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FOR ALL THEY DO!!*





4 days, 9 hours, 16 minutes and 31 seconds to go. What do you mean I have to wait? I was not born with patience, it's needs to be RIGHT NOW! ... OK, RIGHT NOW! ... Dang it, why can't we hunt year round? Oh yea, conservation and smart management is what has grown the Oklahoma Deer herd to one of the best in the country! OK, I can wait a few more days to the 2013 Whitetail opener but it's not going to be easy ☹️

For those of you who haven't graduated to bow hunting, there has never been a better time to jump onboard. Today's equipment makes it possible for everyone to use a bow with skill and I will tell you straight up, it is fun too ☺️ I know I have told the story before but it's worth repeating. A few years ago my wife and I were sitting around the PC's one Sept evening. She mentioned, looking over her screen to me, that if we learned to shoot bows we could start deer hunting Oct 1 instead of late Nov. Down to H & H we went the next day and were throwing darts at 10 yards in 10 minutes each. As they say, the rest is history and we hunt from Mid Sept to Late Jan in a few states. Tags are easier to get for bow too and even if your shoulder is shot, grab a cross bow and lets go, same laws for bow and cross bow in Oklahoma.

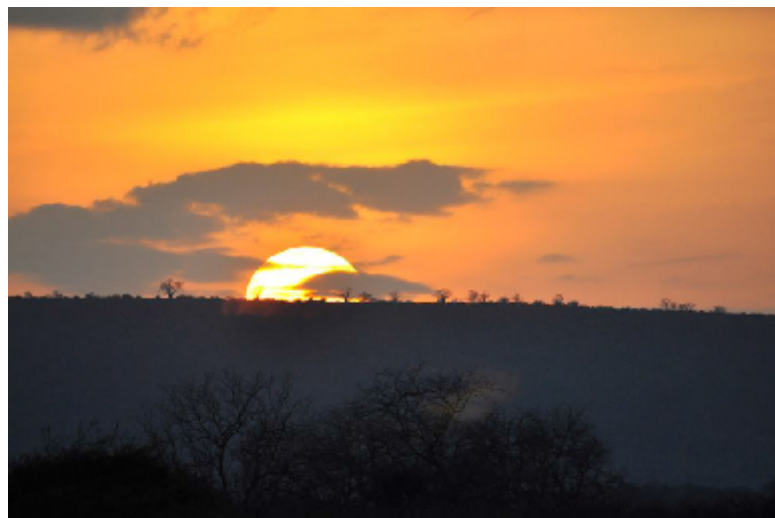
This year I was lucky enough to additionally draw a tag for the legendary McAlester traditional bow hunt. No wheels (that's what traditionalists call compound bow users, "bow hunters with training wheels"), no sights, no GPS, range finder or electronics of any sort. Just wood, string and arrows. I sure hope I have gained some skill over the years, tricking one of the smartest, most frustrating to hunt, creatures on earth to come with-in 15 yards is going to be tough. To go from rifle hunting where anything I got in the scope went to the freezer, to having to play the wind, be super silent and to basically stretch my arms wide with a whitetail standing 10 yards away has sure changed my hunting styles and oh what a rush it is!! ☺️ Speaking of draws, I got Antelope and Deer in Wyoming too so I'd better get a bigger freezer ☺️

None of this compares to Brother Josh's adventures in Africa but they will do for me this year. Check out one of Josh's stories later in this issue. He is doing the real deal. Not just sightseeing and hunting, but researching and documenting the African landscape. I cannot stress how important it is for us to keep a sharp eye and a hand in Africa conservation and everything about it. We all have dreamed about the going to the dark continent "little trivia – why is it called "The Dark Continent" ?

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Sundown in Tsavo - By Josh Jones

Contrary to what people might think, the name 'Dark Continent' was not given to Africa because of the color of the people living there, but because of the mystery that surrounded the place back when the Europeans visited there. Not much was known of the African lands, but they were known to be harsh and dangerous places and only brave explorers dared to go there.

The great land also was the topic of "The Ladies of OSSCI" Wine and Pallet night. See some of the fun and pictures later on as well and ladies, get a call into Judy and make sure your membership is up to date so you don't miss the next event ☺️



The Ladies really DO know how to Paint

Well, it's now 4 days, 4 hours, 16 minutes and 12 seconds till opener so I better wrap this up. See you all in the woods folks and with our ST being digital, drop a copy on your cell phone and give it some serious reading in your deer stand.

See ya in the woods and GOOD LUCK TO ALL – it's the year of the trophies!! Network Larry

Kenya and Tanzania

The difference between conservation and preservation

September 14, 2013

There is something about the Dark Continent that gets into your blood. Once you have set foot on her soils you cannot help but feel the need to return to her again and again. This has certainly been true for me. After my first trip to Africa I was hooked. Beautiful landscapes set the background for a kaleidoscope of cultures. However, these pale in comparison to the continent's diversity of wildlife. No other continent is home to as many different species of big game. Africa never has been nor ever will be an Eden though. Humans and wildlife are often at odds, causing many problems for conservation efforts. Some countries have been very successful in reconciling conservation with the needs of local people while others have failed. There is no better illustration of this than the East African countries of Kenya and Tanzania.

For years I have heard conflicting reports of these two countries. Most sources I found, some from popular literature and others in scientific publications, stated that Tanzania's wildlife has thrived while Kenya's has declined significantly after the 1977 ban on hunting in Kenya. There are many reports that state the opposite as well, though these are mainly funded or published by anti-hunting organizations so a level of bias can be assumed. As I had just graduated from Oklahoma State with a Bachelor's of Science in Natural Resource Ecology and Management (wildlife ecology and management), I decided to put my degree to the test and see for myself.

Two weeks after graduation my wife and I found ourselves in Nairobi, Kenya embarking on another adventure in the Dark Continent. During our three weeks here we visited several parks in both Kenya and Tanzania. I also had the fortune of interviewing professionals from the fields of wildlife conservation, anti-poaching, and wildlife tourism. I kept detailed notes from these interviews along with my own observations of wildlife to make this as scientific as possible. The following is a summary of what I saw and the conclusions I have drawn from my observations.



I will start with my observations of Kenya as this is where my journey began. The people of Kenya were certainly among the friendliest people I have ever met. Our guides went above and beyond to help us spot wildlife and make sure we enjoyed ourselves. Wildlife populations in Kenya were abysmal. Except for small mammals like dik-dik and warthog we did not see much during our time in Kenya. Most of the wildlife viewings were of birds and I must say that birding is Kenya's saving grace. Without this abundance of birds Kenya's tourism industry would likely die out. In Kenya we visited Tsavo National Park; the maneless lions

from this region have been immortalized in Col. Patterson's account of the man-eaters of Tsavo.

Our guide through Tsavo, William, was actually attending the University of Nairobi studying wildlife. As he was preparing to graduate soon and I had just received my degree we instantly hit it off and he was more than happy to discuss wildlife conservation issues with me much more openly than he would with any other client. This allowed me to get a glimpse into the mindset of conservation professionals in Kenya. William spoke of how hard Kenya had been hit by poaching. Most people have heard about current poaching pandemic for elephant ivory and rhino horn. Like the rest of Africa Kenya has suffered from this. But another form of poaching that has been even more harmful to Kenya's wildlife is the bush meat industry. This is poaching of game mainly by locals around the parks to feed their own families and possibly for sell or trade to get other necessary goods. Along with poaching pressure wildlife in Kenya, particularly predators, are persecuted as they pose a threat to cattle.



The current system of wildlife management and ecotourism in Kenya does very little to address these issues. Local people are not allowed to hunt for food and they are not compensated for any damages



caused by wildlife. This leads many of them to resent the wildlife and fuels further poaching. While tourism brings some business to these areas the locals receive very little benefit; almost all of the money from tourism goes to the tour company, lodges, or government. It is not surprising that wildlife would suffer under a system like this as it has no value to local people. William believes that well regulated hunting could help turn the tide for Kenya's wildlife as it could generate funding for conservation efforts and provide some direct benefits to local people, primarily in the form of red meat. These benefits could bring value back to Kenya's wildlife and ensure the survival of the magnificent animals that call this country home.

The only place in Kenya where we saw decent wildlife populations was at the Lewa Conservancy. However, this area is operated in a drastically different



manner than the rest of Kenya. Lewa is a privately owned conservancy, which is completely fenced. The conservancy employs a rigorous anti-poaching team equipped with superior technology than the average game ranger. The operation of Lewa requires a massive amount of funding, which again is an advantage that Lewa has as a private organization rather than a government funded park. The conservancy makes most of this money through ecotourism. The wildlife here is their lifeblood and as such they reinvest the bulk of their income to conserving their wildlife and paying for the mentioned anti-poaching efforts.



Tanzania on the other hand does not seem to have a problem with funding even in its public parks. During my research I spoke with several Tanzanian outfitters. Tanzanian lion hunts start around \$70,000, half of which is government fees and taxes. A full bag safari for plains game can easily exceed \$100,000. Thanks to these funds roads are well maintained, game rangers seem to be doing a better job of preventing poaching (though poaching is still a problem here like anywhere else in Africa), and most importantly wildlife is thriving. Traveling through Tanzania's parks one could easily see that the ecosystems were intact and healthy. Elephants were not as badly overpopulated as I have seen in South Africa, prey species could be found in massive herds (it was not uncommon to find

herds of thousands of wildebeest or hundreds of buffalo), and a variety of predators ranging from jackals to lions were present in healthy numbers.

To drive this point home I would like to compare the numbers of a few key species I saw for Kenya and Tanzania. To do so I will look at impalas (as a common prey species), lions as a top predator, jackals as small predator and scavenger, and elephants as they are an iconic species of Africa. Throughout all of Kenya we only observed 3 jackals, 18 impala, 45 elephants, and 0 lions (although tracks were found on one occasion and our guide spotted a lion heading into cover while in Nairobi national park but I did not personally see it). Tanzania's Lake Manyara National Park alone beat most of these numbers and we only had a half day game drive here. For all of the Tanzanian parks, except for the Serengeti, we saw 83 elephants, 9 jackals, 361 impala, and 5 lions. The Serengeti National Park of Tanzania and the Maasai Mara of Kenya are one ecosystem throughout which the animals migrate so I assume the species composition should be the same throughout both of them. Unfortunately I was unable to visit the Mara to confirm this though so I have removed the Serengeti from my analysis to prevent any claims of observational bias.

What has happened in Kenya proves that wildlife must be of some value to local people if it is to survive. This can only be obtained through sustainable use practices such as hunting. A few animals are removed from the population in order to benefit the rest of the population and locals. Often these are the oldest males as they are the biggest trophies. These are usually beyond their prime and of little use in breeding anyway. With all this in mind it is obvious how hunting can be a major benefit to conservation efforts not just in Africa, but around the world.

In the words of President Theodore Roosevelt:

"In a civilized and cultivated country wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen. The excellent people who protest against all hunting, and consider sportsmen as enemies of wild life, are ignorant of the fact that in reality the genuine sportsman is by all odds the most important factor in keeping the larger and more valuable wild creatures from total extermination."

Joshua Jones:

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A Note from the Board:

We are EXTREAMLY PROUD to call Josh a fellow board member of our Oklahoma Chapter of Safari Club as well as a friend! While reading his latest stories from "The Dark Continent" I was taken back to the stories and tales I grew up on and somewhere along the way I hit a realization, the past is here and he is sitting right next to me.

Most people go to Africa to hunt big game, our troll through the tourist spots. Not Josh, he goes to back pack across the country, interviewing folks, checking out stats and digging deep into the issues and conservation topics of that great country. Then he comes back and tackles those topics head on in detail and with solid, unedited data. Josh is my hero for sure!

Josh is writing up the continent and its issues as well and probably more informed than those great writers of past generations. With today's technology, the data gathering is much faster and in some ways more accurate. Believe me folks when I say, these documents will be part of our history and will be used in some level of the futures review.

Thanks again Josh for doing what we all wish we could and for documenting it so we can all be part of that landscape and hopefully so the current generations and beyond can learn and act correctly for our animal kingdom!

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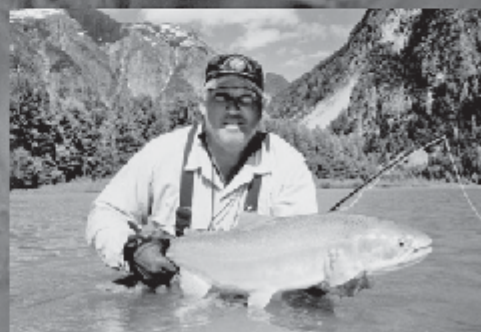


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We, the members of SCI, are the last best chance that wildlife has to survive in a healthy habitat, and we have to preserve our right to hunt.

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 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, learning 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!



My experience at the Y.O. ranch was amazing. I learned a lot. Some of the many things I learned was camping, caping and quartering, and learning about the different exotic animals at the Y.O. We also learned about judging animals in the field and managing the herds. One day we went on a camp out. I had a lot of fun. At the camp out I learned how to make a hobo pack.

The morning after the camp out I went on the hunt for my ram. We were driving for maybe ten minutes and we saw him. I told my guide I wanted to shoot him. So I went and got set up. The first shot was a good shot. But he walked about 70 yards and stopped to give me another shot. I shot and dropped him. It was a really exciting moment.

I am very appreciative of this opportunity to go to the Y.O. ranch and harvest a ram. My time spent at the Y.O. Ranch is an experience I will never forget.

-Barrett Jackson



Oklahoma National Archery in Schools Program Winners



Courtney Maichak with her Pronghorn

Courtney Maichak was the Senior Division winner in last year's OSCSCI / ODWC Essay Contest earning her a guided Antelope hunt in New Mexico. Congratulations on your success Courtney!!

Barrett Jackson was the Junior Division winner in last year's OSCSCI / ODWC Essay Contest earning him an Apprentice Hunter Scholarship at the Y.O. ranch in Mountain Home TX. Congratulations on your success Barrett!!

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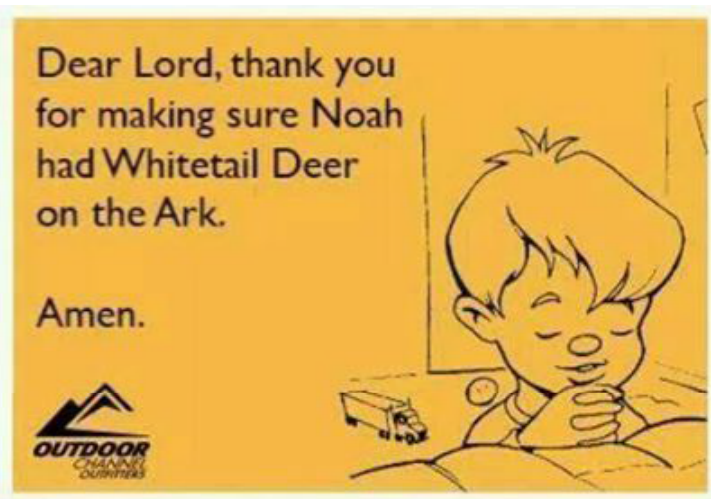
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Redneck Mouse Trap



I think every human should get a chance to read this. Therefore, I am sending it on.

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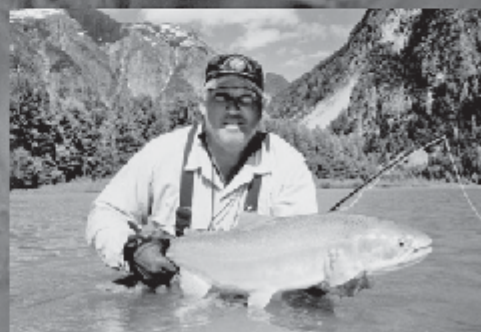


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Now THIS is a Story for the Ages!!

Forester Jason Good was surveying timber in Meigs County , Ohio , on November 12 when he stumbled upon a bizarre sight that made the hair on the back of his neck stand up: In a waist-deep pool of Leading Creek, nose-to-nose like fish on a stringer, floated three whitetail deer. Good spotted the deer from a distance and, at first, thought it was a single carcass. “It was close to the road, and I figured somebody had poached a deer,” he recalls. Even after a second look revealed two deer, he was about to walk away.



“I see dead deer in the woods all the time,” explains Good, who measures timber for a lumber company. “I almost ignored it until I looked again and saw it was three deer.” From the creek bank he realized he’d found “something special” — not just three deer, but three bucks that appeared to have locked antlers.

“I sat there 20 minutes just looking at them, totally amazed, and it took that long to sink in what I was looking at,” Good says. “I thought, ‘If this is really what I think this is then I cannot screw this up.’ I wanted to make sure everything was done by the book so the landowner got to keep these horns.” Good called the landowner, Brien Burke. “He said, ‘Brien, I’ve found something on your property I’ve never seen before, and you’ve got to see it,’” Burke recalls. “I’m thinking a murder, a meth lab, who knows? I said, ‘Jason, just tell me what it is.’ He says, ‘It’s three bucks locked up and they’re floating dead in your creek.’” Burke couldn’t believe it. “I could see two, but three? I asked if he was sure and he said, ‘Yes.’ I drove down and met him. They were floating in the creek almost like three petals of a flower or something.” He reached out to an old college buddy who

worked for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He advised Burke not to touch the deer and put him in contact with Joshua Shields, the ODNR conservation officer for Meigs County . Shields was too busy to examine the scene until the following Monday. “It was the peak of the rut, and I knew there’d be a lot of hunters in the field,” Burke says. He kept the find quiet and maintained a close eye on his property until Monday rolled around.

On Monday, Burke assembled his salvage team at the site, a farm where he and his father built a hunting lodge in 1974 and where they’ve hunted ever since. After examining the scene, which included extensive evidence of the bucks’ battle royale, Officer Shields determined the find was legit, and the salvage operation began. The best way to untangle the pileup, Burke and Shields decided, was to sever the heads of two of the deer and remove their bodies; then the third deer would be removed intact, with the racks of the first two bucks still locked in its antlers.

“All three of the bodies were 200 pounds plus,” Burke says. “No way were we going to move them all together, and my top priority was to preserve the integrity of the lock.”



Burke’s friend Chris Davis waded into the water and zip-tied the antlers together as a precaution. Davis prepared to begin sawing as Burke and Shields watched. After removing the bodies of the first two deer, Burke and Shields (joined by logger Bobby Thompson, left, and forester Jason Good, right) waited for Davis to pull the last buck—with the heads of its rivals still attached—from the creek. As Davis lifted the mass of horns above the water, the crew got their first inkling of just how remarkable a find this was. “I knew it was

something special, but I don't think any of us knew how special until we lifted them out of the water," Good says. "It was hard to judge the racks all tangled up under water; I thought they were three scrawny deer locked together. When they came up out of the water it made the hair on back of my neck stand up again. Holy cow!" The combatants turned out to be an 11-pointer, a 10-pointer and a 7-pointer with an eighth broken tine. Official Boone & Crockett scorer Jack Satterfield took on the daunting task of putting together a green score for the three intertwined racks. All together they tallied more than 400 inches of bone. The 11-pointer (whose main beam is in the foreground here) green scored 168 4/8 gross, 156 0/8 net. The 10-pointer grossed 138 4/8, and netted 136 2/8 green, while the 7-pointer grossed 119 0/8 and netted 108 1/8. So what happened? Burke, who has probably spent more time than anyone poring over the puzzle of intertwined beams and tines, has



a

theory. "Looking at the horns, it looks like the 7- and the 11-pointer were battling and only one side of their horns were locked," he says. "Then the 10-pointer came in on the opposite side, and his main beam went around the base of each one of the other two deer's antlers and his tines went up on the inside of their beams and locked them all three together." Damage to the creek bank and gouge marks on trees suggest the bucks locked up 50 yards downstream, then struggled together along the bank—half in and half out of the shallow water—until one of the bucks toppled into

the deep hole where the deer were found "I think one deer hit that hole and pulled the other deer into the water and they all drowned together," Burke says. "Drowning was probably a good thing. The coyotes would have been on them in no time. I imagine they died full force, adrenaline flowing, battling it out." "But there's also a certain sadness that the lives of three nice bucks just ended like that. Three deer that any hunter would have put on the wall and told stories about."



A find at once so gruesome and awe-inspiring provokes the imagination of even the most objective wildlife observers. It vividly illustrates the intensity of the drive behind the whitetail rut, and reminds us just how high are the stakes, how intense the drive to breed for mature bucks. Wildlife biologists are taught that anthropomorphism—endowing the animals they study with human qualities—is not good science. Yet, says Mike Tonkovich, deer project leader for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, "I can't help wondering what was that third buck thinking? Whatever possessed him to get engaged when the two were already entangled?" It's a thought that Burke echoes. "Three alpha bucks coming together at once, I just can't imagine how brutal that must have been," he says. "It's kind of neat to see evolution right there in front of you," says Tonkovich.

"This is Darwin stuff, what we learned in biology 101—those that are strongest and smartest will do the breeding. In today's deer management world, our interest is in population dynamics or growing big bucks and age structures and so forth, but this takes you back to the basics of deer behavior and, even more simply, evolution and Darwin's theory of natural selection.

"What you're seeing here is one buck trying to convince another that I need to pass my genes on and I'm gonna do what it takes to make sure it happens. This is a manifestation of that drive." It's also a reminder that sometimes the strongest *don't* survive.

"They didn't plan this very well, that's for sure," the biologist notes. "But that also adds some realism to the whole thing—that in spite of the sophistication of evolution there are hiccups that cause the system to fall apart." "I guess it shows us how brutal Mother Nature can be," says Burke. "It's no Bambi story."





The Basic Rules to Bringing your Taxidermist a Mountable Trophy

The Primary Rule – Take lots and lots of pictures from ALL angles and then take some more!

Our feathered friend

In all birds, handling is the most important thing. Do not grab them by the head or neck, only by the feet or for larger birds like turkeys, sitting on top of them while wings are flapping will prevent further damage to the feathers. Wipe off any excess blood and do not gut any bird. After the bird is cleaned up, place in plastic bag enough to cover entire bird. Any bird with a large tail I recommend a cardboard shroud and bag wrapped around burden showed lightly and taped around bird several times. If you cannot bring it to your taxidermist, place bird in the freezer or on ice. Making sure it doesn't lay in the water in the bottom of the cooler.

Fish

A fish that is kept to mount should never be placed on a stringer or gutted. Wrap fish in a fairly wet towel and then place in a plastic bag. Make sure that the bag will cover the whole fish, and the fins are flat along the fish. Wrap tape around bag several times and place in freezer. If unable to take to your taxidermist this method will allow you to keep your trophy in the freezer for several months with no damage. If no freezer is unavailable, place on ice and make sure it doesn't lay in the water in the bottom of the cooler.

Our four legged furry friends

With all fur bearing animals, allowing the specimen to cool off before wrapping it in a bag is a must. With large animals such as bears, allow hide to cool then roll up, keeping the head on the outside, then place in plastic bag. Smaller animals such as coyote, fox, otter, etc. allow body to cool before wrapping it in a plastic bag. Do not gut the animal and clean off any excess blood before placing animal or hide in bag – this means skin it first, then do the processing for butchering, not at the same time. Wrap well and tape it tight. If you cannot bring it to your taxidermist, place animal in the freezer or on ice. Making sure it doesn't lay in the water in the bottom of the cooler. It is very important on fur bearing animals to keep cool if you cannot freeze. If not hair will slip and the specimen is lost.

Tips

Take photos even more so in fish

In your destination look for local taxidermist to skin and freeze specimen before leaving on trip.

Ask your outfitter about properly handling and getting a trophy back before leaving on trip.

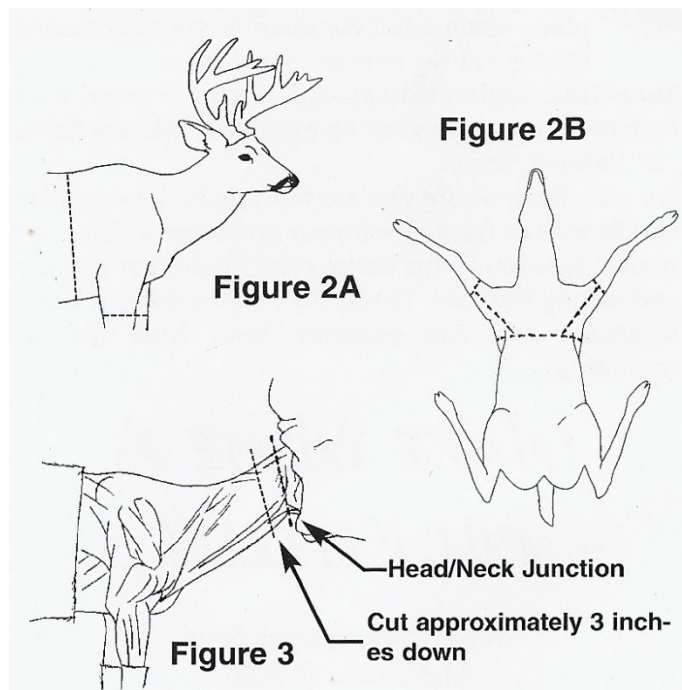
No tags in the ears.

Check on proper tagging and regulations for bringing trophies home and across borders.

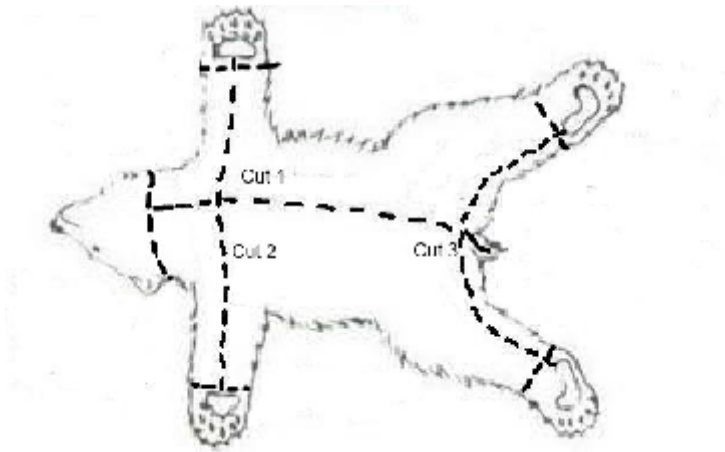
Bring salt for packing trips and remote areas.

Skinning

There are two types of skin when it comes to life size, check with your taxidermist to see what they prefer.



One cut that is used in all rugs. With the animal laying on its back and spread out like a snow angel; cut from the center of its chest down to the vent. Second cut each leg from the paws/hoofs down to the cut you just previously made. Cut off the feet or hoofs without cutting the skin, leave them attached. CAREFULLY, skin from bottom up to just behind the head. At the head, cut the meat down to the spine and with a little twisting the spine should spate. The second method is the dorsal cut. Have the animal on its belly, first cut behind the head down its spine all the way to a few inches from the tail. Skin down to the paws/hoofs and around neck. Again keeping paws/hoofs and head attached to the skin, then cut them off.



Any shoulder Mount 3/4 or 1/2

In all shoulders mounts when in doubt leave more hide, all taxidermist would rather cut off excess. Your first cut is too lay the shoulder straight up and down, measuring at least 12 inches behind front leg (large animals such as moose and buffalo add two feet.) Make a cut around entire animal.

While facing the animal, your second cut is to insert your knife a few inches below the ear and follow the spine down to cut the previously made cut. Cut 12 inches down on the front legs and then around the entire leg. From the back of the front legs make a cut to the cut you just made, follow the back of the leg into armpit and continue to angle cut to the first cut you made (around the body). At this point skin the cape off up to the back of the head then cut the head off. There is no needed amount of meat to be left for measurements. Your taxidermist will be able to get the measurements from the skin after tanning. In all 3/4 or

pedestals mounts the same cuts are made except the first one, with this type of mount, the cut is made just in front of back legs and again around the entire animal

And remember cool before freezing.

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The hunt was Saturday, January 5, 2013 in Sequoyah Co., Oklahoma near Muldrow, Ok. - 2 miles from the Arkansas border nestled in the Ozark Mountains. The tall skinny kid is my grandson-Chase Skelton age 15 with the red hog. The other boy is Alex Skelton-age 17 with the black and the blonde hogs (the older grandson).



Also pictured are the landowner, Bob Burlingame and Grandpa, Sam Munhollon.

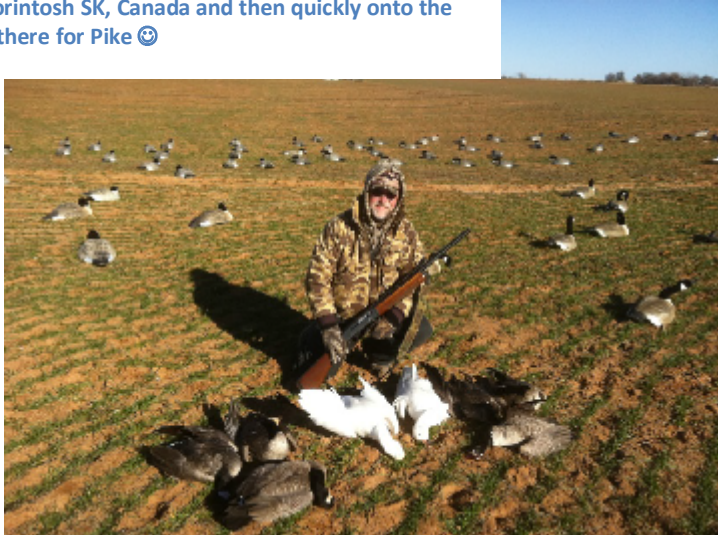




Anderson "Andy" Cobb OSCSCI member in New Zealand



L.D. doing it all over the land and sea. Ice Fishing on Eagle Nest Lake, NM - Goose Hunting at Ft Cobb, OK – Bear from Dorintosh SK, Canada and then quickly onto the waters there for Pike ☺



EVENTS

The “Ladies of OSCSCI” had an event and I am not sure if we want to know all of the discussions that went on. My wife was in attendance and she said they had a blast – ladies, paint and wine, I am sure some topics are better left there 😊 All I know is there was:



Painting



Wine

Thanks to all of you ladies that showed up to the ladies of Oklahoma Station Chapter of SCI Wine & Pallet event on September 12th 2013. This event was hosted at Abuelo's Mexican restaurant in Oklahoma City-Bricktown district and was our first ladies only event of the year. The night consisted of a painting lesson-, which proved to be interesting! Overall everyone in attendance had a good time and got to go home with a work of art with a personal touch. All our OSC ladies we would like to thank Kris and Megan from Wine & Pallet for making this a terrific night. Don't forget to check our website (oklahomastationsci.org) and Facebook page (Oklahoma Station Safari Club International) periodically for updates on future member events – Samantha Jones



Laughter and Mustaches



And Beautiful Masterpieces

The APHA Andre de Kock Award

This very special and sentimental Award is sponsored by *Andre's daughter and son in-law CLAIRE* and *JONATHAN HOWELLS* and friends *TIM HOARE* and *MIKE MILLER* in memory of APHA life-member Andre de Kock who was tragically killed by poachers on February 18, 2011.

Andre's personality and character was incomparable; his love for life, **people and** hunting was infectious; his ability, ethic and attitude were impeccable.

This award is given echoing Andre's personality, to a PH who you would cross the street to say hello to, stop to buy a drink for, laugh with until your cheeks hurt. When the members' vote for the winner of this award they vote for "their PH", who also through ethical hunting and hunting practices upholds the reputation of the African Professional Hunters Association.

The prize is a .375 Kimber, with Tally QD ring mounts, Leopold scope and Americase gun case.

2012 winner PH Cliff Walker

In 2012 Cliff Walker hunted with Veteran Marine scout sniper Aaron Howell (26). While on Patrol in Afghanistan Aaron stepped on an IED ultimately losing both legs above the knee, a lot of forearm muscle and all his fingers save for his trigger finger and thumb.



Through the help and generosity of several of Cliff's clients, as well as Doug Stien and Johnny Vivier Safaris, Aaron's dream of hunting Africa was soon a reality. But with one condition agreed between them all - no animal would be taken from a car. Cliff agreed to carry Aaron on his back for each stalk, not thinking that Aaron was still 140 pounds. (You'll notice the wording for this award (in the reason this award is given it) doesn't say anything about being smart, isn't t that right big guy?).

Once the game was spotted Cliff would jump off the truck and Aaron would climb on his back, Johnny would lead and Doug would carry the rifle. Cliff would have to be bent over most of the time, just watching Johnny's feet for direction. Once within range Doug would put a cushion down and Cliff would kneel on it to off load Aaron. With the gun on a tripod Doug and Cliff would sandwich Aaron from the side to hold him up, and Johnny would talk him through the shot. The longest hike was about 3 km over hills and down riverbeds for a Gemsbok; the longest shot was 460 yards on a Springbok.



Cliffs' back took a real hammering but with the help of painkillers and respect for Aaron he kept going. Cliff said, "You look at him and one has to say, how can I give up on this guy?".

Aaron took Gemsbok, Eland Greater Kudu, Hartbeest, Zebra, Blue and Black Wildebeest, Springbok Warthog and Impala.

A.P.H.A. are proud to have Cliff Walker as a member and he is fully deserving of this award, and A.P.H.A. not only congratulates Cliff, but also Marine scout sniper Aaron Howell, Johnny Vivier and Doug Stien for still hunting with the highest standard of Ethics, even against the odds.



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E-check hunter check station brings convenience to checking in big game

Beginning this fall, all deer, all elk and those turkeys that require checking will be reported through the e-check system available online at wildlifedepartment.com within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. The e-check system is provided by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation as a way to check game more conveniently, affordably and accurately. And while many hunters will check in their deer right from the deer woods, some local businesses will still provide a service to sportsmen by offering internet access for checking deer at their locations.

After a successful hunt, Oklahoma big game hunters know how inconvenient and sometimes even difficult it can be to get their trophy to the nearest hunter check station. By the time an animal can be recovered, tagged, field-dressed and

placed in a vehicle for transport, it may be late in the morning or well after dark, when hunters could be focusing on cooling their trophy or settling in with a cup of hot coffee around the campfire with good friends. Loading their deer into a vehicle and having to go in search of the nearest open hunter check station can be a chore, and now it is no longer necessary.

"Any computer or cell phone with internet access can be a check station," said Micah Holmes, information supervisor for the Wildlife Department.

Hunters do not have to own a computer or have good cellular signal to check in a deer. They can visit a local business that offers sportsmen access to the e-check system, or they can even relay the information by phone to a friend who does have access to a computer within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. When a harvested game animal is reported through the e-check system, a number is generated on a carcass tag that can be printed or simply written on a field tag and attached to the harvested animal.

Not only is the online check station more convenient for the hunters, but it also saves the Wildlife Department time and money. Physical check stations require a minimum of five visits by a biologist or technician each year, taking up hours on the road and fuel expenses. In previous years, Department employees spent over 200 man-hours editing check station books by correcting mistakes and illegible handwriting. The instant data provided through the e-check system allows biologist and game wardens to quickly access up-to-date, accurate information.

Additionally, the e-check system makes it easier for Wildlife Department game wardens to review online game check information in real-time, and several cases of violations have been made in the last few years. Beginning Nov. 1, the penalties for failing to check game will increase substantially (up to \$446 and/or up to 10 days in jail for first offenses) as a result of House Bill 1426, sponsored by State Rep. Scott R. Biggs, R-Chickasha, and Sen. Ron Justice, R-Chickasha.

Many hunters have already experienced the convenience of e-check. The online check system was first implemented during the 2009 deer season, when over 17,000 hunters experienced the ease of the new system. That number almost doubled in 2010 with over 30,000 hunters checking in almost 40,000 deer electronically. Last year about 60 percent of the 107,848 deer harvested were reported through e-check.

Those without Internet access can still check in their animal by having a friend or relative with Internet access check in the animal for them and provide the confirmation number to be used on the field tag. They can also visit a public library or any business location that offers access to the Department's e-check system.

To check in a deer, elk or turkey online, log on to wildlifedepartment.com. As hunting season approaches, a link to the e-check system will be provided on the homepage.

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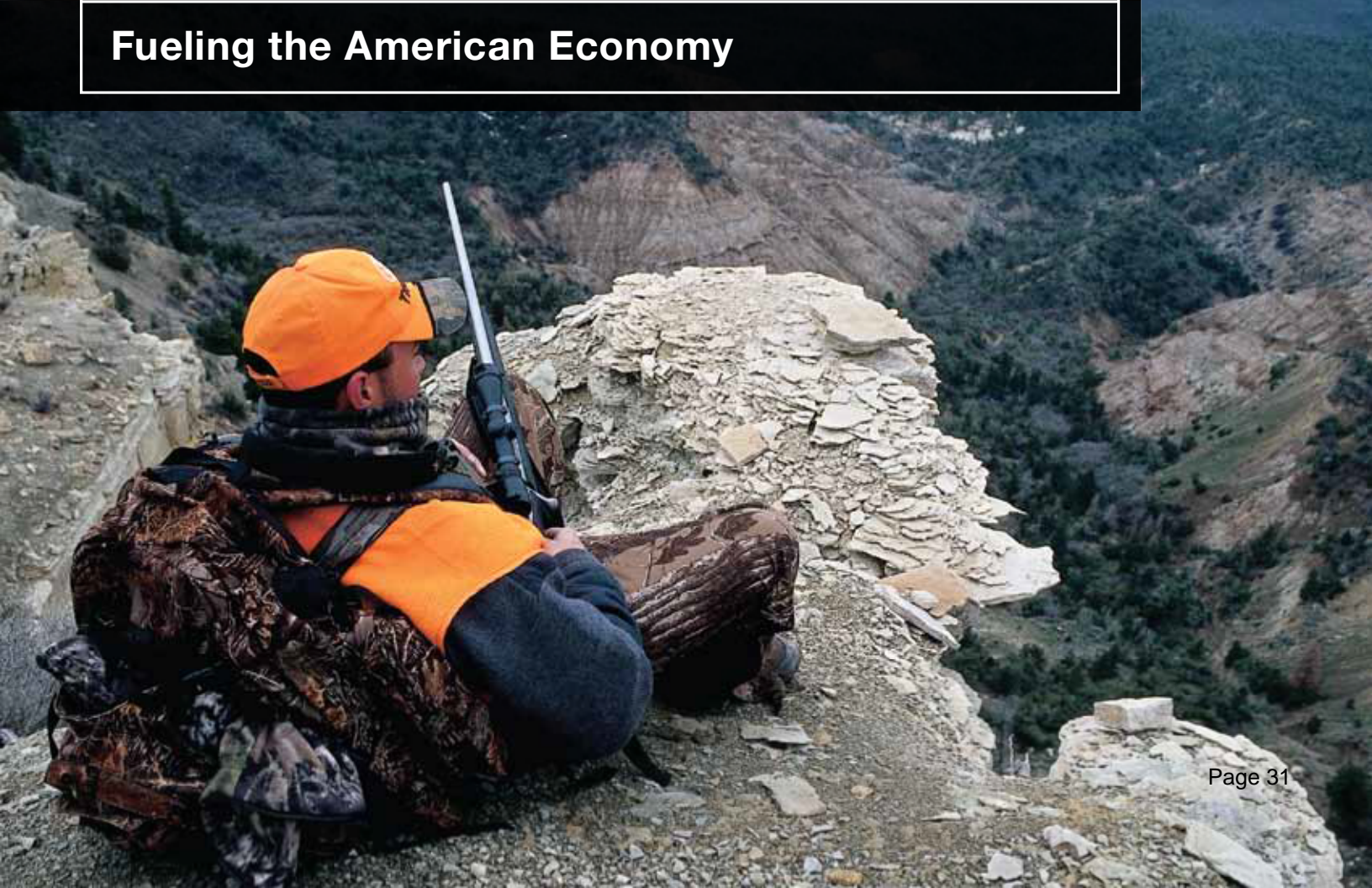
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AMERICA'S SPORTING HERITAGE:

Fueling the American Economy



<div>02</div> <div>03</div>	<div> <div>America's Sportsmen And Women</div> <div> <p>Fueling the American economy today. Funding American conservation for the future.</p> <p>Time in the field hunting or on the water fishing is often spent alone or with a small group of close friends and family. But when you add up all of those individuals, 37.4 million people over the age of 16 hunted or fished in this country in 2011. That's as much as the population of the entire state of California. And the numbers are going up – 2011 saw the first increase in hunters (9 percent) and anglers (11 percent) in recent years.</p> <p>All of those sportsmen and women are an economic force, fueling the American economy. The \$90 billion they spent in 2011 would land them at #24 on the Fortune 500 list, above well-known companies like Kroger, Procter & Gamble and Costco. From boats to shotguns to land purchased for a place to hunt or fish, on average each sportsman and woman spent \$2,407 that year.</p> <p>Beyond the money they spend on their outdoor pursuits, sportsmen and women bankroll conservation. Excise taxes on fishing, hunting and shooting equipment, and motorboat fuel as well as fees for licenses and stamps are all dedicated toward state fish and wildlife management, fueling the American System of Conservation Funding. Add their generous support of conservation organizations through memberships and contributions and you're looking at \$3 billion for conservation over the course of a year.</p> <p>When you take a closer look, America's sportsmen and women are an economic engine helping to fuel our country's economy and the future of conservation.</p> </div> </div>
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The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation produced this report through the generous support of our partners in order to promote the importance of hunting and recreational shooting, angling and boating in the American economy.

The primary source of data for this report comes from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation. This survey is the most comprehensive data available based on interviews with 16,371 hunting and fishing households across the country. The number of participants cited is a snapshot of people who hunted or fished in 2011 and the actual number is probably even higher – industry research found that over 40 percent of resident hunters will buy a license in only one or two years over a five year period.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation and the American Sportfishing Association commissioned Southwick Associates to provide even more detailed economic figures that are also referenced in this report. In addition, other industry-sponsored research on market segments outside the scope of the

04 05	<h2>American Sportsmen: A Closer Look</h2> <p>When it comes to defining your typical sportsman or woman, there's no right image. Anglers fish in rivers and lakes... except that nearly a third of them fish in saltwater. Hunters come from the south... except that Wisconsin has the second highest number of in-state hunters at nearly 900,000. Sportsmen and women are rural... but they also hail from the big city. There's no simple way to categorize sportsmen and women, and that is what makes them such an important constituency in this country.</p> <p>Nationwide, there are 37.4 million Americans, age 16 and older, who hunted or fished in 2011. If you add youth age 6 to 15, there's an additional 1.8 million hunters; young anglers add another 8.5 million to the ranks. And in 2011, hunting and fishing increased by 9 percent and 11 percent respectively from five years before. There are more people who hunt and fish in America than go bowling (34.9 million participants age 7 and up) or play basketball (26.1 million participants over age 7).</p> <p>But perhaps more importantly during a time of economic recession, sportsmen and women spend a lot of money in pursuit of their sports. The \$90 billion they spent in 2011? That's the same as combined revenues for the United States' TV broadcast and cable network industry – yes, that includes NBC, FOX, ESPN, Discovery Channel and much more.</p> <p>The bottom line is that hunting and fishing are good for the economy – for small, rural communities where sportsmen and women visit to hunt and fish, as well as for companies in cities across the country that make and sell the equipment that sportsmen and women depend on.</p>
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There are **37.4 million hunters and anglers** over the age of 16, that's equivalent to the entire population of the state of California.



If every sportsman and woman had voted in the 2012 presidential election, they would have made up **30 percent of the total votes cast**.

\$90.0 BILLION

Sportsmen and women spent \$90 billion in 2011, that's more than the combined global sales of Apple's iPhone® and iPad® the same year.



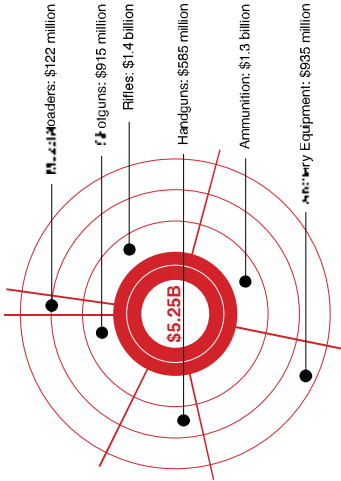
Sportsmen spent \$25 billion in special equipment (boats, trucks, RVs, ATVs, cabins, etc.) in 2011, which is as much as the revenues for the video game industry.



Combined, sportsmen spent more than **835 million days afield** and took more than 711 million trips in 2011 – that averages out to 22 days in the woods and on the water.



The **\$11.6 billion** in food and lodging spent by sportsmen in 2011 is almost 3 percent of the entire Gross Domestic Product in these industries.



Total expenditures for shooting sports equipment by hunters in 2011.

06 07	<div> <div>America's Hunters Spend \$38.3 Billion</div> <div> <p>For many, it is a tradition passed down for generations, parents or grandparents to children, spending hours in the field and precious time together. Some may not think that hunting is "mainstream" anymore, that a sport like soccer has far more participation. But that is far from the truth. There are 13.7 million people age 16 and up who hunted in the United States in 2011 and if you add the 1.8 million youth hunters, age 6 to 15, you have a total of 15.5 million hunters. In comparison, a mere 13.9 million Americans over the age of 7 play soccer.</p> <p>These hunters may live in small towns, but they are just as likely to live in the city and travel to the country in order to hunt. Many of them are men, but a growing number are women. They may be mostly interested in big game hunting (10.8 million), but more than a third of them hunt migratory and upland birds.</p> <p>And of particular note, there are 9 percent more hunters than there were five years ago. Whether that increase comes from the growing ranks of women hunters or the movement to eat local, organic meats, or simply from a renewed interest in connecting with the great outdoors in a more fundamental way, hunting is on the rise.</p> <p>This is great news for the American economy because hunting requires gear and usually travel. When you add up all those hunters, their equipment and all the trips they take – you're looking at \$38.3 billion in spending in 2011, topping revenues for Comcast that same year (\$37.9 billion). In difficult economic times, hunters spent 30 percent more than they did five years before.</p> </div> </div>
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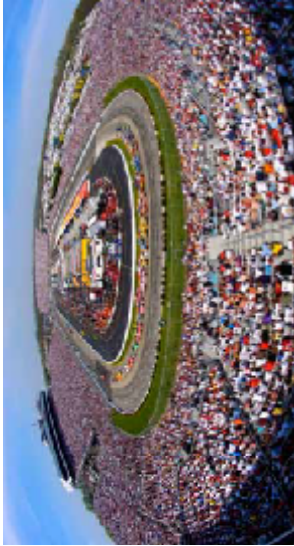
Spending by hunters pays \$5.4 billion in state and local taxes, a sum that could pay the wages of 113,000 firefighters. 37 percent of all professional firefighters in the country, if you add in federal taxes paid by hunters, the number doubles to **\$11.8 billion**.



Hunters spent **\$6 billion** on guns, ammunition and archery equipment in 2011, that's the same as the sales of bicycles in the United States.

\$38.3 BILLION

America's hunters spent \$38.3 billion in 2011, more than the revenues for Comcast that year.



The **15.5 million hunters** over the age of 6 could fill every NASCAR track, NFL stadium, NBA arena, MLB ballpark and NHL rink in the country more than twice (15.5 million vs. 72 million total capacity).



Sportsmen put their money towards conserving fish and wildlife habitat, spending **\$8 billion** in 2011 to own, lease and cultivate land for hunting.



Trip-related expenses paid by hunters in 2011 are more than the total box office gross receipts that year (**\$10.4 billion vs. \$10.2 billion**).

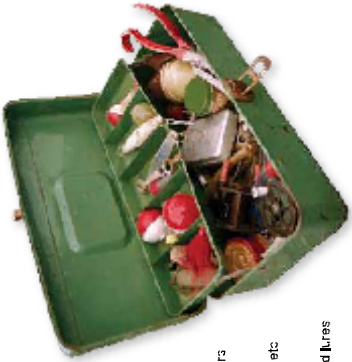


Something as simple as decoys and game calls? Hunters spent **\$302 million** in 2011 for those.

08 09	<p>More Than 40 Million Anglers</p> <p>It starts with a worm and a bobber and then you are hooked for a lifetime of fishing enjoyment. That bait starts to add up (\$1.5 billion), and then spinners or crank bait or other artificial flies and lures are added to the mix (\$1.17 billion). Don't forget about rods and reels (\$2.37 billion). Add in all of the tackle boxes, hooks, lines and sinkers, and fishing equipment and bait becomes a \$7.6 billion business.</p> <p>That's just the tip of the iceberg. Many anglers book guided trips or charters (\$1.1 billion in guide fees and package costs). Those trips usually require hotel or lodge stays (\$2.3 billion in lodging) – or they might just decide to buy a cabin or camper for a more personal overnight trip. And eventually they probably will end up buying a boat and paying to dock it and fuel it. When you add up all the expenditures by anglers in 2011, it totaled a whopping \$47.7 billion, more than revenues for Lockheed Martin that year (\$46.9 billion).</p> <p>But the beauty of fishing is that the simple worm and bobber on the end of the rod and reel still work perfectly. Fishing appeals to the most back-to-basics outdoorsmen and women as it does to the tech-savvy angler with the latest tackle innovations on the market. No matter what your budget or where you live, there are always bluegills in the local reservoir or wild trout in your dream stream in Montana.</p> <p>Perhaps this is why fishing has such an appeal throughout this country. In 2011, 33.1 million Americans over the age of 15 fished, and youth from ages 6 to 15 added another 8.5 million anglers. All together that is 41.6 million American anglers. The best news of all is that represents an 11 percent increase in participation since the last survey was done five years ago.</p> <p>With so many anglers spending so much money, there's a whole lot of fishing going on.</p>
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There were **41.6 million American anglers** over the age of 6 in 2011, that's more than the number of people who went to Disney's Magic Kingdom,® Epcot,® and Animal Kingdom® in Orlando, FL that year (41.6 million vs. 37.5 million).



Bait	\$1.50 billion
Tackle boxes	\$142.00 million
Rods and reels	\$2.37 billion
Lines and leaders	\$593.00 million
Hooks, sinkers, etc	\$628.60 million
Artificial flies and lures	\$1.17 billion

A lure here, some bait there, adds up to billions of dollars.

\$61.7 BILLION

Fishing's contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product is \$61.7 billion, a lot more than the contribution from the manufacturing of paper products (\$61.7 billion vs. \$53.2 billion).



Anglers support **828,133 jobs**, well more than the 761,000 McDonald's® employees in the U.S.



Trip related expenditures for anglers is more than the combined 2011 revenues for all major professional sports leagues – MLB, NHL, NBA and NFL (**\$21.8 billion vs. \$21.4 billion**).



The **\$12 billion** anglers spent on boats and other special equipment in 2011 is more than the global revenues for Starbucks® that year.



Anglers paid **\$8.2 billion in federal taxes**, which would pay the salaries for 410,000 Active Duty Privates in the U.S. Army.

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The American System Of Conservation Funding

Seventy-five years ago, America's great outdoors looked much different. Generations of natural resource use resulted in leveled forests, tilled native grasslands, and drained wetlands. Bison were largely extirpated from the lower 48 states, passenger pigeons were about to make their final appearance, and sightings of some of today's common wildlife species like deer and turkeys made the local newspapers. Instead of clouds of ducks in the Central Flyway, residents saw clouds of dust darkening the skies. The situation was bleak.

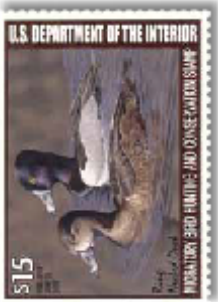
But America's sportsmen and women knew and cared about these resources. They knew that fish and wildlife were sustainable natural resources and that with quality habitat and regulations to limit harvest numbers, populations would rebound. Hunters and recreational anglers, shooters and boaters cared so passionately about these resources that they advocated to tax themselves on the equipment and motorboat fuel they used to fund conservation. They pushed for hunting and fishing licenses with the fees dedicated to state-based wildlife management and for a duck stamp to protect wetlands critical for maintaining waterfowl populations.

All of these excise taxes and fees are directed into the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs for use exclusively by state fish and wildlife agencies to professionally manage fish and wildlife and provide access for sportsmen. These "user-pays, public-benefits" funding programs celebrated their 75th Anniversary in 2012. They are the foundation of the American System of Conservation Funding and have allowed the larger public to enjoy the benefits of bountiful fish and wildlife populations and the lands and waters on which they depend. It is a uniquely American approach to conservation funding that is still paying dividends – and is still the primary funding source for fish and wildlife conservation in the country. Combined, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs have totaled \$14.5 billion for conservation since they were established.

Without sportsmen and women and industry partners stepping up for conservation, our outdoor world would be a very different place.



Since 1934, hunters have bought Federal Duck Stamps to hunt waterfowl, to the tune of more than **\$750 million** generated to date that has protected over 6 million acres of wetland habitat – an area the size of the state of **California**.



\$3.0 BILLION

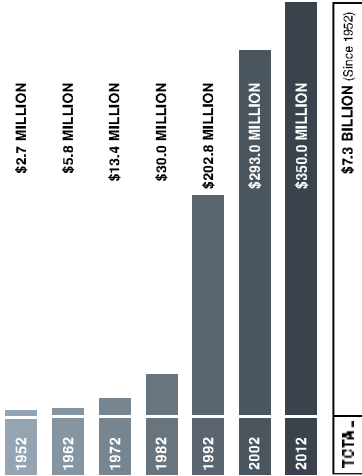
In 2011, sportsmen and women contributed more than **\$3 billion** toward conservation efforts, including the purchase of licenses, stamps, motorboat fuel, excise taxes, and contributions to organizations - that's

\$8.3 million per day
\$344,000 per hour
\$5,700 per minute
\$95.54 per second

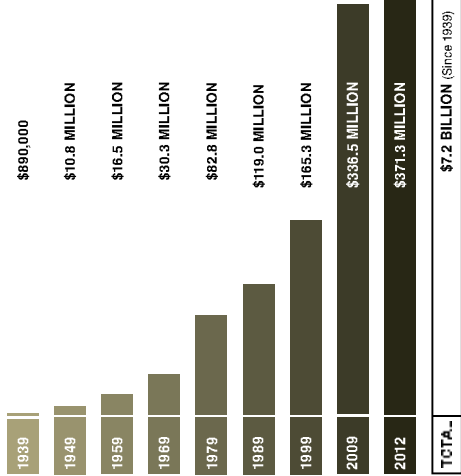


Year after year, sportsmen and women have helped fund the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs through excise taxes on their fishing and hunting purchases.

Sport Fish Restoration



Wildlife Restoration



Sportsmen's groups like Safari Club International, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited and B.A.S.S. are closely involved with fish and wildlife management efforts, and sportsmen and women give generously to these groups contributing **\$1.1 billion** in 2011 for an average of \$30 per person.

<div>12</div> <div>13</div>	<div>Millions Of</div> <div>Recreational</div> <div>Shooters & Boaters</div>
<p>Industry insiders know that a large percentage of outdoor enthusiasts go target shooting or boating, but may not hunt or fish. These markets are very important to sportsmen and women because the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs utilize excise taxes on arms and ammunition and motorboat fuel regardless of whether the buyer intends to hunt or fish. And these funds - which fuel the American System of Conservation Funding - are essential to the conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats.</p> <p>The lines between enthusiast groups are typically blurred, and shooters and boaters that don't hunt or fish may not be captured by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's data. But, every hunter likes to brush up on their skills through a round of sporting clays or target shooting at shooting ranges and the boats sportsmen and women buy can also provide a pleasant cruise at the local lake. And in the reverse, an avid user of a shooting range might decide to take his or her skills afield as they become more proficient or a boater might decide to bring a fishing rod aboard. Case in point - boat manufacturers already estimate that six out of ten boaters fished while they were on the water.</p> <p>With this in mind, these pages spotlight some of the research developed by industry trade groups as well as expenditures by sportsmen and women from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey to add more details to the trends for shooters and boaters.</p>	



The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that the arms and ammunition industry **directly employs 98,750 people.**



Buying a boat is the first stage of an ongoing investment. After that there's boat fuel, mooring and storage, launch fees and more. Expenditures by sportsmen and women for these additional boating costs is over \$4 billion, making up just under half of the boating industry's estimate of **\$9.8 billion** for this market.

\$15.0 BILLION

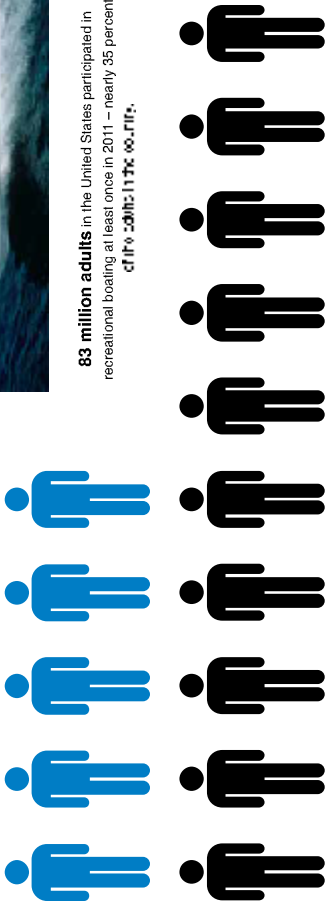
The National Marine Manufacturers Association estimates that there were 16.35 million boats in use during 2011. More than one million boats changed hands that year with sales of all watercraft (including sail boats, personal water craft and others) totaling \$15 billion. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data estimates that hunters and anglers spent \$3.9 billion on motorboats and non-motorized boats that year – equaling more than a quarter of the market.



NSSF and Responsive Management research in 2009 found that 15 percent of the U.S. population participated in some type of target or sport shooting – that's **34.4 million people.**



83 million adults in the United States participated in recreational boating at least once in 2011 – nearly 35 percent of the **total U.S. workforce.**



There are more than 32,000 retail/service boating businesses, employing over 200,000 people in 2010 – that's more than eight times the 3,962 Walmart stores in the country and **twice the number of employees Intel has.**

HUNTING

FISHING

	♦ HUNTERS	• RETAIL SALES	SALARIES & WAGES	JOB'S	SHIFT LOCAL TAXES	FEDERAL TAXES	♦ ANGLERS	• RETAIL SALES	SALARIES & WAGES	JOB'S	SHIFT LOCAL TAXES	FEDERAL TAXES
Alabama	535,110	\$1,188,125,204	\$613,175,542	27,257	\$104,412,583	\$128,554,235	682,625	\$796,194,840	\$520,214,191	10,489	\$61,184,907	\$70,240,159
** Alaska	125,189	\$439,926,408	\$195,788,614	5,950	\$53,998,861	\$40,221,116	537,927	\$718,452,401	\$358,679,292	9,992	\$98,459,590	\$73,987,017
Arizona	263,296	\$341,068,296	\$208,088,736	5,715	\$42,474,173	\$46,806,825	636,966	\$893,418,656	\$490,946,268	12,505	\$89,281,673	\$108,821,355
Arkansas	363,254	\$1,034,182,738	\$500,305,183	17,592	\$112,772,887	\$155,790,116	554,861	\$517,364,731	\$232,560,542	7,801	\$50,109,458	\$51,806,775
California	394,471	\$1,141,737,393	\$758,501,918	20,640	\$153,291,677	\$174,421,916	1,673,633	\$2,393,961,476	\$1,573,094,107	35,748	\$304,401,009	\$365,552,269
Colorado	253,200	\$405,114,408	\$291,973,454	8,355	\$51,352,832	\$68,371,147	767,365	\$857,405,955	\$430,026,121	10,338	\$83,183,949	\$102,804,411
Connecticut	43,994	\$305,666,045	\$142,069,320	4,128	\$36,035,072	\$41,178,619	341,995	\$109,167,791	\$273,334,655	6,625	\$53,723,252	\$68,287,470
Delaware	22,544	\$40,943,886	\$23,136,398	549	\$4,818,625	\$5,100,564	165,985	\$109,167,791	\$42,741,504	1,319	\$11,951,595	\$11,259,350
Florida	241,792	\$965,096,389	\$482,568,709	14,673	\$94,639,788	\$125,126,365	3,091,952	\$4,933,493,028	\$2,702,670,214	80,211	\$516,516,023	\$685,329,663
Georgia	391,644	\$977,169,692	\$600,193,419	23,996	\$106,552,804	\$145,048,655	828,969	\$1,306,650,305	\$622,480,242	15,644	\$109,281,377	\$147,791,801
* Hawaii	22,523	\$52,713,340	\$23,514,889	774	\$6,025,927	\$5,060,046	156,720	\$239,713,712	\$106,570,841	3,007	\$22,394,047	\$21,788,329
Idaho	243,279	\$471,243,529	\$212,603,577	8,009	\$47,711,230	\$51,252,055	448,718	\$548,392,876	\$228,664,505	7,252	\$49,541,983	\$54,084,065
Illinois	511,756	\$1,324,341,410	\$698,887,510	18,049	\$158,380,239	\$180,372,476	1,043,780	\$1,020,000,407	\$548,144,825	13,548	\$118,506,781	\$136,893,628
Indiana	391,738	\$229,913,491	\$110,612,210	3,765	\$26,498,117	\$27,484,462	800,749	\$693,739,202	\$325,000,798	10,293	\$76,365,973	\$78,919,648
Iowa	253,071	\$448,653,497	\$227,963,683	6,975	\$47,852,640	\$52,111,319	473,307	\$330,071,230	\$146,685,016	4,574	\$29,792,679	\$33,646,934
Kansas	282,626	\$404,795,400	\$236,222,287	6,200	\$47,135,477	\$50,986,788	400,291	\$224,448,882	\$103,609,537	3,131	\$21,997,895	\$24,807,182
Kentucky	341,094	\$1,038,943,809	\$486,794,744	22,944	\$97,857,604	\$114,520,681	534,163	\$862,888,495	\$351,029,199	12,059	\$69,516,147	\$82,294,069
Louisiana	276,727	\$710,426,665	\$329,613,923	10,080	\$72,130,602	\$70,940,810	824,949	\$958,784,822	\$453,444,513	13,265	\$83,390,154	\$83,009,897
Maine	180,509	\$213,219,154	\$119,871,379	3,664	\$28,074,112	\$28,000,447	341,154	\$395,692,015	\$201,165,974	6,723	\$42,878,084	\$44,501,743
Maryland	88,280	\$265,625,600	\$127,954,484	4,498	\$22,387,060	\$34,780,701	426,065	\$549,436,134	\$258,791,438	6,209	\$51,680,389	\$61,010,190
Massachusetts	56,139	\$150,982,784	\$78,102,194	1,888	\$15,227,411	\$18,973,332	531,707	\$475,486,261	\$303,259,366	7,213	\$55,746,333	\$72,000,674
Michigan	528,936	\$2,361,806,575	\$1,202,811,280	34,473	\$289,120,831	\$307,741,126	1,744,206	\$2,465,535,795	\$1,447,918,000	37,989	\$287,082,977	\$355,597,718
Minnesota	476,540	\$733,220,489	\$417,688,337	12,439	\$83,744,726	\$106,029,695	1,561,881	\$2,440,230,369	\$1,311,490,021	35,462	\$294,335,021	\$319,557,705
Mississippi	483,162	\$338,954,215	\$497,748,066	22,511	\$111,962,004	\$112,297,397	650,965	\$902,096,726	\$349,050,297	11,073	\$74,823,920	\$73,449,699
Missouri	570,479	\$985,002,441	\$340,932,011	18,053	\$107,620,783	\$126,352,391	1,071,487	\$684,380,095	\$361,357,550	10,842	\$73,509,816	\$84,547,273
Montana	150,071	\$633,572,345	\$281,270,023	11,140	\$64,819,239	\$71,158,716	267,213	\$349,913,031	\$147,910,383	5,375	\$36,895,795	\$38,361,371
Nebraska	128,445	\$562,145,198	\$262,356,966	8,856	\$59,518,933	\$83,090,525	296,967	\$217,040,844	\$106,275,569	3,230	\$21,225,298	\$23,561,091
Nevada	43,423	\$219,512,540	\$112,681,197	3,058	\$12,690,940	\$26,941,653	146,541	\$189,689,911	\$92,700,327	2,268	\$16,507,852	\$21,025,417
New Hampshire	56,199	\$60,440,355	\$34,494,405	923	\$7,551,752	\$8,402,969	228,087	\$210,095,175	\$114,048,866	3,614	\$23,905,031	\$27,738,574
New Jersey	93,826	\$116,095,966	\$70,326,693	1,519	\$13,492,573	\$17,300,219	766,085	\$1,146,551,669	\$583,147,807	15,386	\$137,228,333	\$158,769,630
New Mexico	68,842	\$145,772,931	\$72,201,507	2,208	\$16,069,090	\$15,693,172	275,916	\$433,283,703	\$186,044,225	5,487	\$42,284,888	\$40,433,851
New York	823,410	\$2,252,480,306	\$69,554,245	2,254	\$289,887,302	\$297,485,940	1,882,280	\$2,696,583,564	\$1,526,230,881	32,317	\$392,964,752	\$356,339,771
North Carolina	334,956	\$649,448,175	\$317,739,003	9,376	\$71,549,105	\$76,527,560	1,524,576	\$1,655,530,064	\$899,667,215	25,712	\$177,290,388	\$203,218,395
** North Dakota	82,440	\$147,395,292	\$69,554,245	2,254	\$71,549,105	\$76,527,560	66,147	\$74,100,683	\$34,859,486	1,210	\$9,436,565	\$7,626,293
Ohio	552,936	\$853,801,721	\$490,280,695	20,471	\$97,437,823	\$111,472,383	1,341,657	\$1,903,619,503	\$789,311,723	26,354	\$203,191,366	\$208,530,370
Oklahoma	243,821	\$680,712,590	\$254,285,204	12,090	\$65,987,436	\$72,992,308	729,191	\$821,069,868	\$301,144,447	11,342	\$77,341,322	\$84,503,409
Oregon	196,389	\$248,240,140	\$132,197,830	3,726	\$27,084,273	\$32,065,677	63,746	\$680,636,132	\$382,802,979	11,043	\$72,381,359	\$91,781,403
Pennsylvania	774,930	\$985,541,569	\$529,067,684	15,211	\$121,054,741	\$136,068,469	1,101,173	\$502,996,175	\$303,917,251	9,587	\$59,880,258	\$72,812,786
Rhode Island	20,100	\$18,503,090	\$11,438,525	290	\$2,241,343	\$2,807,804	174,882	\$195,426,891	\$73,301,720	2,056	\$15,484,543	\$17,264,447
South Carolina	243,540	\$658,420,817	\$301,861,172	20,011	\$49,039,385	\$73,630,962	433,818	\$865,561,873	\$431,065,933	19,994	\$74,244,785	\$104,618,001
South Dakota	270,287	\$723,226,029	\$302,183,278	11,034	\$62,113,252	\$72,731,738	267,862	\$313,888,605	\$126,326,966	3,747	\$25,108,727	\$28,801,493
Tennessee	374,586	\$505,260,456	\$281,406,658	8,847	\$54,841,175	\$64,885,376	826,293	\$1,279,223,286	\$690,098,985	17,542	\$112,064,480	\$149,376,195
Texas	1,146,657	\$2,180,400,441	\$1,140,972,709	36,170	\$218,876,656	\$279,321,294	2,243,367	\$2,014,497,308	\$1,144,653,689	29,824	\$195,917,234	\$290,145,658
Utah	192,871	\$549,331,262	\$309,947,917	12,471	\$62,448,367	\$70,199,557	413,588	\$489,764,385	\$253,475,908	7,207	\$49,702,867	\$56,338,487
Vermont	90,069	\$294,712,917	\$140,855,725	4,394	\$33,909,231	\$34,040,492	207,014	\$147,111,097	\$73,224,447	2,420	\$15,966,003	\$17,139,314
Virginia	432,416	\$976,807,941	\$525,896,157	20,492	\$102,601,082	\$132,134,525	832,641	\$1,407,011,422	\$842,302,699	18,672	\$199,406,127	\$194,573,405
Washington	218,803	\$369,565,921	\$211,083,317	5,612	\$39,653,973	\$50,641,408	338,023	\$1,186,275,897	\$625,222,636	16,211	\$119,631,627	\$150,271,890
West Virginia	249,894	\$421,819,113	\$153,805,141	5,377	\$35,544,522	\$35,579,954	305,122	\$448,080,697	\$199,010,407	7,208	\$45,289,085	\$45,420,838
Wisconsin	894,522	\$2,565,720,458	\$1,026,590,029	34,180	\$228,393,941	\$262,835,667	1,246,775	\$1,459,883,024	\$667,112,559	21,942	\$148,668,219	\$166,477,700
Wyoming	140,116	\$301,216,745	\$151,591,066	4,804	\$24,254,951	\$35,476,413	302,758	\$476,766,900	\$238,166,287	9,008	\$28,384,285	\$54,820,250

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♦ Total participants includes both
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anglers. These numbers only report the
number of sportsmen/women 16 years
and older. Detailed data were not
available for youth 6-15 years of age
that hunted or fished.

• The expenditures reported are
greater than the total reported by the
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sportsmen often attributed purchases
to both fishing and hunting (especially
vehicles and big-ticket items). These
items were not included in the Service's
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included in this table by prorating each
item's cost based on each respondent's
total days of hunting and fishing
activity.

† Estimate based on a small sample
size of 10-29 hunters

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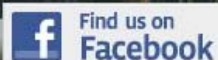


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Annual Membership Application

Safari Club International



Billing: - Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Preferred Phone: (____) _____

Email Address _____ Web Site: _____

Mailing: - if Different -Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Email Address _____ Web Site: _____

Signature: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Sponsor's Member #: _____

I support the Safari Club International's and the Oklahoma Station Chapter's goals of conserving wildlife and protecting the hunter, and ...

_____ ...please enroll me as a **Chapter and National Membership** for **\$95.00**, including 1 year of Safari Times newspaper and bimonthly magazine and The Journal of Safari Big Game Hunting.

or _____... please enroll me as an Oklahoma **Chapter Membership** for **\$30.00 -- SCI Number** _____

I understand that chapter membership requires that I be a member in good standing of Safari Club International.

OTHER SCI MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS Renewals must be done through Judy (Check One)

National Annual	_____ \$ 65 (USA, Canada, Mexico) _____ \$ 90 (all other countries)
National Three-year	_____ \$ 150 (USA, Canada, Mexico) _____ \$ 225 (all other countries)
OKSSCI Life Member (60 +)	_____ \$ 750 (Must be National Lifetime Member) SCI Life Time Member Number _____
OKSSCI Senior Life Member	_____ \$ 500 (Must be National Lifetime Member) SCI Life Time Member Number _____
National Life Member	_____ \$1,500 (USA, Canada, Mexico) _____ \$2,000 (all other countries)
National Senior Life (60 Years old +)	_____ \$1,250 (USA, Canada, Mexico) _____ \$1,750 (all other countries)
National Spousal Life	_____ \$ 750 (USA, Canada, Mexico, all other countries) [no publications] SCI Number _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Make Checks Payable to SCI : We cannot process your credit-card order without the 3-Digit

Visa _____ MC _____ Card Account #: _____ Expires: _____ 3 Digit # on Reverse side of card _____
(Absolutely necessary)

Authorized Amount: \$ _____ Cardholder Signature _____



Please return this form with the appropriate fees to:

Jody Rork, Membership Chairman

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29th Annual Convention Banquet and Fundraiser

\$95
Memberships

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st, 2014

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

It is time to get your Annual Banquet Tickets they sell out fast. There are membership and banquet promotions currently going on so now is the best time to come help us "Protect the Freedom to Hunt and Promote Wildlife Conservation in the State of Oklahoma and Worldwide!"

Oklahoma Station SCI is internationally recognized through awards and statistics as one of the TOP SCI Large Chapters. We accomplish many projects yearly with; the ODWC, worldwide and local organizations, individuals, and members in support of our 4 basic tenants.

1. Protect the freedom to hunt for all hunters not just for any specific species
2. Education of the value of hunting as a viable wildlife management tool
3. Conservation of wildlife to preserve the heritage of hunting for future generations
4. Humanitarian services

A Few Auction Items:

Kansas Whitetail's

Wyoming High Mountain
Elk, Wolf or Deer

Mexico Deep Sea Fishing

Africa 4 Animal for 2

Guns Guns and More
Guns

Oklahoma Whitetail and
Hogs

Didi I mention Guns?

Member events through the year were a blast, we had free Official SCI scoring for your trophy, and evening of wine and pallets, a day on the long range at 1000 yards and much more. Come check us out if your not a member and if you are, lets see you at the next event!

OKSSCI is a very active group and I hate to say you can get a real deal when it comes banquet time, but you can :) Last year we had a Marco Polo go at 10% value, WHAT A DEAL!

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\$45
Banquet Tickets