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SCI, Leader in defending the
freedom to hunt and promoting
wildlife conservation worldwide

April 2023, 2nd Quarter Newsletter

Note from our President:

Our chapter has started 2023 off with a bang! A couple of events have already taken place and more are being planned. Remember to keep an eye out for upcoming events and add us to your calendar.

I wanted to thank our Board Members as well as all volunteers that helped make our March banquet such a success. It takes a tremendous amount of effort to bring an event together and each year we continue to provide an evening of enjoyment bringing the opportunity for you to win or purchase hunts, guns and other items to numerous to mention.

Election ballots for new Board members were sent out in the mail at the end of last year. Results from the election are as follows:

Officers:

David D. Stokes, President

Mark D. Johnson, Vice President

Susan Nelson, Secretary

Jody Wilkerson, Treasurer

Board Members:

Neal Feazel, Director

John A. Wilkerson, Director

Dr. Steven Crawford, Director

Tom Williams, Director

Anthony Thebeau, Director

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

Annual Upland Game Shoot at Wil-Nor Outdoors

Saturday, January 28th, 2023



Our first event of 2023 was our annual Upland Game hunt. A great time to get outside and reconnect with nature after the busy holiday season



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



SCI Foundation News

March 2023

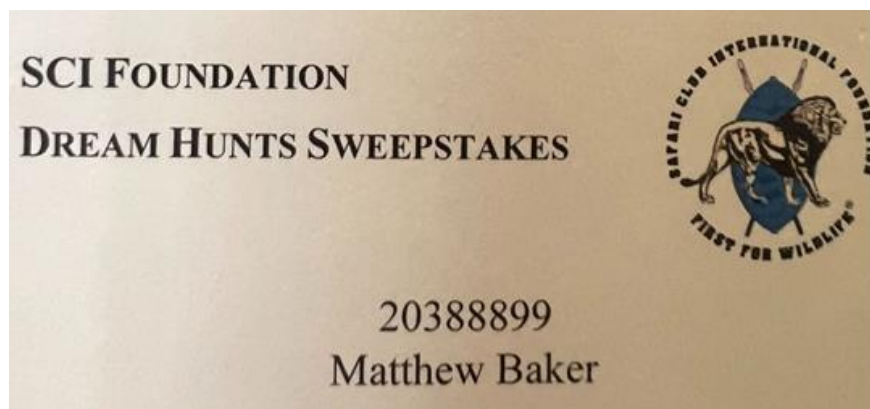
Nashville was a tremendous success, setting new records in attendance and auctions! We work hard on conservation-education-humanitarian programs that meaningfully impact the long-term future of wildlife every day all year long, but we only get a few rare opportunities to meet face-to-face with you who make this mission possible.

Thank you for the record attendance, incredible fundraising, and extremely encouraging feedback at what felt like the best SCI Convention we've ever been to! We can't wait to be back in Nashville next year.





**Show-Me Missouri Winner
Drawn at SCI Convention**



“Congratulations to Matthew Baker from Missouri, you have \$100,000 to spend on any hunts you want over the next 2 years! Thank you for being a Monthly Giver.”

Support what you love - Donate \$25 per month to help fund our mission. We draw winners every month from current givers, but all year long your Monthly Giving entries carry over for our Grand Prize drawing. Your best odds of winning one of the Grand Prizes (**including \$100,000**) is to sign up today and be a Monthly Giver all year!

If you want to win, sign up to donate at least \$25 as a Monthly Giver today! <https://safariclubfoundation.org/product/monthly-giving/>

18th Annual Gateway Area Chapter Banquet & Auction

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

We had a great turnout for our Banquet on March 18th. The room was filled with folks there to enjoy the evening and win some fabulous items. We are excited that 15 people joined SCI and our Gateway Chapter at the banquet:

In planning for this years event we made several changes to the banquet format which seem to be enjoyed by all.





2022 Youth Hunter

Eva Kreilich

Eva, daughter of John and Maria Kreilich of Webster Groves was awarded the 2022 Youth Hunter award at our Banquet. Eva is now 7 years old, when she harvested her first deer at her family's farm in Westerm Kansas she was only 6 years old. Great to see young hunters getting involved at such an early age!

We appreciate your support for this event! Go ahead and mark your calendar for next Year's Banquet – March 16, 2024



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Missouri Spring Turkey Season is Almost Here - April 17th to May 7th

Hunting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to 1 PM

Limits: Two male turkeys or turkeys with visible beard may be taken during the season, with the following restrictions:

- You may take only one turkey during the first week
- If you do not take one during the first week, then you may take two turkeys during the second and third week.
- You may not take two turkeys on the same day.

Methods allowed:

- Shotguns with shot not larger than No. 4
- Longbows, recurve bows, or compound bows. Hand-held string releasing devices, illuminated sights, scopes, and quick point sights are allowed.
- Crossbows
- Atlatls

Need a place to site in and prepare for hunting seasons?

We are fortunate to have two locations near us to do exactly this.



Summer hours at August A. Busch and Jay Henges Shooting Ranges begin April 1

St. LOUIS, Mo.—Shooting enthusiasts can take advantage of the longer daylight hours at both Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC) staffed shooting ranges in the St. Louis region.

The August A. Busch and Jay Henges Shooting Ranges and Outdoor Education Centers will begin their summer hours of operation on April 1. Both ranges’ summer schedules include evening shooting opportunities during the week—Jay Henges Range is open until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and Busch Range is open until 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The summer hours of each range are as follows and will be effective through Aug. 31:

Busch Range

- Wednesday: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 1 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Friday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Closed Monday-Tuesday for maintenance and special use

Henges Range

- Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday through Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Closed Monday-Tuesday for maintenance and special use

Both shooting ranges offer shooting lanes for rifle and pistols up to 100 yards. Use fees are \$4 per hour at both facilities and include paper targets and eye and ear protection if shooters don't have their own. Both shooting ranges feature trap fields, static archery ranges, and shotgun patterning boards. The Busch Range also offers skeet shooting. \$4 covers a round of shotgun shooting and clay birds at either facility, or an hour at the patterning board.

The August A. Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center is located at 3550 Route D, approximately five miles west of Highway 94 in Defiance. The Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center, is at 1100 Antire Road, just off I-44, exit 269 in Eureka.

Membership Chairman Updates:

(Tom Williams)

We welcome the following members who joined SCI and the SCI Gateway Chapter during our annual banquet:

Members

David	Chenoweth
Tim	Donz
Jurgen	Ermel
Jim	Hollis
Robert	Kaiser
Harry	Knollhoff
Gregory	Maul
Dennis	Moore
Richard	Odell
Dan	Powell
Lannie	Rossi

Dr Sherman	Silber
Luke	Spadavecchia
Cindy	Thurm
Alejandro	Torre

Thank you for your support!



Sounding Board



We want your input. As members of SCI and the Gateway chapter, we ask you to give us your input as to what type of activities you would like to be involved in. Take a moment and tell us; help us provide you the type of activities you would enjoy. Please email our Member Chairman at tfwwtprop@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Chapter Activities

May 18, 2023	Points Workshop
June - TBD	Measuring Workshop
July 19, 2023	Shooting Event at The Range
Aug – TBD	Sporting Clays – Black Hawk Valley Preserve
Sept 30, 2023	Shoot for the Vets – Nilo Farms
Oct 21, 2023	Sporting Clays – Sandy Creek
Dec 5, 2023	Holiday Party – Syberg’s
Jan 2024 – TBD	Upland Game Hunt – 73 Pointers, Jonesburg, MO
Jan 31st – Feb 3, 2024	SCI Convention - Nashville, TN
Feb 2024- TBD	Upland Game Hunt – Wilnor Outdoors
Mar 16, 2024	19th Annual Gateway Chapter Banquet & Auction

As more specific details become available for these events, we will share them

Recipes

Pheasant Roll-Ups – submitted by Tom Williams



Pheasant Roll-Ups

Ingredients:

Pheasant Breasts
Yoshida Original Marinade
Bacon
Jalapeno Peppers (sliced) •
Toothpicks

- 1. Breast out the pheasant.*
- 2. Cut lengthways into 1/2 inch strips.*
- 3. Soak in Yoshida Original Marinade 3-4 hours.*
- 4. Wrap pheasant breast around Jalapeno pepper.*
- 5. Wrap breast with 1/2 slice of bacon.*
- 6. Place on broiler pan.*
- 7. Place in oven set temperature at 350 degrees.*
- 8. When bacon is done the pheasant is ready.*

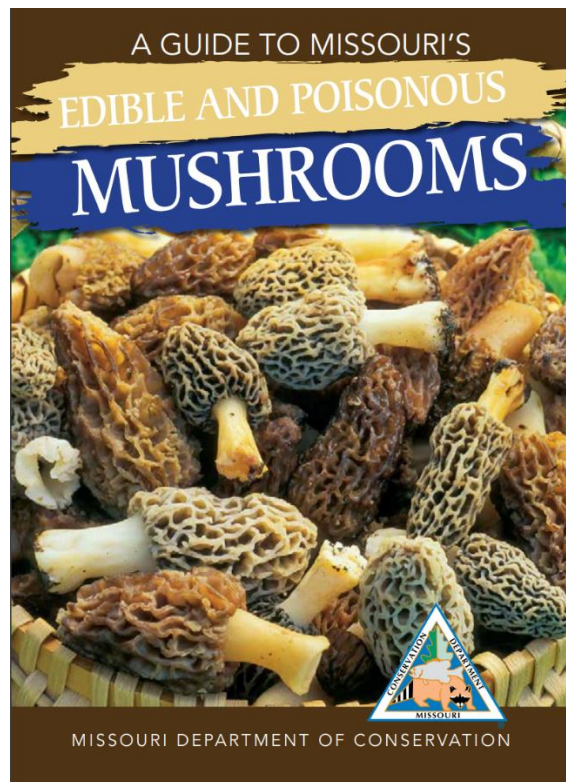
Don't forget to share your favorite wild game recipe with us. Please submit it to our email address at gateway@gatewaysci.org for inclusion in the newsletter.

A Different type of Hunting

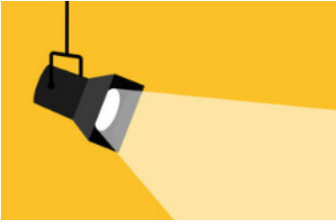
It's spring and spring in Missouri offers another family activity of Hunting Mushrooms. There are several types of mushrooms that grow in Missouri but the most popular one that is hunted is the Morel. Usually, late March to early May is prime time. Morels have a short, specific growing season of just several weeks.

Look for morels in moist woods, river bottoms and on south-facing slopes. They are sometime found near dead elm trees, burned areas and old orchards. This species of mushroom needs to be properly identified as safe before consuming.

For your complete guide to Missouri Mushrooms, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation's website before your hunt:



https://mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/mo_nature/downloads/page/MushroomGuide.pdf



Spotlight on your Officers & Board Members –

This month's bio is an introduction to our Secretary, Susan Nelson. The responsibilities for this position include providing the minutes for each board meeting and assisting with the quarterly newsletter. Here is Susan's background and hunting experiences.

Although I got a late start at hunting, I am trying to make up for the time I missed out on this amazing sport. The year that I got married, my husband, who had always hunted whitetail deer, asked if I would like to go with him deer hunting that season. I said I would. His next question was, "Do you want to go and watch or do you want to hunt?" My response, "If I am going, I am hunting." Things have not been the same since!

I grew up in a rural Missouri where my Dad and brothers hunted and fished. I never participated in the hunting, but fishing was a different story. I loved bank fishing on the Gasconade River, fishing for catfish in the sloughs and going to the heated crappie docks at Lake of the Ozarks. Then life happened and I didn't get to do much of that anymore. I did, however, take up trap shooting which was my first experience with actual shooting. Therefore, when my husband asked if I wanted to go deer hunting, I was experienced in shooting a gun and gun safety.

After a couple years of whitetail hunting, we attended a sports banquet and purchased a trip to Africa from the oral auction. We were naïve and hadn't done our research, but thought we could get started with a plains game hunt. That first trip was the best experience we have had. You have probably heard people say that once you go to Africa, you will find a way to go back, and IT'S TRUE! We have been three times, to South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. All three have been a different experience. We have tried to incorporate other activities on our trips such as visiting National Parks, Tiger Fishing, Victoria Falls and a children's orphanage in Namibia where we took toys and clothing to the children.

One thing I have noticed in all three trips is the people we observed out in the bush and undeveloped area are the happiest! They barely have what they need to survive yet they are happy to see you and always have a big smile. It was good to know that the food from our hunts would be distributed to these people for their nourishment.

My husband and I enjoy hunting together. We enjoy each other's experiences and making memories. Most women do not decorate their home in the same décor as I. My art work consists of our mounts and artifacts we have gotten from Africa and North America. Our latest hunt consisted of black bear hunting in British Columbia where we both were fortunate to come home with a bear. We are both retired now and it is great to know we can hunt anytime we want. Before when working we always saved our vacation days for hunting season. No time for the beach - we wanted to hunt! In addition to the hunting in Africa I have been fortunate to hunt elk in Wyoming and Colorado, mule deer in Nevada, Javelina in Texas, bear in British Columbia, turkey and whitetail here in Missouri. This September I will be in Oregon hunting elk.

In February I attended a clinic presented by the Missouri Dept of Conservation as well as an Upland Pheasant Hunt for women only. That was my first experience with bird hunting. I had a great time and now have another reason to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.



For the women reading this, I encourage you to become involved too; whether it is observing, actually hunting or fishing, spending time with others involved in the sport, or perhaps getting your children engaged . . . if you aren't already involved, don't wait. Give it a try. We invite more women to become members of our Local Gateway Chapter.