



The Hunter's Journal

December 2010

The President's Message

Getting Involved

Hunter's Expo is just around the corner. You need to start making your plans now to attend the largest hunting show in the Midwest, brought to you by your own Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club. Your Board of Directors as well as several volunteers are hard at work putting together all the details that go into putting on this show. It takes months of preparation to pull off a task of this proportion. That is why I seem to sound like a broken record about getting involved. From a few minutes of your time - to joining up with the Expo committee - we can always use some more help. Get in touch with your favorite outfitter, lend a hand at the Expo, give a much needed break to someone working the floor, or simply sit down and get to know a fellow member in their booth. You never know who your next hunting buddy may turn out to be!

Get involved with your chapter, a monthly meeting is coming to a restaurant near you soon. We try to move them around the city, let us know of your favorite dinner spot that has a room for a private party. And you are certainly missing out on some of the greatest trips around the world as members present hunt reports from recent adventures. You can learn about where those dollars you see raised at the Expo go, and lend advice on where you want to see them spent. Youth education and hunts, to handicapped hunts or how about saying thanks to the returning soldiers whose service assures that we get to keep on doing what we love to do. Get involved - it's worth the time to spend an evening out with like minded individuals, talking about that sport that brought us all together, Hunting.

One last thought about Hunter's Expo: Please don't wait till the last minute! All ticket forms as well as donation and booth forms are on the internet at my favorite website: www.hunters-expo.com Thanks for your time and see you at the Expo.

Mike Hagen
President, Kansas City Safari Club



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KC-SCI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

From the Editor:

This fall I have been reminded of the powerful effect that one person can have in the lives of others. For example, a colleague in my office gave me a heads-up on a much better engineering position at another company - and it turns out I got the job. The positive effects of his action will likely be very significant for my family. Another friend I just met recently seems to act as if it is his mission to get people out hunting. He invited David Jr. and I up to his hunting camp in Harrison County, MO, several times this fall. I found out that we were not the only folks that he had gotten out into the woods...he has had many, many others out to his place over the years, and many of them would not have been hunting at all without his encouragement.

Both of my friends could have chosen to do nothing, but they chose a better way. One person can make a difference - so let's each make our individual effort.



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KC SCI BOOTH AT MVACA GUN SHOW

Contact Craig Griffitt to help work our booth! (816) 524-6776
 KCI Expo Center
 Kansas City, MO

Wednesday, January 12, 6:30pm

CLUB DINNER MEETING

Bass Pro Shop
 Independence, MO

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30pm

CLUB DINNER MEETING

Granite City
 Olathe, KS

February 18-20, 2011



KCI Expo Center
 11730 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, Missouri
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The largest hunting and sportsman's show in Kansas City, and the primary fundraising event of the Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club International. The funds raised make all of the programs we support possible.

To Volunteer, contact Craig Griffitt, (816) 524-6776
 Expo Committee Chair: Mike Hagen, (816) 985-5190
 Hunting Awards Entries: N.Burgess Burch, bburch50@yahoo.com

Order your Banquet tickets now with the ticket order form on page 9.

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30pm

CLUB DINNER MEETING

Coach's Bar & Grill
 Overland Park, KS

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30pm

CLUB DINNER MEETING

Cinzetti's
 Overland Park, KS



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Chapter Sponsored Events



Fall 2010 Hunt for Warriors

Photo: Marti Mace

The Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club International honored active and veteran members of our armed services at the Hunt for Warriors last October. Morning and afternoon pheasant hunts were hosted by Hedge Hollow Ranch near Adrian, MO, with additional support from McNeil Game Farm. Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, from Ft. Riley, KS were the largest group in attendance.

As always, an event like the Hunt for Warriors

requires plenty of volunteers to make it happen. KCSCI would like to thank the following people for making the Hunt for Warriors a success: Bob Bazin, Amy Dennis, Sue Apple, Nate Apple, Craig Griffitt, Kim Wilson, Dagny Heinsohn, Brianna Myers, Rodney Heinsohn, Mike Hagen, Bryan Schanze, Fred Robertson, David Soine, "Dredd" Scott, Ty Green, Blake Barker, Claire Hertzog, Dan Hertzog, Ty McNeil and Jerry Fraser.



Photo: Sue Apple

14 year old Kansas hunter and trap shooting celebrity Tapanga Turner counsels another young shooter. KC SCI was one of the sponsors of a youth trap shoot at Lone Tree Gun Club last summer, just another example of the many ways the Kansas City Chapter supports getting kids out of the house and into the field.

Welcome New Members!

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Chapter Sponsored Events

SCI and Three Trails Camp Partner Up for Outdoor Education

By Michael J. Dixon

The Salvation Army and Safari Club International have partnered to form an Outdoor Learning Center at the Army's Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center in Kansas City, Missouri. With the help of the local Kansas City Chapter of SCI, the camp received a generous grant to create a nature center to be used to teach the camp's 1,200 campers and staff about the importance of conservation and hunting. The OLC is a hands-on education center, full of books, skulls, pelts and even life size animal mounts. The camp has displayed several live animals like turtles, toads, snakes and frogs through its catch and release program. Campers learn about nature through classes, nature hikes and nature crafts.

"We are so blessed to have entered into this relationship with SCI. Our joint mission of teaching children about the beautiful outdoors has already had a great affect on our campers and staff." said Carrie Dixon, Guest Relations Director of the Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center.

The Kansas City Chapter of SCI loaned its Sensory Safari Trailer for the camp to use for the entire summer. The trailer is a hands on display of animal mounts from all over the world. The goal of the trailer is to give viewers a close eye view of exotic species, but also allow the participant to be able to touch and feel the mounts. The campers loved going through the Sensory Safari Trailer!

SCI and Three Trails Camp are in the process of

building a new outdoor archery range through another grant from SCI. The range will be ready by spring of 2011. Campers will be taught proper archery safety and technique. This will be another tool the camp can use to teach children about wildlife

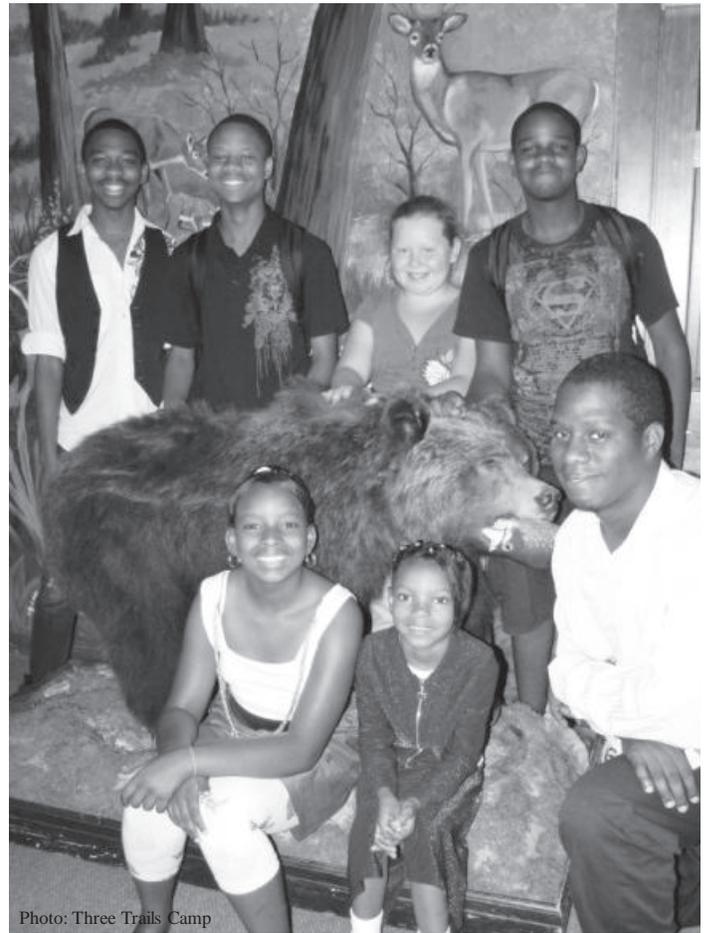


Photo: Three Trails Camp

conservation and preserving the right to hunt.

The camp is looking for donations of archery equipment and wildlife mounts, pelts or sheds. They are also looking for instructors to help with both the Outdoor Learning Center and the Archery Range. For more information about The Salvation Army's Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center please log on to www.threetrailscamp.org.

Thank you SCI and the local Kansas City Chapter for your continued support!



Photo: Three Trails Camp



Photo: Three Trails Camp

HUNTING REPORTS

CARIBOU WITH SAFARI NORDIK

By Fred Robertson



Photo: Fred Robertson

I purchased this caribou hunt at our February 2010 Fundraiser, from Safari Nordik outfitters. They have been a generous supporter of our chapter for a number of years.

They assured me that they could certainly accommodate someone with limited physical conditions. This hunt was taken on September 14-20 of 2010. I was successful, taking two nice representative caribou. All hunters in the camp achieved their caribou goal within two to three days of hunting.

Our expectations were fulfilled as they had originally been outlined during the booking process. The accommodations were warm, clean, and dry—always a plus in a hunt. The camp cooks also provided good breakfast and evening meals. All the travel arrangements made by Safari Nordik from Kansas City to camp went without any problems. Included was the care of your game during and following the hunt. Trophy handling and care of your meat was also well provided for.

This would definitely be a hunt that I can strongly recommend to anyone. I would go back again if the opportunity came about.

GOOD HUNTING,
FRED ROBERTSON

TURKEY AND ANTELOPE AT COTTONWOOD LODGE

By: Derrick Vidacak

While perusing the booths of the 2010 KC SCI Hunter's Expo I met Doug Herman of Cottonwood Hunting Lodge. After quite a lengthy talk between enthusiasts I made arrangements to head up to Nebraska for an early fall Merriam turkey hunt and a pronghorn antelope bow hunt. The Merriam turkey hunt was quick and easy whereas the antelope hunt was everything but. After three weekends of dawn to dusk still hunting in the Nebraska Sand Hill prairies I was able to harvest a 74 ¾ inch antelope. Although bow hunting antelope can be extremely tough, the hunting ground to which Cottonwood Hunting Lodge has access is packed to the gills with the prairie goats. I was seeing anywhere from 30 to 80 antelope each day and getting some of them within bow range almost every day I hunted.

Doug and the guys at Cottonwood Hunting Lodge are down to earth all around great guys who really made me feel like part of the family. They specialize in whitetail, mule deer and Merriam turkey, but also offer buffalo, antelope, and upland game hunts. If you are interested in hunting with Cottonwood Hunting Lodge I would highly recommend giving Doug a call at 402-841-2738.



Photo: Derrick Vidacak

Derrick Vidacak, hunting out of Cottonwood Lodge in Nebraska.

HUNTING REPORTS

ON SAFARI WITH DITHOLO SAFARIS IN SOUTH AFRICA

By: N. Burgess Burch

I finally did it. After years of dreaming about it, I finally made it to Africa for a hunt, and why not? The kids are grown and out of the house and all the other excuses of life are settled, so why not? As they say, I ain't getting any younger.

It started at the 2010 SCI Hunter's Expo. What a great show! There I met Ian Tolmay, the owner and PH for Ditholo Safaris in South Africa. A very personable Afrikaner, Ian looks like he'd be more comfortable on a rugby field than sitting behind a table at a trade show. Ian was quick to answer all my questions without pressuring me, but more importantly, he was able to raise my comfort level to a point that I actually started to get serious about going. There were several other PHs at the show, but for some reason Ian's demeanor sold me. It was no small matter that other members of SCI had hunted with Ian and had good things to say about him. Being able to meet face-to-face with the PH at the Expo was the most important part of making the decision. My "first timer" hesitations were assuaged. So I booked the hunt and off I went.

I've been out of the country several times, but this was the first time with a gun. It was a hassle, though not as bad as I'd expected. Ian met me at the Jo'Burg Airport and shepherded me through the process, which as it turned out was true for most everything during my trip. I can't say enough about the hospitality and dedication of this guy. His efforts added much to my first trip to South Africa.

The hunt was seven days for plains game in the Limpopo region. I arrived in Jo'Burg late on a Thursday evening in April and the next morning was in the field. It was happening so fast that I kept pinching myself to see if I was really doing it. Yep, there I was with my trusty Model 70 hunting Africa. The weather was perfect, mildly crisp in the mornings warming to short-sleeve weather in the afternoons.

It didn't take long before I had an animal on the ground, a nice Impala shot through the heart. That was when the reality sunk in. I'm hunting in South Africa. Man I'm such a stud, or so I thought.

The Ditholo Safaris lodge is located with adjacent 8,000 acre preserves as well as access to other concessions a short drive from the lodge. It was on one of the other preserves that we went after Red Hartebeest in the afternoon. Immediately, we struck a good sized herd and



after a stalk that included a long sprint I had a shot at a nice animal about 150 yds. Well guess what I missed. Being winded and shooting off sticks must be the reason. We caught up again with the same animal and got another much closer shot. At that point, I didn't have time to think about my shooting. A herd of Cape Buffalo was gathering and didn't seem too happy that we were there. Phineas, our Zulu tracker, Ian and I hurried to get pictures and load the animal before the buffalo decided to do something about our intrusion. It didn't help matters that we encountered axle-deep mud while leaving. As Ian and Phineas worked to winch us out, I took several up-close pictures of buffalo *from inside the cab*.

Blue Wildebeest were next on the list. There weren't many in the area but Ian knew where there were three nice bulls. We decided to drive them. We set up for the ambush and sure enough they came through, hauling like freight trains. I swung on a nice one and damn, couldn't believe it, I missed. Fortunately, they stopped about 100 yards away giving me time to take rest against a nearby tree. I centered on the bull's chest and squeezed off. Perfect, he kicked and then took off. There was a blood trail, but not the kind you'd like to see. We tracked until dusk,



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bok were shielding him from our presence. Finally, the bull stood then took a few steps presenting a clear shot.

To make a long story short, it took four close range shots and a chase to bring him down. What a tough animal! I think you may know where I'm going with this, because when we walked up on him, we discovered my shot from the day before. Sweet Martha, this was the same Wildebeest! All this time he had been bedded down in the open field, hiding in plain sight. Who would've thought.

Apparently, my shot from the day before had crossed through the sternum just below the vitals. It was clear my gun was shooting low, at least 4 inches low at 100yds. It had printed low when I checked it the morning after my arrival, but not that low. After another go at the target range, I had my rifle once again hitting where it should.

The next few days were less traumatic, but no less exciting. I took a nice Kudu bull, a terrific Bleesbok and a second Impala, all clean, one-shot kills after short, but exciting stalks. My confidence in my shooting ability was restored, all was well with the world.

The final afternoon of the hunt, we grabbed shotguns and went bird hunting. It was a blast! We joined up with a friend of Ian's who conducts trials on his farm for their national German Shorthair association. Being fall in that part of the world meant the dogs hadn't had much time in the field. So we took them out for some work on partridge. We got into several birds in a field of knee-high strawgrass. The dogs worked well enough to find several birds for us for a pleasant afternoon of shooting.

All in all, this trip was one of the best hunting adventures I've ever experienced. Travelling to the other end of the world, spending time in another country and culture, meeting some terrific people and enjoying some of the best shooting I've ever had, who could ask for more?



then returned the next day. Now I was really starting to question my shooting.

Well, we tracked the Wildebeest all the next morning and into the afternoon. Ian and Phineas were determined not loose that animal. In spite of being upset over my shooting, I loved watching the two of them work the trail. They were like bird dogs finding sign any normal person would have missed. We continued to track and even caught sight of him at one point, but eventually the sign gave out completely and we called it quits. I was sick.

We decided to go after another one. During the morning Ian's father had watched an open plain that we thought the bull might cross. Sometime that morning, his father reported that one of the bulls had bedded down in the field, but showed no sign of being shot and was not our bull. Sure enough, we found the animal bedded down next to a herd of Bleesbok. As we approached, the Bleesbok became aware of our presence and instead of moving off began to hover around the Wildebeest. As we inched closer it was apparent that the Bleesbok were protecting him, some even moving to position themselves between us and the bull. We managed to get into position no more than 50 yds from the bedded Wildebeest. Still the Blees-

Submit a Hunting Report

A hunting report is a great way to share your field experiences and educate other hunters.

If you purchased a hunt at our Hunter's Expo, especially if it was a donated hunt, do the outfitter a favor and write a quick report to show your appreciation for their support of KCSCI!

To submit a report, email is best, send it directly to dsoine@sbcglobal.net. Otherwise, a report on paper or some other media can be given directly to David Soine or any of the KCSCI board members.

Enter the 2010 Kansas City Chapter Hunting Awards



Photo: Jim Oldham

The Hunter's Expo is rapidly approaching and once again we will be recognizing trophies submitted for 2010. A great way to enhance your memories and share your hunting success with others is to submit an entry into the KCSCI Chapter Hunting Awards. Any trophy that is measured by an official SCI measurer is eligible for entry into the awards. (See page 11 for a list of measurers.)

Here are the categories, methods and age groups for this year's hunting awards:

Categories

- North American Wild and Free
- North American Estate
- South American Wild and Free
- South American Estate
- Africa Wild and Free
- Asia Wild and Free
- Europe Wild and Free
- Europe Estate
- South Pacific Wild and Free
- South Pacific Estate
- Wild Turkey

**Deadline
for all entries:
January 21, 2011**

Methods

- Rifle
- Handgun
- Archery
- Muzzle Loader

Ages

- Adult 16+
- Youth Hunters (ages 11-15)
- Young Hunters (ages 6-10)

Awards

- First, second and third place

The awards will be presented Friday night February 18th, 2011 at the Hunters Expo.

We are going to have a drawing again this year for Hunting Awards participants. As before, a participant who submits a animal will be given one draw ticket for free. That participant will have the option to buy 2 more tickets at \$10.00 per ticket, to add to his or her chances. The participant will only be able to have a maximum of 3 tickets total in the draw bucket. Remember, this drawing is only offered to the hunters who submit an entry to the Hunting Awards. The optional tickets can be purchased at the time of submission (make check out to Kansas City SCI) or prior to the drawing at the Hunter's Expo.

Submit your trophy for a chance to win a pair of Bushnell Fusion Laser Range-finding Binoculars (retail value \$899!)

Please make your submissions (score sheet and photo) to me by email at:

bburch50@yahoo.com

OR send the score sheet and photo to:

**N. B. Burch
101 S. 118th Street
Kansas City, KS 66111**

Thank you and Best of Luck!

Awards Team
N. Burgess Burch & David Soine



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TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets will not be reserved without this form and payment. All ticket sales are final. Times below are subject to change and will be finalized closer to the event.

Hard tickets will be issued and will be required for admittance.

EVENT	TICKETS	TOTAL
Friday, February 18, 2011 <u>KCSCI Awards Banquet and Benefit Auction</u> Buffet opens at 7pm with open seating—Awards and Presentations at 8pm – Auction at 9pm	_____ tickets at \$45.00/ticket	\$ _____
Saturday, February 19, 2011 <u>Sables Ladies Cocktail Hour</u> Cocktail Hour starts at 4pm	_____ adult tickets at \$20.00/ticket	\$ _____
Saturday, February 19, 2011 <u>KCSCI Banquet and Benefit Auction</u> Assigned seating at 6:15pm—Dinner served at 6:45pm Entertainment at 7pm—Auction at 8pm	_____ tickets at \$65.00/ticket	\$ _____
Friday and Saturday Combination Tickets <u>Banquet and Auction Combo Tickets</u>	_____ tickets at \$90.00/ticket	\$ _____
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ _____

Ticketholder Information: *This information must be provided*

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ticketholder Names: _____

Payment Information: *Payment is required to hold tickets*

Payment Options: Cash _____ Check _____ Credit: _____ (Visa / MC / AMEX) circle one

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Please return this ticket form along with your payment to:
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 Phone: 816-985-5190 – E-mail: kchuntersexpo@gmail.com – Website: www.hunters-expo.com



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OF
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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Fred Robertson at (913) 299-6759
or visit our website at www.kcsci.com.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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Spouse's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Fax Number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Enclosed is my check for **\$75.00**, which includes my membership fees to the International Organization and subscription to the Safari Magazine.

Member-Sponsor: _____ Credit Card: VISA or MASTERCARD

Signature: _____ Card #: _____

Date: _____ Exp. Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:



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SCI Official Measurers in the Kansas City Area:

There are quite a few SCI members in the Kansas City area that can measure your trophy—too many to list here. To search for measurers in your area go to:

www.scifirstforhunters.org

Find “How to submit a record book entry” under the “Record Book” link.

Some SCI Measurers in our area:

Warren Parker, Blue Springs MO	(816) 229-8899
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**Ask Mark Schaefer
about his elk hunt.**

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