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The Hunter's Journal

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The President's Message

First for Hunters

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Hunter's Journal. I would like to thank David Soine for his outstanding work with the Journal. David has announced that this will be his last Journal, so if anyone is looking for some "publishing" experience, please let us know.

The Hunters Expo has come and gone and we did "ok". We are still tabulating the expenses but it looks like we will make enough money on the Expo to cover all the expenses, pay our 30% to SCI, and have some funds available to support worthy hunting and conservation projects. It was an honor to have Miss Kansas in attendance and to present the Pete Olarian Award to Dan Herzog.

We ask that our members send worthwhile groups our way so we can fulfill our mission of providing financial support to hunting, conservation, and education programs. That is why we work so hard on the Expo.

Thank you to the Board of Directors and the numerous volunteers that made the Expo successful. Thank you to the Foundation for the special work they put in to make the Youth event successful. Thanks to all of you who bought dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and who purchased items at the silent or live auction. The money you spent is what carried the day and will allow us to help others. And finally, a special thank you to Cindy Lahmann, who came in late in the game and organized, planned, and coordinated the Expo. Great job to all.

This will be my last "Presidents Letter" as my 2 years as President are over. It has been an honor to serve Kansas City Safari Club International. I have made a lot of new friends, been instructed by some great people, made a few of you mad (sorry, not on purpose), and have benefitted from an active, supportive, and hard-working Board. I will treasure this time. I am a better member of SCI because of what I have learned over the past 2 years and pledge to continue to support the Club in its vital role of being "First for Hunters".

Thanks,

Brian

Brian Bode
President, Kansas City Safari Club



KC-SCI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

From the Editor:

You may have heard that this will be the last issue of "The Hunter's Journal" that I'll be producing...for a while. I told several friends I was going on "sabbatical" until I harvested something more interesting than the woodchucks under our shed...but in reality I want to adjust how I am contributing to the Club. In other words, I want to do something different for a while.

I'd like to thank, once again, every single person that has contributed something to this newsletter over the years. Those contributions are a testament to the diversity in our sport, and the creativity and generosity of our Kansas City Chapter members.

As I mentioned, I am making a change in my club involvement...and you should take some time to assess your future role in it as well. Commit now to attending an additional event, volunteering more, and especially, bringing a friend along for the fun!

Thanks again! - Dave



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CLUB DINNER MEETING

Jumpin' Catfish, 834 SW Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO

Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, 6:30pm

Sensory Safari Trailer at Boy Scouts Encampment

Heart of America Council Encampment
Kansas Speedway, Kansas City , KS

Help educate the Boy Scouts of our region by volunteering for this event. Volunteers needed to unload and load the trailer, and "staff" it while it is in operation—mainly watch and answer questions about the trailer, animals, and Safari Club. Staff the LaserShot. It's easy. Contact Brian Bode (913) 972-8967 as soon as possible.

Sunday, June 22, 10am-3:00pm

KCSCI ANNUAL PICNIC

29561 Seven Sister Road, Leavenworth, Kansas

Tom and Gail Darnley have invited us out to their place outside of Leavenworth. Bring a side dish to share and your own drinks, Barbeque will be served. Kids will be able to swim or fish with parent's permission. Bring lawn chairs and life jackets.

Welcome New Members!

Tom Addleman	William Cokeley	Jim Maloney
Jeff Blystone	Lonnie Grebe	Mike Mast
Lucas Bode	Timothy Hanses	Greg McDonald
Anthony Borgognone	Richard L. Jones	Donald B. Mecken
David Bowerman	Michael K. Kalici	Paul Odell
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Chapter Sponsored Events

Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience at Hunter's Expo

By Bryan Schanze

If you were at the Hunters-Expo Saturday afternoon you may have noticed a throng of young men and women enjoying the air rifle and archery ranges along with everything else there was to soak in. The Youth that descended on the Expo were there after attending the second annual KCSCI Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience (YWCE).

Just over 100 youth and their leaders attended the morning program.

The morning flew by with a different breakout session every twenty minutes with interactive activities such as making a duck call, building a blind and ranging your game. With help from KDWPT, NWTF Heartland Longbeards, Pheasants Forever, Bushnell and the many individual KCSCI members and friends we had a great morning.

Just before lunch Miss Kansas, Theresa Marie Vail spoke to the group and relayed how going outdoors had literally saved her life at a young age. She also shared how she broke through the stereotype of women enjoying hunting. She was a great inspiration to all there. After her session we had to break from our planned schedule. As soon as it was announced she would sign autographs and have pictures taken the kids just swarmed into a line.



The YWCE was first envisioned just a little over three years ago when Larry and Brenda Potterfield of Midway U.S.A. offered KCSCI a very generous endowment. The endowment is now in place and a C-3 Charitable Organization has been formed for the express purpose of bringing



young teens to a conservation day and the Hunters-Expo. The goal is to bring 200 youth ages 14-16 to the event next year.

The current Foundation Board of Directors consist of Mike Hagen, Paul Kalicki, Jim Walters, Rodney Heinsohn, and Bryan Schanze. The Board is looking at raising additional funds in order to expand beyond a one day event. SCI has recently partnered with Boy Scouts of America and we are currently investigating opportunities with the Scouts on the



local level. If you would like to make a charitable donation so that additional programs can be added please contact one of the Board Members.

Funded by the Larry Potterfield Family Foundation.



Everhart's Youth Turkey
Clinic "Class of 2014".

11th Annual Youth Turkey Clinic at Everhart's

It seems that every year the newsletter includes photos from Everhart's Youth Turkey clinic. Over the years, the photos seem the same...except that every photo is of a different young person learning and practicing the skills to become a turkey hunter. Over the last 11 years Everhart's turkey clinic has introduced at least 350 young people to turkey hunting. The Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club is proud to support Johnny Everhart's Turkey and Waterfowl Clinics, bringing the next generation of hunters into the sport.



Win a Ten Day Alaska Cruise for Two

KCSCI, in cooperation with Leavenworth Travel, is offering raffle tickets to win a ten day Alaskan Cruise for two people, including airfare from Kansas City. Raffle tickets are \$50, and there are only 300 tickets available. The drawing will take place when all 300 tickets are sold. The trip is valued at \$6000.

All ticket buyers can display their ticket stub at Leavenworth Travel to receive 5% off other travel booked with Leavenworth Travel. Contact a KCSCI Board member for tickets.

Funds from this raffle will be used to increase KCSCI's support for conservation and hunting programs in the greater Kansas City Region—including programs like Everhart's Youth Duck and Turkey Clinics.

Youth Turkey Season at Tonsfeldts'

The 7th Annual Tonderosa Youth Turkey Hunt, near Clinton, MO. This year's success included six of nine kids taking toms. Thanks to all who assisted and participated especially Jake, Diane and turkey hunting gear supplied by Bushnell and Primos.



HUNTING REPORTS

Africa Experience

Story and Photos by Gary Lair



On our first trip to Africa, October 2013 with Somerby Safaris, we had a fantastic time. The first seven days were devoted to hunting, Gary for Cape buffalo in an area adjacent to Krueger Park, what an experience. On the third day, late PM, Gary got a shot at the desired bull. Despite a good shot, the bull got away. Many hours were spent trailing blood and tracking the bull, he was nowhere to be found. While looking for buffalo, we saw several African animals including giraffe, zebra, and a male and two female lions on a kudu kill. Because of time, we had to leave that area to continue the safari, so the locals continued to look for the bull. We toured about 3 hours of Krueger Park; saw many African animals including black & white rhinos and a cheetah. We then journeyed on to the Free State where Gary took a Blesbuck and a Duiker. Sharon hunted porcupine which was at the top of her bucket list and a Duiker. The Duiker and porcupine were hunted at night with spot light, what fun, especially with Drom's wild driving. This concluded our hunting time. PH Charles was a fantastic guide and we hated to bid him good bye.

Our next stop was Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe; it was not running 100% because of being there during the dry season, but what a beautiful sight. Then on to Chobe Park in Botswana, where the first half day we toured in a safari

vehicle; saw many African animals including wild dogs and a leopard. After a bountiful buffet lunch, our guide took us on a boat ride on the Zambezi River; we saw large crocs, herds of elephants, hippos and many other animals in and around the river. What an experience.

Next on our itinerary was Cape Town. After meeting our guide, who was a history buff and used to teach high school history, he drove us east of Cape Town, just viewing the country and the rugged coast line. He told many stories about the area and ship wrecks and their experiences, trying to find the most southern point of South Africa. The second day, he took us to view the Cape National Park area, including the Cape of Good Hope; when leaving that area, a cape cobra was crawling across the road, what a site. We rode a cable car to the top of Table Mountain; what a view. While at Cape Town, Drom called and said they found Gary's bull, of course it had been destroyed by wild animals, but was able to save the skull and horns.



We feel very fortunate to have had such a fantastic trip including seeing two of the natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls and Table Mountain. Our PH Charles and the experience with Somerby Safaris, was a great experience and one we will never forget.

Somerby Safaris
<http://somerbysafaris.com>



An Axis Deer Hunt

by Wayne Leidwanger

For some time I have wanted to do an axis deer hunt. Axis deer are native to the Indian subcontinent where they are known as chital. They were introduced into Texas in the 1930s and are considered to be one of the most beautiful of deer (and also good eating). They are most common in the Edwards Plateau which is an area of west central Texas roughly bounded by San Antonio, Del Rio, San Angelo and Austin. The eastern portion of this region lies in the "Hill Country."

I and my hunting partner booked this hunt with Pope Brothers Guide Service and Outfitting. Pope Brothers is based in Junction, Texas, but they offer hunts throughout most of the state. Their offerings include both exotics as well as the usual range of species, such as whitetail, javelina, turkey, predators, etc. Our hunt included axis deer, javelina, hogs and turkeys.

Our journey began with a two-day visit to Big Bend National Park, an incredibly rugged and remote wilderness along the Rio Grande, well worth the visit if you are in the area. Then we met Clay Pope and our guide Jason in Alpine, Texas. The initial hunt was for javelina on the Y Bar O Ranch which is owned by the same family which owns the King Ranch. We didn't see very many javelina until the end of the day when we came upon a group of about 8-10. In just a few minutes we were able to dispatch four javelina. (The limit is two per hunter.) Many don't think javelina are good to eat but I disagree. They may stink a bit while cooking but otherwise they are very edible.

From Alpine we journeyed to Utopia, Texas, in the Hill Country where the remainder of the free-range hunt was based. Our accommodations were in a ranch house

Two hunters and four javelina.



Photo: Wayne Leidwanger



Photo: Wayne Leidwanger

Wayne Leidwanger and his axis buck.

managed by the outfitter. Meals were adequate and were eaten both at the ranch as well as at a local diner in Utopia. On the first day in Utopia, I managed to get my axis buck on a nearby ranch along the Frio River using a spot-and-stalk approach. Over the next few days, we managed to also shoot two hogs (only one of which we were able to recover) and one turkey. Our guides were hard working and provided excellent service. All the animals were field dressed, quartered and frozen for the journey home. Pope Brothers provides a very reliable outfitting service (as well as taxidermy) and I would recommend them if you are planning a hunt in Texas.

Pope Brothers Guide Service and Outfitting
<http://www.huntsintexas.com>.

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.

Dan Hertzog Receives Olarian Award for Service to KCSCI

Brian Bode had the honor of presenting the Peter Olarian Award to KCSCI member Dan Hertzog Saturday Evening, February 8, at Hunter's Expo. The Peter Olarian Award recognizes a member's exemplary service to the Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club.

Dan Hertzog was instrumental in starting Hunter's Expo and tirelessly worked to make it happen. He served on the KCSCI Board of Directors and arranged many events over the years, including many at Hedge Hollow Ranch.

When you see Dan, be sure to congratulate him on this well-deserved award for service to our Chapter!



Members Elected to Serve on the KCSCI Board of Directors

Elections for the Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club International Board of Directors were held at the Club Dinner Meeting on April 9. Newly elected to the Board were Doyle Newhouse, Ian Trood, and Lee Worster. Brian Bode, Butch Trabuc, and Wayne

Leidwanger were re-elected for another term.

Leaving the Board are Burgess Burch, Paul Kalicki, and Shannon Quinn—please thank them for their service on the KCSCI Board the next time you see them.

Motivations

by Mike Hagen

I am often asked, "What was your favorite hunt" and my answer is (not original) "The next one"! I think my favorite part is getting ready to go. The anticipation, the collecting of all my gear, going to the range and making sure the gun is dead on for the load and conditions you are to be hunting in. The trip, sometimes long and quite tiring or a drive across the pasture, the anticipation of success is the excitement that keeps you coming back.

I just returned from an annual snow goose hunt in central Nebraska. I meet up with friends from Buffalo Minnesota and it is almost as exciting driving across Kansas as flying to Alaska, and we all felt that way. "Will we beat last year's record?" is the first question. Making lunch in the blind, and just catching up on what went on over the last year. Weddings, weather, new trucks, the topic of the day. And no, we didn't beat the record, but still had a great time and deposits are in for next year.

I'm heading to Kodiak in a few short days, can't wait! I have all the gear I should need but still cruise the aisles in Cabela's. Maybe new socks, or stuff sacks. Maybe that new sleeping bag for backpacking

or lug the old one, takes up more room in the backpack, which may not be all bad. Dreaming of taking that ten footer with the Booner skull. I'm looking forward to sharing camp with my old buddy Cole. Special coffee for the last chat of the evening before sleeping the night away, preparing for what tomorrow has in store.

Yes, I look back at some of the adventures I've been on with fond memories, and some not so fond. African memories don't seem to take up any more room than the big buck in Bethany, Missouri, many years ago—both hold special places in my mind. A look at the trophies on the wall are instant recall, one look at Mr. Big Horns takes me back to the moment of pulling the trigger. Sights, sounds, the aroma in the air, all from just a glance while passing through the room. None of this would be possible without my connection with Safari Club International. I have made so many friends—hunters, outfitters and guides alike. I hope I am just able to fill all the opportunities that present themselves through this affiliation. Yes, here is to some past great adventures, but I'm sure the next one will be a great one too!



Heirloom Upgrade

Story and Photos by David Soine

I met Kansas City area artist John G. Wilson this year at Hunter's Expo, where he had a booth displaying his custom wood carving work on rifle, shotgun, and pistol stocks, as well as knives and other objects. I was especially impressed with some of the stock repair work he showed me. John generously donated some custom gunstock carving work for KCSCI's fundraiser auctions, and I was lucky to be a winning bidder for one of the packages.

I spoke with John briefly on Sunday morning after the fundraiser to get an understanding of the process, which was pretty simple. He told me to think about what I might want done, then when I was ready we would meet and talk about it. We would both sign a commission contract clearly defining the service and expectations. He would develop two or three concepts based on our ideas, submit them to me for further direction, and when we came to an agreement about the concept he would work up a final design. Once all the details were worked out I would give a final approval, and John would get to work executing the artwork.

I spent a week or two thinking about what I might want for a design, and decided to have the work done on a CZ 452 full stock in .22 Long Rifle that has become a favorite of my son and I. I had already put some personal work into the rifle package, braiding up a paracord sling and adding a simple trigger kit. I removed the stock from the rifle and arranged the next meeting with John.

The concept that I wanted John to work with was pretty straightforward: I wanted the art to reflect the place I grew up, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The most recognized symbol for the "U.P."

happens to be the outline of the peninsula itself...so with a little web surfing I found and printed a map of the U.P. for an example illustration. John was enthusiastic about it when we met and we discussed a couple other possibilities and ideas. In about a week he sent me a few sketches via email—he had done his own research and suggested we integrate white pine (Michigan's state tree) into the work. With a few more emails we agreed on the final design and John went to work on my stock.

It didn't take long for John to execute the design, and a couple weeks later I had the rifle stock back. The stock now had an outline of the U.P., plus John placed a silver pin at the location where my forbearers settled and lived. Although 'merely' an outline, the illustration contained a level of detail that I found very satisfying. The main illustration included a sprig of white pine, and white pine sprig flourishes were added on both sides of the stock in several places. My initials were placed on the grip end.

I am really pleased with the artwork on my rifle, and enjoyed the process of working with John from the concept through to the finished work. He was eager to take up my concept and build upon it, and in the end we wound up with a piece that really speaks to me, and hopefully will speak to my progeny in years to come.

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The Connoisseur's Corner

By Chris Cagle

Marilyn and I just got back from a wonderful cruise down the Danube River with Viking River Cruises. We visited Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Germany. We ate some interesting foods and drank some nice wines. I picked up a couple of recipes and wanted to pass them on.

Viennese Beef Goulash

The Viennese style of goulash and the Hungarian goulash both share the same savory paprika flavor, the Hungarian goulash is more like a soup and the Viennese version is a hearty combination more like a stew.

Ingredients

2 ½ pounds of beef chuck or game meat, trim off excess fat
 2 pounds onions, diced
 4 cloves garlic, chopped
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 ¼ cup red wine vinegar
 2 tablespoons paprika
 1 bay leaf
 ½ teaspoon ground marjoram
 ½ teaspoon ground caraway
 ¾ cup beef stock

Cut the beef into 1 inch cubes. Brown meat in oil in small batches. Remove the beef set aside. Sauté onions and garlic add more oil if needed. Add vinegar, stirring to deglaze the pan. Add remaining ingredients, including beef stir and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cover. Cook 2-3 hours on

stove top or in the oven, until very tender, adding beef stock as needed. Remove bay leaf, serve over egg noodles with a crusty bread on the side. Add a dollop of sour cream to each serving.

Goose Thigh with Beans

When I clean my geese I usually save just the breast, I will save a few thighs to try this one out.

Ingredients

4 goose leg/thighs
 1 ¼ cup of dry white beans or canned if you don't want to wait
 2 red onions chopped
 4 cloves garlic chopped
 5 tablespoons veg or olive oil
 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon black pepper
 1 to 2 tablespoons flour

TOPPING

2 tablespoons oil
 3 cloves chopped garlic

Soak the beans overnight. Brown the skinless thighs in hot oil. After browning both sides, remove and set aside. Sauté the onion and garlic, sprinkle in the paprika and add a little water. Strain the beans, add them to the onions and put the thighs back in. Add enough water to cover the thighs then bring to a boil. Add salt and pepper to taste, reduce the heat and cook, covered, for about 1 ½ hours until tender. When done, remove the thighs. Turn off the heat, let the beans rest for about 10 minutes. Sprinkle the flour on top of the beans then bring to a boil. This will thicken the juice with the beans. Heap the beans on a serving platter, place the thighs on top. Sprinkle fresh chopped parsley around. Sauté the topping of garlic and oil. Brush on top of the thighs.

Hope you enjoy,

Chris

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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 "Search for Measurer" under the "Record Book" link.

Some SCI Measurers in our area:

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