

KENTUCKIANA HUNTER



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President's Message

By Larry Richards, Chapter President

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Wow, another hunting season has basically passed and we are at that time of year when we look forward to next year! Mallory and I had a great hunt for Cow Elk again, with the old man scoring and the young hunter getting to observe for a change! The hunt at High Lonesome has become our staple and we sure enjoyed the great hospitality and service the staff there provided. Longtime KYSCI supporter Weststar Aviation Representative Sam Haycraft and last year's fundraiser auction winner Chris Kamer and his son were in attendance and everyone had a magnificent experience.

Looking ahead to the Chapter Fundraiser, the High Lonesome Ranch has again donated the Cow Elk hunt to us, so please realize what a great value that is, and join me next year! This year's Live Auction and Silent Auction programs have something for everyone. We have greatly upgraded the caliber of hunts we are offering. There are a number of new, exciting hunts that we have not had before to include Cape Buffalo, Beceite Ibex and Sable Antelope for starters. We have several new outfitters represented that have really helped to improve the quality of our offerings, along with our long time supporters who have stood with us year in and year out and whom we greatly appreciate.

Along with our magnificent Live Auction this year, we will be

awarding the inaugural Sam Monarch Youth Scholarship Award. This award gives us so much pleasure to present, and Alice Monarch, Sherry Maddox and I are looking forward to doing the presentation. Sam will be smiling that huge smile on us for sure!

We have a number of Chapter Awards to present during the evening that we have not done in many years and they will also make you proud of your sponsorship and membership in the Kentuckiana Chapter. The Annual Safari Club International Convention has just concluded and we brought home several awards this year! Best newsletter AGAIN, and this year a first: Best Auction Program! Alice, on behalf of the Chapter, rightly accepted both with Sherry Maddox and myself in attendance.

The focus of this Chapter has always been first for our youth and young sportsman. We could not make these things possible without your encouragement and support. This event is our only fundraiser every year. It finances the myriad of projects we create and support, notably, NASP programs, The Youth Apprentice and Family Hunter event, the Sam Monarch Scholarship and our continuing leadership with Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry to name but a few. We will be sending an excellent young person to the AWLS program in Wyoming this summer to get them afield properly with the tools to be the responsible and ethical hunters of the future. Your participation and help on January 26th will decide, ultimately, how effective we can be so please realize what this night is all about and come ready to support your Chapter and go on that trip of a lifetime for a great experience of your own which will be made doubly so by the realization of what your adventure allowed your Chapter to do.

Please plan to attend and participate on Saturday, January 26th. We need your support to grow and expand our support of our youth and the right to hunt! I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones! We need your support to continue to grow.

About The Cover

Clay Monarch took the cover photo and this photo of White Rhinoceroses in this

picturesque setting in the bush in South Africa, a country where Rhinos are in constant danger of being poached for their horns, which are composed of Keratin, a fibrous protein found in hair. These White or Square Lipped Rhinoceroses are giant hoofed, horn-bearing herbivores that are among the largest living land mammals. Rhinos have poor eyesight but acute senses of hearing and smell. Most prefer to avoid humans but males and females with calves may charge with little provocation. Despite their bulk, rhinos are remarkably agile reaching speeds of 30 mph.



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Conservation Education Is Key

By Sherry Maddox, SCI Vice President

Safari Club International Foundation Mission Statement is "To fund and direct wildlife programs dedicated to wildlife conservation and outdoor education programs worldwide". One of the education programs supported by members and chapters worldwide in support of this mission is the *American Wilderness Leadership School* (AWLS).

AWLS is located in Jackson, Wyoming where SCI owns a property called Granite Ranch, where each summer AWLS offers workshops for *Educators and Student Leaders of Conservation* and the role hunting plays in it. The facilities at Granite Ranch consist of the *Joel Loveridge-Jim Conklin Education Complex* that provides a professional quality kitchen, dining room, instruction and dormitory facilities in addition to staff cabins.

The Wyoming site is surrounded by the beauty of the *Gros Ventre Wilderness Area* within *Bridger-Teton National Forest*. Established in 1976, AWLS has provided an accredited conservation education program for more than 6,000 educators who reach more than a million students annually. The eight-day professional development workshop offers hands-on lessons based on the *North American Model of Wildlife Conservation* as well as take home lessons on conservation education that have been integrated into K-12 math, science, language arts, social studies and physical education.

The curriculum for Educators includes: (1) Wildlife conservation and management in the United States based on the *North American Model of Wildlife Conservation* (2) Land management issues and effects on wildlife and stream studies (3) Endangered species and outdoor ethics (4) Wyoming ecosystems (5) Eco-

nomie contributions of sportsman in conservation (6) Instructional materials to use in outdoor education programs (7) Introduction to many classroom resources, and much more... For educators, there is college credit and other certifications to include the *National Archery in the Schools Instructor Certification*.

What you may not know is that for the past 40 years AWLS has held student sessions as part of its summer programs at the Granite Ranch. The outdoor instructional programs focus on conservation and natural resource management providing students a base of knowledge to better understand and to evaluate

today's and future conservation issues. The AWLS seven-day student program presents a base knowledge of wildlife ecology and



conservation learning that becomes a central point around which leadership training is provided. Training is provided through a combination of classroom and outdoor hands-on experience. Recreational activities include an overnight

camping trip, a day-long hike in the mountains, a whitewater rafting trip on the Snake River plus more.

Qualifications for the youth program include: (1) Be enrolled in high school, between the ages of 16-18 (2) Have satisfactory grades (3) Have demonstrated the ability to work and communicate effectively with others.

The Kentuckiana Chapter has supported Granite Ranch and the AWLS program over the years in both donations to operations of the ranch and sponsorship of educators. Sponsorship opportunities are available for qualified educators or students.

If you know an educator or a student whom you believe would be a good candidate to attend AWLS, please share this information with them. Applications for the 2019 sessions are posted on the SCIF website at www.safariclubfoundation.org. Question and applications can be sent to Sherry Maddox at explorer111749@aol.com. Together we can continue to fulfill our mission to educate and invest in the future generations.

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2019 Kentuckiana SCI Military Reserves Pheasant Hunt

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The Return Of An American Icon

By By Avian Biologist, Loren Taylor

As the sun climbs high in the sky, illuminating the gentle cresting swells of the Ohio River, a large shadow descends along the water's surface. Your eye travels upward searching for the shadow's source, and suddenly, there it is! An unusually huge bird, its brilliantly white head and tail like bookends to two wings and a body that are countless shades of brown. Its broad and powerful wings rarely flap, as it expertly navigates using the invisible warm air currents, or thermals, emanating from the earth below. A bird of this magnificent size and iconic white head and tail, can only be a Bald Eagle, soaring in all its grandeur along the mighty Ohio River.

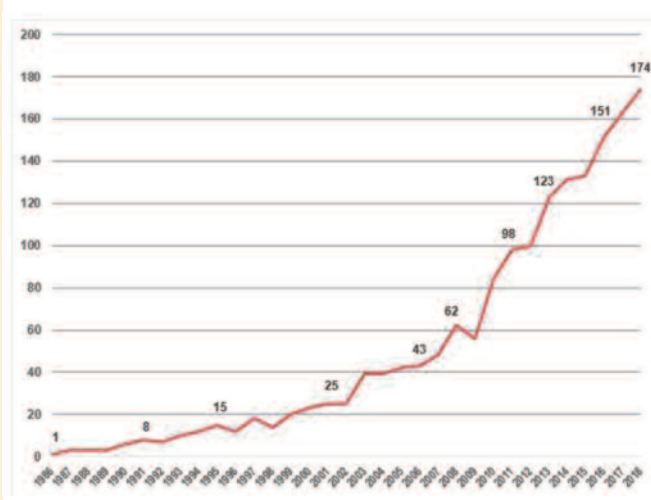
Few experiences in nature rival the majesty of a Bald Eagle sailing along a water's edge. This scene has become a common sight for some Kentuckians in recent years, as the Bald Eagle population increases. Bald Eagles vanished as a breeding species in Kentucky during the 1960's, largely due to the pesticide DDT. Eagle populations, along with many other raptors and songbirds, plummeted nationwide resulting in the ban of DDT in 1972. The eagle population suffered such declines from shooting, trapping, poisoning, and pesticides, that the species inevitably secured a spot in the Endangered Species Act in 1978. Following the ban of DDT and nationwide re-introduction efforts (in the 1970's and 1980's) the first Kentucky Bald Eagle nest in nearly 30 years was documented at Ballard Wildlife Management Area in 1987. The nesting population has been growing ever since, resulting in the removal of the Bald Eagle from the federal list of threatened and endangered species in 2007. However, the Bald Eagle remains protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Historically as in present time, Bald Eagles are most numerous in the western region of the state. An abundance of suitable habitat allows for this high concentration of eagles in that area. However, we are documenting a steady increase in eagle nests in the central and eastern Kentucky as well. Bald Eagle nests in Kentucky are usually situated in a large tree, often within a forested area, which is in close proximity to a large body of water. Fish as well as other animals found in or near these aquatic environments make up the majority of an eagles diet. Bald Eagles are opportunistic foragers and can often be seen on river or road edges scavenging on carrion, especially in the winter months when live prey availability is more limited. In fact, Bald Eagles are notorious for taking prey from other animals such as Osprey. Benjamin Franklin once wrote about this behavior in a letter to his daughter stating, "For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a bird of bad moral character. He does not get his living honestly. You may have seen him perched on some dead tree near the river, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the Fishing Hawk; and when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish, and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him."

Bald Eagles build enormous nests, typically five to six feet in diameter and two to four feet deep. Bald Eagles have ex-



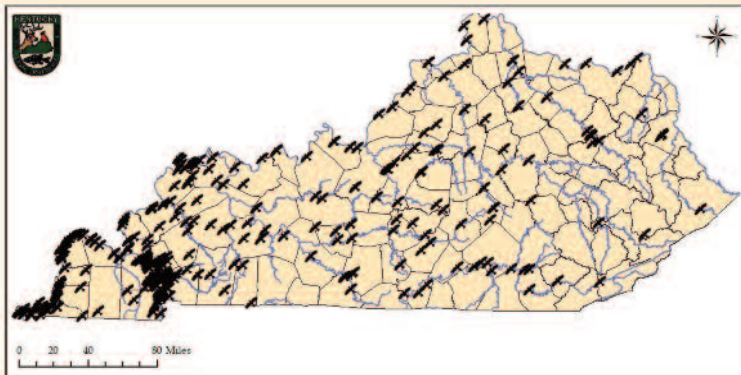
tremely high nest site fidelity and typically use the same nest each year, adding to the nest annually. This results in very large, heavy nests. The largest nest on record was located in St. Petersburg, Florida and measured 20ft deep, over 9ft wide, and weighed more than 2 tons. In Kentucky, eagles can begin nest building and courtship as early as November. Egg laying and incubation typically occurs in January to April and lasts 35 days. Nestlings can be observed from April to June, with chicks fledging at 10 to 12 weeks of age. The timing of the Bald Eagle nesting cycle is highly dependent on geographic region. Kentucky's



nesting population is not migratory, and therefore they can be nesting earlier than birds that nest in the northern regions. Migrants are often observed on their wintering grounds in Kentucky while local birds are sitting on eggs.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources monitors Kentucky's eagle population twice annually. Each January, the wintering eagle population is monitored using the Midwinter Eagle Survey (MES), which is a national survey effort led by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This survey is comprised of 18-20 routes, and counts between 150 – 400 eagles annually. During the 2018 survey 363 eagles were counted in Kentucky. KDFWR also monitors the eagle population during the breeding season with annual Bald Eagle Nesting Surveys. Every March, KDFWR conducts aerial surveys of eagle nests west of Frankfort. Nests that are not covered by these aerial surveys (central and eastern Kentucky) are monitored by boat or ground in the winter or early spring. During 2018, 96% of known nesting territories were monitored for occupancy, documenting 174 occupied nests. A nest is considered occupied if: it was recently built or maintained by eagles, adult birds are seen at a nest or there is evidence of reproduction during the breeding season. Kentucky's nesting population has increased by 64% since 2008. To ensure the species continues to succeed, National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines and Post-delisting Monitoring Plans were implemented in 2009, and will continue until 2027.

Thanks to the federal and state agencies, non-government organizations, and countless individuals who dedicated their lives and careers to the recovery of this monumental species, Kentuckians can now see these birds with regularity, some lucky enough to have them nesting in their backyards. When driving along Ohio River, or visiting Barkley and Kentucky Lakes, keep a weather eye on the horizon and take a second glance at a bird soaring high overhead as it could be a Bald Eagle.



Habitat Improvement Checklist By KDFWR

January

- ☐ Contact wildlife biologist to discuss upcoming planting season
- ☐ Take soil samples to determine soil nutrient needs
- ☐ Prepare firebreaks for upcoming prescribed burns
- ☐ Order seeds for spring planting

February

- ☐ Mow Korean lespedeza or clover fields to encourage new growth
- ☐ Burn or mow fescue sod in preparation for converting to other cover types
- ☐ Disk fields in preparation for renovation to clover & grass
- ☐ Erect, clean, or repair nest boxes; check predator guards
- ☐ Install nesting platforms for geese

March - Mid-April

- ☐ Prescribe burn in preparation to eradicate fescue
- ☐ Sow clover or lespedeza
- ☐ Sow cool season grasses
- ☐ Apply lime and fertilizer per soil test to wildlife food plots
- ☐ Strip disk to promote bare ground & new forb growth

To speak with a Wildlife Biologist, call 1-800-858-1549

4-H & KYSCI & KHFFH Partner To Pilot KYHFFH

By Alexandra Bryant Popham
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The Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports youth partnered with the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International to pilot a Kentucky Youth Hunters for the Hungry program. This unique pilot program provided an opportunity for 4-H Shooting Sports youth to complete a service project in the area of their passion and give back to their community.

The pilot program introduced ten enthusiastic youth volunteers to the Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry program. These youth planned to donate 1 deer each to the KHFFH. The ten volunteer youth included Milah Davis, Jaxohn Davis, Brayden Tucker, CJ Johns, Reagan Henderson, Sebastian Henderson, Madden Fulkerson, Cole Denner, Elizabeth Kiper, and Cole Nash while the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI generously offered to cover the cost of processing the deer at Webb's Butcher. The meat was then to be donated to feed local families in need.

Although the ten youth volunteers went hunting during November and December, they were unsuccessful in the hunt for a deer to donate; however, all ten of these youth hunters are excited about trying again to fulfill their goal of donating 10 deer to KYHFFH next year! Breckinridge County 4-H hopes to continue

the partnership with KYSCI and allow the *Kentucky Youth Hunters for the Hungry* program to grow!

Attached is a photo of one of the youth hunters with her deer; however, this deer was killed during youth season in October before she learned of the KYHFFH pilot program and she was not able to donate this particular deer.



Two African Hunts, One Adventure

By Cheri Miller

At the chapter banquet in February of 2018 while I was busy helping assist, my husband bought a trip to Namibia, Africa. This would be our second trip to Africa. I was excited and immediately starting looking at airfare prices to try to get the best deal on a flight.

On one such occasion while looking at airfare when I was actually getting ready to book the flight, I got a message on Facebook from Leon Small. Leon is the professional hunter that we hunted with in 2010 on our first safari to Africa. He offered us a deal on a Cape Buffalo in South Africa and was available for the week after our hunt was already scheduled in Namibia. John has always wanted a Cape Buffalo, so our Namibia hunt turned into two hunts for the price of one airfare. One week abroad, turned into two and we were set for the time of our lives.

We were met off the plane by an airport representative in Johannesburg that was requested to be there by Anne Gaines-Burrill of *Air 2000 Hunter Support* that we booked as a travel agent for the trip. This service was well worth the money that we paid and we highly recommend using Anne's service for travel to South Africa. Anne's airport representative escorted us through Customs moving us to the front of every line like we were some sort of VIP. Her representative helped haul our baggage once it was retrieved and then handed us over to Steve from *Air 2000 Hunters Support*. Steve was a great asset and he assisted us just about every time we were at the airport in South Africa.

Once with Steve, we went to retrieve our guns and were escorted to the *City Lodge*. This is a hotel located in the airport in South Africa. We stayed the night and ate supper at the hotel which was also good because it broke up our flights and gave us a little time to recuperate from the long flight in.

The following morning, we were picked up at the *City Lodge* by Steve. He escorted us back to the airport's main terminal where we checked our bags for the flight to Namibia. Our flight was upgraded to business class where we enjoyed a nice springbok steak for dinner. On the flight to Namibia, we enjoyed what was by far the best meal we had ever had on an airplane.

Upon landing in Namibia, we were put off the plane on a tarmac and had to walk to the Customs Office to sign in and retrieve our guns. We were then met by Professional Hunter Schalk (pronounced Skulk) of *Afrihunt Safaris* who drove us to the hunting location about five hours north of the airport. After meeting *Afrihunt Safaris' owner*, Justus Brits, his wife, Carla, and their son, Johan, we ate a late dinner of Impala before heading to bed.

We awoke the next morning to a very windy situation. It made hunting impossible as the animals tend to bed down in the wind. We stayed in camp which was actually a bed and breakfast where many visitors stayed. The first morning some Germans, who were also hunters who had just stopped in for the night, joined us. We had a fun morning joking and laughing with this group of great guys.

We went out when the wind died down in the afternoon and got into a herd of Gemsbok. After shooting what we all thought was a large female, Schalk and I approached the animal. He was talking about



Gemsbok

what a beautiful tall, wide female I had taken when I remarked, "First female I have ever seen with that equipment." This huge male Gemsbok was tall and wide like the females are and, according to Justus, was a possible record book animal. We went back to camp for a delicious dinner of Gemsbok although it was not the one I had just shot as mine was still in the skinning shed.

The next morning was not very productive. We went out and found Zebras, but they won. I shot and missed. We went back for a late breakfast then sat in a dark, dreary blind with Schalk. This was also a bust as the wind whipped around and the animals kept winding us.

We went back to the camp and gave gummy bears and t-shirts to the kids whose parents worked at the camp. School was out for the week for vacation and we did not want the SCI Blue Bag that we brought to go to waste. The youngest of the children stuffed his cheeks with gummy bears like a chipmunk. One of his brothers took the soccer ball and kicked it around with one shoe. When asked where his other shoe was we were told that he didn't want to wear them both out at the same time!

Later that day as we continued on our drive, we ran into a herd of Springbok with a nice male. When I dropped the animal and we approached my giant springbok, Schalk said I obviously didn't know what a monster he was or I would have been more excited. Continuing on after loading the Springbok, we came across a beautiful old, red horned Impala and I took him using Schalk's back as a rest. We also found a Red Hartbeest but it had become too dark for me to shoot. We ate stuffed Eland and Impala sausage for supper.



Zebra

The next morning, we went out on a couple of blind stalks on Zebra. I did not let them beat me again as I managed to get a shot at an older mare! Her hide was beautiful and not all scarred from fighting like a stallion's would be.

When we went back to the lodge for lunch, I also took a nap with Mufasa, the owners Boerboal, a large breed of dog that is the cross between a Bull Mastiff and a Rhodesian Ridgeback.

After a nice nap, we then went out after warthog. The warthog won the first round. Oh, I shot and I hit him but I must have hit him square on the nose which is apparently too tough for a bullet to penetrate. We soon returned to camp where we had Kudu for supper.

The next morning, we were up early and onto a Red Hartebeest early. I made a perfect shot, dropped him and went back to camp for lunch featuring Giraffe burgers.

After lunch, we went back out to a stand to possibly get into a warthog but the big pig eluded me again. We saw two young pigs, eight Kudu, three Duiker (a large male that I should have shot and two females), two young Dik-Diks and lots of birds. Supper that night was T-



Springbok



Impala

Bones as large as your head and Eland sausage.

On our last day of hunting in Namibia, we went over to the workers' camp and gave them the rest of the T-shirts, as well as a soccer ball and some gummy bears. They sang a song in Afrikaans to thank us for our generous gifts. It was a blessing to these people that they were happy to receive.

We then left and went to property that was owned by Carla's dad. Here is where the warthog finally got beat. I dropped an ugly, huge 12" tusked monster and the hunt was now officially over.

Upon returning to camp, I packed prior to dinner as we were leaving



Warthog

early the next morning. Dinner consisted of the steaks from the Gemsbok that I had shot, pork chops, and an appetizer of Guinea Fowl in a soft taco shell with a sweet sauce. We went to bed early as we had an early flight out and had to be up at 4 A.M. the next morning.

Traveling back to Johannesburg was uneventful. Once there, we were again met at the terminal as was set up by Anne's people at *Air 2000 Hunters Support*, and again, I cannot say enough good things about this service. We were quickly moved through the lines and back in an area to wait for our flight to depart for Polokwane, South Africa to meet up with our next outfitter, Leon Small, to hunt for Cape Buffalo.

Upon meeting Leon in Polokwane, we had a 3-hour drive to our hunting camp to hunt for the Cape Buffalo. We arrived at dark to the Taj Mahal of hunting camps! This was by far the most beautifully set up camp we had been in while staying abroad. Christo Joubert, who was the professional hunter for this concession, also met us at the camp.

We were up at 7 A.M. the next morning to sight in guns again before going after Cape Buffalo. We sat in a blind all morning with a herd right in front of us. The big bull in the group eluded John until about 1 P.M. John had to thread a needle to make a shot beside a tree and then put a second one in him for insurance while he was bucking like a horse. It took two solid shoulder shots.

The men then loaded this huge animal using only manpower. Eight



Red Hartebeest



Blue Bag Gifts At Workers' Camp

of them loaded the giant onto the back of a truck. The rest of the evening we sat around and drank and talked like old friends should. An offer was also made to me on a cow Cape Buffalo that we could not refuse.

I was up early the next morning eager to go after my Cape Buffalo, a cow, which was perhaps even more dangerous. We stalked them all morning to no avail then headed in for lunch.

After lunch, we went back out and found them right in front of the blind from which John had shot. After watching them mill around for a while, I finally got a good shot on an old cow with a beautiful curl. It took stalking and four more solid shots to drop her.

With the hunting being done, we moved to a place closer to the airport and just drove around shooting animals with the camera. We also relaxed. Traveling back to the airport with Leon was bittersweet. He is someone we will always consider a friend. He may even join us at the banquet this year in January.

We flew back to Johannesburg where we again spent the night before the long flight back to Atlanta. The long flight was probably the worst part of the trip and, next time, I will pay for the upgrade to first-class on that flight!



Cheri's Cape Buffalo

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Kentucky's New Mentored Hunt Program

By Mike Ohlmann

It's no secret that the ranks of we hunters have been shrinking for quite some time. It is however much less common knowledge in many circles that there are several new programs going on throughout the state to reverse that trend that the average hunter can find rewarding to give some time volunteering. Our KDFWR along with most agencies across the country have adopted what is referred to as the 3-R approach to shoring up our numbers. Simply put this means; Recruit, Reactivate and Retain, new, past and present sportsmen and women both young and old as active hunters and huntresses.

These efforts have brought about programs like Field to Fork, which focuses on Urban folks and "Locavores" (those interested in obtaining their local food and life needs close to home), youth training and hunt programs, and recognition hunts for Wounded Warriors, Service Men and Women and First Responders to name a few. All of these hunts rely heavily upon a large number of experienced volunteers willing to give up their own hunting time to facilitate the events. This caveat determined that most were held in the much more liberal crossbow seasons, vs the much more effective, much shorter and highly cherished modern firearm season. In turn this limited both the number of these mentor hunts that could be produced and the success of those hunts in both actual harvest of excess deer in over populated areas and the ultimate positive experience for the newbies of actually harvesting a deer.

To get past this conundrum the KDFWR proposed and was able to push through a modified regulation for the 2018-19 deer season which allowed them to set up the: [Field to Fork: Kentucky Mentored Hunting Program](#). The crux of this regulation allows for permits to be issued, via an application process which in turn allows for a modern firearm hunt, on identified private property, for a named number of in-

dividuals that have not previously hunted, or have not harvested more than 2 deer in the past 10 years, or that are on active duty and stationed here in Kentucky, provided that there were at least 10 eligible applicants participating and the hunt is monitored by an onsite KDFWR representative, and all other license, and hunter safety requirements are met.

The first of these newly minted "Mentor Hunts" was held by an interesting organization called Hero's Haven on a portion of a 1200 acre private cattle operation in deer rich Hopkins County this past October 27 and 28 and by all accounts it was a huge success. Hero's Haven Inc. was founded and is run by a group of Wounded Warriors who had themselves found considerable healing and social advancement from their considerable physical and emotional wounds through participation in previous wounded warrior hunts. These battered but still eager to serve vets organized as a 501(c)(3) and have since been hosting hunts for brothers and sisters in arms. However they like the majority of hunt organizers found it very difficult to continuously rely upon enough experienced and able-bodied volunteers willing and able to afford giving up their own seasons to maximize these efforts.

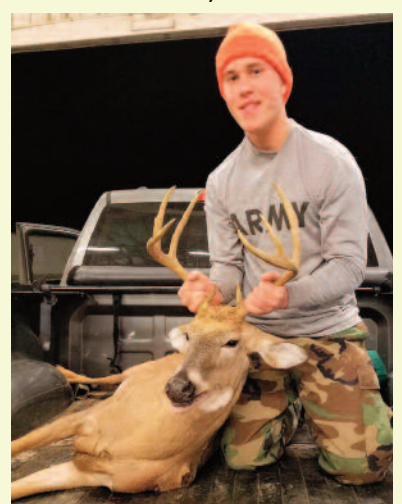
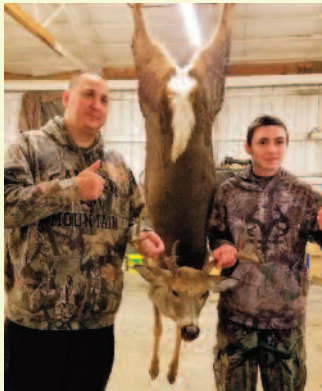
With the new regulation it was now possible for them to advance their addenda of introducing and uniting more military members and their families to the joyous camaraderie, freedom and rewards of the great outdoors and their first effort hit all 3 R's dead center.

Recruit: 3 teenage family members of servicemen and a retired service member that had only dreamed of hunting were all very eager to call their dads and share their accomplishments.

Reactivate: a young wife back to the field after an intermission to become a mother and make a life and home with a disabled spouse, a retired service member who reminisced of his young years hunting in Connecticut and Vermont and several active duty service men that had been deployed then, catching up at home and preparing for their next deployment, but mainly too busy to find a place and hunting buddies. All left with plans to get out again in the upcoming rifle season and talked of friends they knew that they needed to get back in the field!

Retain: A number of medically and time served retired service members who brought and/or mentored youngsters, friends and family along and now have folks to hunt with, understand firsthand the social and healing benefit of hunting and now have a reason to get into the field again very soon.

From the viewpoint of one who has assisted with a wide variety of Mentor type hunts: it was a very active weekend





and much more productive than the early crossbow and youth hunts previously available in most cases, primarily because the cover had dissipated considerably and pre-rut activity had bucks on the move and modern firearms extended range and confidence levels.

The hunters reported more than 65 sighting of deer while in the stands, with every hunter having one or more opportunity to harvest a deer. Some held fire hoping for a more mature animal and/or a better shot and as with any group of hunters there were a few clean misses mostly due to "buck fever" and even "deer fever." Overall the group took 6 bucks and 2 does in two mornings and one evening session in the stands and blinds.

Beyond the actual hunt time the newbies and out of practice hunters were familiarized with their weapons, fired and checked zeros on their rifles, discussed shooting techniques and shot placement and enjoyed the robust camaraderie of deer camp. Then as the deer came in, all the inexperienced pitched in and gained hands-on practice in field dressing, skinning, boning out their harvest and prepping the meat for the freezer, Oh, and of course sampling a tenderloin fresh off the grill.

Even as eager as the hunters were to bring their first, or first in quite a while, venison home to share with their friends and families, several who took more than one deer were generous enough to donate one to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry which were delivered to a KHFH processor and will provide about 500 meals to needy families in the surrounding communities.

Another highlight of this hunt was a quick trip to the Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center for a lunch



and lively conversations with numerous veterans from the Vietnam and Korean eras. This definitely rounded out the experience and illustrated what it means to be a deer hunter and true Kentucky sportsman. The old vets eyes brightened as they talked about some of their past hunts, listened to youngsters reports of deer seen, shot, missed or passed, and both the vets of the past and vets of the present came away smiling from time well spent talking the hunt.

For information on: Field to Fork: Kentucky Mentored Hunting Program or to receive an application to plan such a hunt Contact: Becky Wallen by email becky.wallen@ky.gov or on her work cell phone at (502) 330-8487.

Completed applications can be sent to: FWHunterEd@ky.gov For the 2019 season: Applications must be received by August 1, 2019.

You can find out more about Hero's Haven on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/heroshavenky/>.

The KDFWR and their representative, Jason Martin, and Hero's Haven's co-chairmen Brent Buckley and Steven McCain, deserve special recognition for their extra efforts and hard work to bring about a very successful hunt and introduce a new and better way to increase our sportsmen numbers by increasing the foundation on which it needs to grow.



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Canned Venison - By Joyce Cook

Ingredients: Venison and Canning Salt

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14. 2018 SCI Young Hunter Peyton Whitworth & Family Have Donated a Technology Driven, Hunter Focused, **Shadow 10 Point Crossbow** Package
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21. **Spanish Mountain Hunts** is Offering First Time Spain Hunters Daily Rates for a 5-Day Big Game Hunt for 2 Hunters & 2 Non-Hunters
22. Ivan Schell, Esq. Has Donated **1 Ultimate Youth Hunting Package** with a New Rifle, Knife Set, Training, Fall Youth Whitetail Deer Hunt & More
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"LEGAL BRIEFS"

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



U.S. SUPREME COURT: Sanity rules in a Supreme Court decision involving the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In *Weyerhaeuser Co. v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*, the Supreme Court vacated the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which had held that the ESA had no habitability requirement, and remanded the case directing the 5th Circuit to determine the meaning of habitat in the ESA. USFWS had argued that "critical habitat" could include areas not currently occupied by a listed species if the Service determines that such areas are essential for conservation of the species. The species in question was the dusky gopher frog. The Service had designated 1544 acres in Louisiana that the frogs did not currently inhabit and which the Service acknowledged was not currently habitable by the species. Their theory was that the 1544 acres could be restored so that it would be habitable by the frogs. This was a stretch too far for the Court, stating that "only habitat of the endangered species is eligible for designation as critical habitat."

U.S. DISTRICT COURT (MISSOULA): Sanity does not rule in Montana. In Missoula, Judge Dana Christensen considered briefs from multiple Indian tribes, including the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, anti-hunting groups including the Sierra Club and the HUMANE Society of the US (HSUS), and one individual challenging the delisting of the grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. SCI, RMEF and NRA weighed in for hunters who were hoping to take advantage of bear hunting seasons created by Wyoming and Idaho. All the groups filed briefs in August as previously reported in this column. Interestingly, under grizzly management rules farmers and ranchers would have also been able to kill grizzlies threatening their livestock. Basing his decision on the failure of USFWS to hold public hearings, Judge Christensen (an Obama Judge, Mr. Roberts) decided to put the bears back under the ESA protection. NRA, SCI and RMEF are considering their appeal options.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT (DC CIRCUIT): Sanity is delayed in *HSUS (HSI) v. Zink*. As previously reported the HSUS has sued the Department of Interior to obtain the identity of hunters who have imported trophies into the US. Previously the Department had released the some information but not the identity of the hunters. This response presumably was impacted by SCI notifying hunters who filed 1429 individual and 181 business objections to the release. HSUS wants to harass hunters and is continuing its drive to obtain the names. SCI has filed two briefs defending the Department's decision and is waiting for the scheduling of a hearing or a decision by the Court.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE: A bill is working its way through the Legislature to name the Mallard as the State Game Waterfowl of Kentucky. It has been passed in the House 89-0, delivered to the Senate and referred to the Natural Resources & Energy Committee. Also passed by the legislature and enacted into law was SB 119 relating to deer processors. Chapter 150 of the Ky. Revised Statues (KRS) now has a new definition of "cervid meat processor". Such individuals now must dispose of their waste and unused material in the same manners as required by livestock, poultry and fish processors under KRS 257.160, i.e. incineration, boiling, delivery to a duly licensed rendering establishment or an approved landfill or composting the carcass. Finally, I have been told by a reliable lobbyist that the Legislature is about to take on the issue of crossbow use during the archery season since KDFWR has not been able to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of sportsmen and women.

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2019 SCI Hunters Convention Highlights

By Sherry Maddox, SCI Vice President

The 2019 SCI Hunters Convention brought SCI members and exhibitors back to Reno, Nevada, and I have to say the City of Reno certainly welcomed SCI with open arms! Just as our KYSCI chapter fundraiser is the primary event for raising funds for our programs and projects, the 4-day annual convention is the primary fundraiser for SCI/SCIF. Attendees have access to outfitters from every corner of the world and can shop for everything from firearms, art, home décor, and clothing to accessories just to name a few. Each evening's event included dinner, awards, live auctions, silent auctions and entertainment ranging from celebrity guest speakers to live music.

For me, as an SCI Vice President, days are filled with attending meetings, spending time on the convention floor interacting with the exhibitors and attendees, and participating in various fundraising events. What every member of SCI needs to know is this annual convention is the largest fundraising event for our organization. If you have never attended the Annual Hunters Convention, you are missing out.

Some changes were made to the evening activities this year and Thursday, January 10th was the **Night of the Hunter**. Chapters were recognized for their accomplishments with both Chapter and Publication Awards. Our **Kentuckiana Hunter** publication was chosen as an Outstanding Publication Award winner. This is the 9th consecutive year our chapter has received this award and the 14th year overall. For the first time the chapter Fundraiser Publication **Safari After Dark** was selected as Outstanding Fundraiser Program for our chapter size. Editor Alice Monarch accepted both awards on behalf of our chapter. Chapter President Larry Richards

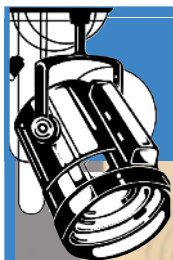
and Sherry Maddox joined Alice for the evening of celebration.

The **Kentuckiana Hunter** highlights chapter activities, member hunt reports, conservation highlights, current legal issues affecting hunters, humanitarian services, educational projects and programs to name a few. I am sure as you read this edition, you will agree the award was well deserved, but, more importantly, you will find valuable information about the programs and activities in which our chapter is involved.

Our chapter Fundraiser Program, **Safari After Dark** received the Fundraiser Program award for our chapter size. This is the first time the program has won this award. Fundraiser program criteria include visual appeal, design presentation, reference to drawings or auctions, presentation of donors, chapter information and membership development. The award is grouped by chapter membership size.

I mentioned some changes in the evening events, and just immediately after the Thursday evening awards and auction, attendees, both members and exhibitors met in the lobby of the Peppermill Tuscany Ballroom for the "After Party" where the celebration continued. It has long been recognized that our members, particularly our chapters are the soul of our organization and our exhibitors, donors and sponsors so graciously continue to support the organization and our mission.

Thank you to all who contribute information and articles to our newsletter. To Alice Monarch, thank you for the many hours you spend editing each edition, and the days spent putting the Fundraiser program together. Thanks to Pam Noble of J&C Printing for her expertise in putting it all together.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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- Audubon Country Club, Louisville, KY
- Contact: Sherry Maddox explorer111749@aol.com

February 16, 2019 – **Military Appreciation Pheasant Hunt**

- Lost River Game Farm, Paoli, Indiana
- Contact: Mike Maddox mmaddox@me.com

March 15-16, 2019 – **Fish & Wildlife Outdoor Fair**

- Louisville, KY in co-ordination with NASP Tournament
- Contact - Rachel Young, KDFWR: rachel.young@ky.gov

June 15, 2019 – **Annie Oakley Ladies' Day Event**

- Fern Creek Sportsman Club, Louisville, KY
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