



# The Hunter's Journal

May 2012

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## The President's Message

### A Quick Two Years

Sitting in the dead silence, wondering what happened to all the turkeys I had put to bed the night before, my mind began to wander. I started to ponder the last few years. The last two years have flown by, what starts out looking like a long term project goes by in such a hurry it kind of makes your head spin. Like booking a trip two years in advance and before you know it you're looking back at the memories of another great adventure. Several years working on Hunter's Expo, many more years as a board member and the last two as the Chapter President, it was quite pleasant to see the elections go as they did at the April meeting, three younger members stepping forward to offer their support for the club—congratulations fellows. I'm sure they will do a wonderful job leading us over the next few years. Now, I'm not going away, I would like to stick around and lend a helping hand with the Expo, Hunt for Warriors, and other projects, as well as I was just elected as this area's Regional Representative. I am looking forward to working with the chapters in the Mo/Kan/Oklahoma area. I'm sure there are some great ideas to share that will keep SCI strong and most important, growing. The picnic is coming up in June, the Hunt for Warriors is scheduled for this October, the Hunter's Expo committee is planning your next Expo in February, as well as the monthly meetings, all fun stuff. As I have said, probably too many times, "Safari Club has been very good to me, it has given me nothing except opportunity."

Take advantage of some of these opportunities. Come on out, get involved, give a little of your time to the chapter, you might just happen to have a really good time. It has been my pleasure to have met and become friends with so many of you and to serve as your President. See you at the next chapter function. Mike

P.S. Sometimes the turkeys slip in silently.



Mike Hagen  
 President, Kansas City Safari Club



## KC-SCI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

From the Editor:

Spring turkey season is wrapping up...I hope you had a chance to get out and make the most of it. David Jr. and I were lucky to have an opportunity to hunt during the youth season, with a lot of help from our friends, and Junior finally got to take a nice tom. His smile was pretty wide—even when we loaded the 22 pound bird into the back of his vest for the walk out of the woods (we found he can still complain while smiling!)

See you at the picnic!

David Soine  
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On the Cover: Madyson Quinn, Africa.

Sunday, June 10, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

### KCSCI CHAPTER PICNIC

Waterfall Park

4501 S Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO

Join us for a relaxed lunch—please bring a side dish to share, the club will provide barbeque and soft drinks. Fishing is available, all Missouri regulations apply.

Wednesday, September 12, 6:30pm

### CLUB DINNER MEETING

Program: Stan Christiansen's Crossbow Elephant Hunt

Coach's Bar & Grill, 9089 W. 135th Street, Overland Park, KS



February 1-3, 2013

### 2013 HUNTER'S EXPO

Overland Park Convention Center

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**Potterfield Foundation Endowment Update**

By Mike Hagen

The papers are filed with the IRS, now we wait on them for their next move. In the mean time the committee has been assembled. Two of our educators, Brian Bode and Butch Trabuc, are on the team. Paul Kalicki has agreed to help out with financial advice, I ask member Jim Walters to join our team, along with a couple of non-members—a CPA, Roger Michelson and an attorney that has worked for us in the past, both of whom have volunteered their time. Our first meeting will take place shortly following a meeting at Midway USA with the Potterfield Foundation and six other organizations they are working with the first of May. The committee will work closely with the Board with our suggestions on the Trust/Endowment. As the Committee Chair I will report back to you as progress is made toward finalizing this beyond belief gift to KC-SCI.



Larry Potterfield with Mike Hagen, Saturday night at **Hunter's Expo**. **Larry announced the Potterfield Foundation's intention to fund an endowment to promote the hunting and outdoors lifestyle among school age children in the Kansas City region.** **Larry's desire is to reach kids that wouldn't ordinarily have a chance to learn about what the hunting and outdoors lifestyle has to offer them.** **The Kansas City Chapter of SCI has accepted Larry's challenge to deliver this type of program to Kansas City area kids.**

Hunt for Warriors Raffle

Raffle tickets are still available for a custom rifle created for you by gun builder Ray Lawler—contact a KCSCI board member soon if you want to get in on this fundraiser for Hunt for Warriors! The drawing will take place at the KCSCI Chapter Picnic on June 10.

**Everhart's Turkey Clinic—a Missouri Gem**

By David Soine

For the last several years our chapter has sponsored the Youth Turkey Clinic conducted by Johnny and Linda Everhart, held at Everhart's Wilderness Lodge near Blairstown, MO. This year several of our chapter members were there with kids in attendance, and all of them would agree that the program put on by Johnny is just excellent—and very worthy of our support.



**Welcome New Members!**

Harold Berry  
Barry Bode  
Rodney Born  
William D. Brannan  
Mark Brewster  
Seth Brubaker  
Robert N. Bryant  
Dave Bunker  
Brad Burditt  
Bobby Chambers

Cameron Cooper  
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Ross Cox  
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Doug Dee  
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John Sewell  
Sam Shafer  
Jake Sisk  
Cliff Smith  
Fred M. Turner  
Alex Zajac

## HUNTING REPORTS

### Scimitar Horned Oryx Hunt

By Derrick Vidacak

It was a damp, cool February morning at the Fri-jolia Ranch in Three Rivers Texas. The smell of mesquite was in the air as the cactus stretched out their quills. Bubba had just cracked open his first of a steady stream of Miller High Life's lasting from dawn 'till dusk. It was day two of my last minute Texas Scimitar Horned Oryx hunt prior to going on the endangered species list on April 4th. Day 1 was filled with many encounters but no opportunities for a shot as the thinning herd of Oryx had been quickly reduced to a total of only 9 over the last few weeks by hunters like me wanting to get one while the getting' was good. The constant pressure on this animal had them almost elusive. They certainly were not standing broadside out in the open pointing to the lower back of the shoulder saying "right here, this is the spot".

We pulled up onto "picture hill" for a quick glass of the surrounding area. For the life of me, I could not figure out what we were looking for since all I could see was dense brush, but Bubba called me over and had me verify what he thought was a bunch of 5 mature Oryx standing in one of only two small openings at the back of the property. They looked massive to me so we loaded up and made our way across the muddy, slippery roads of the ranch until we were about a quarter of a mile from the bunch. It was a short walk to the edge of the clearing. Bubba got me into position without any of the Oryx seeing us and I laid one into the biggest one of the bunch. From my years of hunting deer and other big game, I completely expected this Oryx to tear out of there having



Photo: Derrick Vidacak

just received a punch from my 270, but instead he slowly started walking across the opening like nothing had happened. Bubba told me to shoot him again so I popped another round into this big boy and still nothing more than a slow walk in the park. I fired off one more round into his shoulder to finally bring him down.

We put a tape to his horns and measured 41 inches of sweeping scimitar horn on each side. This was far beyond what I was expecting from an "opportunity hunt" on a ranch that had been trying diligently to get rid of every last Oryx before April 4th. Jason, the owner, told me he still had some big ones there, but I wasn't sure if he was exaggerating a bit to get people to come in and help them finish off the remaining few. The best part of it all was being able to load the trophy up and bring it home with me that day rather than waiting months to have it shipped from afar. While the Scimitar Horned Oryx is now on the endangered species list, you can still acquire a CITES license to pursue them. These are magnificent, beautiful animals that I would recommend to any hunter.

### Oklahoma Hog Hunting

By Wayne Leidwanger

A friend and I were invited to join a group on a wild boar hunt in Oklahoma. The outfitter was Addictive Hunting, [www.addictivehunting.com](http://www.addictivehunting.com), which conducts hunts on a large ranch about 50 miles west of Oklahoma City. Hunts are only conducted on weekends, beginning at noon on Fridays and ending at noon on Sundays, from January through August.

These are true wild boars – no fenced areas, so the success rate is only about 60 percent. Hunting is done from both elevated and ground blinds over feeders.

Bobby Bergen, our guide, led a convoy of vehicles to our assigned hunting spots and dropped each of the eight of us at a blind on our first day. There

are at least 30-40 blinds on the ranch which leaves a lot of opportunity to move to a different location if a hunting spot is unproductive. By 3:00 pm we were at our ground blinds. The first night proved unproductive for us although one of our party of eight shot a good-sized boar weighing over 200 pounds.

The alarm clock rang around 4:30 am on the second day. It had rained all night and was still raining. The temps were in the 30s and the wind had increased significantly. By 11:00 am, everyone had returned damp and cold and no one had seen any hogs. My hunting partner's experience had been particularly frustrating. The local cows regarded his feeder as a dinner bell and a bull arrived on the scene and destroyed a blind at his location. Fortunately, the bull chose the unoccupied one. In addition, some horses decided to investigate what was happening and stuck their heads in his blind and then used his truck as a salt lick.

For the evening hunt, both of us were given new locations, mine being near the Canadian River which flows through the ranch. The blind was situated about twenty yards from the river on my right and the feeder was about 80 yards down river. Within the hour, I heard hogs and figured their location was just beyond the feeder near the river. The weather had improved somewhat as it was not raining and the winds were calm. But the sky was heavily overcast and the temps were in the 30s. I figured the hogs would be ready to eat and the only question was whether they would show themselves before dark.



Photo: Wayne Leidwanger

Wayne Leidwanger and his five hogs

Around 5 pm the first hog appeared and I shot it. More hogs appeared about 30 minutes later and I shot two of them. Addictive Hunting's price allows a hunter to take the first hog at no additional charge and there are no trophy fees. Each additional hog costs \$50 and they will skin and quarter hogs at a cost of \$40 per hog. After taking three hogs, I had exhausted my budget for the trip and called my guide. After checking with others in the group, he suggested I shoot two more if the hogs were still there because some in the group wanted to take the extra meat home. As a result, two more hogs died that evening, making a total of five which I killed. Upon returning to the ranch house, I learned my hunting partner had shot two, one of which was a very large boar weighing 250-300 pounds. One other in our party shot a hog but a search party was not able to find it. No one else had shot any hogs that evening nor did they the last morning, meaning only three of the eight of us had been successful.

Addictive Hunting does an excellent job on their wild boar hunts. By not hunting during the week, the hogs get accustomed to coming to the feeders. Trail cams are located at many of the feeders which allows monitoring of the hogs and what they are eating. The cameras showed a high population of hogs on the ranch, particularly at night, but unfortunately, Oklahoma does not allow hunting after dark. Lodging is provided although the place could stand some cleaning. Food is not provided but there is kitchen to cook meals. The lodge accommodates up to 12 hunters and if you have at least eight in your group, no other parties will be booked at the same time. No license is required to hunt hogs on a private ranch.



Photo: Wayne Leidwanger

Royan Teter and his boar

## Missouri Youth Turkey Hunt at the Tonderosa Ranch

By David Soine



Photo: Christa Eichorn

KCSCI club member Jake Tonsfeldt showed his commitment to providing hunting opportunities for kids by inviting quite a few out to his Tonderosa Ranch for the Missouri youth turkey season. Eight kids took to the field over the weekend, three of them took birds. Several of the youngsters in attendance spent the previous Saturday at Johnny Everhart's



Photo: Christa Eichorn

Youth Turkey Clinic, so they had a chance to put what they learned into practice at Jake's.

The weather was hot and the fish were plentiful—all of which contributed to a very special weekend for everyone there.

## Chapter Elections Held at the April Club Dinner Meeting

Elections for the KCSCI Board of Directors were held at the April club dinner meeting at Cinzetti's. Current board members Fred Robertson and Shannon Quinn were reelected. Rick Lytton and Nate Van Campen were elected to serve in the positions left open by Mike Hagen and Craig Griffitt, both of

whom chose not to run for another term.

In addition to the leadership elections, the proposed bylaw changes listed in the December 2011 edition of the KCSCI newsletter were ratified by the club membership.

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## Notes and Photos—2012 Hunter's Expo

Photos by Susan Hagen

### Special Thanks to Hunter's Expo Volunteers! By Craig Griffitt

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who helped out at this year's Expo. Special thanks to: Rick Lytton, Wayne Leidwanger, Weston Scott, Jamie Smith, Doyle Newhouse, Mac Plymale, Tom Darnley, Pat McGuire, Andy Surber, Jake Tonsfeldt, Nate VanCampen, Mike Harp, Bob Anderson, Chris Cagle, Derrick Vidacak, Don Kirn, Mark Schaefer, Dagny Heinsohn, Brianna Myers, Bob Bazin, George Bazin, Bryan Brenneman, Christa Eichorn, Leanne Trabuc, Madyson Quinn, Clinton Quinn, Luke Cloyd, Gabby Long, Susan Hagen, Rick Hagen, Dane Hagen, Sue Apple, Gene Robertson, William Legg, and Rodney Heinsohn. Our apologies if we missed listing anyone.

We encourage every member to get more involved in Hunter's Expo...every additional volunteer really makes a difference.



Terry Frederick accepts the KCSCI Pathfinder Award from Dan Hertzog.



Col Bruce Butters of the Folds of Honor Foundation spoke at the Friday evening awards banquet.



It was appropriate that Drom Beukes of Somerby Safaris was on hand to present Weston Scott a special award commemorating his completion of the African Dangerous Seven. Lee Worster completed the African Springbok Grand Slam.



Craig and Donna Boddington—enjoying the evening's festivities.

## Notes and Photos—2012 Hunter's Expo



Mike Hagen and Chris Cagle present the Pete Olarian award to David Soine for service to the Kansas City Chapter.



**Rodney Heinsohn accepts the KCSCI President's Award** from Mike Hagen. Always a stalwart supporter of the Chapter, Rodney's recent stewardship of the Hunt for Warriors events has really had a positive influence on the health of KCSCI.



Jerry and Helen Hertzog were presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas City Chapter of SCI. Among their many contributions, the Hertzogs' have recently provided auctioneer services to the chapter at Hunter's Expo as well as hosted our Hunt for Warriors events at Hedge Hollow Ranch.

The scene at one of Craig Boddington's Africa seminars.



Brian Hellems sold the most Hunter's Expo dinner tickets—and won a 300 Win Mag!

## The Connoisseur's Corner

By Chris Cagle

### PAIRING A CIGAR AND A DRINK

Having something to sip on and pairing it with a good cigar is usually a personal preference. While not all pairings work for everyone, the tastings below should provide a good base to start on, and then you can expand from there.

**ECCO DOMANI PINOT GRIGIO**, it is neither bone dry nor overly sweet. It has a very refreshing body with floral and tropical fruit aromas, it is crisp and refreshing, serve very cold, great on a hot day. A lighter cigar such as **ASHTON** would work great. This is a mild to medium Dominican cigar with rich flavors of wood and cashews. It is creamy from start to finish, easy draw which produces clouds of milky smoke.

**GUINNESS** Draught or **GUINNESS** Black Lager, both are smooth and easy to drink, thinner body than some of the other dark beers and stouts. A great cigar to compliment them would be a **PARTAGAS SPANISH ROSADO**. Medium body with rich full flavor that derives from its unique San Augustin Wrapper that is reddish brown in color and grown in Honduras. There is a spicy taste with hints of cinnamon.

**GLENFIDDICH** 15 year old single malt, from the Scottish Highlands. It is full and fragrant, but smooth with great depth. For you **BOURBON** drinkers, try **WOODFORD RESERVE** Kentucky Straight Bourbon. It has a nice full body and is very smooth. For these great sippers I would have a fuller body cigar such as the **HOYO DE MONTERREY EXCALIBUR**. It has a a dry and spicy aroma. This full body blend is a favorite for anyone who enjoys a full flavored Honduran cigar. This cigar has a very classic and traditional Cuban taste and aroma.



ENJOY!!!

### 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](mailto: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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