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President's Message - Mark Wehinger

Central Ohio

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Dear friends and fellow hunters,

Much has happened since our last news letter. I hope all of our turkey hunters had a successful spring and everyone is enjoying our great outdoors. Our annual Sportsman's Banquet at the Aladdin Shrine

was very successful and I just wanted to thank all of our chapter members who so generously donated their time, effort and support. The money raised at our Banquets help support our many charitable causes. (see page 5) And finally, our chapter board and banquet committees are busy preparing for next years banquet, which is scheduled for January 31, 2009. Mark that date on your calendar as it's sure to be another very exciting evening. BEST WISHES to everyone...Enjoy your summer.

Mark



June 7th Sporting Clay's Report: By: 7 Simovart (see photos page 15)

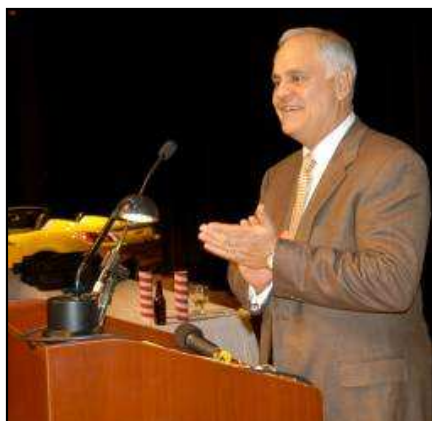


Thank you to everyone that attended the 2008 Annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Mad River Sportsman's Club in Zanesfield, Ohio. The shoot was great fun, and raised about \$400 for the **Central Ohio Chapter SCI**.

The scoring system was Lewis Class with the winners being the highest score in each class, along with the highest score on the most difficult station and the overall lowest score. We won't disclose the name of that shooter! The high score of the day was 92 out of 100 shot by **Ken Berger**. WOW! Special thanks to Ken, as he has supported our Chapter for years helping us obtain those much sought after and difficult to get firearms that make our raffles exciting at the Banquet each year.

Thank you again for all those attending!

17th Annual Sportsmans Banquet: ...a BIG SUCCESS!



More than 500 members & friends attended the 2008 Sportsman’s Banquet on February 2nd ...

Argentina Hunt Report- By: Mark Wehinger

WHERE: Argentina **When:** December 2007 **Professional Hunter:** Roberto

Outfitter: South American Adventure Safaris **Booked Through:** Marcello Sodiro—SCI
(Outstanding International Professional Hunter)

Animals Taken: Water Buffalo (2), Brown Brocket Deer, Collared Peccary, Capibara, Mouflon Ram,
Axis Deer, Russian Boar (2), Puma

This is a great group of people who could not have treated me any nicer. They have a beautiful lodge, and their staff bent over backwards to make me feel at home. Roberto was an excellent PH who did a great job, and was a great trophy judge. The quality of game was great, and hunting with this company was an experience of a lifetime.



“Thank You” to All of Our Supporting Vendors...



Central Ohio Chapter Funding

Highlighted Projects & Events - 1991 –2008

- 1. SCI-Foundation youth Drive**
- 2. American leadership Wilderness School**
- 3. Hunter Apprentice programs ... Indianhead Ranch**
- 4. NATIONAL ARCHERY IN SCHOOLS**
- 5. Central Crossing High School NJROTC Rifle Team**
- 6. Ruffed Grouse Society**
- 7. National Wild Turkey Federation**
- 8. International Wildlife Museum**
- 9. Youth Hunts**
- 10. ODNR—Division of Wildlife**
- 11. U.S. Sportsman's Alliance**
- 12. Salvation Army**
- 13. Gabon Medical Supplies (Delivered to Africa)**
- 14. Wheelin' Sports-Disabled Hunters**
- 15. Hurricane Katrina Animal Rescue**
- 16. SCI National**
- 17. Ohio Dove Hunting Initiative**
- 18. Sportsman Against Hunger**
- 19. Numerous Animal & Habitat Research Programs**

Total Disbursement thru End of 2007 \$318,231

“Thank you” all that helped make this happen!



RECENT DONATIONS: Central Ohio Chapter has recently donated \$780 to the Sables. The money goes to purchase one “safari in a box”. And will be given to a teacher who has successfully completed the Wilderness Training Program. We congratulate all of the teachers and the Sables for sponsoring and attending SCI’s Wilderness Training Program.

**(Safari in a Box is a K-12 education kit designed to introduce youth to important concepts of habitat, & wildlife management.)*

The Central Ohio Chapter has also donated \$500 to the Alaska Chapter which is fighting to keep the US Government out of how the individual states manage their predator population. We wish them luck in defeating more useless legislation our friends in Washington are trying to ram down our throats. Once again these very important donations are made possible by our generous chapter members who support our *Sportsman's Banquet*. Thanks again...YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN!

CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER, SCI—PHOTO GALLERY



Top Row: (L-R) **Page Mays**/ Ohio Turkey
Zanesfield, Ohio

Page Mays / Texas Whitetail
777 Ranch, Texas

Tommy Moore / Whitetail
In Ohio

Center Row: **Brendon Conrad** /Javelina
w/ Grandpa Werner / Arizona

Werner Schmiesing Blacktail Jackrabbit
Tucson, Arizona

Mark Wehinger / Cape Buffalo
...Zimbabwe

Bottom Row: **Brendon Conrad** / Saugeye
Lake Loramie

Werner Schmiesing/ Spanish Mackerel
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Joe Mesenburg/ Zimbabwe Zebra
Texas

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Tom Moore Central Ohio Chapter Member, and **Master Measurer SCI**

*Call us for your trophy tags if you are going overseas next summer or fall.



Hunt Report By: Reno Carifa

Reno Carifa had an amazing year: **Congratulations Reno !**

Rocky Mountain Elk 2007—New Mexico ...365"

Whitetail 2007—Ohio ...12 PT

Desert Mule Deer 2008—Mexico ...203" & 35 inches wide



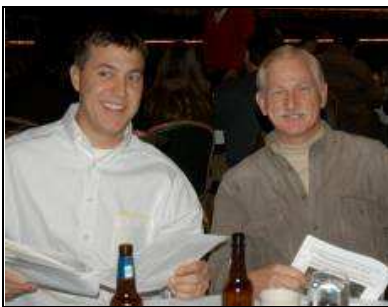
Reno...write us a story about this Mule Deer. Wow!



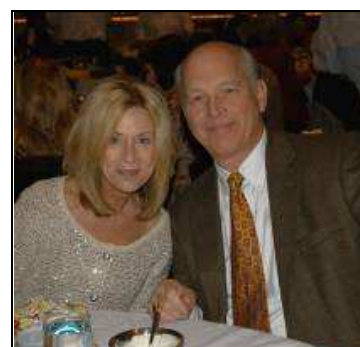
Central Ohio Chapter - Banquet Photos



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South Africa Hunt Report: By: Martin Lohne

HUNT REPORT SUMMARY

Where: South Africa in the Northern Cape and Eastern Cape.

Dates of hunt: 4/15/08 through 4/29/08

Outfitter: Johan Botes of Ubathi Game and Hunt

Guide: Johan Botes

Animals Taken: Zebra, Red Hartebeest, European Fallow Deer, Impala, Vaal Rhebok, 2 Cape Grysboks, Klipspringer, Jackal, African Wildcat, Gray Duiker, Steenbok, Kalahari Springbok, Porcupine. All except the African Wildcat and the Jackal were taken with a handgun.

Comments on the guide/outfitter: Johan Botes knows where to find a variety of good trophy animals and knows how to get you close enough to shoot them. I highly recommend this hunt.



Eurasian Brown Bear Hunt Report: By: Page Mays

With this successful Bear Hunt...Page completed his "Bears of the World Slam". Congratulations Page!

My hunt for the Eurasian Bear was conducted in the Toplita Valley of Romania. The trip was arranged by Col. Bill Williamson, Fair Chase Ltd., Austin, Texas, and Mr. Bob Kern, The Hunting Consortium, Berryville, Va.

Hunting is done from permanent blinds over bait. Not difficult, and success rates are high. We started hunting at 4:00 PM and stayed until dark...or later if I could see through my scope in the moonlight.

Each night we saw a sow bear with three cubs...fun to watch. I named them Elsie (momma) Lilly (little female) Ben & Jerry (males).

It was the last hour of day 5 (Last day) when I got my Boar Bear. He was average with skull score of 22 4/16. My .375 Ultra Mag did the job



Hunt Report: By: Werner Schmiesing



Caray Schmiesing



Rogell Schmiesing

Chapter Fundraiser Auction Success... 2 Alligators in Florida...

Caray Schmiesing caught a 8 foot Alligator on her very first Hunting trip. **Rogell Schmiesing**, of Minster, Ohio recently caught a 9.3 ft. alligator during a hunt at Lake Okeechobee, Florida.

Texas Hunt Report: By: Jarred Speakman

On May 2, 2008 my wife and I traveled to Benavides, Texas to hunt at Rancho La Rama Del Mesquite. We were in pursuit of a Texas Dahl Ram...I have always wanted to hunt a Texas Dahl in Texas. I also have never taken my wife with me on a big game hunt so this was quite an experience. The hunt was great, safari style, with a final spot and stalk ending in a 75 yard shot with a Remington in 30-06 caliber. The ranch was very nice...it was self serve with a full kitchen, Sat/TV, and pool table. The guides were very helpful, and experienced... There was a game shed with a walk in freezer where I could skin and quarter the ram myself. It is a good place for a low priced ...do it yourself hunt.

God Bless,

Jarred & Kassi Speakman



Zimbabwe Hunt Report: By: Tim McKelvey

ZIMBABWE MAY, 2008

Central Ohio SCI chapter members **Joe Mesenburg, Ken Shaffer** and I recently returned from another enjoyable safari with **Rob Lurie**, of **Kabaku Safaris in Zimbabwe**.

Rob and I hunted Sable in Northern Zimbabwe and then met up with Ken and Joe in mid-May for a two week hunt in the Meteke Hills of Southern Zimbabwe. The game was plentiful and we were able to take a number of fine plains game. Although my longtime quest for a Nyala was accomplished,, check out the accompanying photo of Joe's monster Bushpig.

Another great trip to Africa. Lots of laughs and plenty of wonderful memories.

Tim McKelvey



2007 YOUTH HUNT- Report By: Page Mays

Page Mays Reports: We had seven great young men with parents, and grandparents at our annual youth hunt this year. It is fantastic to see mom's and dad's and grandparents giving so much support to their youngsters, and all of the kids were really well behaved.

Youth hunters participating were **Brandon Lewis** (Marysville, Oh), **Chandler Klass** (Glandorf, Oh), **Brent Lewis** (Marysville, Oh), **Nick Whipple** (Dublin, Oh), **Devin Giesige** (Kalida, Oh), **Josh Brown** (Vandalia, Oh), and **Caleb Warwick** (Mason, Oh).



Five of the boys had good shots at Whitetail bucks this weekend. Nick Whipple of Dublin, Oh brought down a big 9 point buck, and then Chandler Klass got another beautiful 9 point from the same tree stand the next day. "This is something these boys will never forget!"

We have already filled three (3) spots for next year, and only four (4) youth hunt openings remain. Better call quick to reserve a spot for your youth hunter. 937-592-0496 Grace and I look forward to seeing you here for this exciting event.



Nick Whipple with his 9 Point Whitetail Buck



Chandler Klass with his 9 Point Whitetail Buck

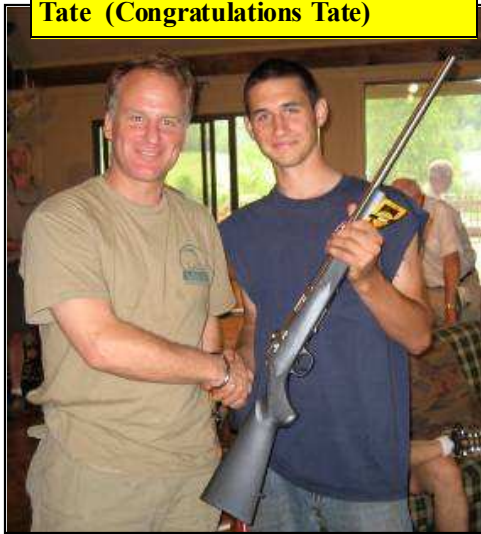
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Annual Sporting Clays Shoot - June 7th ...Shoot Report



Gun Raffle Winner ...Mad River's Tate (Congratulations Tate)



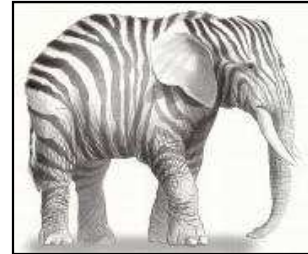
Mark Wehinger Congratulates Top Gun...Mr. Ken Berger (shot 92 out of 100)

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Calendar of Events



July 15, 2008.....Board Meetings (EMI)

August 12th, 2008Board Meetings (EMI)
(EMI-Mark Wehinger's Office)

Fall Shoot at Black Wing (TBA)

January 31, 2009.....Central Ohio Chapter Annual Banquet/Auction
Aladdin Shrine Temple / In the "BIG ROOM"

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