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#### A Letter from The Editor





December is just about upon us and the big rifle seasons of 2012 are in the books. There may still be a state or two out there with fire stick seasons open, but from here on out I think it is stick and string into the New Year ©

The number of great bucks and doe management that were taken this year is outstanding, Oklahoma is clearing coming into its own as a trophy state and the number of book racks this year should be spectacular. This is an

important factor to support the Mission of SCI but it is dwarfed in importance to the other factor I am seeing, the kids and ladies in the field!

I would have to guess that the fastest growing segment of outdoorsmen (now I have to switch to outdoorsperson) is women. A month doesn't go by before another ladies group jumps into our Facebook world and looking around at gas stations and breakfast stops during the weekends shows more pink camo edging than could be found in a ladies only hunting store. And another sweet thing, most of them are shooting bows © We kinda knew this was coming with the number one movies of the spring being Hunger Games and The Debutante, the absolute explosion and world records set by the Archery in the Schools program, and the amount of pink in the isles at H&H and I think it is absolutely wonderful! The only problem I have is they seem to be getting all the big bucks ... hmmm, JK ©

With this segment (gosh I hate de humanizing into stats but ..) growing it means the voice of the conservationist should be getting louder as well. I still see allot of negative posts on Facebook when someone posts a trophy picture, but, when I look at that persons friends list I don't feel so bad about how many friends I have (yes, the kids out do me by hundreds). But the number of positive comments far outnumbers the negative so the tide of conservation seems to be flowing the right way.

So now that the big gun season is over, what is everyone doing? I am heading to Minnesota next week to chase some wolves and whitetails with some of my board member friends and to remember what cold is really like. The temp up there has seen a few single digit days and the snow has been on and off too (if it wasn't for this cycle of warmth decade we are in there might have even been feet of snow). Did anyone get a pair of those electric Thermacell insoles before they went backorder? If you did, please send me a review, I'd love to know if my feet will finally have a good answer for next season, although I am not sure my charging station can handle one more thing to charge, but it would be worth it

Once I get back from that I have a 2 week break and OFF TO RENO BABY! It's banquet and convention time again. In this month's ST we will see some of the items OKSSCI will have up for auction on March  $2^{\rm nd}$  at our banquet.

I must say that we are getting some really good stuff this year. We have Whitetails in Kansas during the rut on video, with a 150" MINNIMUM, that's not a max with more to pay for the big rack that is the smallest you can shoot. We have bears in Alberta, Wolves in Ontario, World Record Aoudad in Texas, and Elk in Wyoming. I tell you, we have some spectacular hunts all around the world (of course we have Africa covered, it wouldn't be SCI if we didn't have Africa). And we are building one special item at the board level, "Hunt Around Oklahoma". We are trying to sell one item which has your 2013 outdoor world covered for 2013. Imagine it, hunt each species we can get a tag for, on each edge and area of Oklahoma, maybe hogs down south, whitetail's up north, turnkey east, predators west, etc etc. And then spread them through the months, some spring, summer, fall winter – I hope your checkbook is bigger than mine ©

The reason for the auction isn't just all about getting us access to great hunts we could not find another way, it is really about funding the things we do to support our mission and tenants. In 2012 we took a wounded warrior hunt, funded the Operation Game Thief Trailer for the ODWC (we have quite a fleet of ODWC trailers now), sent kids and teachers on hunts and to schools, helped fund the youth shooting range at Oklahoma City Gun Club, helped fund the Hunters against Hunger program, donated to the Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program and many other projects and that's not even to mention our member events we held or the millions of dollars of things we have done in the past – Elk hunting in Oklahoma finds it's helpful roots right back here in the Oklahoma Chapter of SCI – whew! ©

NOW is the time to become a member if you are not, new member of state and national can be purchased for \$45 and the early bird cost for the upcoming March Banquet is the dirt cheap cost of \$45. ??? \$45 for a night of fine dining at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and entertainment and the possibility of scoring the hunt of a lifetime? For ??? \$45 .. darn cheap!

Now is also the time **to become a member of SCI. This as well is ??? \$45.** Last year we had a great dining out at Jazmoz's, we had a 1000 yard shooting day with Gunwerks and their guns, and of course the thing every kid remembers about the Expo, we had you at our booth for animal identification tests © Each of these events are worth 2 or 3 times the \$45 new member or \$90 annual membership, give Judy a call and get <u>your membership</u> up to date! ©

Well, off to finish the magazine for final publication, sit back and have a read, there is something for everyone inside I am sure and see you in the field and see you at the banquet!

Network (aka Larry W Gerads) Larry

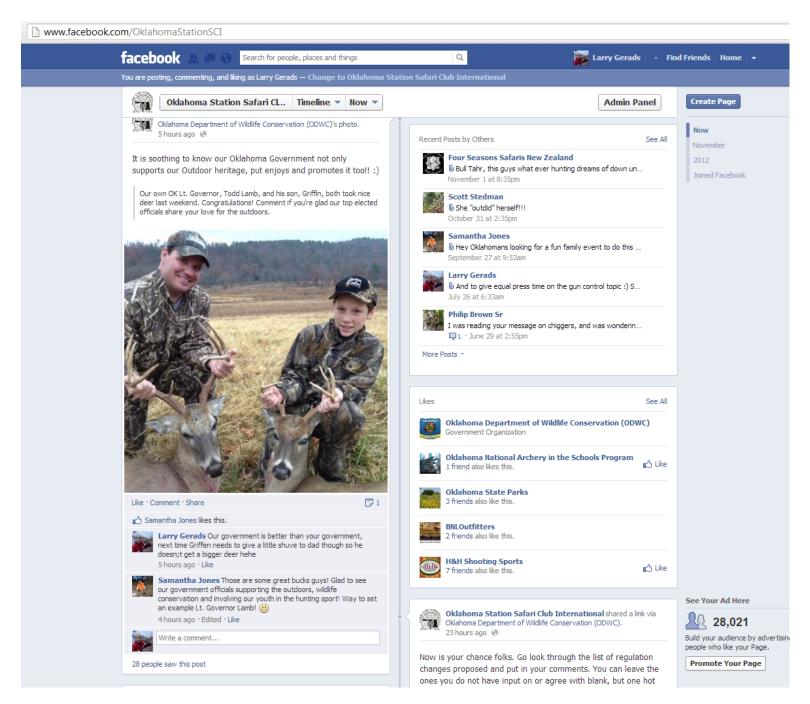
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magazine. <a href="http://facebook.com/oklahomastationsci">http://facebook.com/oklahomastationsci</a>



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#### Dear Mrs. Newkirk,

I am writing to you concerning the views of PETA regarding hunting. It is my wish to persuade you that there is a benefit to hunting in our society. Since early civilizations hunting wild game has always been a sustainable source of food. Hunting has many benefits, it is more humane than the slaughter houses, it is better for you than eating processed meat, and, it is cheaper than buying meat at a grocery store.

As humans we were born with appendixes and canine teeth which prove God planned for us to eat meat. Our bodies need amino acids and protein to work efficiently and meat provides the best protein available. It is true that some plants provide some protein, but in northern North American plants do not survive the winter which means the humans that lived centuries ago only had meat available to them.

I have read the argument that hunting animals is cruel. Is it crueler to fence in an animal until it nears adulthood and then stuff it in a small crowded area while you feed it high calorie food to get more at auction or allow an animal to run free until it is harvested? I have been hunting with my grandfather since I was 8 years old and have never witnessed someone killing an animal inhumanly. Every animal I have harvested I have skinned, and eaten every part of the animal that we are able to eat. All hunters are not killers; mankind has been hunting since the beginning of time. Our existence has depended on our ability to hunt. Do you believe it is cruel for a coyote to hunt a rabbit? Of course not, it is natural.

Another argument for not eating red meat is it is unhealthy. That may be true if you eat high fat meat stuffed with hormones. Meat from wild game is

#### Editor's Note:

There is hope!!! This essay is from one proud Oklahoma Station SCI Board Members Grandson. This young man hits on many concepts that simply make sense and has formatted them into the simple language which everyone should clearly understand.

The only hope we have for the future generations is our youth, and to read personally written, comprehensive letters like this put a smile on my face indeed.

I am not the only one who found this as excellent work, Chase received an A+ for his work from his English teacher as his grade as well ©

Thank you Chase for taking the time to put these concepts down and we at SCI wish to give you another A++, it may not be useful for school graduation but you are well on your way in graduation to life and we sure hope your friends understand this letter and become future conservationists of our wild kingdom as well!

organic. The animals do not receive growth enhancement medicine or antibiotics. Wild game has always been the most organic meat you can buy. In addition, since wild game runs wild it does not lie around and eat all day and get fat. Therefore, the meat is lower in calories, fat and cholesterol then beef.

Perhaps one of the timeliest arguments for hunting for food in today's economy is its cost effectiveness. Deer tags run about \$25 dollars depending on which state you hunt in. If you take

your deer to a butcher they will charge about \$1.50 per pound of venison. When you harvest an average size deer, you can expect to get about fifty pounds of meat. The cost of the deer is under \$2.00 a pound compared to \$4.00 or more a pound for ground beef.

I believe that it is unethical for a political group to attempt to take away the ability for people to sustain themselves especially in these hard times that we are experiencing. One deer can feed a family of four for almost two months. Hunting also helps out many small town economy's and as well as the nation's economy all together. Hunters travel all around the nation spending money on lodging, hunting equipment, and food.

Before the industrial revolution hunting was the only way to get a primary source of food. Once the 1960's struck, the views of hunting changed enormously through the eyes of a growing amount of people. While it is true that we have the ability to harvest plants and store them year round; it has been proven that they do not have the nutritional value that meat has. There is a humane way to harvest meat that is less expensive and more nutritious than meat available in markets today.

Sincerely, Chase Skelton

Student at Bishop Mcguinness Catholic High School

#### Did you Know from the ODWC

#### Your Fish and Wildlife Workers

- More than 300 full-time employees, including:
- More than 100 Game Wardens
- More than 150 Fish and Wildlife personnel
- Department Headquarters in Oklahoma City
- 11 offices statewide
- 4 State Fish Hatcheries

#### **Our State's Outdoor Playground**

- 69,919 square miles in the state
- Over 1 million surface acres of water in the state
- 1,120 square miles of lakes and ponds
- 11,600 miles of shoreline (more than the Pacific, Atlantic, and Gulf coasts combined)
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  - Over 170 fish species

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The Oklahoma Taxidermists Association is a non-profit organization striving to better the art of taxidermy and to further educate our members. Membership normally ranges from 100 to 150 members yearly. Members meet quarterly for informative seminars, workshops and competitions. Each summer the association hosts its annual convention and competition where taxidermy competitors come from Oklahoma and surrounding states to compete, learn and enjoy fellowship. It is truly one of the best state conventions currently being held. Each spring the association offers its members an all-day workshop with one of the industry's leading taxidermists in specific fields. The OKTA offers a certification program in 8 different categories. Annual membership is \$25.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for a family. Lifetime membership is \$300.00. The members of the Oklahoma Taxidermists Association welcome you to join our great association. Please take time to check out our events and click your way through our website.

http://www.oklahomataxidermistsassociation.com/

#### ESSAY CONTEST



And the 2012 Winners Are ........... CONGRATULATIONS to all winners and thank you to everyone who submitted an essay. You, the youth of Oklahoma, are what we work so hard for at OKSSCI and ODWC!

**High School Boy** 

Student Name: Stephen Deane School: Weleetka High School

Grade: 10 Age: 16

Address: PO Box 636 Weleetka OK 74880 Phone: 918/623-6571

Teacher: Matthe Belicek, 405/786-2203

High School Girl

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Grade: 12 Age: 17

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Jr. High Boy

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Grade: 8 Age: 14

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Teacher: Frank Blair, 918/272-

Jr. High Girl

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#### 2012 Creative Writing Competition - 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 was Nov. 16, 2012. 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 2013.

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.

#### ESSAY CONTEST



#### And the Top 25 Are .....

CONGRATULATIONS to all winners and thank you to everyone who submitted an essay. You, the youth of Oklahoma, are what we work so hard for at OKSSCI and ODWC!

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Danielle Smith 205 E 14th St Owasso OK 74055

Shelby Santag 6000 SE 583 Dr Locust Grove OK 74352 Kelsey Washom 74021 N 195th Ave Collinsville OK 74021

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Jonathan Hargas 1994 West 530 Rd Pryor OK 74361

Riley Cramer 7520 N 145th E Ave Owasso OK 74055

Jordan Riley 7721 N 130th St E Ave Owasso OK 74055

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# The Conservation Education Scholarship Winners are ...

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.

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Matthew Belicek

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Nov. 6, 2012

A service of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

Oklahoma hunter education certification available online now

Obtaining an Oklahoma hunter education card is now just a few clicks away for most of the state's prospective hunters. In fact, about 3,600 hunters have already successfully completed the course online and have printed off their hunter education card.

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is now offering the complete hunter education course online. The successful cyber-student will be able to print an Oklahoma hunter education card after completing the free course. To learn more or to take the online course, log on to <a href="https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/education/huntered.htm">www.wildlifedepartment.com/education/huntered.htm</a>.

Most state residents who are 10 to 30 years of age are required to have a hunter education card to buy a license. Now, instead of attending a traditional eight-hour course in a classroom setting, prospective hunters can simply log on to the Wildlife Department's website to complete the course and test for a certificate.

"We've always tried to make classes convenient for our hunters," said Lance Meek, hunter education coordinator for the Wildlife Department. "But everything we've tried, there were still people left out. The online class is the most inclusive option we've ever offered."

Students can study the curriculum online in sections. They will not have to complete the entire course at once, which is usually the case in a classroom setting. Fifty test questions are scattered throughout the online course, and students must select the correct answers before being able to continue to the next section.

Also, this online course can be used by prospective hunters younger than 10 to satisfy the home study requirement they need to attend a traditional Hunter Education class.

Meek said the online course also offers young students the benefit of involving parents in learning about safe hunting.

"One of my favorite things about this online class is that I love the idea of the kids sitting down with their parents to work through the hunter safety curriculum," he said. "Parents or mentors are a hugely important part of the process of becoming a hunter."

The hunter education course is free, whether the student attends a classroom session or chooses the new online course. Anyone may take the online course by logging on to <a href="www.wildlifedepartment.com">www.wildlifedepartment.com</a>. The course was developed locally by Career Tech using curriculum from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Many of the test questions relating to accidents and violations are based on real-life experiences reported by game wardens in the field.

"Now there are three options for hunter education certification," Meek said. "You can take the course online if you are 10 years old or older, you can take an eight-hour classroom course, or the home study that requires a four-hour class."

Youth under 10 years old still have the opportunity to attend a hunter education course before the deer gun season opener. On Nov. 10, classes are being held in communities across the state including Jenks, Stillwater, Ada, Kellyville, Burns Flat, Miami, Enid, Woodward, McAlester, Oklahoma City, Broken Bow and Sallisaw. Log on to wildlifedepartment.com for more information.

Exemptions from hunter education certification requirements in Oklahoma include anyone 31 or older, those honorably discharged or currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, and members of the National Guard. If an Oklahoma resident is exempt from taking hunter education in Oklahoma but needs a hunter education certification card to hunt in a different state, they can also complete the new course online for certification.

Oct. 27, 2012

A service of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

Wounded Warrior's buck sets McAlester Army plant record

For Quinton Picone, 23, a native of nearby Panola, first times seem to be the charm. At least first-time hunting trips, that is. On his first deer hunt Oct. 12 on the 45,000-acre McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Picone harvested a nine-point buck that weighed just shy of 200 pounds on the hoof and dressed out at 175 pounds.

The buck set a new base record for the heaviest deer taken on the property, and Picone's name now will appear first on that list.

"It was crazy. It was pretty exciting," said Picone, who was deer hunting through the Wounded Warriors in Action program along with two other Army buddies from Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. This was the fourth year that Army and Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation staff members have hosted a group of Wounded Warriors at the controlled deer hunt.

Picone's fellow Army buddies Stephen Peterson and Roger Benton also took nice bucks over the weekend. And Picone was able to take a doe on the second day of the hunt.

Picone and Peterson are both undergoing rehabilitation after being wounded while serving in Afghanistan. Picone lost both his lower legs and suffered wounds to his right hand due to an Improvised Explosive Device in 2011, while Peterson lost one leg to an IED in 2010. Benton is their platoon sergeant and was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds he suffered in his Army service.

Hunting at the McAlester Army plant was a homecoming for Picone. His parents, Vincent and Sherry Picone, reside in McAlester, and his father actually is employed at the plant. When he learned about the hunting opportunity through his dad, Quinton Picone said he thought it would be a fun thing to try.

On the morning of his first hunt, Picone and his volunteer hunting assistant Michael Marlow set up in a special hydraulic lift blind designed for physically disabled hunters. A bit more than an hour later, the record-setting buck appeared about 15 yards in front of them.

After a tense few minutes waiting for a best possible shot, Picone fired his crossbow and scored a lethal hit as the buck moved toward the blind.

Picone's base-record deer made an impression on Bill Starry, the plant's natural resources chief who oversees one of Oklahoma's most sought-after deer hunting opportunities each year.

"It couldn't have happened to a better bunch," Starry said of the soldiers' hunting success.

Starry praised the Wounded Warriors program for giving heroic war veterans an opportunity to experience deer and turkey hunting trips, despite their physical setbacks. He said it takes a lot of effort to organize the Wounded Warrior hunts, but "it's a good thing and well worth it."

Picone said first-time hunts seem to be lucky for him. He said the first time he went duck hunting, he shot a mallard and found that it carried a leg band - a rare bird indeed.

Controlled deer hunts are held seven weekends each year at the Army's bomb-making and storage facility, a place known for its abundant population of trophy whitetails. These hunts are among many controlled hunts offered statewide by the Wildlife Department every year. More than 20,000 hunters entered a lottery for hunt permits at the plant this year, but only 1,500 names were drawn. All but one of these hunts are traditional archery hunts, and the average success rate is about 13 percent.

Col. Timothy Beckner, the base commander, praised the Wounded Warrior program. "It's great when the community and the nation can join together and help them out," he said. "Quinton is a great kid. What a great attitude."

This year marked the 50th anniversary of cooperation between the Army and the Wildlife Department in holding deer hunts at the ammunition plant. Col. Beckner said the hunts are true examples of how government lands are being used for public benefit, and in this case, more than 50,000 deer hunters have benefited over a half-century.

"There's no doubt in my mind that deer hunting here is going to have at least another 50-year run," Col. Beckner said.

#### Opportunity for Public Input

Public Comment Period is December 3, 2012 – January 11, 2013

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is considering a number of rule changes, some simply housekeeping measures and some more substantial.

Each rule change proposal pertains to Title 800 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code. Title 800 is used by the Wildlife Commission to set fish and wildlife rules. The links below will open the "strikeout and underline" version of the code, where text with a line through it (strikeout) is proposed for deletion, and text underlined is proposed for addition.

Only those subchapters, sections and subsections with proposed changes are included. If approved, changes to Chapters 10, 25 and 30 would go into effect July 1, 2013. Changes to Chapters 15 and 20 would go into effect January 1, 2014.

Chapter 10: Sport Fishing Rules

Chapter 15: Commercial Harvest Rules; Aquatic Species

Chapter 20: Restriction on Aquatic Species Introduction

Chapter 25: Wildlife Rules

Chapter 30: Department of Wildlife Lands Management

#### Options for Public Input

The public has several options for providing input on these rule change proposals.

1. The following link will take you to an online comment form where you may read a summary of each proposal and provide comments on any items of interest to you.

Click here to comment on the Wildlife Department's 2013 Rule Change Proposal

https://www.research.net/s/96GMX5W



#### Two Years, Three Seasons!

(by Sammi Jones)

The morning air was brisk and my heart was beating in my chest. I could see him standing twenty-five yards away, grazing contently. I rubbed my eyes, my breathing quickened. Slowly moving into position I knocked an arrow and swiveled my head back in the buck's direction. I could literally feel the blood pulsing in my head, every breath a gasp trying to make the next more hushed than the one before. It may seem ridiculous believing he could hear me from my perch up high but I didn't want to chance anything, not that day.

Two years. Three seasons. The Lord knows how long and hard I have worked to get to this moment. I stole a glance in Josh's direction in silent anticipation of this moment; poised for the word. This is it! Today I harvest my first animal with my bow, a buck.

It was the weekend before
Thanksgiving at Hickory Ridge Ranch and family
had gathered for some good food and hunting. This
weekend and the next were hunter-free and we
intended to take advantage of the time. We arrived
at the Ranch late Friday afternoon in time to put in a
couple hours in the stand but didn't see too much
activity. That evening at dinner everyone talked
strategy, deciding who would hunt where. Josh and
I scored a spot we'd nicknamed "Hidden Field" and
I was pumped. Two years ago we had started this
great hunting adventure at that same spot.

I'd had a hand full of chances previously to take a deer; a couple passes and two complete misses. I was beginning to think I was cursed but Josh reassured me. He said it was going to be hard hunting because I wanted to take my first deer with my bow, which took skill. We got to bed and were

up bright and early, almost an hour and a half before the sun would plan to rise.

I grabbed a quick cup of coffee, a must have for all early morning hunts and a pack of fruit

snacks. I had a few minutes while the rest of the family was getting around so I shot a couple rounds of practice arrows through my bow. My bow was on and everything was working correctly, finally everyone loaded up and we were ready to head out.

We drove to the

We drove to the stand in one of our two-seater exposed Rangers so there was a slight chill. We dropped off Josh's uncle and brother at their locations then headed to our own. Once settled in the stand we checked my shooting window making sure the shot angle was

good and that I had adequate room to draw

back my bow. Then it was time to wait, we still had an hour before sunrise.



Sammi Jones – her first bow deer.

Apparently I snoozed until around 8:45am when I felt a strong nudge against my arm. I open my eyes and I saw him, my breath caught in my throat and I did a very acrobatic silent scramble to my feet. My head was still a little foggy; I focused my eyes and regain my stance ready for the next step. The morning air was brisk and my heart was beating in my chest. I could see him standing twenty-five yards away, grazing contently. I rubbed my eyes, my breathing quickened. Slowly moving into position I knocked an arrow and swiveled my head back in his direction. I could literally feel the blood pulsing in my head, every breath a gasp trying to make the next more hushed than the one before. It may seem ridiculous believing he can hear me from my perch up high but I didn't want to chance anything, that today.

#### THE TROPHY ROOM



Two years. Three seasons. The Lord knows how long and hard I have worked to get to this moment. I stole a glance in Josh's direction in silent anticipation of this moment; poised for the word. This is it! Today I harvest my first animal with my bow, a buck. (OK, maybe I repeated that but hey, it's been Two Years, Three Seasons so ...) He continued to feed for another five minutes or so always remaining just out of range or posturing away from me.

With each moment that passed my nerves spiked; in hunting nothing is guaranteed so when the right moment presents itself you have to act. Finally he gave me a broad side shot, I pulled back my bow like I've done hundreds of times in the past two years but this time the pull of the bow did not seem as heavy. Adrenaline pumping I took a breath, steadied my sight right in that sweet front leg pocket. As I let that breath go I sent the arrow flying and the world seemed to slow.

He must have heard the shot because he jumped the string ..... right into the arrow. A perfect pass through then he turned to run; he doesn't make it more than forty yards when he starts to stumble and then falls. "He's down! He's down! I've got him!" I trumpet to Josh. Of course I wanted to climb down from that stand that moment and see my deer.

"We have to wait a few minutes or so..."

Josh whispers in an excited hushed tone. My body still tingled with the excitement and adrenaline of the shot. I can't think about anything but my shot and watching that deer hit the ground and he wants me to sit there quietly for a few minutes! Well there was no chance of another deer coming in that morning and after ten minutes of my "reserved silence", which felt like an hour, Ha! Josh concedes and we clamor out of the stand and head to where

my arrow lies sticking out of the ground. We follow the limited blood trail, which was unnecessary because after a few minutes I hear Josh say,

"Babe I don't think he went that way...." I turn to see him pointing just ten yards up from where I'm standing. I bound over to where my deer lays, yes! Finally, I have taken my first deer ever and with my compound bow.

"Be strong and let your heart take courageous, all you who wait on the Lord"-Psalms 31:24





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The Bowman Lodge is staffed and operated by dedicated volunteers and fellow veterans. We look forward to another great season!

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Bowman Lodge is funded by The Talley Bowman Foundation, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. 100% of all proceeds from donors go to the foundation to keep the mission of Bowman Lodge a reality.

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# HUNTINSPAIN

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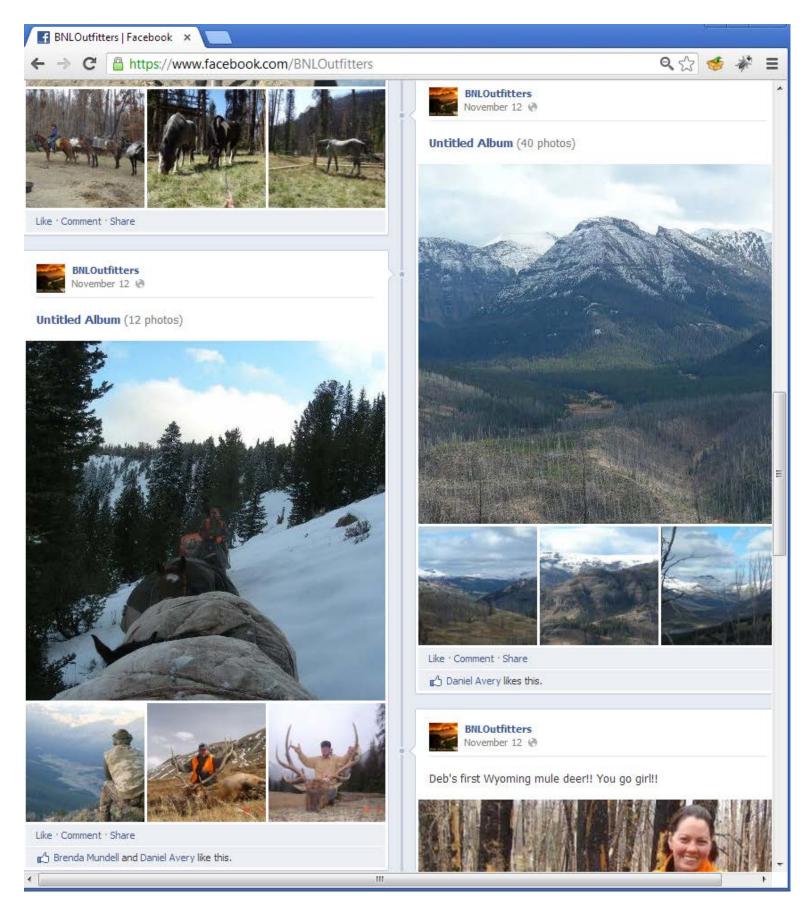
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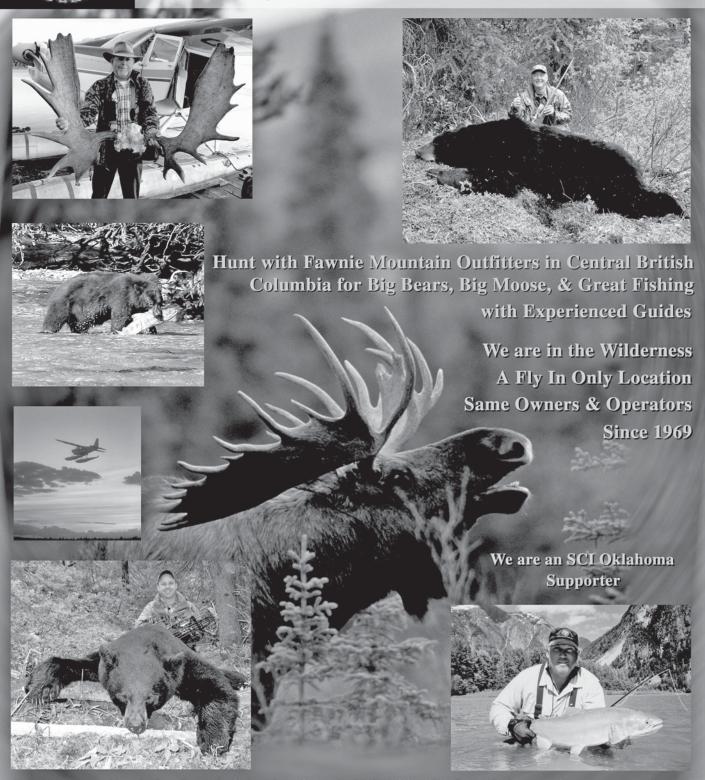


BNLOutfitters had a SPECTACULAR 2012 Hunting Season – <u>Time to come sign up</u> for ECO Trips in Wyoming or Minnesota, put in for your Elk, Mule and Deer tags in Wyoming and pack for a high mountain blue ribbon fly fishing trip in the Shoshone National Forest!



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#### BOWERS CORNER



Project: Build a handmade masterpiece 3 Piece Recurve Bow for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Oklahoma Stations SCI Auction

Location: Oklahoma City

Process: To be shown through the process over 2 Safari Trails Magazines and finalized in the Banquet Book.

Supplies:

2 Tapers, 2 Parallels, 2 Wedges, and 4 lengths of Gordon Bo-Tuff UL Glass, 1 or 2 Riser Blocks The detail to get the right thicknesses is very complex but if you call Kenny he will talk you through all the choices and ship you all the parts in two or three days. <a href="http://www.kennyscustomarchery.com">http://www.kennyscustomarchery.com</a> 660-895-5185

Limb Locking Kit for connecting the limbs to riser block. Lots of choices but they have you covered: http://www.binghamprojects.com/products.php?cat=41

String, silencers, rest pads, finish at H&H: <a href="http://www.hhshootingsports.com/">http://www.hhshootingsports.com/</a>

Overview: Covering all the steps in the ST would be cumbersome but a supplemental book with many pictures and specific information will be put together at <a href="http://oklahomastationsci.org/bowbuilding">http://oklahomastationsci.org/bowbuilding</a> when the project is complete.

Today we will do step one of building the limbs. You need a limb press which you can build with some simple hardware and plywood or even borrow from someone as they only get used now and then. You will also need an oven and pressure hose, which as well can be borrowed (mine is available for anyone who wishes to use them).

The process of building the limbs is to take the pieces of limb laminate and glass from Kenny and epoxy them all together with a fine film Pic 1. (if you use to much epoxy it just squishes out the sides and makes a mess, so keep it thin but covering all layers).

After they are lathered up, put plenty of ClingWrap on your bow press and put it all together Pic2, and into the over for 8-10 hours. You will need to do this process for each limb so plan 2 days for completion.

If you wish to make good use of your time, you can start cutting on your riser block while waiting for the limbs to cook. I will be covering this in the next ST but the process is to cut the limb mount slants off the riser block (important to do this now so you get good flat and correct angle cuts). Then start cutting your shape in.

One thing we will need to do is name this bow, so go to our Facebook page and help us name it © Once complete, this will hopefully be a very famous bow ©



PIC 2: Limb in Press and Over on and ready to work.

Network Larry - editor@oklahomastationsci.org

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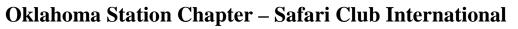


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National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

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It's almost Banquet Time! To get us in the mood, we will be adding more and more auction items to the ST each Month till Auction night. Items with our 2013 stamp are Auction items we will have available.





The Hunt: 5-day Whitetail Archery hunt with 150plus Outfitters during the rut. This is a filmed hunt with an SCI videographer.

When: Your hunt will take place Nov 2nd - 6th, 2013.

Where: Our lodge is located near Garnett Kansas, This is in the southeastern part of the state in management unit 11.

Value: \$2,500

Who: This hunt is for an individual, We do have 2 more openings for this same hunt minus the videographer for \$2,500 each.

Not Included: We do not provide your meals. We do not cover the cost of your tags and hunting license.

Contact info: Call me, Cody Mundell at 785-304-1699 or email me at codymundell@gmail.com



This donation is our way of giving back to the community of hunters.

We are a small outfitter that has been in business since 2009.

To the left is a photo of Leroy Ussery's Whitetail harvested on Nov 4th 2012 with 150plus Outfitters.



What: 4 day hunt including gemsbok and Kalahari springbok

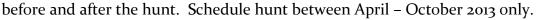
Where: Along the Orange River, Namibia

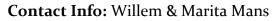
When: 2013 season

**Who:** One hunter and one observer (or two hunters)

**Value: \$4500** 

Not Included: Airfare(USA/Joh'burg/Upington OR Cape
Town/Upington +- U\$2000) gratuities, packing,
dipping/shipping of trophies and travel/stay over cost





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This Orange river area close to the Kalahari has become famous for it's fantastic big Gemsbok, Eland, Red hartebeest and Springbok trophies. Enjoy this 50 000 acre unspoiled nature jewel of mountains, valleys and wide open plains, on the ORANGE RIVER (border to South Africa) with it's Big Fish and Diamonds and where HUNDREDS OF GAME can be seen almost every day while hunting.

Hunt can be upgraded also to include **Leopard**--min. 12 days, Klipspringer, Cape Eland, Hartmann Mountain Zebra, Kudu, Red Hartebeest, Blesbok and others as per our pricelist on our website: <a href="https://www.kumkum.com.na">www.kumkum.com.na</a>. Upgrade to additional hunters/days cost US\$300/day, non-hunters US\$120/day plus 15% V.A.T. on daily rates only. Arrival/departure point is Upington via Cape Town or Johannesburg. Side



Cheetah(also tame ones) and Black Rhino can be seen, the Fish River Canyon, the Namib Desert, Kalahari Gemsbok Park( many say the best) and a visit to the popular tourist attraction Cape To bird hunting can also be organized, is highly recommend

Value: \$8500.00

The Adverture: Last year we let you choose your height of adventure, low, mid or over the top of the mountain. This year you can choose any one of our adventures!!! Hunt; Elk, Mule Deer, Antelope or Fly-fish the Rockies in any of our top trophy regions of Wyoming or try the Whitetail, Wolves or Ice Fishing of Northern Minnesota, or Whitetail, Predator or Turkey hunting of Oklahoma – do any 1 of them ©

When: During the chosen games season, local state regulations apply. High Mountain and Minnesota trips are 10 day or less and Oklahoma can be the entire season if available.

Where: Wyoming. Minnesota or Oklahoma

**Who:** You of course! Bring a friend at normal rates and parties are always welcome.

**Not Included**: Transportation to and from closest airport, hotel stays on travel days, License(s), and Face Cream for those smile wrinkles you will gain... Sheep, Grizzly Bear (probable for 2013 Wyoming season), Moose.

**Elk or Mule Deer** in the Shoshone National Forest or Antelope in the lower farm lands. We Outfit some of the top areas (63/64 Elk) in Wyoming if not in all of America. Over 300 inch is the norm and 400 is out there too but we do have to get an additional fee over 360". We will wait for you to draw your tag.

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Contact: Bruce Lindsey - Phone: 307-221-4752 Email: Bruce@BNLOutfitters.com http://www.bnloutf



# Hickory Ridge Ranch

What: This hunt is for one youth hunter and a paying adult. Hunt includes all trophy fees and accommodations for the youth plus all accommodations for the accompanying adult and a 20% discount on trophy fees. If the hunters wish to have the hunt filmed these services can be added at no additional charge

Where: The hunt will take place at Hickory Ridge Ranch in Lamar, OK.

When: The hunt is to be conducted in the 2013 season

#### Value: \$6000

Who: One youth hunter with an accompanying adult hunter (father/son, mother/daughter, etc...) and the youth's family.

Not Included: Oklahoma licenses for both hunters and processing of animals harvested.

Contact Info: Joshua Jones

405-714-0555

josh@hickoryridgehunting.com

HICKORY RIDGE RANCH near Lamar, Oklahoma, includes 2,000 very wild acres under high fence and another 2,000 acres outside the fence, along the South Canadian River. The ranch is professionally managed for whitetail bucks and trophy elk. Owner Denver McCormick has made it possible to offer this very special hunt. This hunt is not about just taking a nice deer. This is about a young hunter and their role model building memories in the great outdoors. Those special times out in the woods with their mom, dad, grandpa, aunt, etc... can be some of the best childhood memories and instill a love of nature and our hunting heritage in the hearts of the next generation.



What: 2 Person Hunt for up to 140 Inch Class Whitetails

Where: Horseshoe Hill Ranch, Pennsylvania

When: 2013 or 2014 seasons

Who: 2 hunters each to take their own Whitetail

**Value: \$2500** 

Not Included: Airfare, hotel accommodations before or after hunt if necessary, shipping of trophies,

licenses (\$150)

Contact Info: Horseshoe Hill Outfitters http://www.hhhunts.com

724-290-9338

hhhunts@gmail.com

This fantastic opportunity from Horseshoe Hill Outfitters i for 2 people to both harvest up to 140" class whitetails. They also may bring a group in which each member will be granted \$1,000.00 off of their trophy hunt. Meals, lodging and guide all included. Hunt can be upgraded to hunt 150"-300" Deer. There are no license fees required. We have an on-site taxidermist and meat processor available. This hunt is valid for the 2013or 2014 hunting seasons at Horseshoe Hill Ranch in Pennsylvania . Large groups welcome our lodge sleeps 15.

Horseshoe Hill Outfitters offers world class hunts in locations all over the United States (and in Canada). We take pride in our ability to put hunters on trophy class animals in all of our locations.

Horseshoe Hill Outfitters has provided hunters with thousands of successful kills, many rewriting the record books! Our hunters come back year after year to bag that huge trophy animal.







What: 5 day wolf hunt over bait and ice fishing

Where: Longlac, Ontario

When: 2013 or 2014 seasons (February-March)

Who: One hunter plus accompanying hunter (second hunter at full rate of \$2500)

**Value: \$2500** 

Not Included: Airfare, hotel accommodations before or after hunt if necessary, shipping of trophies,

licenses (\$150)

**Contact Info:** Horseshoe Hill Outfitters

724-290-9338

hhhunts@gmail.com

This fantastic opportunity from Horseshoe Hill Outfitters is for a 5 day Wolf Hunt over bait in Longlac, Ontario. Hunts are conducted February – March. Hunt is semi-guided,



box blinds with heaters are the primary method of hunting. Average shots are 100-200 yards. Groups up to 6 welcome. Closest airport is Thunder Bay, Ontario (200 miles). Ice Fishing is included in this package as well. Transportation to and from stands provided by snow sleds. This hunt is valid for the 2013 or 2014 hunting seasons. The winning bidder must bring a full paying customer along with them @ \$2500.00. Non-Hunters welcome @ \$100 per day.

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# HUNTINSPAIN

#### **Trophy Fallow or Mouflon in Spain**

**What:** Trophy Fallow Deer or Mouflon Sheep hunt in Spain for one hunter with Alfonso Fabres of Hunt In Spain. 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.

Where: The hunt is to take place near Salamanca, Spain

When: 2013 or 2014 seasons Who: Hunt is for one hunter

**Value: \$9300** 

**Not Included:** Hotel fees if hunter overnights in Madrid, hunting licence of \$290, export permits of

\$200 and 18% V.A.T **Contact Info:** Lucia Lopez

Email: info@huntinspain.com



Accommodation for this hunt is unique: an 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Salamanca. This city is 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.

ALFONSO FABRÉS has been in the outfitting business for 30 years. He is Vice-President of Spain's Hunting and Tourism Association. Belongs to Board of Directors in Castilla-León States for hunting resources.

Director of the Spanish Professional Hunters Association. He has also won the Spanish Award from the Spanish Hunting Federation. He was the guide to the King of Spain when he twice took the all-time World Record Spanish Ibex.



There are no surprises with this hunt. The winning bidder may take even SCI gold medal trophies at no additional charge. If the hunter is lucky enough to get a shorted fox may also be taken as a bonus species free charge.



What: Two hunters for seven hunt days plus the arrival and departure days, plus trophy fees of \$3000 to be shared between the two hunters.

Value: \$9,400

When: 2013 or 2014 season Outfitter schedule

Where: Limpopo Province of South Africa

Not Included: The balance of Trophy Fee's, Travel to and From South Africa

The trophy credit can be used for any animals of your choice. Daily rates and trophy fees additional to those donated will be as per the current price list. Non-Hunters are welcome to be added at \$200 per day. This is an all-inclusive package and includes pick-up and drop-off at Johannesburg Airport, all meals, drinks in moderation, field preparation of trophies, laundry service, accommodations in our lodge, and the services of an experienced Professional Hunter and tracker. The hunt may be scheduled for 2013 or 2014. Trophy credits cannot be transferred between the two hunters.

Contact: Andre Stewart <a href="mailto:kuvhima@mweb.co.za">kuvhima@mweb.co.za</a> Tel: 27 83 320 8866 Fax: 27 86 671 7556 <a href="http://www.kuvima.co.za">http://www.kuvima.co.za</a> Address: P.O. Box 607, Lephalale, Limpopo Province, RSA, 0555













What: 10 day plains game safari for two hunters including trophy fees for an impala and choice of either blue wildebeest or gemsbok for both hunters!

Where: Limpopo, South Africa

When: 2013/2014 season

**Who:** Two hunters

Value: \$13,000

**Not included:** Airfare to O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg, South Africa), prep and shipping of trophies, accommodations before or after hunt if necessary.

Contact Info: Hannes Els <u>hannes@limcroma.com</u>

http://www.limcroma.com



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With nearly 200,000 acres of privately owned and closely managed hunting concessions, Limcroma Safaris operates first class safari adventures in the Limpopo Province--the premier hunting destination in South Africa. This exclusive 10 day plains game safari includes daily rates for 2 hunters, trophy fees for 1 Blue

Wildebeest and 1 Impala for each hunter, licensed professional hunter, tracker, skinner, camp staff, and daily laundry service. Guests will enjoy delectable cuisine prepared in traditional South African fashion, wild game dishes, and beverages including fine South African wines, local beers, and liquor. Accommodations include luxurious native thatched

five-star chalets with in suite baths.

There are literally hundreds of outfitters in South Africa but Hannes Els and Limcroma Safaris supports SCI and truly provides a first class safari experience from start to finish. Even noted bow hunter, rocker, and conservationist Ted Nugent has hunted with Limcroma Saldescribes his safari with Hannes as nothing less than a "perfect"





What: 10 full days of hunting for 1 hunter and one observer including trophy fees for impala, blesbok, springbok, and gray duiker OR 10 days for 2 hunters (2x1) including impala and blesbok for each hunter.

Where: Eastern Cape of South Africa

When: Hunt may be taken in 2014 or 2015 (if any open dates remain the hunt may also be conducted in 2013)

Who: 1 hunter and 1 observer OR 2 hunters

#### Value: \$8240

Not Included: 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 PH and camp staff. The preparation, packing, documentation, taxidermy and export of trophies from South Africa and all items of a personal

nature.

Contact Info: Joe or Barbara Dabney 870-214-1028

Web Site: www.mankazanasafaris.com

email: info@mankazanasafaris.com.

This beautiful hunting area is nestled in the foothills of the Great
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finest free range hunting for Eastern Cape kudu and bushbuck to be found anyplace. Over 30 species
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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. Value added tax. To reserve their preferred dates the winning bidder MUST contact Joe or Barbara Dabney (see above) within 60 days of the close of the auction. Failure to do so may result in their having to accept whatever dates are available.



# North Alloerta Outfitters

What: Alberta bear hunt for one bear, second bear can be added for \$1500

Where: Alberta, Canada

When: 2013/2014 season

Who: One hunter

**Value: \$3500** 

Not Included: Airfare to Edmonton Canada, Alberta bear license and tax, shipping of trophy/meat, hotel accommodations before or after hunt.

**Contact Info:** Troy Foster

northab@telus.net

http://www.northalberta.com

Located in Slave Lake, (North Central Alberta) we offer hunts for Canadian: Moose, Whitetail Deer, Mule Deer, Black Bear and Wolves may also be taken. In addition to our hunting program we now offer world class fishing for Northern Pike and Walleye.

North Alberta Outfitters was established in 1986, and is owned and operated full time by myself, Troy Foster and my wife Lisa Foster. I was born and raised in the Slave Lake Area. My knowledge of the hunt area is extensive, providing you with the optimum hunting experience. Our warm and friendly staff are ready to greet you on arrival and help you get settled in.

North Alberta Outfitters will place you in an area that holds quality trophy animals of the species you choose to hunt. When you book a hunt with us, you receive: experience, dedication, and professionalism.

Our success is your success along with your enjoyment.







What: Alberta bear hunt for two bears; method of take is hunter's choice

Where: Alberta, Canada When: 2013/2014 seasons

Who: One hunter with an accompanying hunter at full rate

Value: \$3650

Not Included: Airfare to Edmonton Canada, Alberta bear license and tax, shipping of trophy/meat, hotel accommodations before or after hunt.

**Contact Info:** Colin Paly

colin@northernedgeoutfitting.com
http://www.northernedgeoutfitting.com/

**Northern Edge Outfitting Ltd.** takes pride in offering personal guided trophy hunts for bear, moose, whitetail deer, wolf and coyote with an emphasis on providing you with the hunting experience of a lifetime. We all work hard to provide comfortable camp facilities, and are always willing to go that extra

mile to make your hunt a memorable one.

Alberta is truly one of the premiere bear hunting destinations in North America. With a two bear limit and 30-40% of our bears color phase, this **Northern Edge Outfitting** six day hunt will not disappoint. We only take a maximum of 10 hunters per year, no

more than 4 hunter in camp at one time. Our

camp is located about 4 1/2 hours north of Edmonton in the best bear country you'll find anywhere. We accommodate both bow and rifle hunters. With many trophy bears taken annually, we invite you to experience this incredible northern adventure.





### ROBERTS RANCH OUTFITTERS on the RED RIVER

**The Hunt:** One Person will enjoy the Red River Oklahoma hospitality of Monty Roberts for a river bottom 1 day **HOG Hunt** with UNLIMITED Hogs!

**Value:** \$300.00 - 1 day

When: Scheduled date with Outfitter during the 2013 Year

Where: South of Davidson Oklahoma, on the Red River

Who: 1 Hunter but please bring another at normal rates if you can.

Not Included: Transportation to and from, normal supplies, tags and processing.

Contact Information: Marty Roberts (580) 305-4868 <u>RobertsRanchOutfitters@yahoo.com</u> http://robertsranchoutfitters.com - PO Box 273, Davidson Oklahoma 73530

You will be hunting for wild hogs. Arrive on the evening before the first day of hunting, hunt one day; depart the evening of the 1st day. Monty Roberts will provide all transportation during the hunt and all meals during your stay.

The ranch has camper slots with water, electric and dump station or you can stay in the 5 room bunk house. A 250 yard rifle range is available to ensure accuracy before your hunt. Roberts Ranch Outfitters is a homestead ranch located on the Red River near Davidson Oklahoma and Vernon Texas. This ranch features wild ranging river bottom hogs. This hunt represents an outstanding opportunity to introduce new younger hunters to Hog Hunting.





### ROBERTS RANCH OUTFITTERS on the RED RIVER

**The Hunt:** One Person will enjoy the Red River Oklahoma hospitality of Monty Roberts for a river bottom, high stand, and unlimited size Whitetail Deer hunt with bow or muzzleloader!

**Value:** \$1800.00 - 5 days

When: Scheduled date with Outfitter during the 2013 Bow/Muzzleloader

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Where: South of Davidson Oklahoma, on the Red River

**Who:** 1 Hunter but please bring another at normal rates if you can.

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Hugh Bereman with a 2010 year 150+ inch wild trophy buck.

You will be hunting for wild trophy bucks...Only mature bucks with horns of 10 points or rough score of above 140 may be taken. Arrive on the evening before the first day of hunting, hunt five days; depart the evening of the fifth day. Monty Roberts will provide 1 X 1 placements in the stand, all transportation during the hunt, and all meals during your stay.

The ranch has camper slots with water, electric and dump station or you can stay in the 5 room bunk house. A 250 yard rifle range is available to ensure accuracy before your hunt. Roberts Ranch Outfitters is a homestead ranch located on the Red River near Davidson Oklahoma and Vernon Texas. This ranch features wild ranging river bottom Whitetail deer with natural bucks ranging to above a 180 rough score. This ranch is an ideal opportunity for stand hunting whitetails in an outstanding habitat. This is a great hunt to use rattle and grunt techniques to bring big bucks up from the brushy bottoms.

This hunt represents an outstanding opportunity to introduce new younger hunters to trophy Whitetail deer hunting.





# Lad Shunneson Adventures Deep Sea/ Wingshooting Combo

What: 6 days of deep sea fishing for marlin, sailfish, dorado and shark combined with fantastic duck and

dove hunting

Where: Mazatlan, Mexico

When: January-March 2014

Who: One hunter with accompanying hunter at 25% discount

Value: \$4565

Not Included: Airfare, licenses (\$16/day), alcohol, shotgun shells

(\$17/box)

Contact Info: Lad Shunneson

303-258-7777

ladadventures@webtv.net

shunnesonandwilsonadventures.com



Join Lad personally for this 6 day package including 2 days of deep sea fishing, 1 day of wingshooting, and 1 day of beach and shopping. Fully guided including all meals, accommodations in Lad's private condominium on the beach in Mazatlan, Mexico. Also includes 1 night of true Mexican fiesta! Can be upgraded to include a full day of bass fishing on the legendary Lake El Salto.

Mazatlan has one of the largest concentrations of waterfowl in Mexico. To hunt ducks and doves there is an unbelievable, world-class experience.



This is Lad's 43<sup>rd</sup> year running these adventures. The sun, beach, and general fun as well as the fishing and duck hunting are fantastic!



# Lad Shunneson Adventures "Fish Slamming Safari"

What: 6 days with Lad Shunneson Adventures deep sea fishing for marlin, sailfish, shark, and room March 2

Where: Mazatlano or Zihautanejo, Mexico

When: July or August 2014

Who: One person with accompanying guest at 25% discount

Value: \$4565

Not Included: Airfare, licenses (\$16/day), alcohol

**Contact Info:** Lad Shunneson

303-258-7777

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A very exciting new adventure for summer deep sea fishing at Lad's beautiful private condo on the beach. The winning bidder and at least

one guest (guests receive 25% discount) will enjoy 6 days with Lad in either Mazatlan or Zihautanejo, Mexico with 4 full days of fishing plus arrival and departure days. Package includes all meals, guide services, accommodations in Lad's private condominium, all government taxes and a true Mexican fiesta!

This is Lad's 43<sup>rd</sup> year running these adventures. The sun, beach, and general fun as well as the fishing and duck hunting are fantastic!









What: 2 days of hunting for free range aoudad at Trash Rack Ranch

Where: Trash Rack Ranch- 40 miles north of Del Rio, Texas

**When:** Any time (late spring and early summer are the best times for aoudad hunting)

Who: One hunter

#### **Value: \$3200**

Not Included: Transportation to and from ranch, taxidermy, meat processing, and license

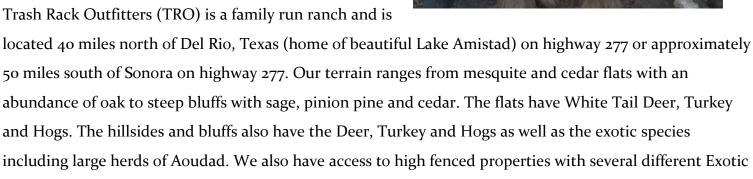
**Contact Info:** George Nelson

Trash Rack Ranch LLC

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species including Black Buck, Fallow Deer, Elk and high genetic White Tail Deer.





Currently, Trash Rack Ranch has been watching an aoudad that could put one lucky hunter in the record books. If it is not a new world record, it is at least in the top 5.





What: 2 day hunt for Rio Grande turkey at Trash Rack Ranch

Where: Trash Rack Ranch- 40 miles north of Del Rio, Texas

When: To be arranged with outfitter (subject to state regulated seasons)

Who: One hunter

Value: \$1050

**Not Included:** Transportation to and from ranch, taxidermy, meat processing, and license

**Contact Info:** George Nelson

Trash Rack Ranch LLC

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http://www.trashrackoutfitters.com

Trash Rack Outfitters (TRO) is a family run ranch and is located 40 miles north of Del Rio, Texas (home of



beautiful Lake Amistad) on highway 277 or approximately 50 miles south of Sonora on highway 277. Our terrain ranges from mesquite and cedar flats with an abundance of oak to steep bluffs with sage, pinion pine and cedar. The flats have White Tail Deer, Turkey and Hogs. The hillsides and bluffs also have the Deer, Turkey and Hogs as well as the exotic



species including large herds of Aoudad. We also have access to high fenced properties with several different Exotic species including Black Buck, Fallow Deer, Elk and high genetic White Tail Deer.







#### Oklahoma Station Chapter – Safari Club International

#### PO Box 890307 Oklahoma City, OK 73189

# Oklahoma Station - SCI Supports and Contributes Funds Locally & Nationally

The future of hunting is up to each one of us. It is our financial donations, our efforts in the political arena, and our ability to educate the uninformed public of the important role hunting plays in the welfare of the animal population and their habitat. Our activities and energy must focus on 3 areas - Conservation, Education, and Governmental affairs.

We, the members of SCI, are the last best chance that wildlife has to survive in a healthy habitat, and we have to preserve our right to hunt.

Oklahoma Station Chapter, SCI is a 501 c (3) Charitable Status Organization

#### Protect the Freedom to Hunt

# **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM TO HUNT & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PRORAMS** - 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 <u>hunting organization</u> 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-

Highlights of 2011- 2012

conservation and humanitarian-services programs.

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, <u>over</u> \$ 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 Statewide 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!

#### THE TROPHY ROOM





Jed Crabb Got the 174" monster on his SCI Auction hunt in CO!! ...



... and then he comes back to OK and does THIS off his SW OK Ranch!





Steve Young shot this beautiful 171 BC Mule Deer in CO (Bottom) and his friend one upped him with this 227 BC which could be the largest in CO this year—way to go guys!!



This 16 point slipped up during the opener of rifle season



Brian Buffington shot this 300 inch bruiser on a hunt in Utah (Right)

#### THE TROPHY ROOM







Two of our Board Members, Leroy Ussery (Left) Sam Munhollon (Right) enjoyed success with one of our Sponsors 150 Plus Outfitters (Above)



NICE 158 there Leroy, I am sure the camo color sequence lent a helping hand  $\ensuremath{\circledcirc}$ 



Hadn't gotten anything from LD Ferguson in a while but the wait was worth it, GREAT buck there LD!!



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