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The World Hunting Expo



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▽ Editor's Letter

Did I shoot a big buck this year? No! But I did shoot a buck. Not one that is making any sort of record book but the sausage and backstraps are great! I am very glad I harvested this one as my season just never really materialized into a year of harvests. It was a good year and a story is there for the future, just not for this issue.

Happy New Year and here we go with our first World Hunting Expo in two years! Based on the questions, emails, texts, etc. there is a lot of excitement for this event; I as well as the rest of the Minnesota SCI Board members, welcome the event and you all! This issue of Minnesota Adventuring is the Expo issue. There is a lot of information that is largely Expo-related.

The Minnesota SCI Expo quickly follows the Safari Club International convention being held in Las Vegas this year on January 19-22, celebrating 50 years of SCI. What a great milestone. And as always there is great entertainment and

outdoor celebrities at the convention. I would love to hear from our membership if anyone participated this year. I was unable to but plan to go in 2023 for sure.

As we all know there is a lot still happening with COVID19 as we go into our third year of uncertainty with events, etc. Let's all continue to support each other, our outfitters and guides out there globally. They are like the rest of us living in uncertain times with no clear answers to how this ever really goes away. As disappointed as I am as I write this, my Alabama deer hunt was canceled the eve before I left due to COVID. I have wanted to hunt Alabama since I was 12 but it won't be this season.

As of now, the Expo is a go!. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Stay safe,

Tony Roettger, Editor



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▽ President's Message

Fellow Hunters & Friends

This is my penultimate President's column. After three challenging years, I will be stepping down after the May Board meeting. Travis Senenfelder will be stepping into the President's role. He has an introductory column in the magazine. Please say hello to him at the Expo and welcome and thank him for taking on the President's role.

Speaking of the Expo, we are on track to welcome you back once again to our premier event on February 25 - 26 at the Minneapolis Marriott NW. I know some of you are concerned with Omicron. Most experts agree that it will have burned itself out by the time we have the Expo. You are welcome to wear a mask if it makes you feel more comfortable, but it is NOT a requirement at this time.

- Once again you can purchase a table for eight or 10 this year.
- Get a complimentary bottle of champagne for each table of eight or 10 that is purchased.
- Sign up by February 5 and become entered in the Early Bird Raffle. One rifle for each night. One ticket for each seat purchased.
- The Silent Auction will have well over 300 items and the Raffle and Games will have one of our largest selection of firearms ever.

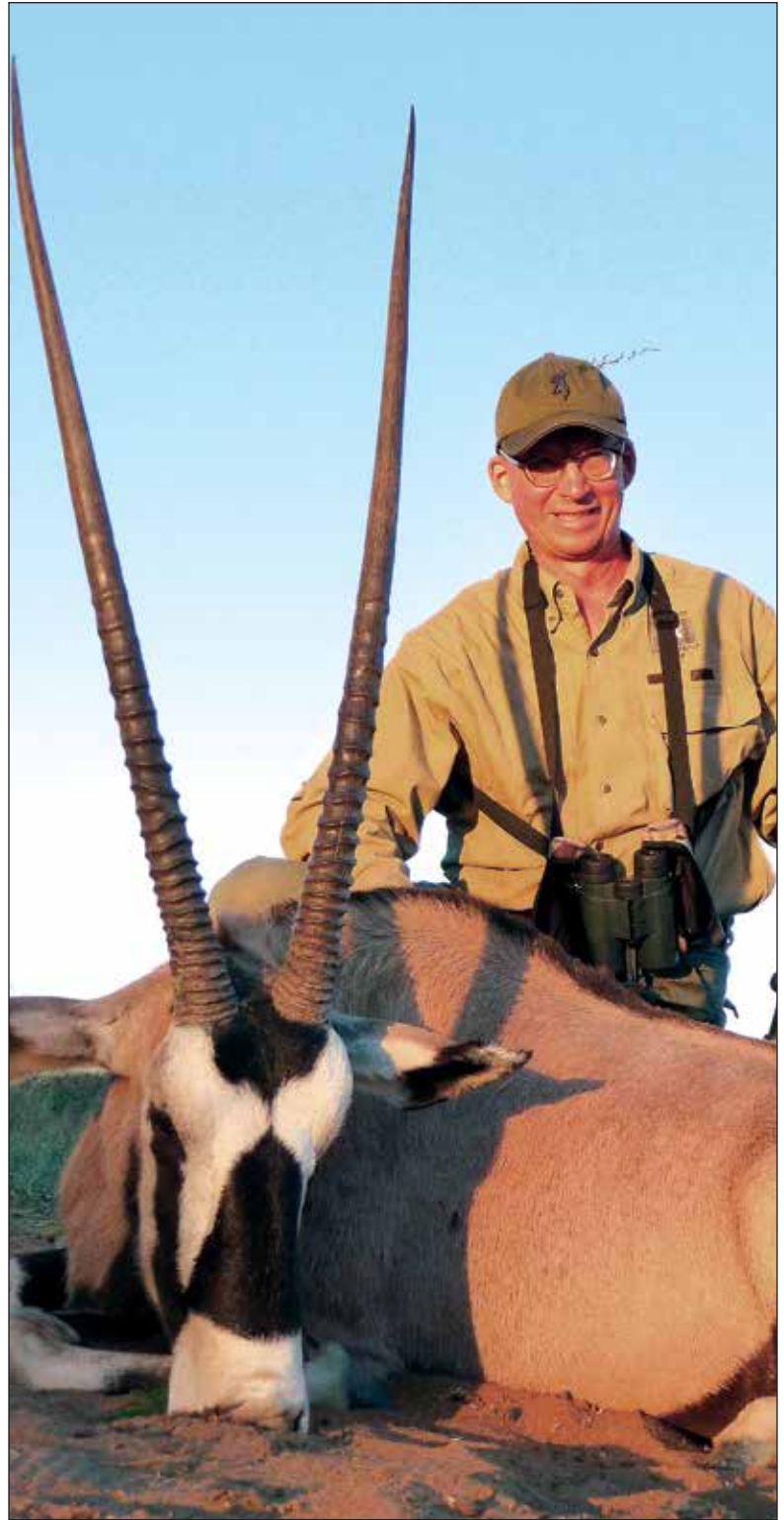
With travel restrictions and Outfitters still honoring contracts from previous years, it has been a difficult year to secure donations for the Live Auction. But Brian Smith has done a yeoman's work in securing a tremendous selection of hunts and items for your consideration. Our board members have assisted in getting some outstanding hunts. You will have the opportunity to bid on a Brown Bear hunt, Tule Elk, Minnesota trophy Black Bear, a 50-bird Pheasant hunt, a half-day Muskie fishing adventure with the Minnesota record holder, a hunt that includes an Eland, an African cat hunt with dogs, Cape Buffalo and a Snowshoe Hare hunt with beagles among many others.

Raffles and Games will have guns from Kimber, Christensen Arms, Beretta, Sauer, Weatherby, Browning, Tikka, and more. There will be some unique items that even if you don't want to throw a ticket in, you will definitely want to see.

We will once again be offering a Membership Special. With the purchase of any raffle ticket pack, you will receive a voucher for a one-year National and Minnesota Safari Club membership for \$10 or a three-year for \$100. This is a once-a-year offer! As life returns to normal, I know that Travis has a number of events planned for members that you don't want to miss.

See you all at the Expo. Stay Safe!

Don Lynch, President



▽ President-Elect's Message

Minnesota SCI Members whom I have gotten to know over the last handful of years. Thank you! Thank you so very much in nominating me as your next chapter president. Brian Smith; I also want to thank you. You are the reason I am involved in SCI. If it were not for your introduction to SCI, the explanation that SCI is not just an organization that promotes African Safari Hunting, and your introductions to members who are not just people who go to South America and Africa to hunt I would never have found this organization in which I have grown to love.

I met Brian a few years back. As many of you may expect with my outgoing demeanor, I started sharing with Brian how I got into hunting, what types of things I hunted and even a story or two of a fun couple hunts I had been on. I was passionate on the topic and excited for Brian to share some of his stories with me. I quickly was in awe. Here in front of me was a man my age who was just a couple animals away from having harvested the North American 29, and whom had hunted all over the world for many other animals.

Let's just say my mind was blown.

After hearing many of his stories...and reflecting on my own duck, goose, pheasant, deer, bear, coyote hunting and countless fish catching experiences I felt as though I hadn't even stepped afield yet. As curiosity continued to set in, I called him a few days later. How did you come to know where to look for hunting opportunities such as those and how did you come to know how to go about lining up / prepping for those types of hunts? You must remember... he much like many of you were embarking on these journeys before Internet and now days social media.

Brian shared with me the organization of SCI .

I quickly learned that being a member of SCI was not just about African safari hunting and that the word "Safari" was a global word meaning everything! That any time you step foot into the outdoors you're going on a "safari" and that SCI was a group of individuals who all loved to "safari" throughout the world. A group of people, men and women who would share experience and knowledge about hunting and fishing, share information on survival dos and don'ts afield, advocate for



hunters' rights, work hard to protect and conserve resources and game, work to see to it that non law abiding individuals were stripped of their rights to hunt and most importantly see to it that generations ahead are introduced into the outdoors. It was at that moment that I asked, "well, how can I become a member?"

Well, here I am today; helping and I am so excited to showcase Minnesota SCI both locally and nationally. I am excited to keep with the traditions and to bring new ideas to the table. I am excited to continue in getting to know all of the members who have been with the chapter for many, many, years as well as grow this membership base into the future.

Travis Senenfelder, President

▽ New Board Member

My name is Joe Gallogly, and I am very excited to be a new member on the board for the Minnesota chapter of Safari Club International. I grew up in Eden Prairie and spent every fall hunting with my dad in Northwest Minnesota. Even before I was old enough to participate, I loved sitting out in the duck boat or in the deer stand and feeling like I was a part of the action.

Over the years hunting has given me an appreciation for nature, lessons in patience, and most of all, an outlet to spend time with my family. To me hunting is about building relationships with both nature and those around you. I joined Safari Club International because SCI stands up for hunters and protects our values. I am eager to become more involved in SCI because there is a real and visible impact to what this organization does both abroad and locally. As a board member, I want to help shape how our local chapter makes this impact in our community. I want my kids to someday have the same amazing experiences and learn the lessons that I have through hunting. SCI supports that, and I support SCI.



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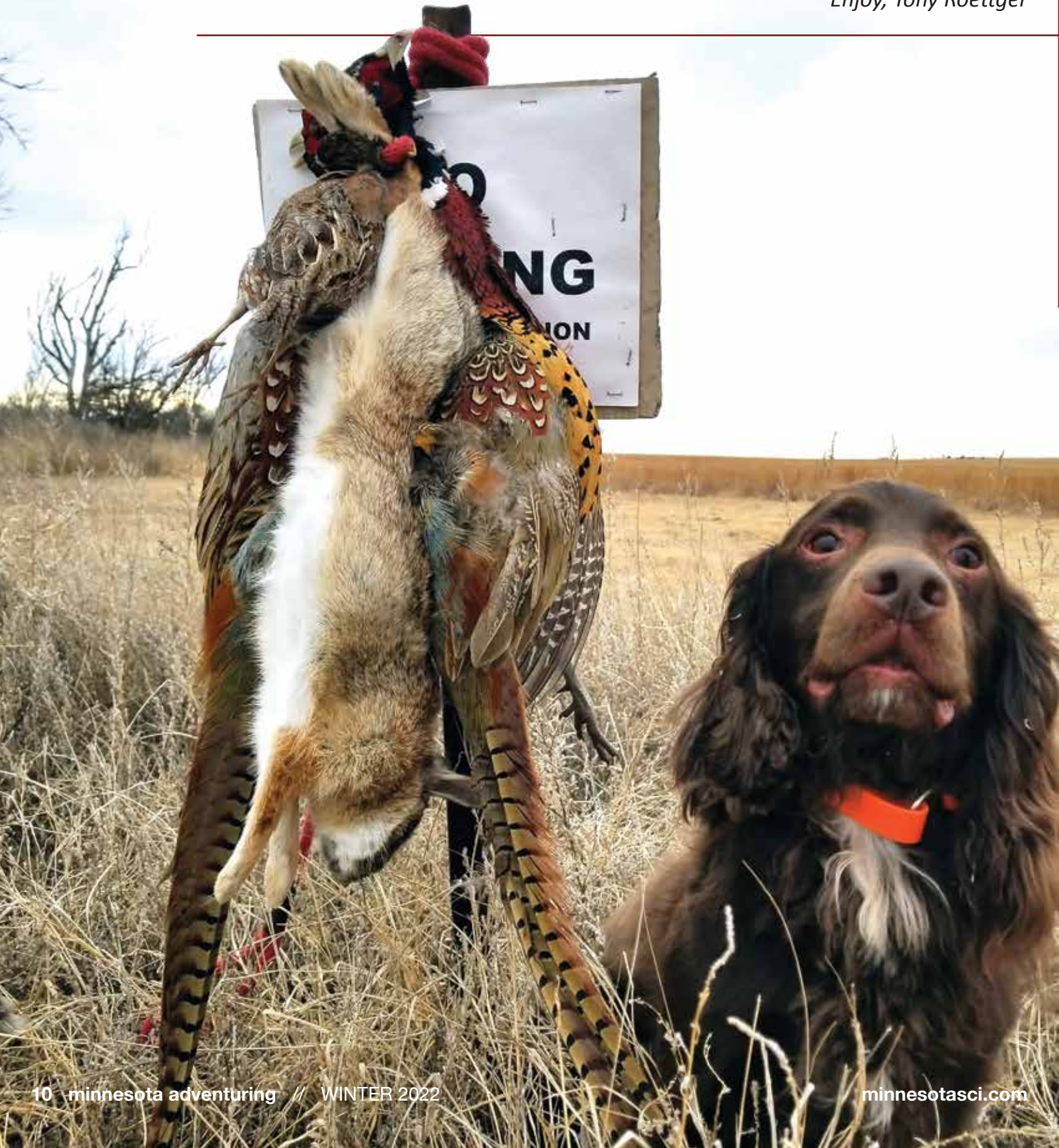
Thank you to our reporter in the field, Chad Hughes, at the SCI's National Convention in Las Vegas. Attendance was down a bit at this year's national show but it was still well attended. This will be the last year SCI does Las Vegas for a while. Next year it will be February in Nashville, Tenn.





Originally from John Schumacher's *Wild Game Cooking Made Easy* cookbook. One of my favorite cookbooks of all time! I have been making this dish using quail, chukar and pheasant for many years. I have made a couple alterations to it that suit my pallet a bit more. It takes a little love and time to do but worth it!

Enjoy, Tony Roettger





Pheasant A' La Crème

- 1 - 3 pheasants

If you have them breasted like we did do use three to four pheasants because I prefer breasts only

- 1 1/2 cups of seasoned flour (add salt & pepper)
- 1 cup vegetable oil

- 1 1/2 cup of chicken stock

- 1 - 2 (1 large one works) minced shallots

- 1 1/2 pints of heavy cream

- 1/3 cup creamed sherry

Yes, alcohol. It isn't much and it cooks off so don't worry, it makes the flavor.

- 1/3 cup dry white wine

Yes, alcohol. It isn't much and it cooks off so don't worry, it makes the flavor.

- 1 tsp salt

- Salt & pepper to taste

Roll pheasant in flour & brown in skillet in hot oil. Drain.

Place pheasant in casserole dish. Add Chicken stock and shallots. Cover & bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Add the cream, creamed sherry and dry white wine and teaspoon of salt. Continue baking until pheasant is tender and sauce is thick, about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over a wild rice and white rice mixture or noodles. Both are good in my opinion but if I had to choose, do the rice.

46th Annual

WORLD HUNTING EXPO!

Feb. 25-26 • Minneapolis Marriott Northwest

Minnesota SCI Board of Directors invites you to the World Hunting Expo!

Minnesota SCI has been a leader in protecting our local hunting heritage and the rights of all hunters through wildlife conservation, education, humanitarian and legislative efforts.

This is a two day action-packed event that will interest any hunting, fishing and outdoors enthusiast. You will enjoy visiting with the finest exhibitors from around the world, live auctions, silent auctions, raffles and one of the largest professional taxidermy displays in the Midwest.

Our Expo offers a rare opportunity to find that hunt of a lifetime; and there is no better place to book your next dream hunt than Minnesota SCI World Hunting Expo.

**Sponsor
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Today!**

Friday and Saturday's Dinners and Live Auctions will be general seating.

Reserved tables will seat 8 or 10 people and will be the only reserved seating.

Reserved tables must have a table name and must be purchased by Saturday, February 5.

See Expo Registration Form for pricing.

As a Table Sponsor, you will receive name recognition in the program and on screen.

PLUS: All PRE-PAID tables will receive one complimentary bottle of champagne!

Schedule At A Glance

Public Expo Hours:

Friday, February 25 2:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday, February 26 10:00am – 7:00pm

Public Hours are free and includes access to Exhibitors, Raffle/Game Area, and Silent Auction.

Paid Expo Hours:

Friday, February 25 6:00pm – 10:00pm

• Dinner and Live Auction starts at 7:00pm

Cost for Friday: \$60 per person

Included in price is all public access PLUS the Friday Live Auction and plated dinner. This is a casual event.

Saturday, February 26 4:00pm – 10:00pm

• Dinner and Live Auction starts at 7:00pm

Cost for Saturday: \$125 per person

Included in price is access to the live and silent auction, exhibitors, raffles and a 4-course plated dinner.

This is a formal event.

Hospitality Suite Party both Nights!

10:00pm – 2:00am

Early Bird Drawing

Everyone who registers for the Minnesota SCI Expo by

Saturday, February 5, 2022

will receive a ticket into the

EARLY BIRD DRAWING!

For each seat purchased, you will receive

ONE TICKET to the Early Bird Drawing.

(TABLE OF 10 GETS 10 TICKETS)

One Friday Registration = One Ticket

TOWARDS the **Mauser M18 6.5 Creedmoor Bolt Action Rifle Raffle.**

One Saturday Registration = One Ticket

TOWARDS the **Bushnell Fusion X Rangefinder Binoculars Raffle.**

Combo registration will get you a ticket to both drawings plus a savings of \$20!

Early Bird Drawing is valid for all registrations purchased by **Saturday, February 5, 2022.**

Registrations purchased after Feb. 5 or comped registrations will not receive a ticket into the Early Bird Drawing. Early Bird Drawing tickets may be picked up at the registration table. For details on each item, please go to www.minnesotasci.com for details.

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EARLY BIRD DRAWING

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For each seat purchased, you will receive ONE TICKET to the Early Bird Gun Drawing. (TABLE OF 10 GETS 10 TICKETS)

FRIDAY DRAWING



Mauser M18 6.5 Creedmoor 22" Synthetic 5rd Mag Bolt Action Rifle

Mauser has now launched a rifle that all hunters can enjoy, regardless of budget constraints. Mauser is more accessible than ever with its new rifle the M18. The iconic German gun maker uses its state-of-the-art technology combined with precise machining to create this rifle that will inspire confidence out in the field. Even though it may be more accessible, the M18 stays true to Mauser's principles.

A \$699 Value!

SATURDAY DRAWING



Bushnell's Fusion X Laser Rangefinding Binoculars - 10x42

Bushnell's Fusion X Laser Rangefinding Binocular boasts superb ranging accuracy and advanced optics for the best of both worlds in one unit. Our HDOS—High-Definition Optical System—provides optimum viewing clarity, and you never have to worry about the rangefinder falling short because this unit delivers detailed readings for distances up to a full mile. Built to take the hard knocks field use deals out, this full-size 10X42 design supports a rock-steady hold and great magnification but without being too bulky and heavy. Whether it's meat for the table or a chance at the buck or bull of a lifetime, the Fusion X will be there when you need it most.

A \$699 Value!

IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MINNESOTA SCI EXPO, THERE IS NO REASON TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Early Bird Drawing is valid for all registrations purchased by **Saturday, February 5, 2022**. Registrations purchased after February 5 or comped registrations will not receive a ticket into the Early Bird Drawing. Early Bird Drawing tickets may be picked up at the registration table. Need not be present to win. For information on each prize, go to www.minnesotasci.com for details.

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Nootka Island Lodge
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Ubathi Global Safaris
Vinera Wine Society
Wild Concepts Taxidermy
Wings North
Zeekoepan Safaris

2022 Key Raffle Items

Christensen Arms Ridgeline Rifle, 300 prc, **\$2,099**
Browning A5 Sweet Sixteen Shotgun, 16ga, **\$1,869**
Savage Arms 110 Ultralight 6.5 CM Rifle, **\$1,649**



2022 Raffle

We will have a broad selection of Rifles, Pistols and Shotguns from top brands including Beretta, Browning, Christensen Arms, CZ, Kimber, Sauer, Ruger, Springfield Armory, Tikka, Walther, and Weatherby. Among the unusual items in this year's Raffle and Games is the Benjamin Airbow that fires arrows at 450FPS and the Ruger Carbine 9MM.

In the non firearms items: We will have again a broad selection including Leupold Thermal Imager, Tactacam Cellular Solar Trail Cams, Vortex Rangefinder Binoculars and a host of other items.

Silent Auction

*Two Nights
Two Silent Auctions!*

We will continue the tradition of a Friday and Saturday Silent Auction. There will be a total of 300 items: Clam Fish House Kayaks, Minnesota Twins Tickets, Minnesota Wild Tickets, Trager Grill along with a variety of other fun items.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT EACH NIGHT.

Live Auction Preview

Auction Preview is Preliminary and Subject to Change



2 Day Wisconsin Snowshoe Hare Hunt with Beagles for 4 Hunters

Jay Link • Links Wild Safaris

Join Jay Link this winter at Jay's cabin and hunt northern Wisconsin for Snowshoe Hare with Beagles for 2 days. **Hunt is valid December 1, 2022 - April 15, 2023 only.** Stay at Jay Link's lodge Safari Whitetail Resort in Wescott, Wisconsin. Hunt will occur in multiple locations on private and public ground. 10,000 acres of private land. Included: Lodging, meals, and transportation to hunting grounds. Not Included: Hunting license, rifle/ shotgun, and travel to Safari Whitetail Resort or hotel.

Please see Jay Link in his booth for more information on this one-of-a-kind donation!

Phone: 715-466-5333

Website: www.linkswildsafaris.com

DONATION VALUE: \$2,000

3 Day Russian Bird Trophy Hunt

Ted Shogren • The Sporting Trader Worldwide Safaris

3 days/4 nights Russian Upland bird hunt for 1 hunter. Includes one male Capercaillie, one male Black Grouse & one Eurasian Woodcock. Hunting license, shotguns & ammunition included. Spring season April 17 to May 5, 2022. 2023 season will be similar, but not exact dates. The Sporting Trader will assist in all aspects of planning your hunt from start to finish. Donation includes local hunting transport, airport transfers, meals, lodging,

guiding, taxidermy transport. Not included Airfare to Moscow Sheremetyevo (SVO) Airport, hotel upon arrival date or after your hunt, meals in Moscow, gratuities and alcohol. Taxidermy of trophies and documentation, plus shipping to importer in Canada or USA. Time permitting, grizzlies and boars may be hunted per price list. Due in cash in Russia. Additional days must be booked 60 days in advance of arrival. Extra days are \$600/day. Additional Hunters are welcome to join this hunt for \$2,600 each. Lodge may accommodate 6 hunters total per week. **Hunt is to take place in 2022.**

Please see Ted Shogren in his booth for more information on this rare donation!

Phone: 612-203-7799

Website: www.sporting-trader.com

DONATION VALUE: \$2,200



California Free Range Trophy Tule Elk Hunt for One Hunter

Nolan Twisselman • Nolan Twisselman Outfitters

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hunting license. Accommodations: A fully equipped house with a stove, refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, washer and dryer, and BBQ pit is available at no extra charge. There is also a small bass pond available. Airport pickup in San Luis Obispo is included, additional hunters can be added for \$20,000, additional hogs can be taken for a \$400 trophy fee.

Phone: 805-475-2437

Website: www.nolantwisselmanoutfitters.com

DONATION VALUE: \$20,000



10 Day Mozambique Free-Range Cape Buffalo Hunt for One Hunter & One Non-Hunter includes Trophy Fee for One Cape Buffalo Bull

Willie Botha • Legadema Safaris

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pick-up and drop off, road transfer to concession, field preparation of trophies, native village visit to drop off meat, and fishing if time permits. Not included are dip, pack, and shipping of trophies, airport customs charges, rifle rental, tips, and hotels before and after the hunt (two nights). This hunt may be upgraded to include extra days (\$500/day per hunter, \$200/day non-hunter), and additional trophies including crocodile, hippo, leopard, lion (non-exportable to US) and elephant (non-exportable to US), sable, and other plains game. **Hunt must be taken in 2022 or 2023.**

Please see Willie Botha in his booth for more information on this fantastic donation!

Phone: +27 82 556 0813

Website: www.legademahunting.co.za

DONATION VALUE: \$14,000



10 Day Namibia Safari for Two Hunters & Two Non-Hunters includes Two Cape Eland, Two Oryx, and Two Impala and One Day of Bird Shooting

Justus Brits • Afri Hunts Safaris

This 10 day safari takes place in Namibia and is fully guided from pickup and departure in Windhoek Namibia. Included trophy fees for two hunters are two Cape Eland, two Oryx, and two Impala and one day of Bird Shooting.

Please see Justus Brits in his booth for more information on this 100% donation!

Phone: +26 48 1148 6807

Website: www.afrihuntsafaris.com

DONATION VALUE: \$10,800

Live Auction Preview



10 Russian Brown Bear Hunt on the Kamchatka Peninsula for One Hunter

Jay Link • Links Wild Safaris

Travel to the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia in pursuit of the biggest brown bears in the world. Links Wild Safaris and Denny Geurink's Outdoor Adventures has been hunting Russia for the past two decades and holds more SCI records than anyone else. This is a fantastic spring bear hunt for one hunter LWS/DGOA will take care of all the logistics, we will coordinate the dates, travel and assist clearing firearms. This is a 10 day trip with day one being the day you leave the USA and day ten being the day you arrive back in the USA. Come hunt the best region in Russia, proven year after year to harvest more big bears than anywhere else. Includes 1x1 professional guiding, license, tag fees, cites permit, vet certificate, professional meet and greet in Moscow airport, interpreters, transportation to camp, meals lodging, and trophy fee for one brown bear. Second bear maybe taken for \$7,500. Not included transportation to or from Moscow, lodging before and after the hunt, final trophy preparations and trophy shipping, visa application, exporting documents, personal expenses and tips. **Available dates are spring 2022 or spring 2023.**

Please see Jay Link in his booth for more information on this unique donation!

Phone: 715-466-5333

Website: www.linkswildsafaris.com

DONATION VALUE: \$15,000

7 Day South Africa Hunt for Two Hunters includes Trophy Fees for Four Animals

Jannie Otto • Jannie Otto Safaris

Hunt the Northern Cape Province on this 7 day / 6 night, 1 x 1 plains game hunt for two hunters, donated by Jannie Otto Safaris. **Schedule this safari with outfitter for open dates in the 2022 or 2023 season.** Species included in this hunt are to be shared by the two hunters include two kudu, 1 Nyala, 1 Bushbuck. While on safari you will be staying at the Jannie Otto Safari Lodge a one hour's drive from Kimberley. Included are accommodation, full safari staff, meals, trophy fees for donated species, airport pick up and drop off at Kimberley Airport, one hunting license per hunter and field prep of trophies. Hunt can be upgraded and extended per outfitter's price list. Not included are before and after hunt expenses, firearm clearance, packing and shipping of trophies and gratuities. Liquor, beer, wine and mixes at cost price + 10%. Community Fund at \$100 per hunter per day and \$50 per non-hunter per day. Additional vehicle for larger groups. 15% Government Tax on trophy fees of any wounded and lost game at package rates. Additional hunting licenses in certain situations depending on groups composition at \$60 each. Rifle hire at \$50 per rifle per day, ammo at cost. Additional trophies as per 2022 / 2023 price list and gratuities. Flights and/or hotel accommodation before, during or after safari. Taxidermy and shipping are also not included.

Please see Jamie Otto in his booth for more information on this great donation!

Phone: +27 83 470 7965

Website: www.jannieotto.com

DONATION VALUE: \$19,400

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10 Day Mozambique Kudu and Plains Game Hunt for Two Hunters

Gary Goltz • Gajogo Safariland

Minnesota SCI Member and longtime exhibitor Gary Goltz of Gajogo Safariland has donated a 10 Day Mozambique Kudu and Plains Game Hunt for Two Hunters. This 10 day hunt for two hunters includes 2x1 guided non-fenced safari for Kudu (guaranteed 50" or better), impala, Warthog, and Grey Duiker. Species hunted are to be shared amongst both hunters. Enjoy each evening atop Mt. Nhama Tika with true first-class accommodations, amenities, and hospitality like no other. Method of take is hunter's choice. **Schedule hunt with outfitter for open dates in 2022 or 2023.** Included are hunt (daily) rates, 2x1 guide service, lodging, accommodations, food, cocktails, beverages, Gajogo's gun and bullet usage, licenses, permits, fees, taxes, transportation to/from camp to Tete, field prep, and trophy fees for kudu, impala, warthog, and grey duiker. Not included are air travel and accommodations to/from buyers' home to Tete, personal gun and bullet expenses, post hunt taxidermy fees, dip/pack/ship, medical air rescue service (MARS), and gratuities. Safari may be upgraded to include additional species, hunters, non-hunters or days at outfitter's published rates.

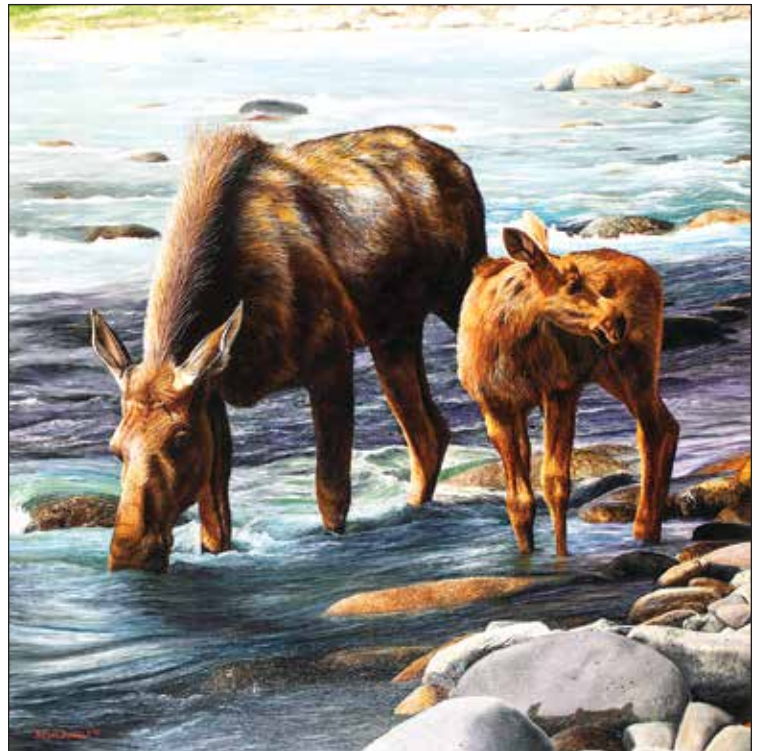
See Gary Goltz in his booth for more information on this fantastic Mozambique hunt!
VALUE: \$17,700

7 Day South Africa Nile Crocodile Hunt for Two Hunters & Two Non-Hunters

Travis Allen • Sensational Hunting Safaris

Sensational Hunting Safaris invites two hunters and two non-hunters to South Africa for this unique 7-day, 1x1 guided Nile Crocodile hunt. Included are accommodations, meals, round trip transportation from Johannesburg airport, 1x1 guided hunt, trophy fee for two Nile Crocodiles up to 12 ft in length (one for each hunter) and field prep. This very unique collector's species hunt has many upgrades available for over 30 species of Plains Game. Additional hunters and non-hunters are welcome; see outfitter for details. Not included are any before/after hunt expenses, dip/pack/ship and gratuities. Schedule hunt with outfitter for open dates July-November 2022. Arrival/departure point is Johannesburg, South Africa.

Website: www.sensationalhuntingsafari.com
DONATION VALUE: \$15,800

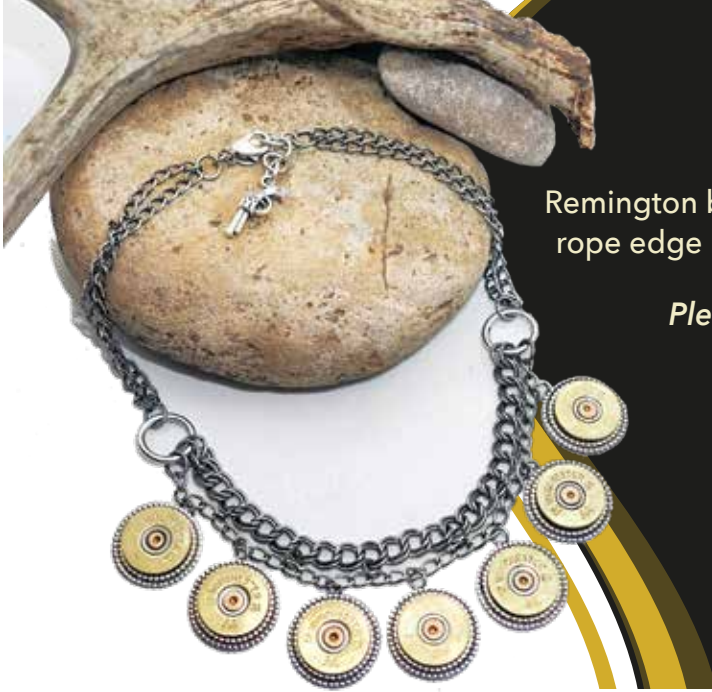


Minnesota Artist Kevin Daniel Painting

This original 38 x 30 acrylic painting titled Summer Respite was painted by Minnesota Artist Kevin Daniel.

See Chris Knutson at The Art Barbarian's booth to view this beautiful work of art!

Live Auction Preview



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SAMPLING OF Live Auction Hunts & Trips

Friday –

- 1 Day Minnesota 20-Bird Pheasant Hunt and Sporting Clays for Four People
- 2 Day Texas Javelina Hunt for Two Hunters includes Trophy Fees for Two Javelina
- 4 Day British Columbia Salmon, Halibut and Bottom Fishing Package for One Angler
- 7 Day Minnesota Baited Black Bear Hunt for One Hunter
- 8 Day South Africa Six Animals Hunt for Two Hunters & Two Non-Hunters

Saturday –

- 50-Bird Minnesota Pheasant Hunt
- 1/2 Day Minnesota Muskie or Northern Pike Fishing Trip for One Angler
- 2 Day South Dakota All-Inclusive Pheasant Hunt for Four Hunters
- 3 Day Nebraska Turkey Hunt for One Hunter includes Two Turkeys
- 3½ Day West Texas Aoudad Sheep Hunt for Two Hunters
- 5 Day Montana Mule Deer or Whitetail Hunt for One Hunter
- 8 Day South Africa Six Animals Hunt for Two Hunters & Two Non-Hunters

In Memoriam

Darleen Cassidy

Long-time Minnesota SCI chapter member and former web page designer as well as second place award recipient for Minnesota SCI chapter website design has passed away.

Darleen Cassidy, aged 75, of Foley, Minnesota, passed away on Dec. 25, 2021, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota with her husband and daughter by her side. She had bravely fought COVID pneumonia for several weeks.

Darleen was born Oct. 16, 1946, in Yakima, Washington to James Chester and Jessie Marie Fricchette. She graduated from White Pass High School in Randle, Washington. Darleen lived for many years in Cleveland, Ohio, married and raised her children while working at Case Western Reserve University, and later divorced. She married the love of her life, Jim Cassidy, on Feb. 17, 1990, in Memphis,

Tennessee. Together they lived in various places and traveled the world before settling in Granite Ledge Township. Darleen was a self-taught website designer and desktop publisher. She loved reading, travel, shooting, and hunting, with five African safaris to her credit. She also loved her Portuguese Water Dogs. She touched the lives of so many people in whom her memory will live forever. The family would like to thank the medical staff, nurses, and therapists at St. Cloud Hospital for the care and compassion shown to Darleen.

Darleen is survived by her husband, Jim, her daughter, Gwen (Marty Holt), her sisters, Jane and Ellen, adopted grandchildren Aaron and Justis, and best friend, David Conger, Jr. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Sharon.



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Childhood Dreams

By Tony Roettger

As a child, I took any opportunity I could get to look at my grandpa's old issues of *Field & Stream*TM. I viewed them as if they were the gospel of how life should be; horses, guns, snow, cold, and hunting something out of a tent or backwoods cabin.

Images of long-bearded men riding or leading a horse down a mountain with a rack from an elk or mule deer on the back of a packhorse were seared into my memory. You could feel their pride as well as the pain and agony from their hunting adventure. The long nights of darkness, wolves, bears, hunger, cold, and just overall loneliness all for that one opportunity at an animal that then would have to actually be packed out.

When I met my wife Kate, I started her watching outdoor survival shows and tried to explain what being alone in the wilderness was like. But, you can't get the true feeling from a TV show. It is not something that can be explained, it has to be felt. There lies an allure for men and women alike for this feeling. I was craving this feeling, the backcountry was calling.

Kate has been hearing my calling for the mountain backcountry for a while but did not understand it fully until, she, herself was in the mountains on a youth ministry trip during the summer of 2022. Something struck her while there and she understood me a little bit more. Add a random coffee chat with Bob, a retired builder who is father to two fire jumpers, one morning at the camp and she began to understand even more.

Bob and Kate chatted about life, kids, and somehow elk hunting. His eyes sparkled when she said, "My husband has been bugging me about getting out to mountains elk hunting" to which Bob knew a guy named Bob that had a camp in the backcountry. I had not talked to Kate while she was gone all week at camp but I received a text of three lines: "Elk Hunting" "Call Bob XXX-XXX-XXX" "Northpark Outfitters – Go"

I felt that if there was ever a sign, this was it...so I called. I talked with Jim instead of Bob (co-owners) and he asked me questions and vice-versa. We talked a long time about how the camp has been running for over 100 years. Jim and Bob have had it for over 40 of those years. They have horses and I meet



them at a trailhead, and we go in via horse to a tent camp. It was literally the Field and Streams hunt of my childhood that I was longing for, so I booked it. Let the training begin, walking, running, etc. I knew that if I was going to keep up I need some legs under me.

September 10 came fast and here I was meeting Carson at the trailhead a bit past noon. It had snowed and was cold. We fed the horses and I helped pack eggs, flour, and other camp necessities. There was an appaloosa saddled up and ready for me to hop on and ride back the 6-hours to the backcountry camp. For the record that is a long ride if it's been a decade since you've been on a horse. We would stop at various streams to water the horses as we navigated back up into camp at dark where we were greeted by two other hunters and Bob and Jim in person. "Tony? Hop down off that horse, we got soup on so come get something to eat and relax a bit."

Soup and food were great for the eight plus days I was in camp. After dinner I got myself settled in my canvas wall tent. I had a cot with a foam pad to lay on and a tiny, very old stove in the corner to knock the cold edge off in the morning as I crawled out of my sleeping bag. Mornings were cold, the first night was 17 degrees, windy and more snow fell. I was so glad to have my cold war era US Army issue Extreme Cold Weather mummy bag. Without this little gem given to me by my dad, a US Army vet of 40-ish years, I would have frozen to death.

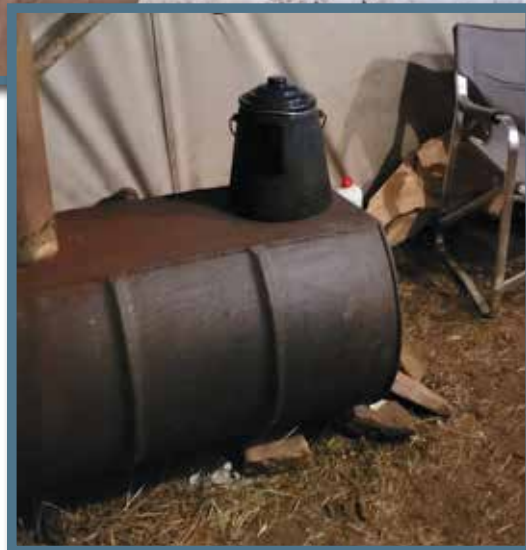
I also got acquainted with "The Frank" which was a tent a hundred yards away with a hole in the ground for camp use. It was given the name "Frank" by one of the gentlemen named, Frank. He spends a month in camp each year and has for the 40 years Bob and Jim have run it. One particular year, he got giardia from the water. You see, the water is piped in from a stream that is used by the beavers on occasion which puts us at risk for catching sickness on occasion. That one particular year was quite bad.

I did not get giardia, but I did end up with a mild case of altitude sickness. The camp was at 8600' and we climbed up and over and up and over stuff each day that was over 10,000' and sometimes over 11,500'. I was struggling to eat; breathing was not easy. I'd wake in the middle of the night taking deep breaths. So rather than think about it, I just went for the preventative plan: ibuprofen, Pepto-Bismol, drink a lot of water, and sleep when you can. I fought it for a few days and by day three things were pretty good. It did not keep me from hunting and since I didn't know what was happening, I didn't worry.

The hunt was a hunt. I hunted hard for the full eight plus days. The best bulls seen were on day one when Carson left me to sit on a ridge alone watching a meadow. I could tell Carson was concerned as we got to know each other bit by bit. His opening question was, "What kind of bull are you looking for?" My answer was simple, I have been on elk hunts before

and not had a chance at a bull. I was willing to take a legal bull if it offered a shot. I wanted an elk. To which he smiled and said, "We will get along just fine then. Hunting has been hard this year, never seen it where the bulls quit calling and are slim pickings." So, when he left me sitting watching that meadow and I saw two bulls he was surprised.

I had no idea where Carson was, so I decided to make a play on the bulls alone. The problem was the snow had re-froze and became crusty. I could not get to them quietly at all. After an hour Carson came back and he was looking at me like "What are you doing over here?" I smiled and held two fingers up and pointed down. He thought I was giving him the peace symbol which caused a chuckling exchange. I whispered in-between chuckles, "NO! There are two bulls." His reaction was shock and surprise. We snuck in cow calling and they popped out and started sparing. Still over a hundred yards away with no shot with a bow. It was getting dark, so we left them hoping to find them in the morning.





No luck that next morning or the next morning after for eight mornings. But this story isn't about a big elk I shot or missed or even drew my bow on. This story is about an adventure of and an attempt to do those things. The result was something I will treasure forever and know that when I came off that mountain on that horse, cold, wet, smelly to which I learned you can only get so smelly, a beard much longer, that I can say I did it. I was like the guy from one of those old images in *Field & Stream*TM that came down off a mountain on a horse. I also met the most interesting people that put life into a different perspective for me that we all should experience.

The mornings and evenings in camp were a great time. I learned that the crew plays a game with new hunters. It is a way to measure up who they are talking and eating with – as old-timers would do. Is it someone that is overconfident and full of B.S. or is he/she the real deal, or something else? When I would beat Carson to the breakfast table each morning Bob would say, “Tony beat you again, what’s up with that?” It meant I was actually wearing out or at least hanging with my guide. On the fourth morning, I was a little slower. I had been cold, hot, wet, sweaty, tired, altitude sickness, and overall, just out of my comforts of home and still adjusting. So, I said, “I’m a bit slower this morning, can we sit for one more cup of coffee and just warm up before we head out?” I knew another entire day of up and down the mountains was going to be tough and that one more cup of cowboy coffee was what I needed. Bob smiled and said, “we were wondering if you were human.”

This was my trip. A trip that was about can I do it? I began to hear stories of people before me coming into camp and having them pack them back out after a day or two. One guy left after one afternoon hunt with Carson. I wasn't one of those guys; I could do a hard trip like this and not die, not quit and not wish I was home. You see, Kate has rules for me if I end up on a survivor show and always tells me,

“If you ever go on one of those shows; you would do well as you do not mind being alone. You will suck if you don't have shoes but if you got shoes and a bow you would do ok. Just do not, under any circumstance ever, cry on national television saying how much you miss me as that is no excuse to give up and come home!”

I may have had these words playing in my

mind on day 7 as I climbed over 6000 vertical feet in one direction to a little place called Airplane Mountain. We left before dawn and came back well after dark. As it is 6000 vertical feet to get back as well because what you do in one direction, you have to do back the other. I did it. The Garmin was measured in case you think I mismeasured it. We never saw an elk, but I did see a blue grouse. Something I have never seen before. I also saw the airplane wreckage from the 1960s that still is hanging in the trees and is scattered all over that ridge. Amazing and creepy site.

This story is about life and my new friend Frank. He is 86-years-old and still goes to camp every year. He stopped hunting at 85 after his last elk. Now he gets up and has breakfast, tells a story, warms up then goes back to bed. He meets us for dinner where he loves to hear about every detail of how we did, where we went and what we saw. He was such an inspiration to how living life is what it's all about. Get out there, do it, don't stop. Go slower if you need to, but don't stop until God says, "that's enough."

This story was a *Field & Stream*TM magazine article. These guys don't have houses. They live in this camp and then leave camp to go live in Alaska and fish the rest of the year. Maybe stop at their parents' place or rent something for a month or so in-between but more or less lived as nomads hunting and fishing while getting paid. They were happy with this life and did not understand why I had to go back to work and live a completely different kind of life. There is something too simple and less complicated.

As I write this and reminisce, I remember my burning lungs of climbing up the mountains, the smell of the campfire each night, the great food we ate (fish, burgers, chicken), the canvas tent smell and sounds of the night, the fox that ran in my tent one night, the mountain lion kill 150 yards away of a small mule deer, the Shiras moose we called in for fun one evening and the overall camaraderie. Life is short, live it. It wasn't the harvest of delicious elk meat but the feeling of success that I gave it all I had.





CHRISTMAS PARTY

WILD GAME

DINNER

Another fantastic event getting us back together in-person. The food was great with items such as alligator sausage gumbo, balsamic braised bear with sweet potato, roasted elk and bison chili! We had a fantastic showing of people and silent auction items from Minnesota Wild tickets, Vikings tickets, blinds, wine, etc! We also drew for two of our hunts and the 50/50 drawing:

- Aoudad hunt won by Brent Nelson
- Sitka Black Tail Deer hunt by Paul Wagner
- 50/50 drawing – Jeff Colman



Sven Lindquist, president of SCI and past president of MN SCI visit the dinner.



HUNTING *Adventures*





▽ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Pigeon Tower Shoot and Lunch

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Caribou Gun Club
30649 380th Street
Le Sueur, MN 56058

Annual Member Meeting and Dinner and Sporting Clay Tournament

Monday, May 9, 2022

Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club
2920 East 220 Street
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Trophy Room Tour and Barbeque

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Greg & Maureen Grazzini
1251 Hesse Farm Circle
Chanhassen, MN 55318

Fall Pheasant Shoot/Sporting Clays and Lunch

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Wings North
1 9379 Homestead Road
Pine City, MN 55063

Christmas Party and Wild Game Dinner

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mendakota Country Club
2075 Mendakota Drive
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

47th Annual Minnesota SCI Expo

Friday – Saturday, February 24 – 25, 2023

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest
7025 Northland Drive North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Details on each event will be emailed and posted on www.minnesotasci.com.

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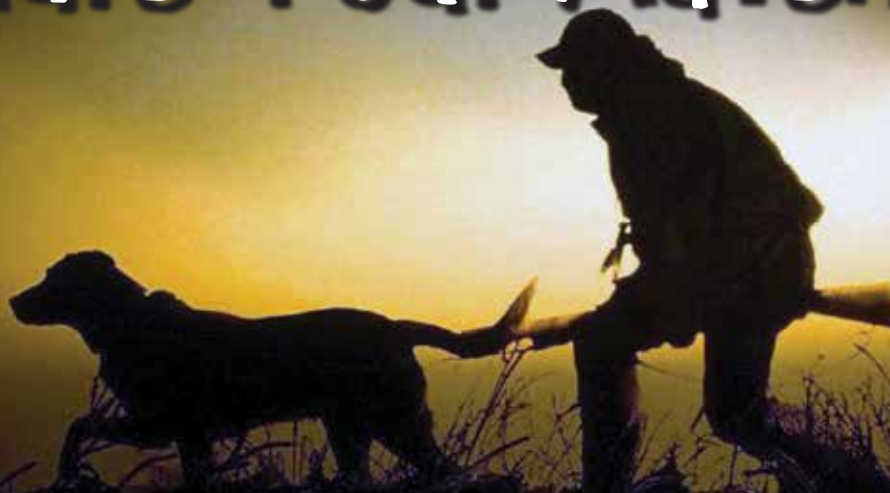


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Learning about new hunting opportunities is one of the great benefits of being a Minnesota SCI member. All of the content in this magazine comes from members just like you. If you've been on a trip recently and would like to share your experience with 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.

Contact Tony Roettger at razr1500@gmail.com for more details.

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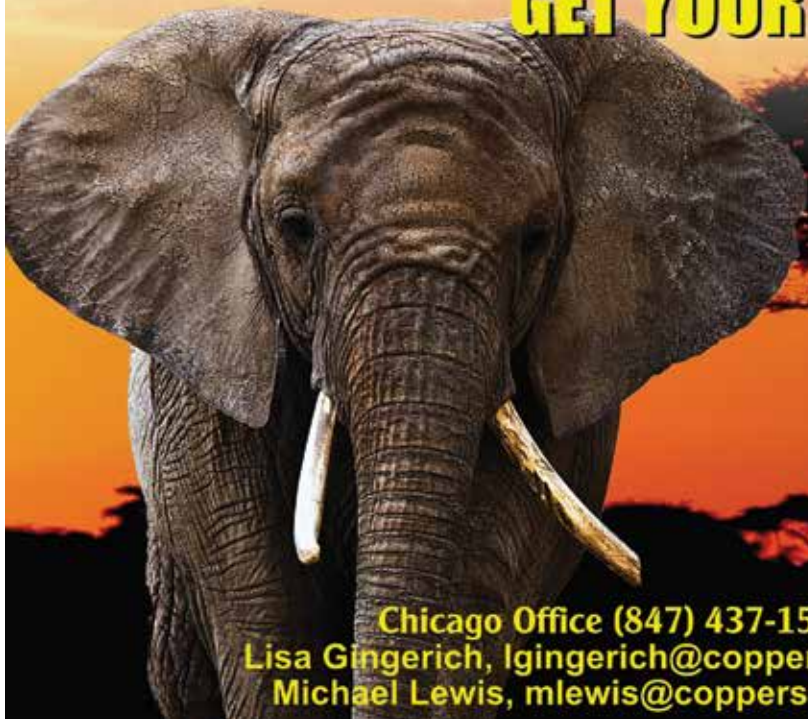
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