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# The view through the President's sight:



# Something for everyone—a TALL order...

Already we're half way to next year's annual banquet. Time flies! Board members are very hard at work planning and procuring items for the fundraiser to be held on March 6, 2010—once again at Oklahoma City's National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

We do work very, very hard to try to have something for everyone at the fundraiser each March...and not just "any old something", but something of real value. So how do we determine what to offer? I'll try to give a good answer to that...without running over two pages. Here goes....

As you all recognize, we are a charity, and everything we accomplish during the year for the sake of hunting (sending Oklahoma youth to outdoor activities, sending Oklahoma teachers to wilderness—leadership seminars, supporting the Oklahoma "Hunters Against Hunger" program, working in many ways to protect hunters' rights in Oklahoma and abroad, etc.) is paid for very largely with whatever proceeds we derive from our March fundraiser. It is very important, therefore, that we offer the best we can for everyone's benefit: we want to find the best possible opportunities for our bidders, which translates into the best potential return to the Chapter.

At our March fundraiser, the greatest potential proceeds are from the live auction.

The total value of the items in that auction is considerable..., but what are the real economics? Let's focus on hunts—the items of greatest overall interest.

First of all, very few hunts are given to us with no cost—very few. That's why you'll seldom see the words, "donor" or "donation". Most hunts have strings attached, generally including a specific cost that we must pay the outfitter if we sell the hunt. So, what's our cost? It varies. On something very unique, it can be as high as 90% of the stated value of the hunt. It's usually much less than that, but it is often quite substantial. [By the way, the stated value is not an inflated number; we diligently try to avoid any hunt on which the outfitter places a value we feel is excessive...or for which some of the extra costs—such as trophy fees—seem to be out of line.]

Because of these costs, we very often need to put a "reserve" price on a hunt. That reserve insures, first of all, that we do not actually lose money by selling the hunt. Again, we are a charity; we don't have any "extra" money; we simply can not go in the hole. Be assured, we keep the reserve price as low as possible! We want to sell the hunt...we need to sell the hunt...in order to make any money at all. How low is the reserve? Let me put it this way: if you would be happy to pick up a \$20 bill lying on the sidewalk even if someone—whomever—would charge you \$10 to do so (a 50% "reserve"), then the reserves we put on our hunts (unless our cost is higher) would generally make you very happy indeed!

What about the variety of hunts? Why not more North American hunts? First of all, please rest assured that we aggressively seek out any available North American hunt that offers quality and good value (I joke that I take every N. American mouse hunt that I can get). Why don't we have more of these (big-game hunts; not mouse hunts)? They simply are not made available to us. By comparison to much of the rest of the world, North American hunting seasons are so short, and the number of tags or spaces available is often so low relative to demand, that outfitters simply can not afford to do anything but sell each of their hunts at market price—or so close to market price that there's no advantage to anyone to try to sell it at an auction.

If an outfitter is in a position to seriously discount a hunt for a fundraiser such as ours, there's also a very long list of organizations such as ours standing in line with their hands out...almost 200 SCI chapters and mobs of chapters from various other organizations. The outfitter must choose one place for his discounted hunt...the

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place from which he feels he has the greatest likelihood of getting some paying customers in return—or from which he has already enjoyed a number of customers.

All that said, we still work hard to be able to offer all the North American hunts that we can get. This is a very high priority for us.

So that gets us to the non-North-American hunts.... Simply stated, we "listen" to bidders at each auction, and we try to offer a variety and number of hunts to match what we hear. As always, we work hard to get hunts of the best quality and value.

What about the number of auction items we offer at our evening banquet/auction each March? We offer as many as we can—of the best quality and value that we can find—given the very limited time available that evening.

Now you know the rest of the story.

Enjoy the rest of this issue, and please mark your calendars for our upcoming "Fall Rendezvous", to be held on Friday, October 9th, at the Elks Lodge in El Reno (details later). Thank you for being here!

Mike Mistelske, President

August, 2009

Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International

24th Banquet and Auction

## OKLAHOMA STATION CHAPTER

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**FERAL...(fîr'\_1)...**existing in a wild or untamed state; savage





Two of the many native species abundant on this trip: red kangaroos and emu; but indigenous species were not the focus of this adventure...

Several years in the making, this was not to be a conventional hunting trip....

On our first visit to Australia some years ago, my wife Barbara and I had visited both the wilds of Aboriginal Arnhemland and some of the giant cattle ranches of the Northern Territory. On that trip, we learned of Australia's huge free-ranging populations of feral animals descending from the released or escaped "livestock" of a hundred years ago.

In wild Arnhemland, we had successfully pursued Asian water buffalo—very much like hunting Africa's Cape buffalo—only the Asian bulls get significantly larger than the African. On the big cattle ranches (some, millions of acres in size), the object was to help control the wild pigs, donkeys, and other "exotics" that posed a serious economic threat. Speaking of "exotics", Australia is blessed with at least seven non-indigenous deer species (red, fallow, chital, sambar, rusa, hog, and elk)...but that was another hunt... and another story.

On those previous trips, I had been told that there were herds of wild camels scattered through Australia's vast interior deserts. While a hunt for camels in such a unique habitat sounded extremely intriguing,

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the logistics of such an excursion were beyond what I could fit into my previous visits to the South Pacific. THIS TIME, desert and camels it would be!

Australia is a big place. After flying literally half way around the globe to get there, my companions and I then drove for two long days just to reach the near edge of the desert habitat we sought. To cross the desert, one would need to be prepared to drive another 2,000 miles. BIG!

My companions included three Australians...guys who had lived, worked, or explored their entire lives in the areas we were to visit...and one Oklahoman.

My Oklahoma friend is planning to write his own description of this adventure, and I'll leave it to him to provide a lot of the detail. This is the short version.

On the third day of actually hunting, we finally found our first mob of camels, and what an exciting moment it was to first see them silhouetted against the sky! Over the next few days we twice found herds of these wandering beasts. Our camera lenses were good enough to capture a few images that could be enlarged to "close" the huge distances:

On the fringes of the desert we also found a few of the large "red" species of kangaroo, and a





LEFT: a very gentle young "Carpet Python"

ABOVE: a very aggressive "King Brown", perhaps Australia's most deadly snake

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good number of dingos (we were on the "uncontrolled" wild side of the 2,000km-long "Dingo Barrier Fence"). The most visible of the carcass-cleanup crew were the great numbers of large "wedge-tailed" eagles.

Always interested in reptiles, I was pleased to catch (and release) a very gentle young (six-footlong) python in one of the few wet areas on the fringe of the desert. I was also excited to have an encounter with what is considered the most venomous of Australia's many venomous snakes, a young (five-foot-long)

"king brown". The brown snake was exceedingly active and ready to challenge anyone who approached within a distance of about ten feet. He would swap ends in an instant, and then raise his head and flare his neck in a very intimidating display.

Our outing was not limited to the desert. On the way back to civilization, we decompressed on a property in a much moister and more lushly-vegetated area. There we found feral pigs and goats in abundance...and the omnipresent kangaroos, emus, and parrots—always enjoyable to see.





We even did a bit of shooting, at ranges up to 327 laser-measured yards.



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# THE RIGHT STUFF: SCI-OSC Awards Taxidermist's Talents

I spotted the bobcat quickly and I felt the hair rise on the back of my neck. There was such intensity in its eyes and tension in its body as it paused while climbing down the rocks. I froze and held my breath. It was obvious there was only one thing on this cat's mind; dinner and he was looking right at me.

SCI-OSC President Mike Mistelske's voice broke my trance and brought me back to reality. I was not in the woods, but in the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Oklahoma Taxidermist Association's 2009 show, held from 25-27 June. Mike and I were there to award two contestants for their exceptional talent in the art of taxidermy.

The Oklahoma Taxidermists Association (OKTA) is a non-profit organization striving to better the art of taxidermy and to further educate its members. OK-TA's annual show featured the work of taxidermists in Oklahoma and nearby states. Categories for the competition were whitetails, game heads, fish, birds, reproductions, life-size mammals, reptiles, original 3D art, and original flat art. Divisions were youth,



Clay Wagner of Lott, Texas, winner of Best Life Sized North American Mammal, and his bobcat



Vignette of Clay Wagner's bobcat

amateur, professional, and master's. Mike and I had the privilege of judging and choosing OSC's Award winners from 147 entries. OSC presented two awards this year; Best Life Size North American Mammal and Best African/Exotic Mammal. Along with an Award Plaque, the recipients were granted \$100.

The bobcat that had entranced me was created by Clay Wagner of Lott, Texas. Mike and I had no difficulty agreeing this was the winner of the Best Life Size North American Mammal. It was truly an amazing work. This cat was alive! In addition to the SCI-OSC Award, Clay's bobcat also won State Champion-Lifesize, The People's Choice, and The Woody Award.

While there were no African animals entered, there was no shortage of exotics; Barbary (Aoudad) sheep, black buck, chital (Axis) deer, and a mouflon ram. This was a more difficult category for us to choose a winner, because the mounts included full size, half size, and shoulder mounts. Plus they were

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all very good. After much deliberation and walking back and forth between the mounts, we choose a Barbary sheep by Danny Keener of Choctaw, OK. A truly beautiful piece, it featured the animal climbing down a steep grade. With his head low and eyes focused on his step, it was easy imagine him in nature traversing the treacherous terrain in which he was adapted for. The force of gravity at work showcased his wonderfully long beard. Danny also won State Champion – Whitetail at the show.

Prior to attending the show I spoke with OKTA member Joe Trammel about how one goes about judging a taxidermy show. He said, "Taxidermy is really an art. It is not simply stuffing an animal. Judges have specific criteria which they look for, and it is the total mount that is finally considered. We look for an entry that tells a story." I understood what Joe had

said while walking among the entries at the OKTA show. These were works of art and reflected the taxidermists' creativity and personality. I felt a sense of pride that SCI-OSC was committed to promoting this often misunderstood art and recognizing some of the top artists in our area.

To see some extraordinary taxidermy art and meet the artists, plan on going to the OKTA 2010 show. It is an excellent opportunity to meet just the right person to preserve the memory of your next hunt.

For information about OKTA, please contact President Kenneth Bauman at (405) 247-5711 or go to http://www.oklahomataxidermistsassociation.com.

#### - Kevin A. Shufran



Danny Keener of Choctaw Oklahoma, winner of Best Exotic Mammal, and his Aoudad sheep.

# July 11th Oklahoma Station Guns N Grill Members Meeting

Our chapter had a fantastic time on July 11<sup>th</sup> with about 35 members and friends. We were even blessed with some cloud cover in the morning that kept the temperature tolerable. The Wildlife Department's Step program set up several traps at the Oklahoma City Gun Club's old shotgun range and our members had some friendly competition. After a morning of shooting we all gathered in the clubhouse for elk, caribou and venison burgers; along with ribs, potato salad and beans donated by Earl's Barbeque on Western. And Paul Isenberg donated some delicious caribou back straps. Beau Cantrell brought several pies and we didn't lack for great food. We had a couple of drawings and gave away a new shotgun and a very nice knife in a separate youth drawing. If you didn't come you missed a great time.











# DOD REVERSES POLICY ON SHREDDING FIRED BRASS

My gun club has a couple of activist types that are tied into the pro-gun lobbyists and pro-gun political networks. One of them posted this late last night. It's of interest to all of us.

At about five-thirty yesterday evening, the lengthy feature that was to have gone in today's editions of both the Outdoor and Shooting Wires was rendered unnecessary. Normally, that's not a reason for celebration. But this was no ordinary occurrence.

After having spoken with Larry Haynie of Georgia Arms regarding the Department of Defense decision to require all once-fired military brass be shredded rather than sold for repurposing to consumers and domestic agencies, it seemed the set-piece battle over gun ownership was underway.

This morning, there is no discomfort whatsoever to report that the Department of Defense

has been introduced to the idea that unilateral decisions of this magnitude don't come without consequences.

The voice of reason came from the United States Senators from Montana.

More accurately, the voices of reason came from the Democratic senators from Montana.

Known for pushing ethics reform, Senator Jon Tester apparently isn't afraid to push for gun owners, too. Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) says that a hand on the purse strings gets everyone's attention - even at the DOD.

At approximately 4:15 p.m. Eastern yesterday afternoon, Senators Tester and Baucus of Montana

faxed a cosigned letter to the Department of Defense asking DOD to reverse their new policy requiring "mutilation" of fired military cartridge brass.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. Eastern, our sources tell us, Senator Tester's office received a fax back from the Defense Department saying the brass destruction policy IS reversed.

Already, websites that coordinate the sale of DOD surplus are beginning to remove the "Mutilation"

requirement from their listings. This only hours after they began adding the mutilation stipulation.

In short, it seems a fax from the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and another Senator had considerable powers of persuasion.

That translates to a win for the law-abiding gun owners of the United States.

It is only appropriate

that we recognize the party affiliation of both these men, because their willingness to go to bat for the ammunition industry demonstrates that, despite all the indications to the contrary, Washington is not irrevocably divided down party lines.

When it comes to firearms and Second Amendment rights, it seems party affiliations can still be disregarded.

That is reassuring.

Today, firearms owners owe these two gentlemen a vote of thanks.

They didn't wait for an opinion poll, they acted.



# U.S. Government Trying To Take Away Your Pocket Knives!

The U.S. Government is after your Pocket Knives! In a sneak attack, U.S. Customs has proposed revoking earlier rulings that assisted opening knives are not switchblades. The proposal would not only outlaw assisted opening knives, its overly broad new definition of a switchblade would also include all one-handed opening knives and most other pocket knives!

Knife Rights was formed three years ago because we knew it was only a matter of time before there would be a major attempt to take away our knives, as has occurred in England, Europe and elsewhere. Little did we guess that the first major battle at a national level wouldn't come head on, but with government bureaucrats trying to sneak it by everyone, avoiding a more conventional legislative battle, which they know they'd likely lose.



Knife Rights is geared up to help win this fight, but we cannot do it without your help, your emails, your letters. The fight can only be won if we raise enough hell that they are convinced they will not get away with this. YOU are the most effective arrow in our quiver, the most powerful cartridge in our gun.

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One bacterium kept at 98.6°, if left for 6 hours in an enclosed environment, can multiply into 131,072 bacteria. That's incredible! Yet people still continue to treat the animal like it's an old piece of luggage, throwing it in the back of the truck or on a trailer and leaving it exposed to the outside elements for hours, if not days.

The growth of bacteria at lower temperatures can be a good thing, it's called aging. Let me pose this question to each of you. Would you eat meat if it were hung in a cooler for 3 days at 35°? You bet! And it would be great. Now the same question, would you eat meat if it were hung outside in 60°, 70° or even 80° weather? Not a chance!

It's the hunter's responsibility to provide the best quality care for the animals they harvest each and every time. It makes no difference if you're 5 miles or 500 miles from home, that animal sacrificed its life for the table fare we crave each and every year. This should require us as hunters to make the commitment of taking every measure and precaution to prevent or at least reduce the chance of losing edible meat from unseen forces of nature.

In today's fast paced world, the processors don't have the time or the space to let your deer hang in order to age properly. They skin it, cool it down, process it, freeze it and get it out the door. It's all about them making money!

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# Oklahoma Attorney General Signs Amicus Brief Supporting Second Amendment Incorporation

#### Please Thank Attorney General Drew Edmondson!

Two-thirds of the nation's attorneys general have filed an amicus brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to grant certiorari in the case of NRA v. Chicago and hold that the Second Amendment applies to state and local governments through the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. This bi-partisan group of 33 attorneys general, along with the Attorney General of California in a separate filing, agrees with the NRA's position that the Second Amendment protects a fundamental individual right to keep and bear arms, disagreeing with the decision recently issued by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Attorney General Edmondson was one of the many who agrees that the Second Amendment is a fundamental individual right and signed the amicus brief. Please call Attorney General Edmondson at (405) 521-3921 and thank him for standing up in support of the Second Amendment.

The State Attorneys General Amicus Brief can be found by clicking here. www.NRAILA.org

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# First Amendment Challenge Could Threaten Outdoor Media A case to be heard by Supreme Court of the United States might result in serious problems for any person, outlet or entity that shows or sells depictions of hunting and fishing activities. Felony Charges and Jail Time Taking, selling or publishing images of hunting,

Taking, selling or publishing images of hunting, fishing or trapping could mean felony charges and jail time, for

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#### Summary of the Case

UNITED STATES of America v. Robert J. STEVENS, Appellant. No. 05-2497

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit.

Argued Oct. 25, 2006. Argued En Banc Nov. 13, 2007.

Filed July 18, 2008.

This summary explains well the serious risk the government's case against Stevens poses to those who produce depictions of hunting and fishing activities.

Robert J. Stevens of Virginia was convicted of criminal charges for producing and selling films about dogs. Stevens' conviction was overturned as a result of a Third Circuit Court of Appeals decision that said the law relied upon to convict Stevens was unconstitutional.

Stevens may still go to prison. The case is now being heard by the Supreme Court of the United States. The outcome could be devastating to all journalists and specifically to the traditional outdoor sports of hunting, fishing and trapping.

The Third Circuit struck down a federal law banning "depictions of animal cruelty," 18 USC 48. The statute does not ban acts of animal cruelty themselves (and so this case is not about such actions). It bans images of animals being hurt, wounded or killed if the depicted conduct is illegal under federal law or illegal under the state law either (i) where the creation of the depiction occurs, or (ii) where the depiction is sold or possessed.

That means that a picture taken of the killing of an animal during a hunt (perfectly lawful where it occurred) could be a federal felony crime if that picture is sold or possessed somewhere in the United States where hunting (or the particular type of hunting, ie, crossbow) is prohibited.

As the court of appeals explained, the law now makes it a federal felony to buy a picture of bullfighting in Spain or an image shot by a journalist of a hunter or angler taking a shot at a legal game animal or catching a fish -- if that action is is unlawful anywhere in the U.S.

The law creates an exception if a jury finds that the images have "serious" value. The government defined "serious" as "significant and of great import." The result accordingly is that all depictions of animal killings that might be unlawful somewhere in the U.S. are now presumptively federal felonies, with the only hope of protection being that a jury in San Francisco (or wherever an eager prosecutor wants to go) agrees that the images are "significant and of great import."

The government and Humane Society, which is pushing this issue hard, are trying to paint this as a case about dog fighting, since that incites peoples' emotions. It's about the First Amendment.

Mr. Stevens, is a 69-year-old hunter and Pit Bull dog lover from Southern Virginia. He is a published author. He has no criminal record at all -- other than this conviction. He has been sentenced to more than three years (37 months) in prison for making films. Nothing else.

A prosecutor hauled him to Pittsburgh, perhaps because obtaining a conviction in rural Virginia would be difficult, to prosecute him for a documentary he made about training catch dogs for hunting (called "Catch Dogs"); and documentaries he made about Pit Bulls and their fighting history.

For that, Stevens faces spending three years in federal prison.

Of particular concern to the hunting and fishing industry is the fact Stevens' prosecution rested on his film "Catch Dogs", which showed how dogs are trained to help catch prey (wild boar, etc.). The film shows a dog making a mistake in trying to catch a hog, but does so with Stevens talking over the images about the training mistake and explaining what should be done to teach dogs to catch prey properly.

There is no allegation that Stevens engaged in dog fighting or any acts of animal cruelty. Nor is it even alleged that the images depicted in his films were illegal when taken. Furthermore, he did not take the images himself, but edited together films taken by others — films that were recorded in Japan, where the conduct is perfectly legal, and from historic films from the 60s and 70s in rural America.

To be sure, the latter two films contain extensive images of dog fighting. But Stevens is not a dog fighter, he opposes dog fighting, but loves the traits in Pit Bulls that made them fighters.

Stevens' films were made to document the strength, endurance, and similar features of Pit Bulls to support his argument (made at length in his book) that Pit Bulls make great hunting dogs, protection dogs, and schutzhund (strength contests) dogs.

# FEEDING 250,000 FREE MEALS IN OKLAHOMA!

By M.J.Mistelske

250,000...that's how many meals Tulsa's Salvation Army fed to needy people in 2008.

250,000...in just one year...just in Tulsa! To me,



SCI Oklahoma Station Chapter president Mike Mistelske setting up the meat grinder donated by SCIF to The Salvation Army's Tulsa "Center of Hope"...which feeds 1,000 meals each day to people in need

that's truly wonderful. Of course, it also indicates the incredible magnitude of the need...and that need is very dramatically on the rise.

So...what has this to do with our Oklahoma Station Chapter of SCI?

Over the last year, our chapter has been particularly and conspicuously active in education, wildlife conservation, and humanitarian initiatives. Early this summer, SCI's headquarters office in Tucson contacted us and offered the opportunity for us to place a commercial meat grinder where it would do a lot of good toward the feeding of needy people; SCI Foundation's Humanitarian Services staff felt that our chapter was a prime candidate—only one of many, I'm sure--for sharing in this special program...to our very good fortune!

While there were a number of very deserving homes for our meat grinder, Tulsa's Salvation Army was selected. Their "Center of Hope" is currently feeding approximately 1,000 meals each day--and they've been doing this without a very large staff... and with no meat grinder. Center of Hope Director Arletta Robinson and Food Services Manager Mary Stake lead this massive program, and they were both

ecstatic about the possibility of putting a commercial meat grinder in their kitchen!

On June 30, SCIF Humanitarian Services Committee chairman Gene Rurka and SCIF Sportsmen Against Hunger subcommittee chairman Steve Rilenge joined me at the Center of Hope to make the presentation. We were also joined by Rowdy and Paula Malchow of Oklahoma's "Windsong Adventures", who donated 200 pounds of their prime bison meat with which to initiate The Salvation Army's new grinder!

The Salvation Army's "Center of Hope", one of 10 Salvation Army facilities in the Tulsa area, is home to their social services programs in the city of Tulsa. The Salvation Army has the largest-capacity emergency shelter in the community, with room to provide refuge to 500 people each night. An average of

over 250 homeless individuals and families seek this service every day of the year. The Salvation Army also provides transitional housing for homeless individuals and families who are willing to work towards self-sufficiency through education and skills training; and emergency financial assistance for those who are having temporary difficulties in meeting their basic financial needs, e.g., utilities, prescriptions, and rent.

...More information about The Salvation Army's operations in Tulsa can be found at:

http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/USS/www\_uss\_tulsa\_ac.nsf .

...For information about The Salvation Army's operations in your area, use their "Find a Center" feature on the following web page: http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www\_uss.nsf.

For information about all the hunting opportunities and other outdoor activities available at



#### LEFT TO RIGHT:

Rowdy & Paula Malchow, owners of Windsong Adventures, Mike Mistelske, SCI Oklahoma Station Chapter president, Mary Stake, Food Services Manager of The Salvation Army's Tulsa "Center of Hope", Steve Rilenge, chairman of SCIF's Sportsmen Against Hunger sub-committee, Gene Rurka, chairman of SCIF's Humanitarian Services Committee

Rowdy and Paula Malchow's "Windsong Adventures" in eastern Oklahoma, their website is:

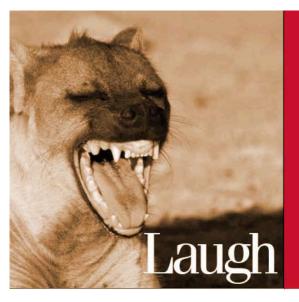
www.windsongadventures.com . Rowdy & Paula are big SCI-OSC supporters; give them a call!

For more information about our SCI Foundation, visit: http://sci-foundation.org .

SCIF was recently acknowledged for its excellence as an association propelling America forward with innovative projects in education, skills training, standard-setting, business and social innovation, knowledge creation, citizenship, and community service. It was said of SCIF's Sportsmen Against Hunger program that, "It is an honor and an inspiration

to showcase this activity as an example of the many contributions associations are making to advance American society".

Through our Sportsmen Against Hunger program, SCI members and chapters in the last five years alone have donated more than 1 million pounds of much-needed wild game meat to food shelves, soup kitchens and charities that serve hungry families. Especially in these tough economic times, the donation of over 400,000 pounds of wild game meat in 2008-2009 has made more of a difference than ever. Sportsmen Against Hunger is the original program from which other local and national wild game donation efforts gained their inspiration to launch.



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The first is being held on Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife, Safari Club and the Oklahoma Friends of NRA. Each group will be here to help answer questions and provide information on how you can be involved. Wild Game Hors d'Oeuvres will be served which is being done by the 4U Café.

The second is being held on Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife, The National Wild Turkey Foundation and the Oklahoma Friends of the NRA. Wild game prepared by the 4U Café will also be served.

We look forward to seeing you here.

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## RAM SHOOT AT THE Y.O. RANCH

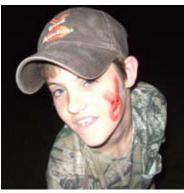
The opportunity to go to the Y.O. Ranch was one of the best experiences I have ever had. This was the first time I've ever been to Texas. It was not at all what I had expected. The 11 hour drive from North East Oklahoma was exciting. I had my picture taken by a sign that named a road after me, a picture by Stone Hinge II and beautiful scenery.

Upon arriving at the camp I was amazed at how large it was. (44,000 acres) What was even more amazing was the fact that Whitetail, Fallow, and

Cika deer would walk right into the camp! I knew I was there to hunt a ram, but to my surprise, the second day I was there I got to go on a wild hog hunt with Blue Tick hounds and Pit Bull dogs. The guides killed one that was 300+ pounds and one that was 45+ pounds. I didn't think I would like it, but it actually gets your blood pumping.

While at the ranch for a week I had many activities to keep me busy. I got to swim everyday in the Y.O. lodge pool as well as their large stock tank that had a slide attached to it. It was fed by a windmill. I was able to compete in an archery shoot. Surprisingly, I won! I was also given the opportunity to shoot an AK-47, .20 gauge shotgun, .243 and a .22 riffle. I did not compete with these though. Exciting yet terrifying would be the way I would explain the ropes course that I completed. ZIP LINE! That's all I got to say about that. Moving on to one of the neatest thing that I encountered while there. I got to go on a safari tour on the ranch. I saw exotic animals that I've never seen before. Such as a Wildebeest, Gazelles, and an African Water Buffalo! I even had the chance to feed a Giraffe! I can now say that I've slept out under the Texas stars. It wasn't as dark as I expected it to be! Just as I noticed on the first day of camp, that night the Cika deer came right up to us in our sleep! That same night I learned how to build a fire and cook over an open flame.

On the third day of camp it was my turn to hunt for my ram. As I rode around in the rig in the rocky, cedar filled pasture I was getting nervous. My knees were knocking. We came upon a herd and stepped out of the rig quietly looking for cover, but there was



Gibbon Simmons, a Jr. Division Apprentice Hunter Essay Contest Winner in 2008 with Y.O. symbol.

no cover to be found. So I took a knee shaking as hard as I could! I then aimed for the biggest horned Texas Doll Ram I could see, but my nerves got the better of me as I waited for the Long Horns to move out of the way. Finally, my chance at the big one. BOOM! One shot, One second, One kill. I had shot him right through the jugular. I quickly learned the Y.O. tradition. As the ram was being dressed, my camp counselor dipped his finger in the ram's blood and painted the Y.O. symbol on my cheek. Then I knew

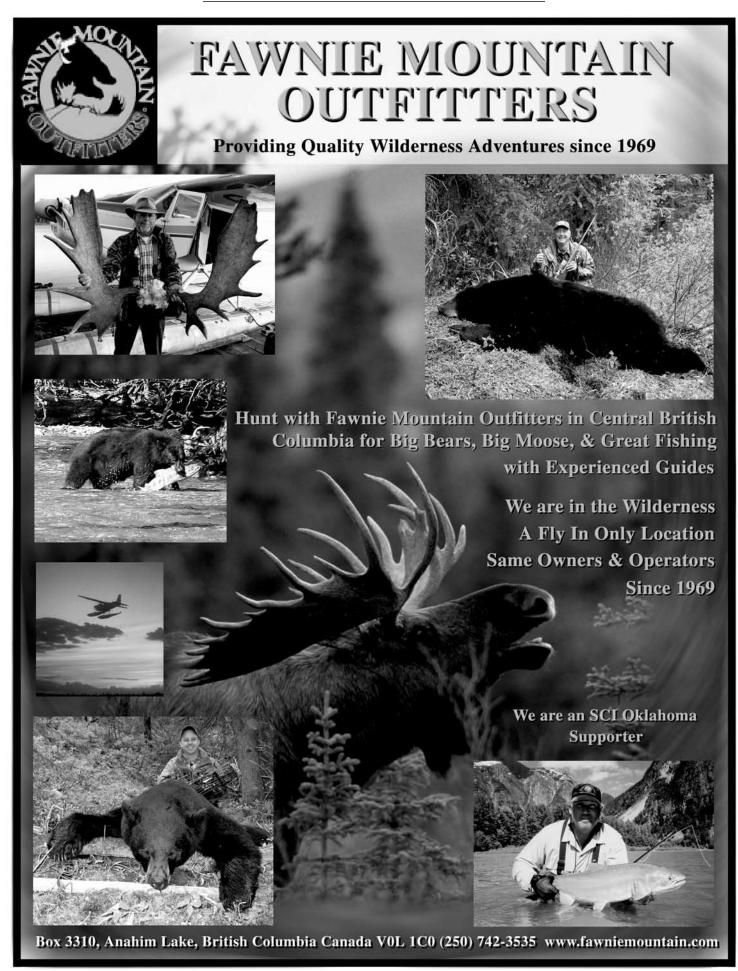
it was completed when he shook my hand and congratulated me. Oddly enough you would think that the best part of camp would be harvesting my ram, but it wasn't, it was returning to camp and looking at myself in the mirror with the blood on my cheek. I had a sense of accomplishment within me.

For the past few years I had decided that I wanted to work for the department of wildlife when I grow up. Staying at the Y.O. Ranch for a week made me realize that there is many other ways to work with wildlife. In this large acreage, small group setting, I had one on one attention from my counselors and learned so much about wildlife that I didn't know. I learned much about myself as well. On the last day of camp there was an awards assembly and apparently I was the "Hunter of the week." I recently received the award for that, an awesome belt buckle.

This trip to the Y.O. Ranch was a once in a lifetime experience for me. Thank you SCI for choosing my essay and sending me to the ranch. Look for my next essay in two years!

#### **Gibbon Simmons**





## SCI-OSC TAKES PART IN VFW'S "SALUTE TO VETERANS"

Mike Mistelske



OSC at the VFW "Salute to Veterans" in Tulsa. From left to right: Security chief, Dan Fuller; SCI-OSC director, Dennis Elliott; three-term VFW Post Commander, Michael Miller

The first meeting of Tulsa VFW Post 577 was held on January 4, 1921. Now, 88 years later, the post recently hosted Tulsa's 4th annual "Salute to Veterans" celebration.

Our chapter of SCI was there to help thank our veterans and to spread awareness of SCI and of the activities of SCI's Oklahoma Station Chapter.

OSC director Dennis Elliott and I spent the 100+ degree afternoon talking with interested veterans and their spouses and friends. Discussions centered on the important role which SCI plays in protecting our hunting heritage, emphasizing the relevance to hunting right here in Oklahoma today—& the relevance to being able to take our kids hunting tomorrow.

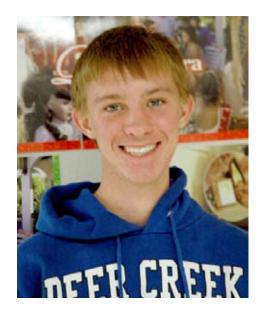
Dennis and I also continued to spread the word about the African hunt which our chapter has organized for an Oklahoma Purple Heart veteran. I've been meeting with various VFW and American Legion posts and communicating with other veterans' organizations on this subject. We will continue to accept applications for this special hunt until mid-October.

Tulsa's VFW Post 577 is one of the very oldest of the 9,000 VFW posts worldwide.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States traces its roots back to the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902), when veterans returning home wounded or sick were not provided medical care or pensions. Some banded together and founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Thus was born the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The VFW now numbers some 1.6 million members.



# Oklahoma youth outdoor writing contest winners take national honors for excellence





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Two Oklahoma teenagers were recognized recently for placing high among their peers in a nationwide youth outdoor writing contest.

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"This speaks highly of the youth here in Oklahoma," said Colin Berg, education supervisor for the Wildlife Department. According to Berg, Oklahoma always has youth that perform very well in national level competitions for outdoorsmen.

Maichak and Stiles were entered in the national writing contest as part of their reward for winning a local outdoor writing contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International. Contestants in the annual statewide youth outdoor writing contest pick from two essay topics—"Hunting: Sharing the Heritage" or "What I like about Archery in the Schools and Bowhunting"— giving them a chance to share their outdoor heritage with others. The winning essays of the state contest are then entered into Norm Strung Youth Writing Com-

petition. Additionally, winners in the state's senior division receive an all-expenses-paid antelope hunt in New Mexico, and junior division winners receive a scholarship to the YO Ranch Apprentice Hunter Program in Texas. The scholarship to the YO Ranch Apprentice Hunter Program and expenses for the antelope hunts are covered by the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International with funds raised at the Chapter's annual banquet.

The youth writing competition is designed to promote America's hunting heritage among Oklahoma's youth. It provides them an opportunity to express the importance of hunting in their lives and to affirm their commitment to carrying on the hunting tradition. Students use the essays or short stories to relive memorable hunts, to explain why hunting is important to them and to recognize mentors who have influenced them to grow as hunters.

The Wildlife Department and the Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International submit the winning essays to the Norm Strung National Youth Writing Competition, held annually by the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

To learn about how to compete in the state's youth outdoor writing contest and become eligible for the Norm Strung writing contest, log on to wildlifedepartment.com.

# Dove hunters gain 10 days, unlimited Eurasian collared dove limit

# For all of the state except the southwest zone, the 2009-10 dove season will run from Sept.1 - Nov.9

Dove hunters will enjoy expanded opportunities this fall, including 10 additional days of hunting.

For all of the state except the southwest zone, the 2009-10 dove season will run from Sept. 1-Nov. 9, with a daily limit of 15 mourning doves and white-winged doves. However, there will be no daily limit of Eurasian collared doves as long as the birds are transported to their final destination with fully feathered heads or one wing naturally

attached.

In the Southwest Zone, where the season will run Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 3, the daily limit has been increased from 12 to 15 mourning doves and white-winged doves daily, and no daily limit on Eurasian collared doves that have fully feathered heads or wings naturally attached until transported to a final destination. The southwest zone starts on U.S. 62 from the Texas border west of

Hollis, east to Interstate 44, Interstate 44 south to OK 7, OK 7 east to U.S. 81 and U.S. 81 south to the Texas border at the Red River.

To hunt doves, sportsmen need a hunting license, unless exempt. Additionally, all migratory bird hunters, unless otherwise exempt, must carry a Harvest Information Permit (HIP) while afield. Hunters who bought their annual hunting license before July 1 also must have a fishing and hunting legacy permit, available on wildlifedepartment.com or anywhere hunting licenses are sold. Hunting licenses sold after July 1 will have the legacy permit included in the cost of

their hunting license.

The expanded dove season opportunities were approved by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission at its July meeting, along with regulations for September resident Canada goose, September teal, rail, gallinule, woodcock and common snipe seasons. The regulations fall within a federal framework that allows states to create their seasons for

these species according to guidelines established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Dates for each season are available on the Wildlife Department's Web site at wildlifedepartment.com.

In addition to expanded dove hunting opportunities, September teal season hunters will also be able to hunt resident Canada geese at the same time. September teal season will be Sept. 12 through 27, statewide, with a daily limit of four teal. This year's special September resident

Canada goose season will run Sept. 12 through 21, statewide, with a daily limit of five.

According to Alan Peoples, chief of wildlife for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the decision to schedule the special September resident Canada goose season during September teal season comes in response to requests from sportsmen wanting to hunt resident Canada geese and teal at the same time.

"We'd very much like for more people to participate in the resident Canada goose season," Peoples said.



# 2009 Joint Meeting of Oklahoma Chapter of The Wildlife Society and Bollenbach Wildlife Symposium

#### Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Oklahoma Chapter of The Wildlife Society Business Meeting,

Noble Foundation Pavilion, Ardmore, Okla.

#### Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Registration at Holiday Inn, Ardmore, Okla.

9:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Field Tour of the Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds Bobwhite Quail Habitat Restoration Project (topics include project overview, prescribed burning,

cedar control, timber thinning)

Noble Foundation Coffey Ranch (topics include prescribed burning, sand plum research, cedar control and native rangeland management)

Sam Barrick's (private landowner) waterfowl management area (topics include moist soil management, wetland design and maintenance)

5:15 pm - 12 midnight Social with heavy appetizers (Holiday Inn, Ardmore, Okla.)

#### Friday, Sept. 11, 2009

7:30 a.m - 8:00 a.m.

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8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Student paper competition and talks by professionals at the Southern

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