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I was born and raised on a farm in Northwest Iowa and moved into town around 10 years of age. In a small Iowa town, I never really got too far away from farm life. I started hunting, fishing and trapping while I was still in high school. Most of my hunting in those early years was pheasants, ducks and geese. During my military years, college years and early family years I did not have a lot of opportunities to hunt and fish, but around 35 years of age the bug caught back up with me and I started hunting and fishing a lot.

I like fishing as much as hunting. I have fished both freshwater and saltwater fisheries, but I like freshwater fishing more. I progressed to a level of fishing that I fished a lot of competitive team bass fishing tournaments; winning a couple of bass tournaments and coming in second and third in a couple others. My current project now is to learn to fly fish.

I started hunting and fishing again when I was around 40 years of age. I have been to Canada fishing and just recently I went to Lake Erie for some walleye fishing. Great trip. I have hunted in Wyoming around 20 times shooting elk, mule deer and lots of antelope. I have hunted in Iowa, Texas, Kansas and South

Africa. I would like to get to South Africa or Namibia at least one more time before I get too old to hunt.

My wife has really been a good sport about my hunting and fishing passion. She has accompanied me on most of my hunting and fishing adventures. I have a son, daughter and 5 grandchildren (4 granddaughters and 1 grandson). My grandson and 2 granddaughters have all shot their first deer when they were around 11 years of age. They have been going hunting with me and their father since they were around 6 years of age. I enjoy watching them shoot their deer as much as me shooting mine.

I got involved with SCI around 2004 and became Chapter President in 2012. What I enjoy with SCI is meeting people who enjoy the same things that I enjoy. It seems that the conversations I have with other SCI members always gets around to talking about hunting and fishing. I also believe in what SCI is doing to protect our hunting and fishing rights.



