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Photo By Alice Monarch

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President's Message

By Bob Edwards, Chapter President
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As I write this, we are in the last couple of days of Kentucky Turkey Season. The harvest report is currently at just over 24,000. This is down from prior years' harvests, but to me, this is still an amazing number. Some of us can remember when the only turkey hunting in Kentucky was at the Land Between the Lakes with little chance of success! For our anglers, fishing should be fantastic now just about anywhere that is wet; and frog season is just around the corner. There is so much to do in the great outdoors this time of year, it's hard to decide where to begin!

Our chapter is about to conduct its annual membership meeting and we want you to be there! We have been unable to conduct these meetings the last couple of years because of COVID, and we really hope you will not only attend but also bring along a prospective new member! KYSCI is hosting our membership event on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 4:00 P.M., E.D.T. at the Audubon County Club in Louisville! It is going to be a **Pig Roast** with all the trimmings but Chef will prepare chicken for those who request it in advance. Local avid hunter and outdoors author, Chapter Board Member Colonel Mike Abell, will entertain

us with some of his hair-raising hunting experiences and share some of his insightful, sometimes hard-learned hunting tips featured in his book and on his website. Mike Maddox will discuss our upcoming Chapter Dove Hunt and you can meet this year's KYSCI Officers and Directors who will be happy to meet with all and especially delighted to answer questions for those who might be interested in joining our chapter. Please make plans to attend and bring someone along who might want to see what we are about. We are working on having a couple of fun fundraiser functions but dinner for you and your guests is on the Chapter.

We have been very busy with interesting school projects, scholarships, and generally providing assistance where we can from rural Kentucky to rural Namibia! We are helping with outdoor events for injured Veterans, conservation habitat enriching, hunter education, humanitarian services projects and more.

The annual Annie Oakley Range Day event for ladies is June 18, 2022 at Fern Creek Sportsman's Club. Your chapter, along with Fern Creek Sportsman's Club, Quail Forever, and other area sportsmen's groups are assisting the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with conducting this important event. Since we began assisting with this event in 2008, over 1,300 individual participants have fired over 59,000 rounds of ammo. These women are, or will be, future hunters as well as mothers/supporters of the next generation of hunters and sport shooters if there is to be one, and we believe it is vital that we demonstrate that shooting is enjoyable and safe. I hope to see you at the KYSCI Membership Meeting and Pig Roast on July 16th!

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Photo of Muhlenberg County High's Conservation Outreach team posing on "Big Twig Bobber Malone" during their recent Fish Habitat Improvement Project on Kentucky's Lake Malone.

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Audubon Country Club

July 16, 2022 • 4:00 EDT

Bring a Prospective New Member as Our Guest

Meet Your New Officers & Directors

FEATURED SPEAKER
Avid Hunter ~ Outdoors Author
COLONEL MIKE ABELL



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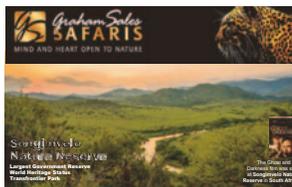
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SO WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH FOOD!**

R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, July 13th by E-mail to

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You Are Invited

Join fellow KYSCI members for our Annual KYSCI Membership Meeting and bring a prospective member and be our guests! Meet your newly elected Officers & Directors and enjoy a casual evening of catching up with old friends and making new ones. Mike Maddox will have information about the Annual Opening Weekend Member-Guest Dove Shoot and Outdoor Author Colonel Mike Abell, Ret. will be our Featured Speaker!! And... you might just win an African Safari with Graham Sales Safaris!!

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Snapshot Of Featured Speaker Mike Abell's Writing

Apex Predator In The Utah Mountains

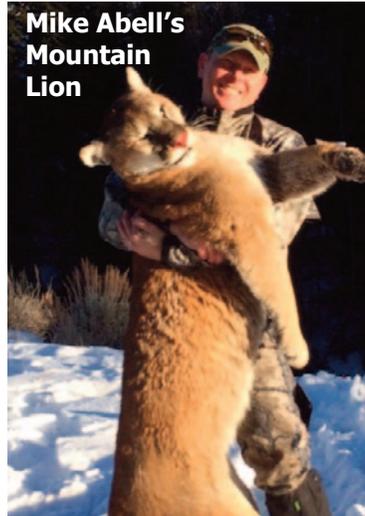
Introduction:

Hunting in grizzly country takes on a whole new feel. The knowledge that you are in the territory of an apex predator, that could kill you in seconds, adds a sense of adventure and adrenaline that cannot be easily described. Every strange scent that wafts through the air, causes you to pause and investigate. Every bear track stops you in your tracks. Any stick that snaps behind you, causes a rise in adrenaline and your senses become fine-tuned, razor sharp and you feel especially alive. When you're certain there's a grizzly in the area, you can almost taste the iron in your own blood as your heart races. If you actually see one, you'll never forget it as you sort out the situation and evaluate the threat. I've hunted in grizzly country. I have also hunted grizzlies. I have a very healthy respect for North America's largest predator, but I don't worry about them.

I prepare for them and have a plan that allows me to hunt in grizzly country and enjoy it without being paranoid or bear-a-noid.

Opening Lines of Story:

The apex predator that gives me pause and worries me a bit is the Puma Concolor – the mountain lion. While attacks on humans are rarer than bear attacks, the mountain lion's skill set and hunting technique is far more frightful in my opinion. They are expert ambush predators...



KYSCI To Host Membership Meeting

By Alice Monarch



Featured Speaker COLONEL MIKE ABELL

Colonel (Ret) Michael A. Abell spent over 24 years total in the U.S. Army Infantry, in both the Army and the Army National Guard. His leadership positions include: Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Battalion Commander and Brigade Commander. His major awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, Airborne Wings, Air Assault Wings, Pathfinder Torch and Expert Infantry Badge. He holds a Masters of Strategic Studies from U.S.A.W.C. and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from FSU (MD).

Mike has a genuine love for wildlife and tremendous respect for its habitat. Through many conversations and many hunting articles written by him for our Chapter's publication, the *Kentuckiana Hunter*, it is obvious that Mike is a dedicated hunter who appreciates the dynamics of preserving wildlife through hunting and conservation. Mike and his charming and beautiful bride, Aline, have done many guided hunts over the years, and many of Mike's hunts have been "Do-It-Yourself" (DIY) hunts like his Alaskan Moose Drop Camp River Hunt, Alaskan Caribou Drop Camp Mountain Hunt, DIY Pronghorn Hunt and his DIY Elk Hunt (and more) all of which require one to survive on his/her own in the wilderness. And, as the reader learns from his writings about one 8-day wilderness drop camp hunt that turned into a foul weather 17-day drop camp hunt, knowing how to survive in the wilderness parallels being well prepared.

A few years ago, Mike, as a freelance writer, started a hunting information website entitled "The Slow Hunt" and like others, I asked why he named it the slow hunt and his response was very interesting. Colonel Mike is a combat veteran

of 24 years and he confesses that he has slowed down a bit physically, but all the cumulative mileage has made him mentally tough and gritty! He reflects, "...There's nothing I cannot do that I used to be able to do. I'm just a little slower now..."

When he speaks of the philosophical side of "slow," he declares that the

best philosophy is, "Slow is smooth and smooth is fast..." Mike continues, "When it comes to larger things, like entire missions, I always taught my young officers to slow down and get it done right the first time. I would usually say something like, 'There is no prize for getting there first if you get it wrong because you have to do it again.' Plus, things are more enjoyable when you move slowly, you see more, you smell more, and you feel more. Finally, if you think about it – life is a hunt from the womb to the grave. I'm not going to run down the mountain and get one. I am going to walk down the mountain and get them all."

Mike's first book, (The proceeds of which he donates to KHFH!!) ***The Hunt of a Lifetime, The Practical Guide to Planning and Executing Your Dream Hunt***, is an entertaining "How To" book of a collection of both guided and unguided hunt stories that begin with a witty *Introduction*, followed by an engaging *Story* which is complete with his insightful *Recipe* for success including the necessary *Ingredients* and realistic *Costs* and specific *Instructions* on how to get the job done plus after evaluation *Post Scripts*. His practical guide also includes valuable info for putting together sets, kits, and outfits for first aid, kills, survival, electronics and more!

In his book, we learn a little more about his pre-Colonel life. He writes, "I grew up in a very diverse urban setting in Metropolitan Washington D.C., but my extended family was all from rural areas. I got to see both ways of life, spending school days in the city and time off on a farm, in the woods or on the water. I realized early on, that I was happiest when I

Alaskan Mountain Goat



Aline & Mike





Zimbabwe Cape Buffalo

was away from the hustle and bustle of the city and in the quiet of wild places. I've done many things, in my short wonderful life. Started off playing a little small college football, before being commissioned as an Infantry Lieutenant upon graduation. I met my lovely wife, Aline, when I was on Active Duty and we were an Army Couple for a while. Later I left the Regular Army, so she could be closer to home to help run her family's business. I started teaching school and became a small city mayor at the age of 27. Then 9-11-01 happened and like many young men and women in the Army National Guard, my life changed dramatically. I was deployed shortly after 9-11 and never went back to teaching school [until now - Butler Traditional - Junior ROTC] or public office. I stayed in the Army another twenty years and retired in 2017. Somewhere along the way, Aline and I rekindled our childhood passion for wild places. We've hunted and fished all over the world and the adventures continue today. This website is really the modern evolution of my handwritten adventure journals that I've always kept. In fact, I will be writing or rewriting some of



White Tail Deer

those adventures and publishing them here for the first time. I plan to keep challenging myself with different adventures, because if the war taught me anything - life is too short and if you don't take your time, someone else will."

In addition to Mike's book and his website, he also mentors novice hunters and shares adventures with seasoned hunters through his podcast and Facebook which links are available on his website www.theslowhunter.com. He writes, "Someone gave us all our start in the outdoors. Years ago, it was a parent, uncle or aunt. Nowadays, the ranks of outdoorsmen/women are dwindling and those family mentors are fewer and farther between." He supports organizations like *Backcountry Hunters and Anglers* and our *Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI* where he serves on our KYSCI Board of Directors. Mike does his homework and attends multiple meetings of the KDFWR and shares his research of "the issues that affect the sportsmen and women in the Commonwealth and our hunting, fishing, boating, trapping, hiking, camping outdoor heritage" through his podcast, *The State of the Outdoors*.



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Mike is the Founding Father of www.KYSCI-LAC.com through which members can find their Kentucky Senators or Representatives or contact their District Fish and Wildlife Commissioners or directly contact the head of the agency for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Once on the website, members can also learn what legislation is pending; what changes were made to Administrative Regulations that govern our actual hunting, fishing, trapping and boating practices; and which issues are in front of the Commission by simply selecting the appropriate buttons.

Come to the Membership Meeting where Mike will share his expertise with you! As a true mentor, Mike will share his love of hunting and the outdoors as his writings invite all, "So, if you are an adult who is new to hunting, fishing, scouting for game, or backpacking; or if you're not new, but want to improve your game or maybe you want to take your first DIY western big game hunt or DIY Alaskan trip, I can help. Anyone who needs my help simply has to reach out to me via the contact button on this website." [www.theslowhunt.com]

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2022 Fundraiser Report

KYSCI Fundraiser Is Huge Success

By Larry Richards
Fundraiser Chairman & Past President



nated another top notch Mountain Lion hunt and Chapter members Janis and Chris Bohner once again stepped up to the plate for us with the Pappy Van Winkles! Valencia Expeditions Ibex donation in Spain, our Stag Hunt in New Zealand with Clarence Valley and our Argentine Big Game and Dove hunts truly gave us a worldwide showcase. Our heartfelt



Chapter Members Honored at Fundraiser

By Alice Monarch

After a fabulous meal, Chapter President Bob Edwards extended a special "Welcome Back" to everyone as COVID had prevented us from being together in 2021. President Edwards presented a delayed but very much deserved award to last year's "Chapter Member of the Year," Live Auction Co-Chairman and Board Member Jared Whitworth, who was unable to attend but who had been instrumental in securing many of this year's fabulous Live Auction items as well as saving last year's Live Auction!! Back in November of 2020, the government shut down all public gatherings due to COVID and an in-person fundraiser was prohibited! Jared came up with the idea and the plan to make our Live Auction a special Members Only – Online Only event that brought our Chapter Members together in spirit and in deed as it was a huge success!



President Edwards also presented Chapter Legislative Chairman, Chapter Fundraiser Chairman and Immediate Past President Larry Richards as this year's "Chapter Member of the Year!" True to character, when Bob was telling of Larry's many accomplishments, Larry and presenting his award, Larry was working for the Chapter!! A potential buyer of one of our harder to sell items called Larry



moments before Bob announced his name and Larry was answering the bidder's questions! Larry's strong leadership is evidenced by many of our Chapter's successes... and the guy on the phone bought the hunt!!!

President Edwards also recognized Lucy Monarch as this year's "Chapter Youth of the Year." Lucy is a resourceful young lady whose love of archery coupled with determination, hard work and spunk brought a new NASP Archery program to 70 new archers at Sacred Heart Schools! Lucy's proud grandfather, Ted Korfhage, a NASP Coach, was on hand to accept the award for Lucy as she was out of town.

WOW! The Chapter had our biggest and best fundraiser in years! Everybody was ready for a good time... and a good time happened! Attendance was excellent and folks were glad to be amongst each other once more.

The newly remodeled venue was a huge success and was well received. Our host venue, Audubon Country Club, pulled out all the stops and provided us with an exemplary showcase. The food was excellent as was the service and attention to every detail was evident in all their preparations. BRAVO!!

Your Board of Directors worked many months putting together spectacular Live and Silent Auctions that had something for everyone in the room with enough left over for the online auction followers. It takes four to five months of prep work and communication with our various donors to bring all this to fruition. A huge round of thanks goes to Alice Monarch and Jared Whitworth for doing the legwork and communication that putting on a spectacular Live Auction required. Alice and Jared burned the midnight oil getting all the right agreements and consents in place.

Through Jared's contacts, we were able to provide many unique things like the African animal backskins necessary to make that magnificent work of art rug by Northern Pines and garner the coveted Ox Ranch hunt donation that made us the envy of other chapters and more. Alice's long relationships with our African outfitters and other friends around the world were instrumental in bringing such high-quality hunts to us once again, and the Sam Monarch Family donation of the Kimber pistol was much appreciated. Our longtime donor Weststar Aviation graciously do-

thanks go out to these and the other donors as well as to Pam Noble and Grace Nonemaker for their above and beyond contributions to the program and website respectively.

The real heroes of the evening were our wonderful members without whose support we could not carry on the multitude of good works we do as a group. As everyone knows – this Chapter raises funds only once a year. That happens at our annual fundraiser during an evening of enjoyment and purpose. We are able to be truly bigger than life because of the generous support that we receive from our members.

Elizabeth Monarch and Lonnie Gann have supported our auction as auctioneers and buyers for more years than I can count and without their expertise we would struggle to provide the professional touch that our group expects. We are truly a notch up on the totem pole because of their skills.

As the pictures will show – smiles were abundant and we got to see old friends and make new ones. We had many new members this year and we look forward to making many more in the next. We will be back at Audubon next year and the date will be announced soon, but in the meantime, I look forward to seeing all of you in the woods or on the water soon!





KYSCI Joins Muhlenberg Ag Students & KDFWR To Build Fish Habitat



Ag Teacher Scott Cronin Is Graduate Of SCI's AWLS

By Alice Monarch



In collaboration with KDFWR, KYSCI and other sponsors, Muhlenberg County High School students in the agriculture program were able to enhance the fish habitat at Lake Malone State Park. Students spent their time on Earth Day, April 22, not only helping build and deploy fish structures but also learning about career opportunities with KDFWR and more.

After building and deploying the fish structures, all participants and guest were treated to a meal sponsored by KYSCI. After the meal, students had the opportunity to learn from both expert and practical guest speakers about the economic impacts of public land use, hunting, fishing, non-consumptive outdoor recreation activities, and tourism as well as a well delivered/well received explanation about KYSCI by Larry Richards. It was apparent by the respect shown to all that the students who are part of the Forestry, Wildlife Resources, Agriculture Employability, and Animal Science classes taught by Scott Cronin were very appreciative of such collaboration efforts.

Scott Cronin, whom KYSCI selected and sponsored to attend SCI's American Wilderness Leadership School during the summer of 2019, is a Shining Star example of what AWLS is all about!! Scott, an Agriculture Teacher at Muhlenberg County High School and a Murray State University Associate Professor at Racer Academy, is a teacher extraordinaire! My assessment of Scott was apparently shared by the folks at AWLS as they asked Scott to return to AWLS as an instructor! Scott's extensive planning and coordination with KDFWR on this Fish Habitat Improvement Project was evident, and watching his students participate in this special Earth Day event throughout the day was pure delight! They were attentive, eager, respectful, happy students!

FISH HABITAT (Article by KDFWR)

Like all other animals, fish need suitable habitat for living in, raising their young and foraging for food. Most of the lakes in Kentucky were created more than 50 years ago and are starting to show their age. Natural processes like sedimentation and decay of woody structure can reduce the number of places that fish have for spawning and nursery habitat. KDFWR has active projects across the Commonwealth designed to improve, enhance and replace this habitat that has been lost due to time. This lack of habitat also creates an opportunity for anglers. The old adage "build it and they will come" applies to fish habitat as well. By building habitat structures in frequently fished areas, we can draw in fish from areas with poor habitat and make fishing a little less of a hit and miss process. Deciding where to fish on lakes can be a daunting task for first-time anglers. That is another reason KDFWR creates fish attractors and provides maps to help people find these hotspots of fish activity.

The fish habitat/attractors are made in a variety of shapes and sizes and include material from trees, rocks, logs, wooden pallets, and even commercially made plastic structures. These structures are typically dense in nature with tree limbs and shade producing cover. Rock piles and gravel beds create spawning grounds for many species and brush piles provide much needed shelter for young fishes. All of these structures also provide stable substrates for the attachment of aquatic plants that provide the basis of the food chain

in lakes. In general, more habitat just means more fish...(from KDFWR Website)

MUHLENBERG COUNTY'S FISH HABITAT PROJECT

The goal of this fish habitat project was to complete five fish habitat sites by building four plastic fish attractor structures which would be placed around one dense Christmas tree brush pile for each of the five habitat sites in nearby Lake Malone.

Scott and his students began by collecting discarded Christmas trees and storing them for the project. They then secured donors and sponsors to buy the supplies necessary to complete their project. Scott collaborated closely with KDFWR's Wildlife Biologist Jeremy Shiflet and Officer Scott McIntosh who had everything ready when the students arrived at the designated Lake Malone Boat Dock. In addition to these gentlemen, other KDFWR Officers were present to provide safety measures while on the lake and to assist when needed.

The plastic habitat structures similar to the commercially built ones were built by the students in the parking area then carried to the shore for attachment to weights and transport to the site by boat. The tree structures were likewise built by the students and attached to weights which were transported to the boat by tractor lift. The special KDFWR boat was well equipped for the students to deploy the structures into place.

Some 60 persons participated in the day's event and a special thank you was given to all who helped by Scott and his students! Representative of all of Scott's students was one young gentleman who on the way back to shore offered an unsolicited smile and thank you handshake to KDFWR Biologist Jeremy Shiflet!



HABITAT IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST

By KDFWR

"Spring Checklist"

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

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 information, call KDFWR (800) 858-1549



“LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



REFUGE OPENINGS REVISITED. During the Trump administration with approval from both sides of the aisle, 2.3 million acres of land across 147 federally managed wildlife refuges were opened to hunting and fishing. Many conservation groups including SCI celebrated together this enhanced access for sportsmen and women. The Biden administration through its Secretary of the Interior, Native American Deb Haaland, piggybacked onto this accomplishment claiming that it was the largest ever expansion of fishing and hunting rights on US Fish and Wildlife Managed Lands and Waters.

In late 2021, the Center for Biodiversity (CBD) brought suit against the USFWS to reverse this action and vilified the Trump administration while ignoring the Biden administration's participation in this process. Camila Cossio, a staff attorney for the CBD claims that their suit will ensure our nation's wildlife refuges actually provide refuge to endangered wildlife. In response the US Fish and Wildlife Service stated on its website that: "The National wildlife refuges exist primarily to safeguard wildlife populations through habitat preservation. The word 'refuge' includes the idea of providing a haven of safety for wildlife and as such hunting might seem an inconsistent use of the National Wildlife Refuge System. However, habitat that normally supports healthy wildlife populations produces harvestable surpluses that are a renewable resource." Interestingly President Theodore Roosevelt, a dedicated hunter, established the Wildlife Refuge System in 1903. Hunters have been involved in every single refuge establishment since then because the funds generated by hunters in the form of excise taxes and duck stamp revenues have funded the acquisition of each of the refuges.

The primary line of attack by the CBD is based on the risks associated with lead ammunition and tackle which sportsmen appropriately call a red herring. Lead has been banned for waterfowl hunting for many years and state laws regulate how much lead that hunters and fishermen can use. RMEF, the Sportsmen's Alliance and SCI have filed to intervene in the suit on the side of USFWS. In February 2022, the Biden administration and the CBD jointly filed to ask for a delay in the court proceedings, which could indicate that the support of the Biden administration for the opening of these refuges is being reconsidered. In any event, we will keep our eyes on the situation and report in these pages as the suit continues.

WARRANTLESS SEARCHES BY FEDERAL AND STATE WILDLIFE AUTHORITIES. An interesting series of cases is beginning to play out across the US relating to the seemingly unfettered access that federal and state game wardens have to private property. At issue are state constitutions which prohibit unreasonable searches without a warrant, which warrants are not supposed to issue without citing probable cause. Notwithstanding these-state based constitutional rights, Supreme Courts in the states of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Tennessee have taken the position that hunting property is not protected property within the meaning of the law. Instead, these states adhere to the "Open Fields" doctrine which allows wildlife officials to enter these lands for searches and other enforcement action without a warrant. This follows the SCOTUS view that the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures only applies to an individual's immediate dwelling and curtilage, not the surrounding land. Curtilage is an arcane term loosely translated as the area directly around a home (i.e. the yard).

Other states like Vermont, Mississippi, Montana, Oregon, Washington and New York have rejected the Open Fields doctrine for state wildlife officials, finding an owner's private land is protected from warrantless searches. So far, I have not found cases in Indiana or Kentucky on point, but will let you know on which side of Open Field they fall when a case arises and is adjudicated.



Turkey Season Treat

By Joyce Cook

TURKEY SEASON JUST ENDED!

Here is a simple, delicious way to cook that big bird you just harvested!

Ingredients: Turkey Breast
Salt/Pepper to taste
1 Large container heavy whipping cream and an equal amount of water



Directions: Preheat oven to 375° Place turkey breast into baking dish (uncovered). Pour equal amounts of whipping cream and water over the turkey. Salt/pepper to taste. Leave uncovered until turkey starts to brown, then cover for remaining time. Baste every 35 minutes while baking. Bake for 2-3 hours or until internal temp reaches 165°. (Will depend on breast size). When turkey is done, thicken the cream mixture to make a gravy! Soooo good!



Father/Daughter Hunt

By Scott Cronin

On Spring Turkey Season's opening morning, my daughter, Addyson Grace Cronin, and I hunted for turkeys together. She had harvested turkeys in the past, but this was her first hunt in the timber resting the gun on her knee versus using a shooting tripod. Anticipation mounted as our first turkey of the morning worked his way nearer. Addyson was unable to get steady on the first gobbler that came in after fly down and turned to me for help. After her permission, the green light for me to harvest the turkey was lit and the nice gobbler soon lay on the ground!

Later after the third set up on a pair of strutting gobblers, Addyson's gun fell steady and she, too, was able to harvest a beautiful gobbler. The hunt had been full of excitement for both of us and I had thoroughly enjoyed *experiencing my daughter experience* a new way of hunting! The bonus was Addyson loved eating turkey nuggets and we had two fresh turkeys!

Harvesting my turkey before my daughter harvested hers was done after much self-deliberation. I have learned that one of the most important factors of hunting with youth is **not** to push them into the sport too much at once; hence, I took the first turkey per her request. When the next gobbler answered our calls, Addyson and her gun were ready! I have watched my daughter develop as a hunter and she is progressing very nicely each year. The time in the field with her is special in so many ways that words will never be able to capture those powerful bonding moments. It is truly an honor and a blessing to experience a successful father/daughter hunt.

KYSCI Matching Funds Project Cloverport NASP Team

By Head Coach Patricia Snyder



Back row: Assistant Coach April Springston, Drayden Blair, Nevaeh Voight, Phillip Taul, Emma Snyder, Kimber Bennett, Joseph Brown, Donovan Black, and Head Coach Patricia Snyder. Front row: Amylah Blair, Aiden Springston, Mary Snyder, Zachery Voight, and Charlie Roach. Not pictured: Lacy Allen

Dear Kentuckiana SCI, thank you so much for working with our archery team again. Our doughnut fundraiser brought in around \$1,300 for a total of \$1,800, the most we have ever made! Our top sellers were Charlie Roach, Donovan Black, Kimber Bennett, and Nevaeh and Zachery Voight. With your generous donation of \$500, we purchased five new targets and new arrows for the team!



I wanted to share with you some of our archers' end of the year awards. Starting from our first tournament to the last, Charley Roach went up a total of 91 points. She received our Most Improvement award. In Elementary, Aiden Springston finished with the highest season average of 216. In Middle School, Emma Snyder and Kimber Bennett both finished with the highest season average of 251. In High School, Lacy Allen finished with the highest season average of 257. Lacy also scored a perfect 50 at the St. James Tournament.

Thank you again, Cloverport Archery Team

KYSCI, Quail Forever & Others Assist KDFWR'S Annie Oakley Range Day Event

By Bob Edwards

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with the assistance of our Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI, Quail Forever, and other area sportsmen will be conducting the annual Annie Oakley Range Day event.

This in-depth instructional event introduces women new to shooting to firearms, archery, crossbows, and fishing. The event is scheduled as follows:

June 18, 2022

**Fern Creek Sportsman's Club
15400 Brush Run Road
Louisville, KY 40291**

<https://app.fw.ky.gov/calendar/Detail.aspx?ID=67001>

Registration is through the KDFWR website above or on the Annie Oakley Range Day Facebook page. Attendance is limited to 55 participants and there is no charge for attending and participating in this event; however, as there will be fishing, participants do need a Kentucky fishing license which is available at the KDFWR website or most places where bait and tackle are sold as well as at most local Walmarts.

Since Kentuckiana SCI began assisting with this event in 2008, over 1,300 ladies have fired over 59,000 rounds of ammo. These women are, or will be, future hunters as well as mothers/supporters of the next generation of hunters and sport shooters. It is our goal to demonstrate to these ladies that shooting is an enjoyable and safe sport.

KYSCI's Pat Riley Published In Safari Magazine

By Alice Monarch

History Revived In Record Book

"One man's hunting legacy is now back in a family's genealogical tapestry."

By Pat Riley, Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI

See Pages 72-73 of the May-June issue of **Safari Magazine**

Pat Riley has authored several articles for our chapter's **Kentuckiana Hunter**, and he recently submitted the above-named article to our newsletter which I felt duty-bound to share with the big book, **Safari Magazine**. I really hated to give up the article but given all the anti's feelings about hunting and all hunting record books, the underlying message was too important not to share with SCI members around the world. When you get your copy of **Safari Magazine**, please read Pat's story and you will understand why he wrote it and why SCI published it so quickly.

Pat has been a Kentuckiana SCI Chapter Member since 2014 when he and his wife, Kathy, transferred to Kentucky from Minnesota. Pat, who has performed multiple management roles with Ford Motor Company over the past 34 years, has a great love for the outdoors and hunting. He earned his BS Degree in Wildlife Management from the University of Wisconsin which was partially paid for with moneys earned from trapping in Minnesota and guiding for Big Game in Colorado out of a hunting and fishing store he owned and operated. He also worked for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and volunteered as a Hunter Safety and Trapping Instructor while in Minnesota.

In the early 1970's, Pat started actively hunting quail and pheasants in Kansas and

Big Game in Minnesota and has since hunted in Canada, Africa, Spain, and 12 US states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas). He has harvested Whitetail Deer, Mule Deer, Javelina, Coyote with a bow and Moose, Antelope, Elk, Wild Boar, Fallow Deer, Red Deer,



Pat Riley Now



Young Pat Riley



Stephen J. Kolcsey's
White Rhinoceros
Taken in South Africa in 1986

Member Detail - Stephen J. Kolcsey

Book Records

Species	Taken	Location	Hunting Company/Guide	MUG	Score	OR	MR
Rocky Mountain Elk (typical)(free range)	09/1984	Wyoming, Badger Mtns.	Bill Hepp / Powder River Out.	R	319"	516	382
Red Deer	02/1985	Texas, Limestone Co.	Sonny Haas / Texotics	R	267"	189	135
European Fallow Deer	02/1985	Texas, Kerr Co.	Sonny Haas / Texotics	R	232"	232	167
Father David Deer	10/1995	Texas, Hondo	Cliff Weeks / 777 Ranch	R	225 4/8"	51	27
European Fallow Deer	08/1986	N.Z., S.I., Mt. Nicholas	Terry Pierson / New Zealand Wildlife Safaris	R	224 6/8"	157	144
Red Deer	06/1983	N.Z., S.I., Mt. Hutt	Terry Pierson / New Zealand Wildlife Safaris	R	208 6/8"	1,053	929
Columbia Black-tailed Deer (typical)	09/1988	B.C., Coast Range	Wesley McEvan / Leo Ouellet	R	163 4/8"	11	8
African Elephant	01/1971	Kenya, Garissa	Mohammed Bashir	R	162	81	79
Sambar (typical)	08/1994	Aust., Qld., Kilcoy	Bill Webster / Kingham Safaris	R	160 5/8"	17	16
Nile Crocodile	08/1987	Zambia, Luangwa Valley	Peter Swanepoel / Kuzuma Safaris	R	13' 4"	80	79

Sampling of Stephen J. Kolcsey's Record Book

Mouflon Sheep, Impala, Kudu, Nyala, Common Springbok, Black Springbok, Bushbuck, Warthog, and numerous small game species with a firearm.

Having earned six SCI Record Book awards (Bushbuck, Springbok, Impala, Iberian Red Deer, Iberian Mouflon Sheep, Eastern Turkey) helped Pat in his quest to learn more about his friend and financial advisor's (Jason Hunsucker's) grandfather's (Stephen J. Kolcsey's) impressive hunting record that he shared with Jason and his family and thus the fascinating above mentioned article.

Pat and Kathy have three grown children (Carolyn, Justen, Jonathon) and three grandchildren, all of whom enjoy the outdoors. When not working or hunting, fishing or camping with his family, Pat likes to write articles about his adventures and he has promised to replace the above referenced article with a new one from his upcoming hunting safari back to Africa this July.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28, 2022 **Deadline for KYSCI Ballot**

See email April 27, 2022 sent by Bob.kysci@gmail.com

June 10-12, 2022 – **KY League of Sportsmen Convention**

Clarion Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky

Contact: Bob Edwards Bob.kysci@gmail.com

June 18, 2022 – **Annie Oakley Range Day Event**

Fern Creek Sportsmen's Club - Registration:

<https://app.fw.ky.gov/calendar/Detail.aspx?ID=67001>

July 16, 2022 – **KYSCI Member/Guest Pig Roast**

Audubon Country Club

R.S.V.P.: Alan Kirschenbaum at alank.kysci@gmail.com

September 3, 2022 – **Chapter Dove Shoot** - Madison, Indiana

Contact: Mike Maddox mmaddox13@icloud.com

February 22-25, 2023 - **SCI Convention**

2023 SCI CONVENTION IS MOVING TO NASHVILLE, TN!

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