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Clay Monarch Honored as "SCI & Cabela's Young Hunter of the Year"

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President's Message

By Larry Richards, Chapter President

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Congratulations! Our annual Chapter fundraiser was a resounding success! We can now continue our stewardship of the programs with which we are involved: NASP, Kentucky Hunters for Hungry, Annual Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Program, Military Appreciation Hunt and so many more and to even greater levels than in the past. Your help and participation has made it happen again!

We cannot thank our Live Auction and Silent Auction Sponsors and Donors, those people and organizations that put up the funds for our auction items, enough for making our event a huge success.

Of course, I doubly honor the people behind the scenes, our fundraiser committee led by Ivan Schell for the third year in a row, the Board of Directors, all of whom pitched in with their labor, time and ideas, our Banquet committee who handled the menu, venue and a million small details, and our Treasurer Sherry Maddox, who handled the registration and the collection of all the funds we took in and was our Mistress of Ceremonies, Lowell Stevens and Tom Herbert for their management of the Live and Silent Auctions, Sam Monarch for his hours sorting through hunts, contacting outfitters and doing the legwork required to present some of the best hunts we have ever offered. I cannot thank our generous membership enough, who came out in unbelievably bad weather and took us to new highs in fundraising. Thank you, each and every one! In addition to the great fundraising effort, we enrolled 16 new Chapter members!

We will be looking for new board members early this summer due to terms expiring and I would like each member to genuinely consider helping our Chapter with some of your time and ideas. We absolutely need fresh ideas to keep moving forward as we have done from the beginning. Each member, know it or not, has something to offer in the leadership of our Chapter. I urge each of you to consider taking the next step toward helping guide us into the future. Being a part of the guidance and sustenance of such a worthwhile cause has enhanced my awareness of the tasks and challenges we face if we are to preserve our traditions and heritage of the outdoors for our children. We simply cannot wait for someone else to do it; the task rests squarely on our shoulders and I believe we are collectively up to the task. Please consider my words carefully and step up to work for our future!

As the spring hunting and fishing seasons approach, please try to take a child afield or afloat. They are bombarded at school with ideas that may not be the whole story as it relates to Conservation, Hunting and Fishing. I find that nowadays my hunting and fishing time with my daughter is more important than ever, and I always encourage her to bring a friend along to see what it's really all about. We will win this fight through our youth in days yet to come. That is our Chapter's main focus, and it's a good place to start.

Be safe, have fun and look in this newsletter at our "Calendar of Events" for the upcoming year. If anything interests or intrigues you and you'd like to help, let us know and we'll be happy for the help!

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About The Cover

Each year, SCI and Cabela's honor one young man and one young lady as "Young Hunters of the Year". These "Young Hunters" serve as role models for all other young hunters around the world. Chapter Member Clay Monarch was recently named as the male "2015 Young Hunter of the Year" at the international convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The *Kentuckiana Hunter* congratulates Clay on this awesome accomplishment!

Clayton Monarch Honored As SCI & Cabela's 2015 Young Hunter Of The Year

By Sherry Maddox, SCI Vice President

Sherry Presents Award to Clay

Each year, Safari Club International (SCI) selects one outstanding young man and one outstanding young woman to serve as role models for other young hunters around the world. To be considered for this honor, a youth must be nominated by his/her SCI Chapter, then complete a comprehensive application, obtain multiple letters of recommendation, and submit an essay. The winners are selected based upon their academic accomplishments, community service, conservation work, hunting/outdoors experiences, recommendations, and essay.

On Thursday evening, February 5, 2015, during the SCI Convention on stage in Las Vegas, Nevada, I was honored to introduce and present to Clayton Monarch the "2015 SCI & Cabela's Young Hunter of the Year" award. In the audience to watch Clay receive this award were his grandparents, Sam and Alice Monarch, Clay's brother and hunting buddy, Tom Monarch, and local supporters, Mike Maddox, Ivan Schell, and Larry Richards. Also attending to support Clay were Vlam Myburg, PH of Madubula Safaris, Izak Theron, PH Jules of the Karoo Safaris, Topo Ravnik co-owner of Sierra Brava Lodge, Anne Gaines-Burrill and Alpero of Air 2000 & Hunter's Support.

Weeks before when I sat down to prepare my introduction of and remarks about Clay, I was overcome with emotion. Where do I begin? What words will describe the incredible young man Clay is? I have known him since he was a small boy and have watched him grow up. I can only hope my brief introduction will provide the audience of 2500 people with the reasons why Clay is so deserving of this award.

Clay's acceptance remarks at the podium were so telling of the young hunter he is. He spoke of the valuable role hunters have played in conservation and herd management in each country he has hunted. He touched on the economic value of wildlife and the role hunters have played. Standing there listening to Clay made me so proud to have had a small role in Clay's hunting and outdoor life.

My introduction of Clay included the following biographical sketch: Clay, age 16, has hunted on 4 continents (Africa, Australia, North America, South America) and has plans to hunt on his 5th continent in June when he will join his grandparents to hunt Roe Deer on the Queen's Balmoral Estate in Scotland.

Clay has taken 11 SCI Record Book animals including 8 "SCI Muzzleloader Top Ten" animals. Clay says his most challenging hunt was his "walk-in", muzzleloader hunt for free-range Himalayan Tahr in the Cook Mountains of New Zealand. On his last Argentina dove hunt, Clay was inducted into Sierra Brava Lodge's "1,000 Bird Club" 3 times for taking more than 1,000 birds a day 3 days in a row.

A member of the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI, Clay is a Youth Instructor for the Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Program where he teaches shotgun safety and responsibility to other youth along with Mentor and Instructor Mike Maddox. Clay participates in the SCI Humanitarian Services "Blue Bag" program where he collects, assembles and hand delivers clothing, school supplies and the like to desperately poor children in rural Africa. He is also a strong believer in the "Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry" program and donates ½ of each deer he harvests to help support this program.

Clay has written about his hunting adventures and 4 of his hunting articles have been published in the ***Kentuckiana Hunter*** and 4 wildlife photos taken by him have appeared as "cover photos" for that publication. A sophomore in the "Honors Program" at St. Xavier High School, Clay is a member of the Ryken Service Club, Investment Club, and Medical Club. Clay, who aspires to be an Orthopedic Surgeon, has volunteered almost 300 hours at Kosair Children's Hospital.

Clayton is the son of Katie and Ed Monarch of Louisville and grandson of Toni Mullins of Louisville and Alice and Sam Monarch of Hardinsburg. His older brother, Tom Monarch, who Clay says is his role model, received this prestigious honor in 2013.

Dove Hunting in Argentina

Clay's Himalayan Tahr

Want More Small Game? Spray And Walk Away

By Ben Robinson
KDFWR Small Game Biologist

As a Wildlife Biologist with a keen interest in land management, I'm often approached by eager landowners searching for ways to enhance their property for wildlife. These individuals truly want to make a difference for the animals inhabiting their property. Yet many lack the appropriate tools to successfully complete the task.

Not long ago, I received a phone call from a Central Kentucky landowner who was fervent about small game restoration on his property. He was a passionate rabbit hunter with a soft spot for bobwhite quail. "I have some really good habitat," he said, "plenty of briars and a whole lot of fescue grass".

As our discussion lengthened, I found an opportunity to revisit the "fescue" topic that he mentioned earlier. I quizzed him on the value of fescue and the role that it plays in small game management. His answers were intriguing, as he was quick to point out the valuable aspects of the cool-season grass. Soil stabilization, livestock forage; two components that I could not argue against. "Think in terms of a young quail trying to forage for insects just after hatching" I said. After a long pause, he conceded that he couldn't think of many benefits.

While fescue is a beneficial livestock forage when used appropriately, it's generally not recognized as value added for small game. Fescue inhibits small game movement due to its characteristic thick sod forming capability. It also provides poor overhead cover from predators. After a lengthy discussion, the landowner was convinced that the overabundance of fescue on his farm was a major contributor to his less than ideal small game populations, especially quail.

Feeling confident that I had successfully educated another landowner on the perils of fescue and small game, I quickly realized that I had not provided a solution to his problem. "How do I get rid of this stuff?" he asked. "I don't have much equipment, and I don't want to spend a fortune." Like many property owners, he was a hobby farmer. He was a landowner interested in wildlife, yet conscientious of how he invested his dollars back into his property.

We discussed what types of equipment he owned and what types could easily be made available to him from friends and family. After rattling off his equipment inventory, along with his neighbor's fleet, I paid close attention to the fact that he had access to an ATV (4-wheeler) and a 15-gallon spray tank with a boom sprayer. Our conversation quickly transitioned into "Spray and Walk Away", a relatively easy concept involving the use of herbicide to eradicate fescue and other problem plants. Spray and walk away is as easy as it sounds. Simply fill a spray tank (ATV, 3-point tractor hitch, pull-behind, etc.) with the recommended amounts of glyphosate herbicide, surfactant, and water, and then start spraying.

There may be a bit of site preparation required before you apply the herbicide. If your fields haven't been disturbed in several years, you will likely need to mow or burn first to remove the thick layer of dead grass. This will allow the herbicide to reach the desired target, the fescue. If a February or March controlled fire is not an option, mowing the site will work too. Once the site is burned or mowed, give the fescue time to actively begin growing. When the grass is around 8-10 inches tall, it's time to fire up the spray rig. Spray the entire site or long strips with the recommended amount of herbicide. Two quarts per acre of glyphosate is normal with 6-8 ounces of non-ionic surfactant to aid in herbicide uptake.

Next, simply walk away and allow nature to take over. The native seed bank that was previously smothered by the thick mat of fescue should begin to flourish almost immediately. You'll be amazed at what was hiding in the ground for years. Beautiful wildflowers could blanket your fields. Unfortunately, undesirable plants may show up as well. Plants like thistle and Johnson grass. Be prepared in case unwanted plants begin to colonize.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources employs numerous Private Lands Biologists (PLB) who are standing by to assist you. Give them a call before you spray. This way, they'll be more equipped to address problems should they arise. Call 1-800-858-1549 and ask how to contact your county PLB. It's a free service and they are always happy to assist!

My landowner ended our conservation with a newfound knowledge of a simple concept, spray and walk away. It's a proven technique that will take your farm one step closer to small game paradise.

Habitat Improvement Checklist
By KDFWR

April-May
___ Begin preparation of dove fields
___ Plant tree & shrub seedlings
___ Spray herbicide **to eradicate fescue**
___ Conduct timber stand improvement
& Create brush piles
___ Establish wildlife mineral licks

May-June
___ Plant annual grain food plots/dove fields
(Do not plant in same location as last year)
___ Sow warm season grasses & wildflowers
___ Hinge-cut cedar trees for living brush piles

[For more info, call KDFWR (800) 858-1549]

2015 SCI Hunters Convention Highlights

"Kentuckiana Hunter" Newsletter Wins Again!

By Sherry Maddox, SCI Vice President

The 2015 SCI Hunters Convention brought SCI members together from around the world in Las Vegas, NV. 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.

Co-Editors, Alice and Sam Monarch, Accept SCI Publication Award for Chapter

Included in this year's activities were the Sables Luncheon, Show, and Auction that set record attendance. All proceeds from the luncheon, show, and auction go to funding our education programs. The Hunter Defense Fund also held a luncheon with funds raised going toward ongoing political awareness and responses needed to protect our freedom to hunt.

This year, I had the honor of presenting the Chapter Publication Awards. Our ***Kentuckiana Hunter*** publication was chosen as the Outstanding Publication Award winner for the 2014 year in its category and I was thrilled to present the award to the Chapter Editor, Sam Monarch. This is the 6th consecutive year our chapter has received this award and the 10th year overall. It was impressive to see the covers of our 2014 ***Kentuckiana Hunter*** publications displayed on the large monitors as the winner was announced. Publications are reviewed and scored individually by members of the Publication Awards Committee using consistent criteria.

The ***Kentuckiana Hunter*** highlights chapter activities, member hunt reports, conservation, 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.

Another highlight of the convention was the introduction and presentation of the 2015 SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter Award to our Chapter Member Clay Monarch. See the article in this edition about this amazing young man and this prestigious award.

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

A Warm Welcome To New SCI & Kentuckiana SCI Members

Chad Green	Louisville, KY
John Grigsby	Owensville, IN
Chris Kamer	Louisville, KY
Ron Kramer	Anchorage, KY
Tom McDonald	Finchville, KY
Dr. Byron Neely	LaGrange TX
Shane Noem	Erlanger, KY
Kelly O'Daniel	Prospect, KY
Bill Perkins	Louisville, KY
David Roesler	Louisville, KY
John Schaaf	Louisville, KY
Stephen Stowers	Louisville, KY
Jeffrey Tate	Hardinsburg, KY
Jared Whitney	Boonville, IN
Mark Wiegel	Smithfield, KY

A Special Welcome "SCI Life Member"

Crystal Noem	Union, KY

Looking for That Perfect "Birthday", "Graduation" Or "I Think You Are Special" Gift?

Give a Gift That Protects His/Her Way of Life!

Give a Membership in SCI and NRA!

Go to
www.kentuckianasci.org & www.nra.org
Or Call Chapter Liaison
Sherry Maddox at 502-253-9679

2015 FUNDRAISER RECAP

By Ivan Schell, Fundraiser Chair

To celebrate the Chapter's 20th year in existence, this year's fundraiser adopted a "Roaring 20's" theme, and many members and guests dressed accordingly: white coats, black ties, and spats for the men and long dresses accessorized with gloves and headbands for the women. The banquet hall itself complimented the attendees with black and white decorations including ostrich plumes in black table vases. Various hunt and non-hunt donors spread their colorful exhibits, complementing the silent and live auction displays and creating a festive atmosphere.

This year's raffle buckets featured a donated hog hunt from Clay Forst and the Stuart Ranch, a varmint-hunting package complete with optics accessorized shotgun, a youth archery package and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Special thanks go to the raffle financial sponsors, Bill Hook, Larry Richards, Dicks Sporting Goods, Tom Hebert, Jim and Emily Gladden, and Stuart Ranch Outfitters. Our special raffles which featured a Kimber Ultra Crimson Carry II .45, a Benelli 12 gauge Nova pump gun and unique semi-precious stone jewelry generated great excitement for ticket sellers and buyers alike.

Immediately prior to the opening of the live auction, Sherry Maddox, serving again as Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced Clay Monarch, who had won the SCI/Cabela's International Youth Hunter of the year award in Las Vegas at the SCI International convention. Having hunted on four continents, Clay has taken 8 top ten muzzleloader trophies in his short career. Clay shared his well-expressed thoughts about the role of hunting in the management and conservation of the world's flora and fauna. Next, Chapter President Larry Richards recognized Chapter members who made the fundraiser possible. Larry then presented Sherry Maddox the "Chapter Member of the Year" award and recognized Bill Hook's service as "Past President". He further recognized Sam and Alice Monarch who, as editors of the Chapter newsletter, played the major role in bringing another SCI newsletter award to the Chapter.

Then came the main event of the evening, the live auction, facilitated by auctioneers Elizabeth Monarch, Lonnie Gann, and Miller Monarch of Auction Solutions who graciously donated their skills and time to enhance this fundraiser. Mike Graham projected each item on the screen as Sherry Maddox described each auction item. Elizabeth Monarch then coaxed the maximum bid from each participant, understanding the importance of the various youth education and Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry projects funded by the event. Hunt auction items included an 8 day plains game hunt with Madabula Safaris, pheasant hunt with Clover Creek Hunting Farms, Ohio whitetail hunt with Briarwood Sporting Club, Argentina Dove hunt with L&S Hunting Company, 5 day Namibia Plains Game Safaris with both Arfi-hunt Safaris and Namibia Safari Corp, 4 day Iberian Red Deer hunt with Spanish Mountain Hunts, 10 day Kansas Deer bow hunt and a Canadian fishing trip both with Horseshoe Hill Outfitters, two Scottish hunts with International Adventures Unlimited and a spring black bear hunt with 11 Rapids Outfitter.

Non-hunt items included a Knight Muzzleloading Rifle custom made by KNIGHT for the Chapter, sponsored by West Star Aviation, Waterford Crystal decanter and glasses from River City Bank and the Baker's Rack, two Log Cabin vacations from Torie and Mike Graham, Keeton Custom Canadian Belt knife sponsored by RWSV Law, Susan Mitchinson artist prints donated by Col Mike and Aline Abell, stainless Mannlicher-stocked Ruger 10/22 sponsored by Alice and Sam Monarch, museum quality wolverine hide donated by Larry Richards, Stihl chain saw donated by Jane and Frankie Osborne, Mink Vest from Yudofsky Furriers, Mossberg Model 500 shotgun sponsored by Torie and Mike Graham, Records Safes donated by Fireking of New Albany, two photo safaris from Zulu Nyala Lodge, and a custom single shot, scoped .44 mag pistol donated by Alan Kirschenbaum.

This wonderful event would not have been possible without the dedication of the fundraiser committee. Special thanks go to Sam Monarch, live auction hunt sub-chair, Lowell Stevens, non-hunt live auction sub-chair, Tom Hebert, silent auction chair, Sherry Maddox, multitasker in chief, and committee members Mike Maddox, Mike Ohlmann, Kathy Ohlmann, Ann Schell, Larry Richards, Bill Hook, Jim Warren, Mike Graham, and Bob Edwards.

Hunting Spain With Gonzalo Colomina

By Joe Hatton

Beautiful Iberian Red Stag

My wife, Jeanine, and I attended our first Kentuckiana SCI Chapter fundraiser a year ago in February and invited a few good friends to join us. After meeting a lot of great people and catching up with some old hunting buddies, it didn't take long to get excited about the evening. When my wife and I saw the last item up for auction was a European Mouflon Sheep hunt in Madrid, Spain and knowing we had already booked an anniversary trip to Spain that September, we decided to bid on our first hunt at the Kentuckiana SCI Chapter Fundraiser, and we won!

Our excitement about Spain only continued to grow after corresponding with Gonzalo Colomina of Spanish Mountain Hunts. Throughout the summer, Gonzalo walked me through getting the hunt permit required by the Spanish Consulate in Chicago, the handling of firearms in Spain, and the selecting of hunting dates. Little did Jeanine and I know at the time, but we were to be only the second American clients Gonzalo had hosted at the Los Banos de Villanarejo, a hunting property that his great-grandfather had acquired at the turn of the 20th century.

After some back and forth, we settled on a hunt date of September 28th. Gonzalo recommended that we hunt as late as our schedule would permit so as to witness the Spanish Red Deer roar and to increase the odds of our taking a good Mouflon Sheep which typically rut in mid to late October. I opted to use Gonzalo's personal rifle at no additional cost. If I had chosen to use my own firearm, it would have to be stored at the Madrid police department while vacationing and then cleared for hunting use with Gonzalo later. Even though I am passionate about using my own firearms and hand loads, using Gonzalo's 30-06 Weatherby Vanguard equipped with a Swarovski scope was an easy choice.

On September 28th, we boarded a bullet train in Barcelona and headed to Madrid. I had emailed Gonzalo my itinerary and he gave excellent directions on how to find him at the train station and he looked just like the guy in his brochure! After a short meet and greet, we loaded up in his Range Rover, left the train station and headed to the airport police department to pick up my firearm permit. Even though I was using his rifle to hunt, visitors must have a permit to use a firearm in Spain.

After 30 minutes, we were on our way. To our surprise, Gonzalo had a Dachshund puppy (Tula) on board in a kennel. He explained that Tula was going to be trained to track animals. I learned it was customary to have Dachshund's blood trail game in Spain. Gonzalo then learned that my wife has personally owned five Dachshunds and she quickly became the dog handler for Tula during our stay. The plan was for us to drive from Madrid to Toledo, Spain, stop for lunch and check out one of the oldest and largest Cathedrals in Spain and the metal goods sold there. Toledo is known for their fine steel knives.

Along the way, Gonzalo shared with us the customs and history of Madrid, Toledo, and the area where he grew up and hunted. He also discussed his work to create more interest in hunting in Spain from American hunters through his involvement with Safari Club International and the Wild Sheep Foundation. Upon our arrival in Toledo, the clouds opened up and the rain came so we opted to head straight to our final destination and catch Toledo on the return trip.

Patio of Our Villa

Los Banos de Villanarejo is a scenic 5-hour drive from Madrid. The closer we got to the property, the more mountainous and wooded the area became. Olive groves gave way to Oak and cork trees and the road went from blacktop to clay. Upon arrival, we were greeted out front of a large Spanish villa by Gonzalo's staff. Santiago is his Spanish-speaking gamekeeper, and Inez is his Spanish-speaking Innkeeper and chef extraordinaire.

Joe & Gonzalo Visit Before Dinner

Soon we were checked into our room of choice which was a third floor bedroom overlooking an expansive olive grove. Then we were provided a brief tour of the twelve room, twelve bath villa, complete with two enormous dining halls, wine cellar, study, kitchen, and chapel. Our favorite location was a large outdoor patio area where we began all of our meals with appetizers and drinks before moving indoors for the main meals usually accompanied with great Spanish wines or cocktails. After what seemed like a five-course lunch and check out of the rifle, we were off hunting.

Jeanine joined Gonzalo, Santiago, and I on the afternoon hunts. Our first afternoon hunt was memorable. We took the Range Rover and covered a lot of hilly terrain and stopped just a short hike from a large river bottom. Red Deer were roaring everywhere in the distance. We hiked and hunted from two blind locations that afternoon spotting over a dozen respectable Red Deer and a few Mouflon Sheep, one of which was a definite shooter but over 500 yards out and moving away. The opportunity to shoot video and pictures was great. We were in total amazement at the quantity of Red Deer roaring. It was an experience we will never forget.

Joe & Jeanine Enjoying the Hospitality

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Joe's Majestic Mouflon

Joe with His Regal Red Stag

Every evening the roaring of Red Deer kept us awake as they moved into the olive groves surrounding the villa after dark. According to Gonzalo the roar usually lasts about three weeks and the larger males move back into the dark timber afterwards making them very difficult to hunt. Every morning, I would meet the men in the kitchen for breakfast and depart for hunting. Jeanine would rise and spend the mornings with Inez and Tula. It was amazing to be the only visitors in this expansive villa and to be waited on so graciously.

The first morning's hunt, we stalked within 30 yards of a super Red Deer roaring. He spooked and I elected to pass a running shot at him as the brush was very thick. We later had an enormous 8 x 8 Red Deer walk over a rise within 60 yards of us but he immediately spooked and ran into the brush as well. It's probably a good thing that I don't speak Spanish as I could tell there was some concern from Santiago that I was not firing a shot.

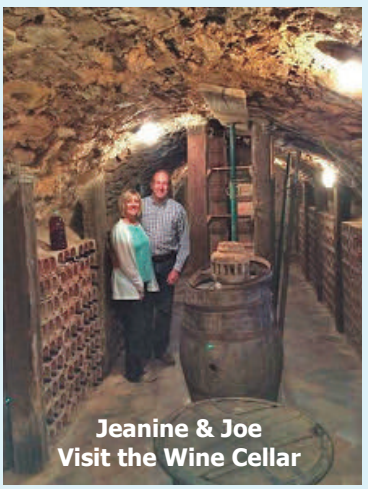
That afternoon while hunting from a stand over a water hole on a large firebreak, we had over a dozen Mouflon sheep come and go out of ridiculously thick timber. Several small Red Deer came and went. Visibility in the timber was maybe 40 yards, but right at dark, I had an opportunity to take a fair Mouflon with my wife videoing. We watched over 8 different rams that evening and he was the best. The hunt ended with a single shot at 60 yards. The Mouflon would later score bronze.

That evening, we relaxed on the patio after dark listening to Red Deer roaring literally 50 yards away at times while enjoying appetizers prior to an over the top 5 course Spanish meal with wine.

The next morning the men once again met for breakfast and left the villa before daylight as I intended to hunt a good Red Deer. As we hiked down into a river bottom, there were two large Red Deer roaring ahead of us. As we approached from one mountainside, the wind unfortunately changed and carried our scent down. Several Red Deer bolted up the mountainside across from us. A big male was in the back of the pack and stopped just behind some oak trees and deep brush. As the females continued to climb, the 7 x 7 Red Deer we were hoping to tag stepped out broadside at 170 yards. Gonzalo was able to properly range him and I made a clean shot off the shooting sticks. When I saw the impact of the bullet, I knew he was finished.

As I learned was customary, we first returned to the villa to retrieve the tracking dogs and attach bells to their collars. The brush is so thick you need bells to hear the dogs. Soon an older Dachshund and Tula tracked the deer about 50 yards and the celebration began. After photos, quartering, and packing, we returned for a tremendous lunch, more celebratory wine, and a rest. My Red Deer later scored silver.

That afternoon Gonzalo drove Jeanine and me to two neighboring towns to show us where he grew up and frequented. That included the chapel he was married in, some local bakeries and groceries, and a few local watering holes! That evening, Santiago took us on a 4-wheel drive excursion in an attempt to cover the over 2000 acres of surrounding property including a visit to the highest mountaintop for sunset pictures. It was a memorable excursion for multiple reasons! We got hung up at a fallen tree on a steep mountainside. Jeanine and I laughed a lot on our hike down the mountainside with no cell service, Santiago speaking Spanish to himself, and Red Deer roaring in the distance. Once off the mountain, we regained cell service and Gonzalo came to our rescue and a good laugh was had by all!



Jeanine & Joe
Visit the Wine Cellar

The next day, we elected to visit Toledo and stay overnight in Madrid. We stopped along the way at a taxidermist to prepare our trophies for later shipment to the United States. Gonzalo drove us into Toledo to visit the St. Mary's Cathedral, several nice shops, and lunch at a great Tapas stop. Upon our arrival in Madrid, Gonzalo pointed out several attractions for us to visit prior to our flight back to the U.S. and even booked reservations for us to catch a Flamenco dance that evening.

Spanish Flamingo Dancers

On the morning of our flight, Gonzalo was early to our hotel and provided transportation for us to the airport putting a wrap on our wonderful Spanish adventure! Certainly, this is a place we would visit again and, maybe, we'll chase an Ibex with Gonzalo next time!

Kentuckiana SCI Helps Fund Another Youth Group

Alex Bryant Accepts Kentuckiana SCI Grant

Learning to properly handle and responsibly use rifles, shotguns, pistols, muzzleloaders and archery equipment combined with specialized training about the great outdoors (YHEC) is a natural coupling for the Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports Program and the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI). Sam Monarch, a SCI Chapter Board member, presented Alex Bryant, Breckinridge County 4-H Youth Agent, with a check for $1,000.00 to be used to enhance the local 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Monarch commented that many of the members of the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI have fond memories of 4-H from their youth. Since its inception in 1995, the Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports Program has benefited hundreds of youth through this outstanding program. Last year, the Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports Program (which had 54 members who were instructed by 8 certified adult coaches and 2 certified teen leaders) hosted 2 Shoots that were attended by youth from 12 different counties across Kentucky.

SCI and 4-H compliment one another. The main goal of both the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI and the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to educate and train youth in the areas of outdoorsmanship, conservation and firearm responsibility. In addition to helping this shooting sports program and many other youth oriented groups, our Kentuckiana SCI Chapter hosts a (free) 2-Day Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Program each year during the first weekend of August. During this program, youth & apprentice hunters can earn their Hunter Orange Cards and receive specialized training in indigenous game species identification & anatomy, backpacking & woodsmanship, tracking & blood trailing and receive hands on training in rifle (.22 and center fire), shotgun, archery, muzzleloader, and tree stand safety from expert instructors.

NOTICE

Young Hunter Of The Year Nomination

If you know of a young man or a young lady who stands out for his/her academic record, community/conservation service, and hunting accomplishments, please bring that person to the attention of your Chapter Officers and Directors. The young hunter selection process begins with the home Chapter's recommendation.

Encourage your young hunter(s) to set this award as a goal down the road and start working toward that goal today.

Sherry Maddox Named "Kentuckiana SCI Chapter Member Of The Year"

Chapter Member Sherry Maddox was honored as the "Kentuckiana SCI Chapter Member of the Year!" Sherry has served our Chapter faithfully in every position from President to Vice President to Director to the job she now holds as Treasurer. In addition to the work Sherry does on the Chapter level, she is a Vice President of Safari Club International and a Past President of SCIF Sables.

The many accomplishments of our Chapter are the result of the collective effort by all our members, but Sherry is the "glue" that holds it together. Whether we need a grant written seeking funds for a deserving youth group or need to locate equipment for a Chapter event or need an MC for a function or just want to know a bit of our Chapter's history, Sherry is our Chapter's "Go-To Person". Congratulations Sherry!

"Hunters Breakfast Delight"

By Joyce Cook

For that do-ahead early morning breakfast or mid-morning brunch, this dish will please the hungriest hunters while allowing the cook to hit the snooze button or go afield!

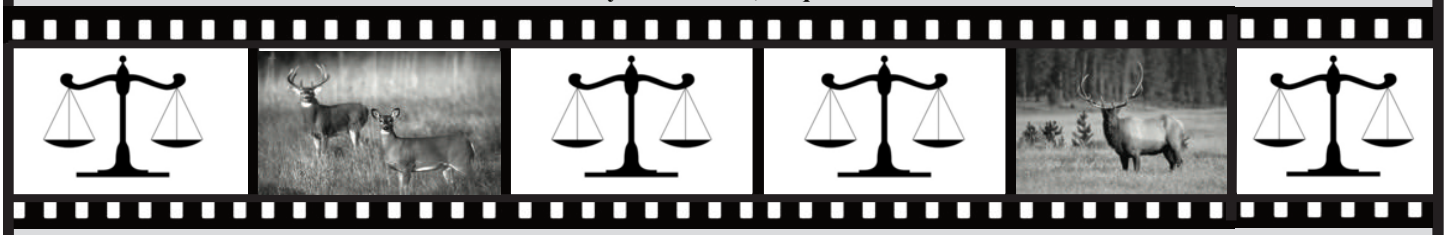
Ingredients:

- 8 eggs
- 4 cups scalded milk
- Salt/Pepper
- Pinch of dry mustard
- 8 slices buttered then cubed sourdough bread (crust trimmed)
- 12 oz grated cheese of choice
- 1 lb cooked sausage, diced ham or crumbled bacon

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. Beat eggs; blend in seasonings; stir in hot milk. Fold in bread, cheese & meat, making sure all is soaking in the liquid. Pour into greased 9 x 13 dish. Cover with plastic wrap & *refrigerate overnight*. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1-hour. (If necessary, cover with foil last 15-minutes to avoid top from getting to dark.) Remove from oven and let set for 10-minutes before serving. Variation: onion, green peppers and/or musthrooms can be added, if desired.

"LEGAL BRIEFS"

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



ALERT INTERNATIONAL HUNTERS

Before leaving on your international hunt with your cherished firearms, please check with "www.ice.gov/cpi/faq" regarding new requirements IN ADDITION to obtaining form 4457 at the U.S. Customs office (locally at Standiford Field). It seems that the present administration is attempting to create a new layer of red tape for traveling hunters. Failure to comply with the new rules could result in confiscated firearms. NRA is investigating. Alternatively you could play it safe and hire your guide's shooting iron.

INDIANA

Readers of this column will remember prior reports about the case of Rodney Bruce, owner of Whitetail Bluff, who challenged the Indiana DNR's rule against high fence hunting properties. Rodney won in the Harrison County circuit court and the Indiana Attorney General on behalf of DNR appealed the case to the Indiana Court of Appeals. In February, that Court upheld the Harrison Circuit Court and preserved Bruce's victory in an historic rebuff of the IDNR. When Bruce set up his operation in 1999 he had applied for and received permission from IDNR. In 2004 an Indiana legislator, William Friend, requested an opinion from the State Attorney General regarding the regulation of whitetail deer kept in private compounds for breeding or hunting, and the AG opined that Indiana's laws do not address the many questions surrounding the hunting of deer kept on private property. The new commissioner of IDNR appointed by Mitch Daniels, Kyle Hufer, ignored the AG's opinion and interpreted the relevant statute (I.C. 14-22-1-1) to give the State authority over animals held in captivity. Previously, the Federal 7th Circuit Court of Appeals interpreted the predecessor of this statute to apply only to wild animals. The Indiana Court of Appeals, in the Bruce case, determined that the new statute was essentially identical to the old statute. The Court further concluded that if the IDNR wanted authority to control deer held on private property it needed to convince the legislature to change the law. The AG has not yet appealed to the Indiana Supreme Court.

KENTUCKY

The significant news in Kentucky relates to the changes in elk hunting rules. Under new rules relating to the granting of elk permits to landowners, anyone in the original introduction zone with a mere 100 acres can now earn points toward an elk permit by entering a voucher cooperator agreement with the state allowing elk hunting on their property. Two voucher points are earned by the landowner for each bull elk legally harvested on enrolled land and one point for each cow taken. After accumulating 20 points the landowner receives an either-sex permit for use on the enrolled land or other property owned by the landowner. The permit can be sold to any person eligible to hunt in Kentucky. Apparently elk killed by the landowner also count toward his point total. The rules for handguns that can be used on elk have also changed. The old rule required a 6" barrel shooting at least a .270 inch bullet and producing 550 ft. lbs. of energy. The new rule requires a .270 bullet and a minimum case length of 1.285 inches with no energy requirement. Under this case length rule the .32-20, and .357, .41, .44 magnums and the .45 Colt would all qualify. And in a concession to older hunters, anyone over 65 can now hunt deer for the entire deer season with a crossbow.

NATION

The ATF has been at it again! Last week ATF proposed to ban certain .223 M855 "green tip" match ammunition under the Gun Control Act of 1968, because it can now be fired from a handgun and could therefore be used by certain criminals to defeat police protective vests. (The same could of course be said of nearly any bullet fired from any centerfire hunting rifle). The Act allows for the exemption of ammo primarily intended for sporting purposes. The notice went on for 17 pages discussing what "sporting purposes" means and concluded that only single shot pistols chambered for .22 centerfire ammunition would be exempted. This rule was proposed even though there is no evidence that such handguns have ever been used in crime to injure police. After a deluge of criticism from members of Congress, the NRA, the Shooting Sports Foundation and numerous others, the ATF and Obama caved in (at least for now) and withdrew the proposed rule citing the need for more study.

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April 10, 11 & 12, 2015
- **NRA Annual Convention**
- **Location: Music City Center, Nashville, TN**

May 8 & 9, 2015
- **Annual QDMA Convention**
- **Location: Galt House, Louisville, KY**

July 11, 2015
- **Kentuckiana SCI Day in the Country Picnic**
- **Location: Sam Monarch Farm, Hardinsburg, KY**

August 1 & 2, 2015
- **Kentuckiana SCI Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend**
- **Location: Rick Davis Farm, Henryville, IN**

August 22, 2015
- **Kentuckiana SCI "Top Gun Championships"**
- **Location: Indian Creek Gun Club, Georgetown, IN**

September 5, 2015
- **Kentuckiana SCI Member & Youth Dove Hunt**
- **Location: Rick Davis Farm, Henryville, IN**

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