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President's Message

By Larry Richards, Chapter President

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WOW! Summer hit my place full swing this week! I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for our "Day in the Country" chapter picnic to be held July 16th at Alice and Sam Monarch's farm in Breckinridge County. It is a great event where everyone gets together and enjoys a great day in the country with great food and fine friends!

Shortly after that, August 6th and 7th is our chapter's signature "Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend" to be held for the first time this year at the **Fern Creek Sportsman's Club**. We can certainly use all the help members can provide as this first-class event takes first-class people to put it on and it is a labor-intensive event. Please contact Michael Graham if you can see yourself helping out for such a phenomenal event!

The next event to follow on August 13th is the "Top Gun Chapter Championship" & "Chapter Learn to Shoot Sporting Clays Event" which have been fun shoots in years past! Bill Hook is ramrodding that effort and can use more volunteers. Bill will have experienced instructors on hand so grab a friend or two and join the fun at Indian Creek Gun Club!

As many of you know, I am taking Daughter Mallory on a hunting trip to South Africa for her high school graduation pres-

ent! *To make a bewildering story short...* I arrived back from an overseas flight (for those of you who do not know, I am a corporate jet pilot) late Sunday night (June 19th), expecting to have all of today (Monday) to catch up before Mallory and I depart first thing in the morning (Tuesday). It has always been a habit for me to check African airline arrangements at least two days prior to departure and, this year, it paid off! Mallory's and my domestic leg from Charlotte to JFK tomorrow early A.M. had been cancelled; consequently, I'm now scrambling to get us to JFK tonight for tomorrow's SAA flight to Johannesburg!

Moral of the story... check and double check all your hunting travel arrangements at least 48 hours prior to and then up to the last minute prior to departure even if you have been sworn to on a stack of Bibles that your arrangements are good! Double-checking just barely saved our bacon this trip!

I am a true believer that taking young hunters hunting is the absolute best way to keep our sport alive into the 21st Century! Do your part each time you can as it pays high dividends!

I'm really looking forward to seeing and chatting with each and every member at Sam's place on July 16th!

Yours in Good Hunting!



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KYSCI Represented On NRA Host Committee

By Mike Ohlmann



Mike Ohlmann, Sherry Maddox,
Alan Kirschenbaum, and Mike Maddox

The NRA Convention returned to Louisville May 19 – 22, 2016, hosting "over 80,000 patriots" who "celebrated Freedom, Firearms and Fellowship at the 145th NRA Annual Meetings..."

A number of members of the KYSCI Chapter have been instrumental in the success of the last two NRA Annual Meetings that were held in Louisville by serving on the Advisory Committee and the Host Committee.

KYSCI Chapter Members Mike Ohlmann, Sherry Maddox, Alan Kirschenbaum, and Mike Maddox served on this year's NRA Host Committee and were in attendance on May 17, 2016 for the launching of the NRA's Hunters Forum, a program designed to align all of the hunting community and turn the tide against the animal rights incursions into the right to fish and hunt.

About The Cover

The Sable is arguably Africa's most beautiful antelope. With a glossy black coat highlighted by snow-white facial features and scimitar horns that can exceed 40 inches in length, he is a trophy hunter's dream! Clay Monarch took this photo on the Moketsi Game Ranch, a 2-hour drive north of Bloemfontein, RSA.

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KYSCI Has Opportunity To Give Back

By Bob Edwards



From left: SSG. William Muddy, SSG. Nathan Downer, Clint Talley, Mike Ohlmann, Steve Clephas

SSG Nathan Downer, who enlisted in the military in 2005, is the Training NCO for B Company, 351st Aviation Support Battalion. He recently returned home from a deployment to Kuwait (15-16) where he served as the Aircraft Engine Shop NCO Shift Lead. He was also deployed in Kuwait (06-07) as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic with F 135th AVN.

Thanks to the U S Army Chain-of-Command, the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International recently became aware that while deployed abroad, SSG Nathan Downer, a fellow sportsman, had his hunting equipment stolen.

KYSCI learned that SSG Downer grew up in Wyoming hunting elk, mule deer, and pheasant; however, he found hunting whitetail deer in Kentucky to be very challenging. He explained that there was a huge difference hunting Wyoming vs. Kentucky and thought that Kentucky held more challenges and topography diversity. When talking about the loss of his hunting equipment,

he explained that he really missed bow hunting but with he and his wife expecting their second child and preparing their home in Kentucky, it would be difficult to afford another bow.

As sportsmen, KYSCI members who became aware of the loss of SSG Downer's archery equipment immediately understood the disrespect to SSG Downer's service and sacrifice. Realizing the loss of access to an important distraction to daily woes and to the spiritually healing process that hunting is for so many of us was insufferable. We knew we could aid in repairing this situation.

We learned that Clint Tally, a fellow prior service member had the good fortune to win a brand new bow, and as a patriot, he reached out to find a deserving service member to whom he could donate his slightly used, equally impressive bow. Understanding that a bow alone might only add a hardship to a family trying to become whole again following a theft and several deployments and the interruptions they cause to one's life and finances, others jumped on board. Under the leadership of KYSCI, volunteers assembled a comprehensive bow-hunting package that should get SSG Downer back afield this Fall and serve him well into the future.

The package consists of: Clint Tally's PSE Stinger Bow, True Glow Site, Whisker Biscuit Arrow Rest, Alpine Detachable Quiver, a new release, a \$100 Gift Certificate to Cabela's, 6 full length carbon arrows with inserts and practice points, 6 each Slingblade Mechanical Broadheads, Plano Hard Bow Case, a Reinhart Target, Summit Viper Classic Climber Treestand and Safety Harness. We also arranged for SSG Downer to have a free bow fitting and set up with custom arrow cutting.

KYSCI says, "SSG Downer, thank you for your service! We wish you many happy days afield!"

KYSCI Honors KY Conservation Officer Of The Year

By Bob Edwards

On Wednesday, May 18, 2016, the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International was privileged to host an enjoyable lunch meeting for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Shikar Safari Club International at the Audubon Country Club. The purpose of the meeting was to present the Annual Shikar SCI "Kentucky Conservation Officer of the Year Award" to this year's recipient, Fulton County Conservation Officer Greg Youree. This is the second time Officer Youree has received this prestigious award.

Presenting the award for Shikar Safari was Janis Bohner who was accompanied by her husband, Chris. Shane Carrier, Assistant Director of Law Enforcement, and 1st District Captain Garry Clark, who received this award in 1996, were present representing the KDFWR.

KYSCI was represented by chapter members Mike Ohlmann, Senior Advisor, and Bob Edwards, KYSCI Director. Rachel Crume, Director of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Foundation, represented the foundation.

The Department takes this award quite seriously. Award winners are selected based on a variety of factors, including job knowledge, skills and judgment; dedication and professionalism in investigation and follow-through on cases; and cooperation with other officers, agencies and constituency groups. The vetting process to receive this prestigious award is quite lengthy and difficult with one officer from each of the nine districts being nominated by their peers. A panel of captains from each district

then selects one of the nine officers who is then verified by the Director of the Department. This year's winning officer's name was added to the plaque at the KD-FWR Salato Wildlife Center in Frankfort, Kentucky. Officer Youree personally received an award plaque plus a pin that becomes a part of his permanent uniform. He was also awarded an immediately payable life insurance policy.

Shikar SCI was founded in 1952 by an international group of hunters interested in exchanging ideas about the sport. Each year the club sponsors an award for the "Conservation Officer of the Year" in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces and the territories of both nations.

Our chapter strongly supports Kentucky's Conservation Officers in the difficult and often dangerous work that they do, protecting our state's natural resources and us, the sportsmen of the state. We are honored to be a part of this annual event.



Major Carrier, Capt. Clark, Ms. Bohner, Officer Youree, Mike Ohlmann



The Benefits Of Hunting & The Funding It Generates

By Ben Robinson
Biologist, KDFWR



Imagine a world void of wild game: lands once plentiful with deer, elk, turkey, quail, and waterfowl now barren. Passionate sportsmen and women like you and me would consider this to be our worst nightmare. Thankfully, efforts by that same group of passionate sportsmen and women have ensured that this nightmare will not become a reality.

Step back just eight decades into the 1930's when the nation found itself in the midst of the great depression. The economy was severely struggling, and for most American households, money was tight. In addition, wildlife populations were experiencing severe declines. A lack of attention to wildlife resources, coupled with unregulated hunting and a lack of funding to address these issues created the perfect storm for the virtual elimination of our cherished wildlife.

During the heart of these uncertain times, a group of passionate visionaries saw an opportunity to generate a secure funding source that would ultimately be considered one of the most successful pieces of conservation legislation ever to be enacted. The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, also known as the Pittman-Robertson Act created a mechanism for hunters to fund conservation efforts. The Pittman-Robertson Act imposes an 11 percent excise tax on all firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment. Manufacturers, producers, and importers of these items pay the excise tax with the understanding that these funds are earmarked specifically to help fund state wildlife agency conservation efforts. Today, every time someone purchases a firearm, ammunition, or archery equipment, they can take pride in knowing that they've played a role in supporting world class hunting opportunities across this great nation.

In order for legislation like the Pittman-Robertson Act to be the most beneficial, hunters must once again continue to lead the way through the sale of state hunting licenses. The benefits of purchasing your hunting license may seem obvious, but did you know that every Kentucky hunting license sold acts as a lever to increase our state's share of the Pittman-Robertson Act fund? Historically, Kentucky's share of the Pittman-Robertson revenue is approximately \$10,000,000.00 annually, all of which is used to benefit wildlife. Our state receives this federal funding based on its hunting license sales and total land area. Since Kentucky's land area probably won't be changing anytime soon, we must find ways to increase the number of hunting licenses sold so that we can continue to ensure that our cherished game species are managed based on sound science through proper funding. It is worthy of note that even though all citizens enjoy the benefit of wildlife conservation, the financial burden is carried exclusively by hunters.

Kentucky has reaped the benefits of the user pay/user benefit model for many decades. If you've ever enjoyed watching wildlife, stepped foot on one of our many public Wildlife Management Areas, sighted in a rifle at one of our public shooting ranges, pursued white-tailed deer, elk, eastern wild turkey, or waterfowl, **thank a hunter**. Without the financial contributions that hunters continue to make, our abundant wild game populations could not exist.

The benefits of hunting and the funding it generates remain obvious to those of us who actively participate in the sport; however, for many outside of the hunting community, those benefits may not be so clear. What happens if hunting goes away? Most of us shiver at the thought, but we must remain vigilant at protecting and promoting our ability to hunt in the future. Without hunting, we jeopardize the wildlife conservation movement for all. We must not only continue to generate revenue, we must embark upon educational campaigns to share the benefits that hunters bring to the conservation world.

As hunters, we must find ways to educate and engage those who are passionate about other parts of the great outdoors: bird watching, hiking, paddling, and camping to name a few. We must unite to protect our great traditions so that future generations can find the joy that we've experienced while pursuing wild game. We must make known the fact that without management funded by hunting, the abundant non-game populations like songbirds, butterflies and salamanders enjoyed by so many would not thrive.

For most outdoor enthusiasts, it remains obvious that hunters pave the financial way for conservation. If hunters lose, then wildlife will suffer the consequences. Take pride in knowing that each time you purchase a hunting license, buy ammunition for that big game excursion, or a new firearm for the grandchild, you are ensuring a bright future for wildlife and the sport of hunting.

Habitat Improvement Checklist By KDFWR

July-August

- ☐ Create wildlife waterholes when the soil is dry enough
- ☐ Perform exotic/invasive species removal
- ☐ Mark trees for timber stand improvement
- ☐ Manipulate dove fields for season opener
- ☐ Plant winter wheat in late August

September

- ☐ Order tree & shrub seedlings (Kentucky Forestry Dept)
- ☐ Spray herbicide to kill fescue
- ☐ Sow clover & cool season grasses
- ☐ Prepare firebreaks & seed to winter wheat

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Annie Oakley Range Day

By Bob Edwards



On Saturday, June 18, 2016, at the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club, the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International (KYSCI) participated in the eighth annual Annie Oakley Range Day event. KYSCI has supported and assisted with this program since its inception. Since the program began, more than 500 women have participated in the program firing over 50,000 rounds of ammo!

The purpose of this event is to introduce women who have never used a firearm to the shooting sports. About 50 ladies of all ages spent a beautiful early summer day learning the basics of firearm safety, function, use, and range conduct in a subdued, friendly setting with no pressure, and all seemed to enjoy the experience. The ladies fired over 400 rounds of 20 ga. shotshells, 350 rounds of 9mm centerfire handgun, and 5000 rounds .22LR ammo this year.

The "Anne Oakley" event is funded entirely by sportsmen. The *Fern Creek Sportsman's Club* donated the use of their entire facility for the day along with some ammo and all the clay birds, and several of the club's members donated use of their own personal firearms. The *Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation* and the *Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation* each donated cash. *Academy Sports* and *Dick's Sporting Goods* donated supplies and gifts for the participants.

KYSCI donated use of the club's training rifles and shotguns, shooting safety equipment, and nine of the Club's trained shooting coaches. KYSCI believes in the benefits of this program and has provided the Annie Oakley Range Day event with a page on our Chapter's website. Our Chapter views projects such as this and our sponsorship of NASP and our Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend as an extension of our ongoing work to introduce as many new participants as possible to the shooting and hunting sports.

In addition to archery and long guns, the ladies fired about 4000 rounds of .22 ammo in a variety of single action revolvers, double action revolvers, and an assortment of semi-autos. They left this class well able to handle about any handgun they might encounter. The participants were encouraged to bring their own firearms as well, and for those who did, personal one-on-one instruction was provided for them after the initial course of instruction.

After introductory remarks, we conducted a general safety course in the Club's building. Then, with eye and ear protection provided, we sent the ladies out to different shooting stations. A special "Thank You" to the many volunteers who manned those stations and taught the different hands-on training classes. They included the following people:

- *SCI Vice-President* and *KYSCI Treasurer* Sherry Maddox helped organize and direct traffic flow to keep everyone on station.
- *KYSCI Members* Mike Maddox and Jim Warren instructed the shotgun segment with the KYSCI training shotguns.
- *KYSCI Member and NASP Instructor* Alyson Stamper and Scott King of *King's Archery*, with Jason Scannell of the *Fern Creek Sportsman's Club* instructed the archery segment using our Chapter's archery equipment.
- *KYSCI Member* Roger LaPointe, who is a certified instructor in every NRA shooting discipline, Megan Maraman, a highly trained instructor with *Lotus Gunworks*, and Wayne Whitworth, a retired *Marine Sniper*, conducted the rifle segment using the KYSCI club training rifles and other assorted bolt action and semi-auto rifles.
- *KYSCI CMP/Shooting Committee* members Mike Ohlmann, Jim Austin, and Bob Edwards helped conduct the handgun segment of the day's instruction.
- Additionally, Derek Turner of *Lotus Gunworks*, a trained instructor, John Cline, an experienced range officer, and Jerry Cole, with *Academy Sports*, demonstrated handgun safety and proficiency.
- This year, we were excited to have members of *Freedoms Fierce Femmes* (F3), an area women's shooting club, as the lead handgun instructors. Jenny Williams, M.J. Vowell, and Cheryl (club president), with Jaquie Kuhens, returning for her second time, conducted the firearm and firing instruction and coached the individual shooters.
- We would also like to thank *KYSCI Members* Rachel Crume, founder and organizer of this event, with her husband Scott, and the many other volunteers who make this worthwhile event possible.

Many photos and reports from the participants can be found on the *Annie Oakley Range Day* Facebook page.



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www.nra.org

Young Hunters – Life Changing Experiences!

Editor's Note: KYSCI strives to introduce young people to the joys of hunting and the shooting sports. Chapter Members Kenny Whitworth, Jared Whitworth, and Jeff Tate are living our *Chapter's Dream* as is evidenced through the following stories written by 14-year-old Peyton Whitworth, 12-year-old Audrey Whitworth and 10-year-old Mason Tate. "Papaw" in all three stories is Kenny, Jared is "Dad" of Peyton and Audrey and "Uncle" of Mason, and Jeff is "Dad" of Mason and "Uncle Eugenius" to the girls.

When asked to write articles about their recent hunting adventures for our Chapter newsletter, all three youth agreed and immediately set to work. All three are experienced young hunters having collectively taken several whitetail deer, turkeys, squirrels, and a feral hog as well as wetting a fishing line and gigging frogs!



The Big One!

By Peyton Whitworth

Earlier this spring, I had a great time hunting black bear on Vancouver Island, British Columbia with Papaw, Dad, Uncle Eugenius, Cousin Mason, and Dad's friend, Jimmy. This spot-and-stalk hunt (no baiting) was very hard with huge mountains and slash-cut pine forests.

The first four days of my bear hunt were long, but they gave me an opportunity to explore the mountains and have fun. We saw a total of 61 bears and passed up many good bears because I wanted a trophy that I would remember for the rest of my life.

On the last day of my hunt, we saw nothing during the morning or for a good amount of the afternoon. It was raining and we didn't have much time left. Finally, we saw a small bear, Boo Boo, and I decided I would take a shot at him because I didn't want to go home empty handed. I couldn't get lined up on him so we followed him into the woods. By the time we worked through the slash, the small bear was already leaving the woods.

Excitedly, my guide, Chris, whispered, "There's the big one!" He had spotted a giant bear eating on a deer carcass, so we went farther into the woods. The big bear was in the creek eating, and we waited on him for 45 minutes. As it was beginning to get dark, another smaller bear started making its way to the creek, but the huge bear decided he wasn't sharing his food! Agitated by the smaller bear, the huge bear started walking up the hill carrying the carcass and he was headed right toward us!

My rifle weighed like a billion pounds, so I rested my gun on my dad's arm and steadied myself on the side of a tree. At 15 feet, when I could finally get a shot, I pulled the trigger and KABANG! It was game over! The monster bear threw the deer carcass behind him as he flipped. He sounded like Chewbacca when he made his death moan.

I was so happy that I gave Dad a big hug and then gave Chris one too. I really enjoyed hunting on Vancouver Island with my family.

Peyton Glassing for "The Big One"



Peyton, Her Bear & Proud Dad

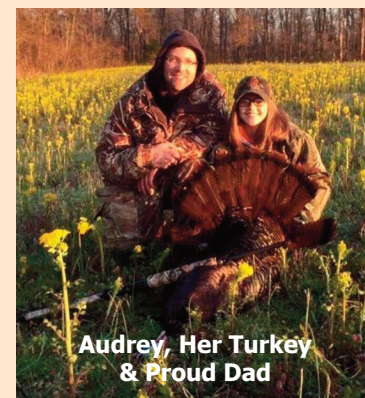


Boss Tom Turkey

By Audrey Whitworth

On opening day of "Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season", Dad, Papaw, and I got up early and headed to our blind before daylight. We listened to all of the early morning sounds of nature as we sat waiting to hear that first gobble.

We soon heard gobbling in the distance but nothing close. We then heard more gobbling and realized that these birds were in the tree right above us. Shortly, the birds hit the field in front of us but they were just out of range.

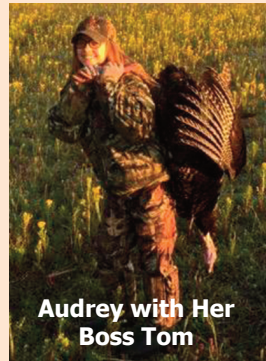


Audrey, Her Turkey & Proud Dad

There was only one gobbler in the flock but he had 12 hens with him and he did not acknowledge our calls. He stayed in full strut but he kept moving farther away from us.

At this point, we decided to get aggressive with our calling. The calling worked and he came running in a full sprint right toward us! When he got close, he launched himself at our jake decoy and began to attack!

He came running so fast I was caught off guard, and I had to scramble to get my gun and get ready to shoot. When I finally got him in my sights and pulled the trigger, he went down instantly! Thanks to help from Dad and Papaw on this hunt, I killed a 24-pound Boss Tom Turkey!



Audrey with Her Boss Tom

The Great Plan: Finding a Black Bear

By Mason Tate

My name is Mason Tate. I am 10 years old and I live in Hardinsburg, Kentucky with my parents and three younger siblings.

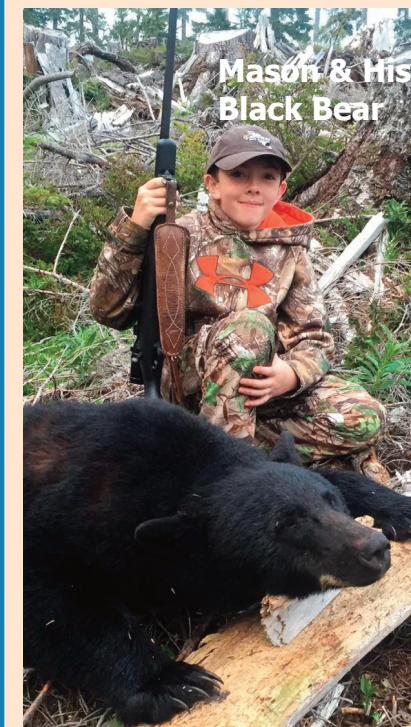
I love the outdoors and hunting! I have killed many white tail bucks and killed my first one when I was five years old. The last two bucks I have shot have been over 155 inches.

Here recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Vancouver Island, Canada, to hunt black bears with my dad, papaw, uncle, cousin and friend.

After three plane rides to get to our destination, we were able to settle in and make our great plan for finding a black bear. We traveled logging roads on the edge of mountains to very high peaks, spotting for bears. We were lucky enough to have a great guide, named Charlie, to help us find the right bear on the second day of our hunt.

Once we located the bear, at 100 yards, I turned to my dad and asked if he thought the bear was big enough. Of course, my dad said, "If it's the one you want, take it!" I got my 270 focused in and made a great shot. I dropped him in his tracks! The excitement was indescribable!!

The bear hunt was amazing as my cousin Peyton, our friend, Jimmy, and I were all able to bring home black bears. We were all able to sit down at the end



Mason & His Black Bear

of each day to eat, relax, and share great stories about our day.

The last few days of our hunting trip, I was able to search for salmon berries, put pennies on the track of one of the last timber trains in Canada, and enjoy the time with Dad.

Thanks to Papaw Kenny, I will have memories to last a lifetime!

Support Youth Hunting & Shooting Sports

Bring A Youth To

KYSCI Day In The Country July 16 &

Youth & Apprentice Hunter Ed Weekend August 6 - 7

That First Safari!

By Pat Riley

"How was it?" they asked. You've talked about hunting Africa for years and, now, that the glorious adventure has come and gone in almost dreamlike fashion! How do you answer that simple question when you return, "How was it?"

As your adrenaline surges, your heart rate rises, a broad smile forms, your eyes shift contemplatively up and to the right then rapidly left to right searching for where to start. How do you begin to re-live and share such an experience! "Okay" is woefully inadequate; "great" begs a thousand questions; and "more than I ever imagined" takes on a hint of indifference. I settled for "phenomenal, eye opening and strangely addictive!" This phrase became my qualifier to ascertain the questioner's intent: courteous conversation or genuine interest.

As a hunter, I always try to consider my audience before delving into my passion. The non-hunter wants to know how long you were gone, how long the flights were, which countries did you visit, what were the weather, people and food like, and what animals did you see?



Pat, His Tracker & Skinner
With Pat's First Impala

To the non-hunter my answers were simple: 10 days, 36 hours travel time one way, 3 plane transfers and 9,300 air miles to the Eastern Cape in the Republic of South Africa. July is the middle of winter in South Africa: jacket weather where overnight temperatures can reach below freezing. In general, the people of South Africa I met seemed perfectly content living day to day; however, the Johannesburg Airport is filled with panhandlers and hustlers preying on the continual flow of international travelers.

My Professional Hunter and Safari Outfitter spoke several languages: English and Afrikaans (described as a form of Red-neck Dutch) along with the many local tribal languages when conversing with the natives. The food was a sample from each of the animals I harvested served up in true gourmet fashion worthy of the lodge's 4-Star rating. And yes, I saw lots and lots of animals including elephants, cape buffalos, zebras, giraffes, monkeys and lots of plains game but, thankfully, no snakes. At this point, the typical non-hunter nods their head and with a polite, "That's nice, glad your back," they check their watch and bow out before I can pull out the pictures.

To the anti-hunter, the "How was it?" question is quickly followed by "Did you kill anything?" and "Why?" I choose to focus on the SCI Blue Bag that I took on safari to give to the local primary school children. Explaining that while the government of RSA provides a building for schooling the children, they provide precious little else. The Blue Bag I brought was bulging with school supplies, paper, pencils, erasers, chalk, colored pencils, clothing and footwear, as well as some toys, soccer balls and candy. The smiles on the children's and teachers' faces warmed my heart and opened my eyes to the educational differences that exist and, in many ways, still define one's quality of life potential.

The children received some simple pleasures and educational inspiration through the gifts that this SCI hunter and other SCI hunters from around the world share with those in need. As hunters, we want to show the people of the places we hunt such as RSA that we respect the people as well as the animals we came to hunt.



South
African
Kudu Bull

The anti-hunter will usually retort with, "Why kill the animals? Why not just take pictures?" I tell them that hunting activities contribute significantly to the RSA economy and the meat from the animals harvested is a welcomed protein food source to the local native population who cannot consistently put meat on the table. Oh, but I did take

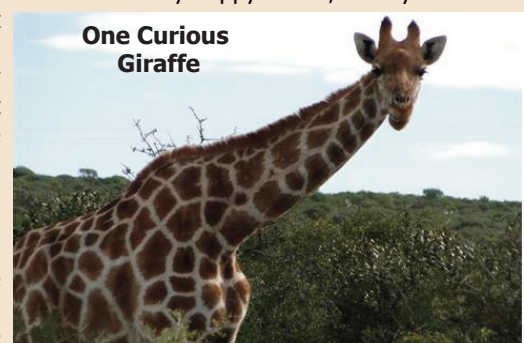
lots of picture of the animals I did not hunt and some of them are phenomenal if I do say so myself.

Reluctantly, some agree to view the photos of which I had many and over time and more conversations, some come to realize that we both share a passion for wildlife though supported differently. They listen as I explain the reality that regulated sport hunting is one of the wildlife biologist most effective tools vs. nature's population controls of disease and starvation. So effective is regulated sport hunting that most South African and North American wildlife populations have increased during the 20th century. Lastly, I tell them that the greatest threat to wildlife is their loss of habitat as man expands into their wild spaces. They are surprised to learn that habitat preservation and population control is funded almost exclusively by hunters through hunting related fees and hunting related taxes.

A fellow hunter or truly interested non-hunter starts with the, "How was it?" question quickly accompanied by, "Tell me more; where are your pictures; and don't spare the details!" I resist the urge to break into my happy dance, mostly because I

just can't dance and because to try would detract from the whole story. I tell them to pull up a chair, pour them a cup of coffee or a bourbon, pull out the photo album, then take a deep breath in and out to revive the sights, the sounds, the smells, the adventure and the memories that are about to be released to my spellbound audience as I begin...

All want to know if I would ever go back and do it again? My answer is a swift and confident, "Yes!" I tell them I can only wish they and others could see what I've seen and feel what I felt! I can only hope, pray and plan for the next opportunity to become one with the Dark Continent, her diverse wildlife and her diverse people on a new safari.



One Curious
Giraffe

Chapter Member Attends AWLS

By Alyson Stamper

Editor's Note: Alyson Stamper, a Physical Education Teacher and Archery Coach, has taught for 16 years and coached archery for 3 years at LaGrange Elementary School. Three years ago, Alyson wrote a grant request to KYSCI seeking funds to purchase equipment for the start-up of LaGrange Elementary NASP. KYSCI was pleased to provide the requested funds making LaGrange Elementary the first school in Oldham County to have an archery program!



Last year, I was contacted by KYSCI and asked if I would like to attend the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) near Jackson, Wyoming stating that they would sponsor me. I didn't even have to think about it! I said an enthusiastic, "YES!" and I am so glad I did. In all my years of participating in Educational Professional Development, this was by far the best program I have attended.

AWLS is definitely geared toward teachers. It was amazing how jam-packed our days were and how much I learned. The staff and SCI have put tremendous thought into the structure, scheduling and classes taught. As a participant, I learned outdoor survival and safety tactics and firearm safety. I also became a certified instructor for NASP and learned about the environment, conservation, and much more.

This program was definitely designed with teachers in mind from the hands-on approach to the use of archery, firearms, and lab skills to the curriculum instruction. The best part was the instructors showed us how we could incorporate what we learned into our classrooms. The activities and information taught were very involved and are very useful in my classroom. Through AWLS, I was given the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and learn information that I can pass on to my students so they can develop a love for the outdoors and become well-rounded adults.

The time and effort that the AWLS staff put into this school is

amazing!! I would recommend if you are a school teacher, go to this leadership school. The instructors were very patient with us and I could tell they wanted ALL of us to be successful! It is evident that they love their jobs and enjoy doing this school. I plan to go back at my own expense in a few years so I can learn more and better ways to instill a love for outdoors in my students.

The amount of content that was shared with us through the curriculum and the resources was unbelievable. I received so much material that I actually had to pay the airline overage fee on my bag so I could get everything home. Upon leaving the school, every student received a flash drive with all the content, presentations and pictures from the entire week.

The only hesitation I had about this trip was the food aspect because I have Celiac Disease, which is an allergy to wheat, rye and barley. The food was fantastic and you will not go hungry. I extend huge praises to the Chef, his wife, and Todd H. family for making sure I was fed without getting sick. They made all of my meals gluten free including biscuits, desserts, etc. They did an outstanding job for someone who has allergies!

My group at AWLS was unique in that there were more elementary teachers than middle/high school teachers and more women than men. The new friendships I developed in these 9 days were amazing. We developed a Facebook page/group dedicated to the "AWLS E4" so we can stay in contact with each other and continue to share our ideas.

I am so appreciative of KYSCI and the SCI Sables who sponsored my way to attend this program. Your money was put to good use and I am currently using some of the information in my classroom and I plan on implementing more! I am also furthering my Certification with NRA for firearm safety.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Day in the Country & Picnic Dinner

Members, their families & friends are invited for a day of fun!

Saturday, July 16, 2016

Activities Begin at 1:00 P.M., E.D.T.

Picnic Dinner at 5:00 P.M., E.D.T.

**Sam Monarch Farm,
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Rifle Practice (.22 Rifles & Instruction Provided) or Bring Your Own Archery (Equipment & Instruction Provided) or Bring Your Own Fishing - Hiking & RTV Trails (Bring Your RTV's) - Yard Games - Dinner

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ANNUAL "TOP GUN" SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Indian Creek Gun Club

The Chapter Member with the highest score will receive the 2016 "TOP GUN" Award!

\$25 for 100 targets! Call Bill Hook (502) 814-5710 (days) or (812) 944-7826 (evenings), by Wednesday, August 10th to reserve a shooting position. (GUESTS are welcome!)

WHEN: August 13 - 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

WHERE: Indian Creek Gun Club, Georgetown, IN (812) 951-3031

INTRODUCTION TO SPORTING CLAYS EVENT!

Unlike trap or skeet, Sporting Clays targets are thrown at a variety of trajectories, distances, angles, speeds and target sizes that simulate actual live-bird hunting.

Join us for an **Introduction to Sporting Clays Event** August 13th at Indian Creek Gun Club.

Become familiar with this great sport, the guns used & layout of a Sporting Clays course. Shotguns, ammo, targets, & instruction for beginners provided. Bring a friend!!!!

WHEN: August 13th - 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Indian Creek Gun Club, Georgetown, Indiana

For reservations, please call Bill Hook at 812-944-7826

“LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



GUN CONTROL

In the prior issue, I reviewed the January 6, 2016 executive order containing new restrictions on ownership and transfer of firearms, both those covered under the 1968 Gun Control Act (non-NFA arms) and those covered under the 1934 National Firearms Act. This quarter, I want to focus on one particular aspect of that order: reporting mental disabilities to the FBI's NICS (National Instant Background Check System) database. Specifically, the 1968 Act prohibited anyone who has been adjudicated as a mental defective or who has been committed to a mental institution to possess any firearm or ammunition. In 1979, federal government regulations defined a mental defective as a person who has marked subnormal intelligence, mental illness, incompetence, condition or disease and is a danger to himself or others or LACKS THE MENTAL CAPACITY TO CONTRACT OR MANAGE HIS OWN AFFAIRS. In 1998, the VA executed a memorandum of understanding with the FBI which agreed that any veteran is incompetent to manage his VA benefits if he is assigned a fiduciary (e.g. power of attorney) (like a spouse) to manage his benefits. This means that if a veteran agreed to allow his spouse to receive and deposit his benefit check into his bank account, the VA would report him to the FBI for placement into the NICS system. In short, the veteran who defended his countrymen with firearms could not purchase a firearm to defend himself or his family! There was no requirement that the veteran be mentally defective. There is no hearing or right to counsel or other due process, unless the veteran demands it after receiving notice. A VA bureaucrat decides whether the veteran is incompetent to manager his affairs and is therefore “mentally defective”.

The January 2016 executive order requires other government agencies like the Social Security Administration to follow suit. There are currently 4.2 million Social Security beneficiaries who are using representative payees. The National Council on Disabilities, a non-partisan federal agency has expressed continuing concern regarding the effort to link one's need or desire for a representative payee to the NICS. Legislation in both the House and Senate has been introduced to restore needed balance to this process by requiring an adjudication in a court of law before the VA or SSA can declare anyone a mental defective and forfeit his or her right to acquire a firearm. It may take a change in administrations to achieve passage.

Sadly this is not exclusively a federal problem. In 2013, New York State passed the NY SAFE Act. Under that statute, “Whenever a person is certified not suitable to possess a rifle or shotgun, a member of the police department to which the certification is made [by a director or physician in charge of any hospital or institution for mental illness], shall forthwith seize any rifle or shotgun possessed by such person.” Police in New York have, even without such certification and without the proper warrants or other due process, seized the guns of New York residents.

So the question becomes, what do law abiding citizens who are not “mental defectives” as determined by a court of law, but fall within the VA, SSA or NY traps to do? Last quarter, I recommended the use of firearms trusts for NFA restricted items. These same trusts can be used to deflect efforts by federal and state agencies, operating without judicial authority, from seizing currently owned firearms. Even after July 13, 2016, when grantors and trustees will need to be fingerprinted and photographed, an NFA trust with multiple trustees will still offer access to firearms by those trustees and beneficiaries of the trust, asset protection from creditors of the grantor and trustees, depending on state law, avoidance of probate, privacy, and changes in law which would make future ownership and transfers illegal (although a trustee with a residence outside the state (like New York) may be necessary). Stay tuned, the assault on the Second Amendment is now coming from all directions.

NEW REGULATIONS

INDIANA

Hoosier State action has been hot and heavy since the prior quarter's newsletter. You may recall that the Indiana DNR lost its bid in the State Supreme Court in the case of IDNR v. Whitetail Bluff to prohibit high fence deer hunting operations. In response to this case and in a complete about face, Governor Pence of Indiana has signed a statute authorizing the practice. New enclosures must be 100 acres and grandfathered ones, 80 acres.

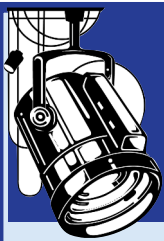
In addition, Hoosiers will get to vote in November of 2016 on a constitutional amendment protecting the right to

hunt and fish, similar to the provision approved by Kentucky just 4 years ago. That provision will appear as Question #1 on the November ballot.

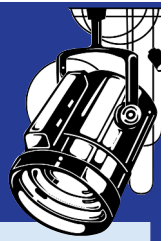
In other significant news, DNR approved the use of .243 and .30 caliber rifles on private land. This includes all 6 millimeter and .308 caliber rifles (including magnums) with barrels of at least 16 inches. Interestingly, no rifles of calibers between those two (e.g. 257, 6.5mm, 270 or 7mm) will qualify. Go figure! Those with rifles meeting the old rules (cartridges of at least 1.16 inches and no longer than 1.8 inches and at least .35 caliber) will be able to use those rifles on both public and private land. Finally, Hoosiers will now be able to legally hunt Indiana's top predator, the bobcat.

KENTUCKY

In the Blue Grass State, there will be two additional weeks of Canada goose, white-fronted goose, brant and light goose hunting in February. Western Zone dates run from Thanksgiving to February 15. Northeastern Zone dates are from the third Saturday in December to January 31. Ballard WMA will be closed on Christmas Eve. The early Canada goose season will begin on September 16 instead of September 1. The teal and wood duck seasons move from the third Wednesday in September to the third Saturday in September giving those working hunters an equal opportunity with other hunters at woodies. The start of the woodcock season will now begin on the 4th Saturday in October and will close on the opening weekend of deer gun season.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



YOUTH & APPRENTICE TWO-DAY HUNTER EDUCATION TRAINING FOR KIDS 8 YRS. & UP & NOVICE ADULTS

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KYSCI Congratulates Mitchell Barnes 2016 Kimber Pistol Winner

By Jerry Johnson



Larry Richards
Congratulates
Mitchell Barnes

Mitch Barnes and his son, Mitchell, are gun enthusiasts and have enjoyed hunting together whenever possible. Mitch heard about the Kentuckiana SCI Chapter and its annual Fundraising Banquet from an SCI member and decided that this was an event that both he and Mitchell would enjoy attending. Both became SCI members, attended the banquet and purchased raffle tickets for the Kimber pistol. Perhaps it was beginners luck or just destiny, but Mitchell won the Kimber pistol at his first SCI banquet!

Mitchell is 22 years old and a junior at IUOE working toward a degree in Education with a major in History. Upon graduation, his plans are to become certified as a teacher in both Kentucky and Indiana. Mitchell was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy when he was 4 years old and began using a wheel chair when he was in the fourth grade. He was introduced to shooting at an early age by being included on family pheasant hunting trips to South Dakota, a wing-shooting trip to Scotland, and a whitetail and pig hunt in Texas.

Mitchell was taught to shoot at an early age and, today, it is his passionate hobby. He makes frequent trips to *Open Range* where he enjoys using his various firearms including a .32 Walther, 9mm AR, and M16. He also had the opportunity to take a couple of trophy animals on a hunt with his father a few years ago using his Win .308.

Mitchell is also very knowledgeable of firearms in general including both current and vintage periods and enjoys visiting the *Frazier Historical Arms Museum*. According to his father, he often observes how poorly Hollywood does matching the correct vintage firearms with the period depicted in a movie, and his dream job would be consulting on the subject. As further evidence of his passion for the sport, Mitchell obtained his concealed carry permit within a week of turning twenty-one and recently completed a research paper for an upper level political science class defending the 2nd Amendment and establishing its justification.

While Mitchell was very excited about winning the Kimber pistol, he decided that it did not match his needs as well as some other possible choices. With the support of Kentuckiana SCI Chapter and in cooperation with *Lotus Gunworks*, Mitchell researched his options and chose a .22LR auto compact *Smith & Wesson* plus an ample supply of ammunition for use at the range.

Larry Richards, Chapter President, hosted a dinner in late March at Audubon Country Club during which Mitchell was formally presented the pistol. Larry's wife, Jeanette, and daughter, Mallory, Mitch Barnes, and Chapter Member Jerry Johnston were also in attendance.

Mitch Barnes is a financial advisor with *Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management*. He and his wife, Meredith, founded the *DREAM Foundation* several years ago after Mitchell was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. This charitable organization raises money to provide scholarships and research programs focused on finding a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and other childhood diseases. The *DREAM Foundation* has also provided funding to the *Play Together Playground Project* to support the building of accessible playgrounds that allow special needs children to participate at parks throughout Louisville.

KYSCI congratulates Mitchell! We are honored that Mitchell has chosen to become a part of our Chapter and of SCI.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16, 2016

- **Member & Guest "Kentuckiana SCI Day in the Country Picnic"**

Location: Sam Monarch Farm, Hardinsburg, KY
Contact: Sam & Alice at 270-756-5748 or
smonarch@bbtel.com

August 6-7, 2016

- **Kentuckiana SCI Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend**

Location: Fern Creek Sportsman's Club
Contact: Mike Graham at michael_l_graham@me.com

August 13, 2016

- **Kentuckiana SCI "Top Gun Championships" & Learn to Shoot Sporting Clays Event**

Location: Indian Creek Gun Club, Georgetown, IN
Contact: Bill Hook (502) 814-5710 (days) or
(812) 944-7826 (evenings)

February 1-4, 2017

- **SCI Annual Hunter's Convention**

Las Vegas, NV

February 11, 2017

- **KYSCI Fundraising Banquet**

Audubon Country Club, Louisville, KY

Outdoor Friends Events

- **Friends of NRA Events**

Contact: John LaRowe at jarowe@nrahq.org to find an event near you.

- **RMEF Events**

Contact: Bill Carman at 859-489-1593 or Bcarman@rmef.org to find an event near you.

- **League of Kentucky Sportsmen Events**

Contact: Ed Morris at emorris0413@att.net to find an event near you.

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