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July 2023, 3rd Quarter Newsletter

Note from our President:

As we enter July, our year is half over already. Where has the time gone? We have hosted several events throughout the first half and have more planned for the second half as well as into 2024. We continue our planning of events to provide venues bringing us together to enjoy the interests we all have in common. Growth of our chapter requires your involvement.

Dave Stokes

Note from our Membership Director:

In an effort to bring everyone up to date on our membership initiatives, in the coming months you will be receiving information on our membership campaign. We will be using social media and voice/text messaging to attract new members and communicate with existing members. Additionally, I will be making presentations to our targeted audiences in an effort to attract new members.

Please stay tuned for more information in the months to come. Until then enjoy your summer and we hope to see you at our next event at "The Range" on Wednesday, July 19th starting at 5:30. As always, should you have any questions regarding membership or activities, please email tfwwtprop@yahoo.com

Tom Williams

Chapter Event - Recap

Big Game Hunting Points Workshop Presented by Sheldon Alver, Gateway Area Chapter Member

On May 18th, folks gathered at Frailey's Southtown Grill for drinks and appetizers to hear Sheldon Alver give a detailed account of how, when, costs and results of his experience of applying for big game out of state hunting points. Sheldon has developed a very extensive process on how to apply for virtually every species available in North America. Sheldon shared detailed slides as well as an overview of the process he goes through each year.

Upcoming Chapter Activities

Gateway Area Chapter 2023-2024 Event Calendar:

July 19 th , 2023 (Wednesday)	Indoor Shooting Event - "The Range" on Manchester
August 26, 2023 (Saturday)	Measuring Workshop – Moolah Shrine
September 30, 2023 (Saturday)	Shoot for the Vet's – Nilo Farms
October 21, 2023 (Saturday)	Sporting Clay Shoot – Pevely Valley
December 5, 2023 (Tuesday)	Holiday Party - Syberg's Dorsett Rd
January 2024 (Date TBD)	Upland Game Hunt – 73 Pointer Ranch, Jonesburg, MO
January 31 – February 3, 2024	SCI National Convention – Nashville, TN
February 2024 (Date TBD)	Upland Game Hunt – Wilnor Outdoors
March 16, 2024 (Saturday)	19 th Annual Banquet/Auction – Doubletree - Chesterfield

Details of Scheduled Events:

“Shoot Night at the Range”

Hosted by the Gateway Area Chapter of Safari Club International
Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 (5:30 – 7:30 PM)
14803 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO 63011



Gateway Area Chapter of Safari Club International is hosting a fun evening of indoor shooting, Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 (5:30 – 7:30 PM) at “The Range”.

Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Your only costs for the evening are any ammo you purchase or any gun rentals.

RSVP is required by Friday, July 14th. Please email your RSVP to Tom Williams at tfwwtfprop@yahoo.com

We hope to see you there!

Trophy Measuring Event
Saturday, August 26, 2023 -Moolah Shrine Center



The Gateway Area Chapter of SCI, along with Schwarz Studio Taxidermists and Denny Dennis Sporting Goods is hosting a Trophy Measuring event for North American and African mounts. If you have ever wanted to have your mounts officially scored, now is your chance! This is our first time in offering this experience. Bring your mount(s), get an opportunity to see other mounts and share stories of your hunt. This event will take place on August 26th, 2023 at the following location, hope to see you there:

Moolah Shrine Center (Sheiks Room)
12545 Fee Fee Road
St. Louis, MO 663146
314-878-6301
Saturday, August 26th, 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Food and Beverages Available

Bring your mount(s) or just yourself for a fun afternoon. RSVP yourself and the mount(s) that you would like to have scored to either:

Dave Stokes: 314-882-6199; or email stokesd50@outlook.com or
Tom Williams: 314-556-9079; or email tfwwtfprop@yahoo.com





It is never too early to start planning for the 2024 SCI Annual Convention which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on January 31st – February 3rd, 2024. Since Nashville is an approximate 5-hour drive from St. Louis, you may want to share travel costs with another chapter member and start planning NOW!

Preferred Hotels can now be booked for the Convention. Visit www.safariclub.org

This past year's convention held in February 2023, had record attendance and received extremely encouraging feedback for the location and the venue. Nashville is a hunter-friendly destination that is within driving distance of 50% of the U.S. population.

Nashville is a family town providing other venues for the entire family such as trendy restaurants, hockey games and museums. If you are a country music fan there are plenty of venues throughout the city that can provide hours of enjoyment in addition to the convention, such as the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Grand Ole Opry, and tours of the Ryman to name a few.



Central Missouri Chapter of Safari Club International



23rd Annual Auction & Banquet July 29, 2023

Want to Support our Neighboring Chapter?

EVENING OF EVENTS

4:00 Doors Open, Cash Bar, Auction
Preview, Social Hour, Silent Auction,
and Raffles Open

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Live Auction Begins,
Silent Auction and Raffles Close

TICKET INFORMATION

\$60.00 per person

\$100.00 per couple

\$480.00 Corporate Table

(Corp. Table w/8 bottomless glasses, and
a chance to win a gun!)

Banquet Chairmen

Walter Coleman, (573) 220-1758

Jamie Coleman, (573) 489-3255

Email: cmcsci@cmcsci.com

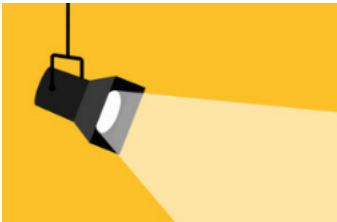
LOCATION & LODGING

Stoney Creek Inn
2601 South Providence Rd.
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 442-6400
www.stoneycreekinn.com

Rooms are \$109.00 plus tax (hot breakfast)

Group code is: SCI2023

To view banquet details, visit www.cmcsci.com



Spotlight on your Officers & Board Members –

This month's bio is an introduction to one of our Directors, Neal Feazel. Neal has provided us with his background and activity in the hunting arena.

I was born and raised in Central Illinois on a farm with seven siblings. As most farm kids do, I began trapping and hunting at an early age. This not only made me appreciate the outdoors but also provided meat for our table.

I have hunted extensively throughout my life in the United States (including Hawaii) and Canada. In the early 1990's is when I began hunting internationally, with my first African safari in Namibia. Since then, I have been fortunate to have hunted over a dozen times on the continent of Africa; from the equator down to Port Elizabeth in South Africa. Other continents I have hunted large game on includes Germany, Romania, Kazakhstan, and Argentina.



I became a Gateway Area SCI Board member as my way to help promote conservation and hunting, and to increase public awareness of their benefits to society. I am a strong believer in encouraging youth to begin participating in outdoor sports at an early age.

I enjoy my work with SCI in helping to provide opportunities to others to experience and learn the enjoyment hunting and outdoor sports brings. I am available if anyone would like to contact me to discuss potential hunting opportunities or ask question regarding my experiences.

My wife (Rhonda) and I became active members of the Verein Deutsch Drahthaar, Group of North America, in 1990. The VDD-GNA organization is a German-based, versatile hunting dog breeding club. We are both international field and breed show judges.



2024 Women Go Hunting Campaign

SCI launches [2024 Women Go Hunting Campaign](#). All female hunters are invited to participate in a variety of activities celebrating women as an essential part of SCI's 2024 Convention theme, The Future of Hunting. This campaign encourages women to go hunting for the first time or to expand their hunting experiences. The Women Go Hunting Campaign Committee is also issuing a 100-Women Challenge to get women who have successfully harvested game to enter the many awards programs operated by the SCI Record Book Department. They are also working with the SCI Foundation and hunting leaders to offer various education programs, retreats and other hands-on opportunities for women throughout the year.

Female SCI members can request an invitation to the private SCI Women Go Hunting Facebook page to connect with other women and get updates on Women Go Hunting opportunities.

Our chapter encourages the introduction of women into the hunting field. NRA articles have noted that among the increase of new sport shooters, women have increased from 17 percent in 2020 to 25 percent in 2022. With this trending, 2023 should see a higher percentage.

SCI Statement on Mary Cabela's passing

Safari Club International and its global membership joins the entire outdoor sporting and conservation world to mourn the loss of Mary Cabela, who passed away Tuesday May 30th.



Most in the hunting, angling, and conservation communities knew Mary Cabela for her role in co-founding the iconic sporting goods store, Cabela's, with her husband Dick Cabela in 1961. The couple's staggering success allowed them to have an impact on the outdoors that few could have predicted, including transforming the Cabela Family Foundation into a juggernaut force for long term wildlife and environmental sustainability both in the U.S and in Africa.

Her steadfast dedication to protecting the right to hunt while doing right by wildlife and communities brought her numerous prestigious awards which included but were not limited to the 2023 Beretta & SCI Foundation Conservation Leadership Award, the SCI Diana Award, and the 2021 NRA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mary Cabela's achievements, however, were also counted outside of her roles as a businesswoman, sportswoman, and conservationist. She was a beloved family woman (having loved and mentored nine children, 22 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren), a loving wife to Dick Cabela with whom she shared adventures too numerous to count, and a steadfast woman of faith.

SCI CEO W. Laird Hamberlin said in remembrance of Mary, "While we mourn her loss today, I take comfort in knowing that her memory has set an aspirational example for hunters, conservationists, and the outdoor community that will outlive us all."

Membership Activity



Father/Son Trout Park Trip

Submitted by: Anthony Thebeau

The state of Missouri has (3) trout parks:

- Roaring River State Park
- Bennett Spring State Park
- Montauk State Park

(Meramec Spring Park is not a state park, however the Missouri Dept. of Conservation works with the James Foundation for the fish hatchery).

My son and I embarked on a tent with electric, 4-day trip stopping at each park. We were accompanied by a friend and his son. The trip was exhausting from the whistle blowing in the early am to the packing and unpacking of camp each day. But like all good trips go, we all are already wanting/planning to do it again.

All trout parks require a fishing license and a day fee. Day fee is \$4 for adults and \$3 for kids. Tent with electric ended up being about \$25 a night. Trout limit is 4 per person. Each trout park has zones where specific type of fishing are allowed. The trout parks have a store and a restaurant which will cook up your catch for you.

A few tips I have learned to help get you started are lighter line is better- 2lb or 4lb max, you will need small hooks and hide them, and what they're biting on may change quickly so keep changing your lure/bait. The best luck our group had was orange fire eggs and orange worms. I recently bought my first fly rod and used it for the first time. It reminded me of switching to archery full time as I gained more experience.

A few highlights of our trip included all 4 of us catching our limit at Roaring River in an hour, the other dad losing his stringer with 2 fish attached downstream, rain at 5 am on last day, having to eat trout so we can keep fishing because our possession limit was maxed out, and most importantly some great memories we all will have.



She Hunts Skills Camp Attendance

Submitted by: Susan Nelson

In 2022 She Hunts Skills Camp, Brittany Boddington, donated one Camp Registration as well as a 50% off registration for a friend for our annual banquet/auction. I was fortunate to win the bid during our auction.

The camp is located at the RecordBuck Ranch near San Antonio, TX. I invited a friend to attend camp with me and we attended in April of this year. The goal of the camp is to share the passion and knowledge for hunting with women in order to help them develop hunting skills and become the hunter they wish to be. This event was an introduction to my friend to the hunting world. I have also asked her to write an article from her view of her learning experience, as I had attended once before.

My second time of attending class was reinforcement of the things I learned before. And now for alumni Brittany is offering an advanced camp if you have gone thru the initial one.

The swag bag of goodies that is given to each attendee is amazing. The items are packed into the SCI Bell Family Blue Bags in the spirit of "Pay It Forward". These bags can be used to pack items to take to remote areas of the world by hunters.

Thanks again to Brittany and She Hunts Skills Camp for supporting SCI and our local chapter. What a great venue for women to attend. I encourage women of all hunting/shooting levels to give it a try. Once you go, you will want to go again!!



“She Hunts”
A Layman’s View
By: Joyce A Jackson

When Susan Nelson asked if I’d join her at “She Hunts”, I hadn’t a clue what she was suggesting. She explained that it was training related to hunting, especially geared toward women. I knew that Susan hunted White-tailed Deer in Autumn; I’d seen her trophies from multiple trips to Africa; and I was training multiple bird dogs. However, I wasn’t quite sure that this was a path that I wanted my life to follow. Yet, I was intrigued and enjoy spending time with Susan, so I said “yes”.

In late April, Susan and I headed for RecordBuck Ranch in Utopia, Uvalde County, Texas. Our drive was leisurely, yet there was anticipation in the air. I knew that Susan wanted to introduce me to one of the loves of her life, hunting. Yet, I had one surprise for her, as I introduced her to Buc-ees along the way. We had planned to share our radio listening, yet never stopped talking, much of it about what to expect at RecordBuck Ranch.

When we arrived at the ranch, we met several women of all shapes, sizes, and ages as well as Brittany Boddington & Brad Jannenga, our hosts for the weekend. We also met Brittany’s Dad, Craig Boddington, whom I discovered is famous in his own right. That evening was full of eating, drinking and huge SCI Foundation Swag Bags. I was astonished at the swag provided to me, just for attending She Hunts. I will look so sporty in my DSG khaki green cargo pants and matching shirt with orange trim. The DSG camo puffer-vest will be wonderful in the freezing Missouri weather here. Beyond the clothes, I received an Alps Outdoorz khaki backpack, 3 logo hats, Victoria writing materials, Otis cleaning kit, Ranger Ready bug sprays, Yeti Rambler w/She Hunts Logo, Leupold Binoculars, and SCI First Aid Kit. Especially helpful were the Razor Slim Electronic Muffs and Walker’s Sport Glasses which I used all weekend.

The next morning, after an incredible breakfast, we learned gun handling safety and to adjust scopes on rifles in a beautiful outdoors shooting range. I must have passed the test as I hit 6 out of 6 targets using various supports. Although I hear that it is the steadiest position, I must say that my least favorite position was prone; I think I might need to work on flexibility. We learned about best practices in hunting turkeys, as one woman wanted to finish her Turkey Grand Slam that weekend at RecordBuck Ranch. And, we were trained and practiced archery, although it might have been a mistake to follow my dominant left eye over my dominant right hand. I got plenty of exercise picking up arrows.

Next day, we learned to shoot trap in a beautiful mountain setting. Those Krieghoff Victoria shotguns were both beautiful and functional; I admittedly need much more practice. After learning shot placement, we experienced a simulated big game hunt with Craig Boddington, who excitedly proclaimed that I would be successful in Africa. Brad Jannenga taught us survival skills, being especially patient as we attempted to light toilet paper with flint & steel...Not easy!

Surrounding all of this hunting experience were the most sensational meals with desserts and delicious sweet tea. The RecordBuck Chef and kitchen crew were both helpful and accommodating; my glass was always full when they were around. To ensure that we had skills to prepare our game, Brad taught us how to field dress the game we harvested. She Hunts even brought in Jeff Benda, Wild Game Chef, to teach us how to create Epicurean delights with wild game. I was amazed at the dishes, which Jeff presented; the Deer Steak & Potato Stacks were worth Michelin Three Stars.

The highlight of She Hunts was the Game Drives. Their website says "RecordBuck Ranch offers 17,000 contiguous acres of gorgeous Texas Hill Country". Our guide was adept at locating many of the 50+ species of wild game originating from all over the World. We were sitting high on the back of Jeep Wranglers, fascinated by the next animal to cross our paths. Yet, the conservationist in me wondered how hunting these animals affected their survival as a species. The Manager of RecordBuck Ranch, a man of few words, explained that the trophy fees paid for these animals covered the cost of repopulating many endangered species into the wild. The Père David's Deer, for example, is officially extinct in China; however, RecordBuck Ranch has a sufficiently large and beautiful herd. The care that this ranch takes in selecting the best breeding stock reminds me of my searches as I breed my Vizsla canines.

While we were enjoying our Game Drives, most of the ladies were hunting. The excitement as word spread throughout our camp that someone "got" their Bison, their Axis Deer, their Dall Sheep was palpating. This excitement was intoxicating to me, causing me to consider my next steps. How could I have missed this potential sport? I was sold!

So, you ask, what's next for me? Soon after we returned home, Scott and Susan Nelson taught me the basics of shotguns, the gauge, shell size, shot size, shotgun action, etc. I also learned that gunners in American Kennel Club events must use break action shotguns for safety reasons. As a result, I've purchased an inexpensive over-under shotgun as my first foray into hunting game. I plan soon to become self-sufficient in training my Vizsla bird dogs on quail. Plus, I've already asked to join my brother in the Autumn on a White-Tail Deer hunt. I'm on my way, thanks to Susan and She Hunts.

She Hunt Skills Camp Photos:





Recipes

BACON WRAPPED VENISON LOIN

(Submitted by Jody Wilkerson)

Venison loin / Bacon slices

Marinade:

1 tablespoon minced garlic

1 teaspoon pepper

¼ cup olive oil

1 cup soy sauce

Juice from 1 lemon

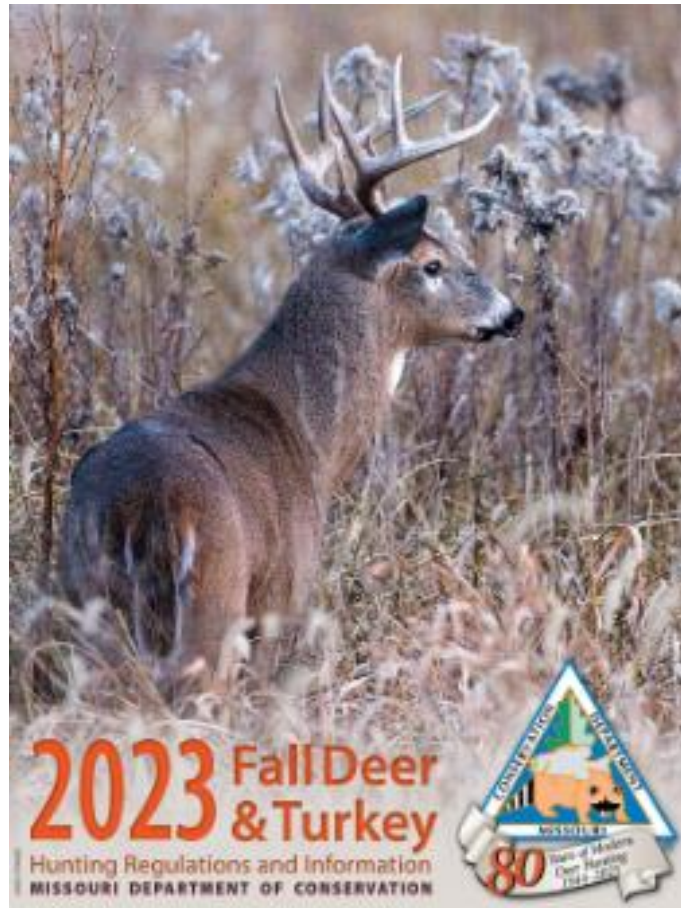
Mix above marinade. Place loin in zipper bag and add marinade. Refrigerate overnight. If you have a vacuum sealer, use that instead of the zipper bag.

Remove meat from marinade. Sear meat on hot grill. Remove and wrap with bacon, securing with toothpicks. Push coals to the side and cook until an internal temperature of 130 degrees is reached for medium rare. If you prefer it more well done, cook longer.

Remove from grill. Let sit for 15 minutes before slicing.

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.

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Don't forget to pick up a copy of the 2023 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations booklet to check regulation changes for the 2023-24 Deer Season. These are available where permits are sold and online at www.mdc.mo.gov