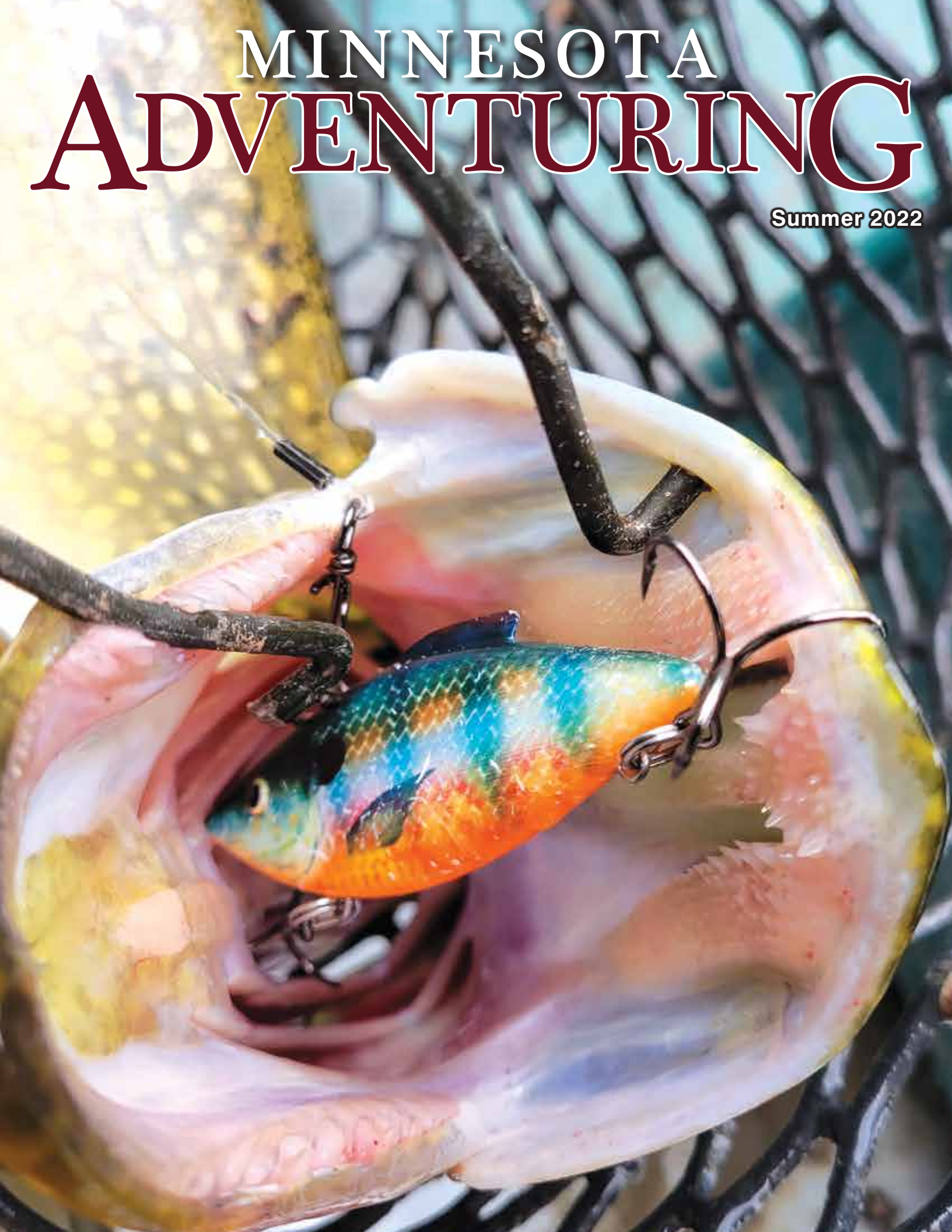


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# ▽ Editor's Letter

I was heading up to the Secret Lake over Memorial weekend. This is a traditional trip me, my brother and Dad have rarely missed, and I had Hair Nation on my XM radio. It was Def Leppard Radio for an entire weekend. I was like WOW!!! This is AWESOME! The beauty of songs that bring you back in time to a different era is so cool. It just so happened that when I was a kid and Def Leppard's Hysteria album came out in 1987, I had my cassette tape with that album in my little cassette player with headphones jamming into my ears at night on this very same fishing trip. Led me to reminisce a bit of days gone by with cousins Bryan and Kevin as well as my Uncle Harvey who used to all come on this same Secret Lake adventure every year.

This issue has all sorts of stuff in it, but you will notice it is a bit fishing themed. After all, it is Minnesota Adventuring and fishing is popular in this great state! So why not do some fishing stuff. We are trying to get a kid section going. I will continue to try and get it running but after trying to work with my own kid to write something, I realize how difficult it is. Kids don't have the same timeline thing we adults do (insert humor here). My daughter, Evie was all excited to do this until it was time to actually do it. So, I need to plan better. Oh well... will keep trying.

Content is always a bit of a challenge, but we have some new writers this issue and, in the future, I enlisted a great friend of mine and co-author Chip Schleider to write a gun dog section. I talked him into re-printing his very popular Dixie Chronicles. I was the breeder of Dixie and helped get her started for Chip many, many years ago. Dixie was an English Springer Spaniel; she ran hunt tests and field trials and was just a really neat little dog. Along the way Chip started writing for another magazine and this was some of his first writings. Filled with training tips and the humor in dog training. Hope you all will enjoy!

As this issue goes to print and out to mail, I will be embarking on my quest for the African 29 with my bow. I have 14 animals to go, and most likely will not finish it on this adventure because bowhunting takes a few more trips to complete it. I am excited for the adventure ahead and sharing it with you in the future.

What adventures do you all have planned? Please share it with me or any other Minnesota SCI board member and let's get it into Minnesota Adventuring magazine! This is your organization, all of us want to see what you are doing, where you are doing it. Please share it.

Have an great and enjoyable summer!

**Tony Roettger, Editor**



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**Private message Travis Senenfelder for details.**

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# ▽ President's Message

Exciting news from the board. We have grown! Over the last two months we have welcomed five new faces to the Minnesota SCI Board which brings our total board to 12 and we are well on our way to a establishing a board of 15 strong. This will spread duties across multiple bodies and allow us as a chapter to do more for conservation and the community as well as grow!

In other news, out with the old and in with the new. We have a new website. As many of you probably noticed the old site was dated. It had links that didn't work, photos that were not visually appealing and content that needed to be rewritten. Well, that is the case no more. Over the last two months we have rolled out a new state-of-the-art website at very little cost. This site is not only super user friendly but comes with all the state-of-the-art bells and whistles of a modern site. Browse it, check it out. If you have a suggestion or two get a hold of Joe, our board webmaster.

Membership has grown. We signed up three new members at our spring shoot, eight new members at our member meeting and another six since then. We are also rolling out a 2022 membership drive/all-expense paid New Mexico private ranch five day-four night antelope hunt for two hunters to be used in 2023 with the winners name being drawn at our expo in February. This drawing costs you nothing. You also do not even have to be a member to be involved.

Here is how simple it is:

If you're not a member, sign up for one year to become a new member, and your name is entered into the drawing. If you are a member, refer or sign up someone for one year who is not a member and both your names will be entered in to win.

Now for the drumroll... please.... Keep referring others to join and when they sign up both your name gets entered again and their name gets entered. Sign up 10 people; your name is entered 10 times... sign up 50 people your name is entered 50 times.

And if that wasn't enough... earn three entries for both you and your referral each time you sign someone up for a three year membership.

Thank you Minnesota SCI membership. Lets keep the momentum going. We have fun events planed the rest of the year. Make sure you check out the Trophy Room BBQ tour. This will be a blast. Come on out. Great opportunity to bring along a NEW member.



Travis Senenfelder, President

## Share Your Adventures!

Learning about new hunting opportunities is one of the great benefits of being a Minnesota SCI member. All of the content in this magazine comes from members just like you. If you've been on a trip recently and would like to share your experience with us, we'd be happy to help you put together a hunt report. You don't have to be a great writer and it doesn't take a lot of time.

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# ▽ New Board Member

## Dave Pautz

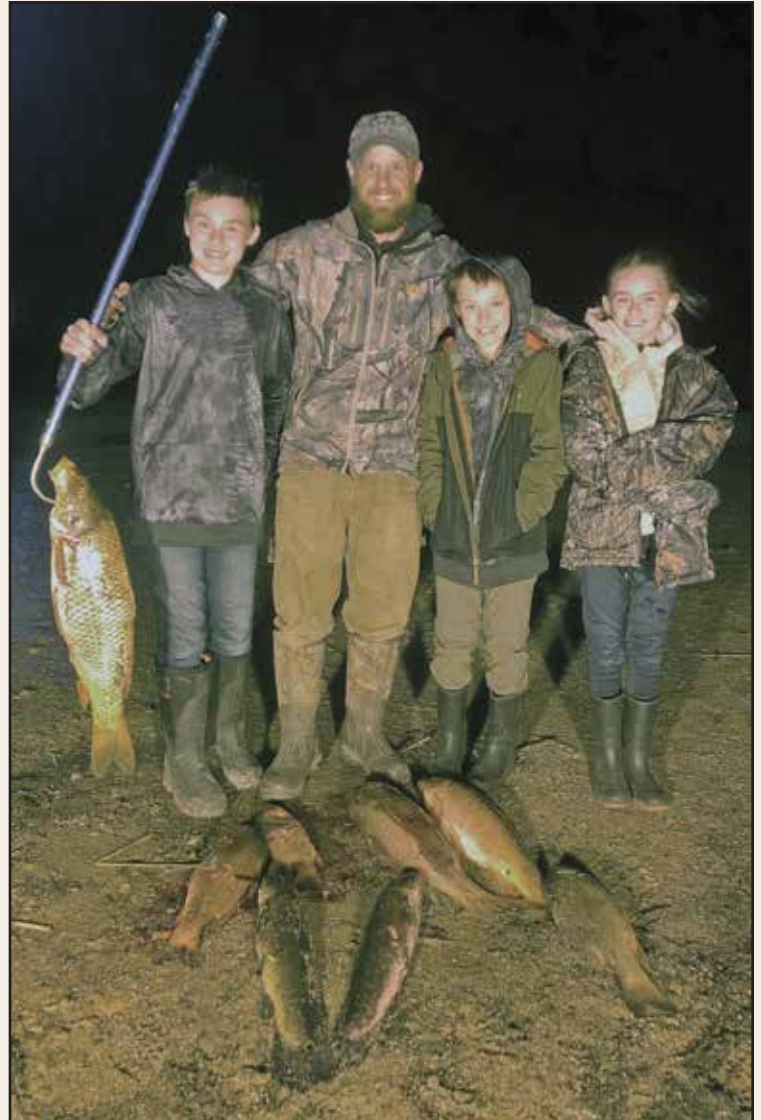
After taking a break from the board, I am excited to be back and serve the club for another term. My focus is to continuing to improve our events and increase attendance for our “smaller” events throughout year and the Hospitality Suite during Expo. There are some great ideas in the works, and we as a board are excited to share them with you as they develop.

For those that don't know me here's a little background. My passion for hunting started at a very young age. I remember before I could even hunt, running to our shed to see the raccoons my dad had taken that night running dogs, or other game he had taken on recent hunting trips. Like many other hunting families in Minnesota, deer hunting was another exciting time to be together. Sitting in the deer stand with family members at times was slow and cold, but the snacks and whispered conversations were always good.

I started hunting by chasing pigeons and other small game at the farm. I also enjoyed spending time up north with my grandparents and family growing up. Fishing for hours at a time and making my rounds around the property hunting red squirrels with my grandfather's .22. I took my Firearms Safety course as soon as I was able with some of my best friends in Prior Lake. Once completed, I spent every opportune moment I had with friends over after school to hunt the 5<sup>th</sup> generation farm in Prior Lake that I grew up on. With the MN Horse and Hunt Club a couple of minutes from my house, it seemed like a good idea to work there throughout high school as a Sporting Clays trapper to help finance this hobby. I'm not sure if any money was made while I was there, but the 1,000's of rounds fired at Sporting clays sure was fun and an education all its own.

Throughout my college days at Bemidji State University (The Outdoorsmen's Dream school) I continued my passion when not in class. I graduated in 2005 with a Business Administration degree and am currently partners with my parents, and brother running All About Erosion Control Inc.

Currently much of my time outdoors is passing on my experience and sharing it with my wife Naomi, 3 children; Elias, Saul and Lorelei, and training my 3 year old black lab; Steel.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve and hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming events! If you are new to the club, Welcome! A great way to be involved in MN SCI and its causes is to volunteer or join a committee. Any amount of commitment is helpful. Please feel free to reach out to me or another board member and we will gladly get you connected.

# ▽ New Board Member

## Gordon Jensen

Greetings Minnesota Safari Club members and members of the Board. My name is Gordon Jensen and I am one of the newest members of the Board of Directors. As a lifelong hunter, I am honored to assume this role. I will be chairing the events and expos Minnesota SCI will exhibit in as well as work on content for the magazine.

I was born and raised in the Twin Cities and spent most of my childhood outdoors catching frogs, snakes and salamanders up on my family's property in Northern Minnesota. The beautiful woods, marshes, fields and meadows there always felt like more of a home to me than any I have ever had in the cities. The first time I ever went hunting I was too young to shoot. I will never forget that row out to the duck blind with my dad in the early morning hours before sunrise. Later the next summer when he took me out into the yard at the cabin with his old .22 to shoot targets at age six, I knew that hunting would be a central part of my life. I quickly became well known at school for being that guy who would disappear almost every weekend in the fall, and was voted in my senior year of high school as the one most likely to live in the wilderness as an adult, a description I am fond of.

Since then, I have traveled to places familiar and exotic, chasing big game and small. I believe that the journey is one of the greatest parts of going on a hunt. One can vastly broaden one's horizon with the new places, people, and cultures that can be met along the way. I am eager to expand my safari experiences abroad however, above all, there will never be anything I look forward to more than waterfowl season at the cabin, heading out into the black morning with a good crew of family and friends. I can safely say that my dad and I are, first and foremost, duck hunters.

Looking back, one of the things that has made me the happiest in my life has been the few times I have been able to take a new person out hunting. This is why I have always had an interest in being part of SCI. The way I see it, hunting is one of those intrinsic capabilities that is found deep down inside all of us, left over from when our ancient ancestors had



to contend with mightier beasts of the ice age. It is more than just conserving the wild places from the encroachment our modern times bring. In a world of chai lattes and yoga studios, someone must remember the art how to bring down the mammoth. Doing so conserves that part of our humanity.

I am looking forward to my involvement with Minnesota SCI. I cannot wait to share my energy and vision with people who strive to make the world a better place for all things wild.

Thank you

# ▽ New Board Member

## Jenni Vitek

Hello Minnesota SCI Members!

I am so excited to be a part of this board! I have been fishing and enjoying the outdoors since I was a young girl. I love to hike, canoe, kayak, bike and so on! I began understanding the hunting world when I married my husband Chris, and in the last 25 years of being married he has transformed me in to a huge supporter of hunting, fishing, and conservation! In Minnesota, I have done a lot of pheasant, grouse and woodcock hunting. I have hunted ram and hogs in Texas, and I have been to South Africa twice; once as an observer and photographer, and as a hunter the second year. I am very passionate about introducing more youth and women to the outdoors and specifically to the joy of hunting and conservation.

I look forward to learning more and being a part of a community of people who share in the same purpose of conservation education and protecting the rights of all hunters.

I look forward to meeting you!



## John Pietenpol

I currently live in River Falls, Wis., where I live with my wife on a 20 acre farm. We raise foundation Morgan horses and some beef cattle. We also own an additional 90 acre farm about 6 miles away where we raise hay for the livestock. I used to show horses and compete in rodeos for many years but have given up most of those activities in recent years.

I am currently active in shooting on local Trap and Sporting Clays Leagues as well as competing in local NSCA tournaments.

In Wisconsin, I do spring turkey hunting, fall gun deer hunting, and some archery deer hunting when time permits. I also go pheasant hunting locally and on game farms when I get invited by friends who have dogs. This is something new for me and I am really enjoying it. I also enjoy ice fishing. Too busy in the summer with the farm to fish open water.

Some friends of my brothers invited me to a SCI banquet about seven years ago and it opened my eyes to going to other states and counties to hunt. Since then, I have hunted with different SCI outfitters that I've meet at the SCI banquets for mule deer in CO and MT, antelope in MT, red stag and fallow deer in New Zealand, and just book my first African hunt for a cape buffalo in Mozambique for 2023.

I grew up with hunting and fishing as part of my family activities. My dad was very instrumental in starting both brother and me in shooting and hunting at a very early age. I have pictures of us shooting our single shot bolt action 22s at around five-years-



old. We started hunting squirrels on my grandparent's farm not much after that. Had some of the best times spending times in the woods with my dad and brother. When I was old enough, I was introduced to hunting rabbits, grouse, and deer by my dad and his friends.

The primary reason that I reached out to the Minnesota SCI organization to be considered for the Board is that I see the need for people to try to help preserve the hunting, fishing, and shooting rights for generations that are coming up. Being involved in different organizations I see that things only happen if people get involved. I believe that I can be a benefit to the organization to help move it forward. I have seen personally the benefits that SCI provides.



# ▽ New Board Member

## Kevin Bollig

After being a member of MN SCI for about 7 years I felt it was time to get more involved with the organization that helped protect one of my biggest passions. My goals while being on the board is to help grow our membership and to increase the live auction at our expo.

I grew up in Eden Prairie, MN. As a young boy I would walk up the road with my neighborhood friends to a small local lake. We would spend our summer afternoons fishing from the pier for whatever would bite on the worms that we dug up earlier that morning. On the weekends my dad would take us out in his boat to fish for pan fish. As I grew up, he started introducing me to shooting and then hunting. When I was a teenager, he purchased some hunting land where we would spend much of the fall weekends hunting for ducks, pheasants, squirrels, and deer. In the summer we would always take a weeklong trip up to Canada to fish for Pike and Walleyes.

I graduated from Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount MN with a AAS Degree in Heavy Duty Truck Technician in 2006 and a second AAS Degree in Heavy Construction Equipment Technician in 2008. I currently along with my uncle own and operate Bollig & Sons Excavating and Demolition out of Hopkins MN.

In the summer I spend most of my weekends with my wife Jessie, two sons Colton (8) and Bryce (6) and our two dogs Paisley (Golden Retriever) and Ruby (Red Lab) up at my wife's family cabin. We are on the water fishing most of the mornings, shooting in the afternoons and mix in some tubing, ATV rides and nature walks throughout the day. In the fall



I bring my boys out duck hunting where they get to “call” in the ducks. I also try to get out with my dogs for some upland bird hunting throughout the fall. I always make at least one weekend up at Deer Camp with some buddies.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve MN SCI and look forward to meeting you at a future MN SCI event.

## Shane Thome

My name is Shane Thome. I am 41 years old and have been hunting and fishing most of my life. I grew up on a large dairy farm in Wisconsin and have a deep understanding of the role we play with nature. My core interests are North American game species, namely elk and deer. I been an active out-of-state hunter for roughly 25 years. Growing up I was very fortunate to have endless private land hunting opportunities and it wasn't until I was older that I had to contend with the challenges that public land hunting brings. This is where my interest in SCI comes in. I feel we need to continue to advocate for public access, game laws that allow interstate transport and harvest limits that rely on science. I'm worried about non-resident access to the western states for both myself and future

generations. (See Wyoming's recent legislation regarding the Big 3). There's a strong effort afoot to curtail these efforts by small minorities across the country (world). I'm hoping SCI sees it in everyone's best interest to fight against this.

Personal:

- Four to five trips a year where I can draw tags
- Manage our 1000 acre farm in Wisconsin for deer
- Do not hunt outside of North America, not really interested Have harvested over 35 book animals – bear, deer, elk.
- Married, wife Danielle, daughter Emily (3), son Weston (1) reside in Plymouth, Minn.

# Coastal Brown Bear

By Brad Anderson

Hunt took place at Canoe Bay Alaska May 17, 2022, to May 27, 2022. Gary Engkjer and myself have hunted with this outfitter before for mountain bear, moose, and a wolf hunt inside Alaska. We met Jeremy Davis and Steve Hakala through a friend a few years back and I saw a video of their Coastal bear hunt when staying at the Lake Country lodge and told them immediately I'm going.

The trip was initially to be in 2020 but Covid pushed it back. It's a long way to get there so planning and timing was crucial. You fly to Anchorage and then take a separate airline to Sand Point Alaska. They pick you up in super cub plane and fly you into their canoe bay lodge or directly to your spike camp.

Once in camp, the hunt itself is a physically demanding one because in the spring you are glassing bears coming off the mountains and then trying to get close. Some days we would have to walk six or more miles on the mountain to get close or to glass another mountain side. If you are physically limited, they can accommodate to some extent in a boat on the coast.

For caliber of rifle to bring, they recommend 338 or larger rifles. This was my 3rd bear hunt in Alaska and after 2 days I was asking myself again what I was doing here because the weather can be unfriendly. Day one I woke up with my head frozen to the pillow inside my sleeping bag. Day 2 and 3 strong winds and rain - typical of Alaska - day 4 was perfect. Typically we would see 4 to 5 bears a day but they are very far away and cruising mountain tops leaving you with the feeling you will never get close to one. On day 5 we woke up to horrible rains and 30 plus mph wind and we were debating on just rolling over and sleeping in. Every muscle in my body was aching. We decided to gear up and went up to an advantage point to glass and saw a couple bears about 2 miles away that were paired up mating. We decided to make a stalk.

After about an hour of walking the mountain with my guide, the "Beast" Jordan Weber to get there, we closed the distance to 150 yards. Fortunately, I was able to connect on a 9' 10" bear at 10:00 am on day 5. This is where the fun started. By the time we cleaned it and went back up the mountain to get the pack to get it out it was about 2:30 pm in the afternoon. Then after a nice lunch we went right back and packed it out. Jordan is amazing, I could hardly lift the hide but he just lifted it up and carried it!





The break allowed the horrible weather to become quite nice. We finished around 9:00 pm and did get a message out to get flown off the mountain the next morning. This place is probably in the top 4 for trophy brown bear hunts. They have a very high success rate, upwards of 90 percent but not guaranteed. We had 11 different hunters. Eight hunters got 10 foot bears.

Once out of the bush after your harvest your bear the accommodations are great! You get to stay at the lodge in

canoe bay until you plan your exit home. They have full kitchen plumbing washing machine, etc. This outfit does moose, sheep, wolf, trophy caribou, and a beach combing trip for exploration to try and collect walrus tusks, glass fisherman balls, whale jawbones, etc. I used a 375 improved rifle from MG arms with a 2.5 X 10 Schmidt Bender zenith scope. 270 grain TSX bullets. I would 100% recommend them without reservation. I am planning future hunts with them.



# The Secret Lake





## By Tony Roettger

Christmas that year brought something new to the equation, a bait casting reel. Something I had never used at that point. It appeared Dad took over the Christmas shopping and the message was, you're going to learn to use this, and I am going to take you to the Secret Lake on Memorial Day weekend. That was somewhere around 1985 or 86'. Ever since that year I think I have only missed one or maybe two years since.

The adventures to the Secret Lake were amped up for this first adventure because my cousin, Kevin, taking a big pike on the lake the year prior. A 12 or 13 pounder and when you are a pre-teen that is a huge fish! That spring had me and my brother, Mike, in full casting practice with that rod and reel using bolts attached to the string to cast but more importantly learn how to get the backlashes out! A much-needed skill with

this technology. I could not wait until Memorial weekend.

The cousins, Bryan and Kevin, as well as Uncle Harvey, my dad and little brother, Mike, headed north for what was to become an annual tradition for many years. That first weekend was full of many lessons learned on fishing for northern, casting, removing these toothed critters from our Daredevil™ lures, unhooking from trees under the water and above of the water, trolling, and so much more. It also turned out that Uncle Harvey was a great fryer of fish which was much appreciated. He also was great for insuring snacks and other amenities including \$5 for the biggest fish which was won by my brother that year.

These years continued for quite some time. So many great times and sad ones like when my cousin Bryan's tackle box got stolen by some people at the landing. We had other times where we pushed it with the weather like when Bryan and

I were on one boat and a storm was looming, but the fish were biting so we just kept fishing all turned out well except the motor didn't want to start and we had to row back most of the way until my dad found us and towed us back. Then there was the year my brother just got bored with fishing so he took over driving the boat while dad and I fished until I caught that 12 pounder that came in like an alligator so easy and calm until he got to the boat when we all had an adrenaline rush when the fish decided the boat wasn't where he wanted to be. But some things come to an end like certain traditions while others continue.

These days Dad, Mike and I still go up each year to the Secret Lake. After so many years fishing this lake it has become more entertaining calling it the "Secret Lake" because I know some people that know of the lake. I still won't reveal it to anyone unless they pass the quiz and actually know where and what it is.

Over the years I have still kept the secret, but my brother has broken the code more than once. Taking girl friends and his wife up there. I cannot help but shake my head in disappointment, but we still let him come with us on Memorial weekend. It comes with a small cost of ribbing with his at times "pre-fish" of the lake before Memorial weekend with noted above people. Dad chuckles, I just shake my head, but we all keep going. Soon we will be able to take our kids there, of course Mike has already taken one of his boys up but he is just a tad to young to handle the serious hours logged chasing big pike and of course other traditions we have.

Dad has rules when we fish. 10am is break time. We get to go to shore, have a snack, go to the bathroom and stretch on land a bit. Then at high noon we get to go to shore for the serious tradition of an MRE lunch. Meals Ready to Eat – my dad was a long time enlisted and reservist in the Army. Serving in Vietnam and then called up for Iraq in 2006/07.

He has a collection of MRE's that we eat only during this fishing trip. Makes it fun but I must say, some of the items in these MRE's are aging a bit. The cheese needs some kneading, the candy and some cookies are tasting their age which has also become fun. This last trip my brother got an omelet and it looked horrible and even he could not eat it which is a sign in itself.

As I get into my later 40s it is amazing how I feel like that pre-teen in the boat with nothing changing, dad drives, Mike sits in the middle, I am in the front. The talks are pretty much the same, the jokes marginally changed but we are the same people, just older. The smells of the 2-cycle motor, the sound of the water splashing against the sign, the same sound dad always makes when he gets a fish, Mike changing lures every



five casts, the reels brining on the spoons or whatever we throw out there, the sound of the lures hitting the water in different cur-plunks, and the list goes on. It is us, it is family, it is tradition and I one day will take my kids up there. That changes the feels a bit, changes the sounds, the smells and there are the feelings of I don't want to stop hearing my dad makes with his, "huh, I got a fish" he makes most of the time; but time does change things. But they are far from over and they are cherished.

My cousins Bryan and Kevin have older kids than me and they take them fishing still. They also kept "fishing" alive which is awesome to see. They just do it with other people, but the fishing does not change. We lost Uncle Harvey many years ago but I will always remember his laugh and voice checking in on how we did each day out on the Secret Lake.

I love taking my kids fishing on a smaller scale. Zane, my 7-year-old already thinks he is the Bassmaster as he calls himself. He has his own noises he makes when he gets a fish on. My daughter, Evie also loves to fish, and she has her own things she does like a smile so big you can feel it when she hooks up with a fish. It is life, the world keeps going around and changing and it is ok. Nothing stays the same forever, but fishing just might, just the who you do it with may change but fishing is and hopefully always will be fishing.



# Summer Dog Training

## *Basic, Fun Urban Ideas*

By Tony Roettger

Did your dog have a good fall last year? Did you think, “hey, maybe next summer I will get Fido out and do more work?” Well, that time has come! Get out and work those dogs and do them and yourself a favor by getting them into better shape. I guarantee the pheasants will be ready to run, will you???

As a dog trainer on the side, I see it each and every year. The spring and summer escape you and the dog. Now it is late September or early October and pheasant season is upon you. What to do? Who to call? Well, it is a bit to late then for much practice but really you can do some basic things to get your dog in shape. One simple thing is, go for a walk. You and the dog can benefit from this.

What I say next is just going to be basic stuff. I am happy to take feedback, but the articles intent is not to give you a ton of dog training drills, just give you some basic get your dog in shape ideas in an urban environment. Oh, hey, that was my first book – Urban Gun Dogs - Training Flushing Dogs for Home and Field. Grab it on Amazon if you want an entertaining read. I also am not talking about puppy training. If you have a pup you can do all these things BUT you still need to seek help or get the puppy introduced properly to guns and birds. Please do not try and do that yourself the first time without help.

Take three or so evenings each week to at least go for a walk. To add to the excitement and assuming you have something close by such as a ball field, take the dog for a walk to the ball field or a park and throw some dummies or Dokken™ dummies or even frozen birds (quail, pigeon or chukar) for your dog. Even if the dog is not a great retriever, you can at least get them chasing it which is some exercise. If you want to do some actual training and your dog is a good retriever believe me when I say, dogs can count. There is a number when your dog will STOP retrieving. Please, please, please, please stop one or two retrieves before that number. Often that number is seven or eight.

If it is hot out, make sure you bring a water bottle with you. Heat is a killer of dogs, they need water. No need to over work the dog ether. Its about tuning the body and mind is all you are doing here.

Other things you can do at a ball field or park. Let the dog run and either go hide dummies in the grass or throw them in a direction away from the dog when they are not looking. Then go find them later in the grass. It’s like hunting and they will love this game. They tend to love finding dummies in the grass especially labs and spaniels.

Chuck-It sticks are also great training tools! You can throw that tennis ball a LONG way giving your dog some great distance marks. The ball rolls also which forces the dog to have to work out a trail. Not to many pheasants come doing and just lay still, very often they run. Learning to take a track is a great thing. NOTE: I am not a huge fan of scents. I think the dog gets used to the scent of their ball, or a ball or dummy. I find scents to be a waste of time but that is just my opinion.

For the pointers out there, the ball fields and parks may be a little tougher. The walks, running, etc. are all good. But if you are looking to do bird work and get “points” you need to go to where the birds are. A game preserve or other. After July 15<sup>th</sup> in Minnesota, I know you can get back on WMA’s with the dogs. I am not a huge fan of harassing the wild birds over and over but there are big tracks of land to get your pointers in shape. Buy a few pigeons and plant them out there or plant as you go if you want to get some bird work in on a big run. The pigeon flies off but that idea is to get the dog on a few points here and there, shooting is not always necessary in dog training practice. You can do A LOT of training without ever firing a shot assuming the dog has been brought to that level.

Other ideas are training groups. Professional dog trainers all over Minnesota and Wisconsin and the rest of the USA have classes they put on where they help you train your dog. Or seek out breed clubs and other dog organizations where they put on training days in the summer. For a few dollars you can get some help, birds, and a place to train for the day. Also get to meet new people which is great. Hunting is a network and having a network of fellow hunters is a great thing!

Love them dogs up! Do them and you a favor and at least go for a walk with them this summer!





# ▽ SCI News Around the World

## US Rescinds Testing Requirements for Travelers

The Biden Administration will no longer require travelers to provide a negative COVID-19 test result to enter the United States. The news was leaked to CNN and Reuters early Friday, June 10, 2022, and was confirmed on Twitter by White House Press Secretary Kevin Munoz. The new policy takes effect on Sunday, June 12, 2022 (*SafariClub.org home page*).

## Hunting in Mexico? Beware of Rifle Scopes

Be aware if you are heading to Mexico hunting. A few instances have occurred where rifles with scopes are confiscated. There is an import permit for rifles but there is another permit for scopes. Mexico City seems to have the most issue, outfitters recommend using other ports of entry with your rifles. (*Paraphrased from Safari Times, vol 34/ issue 06/28, page 9 in article by Barbara Crown, SCI Hunter Information Service*)

## Traveling to South Africa? New COVID19 Regulations

Hunters traveling to South Africa should acquire a QR Code or digital copy of their COVID-19 vaccination card or certificate before travel. The US State Department advises US travelers that the South African Government has informed airlines they will no longer accept the CDC COVID vaccination “white card” as proof of vaccination. The new requirement took effect May 27, 2022.

Current regulations require international travelers entering South Africa to present proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test. Proof of vaccination must be verifiable, meaning it must include a QR Code that allows South African authorities to check the authenticity of the certificate.

US travelers should contact their county or state health departments to receive a digital certificate and QR Code. Residents of Connecticut, Hawaii, Nebraska, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia may acquire the QR Code through the CDC’s VAMS system at <https://vams.cdc.gov/vaccineportal>.

The details on the certificate should correspond with the information of the traveler as they appear on the passport. Travelers without proof of vaccination must submit a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to travel. Testing services are available at South African ports of entry for those without appropriate proof of vaccination. (*SafariClub.org home page*)

## Safari Club International Convention in Nashville, TN - February 22-25, 2023

A note that the hotels are filling quickly. If you are interested or are going but have not reserved your hotel, do so quickly.

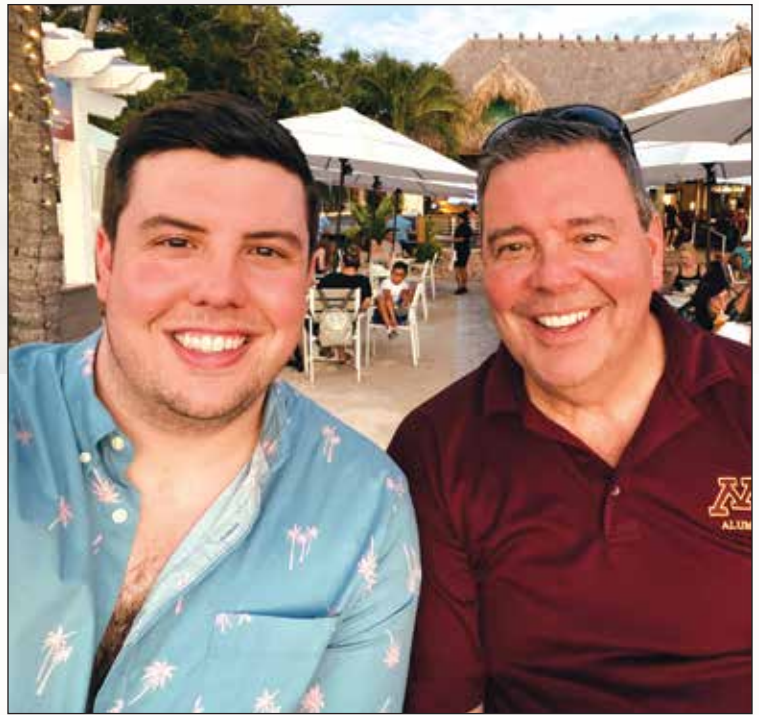


# A Successful Unsuccessful Fishing Trip

By Joe Gallogly

Last year my father turned 60, and I thought it would be a great idea to surprise him with a trip down to the Florida Keys to do some fishing. We took a long weekend and flew out Thursday night, looking forward to a Friday full of reeling in something a bit bigger than the sunfish we are accustomed to. Friday morning rolls around and the captain of our charter calls and says he is having some mechanical issues with the boat, but he should have them resolved in a couple hours when the local NAPA opens up. 8 hours later we were still not any closer to fishing. Luckily the marina our charter was docked out of had a kitschy little tiki bar that provided us with cold beer, fresh seafood, and even some live music. Waiting isn't so bad when you have amenities like that! At about 3 PM the captain came over and said we were finally able to head out. Within 20 minutes of being on the water we were caught in a thunderstorm and had to turn around. We never even touched a fishing pole.

Our fishing trip was shaping up to be a very light on fishing, but the trip was anything but a failure. While my dad and I didn't even see a fish that wasn't already cooked, we both will be the first to say that it was one of the best weekends of our lives. We spent the next couple days exploring the Florida Keys, ducking into any shop that looked remotely interesting, and of course taste testing every piña colada we could get our hands



on (Note: The Rain Barrel Village on Islamorada has the clear winner). It didn't matter that we were completely skunked on fishing, we were just happy to spend time together. My dad and I have sat in many duck boats and not seen a single duck, we have sat in deer stands, and not seen a deer, and we have gone fishing and not caught a fish. Though like many others that have had this experience, that has never meant that it wasn't a perfect day. For me it's about the stories you share back and forth, the dumb jokes you tell each other, and sometimes it's just enjoying the pleasant silence of each other's company. I don't remember all the animals that I have hunted or every fish that I have caught, but I do remember the quality time I have spent with my dad over the years, and I do not take those moments for granted. A trip is only unsuccessful if you say it is, and if my dad and I are together you can bet it is going to be a success.



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# ISLAND MONSTER

Story narrated by Brooke Kutz

Written by Gordon Jensen

As the bright South Florida sun began to rise over the mangrove forests in the distance, we shoved off from the marina dock. At 6:30 in the morning it was already 77 degrees. The humidity made it feel like a steam room. As I sat at the bow of the boat sipping coffee from my thermos and admiring the impressive houses with beautifully manicured yards that lined the waterfront, I never suspected that later that morning I would catch a fish that was bigger than me.

The town of Marco Island is located on a barrier island just off the coast of Southwest Florida. It has been my family's traditional vacation spot/second residence area for generations, a place that I am almost as familiar with as my real home in the Twin Cities. It is a resort town; each year millions of people from around the world come through a town of about 14,000 residents. Most come to stay in the palatial hotels on its pristine white sand beaches. Others, like my family, come here to fish. The Rose Marina, located on the northern part of the island, is situated on a channel. Brackish water flows through from the interior jungle of the mainland, mixes with the ocean water from around the other islands and heads out

into the Gulf of Mexico. We all call it the river, even though it is not an actual river. It is an area of high traffic for both boats and fish, an excellent spot for triple tail, pompano, snook if you go near the mangroves, and the occasional shark, which my brother and I like to catch. In the month of May, tarpon make their way up from Central America and chase all of the little baitfish that are abundant in the murky water.

The boat ride out to the spot only took about 15 minutes. We stop in the middle of the river and begin to bait up. Our guide set us up with some smaller casting lines for pompano and snook, one large line for sharks, and two for tarpon. My dad and brother are usually the first lines in, my mom following close behind. I often join them but my style of fishing is more laid back. By that I mean, I usually let them fish for a bit while I read a book or something. Once they start catching some, that's when I pick up a rod and proceed to catch all or most of the rest of the fish for the day, much to the chagrin of the boys.

Today, I started out with a few casts on one of the pompano lines. However, it wasn't too long before one of the tarpon

lines went down, hard. Everyone in the boat, including the guide, jumped with a mixture of surprise and excitement. I immediately threw my pompano line to my mom, jumped into a fighting belt, and bounded down to the stern where the guide had to hang on to the rod to keep it from being yanked out of the holder. As I set the hook, I felt the full weight of the fish on the other end. I knew right away that it was big. Many types of fish can bite the tarpon line, so I couldn't be sure what it was. Moments later, it shot up out of the water. Broad, silver scales glinting in the morning sun, big, flat, minnow-like face, and large blank eyes gave it away. It was definitely a tarpon. The fight was on.

As the fish eventually drew out more and more line, the guide ran back to the steering wheel and pulled anchor. He put the boat in motion to follow it so it wouldn't run it all out. I cranked the reel as hard as I could; kept the line as taught as it could be. Tarpon have very hard jaws. They don't have teeth but their lips are so tough that hooks have a difficult time sinking in. Slack on the line is a sure way to lose them. You yank the rod up and reel hard as you let it down. I would make good progress, but then the fish would find a second wind and haul more line out. Then I would have to start over again. This went on for over two hours. My back, arms, core, and even my hands burned with the strain. At one point the guide got a

phone call which he answered while he manned the boat. There is a popular restaurant on the river waterfront that has dining areas by the docks on the water. Our boat was putting on quite the show. One of the customers saw me fighting this fish and immediately called the business number the guide had on the side of his boat to see if he had any openings to fish in the next couple of days.

Finally, the fish tired out and I was able to get it alongside the boat. We grabbed the liter, which counts as the catch. The guide did some quick measurements. Over six feet long and about 160 pounds. Bigger than me. It was magnificent. As we let it go and it disappeared into the water I felt a mix of accomplishment, relief, and pain. I sat down on the gunnel to take it all in.

This is one of my favorite things to do. I love fishing, especially something that can fight you like that. My family usually makes plastic replica mounts out of the measurements and photos of fish we think are impressive enough to go on the wall at our lake cabin in Northern Minnesota. My tarpon is front and center at the top of the main staircase, always there to remind me of that day and that awesome fish. My dad and brother have yet to catch one. I am not sure they will. They have many impressive trophies on the wall at the lake, but the tarpon is mine.

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# Spring Shoot

By Travis Senenfelder

Mother Nature tried to rain on our parade, but she forgot we Hunter's are a resilient breed. With the initial date set having ice cold temps and rain in the forecast our event not only had an initial lack in attendees but also got moved back a week.

This change in date actually was a blessing as a week later attendance was up and the weather cooperated perfectly. Not too hot and not too cold.

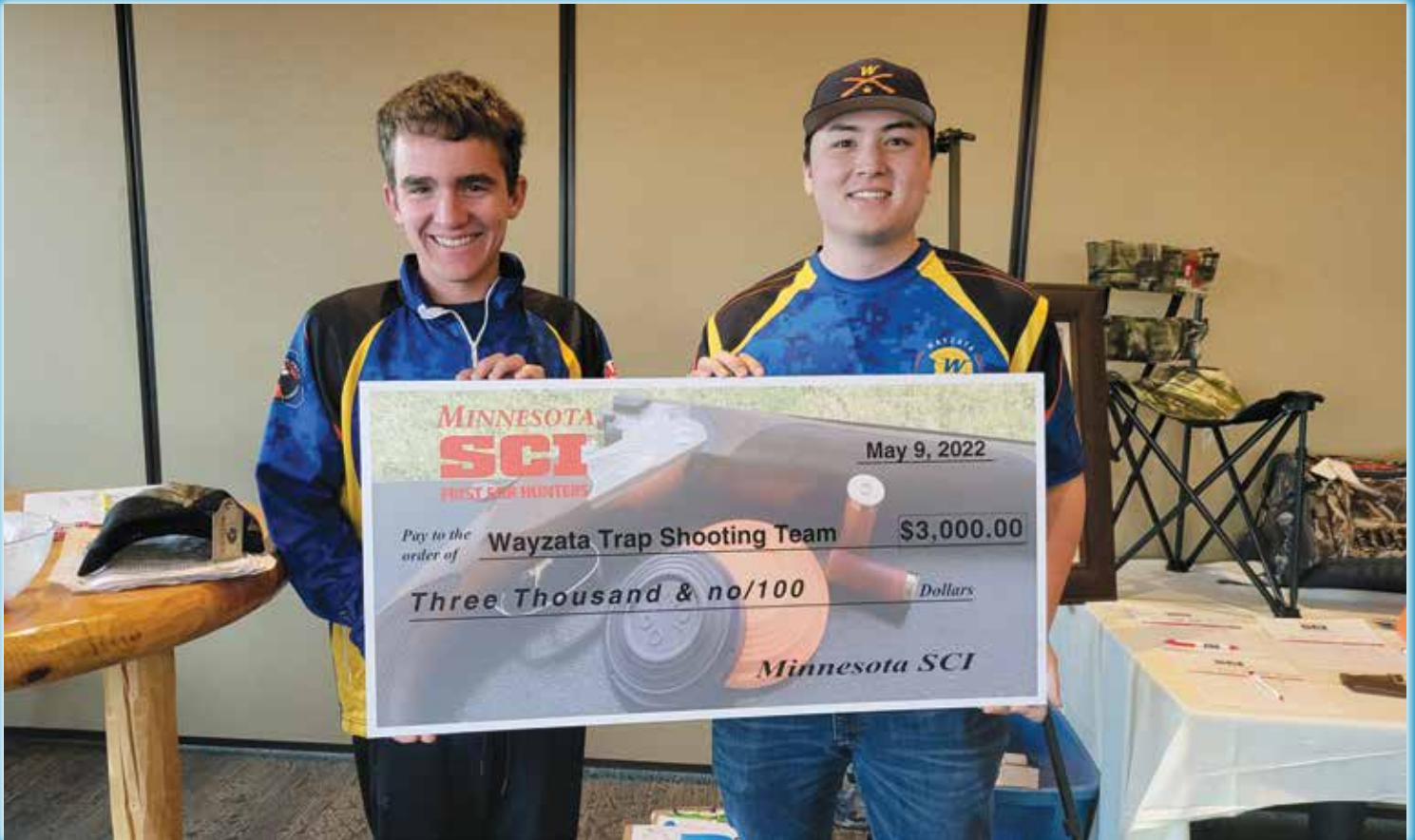
Having stationed roughly 35 shooters and dispersing roughly 500 birds the guns were blazing hot and everyone got plenty of shooting in. There were lots of laughs, smiles and good times had by all. Randy and staff at Caribou prepared an incredible three course New York strip dinner with all the fixings, all attendees got entered into a "thanks for coming raffle - free of charge to enter" and many took home incredible silent auction items that sold for far less than retail price.

The purpose of these events through out the year isn't to raise money. It's to get out, get active and for those who attend; to be rewarded for participating. The cost of the event was a little much as is everything in the economy right now but our members and guests walked away post attending with a huge receipt of value for their money.

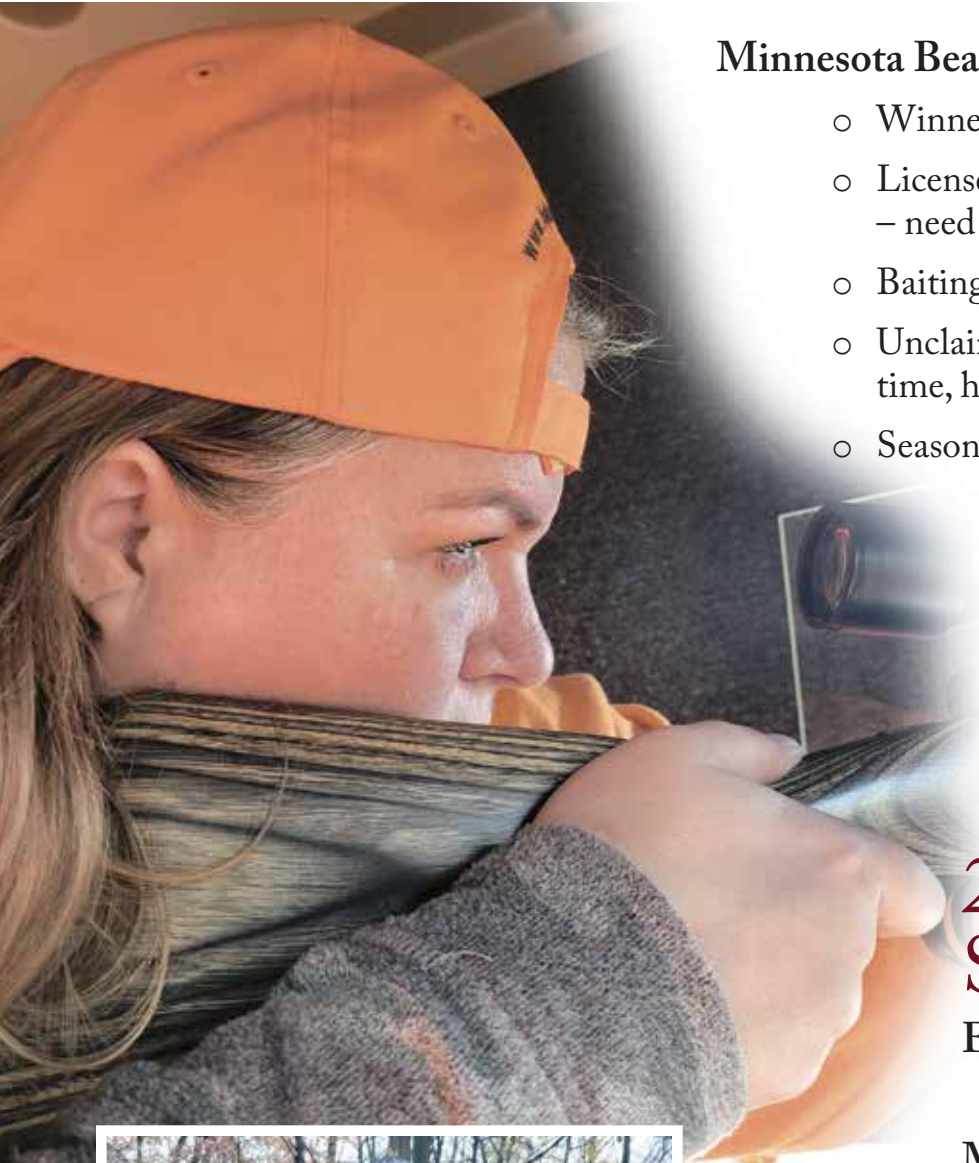
Thank you all again for attending this years spring shoot.... And thank you to those who brought guests whom ended up signing up and becoming members of this great chapter.







# 2022 Bear Season Dates



## Minnesota Bear Lottery due date – Friday, May 6

- Winner notification – May 20
- Licenses go on sale June 1  
– need to be purchased by August 1
- Baiting begins – August 12
- Unclaimed licenses lottery is around this same time, however not listed on DNR page yet
- Season opens September 1

## 2022 Elk Season Dates

Elk Hunting Lottery due date  
– Friday, June 17

## Minnesota Elk Hunting Seasons



Either-sex			
Season	Date	Licenses available	Zone
A	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	2	20
B	Sept. 10-18	2	20
C	Sept. 24-Oct. 2	2	20
D	Oct. 8-16	2	20
Anterless			
Season	Date	Licenses available	Zone
E	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	5	20
F	Sept. 10-18	5	20
G	Sept. 24-Oct. 2	5	20
H	Oct. 8-16	5	20
Bull-only			
Season	Date	Licenses available	Zone
I	Sept. 10-18	2	30

# 2022 Deer Hunting Dates

08/19/22	Camp Ripley archery hunt application deadline	
08/19/22	Youth deer hunt application deadline	
09/08/22	Antlerless & special hunt lottery deadline	
09/17/22 - 12/31/22	Deer - Archery	Statewide
10/20/22 - 10/23/22	Deer - Early Antlerless	
10/20/22 - 10/23/22	Deer - Youth	Statewide
11/05/22	Deer - Firearms	Statewide
11/05/22 - 11/20/22	Deer - Firearm (Season A)	100 Series permit areas
11/05/22 - 11/13/22	Deer - Firearm (Season A)	200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/19/22 - 11/27/22	Deer - Firearm (Season B)	300 Series permit areas
11/26/22 - 12/11/22	Deer - Muzzleloader	Statewide

## Minnesota Youth Deer Hunt Application Deadline – friday, August 19

- Season for Youth Deer is 10/20/2022 – 10/23/2022

## Season Openers\*

Ruffed Grouse Opener Saturday, September 17

Youth Waterfowl Opener is Saturday, Sept. 10  
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Waterfowl Opener – Saturday, September 24

Pheasant Opener – Saturday, October 15

*All dates taken off MN DNR page.*



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# ▽ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## **Fall Pheasant Shoot/Sporting Clays and Lunch ~ Saturday, October 1, 2022**

Wings North  
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## **Christmas Party and Wild Game Dinner ~ Monday, December 12, 2022**

Mendakota Country Club  
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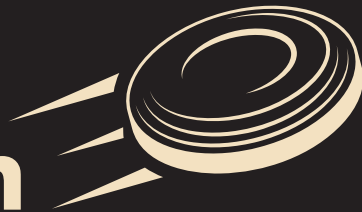
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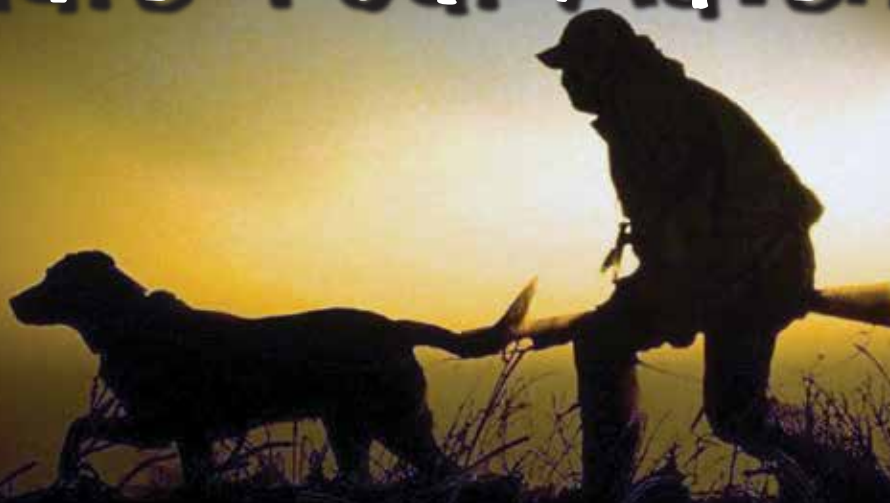
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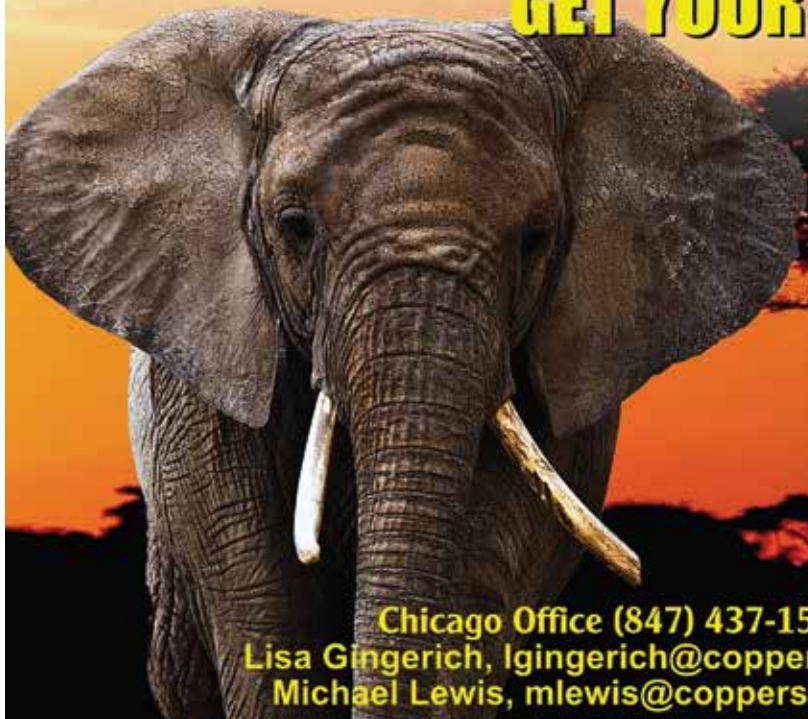
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