



The Hunter's Journal

May 2011

The President's Message

On-Scene at Everhart's Turkey Clinic

On April 2nd I took up an offer from one of the programs KC-SCI sponsored with your hard earned Hunter's Expo dollars. Long time friends of our chapter Johnny & Linda Everhart and many volunteers annually put on a Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic on his ranch near Clinton, MO. Open to our youth as well as the public, attendance is limited to 40 young people and is always a sell out, so to speak, since the kids attend free of charge. Along with Missouri Department of Conservation, Everhart's Sporting Goods of Clinton and KC-SCI they have a first class day arranged for the kids. After breakfast, coffee and juice they have a safety first seminar followed by presenting each youngster with a turkey hunting vest full of calls, a decoy and even the shotshells to try to harvest their quarry with. From there the kids are broken into groups and sent to pattern their gun, shoot some clays, learn to use their new calls, experience a shoot/don't shoot walking course as well as making a couple of calls from house hold items. It was a great day for the youngsters and they could have sent them home after they gave them the vests happy as can be, but they stuck around and learned a lot. We all think we are the greatest teachers for our own children but something about a badge and uniform seems to get their attention as did the conservation agents that spoke to them.

You think it's fun pulling the trigger on an animal like that—try it with a kid that hasn't had that kind of opportunity before. You will see first hand the excitement that hunting has to offer.

Since my boys are both too old for the opportunity, I opted to bring my nephew, Conner. He had expressed interest in hunting over the last couple of years. He was grateful and so excited to show his mom and dad all his new found riches that he slept all the way home after a very busy day. The best part was when Johnny's neighbor and KC-SCI member and friend Jake Tonsfeldt invited us over for a tour of his ranch across the road from Johnny's. Jake opens his place up to ten young hunters during the spring season and gra-



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KC-SCI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

From the Editor:

With spring finally coming to Kansas City, and summer yet to come, it is easy to lose focus on what the Kansas City Chapter of SCI will be doing next year and into the future. I for one am really looking forward to working with the rest of the Board of Directors and so many great chapter members that have started regularly volunteering at our events.

As I sifted through pictures of Hunter's Expo for this issue, this thought came to mind: We now have our third president of SCI from the Kansas City Chapter...will there be a fourth? For that to happen, we need your great ideas and your commitment to taking on just one thing that you think you can do to make our chapter better. If you do that, we will be well on our way to continuing our strong tradition of service to wildlife and the hunting community.



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BBQ will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fishing is available, all Missouri rules & requirements apply.

Location: Waterfall Park
4501 S Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30pm

CLUB DINNER MEETING

Location: To be announced

February 24-26, 2012

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Make plans now to attend the primary fundraising event of the Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club International. The funds raised make all of the programs we support possible.



Billy Waters, Jr., and Ian Tolmay of Ditholo Safaris
with Billy's African Lion
On the Cover: Gary Lair and his Mountain Goat.



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Chapter Sponsored Events

KCSCI SPONSORS ANOTHER HUNT FOR WARRIORS

By Rodney Heinsohn



Photo: David Soine

On March 6, we held another successful Hunt for Warriors pheasant hunt. We had 31 veterans attend the event. Their service spanned from the Korean War to a group of Soldiers from Fort Riley that just recently got back from serving in the current conflicts. Of that group, six were veterans that we invited when they attended the recent Hunters Expo. When Nate and I were talking to one of them who is a Viet Nam Vet, his comment was that "it is nice to have someone do something nice for you instead of spitting on you". You never know just what kind of a positive impact that an event like this can have. So, we were pleased when Steve showed up for the hunt. We had excellent weather



Photo: Marti Mace

that day and a great group of members and Board members to support the day long events. We had almost as many helpers as shooters. This made it so much easier on all of us. It is a small sacrifice to give up a day off when you consider all that they have done and continue to do in service to our Nation. As always, Hedge Hollow Ranch and Dan Hertzog went above

and beyond in hosting the event. Special thanks to Rick Lytton, Marti Mace, Keith Gooch and all of the other regulars that once again came out to help. We could not do this without your help. We are also thankful for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Potterfield of Midway USA for their donation of all the hearing and eye protection that was used. I know I have most likely left someone out and if so, thanks for your help and support. It takes a lot of help and work to pull off this event. From setup to cleaning the birds, cooking to picking up the empty shells at the shooting stations, there is something to do for anyone who would like to join in on the fun. We will be scheduling another hunt this fall and could sure use all the help we can get. Also, if you know of any Veterans that you would like to see attend, please let me or any Board Member know and we will get them included. Again, my thanks to all that helped.



Thanks to Members and Volunteers who helped out at the Hunt for Warriors:

SSGT Marti Mace, Bob Bazin, Warren and Mary Parker, Bryce and Brianna Parker, Bryan, Grayden and Gabe Brenneman, Stan Christiansen, Rodney Heinsohn, Keith Gooch, Rick Lytton, Jamie Smith, Sue Brothers, Mark Schaefer, Jake Tonsfeldt, Bill Johnson, Don and Wilma Kirn, Dan Hertzog, Ty Green, Mike Hagen, Bryan Schanze, David Soine, Nate Van-Campen, Nate and Sue Apple, Fred Robertson, Ty McNiel.

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Everhart's Turkey Clinic

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ciously extended the invite to Connor and I for the following weekend.

Opening morning passed uneventfully. So before complete boredom set in we went back to the lodge for a predetermined break. Some fishing, horseplay, followed by a afternoon swim at Jakes local swim hole took up the middle of the day. Back in the blind by 5:00, we attempted to roost birds for the next morning. No luck, we didn't hear a peep. So back to the lodge, during more horseplay by the boys, we, the adults, determined a new location was in order for the next morning. Low and behold Mister Longbeard made an appearance and a young man successfully applied his new leasons from the week-end before to the love sick 20 pounder. You think it's fun pulling the trigger on an animal like that, try it with a kid that hasn't had that kind of opportunity before. You will see first hand the excitement that hunting has to offer. Kansas City SCI makes lots of opportunities available, we hope you too will take us up on them. Good Hunting, see you at the next meeting! Mike

Mike Hagen

President, Kansas City Safari Club



This was the 8th year these clinics have been held at Wilderness Lodge near Clinton. A few years back KCSCI saw what we were doing and wanted to co-sponsor these events. Professional turkey hunters from all over the state come to teach the basics and the kids go home with the knowledge needed to have a safe and successful hunt, and thanks to the funding from KCSCI, outfitted with a camo vest and hat, turkey decoy, and an assortment of turkey calls. We have found that if youth receive the knowledge they may or may not continue to hunt, but if outfitted, their chances of becoming a lifetime hunter are much greater.

A huge THANK YOU, goes to the KCSCI for making these clinics such a GREAT EVENT!

dr. duck

Johnny Everhart

watchdog1@embarqmail.com



HUNTING REPORTS



Photo: Jim Harding

NEW MEXICO PRONGHORN WITH KIRK AND ROXANE KELSO

By Jim Harding

I booked a 2010 pronghorn antelope hunt with Kirk and Roxane Kelso after seeing one of their ads in the spring 2009 SCI Newsletter. They outfit for big whitetails out of their Rim Rock Ranch in Longton, KS. They also outfit pronghorn antelope hunts on private ranches in New Mexico. The New Mexico pronghorn season is 2 days long and it is usually on the second weekend of September.

I met Kirk, Roxane and their crew at a motel in Carrizozo, New Mexico on the day before the opener. When the rest of the hunters arrived, we went out to sight-in our rifles and meet our individual guides.

My guide and I parked the truck on opening morning and moved out in the dark. It was clear and cool, about 42°. As dawn broke we began to see "goats." I took my pronghorn at 11:30 a.m. It was 15 1/2" with good mass and shaped the way I like them. We processed it back at the ranch house and had it on ice by 1:30 p.m. The hunt went the way Kirk had predicted. I can really recommend it!

I was pleased to learn that Kirk had become a member of the Kansas City Chapter of SCI last year. He can be reached at his Kansas ranch at (620) 642-6402.

KETT'S DEER STORY

By: Kett Dickens

Here is the story behind the photo from the cover of our last newsletter. -ed.

2010 Rifle Season, Linn County, KS. This was the third morning of deer hunting during the 2010 rifle season. After a long, cold morning sitting in the stand, my dad and I decided that we should probably go home. This was my second season of deer hunting but I hadn't shot anything yet. I was kind of sad that we didn't even see anything this morning and I was wondering if I should have taken one of the smaller bucks we had seen the day before. As I started to unzip my jacket, my dad said, "maybe if we stalk in the woods we might see something." I shook my head "yes" and followed him back into the woods.

It was a very cold morning with a 20mph wind out of the north. Dad pointed to a brush pile at the top of a hill and said, "See him right there?" I looked all over but couldn't find him. Finally after several moments, I found the buck in the scope. He was only about thirty yards away and tending a doe. I took the safety off my gun. I pulled the trigger slowly. Click! The gun did not fire. Slowly, Dad took the gun away from me and reloaded it. Then he handed it back to me. The buck was still there. I put the gun back on my shoulder, but this time it took me a whole lot more time to find him. Finally, I found him again,

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Photo: Terry Dickens

Kett Dickens, age 12, took his first buck while hunting with his dad, club member Terry Dickens, last December.

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right in the same place he was when I first saw him. Steadily, I pulled the trigger. Click! The gun did not fire again. This time the deer heard me and stared at me for a solid five minutes. When he finally looked back, my dad took my gun away from me. Instead of reloading it, he handed me his Remington 300 SA/ Mag. I looked at him for a second almost saying "Really? You're going to let me fire this gun?" When he did not take the gun back I put it against my shoulder. Looking in the scope, I realized that the big buck wasn't in the same place as it was before. I looked around wondering, "Did he run off?"

Finally, with dad's help I found him again. Slowly, I pulled the trigger for the third time. Bang! I shot the gun. The deer, like the other two times, did not move. "Did I shoot him?" I tried to reload that huge gun but I couldn't. Looking back up, I saw that the deer was gone. We walked up the big hill and saw the body of that huge buck laying there. I shot my first buck, a ten pointer! SCI score 143 6/8"



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.



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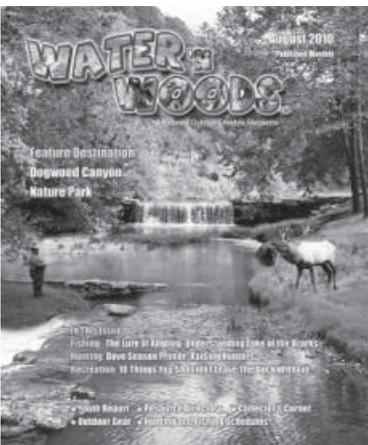
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KCSCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED AT APRIL CLUB MEETING

The Kansas City Chapter of SCI elected several board members at the April club meeting. Shannon Quinn, Butch Trabuc, N. Burgess Burch, and Brian Bode were elected and are serving for the first time. Fred Robertson was elected for another term, and Dan Hertzog is returning to the board of directors after a several year hiatus.

Leaving the board are Rodney Heinsohn and Bryan Brenneman—be sure to thank them for their service to the Chapter next time you see them!



KCSCI enters promotional arrangement with Water'n Woods.

You may have seen a version of our Hunt for Warriors article in the midwest lifestyle magazine Water'n Woods. KC SCI is now providing a short feature article and has an advertisement in every issue.

Our goal is to increase

exposure of the Kansas City Chapter and Hunter's Expo to outdoors enthusiasts throughout our region.

BOB BAZIN HONORED FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

The Pete Olarian Award was presented to Bob Bazin at the 2011 Hunter's Expo. The Olarian Award is Kansas City SCI's highest honor, awarded for exemplary service to the Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club International and the hunting community.

Bob served on the board of directors and is a past president of the Kansas City Chapter. He continues to contribute his time and talents for the benefit of the Chapter and hunters everywhere, and if you have volunteered at any of our club-sponsored events you know how important he has been in supporting the mission of KCSCI.

Congratulations, Bob, on this well-deserved honor!

Bob Bazin accepts the Pete Olarian award from Chris Cagle and Mike Hagen at Hunter's Expo



Photo: Christa Eichorn

MARK SCHAEFER ACCEPTS THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR HIS SUPPORT OF KC SCI

Mark Schaefer, chapter member and Marketing Director for Bushnell, was honored with the President's Award at the 2011 Hunter's Expo. Anyone involved with the planning of Hunter's Expo knows the significant effort that Mark puts into making the whole event happen. His involvement has had a tremendous positive impact on the entire event, and that in turn allows the Kansas City Chapter to support hunting, education, and humanitarian programs throughout our region.

Mark Schaefer and Mike Hagen together at the Awards Banquet, 2011 Hunter's Expo.



Photo: Christa Eichorn

Special Thanks to Hunter's Expo Volunteers!

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who helped out at this year's Expo. Special thanks to: Shannon Quinn, Wayne Leidwanger, Mac Plymale, Burgess Burch, Doyle Newhouse, Jamie Smith, Wayne Duncan, Jake Tonsfeldt, Terry Edwards, Derrick Vidacak, Brian Bode, Tom Darnley, Butch & Leanne Trabuc, Ed Schindler, Pat McGuire, Nate Van Campen, Christa Eichorn, Claire Hertzog, Jerry Hertzog, Mark Schaefer, Sue Apple, Ray Lawler, Don Kirn, Chris Cagle, Bob Bazin, George Bazin, Rick Hagen, DeeDee & Phoenix Walker,

John Macgirvin, Warren & Mary Parker and all of the young helpers who were runners for our live auctions. Our apologies if we missed listing anyone.

The Hunter's Expo is almost entirely "powered" by volunteers from the Kansas City Chapter. Several volunteers stepped forward for the first time this year to help make the event a success. We encourage every member to get more involved in Hunter's Expo...every additional volunteer really lightens the load for everyone serving at the event.



Burgess Burch and Butch Trabuc took care of the 2010 Hunting Awards presentation on Friday night. Hayley and G.O. Heath helped out as well.



Past president of KCSCI, and current president of Safari Club International, Kevin Anderson delivers the keynote address Friday night.

...more snapshots from the 2011 Hunter's Expo



Photo: Christa Eichorn

Clockwise from top:
Loco Mountain Outfitters, from Colorado, in the exhibit hall.
Predator Quest's Les Johnson in the exhibit hall. His presentation on Saturday night highlighted the need for hunters to be informed and active in the government's attempts to manage our natural resources.
Hayley and G.O. Heath conducting a whitetail hunting seminar.
Kids were all over the archery range, staffed by KCSCI volunteers.



Photo: Christa Eichorn

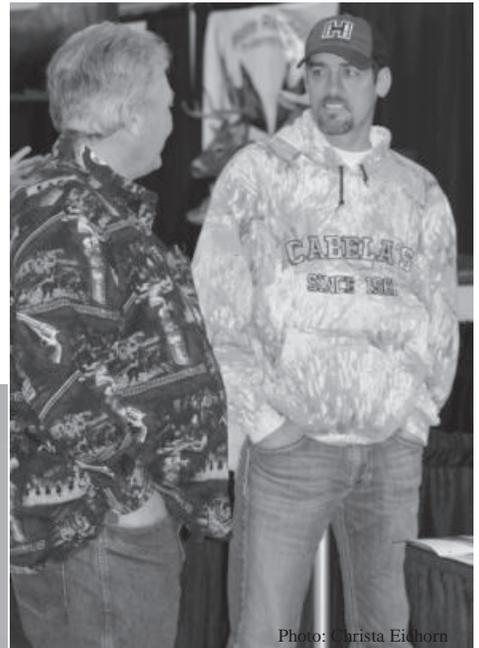


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OF
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Fred Robertson at (913) 299-6759
or visit our website at www.kcsci.com.

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www.scifirstforhunters.org

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

Some SCI Measurers in our area:

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Shannon Quinn volunteering at Hunter's Expo

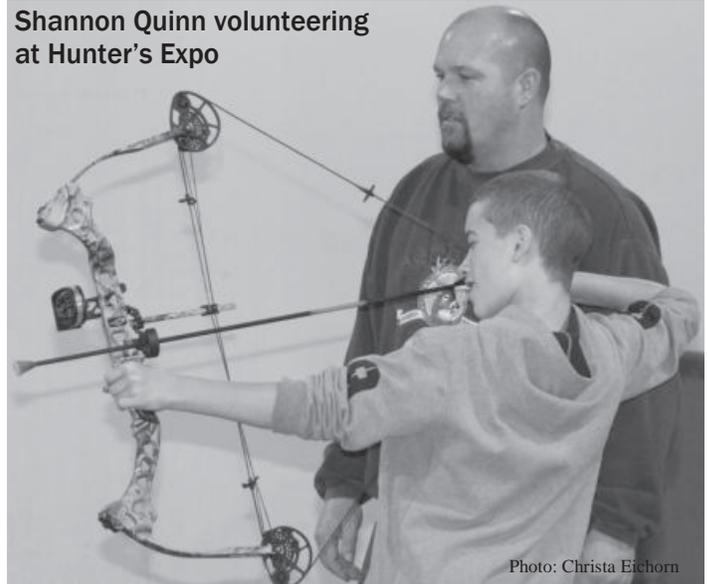


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Warren Parker	1979-1985	Fred Douglas	1992-1994	Tom Sollner	2002-2004
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