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October 2024, 4th Quarter Newsletter

Gateway Area Chapter

Important Announcement

After many years of serving as your President of the Gateway Area Chapter, I have decided to resign my position as the President effective August 31, 2024.

As a result of my decision, I would like to announce other realignments within the Board that will take place and become effective September 1, 2024.

Tom Williams will become the new President. Tom has been a Board Member for a couple of years and has been serving as the Membership Chair. Our Chapter membership has grown from approximately 50 to 150 under his leadership.

Mark Johnson, who has been serving as Vice President, will become a Director on our Board and Susan Nelson, who is the current Secretary will become Vice President. The Secretary position will be vacant until we can find a replacement for Susan.

I will remain on the Board of Directors, serving as the Chapter Treasurer, a position previously held by Jody Wilkerson. Jody will remain on the Board as a Director.

We encourage you to learn more about our Officers and Board Members by visiting our website and view the bio of each member (www.gatewaysci.org).

Thank you,

Dave Stokes

Note from our President - Tom Williams

I want to thank all the Officers and Directors for electing me President of our Chapter. I have a special "THANK YOU" for Dave Stokes for his 13+ years as President. These are exciting times for our Chapter. We have recently grown our membership from 50 to 149 members and are getting closer to our goal of 250 members; however, we have more work to do. We cannot accomplish this without your help.

We need you to find family, friends, spouses, grandchildren and children that enjoy the outdoors who want to be part of the largest Hunter Advocacy and Wildlife Conservation Organization in the World. Our Chapter, and you as a member, are contributing the many worthwhile causes that SCI represents.

In the months to follow we will be focusing on the following:

Relevant: We want our Chapter to be recognized in St Louis as a relevant organization that supports Conservation and Ethical Hunting.

Membership: We will be reaching out to our members in an effort to identify your areas of interest and/or concerns.

Engaging: We need to be more engaged with local and national events supporting hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife Conservation.

Participation: We will put events together that you as members want to participate in.

Growth: In today's times we must continue to grow our Chapter as there is strength in numbers!

Communication: Communication creates Confidence. We are using several diverse types of media to communicate to our members such as e-mail, calling post, Facebook and our newsletter to mention a few. Some of our Directors and Officers will be reaching out to you for some one-on-one conversations to identify what activities that you as members would enjoy.

Support: We need you to support our Chapter and the events we offer. Your support is essential to the continued growth and strength of our Chapter in the St Louis area.

Camaraderie: When we get together as a group, it is amazing to see the camaraderie that exists in our Chapter. As Directors and Officers of our Chapter we will continue to support and develop that behavior.



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FIRST FOR HUNTERS®



SCI Members and Supporters, it's John McLaurin.

As Safari Club International's President, I know what it takes to fight for the rights of sportsmen and women.

Hunting and fishing are integral parts of American culture and our way of life.
But in today's political climate, we can't take them for granted.

This year, YOUR right to hunt is on the ballot.

Attacks on hunters have reached record highs, and radical politicians who have never hunted in their lives want to take away your rights.

SCI is determined to mobilize our valued members and PROTECT our great American hunting legacy, and that starts with every one of our members doing their part.

[That is why it is critical you sign the SCI Voting Pledge and share the election center with fellow hunters.](#)

[By signing our voting pledge, you're promising to get out the vote not just for yourself, but for every sportsman and woman you can.](#)

[SIGN THE PLEDGE TODAY](#)

[And in our Election Center, you can learn more about where the candidates stand on hunters' issues in races across the country - including learning about SCI endorsed candidates.](#)

[VISIT THE VOTING CENTER](#)

I can't wait to see sportsmen and women from across the country at the ballot box this November. Together, we can protect our right to the outdoors.

Thank you,

John McLaurin
SCI President

*Ever wanted to become a SCI Lifetime Member?
Now is the time with this great Promotion*

The advertisement features a large image of a buck with impressive antlers on the right side. On the left, there is a white text box with a red border. At the top left of the ad is the SCI logo with a globe icon and the tagline "FIRST FOR HUNTERS". The main headline reads "CALLING ALL 3-YEAR SCI MEMBERS!". Below this, it says "BECOME A LIFE MEMBER TODAY AND GET A \$150 CREDIT FOR YOUR 3-YEAR MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS 2 FOUR DAY PASSES TO THE SCI CONVENTION VALUED AT \$950." At the bottom left of the text box, it provides the website "SAFARICLUB.ORG/JOIN" and phone number "(210) 985-HUNT". A red button contains the text "USE CODE: LIFE24". Below the button, it states "LIMITED TIME OFFER, PROMOTION ENDS DECEMBER 25TH" and a smaller note: "**OFFER ONLY VALID FOR CURRENT 3-YEAR MEMBERS." On the right side, overlapping the buck's image, are two convention tickets for "NASHVILLE" with the SCI logo and "CONVENTION" text.

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NASHVILLE
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Calling All 3-Year SCI Members!

From now until December 25, upgrade your 3-year SCI membership to a life membership and **GET A \$150 CREDIT** plus you'll receive two four-day passes to the SCI Convention in Nashville **VALUED AT \$950.**

Don't miss out on this great deal! Use coupon code **LIFE24** at checkout today.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

SCI Membership **\$1,500**

Benefit Highlights

- **5** Free Record Book Entries (\$175 value) *One time offer per member*
- Life Member Lapel Pin
- SCI Life Membership Certificate
- Official SCI Membership Card
- Invitation to Life Member Event at Convention
- Exclusive SCI Member rewards program enrollment
- Hunter Information Service and Hotline
- 6 bi-monthly issues of SCI's award winning SAFARI Magazine
- 12 monthly issues of SAFARI TIMES Newspaper
- Annual World Hunting Awards publication

Senior Membership & Spousal Membership are Available

Upcoming Events



Gateway SCI August A Busch Shooting Range and Education Center Event

October 26, 2024

This is a reminder to mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26, 8:00-10:00 AM for an exclusive use of the August A. Busch Memorial Shooting Range and Education Center located at:

3550 Route D

Approx. 5 miles West of Hwy 94 in Defiance

We will have use of their skeet and trap range in addition to the pistol, rifle, and archery range. Admission is free for the first 2 hours; after that you will need to register and pay a fee.

Space is limited so please call 314-556-9079 or email twilliamsgatewaysci@gmail.com to register.



December 3rd, 2024

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Mark your calendar for our annual Holiday Party. This will be held on December 3rd, 2024 at Syberg's on Dorsett Road. Stay tuned for further details.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 11th, 2025 Upland Game Hunt at 73 Pointers Ranch is being planned. Details to follow. If you know you would like to participate, please email Mark Johnson @ mdjsportsman@gmail.com

Upland Bird Hunting



Located in Jonesburg, MO

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Visit www.safariclub.org for more details

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MAIN EVENT

Annual Gateway Area Chapter Banquet & Auction

March 22, 2025

Double Tree Hotel, Chesterfield, MO

Save the date

Our biggest event of the year!

Save the date, details coming soon

Event Recaps for 3rd Quarter of 2024

Gateway Area Chapter hosted its 2nd **Measuring Event** on Saturday, August 24th, 2024 at the Moolah Shine. We had several species people brought to be measured. These included Antelope, Brown Bear Skulls, Coues deer, Whitetail (couple measuring above 215 inches) and an Eastern Gobber.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Jim Mraz! Jim volunteered his time and talents to help our event to provide this service to those who chose to come.

Enjoy the pictures taken.



Title Sponsor: Jared Burke Foundation

“SHOOT FOR THE VETS”

Sporting Clays Shoot

Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Rain or Shine)

NILO Farms, 15025 IL-111, Brighton, IL www.nilofarms.com

Hosted by the St. Louis Gateway Area Chapter of Safari Club International

to show our appreciation to our veterans and to benefit the veterans at Camp Hope

Camp Hope's mission is to provide all-expenses-paid hunting trips for veterans wounded in the global war on terror.

Come join us in honoring our veterans Saturday, September 28, 2024 at NILO Hunting & Shooting Preserve for a full day of sporting clays and lunch.

Cost:

Veterans shoot for \$15 (100 clays, ammo and lunch included)

Non-Veterans: \$100 (100 clays, ammo and lunch included)

Four shooters per team

- Morning Flight – Registration begins at 7:30 AM, Morning Shoot begins at 8:30 AM (shotgun start)
 - Lunch 11:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch and Meet & Greet
- Afternoon Flight – Registration and Afternoon Shoot begins after lunch approximately at 1:00 PM (shotgun start)

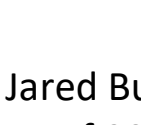
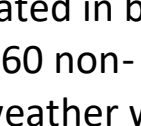
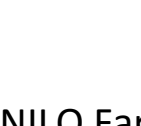
RSVP Early – Only 200 available spots

Please visit our website www.gatewaysci.org or Facebook [gatewayareasci](https://www.facebook.com/gatewayareasci) for information on how to register

For additional help with registration or sponsorship opportunities, please contact

Dave Stokes 314 882 6199 or Neal Feazel 618 372 3156

Register online at www.purplepass.com/2024shootforthevets



6th Annual “Shoot for The Vets”

The 6th Annual “Shoot for The Vets” was held September 28, 2024 at NILO Farms in Brighton, Illinois. We had a great turnout of shooters who participated in both morning and afternoon shoots. We enjoyed having 100 veterans and 60 non-veteran shooters. After having heavy rains on the previous day, the weather was just what we had hoped for.

Everyone enjoyed lunch which was provided by our Title Sponsor, the Jared Burke Foundation. The overall best shooter was Bob Davis, Army with a score of 90 out of a 100.

Our Chapter would like to thank NILO Farms for providing our venue, all our sponsors, and those who attended. This event is our way of saying "Thank You" to those who have served our country.

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Enjoy the pictures of the event. We hope to see you all next year!





Keep up with what is current



MDC reminds deer and turkey hunters of changes for fall seasons

Changes include a new fall turkey permit, new CWD Management Zone counties, removal of the APR in some counties, allowing drones for tracking wounded deer and turkeys, and more.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds hunters of regulation changes for the upcoming deer and turkey hunting seasons. The changes include a new fall turkey permit, new counties in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone, removal of the antler-point restriction (APR) in some counties, allowing drones for tracking wounded deer and turkeys, and more.

Turkey Changes

The fall turkey season is now divided into archery and firearms portions, and the harvest limit for both portions combined has been reduced from four to two birds of either sex.

Archery turkey hunting in Missouri opens Sept. 15 and runs through Nov. 15. It reopens Nov. 27 and runs through Jan. 15, 2025. Fall firearms turkey hunting runs Oct. 1 -31 in open counties.

MDC has created a new fall turkey-hunting permit so turkey permits are no longer included with an archery deer-hunting permit. Both fall firearms turkey hunters and fall archery turkey hunters must purchase this new permit to be able to harvest turkeys during fall seasons.

New for Deer this Year

Because these counties are now in the CWD Management Zone, the antler-point restriction (APR) has been removed from Audrain, Boone, Cole, Howard, Lewis, Maries, Monroe, Osage, Phelps, Randolph, Saline, Scotland, and Shelby counties.

The CWD Management Zone consists of counties where CWD has been found and those within 10 miles of where CWD has been found. The APR requires an antlered deer to have at least four points on one side to be harvested.

“Young bucks disperse from the area where they were born, often traveling many miles,” said MDC Cervid Program Supervisor Jason Isabelle. “Removing the APR in the CWD Management Zone helps to slow the spread of the disease by minimizing the chances of young bucks that have CWD from dispersing and introducing the disease to new areas.”

Isabelle added that the APR protects the segment of the deer population most likely to spread the disease to new areas. In doing so, it directly conflicts with MDC’s goals in the CWD Management Zone and what’s best for the long-term health of Missouri’s deer population.

Hunters may now fill four firearms antlerless permits in Dent, Douglas, Maries, Newton, and Phelps counties. Hunters may now use archery antlerless permits in Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, and Pemiscot counties.

Deer hunting regulations have changed for some conservation areas.

Hunters may now use drones to track wounded deer and turkeys.

Prices for deer hunting permits have increased to keep pace with MDC’s rising costs for goods and services.

Expansion of the CWD Management Zone

MDC has added the following counties to its CWD Management Zone: Audrain, Boone, Cole, Dent, Douglas, Howard, Lewis, Maries, Monroe, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Randolph, Saline, Scotland, Shannon, Shelby, and Webster.

As with all counties in the CWD Management Zone, grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable products used to attract deer are prohibited year-round.

“Feeding deer puts them in very close contact with each other, thereby increasing the rate at which CWD can spread within the population,” said Isabelle.

CWD can be spread by direct deer-to-deer contact and when deer encounter the misfolded proteins that cause CWD after they’ve been shed in the environment by infected deer.

“In addition to direct contact that occurs between deer at feed and mineral sites, infectious proteins can accumulate in the soil and spread CWD to other deer that contact it,” said Isabelle.

He acknowledged that deer are social animals and contact each other throughout the year.

“Deer are social animals that are going to groom each other, be aggressive towards one another, and work licking branches and scrapes,” said Isabelle. “Clearly, we can’t stop these deer behaviors, but we can implement regulations that prevent artificial congregation of deer by humans that increases the spread of CWD in the deer population.”

Hunters within the CWD Management Zone must also follow carcass transportation regulations, which are designed to minimize the chances of hunters inadvertently introducing CWD to new areas by improperly disposing of deer carcasses.

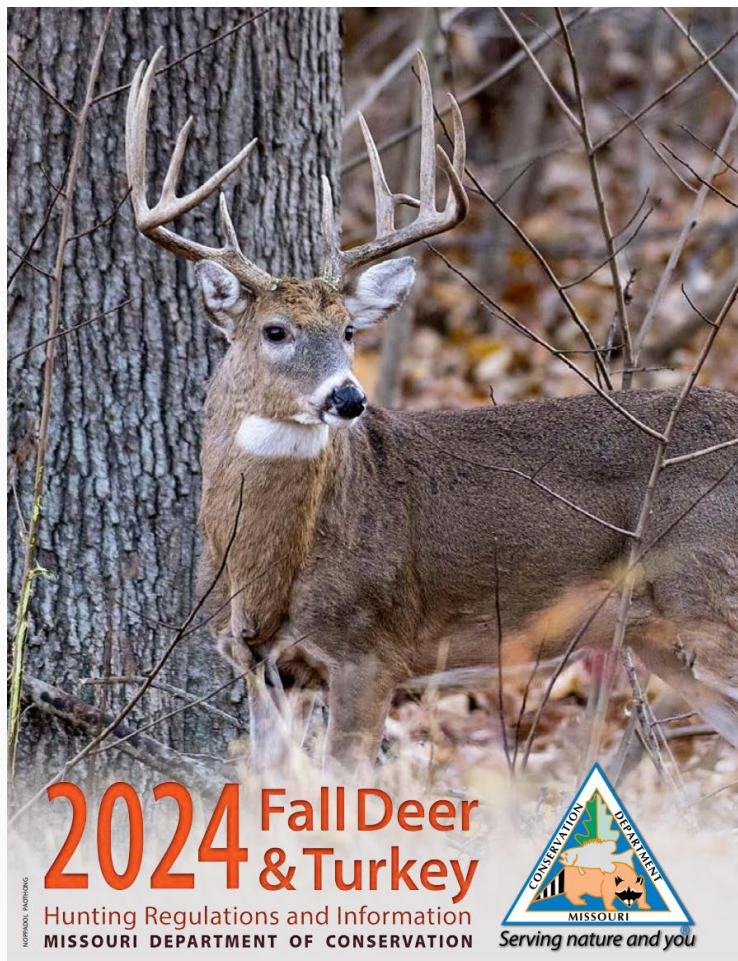
“Deer can become infected with CWD when they contact the carcass from a CWD-positive deer,” said Isabelle. “Hunters can help reduce the spread of CWD by following the carcass transportation regulations and properly disposing of deer carcasses.”

Isabelle added that the best way for hunters to dispose of deer carcass remains is to place them in trash bags and dispose of them through trash collection or a permitted landfill, bury them at or near where the deer was harvested, or leave them on the property where the deer was harvested.

All counties in the CWD Management Zone are open during the CWD portion of deer season.

During the Firearms November Portion opening weekend, Nov. 16-17, hunters who harvest a deer in designated CWD Management Zone counties must take the deer (or its head) on the day of harvest to a mandatory CWD sampling station.

Learn more about CWD regulations and requirements online at mdc.mo.gov/CWD.



<u>Deer: Archery</u>	Sep 15, 2024 - Nov 15, 2024	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archer's Hunting Permit: two deer of either sex. Only one antlered deer may be taken before the November firearms portion. • Hunters may purchase and fill any number of archery antlerless deer hunting permits. • You may take only two antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined.
	Nov 27, 2024 - Jan 15, 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>An antler-point restriction applies in some counties.</u>

<u>Deer: Firearms: Alternative Methods</u>	Dec 28, 2024 - Jan 07, 2025	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may take only one antlered deer during the entire firearms season (all portions combined). • You may take only two antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined. • Each county limits the number of antlerless deer hunting permits you can fill during the entire firearms season (all portions). <u>See map.</u> • <u>An antler-point restriction applies in some counties.</u>
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<u>Deer: Firearms: Antlerless Portions</u>	Oct 11, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only antlerless deer may be harvested during the Antlerless. • Each county limits the number of antlerless deer hunting permits you can fill during the entire firearms season. <u>See antlerless regulations.</u>
	Dec 07, 2024 - Dec 15, 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only select counties are open to firearms hunting during the antlerless portions. <u>See antlerless regulations.</u>

Deer: Firearms:
CWD Portion

Nov 27,
2024 -
Dec 01,
2024

One-half hour before
sunrise to one-half hour
after sunset

- You may take only one antlered deer during the entire firearms season (all portions combined).
- You may take only two antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined.
- Each county limits the number of antlerless deer hunting permits you can fill during the entire firearms season (all portions). [See map.](#)
- Only select counties are open to firearms hunting during the CWD portion. [See CWD Regulations.](#)

Deer: Firearms:
November
Portion

Nov 16,
2024 -
Nov 26,
2024

One-half hour before
sunrise to one-half hour
after sunset

- Only one antlered deer may be taken during the entire firearms season (all portions combined).
- You may take only two antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined.
- Each county limits the number of antlerless deer hunting permits you can fill during the entire firearms season. [See map.](#)
- [An antler-point restriction applies in some counties.](#)
- If you harvest a deer from [certain counties](#) in the CWD Management Zone during the opening weekend, Nov. 16-17, you must take your deer to a designated CWD sampling station.

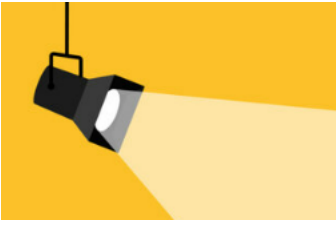
Deer: Firearms:
Youth Portions

Nov 02,
2024 -
Nov 03,
2024

One-half hour before
sunrise to one-half hour
after sunset

Nov 29,
2024 -
Dec 01,
2024

- Only one deer (of either sex) may be taken during the early youth portion. If you have more than one permit, you must use them in another portion.
- Only one antlered deer may be taken during the entire firearms season (all portions combined).
- You may take only two antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined.
- Each county limits the number of antlerless deer hunting permits you can fill during the entire firearms season. [See map.](#)
- To participate, you must be at least 6 and no older than 15 on the opening day of the early youth portion.
- Hunters who are 15 years or younger on Sept. 15 of the current year are exempt from the antler-point restriction during the archery deer season and all portions of the firearms deer season.



Spotlight on your Officers & Board Members

Director – Jody Wilkerson

My husband John and I serve on the Gateway Chapter Board. I began attending Board meetings when helping with the Gateway Area Chapter Auction events. Eventually it led to serving on the board for the past 10 years and serving as Treasure for a period of that time.

I grew up in St. Louis – South City, in fact. Hunting was a part of my family life from a young age, though I did not actively hunt until my early 50s. At one of the Auction events, there was a photo of someone having harvested a mountain goat. John about fell off of his seat when I said, “That’s something I would like to hunt.”

That’s where it began! The first animal I harvested was a Wyoming pronghorn in 2016; after that came my mountain goat. The full-body mount is currently in my sewing room; an everyday reminder of that exciting hunt.

Then came my once in a lifetime hunting trip. John (my favorite hunting partner) and I traveled to South Africa. I came home with several trophies include a sable, impala, springbok and a crocodile. I can confirm that I have been bitten by the “hunting bug”!

John and I have two daughters and four grandchildren. Our younger daughter also hunts and is taking her oldest daughter hunting this coming youth season.

In addition to hunting, I enjoy sewing, quilting and reading.

I plan to retire from full-time employment this coming summer. Hopefully that will mean more trips into the field! Following are pictures of a few of my trophies.



