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EDITOR’S MESSAGE

Steve Breuning



Here is the second issue of our reformatted Newsletter **Trajectory**. I again want to thank Bob Berndt, my Co-Editor and the rest of our Directors for their backing.

As you read this issue, the ongoing changes being made with **Trajectory** will be obvious and I am sure that you will continue to find them to be as exciting as we do. However, to continue this level of excitement and quality we need your help. We want your hunting stories, we want the stories of your first hunt, and we want your pictures. It is you, our members, who will allow this to happen. We had good support for this issue – please keep it up.

In past editorial endeavors I have had, the number one reason people have told me for their not contributing is a fear that they don't write well enough. I will gladly help and I will call on others to help. Don't be shy, this **will not** be a problem. I guarantee you will have a story you are proud of and a written memory of your hunt.

We are continuing to use ads in **Trajectory**. We want our members to know what each other does and who provides good services. This helps us all. Our pricing on ads remains minimal. Prices are:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Scott O'Farrell

As the Michigan spring Turkey season comes to a close I hope is fellow SCI Detroit members were able to spend some time in the field with friends and family in search of the Illusive Michigan Tom. While I am Speaking of Michigan Turkey hunting, Dan Taylor of Hilde Hunting was kind of enough to share a few of his secrets by having two of his main guides Cody and Tim put on a turkey hunting expo with SCI Detroit members. We spent the evening at Bass Pro Shop enjoying good commodore while listening to solid Michigan turkey hunting tactics. The first class door prize was a Stainless steel Ruger Take down coupled with ammo and was won by SCI Detroit member Luke Schaeck.

I am proud to report that we enjoyed a successful and wonderful fundraiser in February of 2015. This year's event once again was kicked off by the original "Michigan Man" Mike Ridely playing light hearted folk music combined with some comical relief. The star of the show was the one and only Mr. Whitetail Larry Weishuhn. Larry was quick to become friends of many chapter member's and took the time to have a rare open forum sit down amongst members and guests that is still being talked about today. I am pleased to say that Larry is looking forward to returning to next year's event and has looped his good friend Tim Fallon into coming as well. Tim Fallon is the highly regarded sharp shooter relied upon for training of our Military's top snipers. Larry and Tim will surely have something special in mind for us.

I would like to touch on our upcoming events. Currently we have scheduled a .22 rim fire shoot at Detroit's Sportsman's Congress in August. In September we are looking forward to the highly anticipated Oktoberfest. There will be gun raffles, gun bingo and silent auctions available to take home some great stuff.

Regards,

Scott O'Farrell
SCI Detroit President



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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Don Black Receives SCIs Crowning Achievement Award



SCI's prestigious Crowning Achievement Award was recently presented to SCI Director-At-Large and SCI - Detroit Chapter Past President Donald Black by outdoor writer and television personality Craig Boddington during the 43rd Annual SCI World Hunting Awards "Night of the Hunter" dinner at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This green marble obelisk recognizes hunters who fully participate in the SCI World Hunting Awards program and have achieved at least nine SCI Grand Slams, the Fourth Pinnacle of Achievement Award, and not less than fourteen SCI Inner Circles at the Copper level or higher including the Animals of Africa Inner Circle at the Silver level or higher.

Don began hunting small game, upland birds and waterfowl in Michigan with his father, grandfather, uncles and cousins. He has hunted in 16 states of the United States and taken a total of 56 international hunts in 26 countries on all six continents - including 21 European hunts in nine countries, 12 African safaris in eight different countries, three countries of the South Pacific, two countries in Asia and three hunts in Argentina plus Chihuahua and Sonora in Mexico and in Canada where he has hunted 12 times in six provinces and territories. He has hunted 147 species of big game taking 193 trophies, 128 of which qualify for the SCI Record Book, plus numerous species of upland birds, waterfowl and small game.



HUNTING HIGHLIGHTS

13.7 million Hunters age 16 and older
11% of Hunters are Women
(largest percentage ever)

\$33.7 billion spent on hunting
\$14.0 billion spent on equipment
\$10.4 billion spent food, lodging, travel
\$9.3 billion spent on licenses, permits,
leases, magazines, and books

From U.S. Fish & Wildlife and U.S. Census Bureau – 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife Associated Recreation
Revised February 2014 <http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov>

HUNT STORIES

We have three interesting and exciting hunt stories being shared by our members. As you read these hunt stories from your fellow members, please give some serious thought to writing your own story to share with us. We really do want to read it. One question I often get is. "I am not a very good writer and don't know what to do? Please don't let that stop you. The editors of Trajectory will be more than happy to work with you every step of the way. In the meantime, here are some more great hunt stories.

The second part of our Hunt Stories section is devoted to "first hunts". We are very fortunate to have Chuck Bazy describe his first African Safari. As most of you know, Chuck is one of SCI's most accomplished hunters and recognized worldwide for his exploits and achievements

We hope to have at least one article in each issue that tells the story of someone's first hunt. I volunteered to go first along with the exciting first hunt of 19 year old Lauren Gattinger. We now have one from Chuck Bazy.

Please consider submitting this type of story because for most of us, our first hunt does not tell the story of a world record class trophy animal. It might, and if yours does, great for you. But for most of us it most likely deals with humor, learning, and emotion.

So why are stories about hunts that may not describe the extraordinary chase or the world class animal important? They are important because it allows all of us to relive the most important hunt of our life - the hunt that started it all. Chuck Bazy will attest to his smile as he recounted his first Safari.

Editorial Correction: In the Winter 2015 issue we had Lou Ghilardi's story on "Africa in Texas: Grey Ghosts in the State of Texas." We apologize to Lou for accidentally omitting that the record Kudu he shot was a North American Introduced Greater Kudu.

A male Ocellated Turkey is perched on a thick, moss-covered tree trunk in a lush tropical forest. The bird has a blue head with a prominent red wattle and a crest of orange and red feathers. Its body is covered in iridescent blue and green feathers with dark, wavy patterns. The background is filled with green foliage and a large, brown, hole-riddled leaf.

A Yucatan Adventure For Ocellated Turkey

By Edward L. Keller

It was 2009, my hunting season commenced with a trip to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. I had elected to accompany Rick Cassidy, president of the Detroit Chapter of SCl on a turkey hunt. Our quest would be for the ocellated (a griocharis ocellate) turkey, one of the species required in the SCl Awards Program for the Turkey Slam. Needless to say, prior to the introduction of the Turkey Slam in the SCl Awards Program, I had never heard of the ocellated turkey. In fact, I knew of only two types of turkeys – the wild turkey and the butter-ball turkey. The wild turkey I had shot in Michigan, my home state, and in Tennessee and Nebraska. And, of course, I had eaten the butter-ball on many occasions and annually shun from carving it at Thanksgiving.

Although the SCl Awards Program fails to address the butter-ball turkey, it has made me aware of the various species of wild turkeys. I now know that the turkeys collected in Michigan and Tennessee were Eastern Turkeys and that I unknowingly shot the Rio and Merriam species in Nebraska. How do I know? Well, it is not easy to differentiate between some of the species. After not being satisfied with answers from several turkey hunters, I purchased a book "Wild Turkey" written by Gary Clancy, at Cabella's. The book was really helpful. It pointed out where the various species could be found and described the body size and feather variations of the different species. The book did not, however, address the ocellated turkey.

The ocellated turkey is a creature of the jungle. It is a very beautiful bird. It is indigenous of Central America. Although it roosts in trees, it is otherwise very different from other turkey species. It does not have a beard and it does not gobble. It sings. It sings before going to sleep and it sings for a brief period when it awakes. It's tail when spread, displays eyespots of aqua & orange, similar to those of a peacock. Its head is aqua in color and is adorned by wart like bulges of

orange. The body feathers when illuminated by the sun display bright colors of copper, aquamarine and turquoise.

Plans for the Yucatan did not proceed forward without reservations. Not only was it difficult to justify such a trip for a single bird, but the current political situation, as so often happens today, gave rise for some concern. I am sure some of my turkey hunting friends in Michigan wondered who would be the turkey – the hunter or the hunted. This being especially so since the Michigan turkey season was about to commence and turkeys were plentiful everywhere around home. Notwithstanding, the desire to collect an ocellated turkey prevailed.

Our trip from Detroit to Campeche, Mexico, a historic port town, where we spent the night was uneventful. Following a nights rest, we were met by two members of Balam Hunters Expedition and Guide Service, our outfitters. With them we proceeded by vehicle approximately 150 miles south to the town of Escarcego. From Escacego we traveled in a hunting vehicle approximately 50 miles southeast to our hunting camp located in the Reserve De La Biospera de Calakmul near the Guatemala boarder. The last 50 miles proved to be an extremely taxing and time consuming journey. For the most part, we were traveling on what amounted to little more than a path through the jungle.

The jungle area was composed of the jungles of Sian Kam Calakul and the Petens of Guatemala, totaling more than 3,000,000 acres. Our camp was located in an area bordering Guatemala and the Mayan Ruins of Calakmul. The specific area, under control of the Balam organization was 239,000 acres. The jungle, itself was everything I had envisioned a jungle to be as a child. It consisted of dense undergrowth mingled with small clinging and entwining vines; this, occasionally giving way to palm trees bearing

beautiful wide and deep green leaves, all of which, with few exceptions, was canopied by tall trees often adorned by huge swinging type vines. The canopy, however, had some breaks allowing the light and air to penetrate the otherwise dark and humid atmosphere. It was a jungle in the truest sense, almost always requiring the use of a machete to invade. Once one's mind drifted from the purpose



of being there, the heat, humidity, clinging vines, insects and snakes immediately got your attention. On a more pleasant note, there was a constant serenade by the sounds of the many beautiful birds and aroused monkeys which seemed to be claiming exclusive residence. The latter, when angered, did not hesitate to engage in feces throwing, an act that I had heard of but never experienced first hand. In describing the jungle, one would be remiss in failing to mention the arriaras ants which decorate the jungle floor with paths resembling wagon wheel like spokes, the Mayan ruins reminding one of the long past human inhabitants and the zigzag scars of the gum trees evidencing a bygone industry of commercial sap gathering.

The hunting camp was very simple. For cooking and dining, an open sided thatched roof shelter was provided. Tents were provided for sleeping. The tents were relatively new 12 x 12 Coleman tents. The tents were open sided but screened which allowed for full enjoyment of the jungle sounds. The tents were located near a stream which was used for bathing.

The water was about waist deep and very refreshing considering the jungle temperature of between 95 and 100 degrees. The stream was inhabited by small minnows which gathered around you while bathing and small gar pike looking fish. The latter were frequently speared by the Maya help for entertainment and food. Generated light illuminated the camp until after dinner which was generally between 9:30 and 11:30 P.M.

The camp schedule was up at 4:30 A.M. for juice, cereal and coffee prior to the hunting departure at 5:00 A.M. Upon returning from the morning hunt around 10:30 A.M., a breakfast of either scrambled eggs or an egg omelet was served. Until one was successful on their turkey hunt, the mid day was for relaxing, swimming or bathing. The evening hunt commenced at 5:00 P.M. each day. Once successful on collecting a turkey, one could pursue other available game by watching water holes located throughout the jungle. This method produced a nice



white lipped peccary for my hunting companion, "Rick". Aside from ocellated turkey and peccary, the jungle was home to the Crested Guan and Great Curassow as well as to the forest cougar, brocket and white tailed deer and the jaguar, the latter being a protected species.

The traditional way of hunting the ocellated turkey is to locate its roosting place just prior to dark when it commences to sing. Then, in the morning, just prior to the light of day, one returns and locates the

singing bird in the roosting tree. Locating the bird in the tree can be very difficult until one becomes accustomed to the task. On occasion, the bird may be both located and stalked either in the morning or evening. This window of opportunity is very limited due to the brief duration of the singing period. Further, due to the density of the jungle, one's stalk to the roosting tree, often requiring the use of a machete, can be rather noisy and time consuming. Due to the dense underbrush, the ocellated turkey is seldom sighted on the jungle floor. If lucky, one might have an opportunity to observe a feeding or strutting bird on a jungle path or so-called road. On such occasion the bird will most likely be just out of range for a fatal shot.

My hunt commenced with a bang. At a very short distance from camp, our hunting vehicle came to an abrupt stop. Fernando, my guide, who speaks little or no English, motioned for me to exit. Appearing to be extremely excited, he directed me to follow him into the jungle. He then pointed to his ear and then to mine. In what seemed to be seconds, he demonstrated for me to crunch down and follow him. We did not go far before he pointed to a tree where a sound, new to me, seemed to originate. It now appeared that I would have immediate success. Or, so, I thought. Almost crawling, we proceeded to a position under the tree. Fernando then pointed toward the upper bushes of the tree and directed me to shoot. In spite of my utmost efforts, I could see nothing. Fernando then took the gun and pointed. I could still see nothing. Finally, Fernando returned the gun to me and attempted to aim it in the direction of the turkey or the object I could not see. Whether I was supposed to shoot or not, I pulled the trigger and the turkey flew. It did not fly far and I had an opportunity to repeat what would haunt me for the next few days. I again could not locate the turkey and it flew away. I was both disgusted and embarrassed. For sure, Fernando had located this bird the evening

before my hunt and was confident we would have immediate success. It did not help my mental state when our ride to camp failed to show as planned. I had a five to six mile walk with no way to keep the morning experience from occupying my mind. I really felt down and could not help from wondering if the next opportunity would produce the same results.

The evening hunt commenced at 5:00 P.M. After much walking, we located a turkey for the morning hunt. When morning arrived, all went as planned, or almost so. The turkey commenced singing at the first light of day. We stalked within a few yard of the



roosting tree to locate the bird. While trying to locate the turkey, it suddenly flew. I felt both disappointed and relieved. I was disappointed that I didn't get an opportunity to shoot and relieved that my prior

day's experience would not be repeated. Upon return to camp, I learned that both my hunting companion and a hunter from Ohio had been successful. This provided encouragement for day three.

The third day provided no opportunity to shoot a roosting turkey. I did have an opportunity to shoot at a turkey feeding on the road. The shot was at least forty yards and all I collected was a pile of feathers. On the fourth day, I again had an opportunity to



shoot at a Tom strutting on the road. By the time the Tom separated from several females to present a shot, he was forty or so yards away. He was hit but left only feathers as he flew into the jungle. I now began to think that I was going to be the turkey on this hunt, at least so, in the eyes of my Michigan friends. Yes, I began to count the remaining opportunities I

would have to hunt. And, too, I also began preparing myself mentally for an unsuccessful hunt. It didn't help that all others in camp had been successful and that Alberto, the camp manager's assurances that I would be successful seemed to become less convincing. No roosting turkey was located on the morning to the fifth day. We decided to return to camp around 10:30 a.m. When within approximately six miles from camp, a beautiful Tom exited the jungle in front of the vehicle. This time, my shot did some damage. In an attempt to fly, the turkey raised four or five feet from the ground, I shot again. The turkey dropped and lay motionless on the side of the road. Fernando was very excited and began to congratulate me. I too was very happy and relieved. As I searched for my camera, Fernando went to retrieve my turkey. As Fernando approached within a few yards of the turkey, it flopped into the jungle underbrush. Fernando, with the aid of his machete, attempted to follow. After about an hour of searching, no bird was found and we returned to camp. Yes, again no bird, but another story to tell at lunch. While relating the story and the morning events, we noticed Fernando and several of the camp help departing camp in the camp jeep. This was of little concern as errands were always being run between the morning and evening hunts. Further, no mention had ever been made of additional attempts to find my turkey. It was only a brief time after the jeep departed that it returned. All occupants were extremely excited, as Fernando exited the jeep proudly holding my turkey, still alive. Following congratulations and pictures, all jointed in a toast of tequila, not my drink of choice but very good on this occasion. This coupled with Rick's return with a white lipped peccary make for a great morning.

For the evening hunt, I elected to try once more for a turkey the traditional way. This decision was in part due to the fact that no arrangements had been made to hunt other available species. Fernando

and I departed camp at the usual time and began checking for singing. He also wanted to show me a Mayan ruin. On the way, a turkey crossed our path but there was no way to stalk or cut it off due to the thick underbrush. As we approached the ruin, we heard singing and decided to locate source. To our amazement, the turkey was located about one quarter way up the Mayan ruin, a very high and steep earth-work of stone over-grown with huge trees and underbrush. Due to the steepness, the rolling of disturbed rocks and the underbrush, an approach was extremely difficult, especially when carrying a gun. Small steps and long delays, following the creation of disturbing noises, finally positioned us under the turkey tree. This time, I was able to locate the turkey. I shot and the rest was uneventful. The turkey rolled down the ruin and was retrieved by Fernando. He immediately labeled it the Mayan Turkey. Thus, my Yucatan quest for the ocellated turkey ended. And yes, we both plan to return ■



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THE POOR MAN'S SHEEP

By: Robert Berndt

There are a number of unique and unusual animals from around the world that have either become extinct in their native countries, where these countries have become too dangerous to hunt, or where all hunting has been closed due to political decisions. Fortunately, thanks to the great foresight of a few individuals in the last century, a number of these species have been relocated to other locations where they have adapted well to the land and their numbers have flourished and now provide opportunities to hunt them. The most notable location where this has happened is in the State of Texas.



Like the Blue Bull of India, what we call the Nilgai, the Blackbuck and the Axis Deer were also casualties in India. Another is the Pere David Deer that has long been extinct in China, the Sika from parts of Asia and Japan, the Addax and the Barbary Sheep indigenous to the North African Countries such as Libya, Algeria, Chad, and Tunisia being warm weather animals, they have adapted well to the Texas climate.

Hunting these species is done mostly on private ranches throughout the state, however, the Barbary Sheep, or Aoudad, has spread to and flourished in the rugged mountain areas of Western Texas and are truly free range. That is what I wanted. In my effort to search out an opportunity to hunt one of these unusual and unique animals I booked my hunt with an outfitter in the rugged Davis Mountains in Western Texas. They call the Aoudad the 'poor man's sheep' because the cost is a fraction of that to hunt the traditional North American Sheep but, make no mistake, a free range Aoudad is still a physically demanding mountain hunt.

My first stop was to the small town of Balmorhea in West Texas in the foothills of the Davis Mountains where I met my guide Ike and discussed the plan for the next day and what to expect. Ike picked me up in the morning in his off road Jeep and we set out on a rocky nasty two track up into the mountains occasionally stopping and glassing as we went. The Aoudad have really taken to this harsh and dry land which is similar to their preferred landscape in their native land. Aoudad are excellent climbers and their golden color blends in with the natural colors of the terrain. Mature Rams can weigh up to 300 pounds and have long hair from their chins, down their neck, and on the front of their legs [which are called chaps]. Ike told me a ram in these mountains with horns of 25-29 inches is considered a very good trophy while one that exceeds 30 inches is a great trophy.

The terrain in these mountains is rugged with their deep red rock canyons and valleys of Oak, Mesquite brush, and rocks. It is this type of challenging terrain the tough Aoudad prefers to call home. As we searched we had spotted several herds but with their good eyesight they spotted us long before we saw

them and in a cloud of red Texas dust were long gone. These big rams are as wary as any Whitetail I have hunted and if they see you topping out over a ridge they won't stand around for a second look. Although not having any shot opportunities the first day we had a great day despite the dry dusty terrain and the bone jarring maneuvering in the steep rocky hills in the trusty Jeep.

The next morning, although cool, broke bright and sunny. The sunrise over the mountains had a brilliant fiery tint and after catching my breath I told Ike that "Today was the day."



As we were slowly following an old two track Ike spotted the horns of a small group of Aoudad a couple hundred yards off to the left of the trail. Not wanting to spook them, we kept going for about a quarter mile where Ike killed the engine and we rolled to a slow and quiet stop. The plan was to sneak back down the trail where hopefully we would find them still there. Luck was with us. Stopping in the shade of a small tree we could only see the horns of the sheep over the top of the mesquite brush and all three looked very big. Stooping over, Ike motioned for me to do the same and we began a silent duck walk amongst the mesquite branches and prickly pear cactuses that constantly grabbed my shirt sleeves and pants as we worked to close the gap and find an open lane to try and get a shot. We spent the next ten minutes silently stalking the group closing the distance. For some reason I recalled what I was taught by a PH I hunted with in Africa, he told me an old African axiom says, "Get as close as you can, and then get 10 yards close." So silently we

crept to 75 yards without being detected and Ike decided we were as close as we were likely to get and he whispered, "Can you see them?"

“...we had just taken a monster.”

The one we wanted was obscured by the thick brush, I couldn't even tell which way his body was facing. "He is facing right" Ike said, almost as if he was reading my mind. The thick brush actually worked to both our favor, I couldn't see him but he couldn't see me either. Sliding a step to my right for a better view his shoulder was now clear. Ike had brought some shooting sticks to shoot off of and fortunately I had used them often in Africa so I was comfortable settling the rifle on them. Ike had told me at the start of the stalk that the one on the far left was the biggest one and when I got on the sticks I could see that he was still in the same position and that I had a small opening in the brush to take a shot. After this tense pursuit I suddenly realized that now was my chance. I whispered to Ike, "I've got him in the scope." Because Ike was off to my left his view of the sheep was blocked so he responded, "are you sure?" worried that I might take a hasty shot before I had a good sight picture or that I might shoot the wrong one. I said "Yep" as I squeezed the trigger. The sight picture felt good but at the shot all the horns disappeared. Ike didn't say a word but the look on his face said it all, he was sure it was a miss and now I wasn't so sure of the shot either.

We slowly made our way to where they had stood and found tracks in the sandy soil indicating a fast retreat. Studying the tracks we could see that two sets of tracks ran off to the right while one had split off from the group and spun off to the left, a good sign, so we started on the spoor and soon found a couple specks of blood. We had only gone about 50 yards when Ike, thinking we might be facing a long and hot tracking job, told me to stay here at the last blood spot while he went back to the truck to bring it closer and to retrieve some water and lighter clothes as the sun was now getting a lot warmer. I'm sure Ike, even though he didn't say

anything, thought it was a poor shot and now as I was waiting for him to return I began to think that maybe the shot was too far back and began to worry if we would ever recover him.

Ike returned and anticipating a long tracking job looked at me and said, "You ready to go?" Nodding and with a subdued response I said, "let's go". As we rounded the large mesquite bush I had been waiting behind Ike stopped abruptly and began laughing as he pointed down and said, "Bob, there is your ram." All this time it had been lying dead just feet from where I stood worrying about my shot.



As we examined this old ram Ike told me that we had just taken a monster. The old ram with his massive 34 inch horns was enormous and with scars on his face indicated he was a fighter. The long golden chaps on his throat and forelegs were beautiful, truly a unique and handsome animal.

Editor's Note: We want to thank Bob for sharing this story from his latest book – *'Worldwide Hunting Adventures –Memories of the Hunt'* ■

By Dennis Bzowka



Colorado Mule Deer

In September of 2014 I was fortunate to harvest this beautiful 160 inch Mule deer in Velvet outside of Hayden, Colorado. This was through Colorado's RANCHING FOR WILDLIFE program.

The RANCHING FOR WILDLIFE program is set up to let ranchers & farmers open up private lands to hunting. As cattle & sheep are moved to different fields the antelope, mule deer & elk move into the area to feed from Aug. to Dec. The wild game migration may cover over 100 miles & each rancher can lease the hunting rights as the animals are on their lands. There is no set season so the state only wants a lower quota to be harvested. This is a much better system than buying a license to try to harvest an animal during a short state/federal land season. Also, the private ranchers are not over harvested & have larger trophy animals.

Under this program, land owners get a set number of harvest permits & they guide hunters with licenses from September through December. Any legal method of hunt is generally available as an option. The guiding service I used was booked three years ahead but had one opening in early September if I started my hunt while the deer are still in late velvet. I was very lucky since I attempted to book my hunt only three months in advance.

I was the first hunter guided on 40,000 acres of hay fields to wooded hill sides up to a 3000 feet elevation. The first day we drove the open roads in a pickup for six hours. In this time we saw 200 antelope up to 13/ 14 inch horns and 300 mule deer with a 8 bucks over 150 inch antlers. What an awesome day.

At first light on the 2nd day the outfitter spotted one of the largest Mule deer 200 yards away but moving away from us. He quickly drove the truck out of site and we made a stalk on the deer. We got within 275 yards of the deer and I was told to take a shot if the deer came into the open. I did but the shot was low and missed the heart. The animal bucked, jumped a low cattle fence, and laid down. We moved in but could only see the 28 inch antlers above the dry grass. We waited till the deer moved slowly downhill to an open area. Our persistence paid off and I made a killing shot at 150 yards using a 300 Remington Ultra Mag.



Getting Started:

MY FIRST SAFARI

By Charles “Chuck” Bazzy

The most common question asked to an experienced hunter is "how did you get started?" Coming from a lower middle class family in an ethnic area of South Dearborn, I could hardly account for the lifetime adventures that awaited me in the future. I remember that I happened to find several books in the Salina School written by some of the early African hunters and explorers. After reading these books my spirit of adventure was unleashed. I knew I had to get to Africa to experience some of the adventures that were described in these books.

Reading one of the outdoor magazines I found the name of a professional hunter in Tanganyika, C.W. Palmer Wilson. I corresponded with him, described my desire and financial situation. Apparently he took a liking to me and offered me the opportunity to hunt on safari for \$100 per day, which was still a lot of money for me, but I could not refuse this opportunity. So, in late December, my excitement continuing to escalate, I left Detroit for my first safari. I was in a Lockheed Constellation and it was a 12 hour flight from Detroit to Paris, followed by a 12 hour flight from Paris to Nairobi, Kenya.

I arrived in Nairobi and spent the night at the famous New Stanley Hotel. The Mau Mau rebellion was in full force and the entire country was armed and on alert, which I must admit caused me some concern. However, the next day, I was in a Douglas DC-3 on my way to Tanga, Tanganyika. Upon descending from the aircraft, I was met by my professional hunter, C.W. Palmer Wilson, a man with a wide safari brim hat and a captivating smile I have never forgotten. My excitement was incredible as he approached me and I heard the words "Chuck Bazy I presume?" "I am Clary Palmer Wilson." A lifetime of friendship was bonded at that moment. Clary explained that he had been able to cut costs (and luxuries) to make my first safari more affordable for me. Our hunting car was a mini panel truck we named "The "Blue Goose."

I had with me on this safari a 1917 Enfeld 30-06 which was re-chambered to a .300 Weatherby by my friend Roy Weatherby. The rifle's stock was homemade and included a 4 power scope. I also had a big bore rifle which also was a 1917 Enfeld. This one was re-barreled by Ackley to a .450 Ackley Magnum, again with a homemade stock. The cartridge was a killer at both ends, shooting a 500 grain bullet at 2,400 f.p.s. with a muzzle energy of 6,800 pounds. I had hand loaded all the cartridges.

After an eight hour drive, we arrived at the banks of the Pangani River where we had to cross in a hollowed out dugout canoe. Our camp consisted of two sleeping tents and a dining tent. After a breakfast of oatmeal with some red ants floating in the bowl, we set off on our first day of safari. Cruising the plains not far from our camp, we encountered a herd of Fringe Eared Oryx. Locating a nice bull, I shot it at about 300 yards with my .300 Weatherby Magnum. That evening we had filet of Oryx for dinner.



The next few days were spent scouring the adjacent plains for game. We were fortunate to see a herd of Grant's Gazelles with several good males. Descending from the truck, I shot two males with horns over 28 inches. The next day we encountered another herd of gazelles and I shot another very good

male. We also encountered some Waterbuck and I was able to shoot a marvelous buck.

The safari was going very well and we decided to hunt another area with a lot of thick brush to look for other game. It had been a long, hot afternoon. While driving back to camp, Clary suddenly slammed the Blue Goose to a halt and pointed to some heavy bushes. He whispered, "There is a good Lesser Kudu, shoot it." I couldn't see it standing in the shadows. Fortunately, the Kudu twitched its ear and I finally saw it. I put the crosshairs of the scope on its chest and squeezed the trigger. It dropped immediately. The kudu had horns measuring 32 inches, eventually scoring very high in the SCI Record Book.



In the following days, we searched the area for Cape Buffalos and Eland, but did not see any spoor or other signs. We did see Zebra and I shot one for the hide. That evening we tried some of the roast Zebra, it had a yellowish fat, tough texture, and was difficult to chew. However, the camp boys devoured it and smoked some meat to take home.

One evening in camp Clary said, "Ok, it's time to turn you into a big game hunter." "Tomorrow we go elephant hunting!" We moved the camp to an area with some heavy brush and three small hills, excellent habitat for the elephants. The next few mornings were spent atop the hills glassing the elephant. On the fourth morning, while glassing, Clary said, "There's a decent bull, not very big ivory, but we are running out of time. We better go get him." We scrambled down the hill and Masela our tracker picked up the spoor. We tracked the bull elephant for about three hours and it finally stopped under a large Acacia tree to rest. We carefully approached the bull down wind to about 30 yards. Clary whispered, "Take a heart shot to make sure you kill it." I was instructed previously on both brain and heart shots on an elephant. I put the front sight bead on the lower third of the body behind the front leg and fired. The 500 grain Barnes solid did its job. The elephant lurched forward for about 50 yards and went down. Clary slapped me on the back and said, "Good job lad."

It took the boys about three hours to remove the 30 pound tusks, tail, front feet and ears. Not the biggest ivory, but still the first of many more elephants that I would shoot in future years. The tail would provide hair for elephant hair bracelets, front feet for stools, and the ears for leather for making brief cases and purses. There was so much celebrating in camp that night because there would be several tons of meat, most of which would be smoked, taken home for food, or sold locally.

We only had a few days left, but due to a drought, we could not locate any Cape Buffalos. On the last day of the Safari, I sat on the banks of the Pangani River staring up at the blue sky partly covered by pure white clouds. My thoughts were reliving my adventure and it was now drawing down to a conclusion. At age 23, I lived my lifetime adventure. "The spark was lit." I knew I would have to get back to Africa

again, but how? Packing up the camp and loading the car was a very sad experience for both Clary and me. We knew we had become lifelong friends in just a couple of weeks.

We began silently driving down the road to Tanga. About an hour out of camp Clary slammed on the breaks and said, "Rhino spoor, get your big rifle." I loaded up the big .450 Ackley Magnum and Masela took up the track.

We tracked for about 30 minutes and found the Black Rhino bull lying down sound asleep under an Acacia bush with Ox Peckers on its back feeding on ticks. Clary whispered, "Shoot it in the heart." I replied, "I am not shooting a sleeping Rhino!" Again, Clary insisted I shoot, again I refused.

I suggested that we make some noise and awaken the Rhino so I could shoot it. Clary reluctantly agreed. He shouted, and the Rhino did not move. I whistled loudly and the Ox Peckers flew from the Rhino's back. Simultaneously, the Rhino jumped to its feet and I shot it directly in the heart. It had a 20 inch front horn and an eight inch rear horn. A very good trophy.

Time was now of the essence as we had to get back to Tanga to catch the plane to Nairobi. Masela and the boys were left behind to collect the Rhino cape, horns, and feet. While driving the last few miles Clary said, "Chuck, you would make a good professional hunter. You know your game animals and have a natural instinct." "Why don't you become my booking agent, bring clients and I will work and teach you the safari business." This was all I needed to hear. The rest is history and again proved the old Arab proverb: "Those who drink the water of Africa shall return to drink again." Since this trip, I have returned to drink the water more than 70 times.

Editors Comment. If you like reading about African hunting, we are fortunate that Chuck has written a wonderful book about his trips. It is: "Sun Over The Dark Continent" published by Safari Press, Inc. as #65 in their African Series. Only 1,000 copies were printed and are almost sold out. If you are interested in a copy please contact Ray Hollingsworth. You can reach him at ray@scidetroit.com ■





Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Michigan records safest hunting season with no fatal incidents in 2014

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Feb. 19, 2015

For the first time, Michigan recorded no fatalities during all hunting seasons in 2014, according to reports compiled by the Department of Natural Resources' Law Enforcement Division. Ten incidents involving injuries were recorded in the state – nine in the Lower Peninsula and one in the Upper Peninsula.

"We had 10 incidents reported for 2014, which ties with last year for the fewest number of reportable hunting incidents since Michigan started tracking them in the 1940s," said Sgt. Tom Wanless of the DNR's Recreational Safety, Education and Enforcement Section.

"What makes 2014 the safest on record is that for the first time we had no fatalities," Wanless added. "Michigan's hunter education program, and the dedicated volunteer instructors who are the backbone of it, is a big reason we have been experiencing a low number of hunting incidents."

With more than 729,000 base licenses sold in 2014, Michigan's hunting injury/fatality rate per license is .001 percent. The base license is required to purchase any hunting license.

Of the 10 incidents reported in 2014, four involved small game hunters, two involved waterfowl hunters and four involved deer hunters. One of the deer hunting incidents occurred during the early antlerless season in September and one was in December's late antlerless season. Two incidents were reported during the firearm deer hunting season from Nov. 15-30. One incident took place Nov. 20 in Osceola County, while the other happened Nov. 25 in Oakland County at Bald Mountain Recreation Area.

Information on the hunting incidents recorded in 2014 and so far in 2015 can be found online at www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers under Law Enforcement Reports.



Proper instruction from an early age is a big part of keeping hunters safe in the woods and ensuring an enjoyable outdoor experience.



Michigan's dedicated volunteer instructors share their wealth of hunting experience and safety tips with new hunters every year, contributing to the state's reduced number of hunting incidents.

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MEMBERS PHOTOS

Mike Wills Lesser, Kudu



Karen Meldrum, Greater Kudu



Chas Arnold, Turkey



Cody Dickerson, Turkey



14 Year Old Nate Beaudet, Whitetail



**12 Year Old Joshua Brenner,
Monster Squirrel**





LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER WILDLIFE NEWS

By Joe Konwinski

DC FEDERAL JUDGE RETURNED WGL WOLVES TO ENDANGERED STATUS:

On 12-19-14 a Washington DC federal judge in response to a lawsuit filed by HSUS returned the wolves of the western Great Lakes to the Endangered Species List on the basis that the USFWS lacked the authority to delist any population segment smaller than the species as a whole of the entire lower 48 states.

- This ruling suspends Michigan's lethal wolf control laws and permits.

12-19-14 CONGRESS APPROVED THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 CONSOLIDATED AND FURTHERING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT:

- Stops the Obama administration's efforts to intimidate financial institutions serving ammunition and firearms dealers.
- Prohibits funds for the IRS to target groups for scrutiny based on their political beliefs.
- Prevents any federal agency from regulating the lead content of ammunition and fishing tackle.
- Prevents any government entity from spending taxpayer dollars on programs to advocate or promote gun control.
- Prevents funds from being used by the Obama administration to implement the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

12-24-14 RESULTS OF 2014 MICHIGAN ELK SEASONS WERE REPORTED:

Elk Harvested

Season	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Total
Early (August & September)	13	23	1	37
Late (December)	14	27	0	41
Total	27	50	1	78

LATE 2014 LOUISIANA APPROVED USE OF GUN NOISE SUPPRESSORS IN THE PURSUIT OF ALL GAME.

EARLY JANUARY 2015 MDNR, QDMA AND PHEASANTS FOREVER AGREED TO FUND A NEW WILDLIFE COOPERATIVE COORDINATOR POSITION AT MUCC:

To assist in creating, implementing, and maintaining wildlife cooperatives throughout Michigan to create, maintain and improve wildlife habitat.

- The new coordinator is Anna Mitterling who recently was a recipient of an MIC grad grant while working on her graduate thesis at Michigan State University that showed Michigan deer hunters in QDM cooperatives enjoy higher hunting satisfaction.

01-15-15 MICHIGAN GOVERNOR VETOED SB789 THE CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSING REFORM BILL.

01-16-15 ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ON HIS LAST DAY IN OFFICE VETOED A BOBCAT HUNTING BILL.

02-09-15 MDARD (MICHIGAN DEPT OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MDNR ANNOUNCED 2 POSITIVE CASES OF TB IN FREE RANGING DEER IN PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY IN NE LOWER MICHIGAN:

- Requires testing by MDARD for TB in cattle and bison herds within a 10 mile radius of the location of a confirmed infected deer for the next 6 months.
- The 10 mile radius of one of the confirmed infected deer locations reaches into neighboring Cheboygan County.

02-17-15 MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 34, SENATE BILL 35 AND THE "AIR GUN RECLASSIFICATION PACKAGE ALL PASSED THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE HOUSE FLOOR FOR A VOTE:

- SB 34 and SB 35 are comprehensive concealed pistol licensing reforms which seek to create a more efficient, expedient and uniform pistol licensing process for all statutorily eligible Michiganders. These two bills are replicas of last sessions Senate Bills 789 and 790 which passed the legislature with bipartisan support but unfortunately fell victim to misinformation spread by out-of-state gun control organizations resulting in a veto by Governor Snyder.

- The "Air Gun Reclassification Package" consists of House Bills 4151, 4152, 4153, 4154, 4155 and 4156. This important legislative package seeks to achieve practical and much-needed reform by redefining the term "firearm" in the Michigan Code to exclude devices that propel a projectile by gas, spring or air. The goal of this package is to relieve Michiganders and those seeking to engage in interstate commerce with Michigan residents, from outdated and unduly burdensome restraints on the transfer, purchase and possession of most air guns.

02-19-15 MICHIGAN RECORDS SAFEST HUNTING SEASON WITH NO FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 2014:

- For the first time, Michigan recorded no fatalities during all hunting seasons in 2014, according to reports compiled by the MDNR Law enforcement division. Ten incidents involving injuries were recorded in the state - nine in the Lower Peninsula and one in the Upper Peninsula, but none resulted in a fatality.

03-01-15 MICHIGAN DNR APPEALED THE FEDERAL COURT'S DECEMBER 2014 DECISION THAT RETURNED WOLVES IN MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN TO THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST AND WOLVES IN MINNESOTA TO THE FEDERAL THREATENED SPECIES STATUS:

- Michigan joined the USFWS and a number of hunting and conservation organizations in appealing the ruling.
- The legal appeal process may last as long as five years
- A parallel legislative solution for Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota wolves (Western Great Lakes Population) is being pursued through Congress that would return wolf management in these three states to the affected states as has been successfully accomplished for Idaho and Montana wolves (Rocky Mountain Population).

03-04-15 MICHIGAN GOVERNOR SNYDER SIGNED CPL REFORM BILLS INTO LAW:

- Objective is to create a more efficient, expedient and uniform concealed pistol licensing process for all eligible Michiganders.
- Eliminates the county concealed weapons licensing boards and the discretionary authority of those boards.

03-17-15 MICHIGAN DNR COMPLETED LATEST MOOSE POPULATION SURVEY:

- The 2015 population estimate in the western U.P. is 323 moose, compared to an estimate of 451 moose in 2013. Survey records show a decrease in the number of moose calves seen with cows this year.
- Future surveys will be needed to identify any long term trend for Michigan's moose population. Other states and provinces have reported declines in moose populations near the southern edge of North America's moose range.
- The next Michigan moose population survey is planned for early 2017. However, given recent moose population trends, the MDNR will again recommend to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission that there be no moose hunt in Michigan in 2015 or 2016.



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Rabbit Marsala

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Preparation

Ingredients

- 6 rabbits
- 1 Large Onion
- 2 carrots
- 1/3 bunch celery
- 8 garlic cloves
- 1/2 oz peppercorns, whole
- 1 bunch thyme
- 1 bottles Marsala
- Rabbit stock

First, butcher rabbits, Separate the front legs, hind legs, and loins. Loins may be a little difficult to remove from the carcass, but they do not braise well! Save them for sautéing or try curing them into saucisson. Roast the bones, then cover with cold water, and simmer for 2 hours. Use this stock to make the marsala reduction.

Season the rabbits with salt and pepper and sear in a large braising pan, keeping the front legs separated from the hind legs. The extreme difference in size means they cook at different speeds. You can either use two braising pans, or sear the legs then move them to two deep baking dishes. Deglaze the pan with marsala, then add the rest of the ingredients and enough stock to cover. Bring the pot to a simmer. Cover the braise and move it to the oven and cook at 350 until the rabbit is tender. The small front legs will take 1.5-2 hours and the hind legs will take 2.5-4 hours.

When the rabbit is finished, uncover the pan and move it to a sink filled with ice water. You want to cool the braise down quickly. The ice water surrounding the hot pot in the sink will accomplish this. When the braise has cooled, move it to a refrigerator and let it cool completely. This seems like a long, time consuming process but I PROMISE IT IS WORTH IT! This step results in a much juicier, better tasting ending product!

Next, remove the meat from the cooled braising liquid and set aside. Strain the braising liquid into a sauce pan. Reduce the liquid until it is well flavored and thickened. You may use a cornstarch and water slurry to thicken the sauce at this point if you wish. Whisk in a few tablespoons of butter and a squeeze of lemon to finish the sauce. Add the rabbit to the sauce to warm.

Serve with classic mashed potatoes, roasted root vegetables, or of course hand made pasta or gnocchi.



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Center: **Victoria Connolly**

The passion for great food and wine mixed with warm hospitality and friendly service are the cornerstones for the Victoria's Team. Opened in 1991 our European inspired bistro may be small, but our flavors are BIG. We use local and seasonal ingredients unique preparations combined with herbs and spices for dishes packed with flavor.

Victoria spent three years as the Executive Chef at Hunter's Ridge Hunt Club overseeing their food service. "The years I spent at the hunt club really expanded my culinary experience with wild game." Pheasant, venison, wild boar, and rabbit often find their way onto some of the special featured dishes at the Bistro. Victoria's also caters several Wild Game dinners throughout the year.

Victoria's expanded with a second location in Rochester in 2013. "We outgrew the kitchen in Oxford, and wanted to mature in a new area where the public was just as passionate about food as I am" explained Victoria. The Reserve is a "working kitchen" where wine dinners, cooking classes, theme events, and private parties are held. Look for our "Michigan Great Outdoors" Cooking class held each September. We have included the recipe for Venison Oscar, a great recipe using spring asparagus.

For more information about Victoria's check out our website at www.victoriasdelights.com or check out our Facebook page. We would love to meet you! Come visit us next time you are in Oxford, we are located in heart of the historic downtown district at 12 S. Washington Oxford MI 48371. (248) 969-3477.

Victoria's

WINE AND DINE



Venison Oscar

(Serves 8)



For the crab cakes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ½ lb crab meat
- ¼ cup mayo (approximately)
- 1 ½ tsp yellow mustard
- 2 TBS Old Bay Seasoning
- 3 TBS chopped fresh parsley
- 4 scallions, green part only, chopped
- 2 oz diced red pepper
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups bread crumbs
- ½ C Bisquick
- 1 TBS unsalted butter
- 1 TBS vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl mix together crab, bread crumbs, eggs, ¾ of the mayo, and yellow mustard. Add scallions, parsley, pepper, and Seasoning. If mixture is too dry and will not hold together add remaining mayo and a bit more if needed. Shape into patties. Heat butter and oil in a large skillet until hot and lightly smoking. Add crab cakes and cook until golden, about 5 minutes on each side.

For the Hollandaise

INGREDIENTS

- 6 large egg yolks
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 sticks (one cup) unsalted butter melted and kept warm

DIRECTIONS

In a blender or food processor, blend the egg yolks, 3 tablespoons of the lemon juice, and the salt and pepper until the mixture is well combined. Add more lemon juice if desired. With the machine running, slowly pour in the hot butter through the top or feed tube and blend until the sauce is thickened. Serve warm.

For the Backstraps

INGREDIENTS

- 2 venison backstraps
- sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
- Worcestershire sauce (1/2 cup)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic chopped

DIRECTIONS

Mix the Worcestershire sauce olive oil and garlic until combined. Set a small amount aside for basting. Add backstraps making sure to coat on all sides. Let marinade a minimum of 2 hours. I like to marinade in Zip lock bags forcing the air out of the bag, this helps the marinade penetrate the meat. Season the meat with salt and pepper and cook on a hot grill. directly over the heat turning so all sides are grilled. Turning about every 2-3 minutes. We like venison cooked to medium rare 145F on a meat thermometer. Basting with them small amount of marinade set aside will help keep the backstraps moist. You never want to baste with marinade that contained the raw meat. Remove from the grill, tent with foil and let rest before slicing into 1 inch medallions.

For the Oscar

32 Asparagus Spears, blanched and steamed, broiled, or cooked on the grill

Fan three backstrap medallions on a heated plate, top with 4 asparagus spears, one pan-seared crab cake, drizzle with Hollandaise sauce.

I hope you enjoy this as much as our guests do, if you have any questions about this recipe please email me at victoriasbistro@comcast.net. We hope to introduce you to our charming bistro soon!

DECEMBER 5, 2014 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

by Joe Konwinski

On December 5, 2014 the SCI Detroit Chapter hosted a general membership meeting at the Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center. The event began with a social cocktail hour that was then followed by a delicious buffet dinner. When the thirty some attendees had finished their dinner, Joe Konwinski visited each table and asked for recent hunting experiences to be shared with all in attendance. Several persons took advantage of this opportunity to describe some interesting experiences and were rewarded with applause.

Then Joe Konwinski introduced Dr. Dwayne Etter, a research biologist with the Michigan DNR, as the featured speaker for the evening. Dr. Etter has recently been leading the research in Michigan on feral swine (free ranging wild pigs), snowshoe hares and southern Michigan black bears so that is what he spoke about. Dr. Etter showed various slides of field work for each research project including traps for capturing feral swine and black bears and GPS collars used to track and record movements of the target animals after they have been trapped and collared. Following is a synopsis of Dr. Etter's remarks on each topic.

FERAL SWINE RESEARCH PROJECT

Feral swine pose significant threats to habitat, wildlife, human health and the agricultural industry in Michigan. They are smart cunning animals that occur in at least 76 of the 83 counties in Michigan. They are opportunistic omnivores consuming almost any organic material. Feral swine are reservoirs for 30+ viral and bacterial diseases and 35+ known parasites that can affect humans, livestock, and wildlife. They are likely the most prolific large mammal on earth because they reach sexual maturity in a matter of only a few months, have large litters several times a year, and the young have high natural survival rates. If Michigan is to have any chance to locally control/eradicate feral swine, swift action must be taken using all the available control techniques.

The goals of the multi-year feral swine research project in Michigan are to quantify feral swine space and resource use, to quantify feral swine disease status and disease transmission, and to develop effective feral swine lethal removal techniques and strategies. The ultimate goal is to eradicate this invasive species in order to protect Michigan's natural resources for future generations.

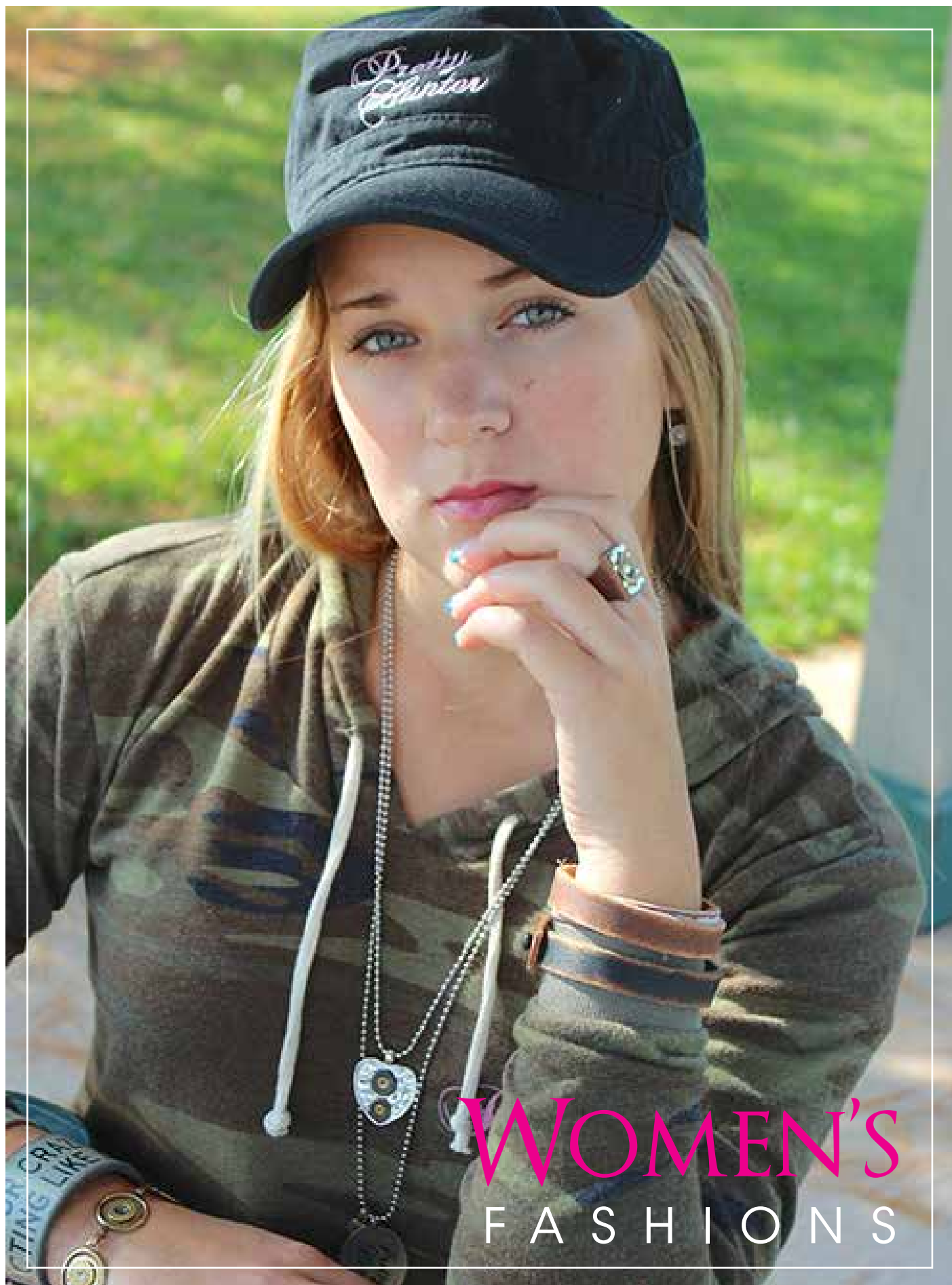
SNOWSHOE HARE DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE RESEARCH PROJECT

Snowshoe hare hunting used to be very popular winter sport. However, in the past 2-3 decades the prevalence of snowshoe hares in northern Lower Michigan has noticeably decreased. This two year study was undertaken to understand the reasons for the decrease in Michigan snowshoe hare distribution and abundance. This project was essentially done by MSU graduate student David Burt who completed his thesis on this project in 2014 and was awarded a MS Degree from Michigan State University. Key findings of this project are: 1) snow track surveys, if correctly configured, can accurately estimate hare occupancy in a specific site, 2) maximum temperature from May 15 - January 19 and the number of days without snow on the ground best explain the probability of hare extinction at a specific site and 3) visual obstruction to 2-3m above the ground (thick stands of young conifers/cedars) enhance the probability for hares at a specific site.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BEAR RESEARCH PROJECT

This five year study was completed in 2014. The purpose of the study was to understand the key characteristics of the travel corridors used by bears in Southern Michigan. During this study, eighteen bears were captured, and then they were equipped with GPS collars to constantly track and report their travels. Analysis of the GPS data indicates that bears in southern Michigan selected wetlands and forested habitats for their travel corridors while avoiding agriculture and roads. Preliminary results suggest that significant range expansion by bear into southern Michigan may be unlikely.





WOMEN'S FASHIONS

Pretty Hunter

Stay Pretty & Hunt On!

In the last issue of Trajectory (Winter, 2015) we kicked off our new section Women's Fashions with a review of Girls with Guns Clothing and their emphasis on Be Feminine, Be Fierce.

We follow this with a local company and good supporter of SCI Detroit, the "Pretty Hunter," where their slogan beautifully follows Be Feminine – Be Fierce with Stay Pretty & Hunt On!

Pretty Hunter began in March 2013, when owner Tricia Kay Croney, decided she wanted to recognize and experience the strength and liberty women gain from the outdoors while simultaneously celebrating the beauty of being a woman. Pretty Hunter is a brand inspired by great outdoors women of the past such as Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane, pioneer women who were not afraid to put a skirt on with their boots! We hope to share this with all women.

Tricia tells us, "In my late teens I had the opportunity to get outside and experience whitetail & elk hunting in northern Michigan. As life trekked on I got away from the great outdoors, pursued a college education, and started a business & a family. Then in 2012, I began feeling a desire, the overwhelming desire to get back outside -- not only for myself but for my three beautiful children. Momma wanted to redirect the ship, the expectations of suburbia living began suffocating me.

I was fortunate to be surrounded by women that encouraged and inspired the creation of Pretty Hunter, without them I wouldn't have gotten outside that year to get my first turkey, shot sporting clays, and do some fishing with my kids. Thank you fellow Pretty Hunters! "

Pretty Hunter takes its name seriously - **Pretty Hunter** - (noun) Adventure seeker. Soul Liberator. Pretty Hunter wants to invite all women who love to get outdoors and love being a woman to join them in hunting, shooting, and feeling the outdoors while maintaining and celebrating the beauties of being a woman!

Pretty Hunter is extremely proud of all their handcrafted products as they consistently and exclusively use genuine cut spent rounds in their designs, as well as genuine Swarovski Crystal. All products are field tested are guaranteed to spark an adventure and liberate the spirit!

Some of their most popular products are displayed with this article. For a complete look at their catalog, lists of upcoming events, or if you have any questions visit the Pretty Hunter at www.prettyhunter.com and www.facebook.com/StayPrettyHuntOn?ref=hl.





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- **To accept my responsibility to provide all possible assistance to game law enforcement officers.**
- **To waste no opportunity to teach young people the full meaning of this code of ethics.**
- **To reflect in word and behavior only credit upon the fraternity of sportsmen, and to demonstrate abiding respect for game, habitat and property where I'm privileged to hunt.**



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SCI DETROIT CHAPTER

By-Law Amendments Adopted

Pursuant to the requirements of the SCI-Detroit Chapter By-Laws, the By-Laws Committee hereby publishes the By-Law Amendment adopted by the SCI-Detroit Chapter Board of Directors at its meetings on June 25, 2015.

The complete SCI-Detroit Chapter By-Laws, as last amended, are posted to the SCI-Detroit Chapter website (www.scidetroit.com).

Amend the third paragraph of Article IV, Section 2 entitled Membership Qualifications by adding the following sentence:

"Presidential Membership shall be conferred automatically at the conclusion of the President's term in office unless the Board of Directors shall have determined that such person's service as Chapter President was less than honorable."

To read in its entirety as follows:

"A person to be eligible as a Presidential Member shall have served not less than one (1) term as President of Safari Club International-Detroit Chapter. Presidential Membership shall be conferred automatically at the conclusion of the President's term in office unless the Board of Directors shall have determined that such person's service as Chapter President was less than honorable. Presidential Members shall be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments established by the Board of Directors."

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