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freedom to hunt and promoting
wildlife conservation worldwide

January 2023, 1st Quarter Newsletter



Note from our President:

Our chapter enjoyed a great 2022 hosting several events. We have made changes in the past year to the chapter that we feel will help members and grow our chapter. We will continue our efforts as we move into 2023.

Ballots were sent out to the chapter members for election of the Chapter officers and Board of Directors. Results of the election will be available in late January.

Dave Stokes



As we jump from 2022 into 2023 it's time to reflect on 2022 before we tell you what is in store for 2023.

- **Our latest event in 2022 was the Holiday party which took place on December 6th at Syberg's on Dorset. We had good attendance and enjoyed drinks, pizza, toasted ravioli and salad. We want to thank Sheldon Alver for his presentation on his hunting experiences. What a year he has had!!**
- **September 24th our chapter hosted a Sporting Clays Event at Strathalbyn Farm Club in Weldon Springs. The weather was perfect for this event. We had 17 shooters with high team shooting 328 out of a possible 400. Appetizers were served after shooting had finished.**
- **October 8th was our annual "Shoot For the Vets" event. We had 120 shooters (70 veterans / 50 non-veterans). Both morning and afternoon shooters enjoyed lunch as well as attendance prizes. As a result of our fund-raising event, we made a donation of \$4,025 to Camp Hope.**
- **June 22nd was our Shoot Night at "The Range". We hosted a fun evening of indoor shooting. The event entailed rental of an entire shooting bay exclusively for our members and guests. Pizza and soft drinks were provided. Turn out of 21 people enjoyed the event.**
- **March 19th was our annual banquet/auction. It was good to have everyone come out again after the hiatus of our banquet due to Covid. Many attendees went home with items they won from the oral auction, bucket raffles and other games offered during the evening.**
- **February 19th was our Annual Upland Game Shoot held at Wil-Nor Game Preserve in Dittmer, Missouri. Approximately 20 hunters showed up for the morning and afternoon sessions. Lunch was served and attendance prizes awarded.**

Upcoming Events for 2023

Annual Upland Game Shoot at Wil-Nor Outdoors

Saturday, January 28th, 2023



The Gateway Area Chapter of SCI is hosting their annual upland game hunt on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Wil-Nor Outdoors in Dittmer, Missouri. You can hunt in the morning at 8:30 AM then join us for lunch; or you can arrive at 11:30 AM, join us for lunch and hunt in the afternoon at 1:30 PM, your choice. You can bring your own dog(s) if you like.

Cost is \$130 per hunter, without guide. Guide is \$65 plus tip, per group of no more than 5.

Cost includes lunch, door prizes and choice of birds:

EITHER:

- 4 Pheasants, 6 Chukar, or 9 Quail

For more information, please contact Mark Johnson at

MDJSportsman@gmail.com or 314-737-8123.

Request RSVP by Monday, January 23rd

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2023 SCI Convention – Nashville (Feb 22 – 25):

The SCI convention will take place at the Music City Center in the heart of downtown Nashville. Registration is now open. Nashville is a hunter-friendly destination that is within driving distance of 50% of the U.S. population. This location will allow more members and guests to attend the event and help grow its membership and powerbase. To register for convention and hotel rooms, go to www.showsci.org or www.safariclub.org.



FEBRUARY 22 – 25, 2023

Join SCI as we stand strong to protect your hunting freedom.

Register today for the 2023 Convention in Nashville!

No matter what game you hunt or where you pursue it, SCI protects the rights of hunters in North America and around the world. Whether your dream adventure is to hunt Midwest whitetails, go on an African safari or chase upland birds and waterfowl, the SCI Convention has it and so much more!



REGISTER TODAY AT
[SAFARICLUB.ORG](https://www.safariclub.org)



18th Annual Gateway Area Chapter Banquet & Auction

March 18, 2023 -Double Tree Hotel, Chesterfield, MO

******Please join us for our biggest event of the year******

18th Annual Gateway 2023 Banquet/Auction, March 18, 2023

The Annual Banquet/Auction is our largest event of the year. This event is the chapter's primary fundraiser; the money raised from this event goes to support outdoor education, conservation, humanitarian initiatives along with local shoots and chapter events. We encourage you to come out and support these worthy causes. Your ticket will include dinner and a cash bar. Discounted hotel rooms are available should you decide to stay overnight.

This year will bring a lot of changes to the banquet format. Come enjoy our event consisting of dinner, cash bar, auctions (silent, oral and on-line) and participate in games including a progressive raffle for great prizes.

Auction Items include: Hunts, guns, hunting apparel and accessories, art work and local entertainment packages to name a few.

Doors Open at 5 PM - Dinner/Program 7 PM - Auctions 8 PM

Sit-Down Dinner, Cash Bar, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Games

Visit GatewaySCI.org for ticket information or call Dave Stokes @ 314-882-6199

See below for further ticket information

Single Tickets: \$60 Table of (8) \$420

Order your tickets at these two links: www.gatewaysci.org

www.purplepass.com/gateway2023



ABOUT OUR AUCTION

Please join us this year for the 18th Gateway Area SCI Chapter Banquet and Auction being held on March 18th, 2023. Your ticket will provide you with dinner and a cash bar.

Single Tickets: \$60.00

Table of (8): \$420.00

Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

_____ Individual Tickets @ \$60 _____ Table (of 8) @ \$420 \$_____ Total Due

_____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ AmEx

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Confirmation will be emailed to above email address and will act as your proof of purchase

Mail completed form to: [Jody Wilkerson, 5400 Lisette, St. Louis, Mo 63109](#)

Your Guest List

If you have purchased a table, please provide the names of the guests who will be attending with you and sharing your table. This will enable us to ensure your group is seated together and simplify and ensure accuracy at check-in.

TABLE HOST: _____ Guest #4 _____

Guest #1 _____ Guest #5 _____

Guest #2 _____ Guest #6 _____

Guest #3 _____ Guest # 7 _____

We appreciate your support this last year for our events;

More Events will be announced for 2023 once planning is completed.

Stay tuned.

Missouri Dept of Conservation - Missouri Hunting Seasons:

2023-24 Firearms Deer Hunting

- **New: Firearms Early Antlerless Portion: Oct. 6-8 (in open counties)**
- **Firearms Early Youth Portion: Oct. 28-29**
- **Firearms November Portion: Nov. 11-21**
- **New: Firearms CWD Portion: Nov. 22-26 (in open counties)**
- **Firearms Late Youth Portion: Nov. 24-26**
- **Firearms Late Antlerless Portion: Dec. 2-10 (in open counties)**
- **Firearms Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 23 – Jan. 2, 2024**

Regulation Changes for the 2023-24 Deer Season

Regulation changes for the 2023-24 deer season include a new firearms early antlerless portion, a new firearms CWD portion, and changes to firearms antlerless permit numbers in most counties. Visit the Missouri Dept of Conservation web site for further details: <https://mdc.mo.gov/>

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Spotlight on your Officers & Board Members –

We would like to help you become familiar with your Officers and Board Members by providing a bio for their position in each newsletter. Our first bio is an introduction to our Director and Membership Chair, Tom Williams. Below Tom has provided us with a look into his background and shared what he enjoys most.



I first started hunting Ruffed Grouse in Upstate New York when I was 17 years old. I have been an active hunter for more than 50 years. I have hunted plains animals in Africa in addition to hunting Caribou in Alaska, Elk in New Mexico, Whitetail Deer in Maine, Texas, New York and Missouri.

My real passion is hunting Upland Game Birds. I have hunted Ruffed Grouse in Maine, North Carolina and New York; Pheasant in South Dakota and Bobwhite Quail in Missouri, Alabama and Georgia.

What I enjoy most about hunting, in addition to experiencing some of the beautiful countryside, is sitting in the woods before the sun comes up and listening and watching “The woods come alive.” Bonus is having my wife Elaine with me during my hunts in Africa.

I have recently been appointed Membership Chairman for our Chapter. I am excited about this opportunity to increase our membership with people interested in being a part of our great organization.

During the months to come my focus will be on:

- Identifying SCI members in the St Louis area that are not Gateway Area Chapter Members.**
- Identifying existing Gateway Area Chapter members whose memberships are about to or have expired.**
- Participate at local events to educate people on the benefits of being a Gateway Area Chapter Member.**

I am currently developing a plan on what we will be doing during 2023 to increase our membership. If anyone is interested in sending me some of your thoughts, please email me at tfwwtfprop@yahoo.com.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Banquet Dinner on March 18th and other events during the upcoming year.

Tom Williams

Recipes



We all like to eat and try new dishes; however sometimes we are not sure how the meat we bring in from the field should be prepared. If you have a recipe that you have used and has become a favorite, we would like you to share it with us. Please submit it to our email address at gateway@gatewaysci.org for inclusion in the newsletter.



It's a new year. Are you looking for a way to volunteer your time or get more involved in an activity you enjoy. Our chapter could use you! We have opportunities to serve on committees, assist at events, contribute articles to the newsletter, etc. You may have an idea that no one has thought about yet.

Should you have any suggestions that could contribute to the enhancement of our chapter, newsletter, activities or you want to become more involved, please feel free to contact me at 314-882-6199 or at stokesd50@outlook.com.

Dave Stokes