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President's Message - Mark Wehinger

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Dear friends and fellow hunters, A big thank you goes to all the members and friends of the Central Ohio Safari Club. Our annual Sportsman Banquet was incredibly successful even under these stressful economic times. We soundly beat our 2008 Banquet which will allow our chapter to remain one of the leading chapters in SCI, and will allow us to continue our charitable giving and supporting our education programs.



With the kids getting out of school, I hope everyone is planning a fishing trip, hunting trip or just to get out and enjoy the great outdoors

After giving the Board a hard earned break after the Banquet, we are now going to start working on our fall meeting along with advanced planning for our 2010 Banquet. We are always looking for people to get involved so please let us know if you want to help.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the Central Ohio Chapter so successful and we wish you all a terrific summer.

Life is short. ...Let's go hunting.

BEST WISHES to everyone...Enjoy your summer. *Mark Wehinger*

Mark Your Calendar: March 27, 2010

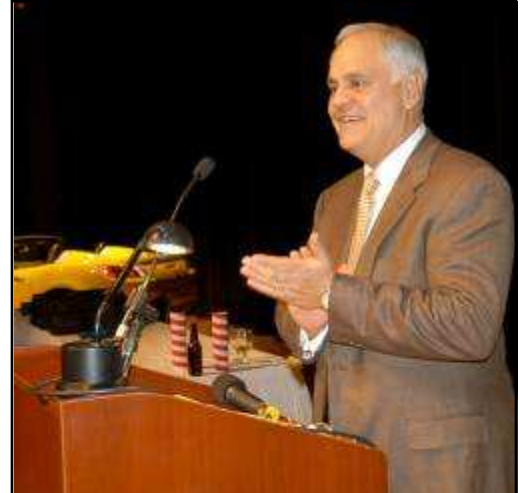
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19th Annual Sportsman's Banquet

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18th Annual Sportsman's Banquet: ...a BIG SUCCESS!



More than 500 members & friends attended the 2009 Sportsman's Banquet on January 31st...

2008 Youth Hunt Report- By: Page Mays

Page Mays Reports:

The 8 Youth Hunters participating this year took (4) four deer and were:

Brent Lewis ...Doe, **Devin Gresige**...Button Buck, **Brian Clymer**...Six-point Buck, and **Drew Stottlemeyer** ...Doe. The other hunters were **Alex Buckenstoe**, **Caleb Warevick**, **Brandon Lewis**, and **Max Rangel**. Only Caleb didn't have a good shot at a deer. Grace and I look forward to the Youth Hunt next year...Call us at 937-592-0496 to reserve your spot.



Page and Grace Mays want to thank the Parents and Grandparents who took a strong interest in helping these Youth Hunters learn more about hunting. *Thanks Page and Grace*...another great year of opportunity for the youth hunters.



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



Central Ohio Chapter Funding

Highlighted Projects & Events - 1991 –2009

- 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 2008 \$328,641**

“Thank you” all that helped make this happen!



CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER, SCI—PHOTO GALLERY



Top Row: (L-R) **Jack Klein**/ Bison
Saskatchewan, Canada

Rob Bookman/ Ohio Whitetail
Delaware Co., Ohio

Renee Simovart/ Whitetail Deer
...wher Magnificent Ohio Deer

Center Row: **Paul Heimberger**/Red Stag
New Zealand

Tony Casagrande Mule Deer
Eastern Plains of Colorado

Jerry Gulley/ Whitetail Deer
West Virginia

Bottom Row: **Page Mays** / American Bison
Gillette, Wyoming

Susan Pivar/ Monster Crocodile
Zimbabwe, Africa

Len Pivar/ Leopard
Zimbabwe, Africa

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

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ETHIOPIA Hunt Report By: Page Mays

Page Mays hunted with *Ethiopian Rift Valley Outfitters*, and collected a Guenthers Dik-dik, Northern Grants Gazelle, Tiang and Neumann Hartebeest. (the new #2 SCI record book) The Southern Ethiopian Tribes are still very primitive, and something you all ought to see soon.

Page and Grace Mays are having their **SUMMER PARTY** on July 11, 2009 from 1:00PM until it's over. Bring family and friends, but let us know by July 3rd. We will provide Grilling meat & other stuff, but please bring your favorite side dish, and lawn chairs.

Play Horseshoes, Corn hole, Hike, Swim. Visit the SAFARI TREASURE ROOM, or *just sit in the shade and relax.*

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Central Ohio Chapter - Banquet Photos



"Thank You" Members & Friends



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Archery Hunter of the Year Award: Tony Casagrande



Tony Casagrande Archery Hunter Extraordinaire ...receives the **Hunter of the Year Award** from Chapter President Mark Wehinger

Tony grew up on the North side of Columbus and as a young boy enjoyed reading BOYS LIFE and OUTDOOR LIFE with the normal dreams of big game hunting in remote corners of the world.

His early fishing and rabbit hunting "excursions" were greatly influenced and made possible by adult relatives and family friends who just knew of Tony's love of the outdoors. Tony was introduced to deer hunting in his early teens, and after a few trips to the "big woods" with family friends, he was hooked. Bow hunting became Tony's game of choice and he quickly became very proficient in both tournament competition and in the field.

Interesting to note that, despite his early interest in hunting and all things outdoors, the ever ambitious young teen somehow found time to deliver the Columbus Citizen Journal every morning before school and then worked forty hours a week in the evenings delivering pizzas. Upon graduation,

Tony chose a career in the masonry profession and after learning his trade well, started Casagrande Masonry in 1981. Today, his company employs 75 craftsmen on commercial and residential projects throughout Central Ohio.

Tony's hunting adventures and challenges have grown at just about the same rate as his business. From the early days of small game hunting in the open fields north of Morse Road, to many North American and International hunts, Tony and his bow have covered a lot of territory and certainly experienced great success.

Early hunts were for Ohio whitetail, then hunts to Canada for black bear, Western U.S. states for elk and the list goes on and on. Tony's love for sheep hunting is evident as he's successfully bow hunted and now only lacks the Desert sheep to complete the four required for the Grand Slam Award. His two big horns and Stone sheep are all Pope and Young quality. Tony's other amazing bow hunting accomplishments include three mule deer, three caribou, two moose, three elk, an Alaskan black bear (at 7 yards) a Canadian black bear, a Russian Brown bear, an Alaskan brown bear (at 20 yards) an African lion (at 13 yards), numerous African plains game and a Cape Buffalo at less than forty yards.

Tony recently fulfilled his long time dream of bow hunting polar bear and musk ox in the Arctic. The rough riding dog sleds, severe weather conditions and long hours hunting on the ice cap presented many challenges, but he successfully harvested a mature polar bear (9 plus feet tall) and a "handsome" Boone & Crockett scoring musk ox.

Although Tony has fulfilled many of his youthful dreams of big game hunting remote areas of the world, he still has plenty of hunts planned. And thankfully, he hasn't forgotten the adults and family who made his early "wilderness excursions" possible. Tony has successfully coordinated and guided numerous youth hunts these past few deer seasons and is also really enjoying watching his 7 year old daughter, Ashley, deliver arrows to the target with her new bow.

Congratulations and thank you, Tony, for your dedication to the sport and fine examples you set.

Hunter of the Year Award: Jim Priday



Jim Priday accepts the **Hunter of the Year Award** from Chapter President **Mark Wehinger** for his 42 years of hunting achievements on three continents.

Jim has collected 74 big game trophies and has won the following achievement awards listed below:



Grand Slam of North American Wild Sheep (Grand Slam # 900) Grand Slam Club / FNAWS

Wild Sheep of the World—SCI Inner Circle Award

North American Wild Sheep—SCI Grand Slam Award

Antlered Game of the Americas—SCI Inner Circle Award

Trophy Animals of North America— SCI Inner Circle Award

Trophy Animals of Africa—SCI Inner Circle Award

Spiral Horned Antelope of Africa –SCI Inner Circle Award

Jim has the African Lion and Cape Buffalo toward the African Big Five

Chapter Fundraiser Publication Award –2005

Youth Hunter of the Year: Joe Wehinger



Joe Wehinger accepts the **Youth Hunter of the Year** Award from Chapter President “Uncle” Mark Wehinger.

Joe has taken Whitetail deer in Ohio, and recently completed his first African Safari in Zimbabwe taking several trophy class Plains Game animals, and a Cape Buffalo to start his African Big Five collection.

Lifetime Hunter Achievement Award: David Rustemeyer



Greg Rustemeyer accepts the **SCI-Lifetime Hunter Achievement Award** in Memory of David Rustemeyer on behalf of his mother Elsie Cline and David's wife Jill Rustemeyer from Chapter President Mark Wehinger.

David was a avid and dedicated hunter and loved the outdoors with a passion. If ever there was a reason to give the SCI-Lifetime Hunter Achievement Award to a hunter...it would be David Rustemeyer for his life long passion for the sport.

**IN MEMORY OF DAVID RUSTEMEYER
1965-2008**

2009 Banquet Donor Profile— Briarwood Sporting Club, Inc.

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Don't miss out on this (Membership) Auction Item at the March 27, 2010 Sportsman's Banquet



2009-2010



“Thank You” to All Members & Friends...Banquet Photos



Outfitter Pheasant Hunt - January 30th ...Hunt Report



Thank you Tim McKelvey for putting together a wonderful Pheasant hunt at Rocky Saxbe's **Van Darby Club** for Australian outfitters who participated in our annual Sportsman's Banquet . Attending *Central Ohio Chapter* members were Mark Wehinger, Tim McKelvey, Greg Rustemeyer, and Jim Priday. Guests were **Matt & Leith Graham** from Australia...

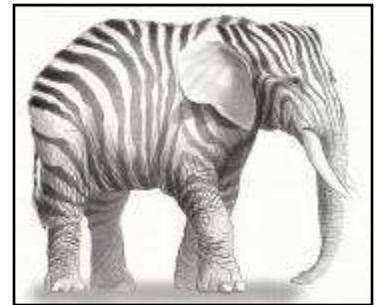


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Calendar of Events



June 4, 2009.....Board Meetings (EMI)

July 2nd, 2009Board Meetings (EMI)

(EMI-Mark Wehinger's Office)

Member Sporting Clays Shoot— Held on May 25th

March 27, 2010.....Central Ohio Chapter Annual Banquet/Auction

Aladdin Shrine Temple / In the “BIG ROOM”

“Stay informed and preserve the rich heritage of hunting for future generations”