :)



<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/hunting/index.html?type=hunting>

Wolf hunt apply Season A or B \$4 to apply (must have or had a hunting license in any state) Apply by Sep 5th!!

Whitetail hunt apply for area 169 in zone 100





SCI Builds Hunter Advocates Through Improved Communication

Tucson, AZ – Safari Club International (SCI) has improved the news blog to include [hunting adventures](#), [advocacy affecting all hunters](#), and SCI Foundation [wildlife conservation](#). Improving communications will ensure SCI Members are always up to date on current events, and to reach hunters all over the world with the very latest hunting, conservation, advocacy and hunting-related information.

“This enhancement is an integral part of an overarching, global communications effort by SCI to allow more people worldwide to understand and appreciate the great things being done by SCI and its members,” said John Whipple, SCI President. “In the near future, we plan to launch a series of new online tools so the world can be aware of our many critical mission programs.

Learn more about SCI Hunter Advocacy at <http://FirstForHunters.wordpress.com>;
Learn about hunting from around the world: <http://HuntForever.wordpress.com>;
Learn about sustainable wildlife conservation: <http://FirstForWildlife.wordpress.com>;

“SCI has been the leader in protecting the freedom to hunt for the past four decades. With these new communication abilities, SCI is positioned to take hunting advocacy and hunter issues to higher levels than ever before,” Whipple concluded.

For more information on SCI, please go to the website today: www.SafariClub.org. If you want to send a direct message to your member of congress, simply click on Contact your Congressman [button](#) to become an advocate for our hunting heritage.

Contact: Nelson Freeman, media@safariclub.org

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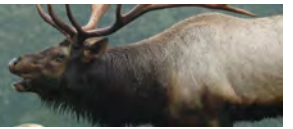
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Safari Club International Hunters' Defense Fund supports the important advocacy, conservation and legal work keeping hunters afield and promoting hunting worldwide. Donations to the Hunters' Defense Fund have a direct impact on our freedom to hunt, wildlife conservation policy and important legislative, regulatory and legal issues. DONATE NOW: www.hunterdefensefund.org

Safari Club International – First For Hunters is the leader in protecting the freedom to hunt and in promoting wildlife conservation worldwide. SCI's approximately 200 Chapters represent all 50 of the United States as well as 109 other countries. SCI's proactive leadership in a host of cooperative wildlife conservation, outdoor education and humanitarian programs, with the SCI Foundation and other conservation groups, research institutions and government agencies, empowers sportsmen to be contributing community members and participants in sound wildlife management and conservation. Visit the home page www.safariclub.org or call (520) 620-1220 for more information.

THE TROPHY ROOM

OKLAHOMA STATION
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The Future view of a trophy, deer stand 2012 is all set!

My son Tyler & I spent the last few days in Cimarron County hunting pronghorn antelope on the Prather ranch, just outside of the Black Mesa State Park. This is a once in a lifetime draw tag. We had a great time with several challenging stalks. Tyler finally connected Saturday morning with a fine buck (14 x 14 3/8th) antelope. We also saw several HUGE mule deer in our wanderings. Western Oklahoma is beautiful!! Scott Holmes



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Just one from the trail cam in Central OK

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Congratulations to TEAM USA Mens Archery



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