

Oklahoma Station Chapter

Safari Trails

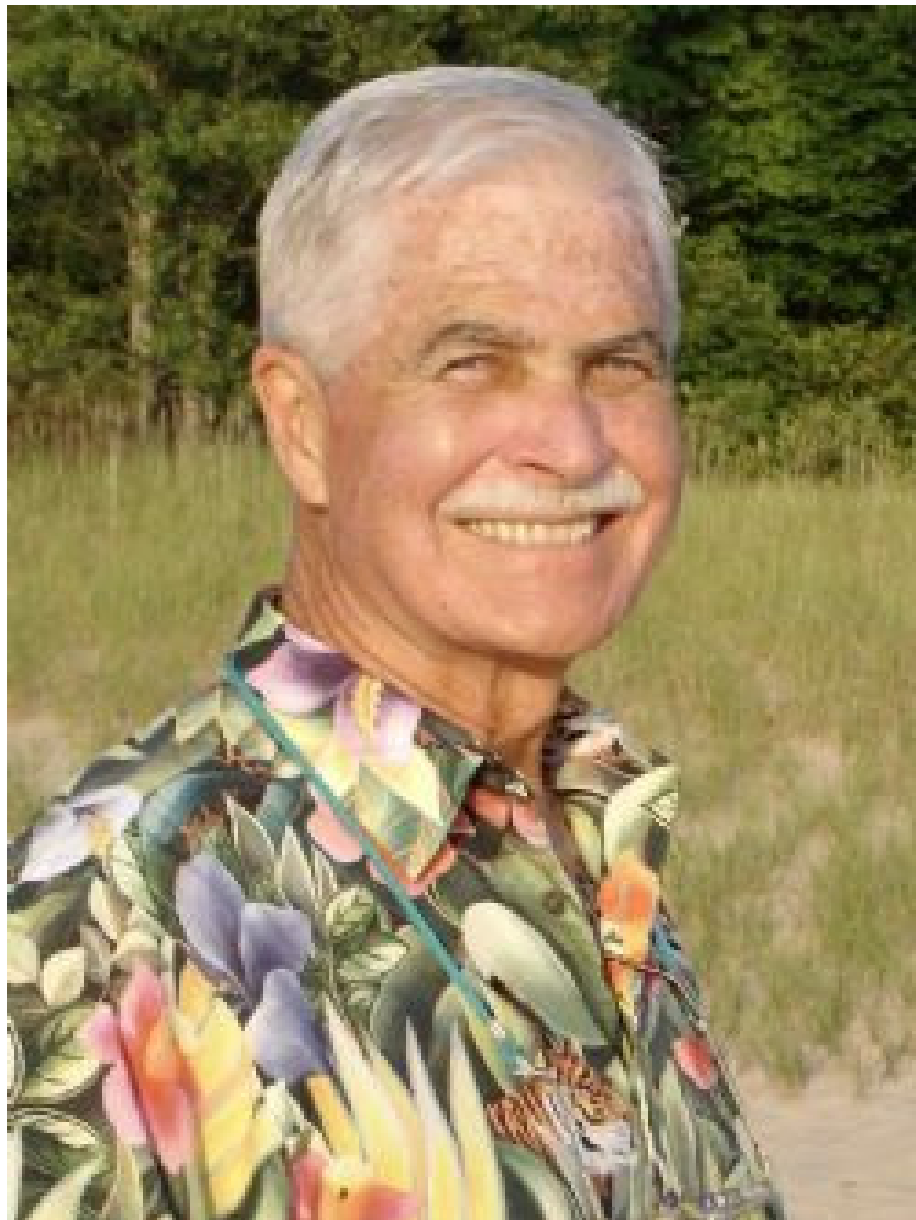


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In Loving Memory of:

Dr. Myers William “Bill” Lockard



Letter from the Editor



2020 ... enough said

Usually this is when I reflect on the last year and talk about events and conservation topics of the time. This year though I am going to go farther back than that and kinda ignore 2020 as we all wish we could.

36 years ago; I graduated from high school, Mario Bros debuted, Sally Ride became 1st US woman in space, and Dr. Myers William "Bill" Lockard founded the Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International!

Bill was still on the Board of Directors when I became involved and his impact on conservation and OSCSCI is immeasurable. Over 4 decades of conservation work and sup-

port encompassing 62 countries on six continents where he collected 163 animals and 142 species including 71 listed in record books.

Bill and his wife Sue also wrote a fabulous book, "Our Great Hunting Adventure on Six Continents." ([Available on Amazon](#)). I would be amiss to not mention his other book "The Exceptional Dental Practice: Why Good Enough Isn't Good Enough" ([Also available on Amazon](#)) and his legendary status and mentoring in the dental world. It was just how Bill did things. In 2012 he was awarded the Safari Club International Crowning Achievement Award.

As a lifetime hunter, Bill was concerned about some of the media's negative portrayals of big-game hunters and the public's lack of knowledge about the value of legal hunting.

Hunters and anglers provide much of the financial resources for the conservation of game animals and their habitat.

"If hunting and fishing ceased to be legal, who will provide the billions of dollars that support wildlife conservation and the livelihoods of thousands of people?" Bill asked. "I believe that hunting and the conservation of wildlife are inseparable."



This copy of the Safari Trails is dedicated to you Bill! A true conservationist we should all aspire to be like.

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Creative Writing Contest



Creative Writing Competition 2020

Essay Contest Sponsored By:



Theme: Students must use the theme, Hunting: Sharing the Heritage, Archery: What I like about Archery in the Schools and Bowhunting or the concept of the theme to develop an expository essay or short story.

Eligibility: Students ages 11-17 currently enrolled in any Oklahoma School and home school students are eligible for participation. Winners of the 2019 contest are not eligible. Applicants must have successfully completed an Oklahoma Hunter Education course by the entry deadline.

Number of Entries per school: There is no limit to the number of entries per school.

Specifications:

- Essay or short story should be double-spaced on white, 8 1/2 x 11 paper, with 1 1/2 inch margins on top, bottom and sides. Typewritten copy is preferred. All essays or short stories must be legible.
- Length should not exceed 1,000 words (four typewritten pages) for short stories, or 500 words (two typewritten pages) for essays.
- Students must have successfully completed an Oklahoma Hunter Education course by the entry deadline.
- Papers should be carefully proofed for spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar.
- A completed entry blank must be used as a cover sheet and stapled to the essay or short story. Entry must be typed or clearly printed and signed by the teacher or youth group leader.

Judging: All essays or short stories will be judged in one of two categories: 11-14 age group or 15-17 age group. Applicants will be judged on the use of the theme concept, creativity, neatness, proper grammar and punctuation. Winners of the statewide competition will be notified by phone:

Prizes:

- **In the 11-14 age category:** One boy and one girl will get a hunting trip at Rack Attack Outfitters in Fairview, Oklahoma or similar and receive a scholarship to the Outdoor Texas Camp for hunting during the summer of 2021. The Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International will reimburse the winners travel expenses up to a maximum of \$500 per Essay Contest Winner.

Apprentice Hunter Program Information: Outdoor Texas Camp's hunting camp is a unique, hands-on camp designed for girls and boys aged 9-16. The program covers hunting techniques, shotgun skills, survival, GPS use, tracking and interpreting sign, small and large caliber rifle skills and scoring and aging deer.

- **In the 15-17 age category:** One boy and one girl will go on a guided antelope hunt in the panhandle of Texas or similar. Winners in this category must comply with all requirements of Texas game laws for the 2021 hunting season. The Oklahoma Station Chapter of Safari Club International will reimburse travel expenses up to a maximum of \$500 per Essay Contest Winner. This trip is subject to change based on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department harvest number rules to be released in September. If the rules or other things prevent a hunt from taking place, an alternate hunt will be arranged.

The four statewide winners and their legal guardians will be invited to Norman to attend an awards ceremony in 2021. In addition, the top 25 essay entrants will receive a one-year membership to Safari Club International. The four state winners' entries will be printed in the Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International December Newsletter "Safari Trails". Printing makes the essays eligible for consideration in the Outdoor Writers Association of America Youth Writing Contest. Essays may also be printed in Outdoor Oklahoma magazine. Association of America Youth Writing Contest. Essays may also be printed in Outdoor Oklahoma magazine.

Creative Writing Contest



Taryn McCaa
Junior Division Girl

Grade: 8 Teacher: Mrs. Earp
Age: 13 School: Elmore City

Hunting with My Family

Were you excited when you shot your first deer? Was your heart beating a million times a minute? When I killed my first deer, I was so happy. I had just killed a buck and I was only 9 years old! He was about 30 yards away, and I dropped him on the first shot! I was jumping up and down with excitement and trying to run over to him, I realized that he only had one horn. He had broken off the other, and he would have been a nice little 8 point, but he was an

amazing 5 point in my eyes! Hunting is one of the most exciting hobbies that I have in my life. It has taught me respect for wildlife and the outdoors.

When I was 6, I started squirrel hunting with my Poppie in Alabama over Christmas vacation. When packing the truck to leave I would never let my dad forget to pack my pink .22 rifle. When we got there after everyone said

"Hi," I

would ask when

we could go squirrel hunting.

I loved it! We would go with

Poppie, dad, brother,

my uncle, and two friends Paul and Landon! After, we hunted, we would always go up to the house and skin them on the back porch. Dad had to teach me what to do, but it was fun eventually I did it all by myself. We would always eat the squirrels in dumplings, which my Nanny would make. Now, we continue to squirrel hunt every year and eat those squirrel dumplings together, but it's not the same since Poppie passed away.

I hunt deer in Oklahoma every year during youth days, muzzleloader, and regular deer

season. I absolutely love hunting, even if I used to fall asleep every morning when I was little, and dad had to wake me up when a deer came by our stand! Now, I can't wait until I get married, have kids of my own, and take them hunting! I also pray all the time that they will be able to go hunting with their "Pop" like I got to hunt with my Poppie! My Poppie showed me so much about hunting and life, taught me more than I could imagine, and helped grow the love I have for hunting!

Finally, I love hunting, and will continue to enjoy it for the rest of my life. I hope that my legacy and knowledge for hunting is passed on for generations through my children and grandchildren. From hunting squirrels in Alabama to killing my first deer, hunting is a hobby that makes me appreciate the wildlife and its surroundings. I'm excited to take my own kids one day. I understand the importance of hunting in my life and my family's lives. I want to keep that heritage alive for years to come.

Creative Writing Contest



Coy Davidson Junior Division Boy

Grade: 8 Teacher: Anita West

Age: 14 School: Elgin

Sharing The Heritage

Wendall Phillips once said, "The Heritage of the past is the seed that brings fourth the future harvests." Hunting is, was, and will always be my passion. I have been hunting with my family for as long as I can remember. Hunting has been a part of my family's heritage for many generations. My great grandpa taught my grandpa, my grandpa taught my dad, and my dad taught me. What I love about hunting the most is spending time in God's great creation! Even if I am not the one hunting, I still love being knee deep in the woods. Before I could ever shoot, I was in the blind

watching my dad and my older brother, and I've never been more excited about a family tradition than I am this one. I was in the blind when my brother shot his first, second, and third deer which were a buck and two doe. Even though I was young, I still remember the excitement that was in the blind, which was much like the excitement one feels on Christmas morning.

The first hunt I remember was when I was only four years old. It was Christmas Eve, and my brother and I went alongside my dad and his friend to duck hunt. It was icy and really cold that morning. Even though they only shot a couple of ducks, we still had a blast. My favorite part of all the duck hunts we went on was when we stopped to get cinnamon rolls for breakfast after the hunt. When we got home, I was so happy that I carried the dead ducks around for a couple of days! I learned at a young age that hunting is more than shooting an animal; it's about building bonds with family and friends while waiting patiently for a shot.

Another unforgettable hunt from my childhood, was when my dad shot a doe with my brother and me. We were hunting out of a ground blind with a blanket taking

when my dad woke me up. "Deer, deer," he said softly as not to scare the deer. I shot up from the ground like a bullet out of a gun, and my dad reminded me to be quiet. My brother and I held our ears tightly while he shot. He got her! I remembered running out to the field to see what my dad shot. I was so excited! From that day, my childhood love for hunting has become a lifelong passion.

I harvested my first deer with my dad when I was just eight years old. I was using the same Rossy single shot .223 that both my older and my younger brother used to kill their first deer. We were hunting at our lease in a tall ladder stand when I saw a doe and fawn walking behind me. I grabbed the gun and pulled the hammer. "Put it on her shoulder and squeeze the trigger," Dad whispered. I listened to every word he said and slowly and carefully pulled the trigger. To my excitement, the deer dropped to the ground. After shooting the deer, I couldn't wait to tell everyone. My mom was the first person I called, and she was so proud. Then we called everyone else and told them what happened. Like many boys, my favorite part from when I was younger was dressing the deer. It might take a hunter to understand this, but cutting the deer open and getting all bloody is exciting!

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Creative Writing Contest



Coy Davidson
Junior Division Boy

Grade: 8 **Teacher:** Anita West
Age: 14 **School:** Elgin

Sharing The Heritage

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In our family we have many hunting traditions. One tradition is using the Rossy .223 that my brothers and I used to shoot our first deer. Another tradition is that everyone in my family skinned our first deer with the same knife that my dad got from his grandpa. A more unique tradition is we sign each other's bullets for good luck. Every time my dad goes hunting without us, my brothers and I sign the bullet that we want him to use. If he shoots a deer

with the signed bullet, he sends us a picture of only the bullet, and we all know what that means. You can imagine our bragging rights if his shot comes from the signed bullet. Also, we keep the bullet used to kill our first deer or duck. I have five of the bullets that I've shot deer with and one shotgun shell from my first duck. One of my favorite traditions my dad started is mounting all of our first bucks and ducks that we shoot.

These keepsakes will become conversation starters to help pass on our hunting heritage for years to come.

Hunting is a huge part of my family's life. Just as this sport has been passed down to me, I believe it is my job to do whatever it takes to keep it alive in future generations. Sadly, more and more kids are staying inside and playing video games when they could be in the woods hunting. As an avid hunter and outdoorsman, I feel it is my job to share the heritage with other hunters and even recruit and inspire new hunters. I believe it is the duty of passionate hunters to work together to keep the hunting heritage alive and pass along our passion to

future generations. Hunting is, was, and will always be my personal passion. I have the heritage of the past, a legacy that encourages me to plant a seed for future harvests. To this I owe my love of hunting, and I devote myself to sharing the heritage, instilled in me, to generations to come.

Fun Fact.

3 of the 4

"Grand Slam"

Turkeys reside in Oklahoma. One trip to Florida for the 4th and you have your Slam taken care of.

Can you name them?

Creative Writing Contest



out foraging for his breakfast this morning.

I drag my sleepy body to the bathroom and take a quick scent-free shower to wake up my brain and wash away the scent of home. After I put on all my hunting clothes, I head to the living room to meet up with my dad who has been ready a while and has been impatiently waiting on me to make my appearance. I begin to help him quietly gather our guns and gear for our hunting trip.

We both try not to wake up my mom in all of our preparations. Dad and I hurry because we are both beginning to get overheated thanks to

the thick and heavy camouflage we have on. On our way out the door, we grab a breakfast sandwich that my dad had prepared and wrapped up for us the night before and a bottle of water.

I am very thankful that my dad is always so thoughtful and prepared because I always seem to be starving by the time we reach the woods. We manage to devour our breakfast in the truck on the way to our hunting land. I don't know what it is, but his breakfast sandwiches always taste so good on these early morning hunting trips with him. The southeastern Oklahoma scenery flies by in a dark blur as we travel the miles to our

destination. On the way, my dad always has great stories to tell about all the times he hunted with his father, my Grandpa, on this same piece of hunting land. He tells me of the successes and failures he experienced at my age. I like to tease him about the "big bucks" that always seemed to get away and we laugh at his misfortune and enjoy this special time together.

As we arrive at our family land, I begin to imagine how my dad must have felt and his dad before him. I wonder if their heartbeat raced with excitement at the prospect of encountering their "big buck" whenever they stepped foot on this land? I am convinced they did since hunting is part of my heritage and I know mine does. I wonder if it is because their blood runs through my veins.

We quietly make our way to the tree stand that we strategically and painstakingly put up months before. I am positive that every step I take on the leaf covered ground sounds like crackling thunderclaps to every living creature within a 2 mile radius. I concentrate on being as quiet as I possibly can. Dad doesn't complain, so I must be doing it ok.

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Senior Division Girl

Grade: 11 Teacher: Ashlie Rideneour

Age: 16 School: Stuart

Sharing The Heritage

The shrill sound of the alarm wakens me and I hear the sharp wake-up call from my dad from the doorway. "Time to rise and shine girl", he calls. I roll slowly out of bed. I can see that it is still absolute pitch darkness outside my bedroom window and I think about how I am thankful there wasn't a full moon last night. This gives me hope that the big buck that I have been hoping to harvest all season didn't venture out to graze under the full moon's light and will be

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As dawn breaks, every sound we hear brings us both to full alert. I try not to be too anxious because I know that it's called "hunting" for a reason and not "catching". Patience is the secret to success. My dad has raised me to understand that nature is unpredictable and that it's called wildlife for a reason. He has taught me to respect nature and all its magnificent gifts and to understand that if you do; it provide me with it gifts for generations to come.

All of a sudden there is a sound of crashing limbs just behind our stand! My body goes rigid! I do not move a muscle! I

done even think I breathed for the longest time! Ever so slowly my buck came meandering into the clearing from behind us and stopped just ahead of our stand. I send up a silent prayer of thanks for bringing him in and then focus on being ready with my gun if he turns and offers me the perfect shot. The waiting is torture! As it turns out, my buck never gave me the opportunity this time. The chattering of the squirrels must have alerted him that he wasn't alone in the clearing. He remained facing directly away

from us and after scouting the area and showing his snowy white tail; he dashed away into the dense forest ahead. I release a huge breath and lower my gun. My dad pats my stocking cap covered head and tells me that it appears that now I have a "big buck that got away" story of my own. I look at him hard for a second and then we both begin to laugh.

On the drive back home, dad and I discuss tomorrow mornings trip back to the woods. I'm optimistic about my big buck returning to the clearing again. As I look out the truck window, I think about how one day I will get to pass on my own stories, along with the rest of the family's stories, to my own children as we travel down these familiar Oklahoma roads and carry on this part of our family heritage with them.

Sharing The Heritage

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We ascend our 2-man tree stand and begin the traditional waiting ritual. We communicate with our eyes and facial gestures as best we can under all our coverings. Sometimes a nudge is required if one of us begins to nod off to sleep. If truth be told, that would generally be me.

Creative Writing Contest



Tanner Young
Senior Division Boy

Grade: 10 Teacher: Zack Miller

Age: 15 School: Boone-Apache

and they split into three pieces, two smaller pieces and one large one. At first, I thought it was a fault in the turkey, but I was still as excited as I could be. When he came back, I asked Papa about it and showed him the three beards. I have never seen someone get so excited, so quickly in my life. He later explained that three beards is very rare and highly praised. That is what hunting is all about, making and passing down memories, as well as tools and knowledge.

That is not the only thing hunting is about. It is about population control, land management, as well as moral obligations. We have to take care of and manage the land and hunt to control the wildlife population, so that it can be passed down for generation after generation to enjoy.

In current times the younger generations have become so involved in electronics. Many have forgotten what skills are needed to provide for your basic necessities. Hunting is also one of the few activities where everyone, regardless of ability or background, has the same opportunity to enjoy their hunt along with the harvest.

From a personal perspective, the opportunities I've had to take my younger sister hunting have brought us closer as a family and helped us overcome situations and

work together. It is a very good way to meet new people and build relationships, furthermore gaining new perspectives. I feel like hunting has built my character up and allowed me to flourish in life. Hunting will surely change as generations pass, such as laws and regulations, but the memories you make will never change so make them good ones and share them with others.



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Sharing The Heritage

Hunting has been around for many generations and holds a place in many family traditions. My Papa took me on my first turkey hunt when I was eleven and that is a memory I will never forget. This hunting trip had a pretty awesome twist.

We got the turkey back to the house on the property and set it on the porch. As I was admiring the beard of the turkey on that lovely spring morning, I noticed it was separating. So I split the hairs apart

Conservation Education Scholarship



Essay Contest Sponsored By:



Two educators will be awarded a scholarship to an eight-day conservation education school at Safari Club International's American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) at Granite Ranch near Jackson, Wyoming. The AWLS program covers many different aspects of conservation education. Lodging, meals and training materials will be provided by Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International. Transportation to Jackson, Wyoming, will be covered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Educator applications are judged in categories such as:

- Training in conservation education or environmental education programs.
- Current programs you are conducting in your school and community with a conservation and environmental emphasis.
- Past programs you have conducted with a conservation and environmental emphasis.
- Teachers of state winners in the youth essay contest: Hunting: Sharing the Heritage, will receive priority consideration.

The AWLS program is conducted during the summer. AWLS presents an outdoor program for educators which concentrates on natural resource management and provides participants with a base knowledge from which they may evaluate conservation efforts. Participants learn about stream ecology, map and compass, language arts and creative writing in an outdoor setting, fly tying, shooting sports, wildlife management, the Yellowstone ecosystem, camping, white-water rafting, educational resources and how to implement outdoor education ideas. Six sessions will be offered June through August of 2020.



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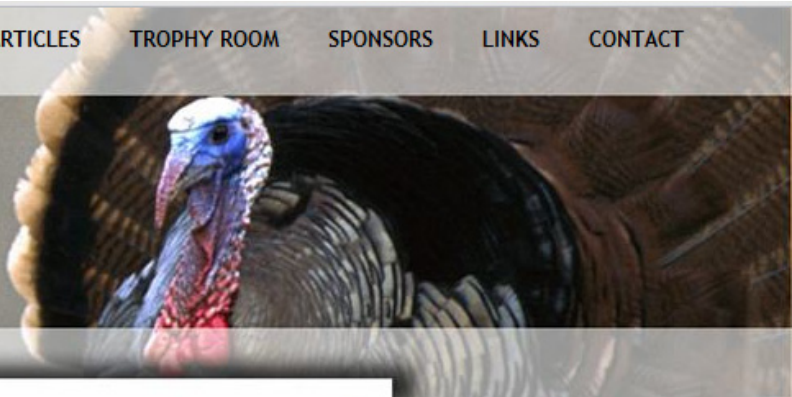
Jesse Hardy – 2019 Jr Division Essay
Contest Winner got his Ram!!



Lydia Holt – 2019 Jr Division Essay
Contest got her Ram!!

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(OSCSCI) Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International, Supports and Contributes Funds Locally & Nationally

The future of hunting is up to each one of us. It is our financial donations, our efforts in the political arena, and our ability to educate the uninformed public of the important role hunting plays in the welfare of the animal population and their habitat. Our activities and energy must focus on 3 areas - Conservation, Education, and Governmental affairs.

We, the members of SCI, are the last best chance that wildlife has to survive in a healthy habitat, and we have to preserve our right to hunt.

Oklahoma Station Chapter, SCI is a 501 c (3) Charitable Status Organization

Protect the Freedom to Hunt

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM TO HUNT & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PRORAMS - Thirty percent (30%) of net monies raised by the Oklahoma Station Chapter support programs that provide for full-time staff lobbyists & biologists in Washington, DC. SCI is the only hunting organization that has full-time lobbyists & biologists working to provide sound scientific information to influence legislation and regulations that affect hunting both at the federal and state levels. **OVER 70%** of funds raised by the Oklahoma Station Chapter are used in Oklahoma for hunting-education, wildlife-conservation and humanitarian-services programs.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OTHER CHAPTERS FIGHTING ANTI HUNTING REFERENDUMS IN THEIR STATES. Support to Alaska Chapter to defeat a wolf referendum that would decimate ungulates (DEFEATED!).

Conservation

OKLAHOMA HABITAT DONOR PROGRAM -

- Financial support for the [Hackberry Flats Wetlands project, Frederick, OK.](#)
- Financial support for a "Quality Deer Management" program in Lincoln County, OK.

RESTORATION OF RUFFED GROUSE & PRAIRIE CHICKEN -

Financial support towards restoration of ruffed grouse and Greater Prairie Chicken habitat in Oklahoma. Support for Audubon Society/OSC conservation project to protect the threatened Lesser Prairie Chicken in Northwest Oklahoma in conjunction with the Lesser Prairie Chicken festival.

INTRODUCED EIGHT (8) ELK INTO THE EXISTING HERD IN SE. OKLAHOMA

- Chapter financed the purchase, transportation and release of 5 mature bred cow elk and 2 mature bulls plus radio-collar transmitters for monitoring purposes. These 8 elk will improve the gene pool in the existing elk herd in SE Oklahoma which is in cooperation with the Timberline Elk Ranch, Cushing, Oklahoma, and the ODWC. WE HAVE AN ELK HUNT! Way back OSCSCI populated the herd, now it is a reality! OK, not just OSCSCI effort but it was key!

AIR BOAT (18 X 8'), 502 CU. INCH CHEVROLET ENGINE 502 HP RATING WAS PURCHASED FOR OKLAHOMA DEPT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION USE.

Over the past several years, the ODWC has worked to develop comprehensive lake-level plans supporting Japanese millet-seeding programs on Oklahoma Corps of Engineers lakes. Most of these areas are inaccessible to conventional boats due to very shallow water depths and are quite extensive in size, ranging from just a few acres to several hundred. The airboat offers a much higher degree of safety and durability, in addition to increased accessibility to the seeding areas, essential to ensuring the program's continued success. **PG 13**

[ODWC Contributions](#)— Since the foundation of the Oklahoma Station Chapter of SCI, over \$ 300,000 has been funded for various Wildlife Department programs either through direct funding or purchase of equipment for ODWC use.

Education

[OSU SHOTGUN CLUB](#) – OSU Gun Club Representing Oklahoma State University, is dedicated to practicing and teaching gun safety while also participating in recreational shooting. We participate in competitions with other universities all over the United States, including but not limited to Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, and others. OSCSCI worked with the gun club to fund their new Trailer and cargo container for on-site storage for all equipment as well as Liberty Safe for storing shotguns used by club members.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUTH EDUCATION & OUTDOOR PROGRAMS – Archery in the Schools program (\$ 19,500), Last Frontier Council - Boy Scouts of America; Eddy Eagle Gun Safety program; Make a Wish Foundation, Youth Hunter Education Challenge, & the 4H Youth Shooting Team. Further provided initial funding to the ODWC to facilitate The Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Programs and introduction in the schools of the Explore Bow Hunting Program

OKLAHOMA CITY GUN CLUB YOUTH SHOOTING AREA – Helped fund the structures needed to create a separate youth shooting area and the gun club with a \$1500.00 donation

OKLAHOMA DEPT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COLORING BOOKS - We purchased 65,000 wildlife conservation coloring books for school children.

[CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION](#) -An annual youth essay writing contest that focuses on America's hunting heritage sponsored through the Okla. Dept of Wildlife Conservation. Two students in the 11-14 age category win scholarships to attend a weeklong conservation program. One boy and one girl, 15-17, each win a guided pronghorn antelope hunt and presentation of their mounts at the Annual OSC Awards Banquet & Charity Fundraiser. Norm Strung Youth Writing Contest – all category winners are put in for the National award years. Our Oklahoma kids win this VERY regularly!

[CONSERVATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP](#) - [AMERICAN WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL](#) - Each year, our Chapter and the Okla. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation sponsor two Oklahoma educators, and some years 3, for an 8-day experience at SCI's Granite Ranch near Jackson, Wyoming, in fields of wildlife ecology, firearm safety and shooting sports, camping, white-water rafting, stream ecology, natural resource management with a base knowledge from which to evaluate conservation efforts. They bring this training back to their classrooms to educate thousands of Oklahoma youth on the value of hunting as a wildlife management tool. Outdoor skills are also learned which include wildlife conservation, habitat management and additional outdoor sports skills are taught and learned including survival and all safety features of the shooting sports and other activities such as camping, hiking, fishing, wildlife and plant identification etc.

[STEP PROGRAM](#) – Okla. Dept of Wildlife Conservation's Shotgun Training Education Program ("STEP") – OSCSCI supported this program by originally purchasing a custom built 26-foot long gooseneck equipment trailer. OSC purchased two additional trailers. These trailers carry the program's portable trap machines, firearms, ammunition, safety and gun maintenance equipment. In the past 10 years, 100,000 persons in the state of Oklahoma (65% are youth under the age of 18) have participated in STEP, learning the importance of hunting as a conservation and management tool and improving their shooting skills to ensure the humane harvesting of wildlife.

[OPERATION GAME THIEF TRAILER](#) – Okla. Dept of Wildlife Conservation's [Operation Game Thief \("OGT"\)](#) – OSCSCI supported this program by supplying funding in excess of \$28,500. The OGT is a program of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation designed specifically to stop illegal killing of the fish and game which belong to YOU, whether you're a sportsman or not. It's a big problem with no simple solution. Help from the public sportsmen, makes a difference.

One day before the opening of a recent deer season, two men killed four whitetail bucks. Late one summer night, three men steered their boat across a state reservoir, stopped at their illegal net site and hauled in a load of striped bass and other open-water fish they could sell for \$1 a pound on the commercial market.

In each of these examples, you were the loser. You lost hunting and fishing opportunities or the chance to view wildlife in their natural surroundings. At the same time, law-abiding sportsmen received a bad reputation from those who fail to distinguish between legal and illegal hunting. OGT is something everyone can do to help wildlife and help us apprehend the poachers.

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE EXPO – Our Chapter supports the ODWC - Wildlife Expo with significant funding and with workers. This is the biggest and the most successful comprehensive hands-on outdoor education experience and recreation event in State history. Approximately 45,000 attend annually. In 2008, OSC began “Predators of Oklahoma” with a game for thousands of youth to identify the animals and win a prize for successfully doing so (all eventually won). This program continues each year.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE CENTER MUSEUM, ANTLERS, OK. – Our Chapter contributed to the building of the museum/learning center in SE Oklahoma. The operation is a joint agreement of the Okla. Dept of Commerce, Okla. Tourism and Recreation Dept and the Okla. Dept of Wildlife. The facility will be utilized as a regional tourism attraction while at the same time serving as a wildlife and natural resource conservation public education center.

SAFARI IN A BOX - Safari in a Box is a K-12 education kit designed to provide exciting, hands-on learning. It gives teachers and others who work with young people resources and ideas to introduce youth to important concepts of habitat, wildlife management and impacts resulting from human and wildlife interactions. Initial SIB placement was in memory of OSC member David Rocker.

"SCI SAVES CSI" - 2009 support of OSU's "Insect Adventure", a project which teaches basic conservation principles to over 300,000 individuals in Oklahoma each year (and also contributes to the conservation of the endangered American burying beetle, a species valuable in Crime Scene Analysis).

Humanitarian Services

SAFARI-CARE – On numerous occasions, OSCSCI members have traveled internationally and carried medical, educational and relief supplies to villages in need of support.

SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER – OSCSCI originally funded 100% of operating expenses for the program in excess of \$200,000 annual budget. OSC also managed the program State-wide for over 10 years. OSC continues to financially support this program annually, with a \$ 2,000 contribution to ODWC.

SENSORY SAFARI DAY - A hands-on adventure for sightless and sight-impaired children and adults. Members loan their animal mounts for these people to see for the first time, through their fingertips, animals from around the world. The event is co-sponsored by the Okla. Dept. Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Station Chapter - SCI and the H&H Gun Range.

VETERANS' HUNTS – OSCSCI organized Mid-East-Conflict veterans' hunts in conjunction with Jay Barczak of Wild Game Outfitters-Duchess Creek Ranch, Porum, OK, and in conjunction with other supporters.

- Three veterans were drawn from public nominations for guided elk and deer hunts, which were complete with all accommodations.

- OSCSCI and Mankazana Safaris presented a Purple-Heart veteran the hunt of a lifetime. OSC supports our troops who protect our freedoms!

- OSCSCI hosted a disabled Marine Sniper Scout on a PERECT July Sheep hunt with Windsong Adventures in Eastern Oklahoma.

- OSCSCI donates annually to Bowman Lodge Shootout which in turn creates hunting opportunities exclusively for disabled veterans.

- OSCSCI also support Veteran's organizations such as **FALLEN OUTDOORS**, where by a veteran is selected to harvest A Trophy Deer and veteran's children are invited to a spring Turkey Hunt compliments of Jon Frazier of DV Ranch in Welling, Okla.



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The future generations of our hunting heritage are in constant need of maintaining. Some efforts come at the legislative level but the majority is in education, specific species restoration and the never ending need to get more people involved. Without large supporters, these things simply cannot happen and our children and grandchildren will not enjoy what we have today. Bring out the Philanthropist in yourself and help us in these future impacting endeavors! How do you think we all felt when the first ever Elk hunt in Oklahoma kicked off after OSCSCI had brought 8 Elk in, in years past to enhance the herd? Yes, it felt GREAT!

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3. **The topic must be outdoor-oriented (hiking, camping, boating, fishing, hunting, nature, ecology, canoeing, etc.). Any prose or poetic form is acceptable.**
4. Entrants must submit one legible copy of his or her work, either a tear sheet from a publication work or a manuscript. The entrant must also include a cover sheet including the entrant's name, contact information (address, email, and telephone), grade in school and name/date of publication in which the work appeared, if applicable.
5. Students may enter as many pieces of writing as they wish; however, each student will be limited to one prize per annual contest.
6. **Deadline for mailing entries is March 1, 2021. Send entries to OWAA Headquarters, 615 Oak St., Ste. 201, Missoula, MT 59801. Mark the lower left hand side of the envelope with the division for which the entry is intended ("Junior" or "Senior"), and for the category ("Prose" or "Poetry").**

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A TROPHY HUNTER'S CHECK LIST

Guidelines from 56 years hunting experience on six continents

M. William Lockard Jr. DDS
Past President, Oklahoma Station SCI



When it all Started

Returning home after 14 days in the Colorado Mountains I was very disappointed not to collect a trophy elk. But, later, I realized that my first experience of living in the great outdoors, climbing mountains, and glassing for hours with the anticipation of what we will see just over the next ridge provided the essence of the hunting experience that has kept me on the trail for over 50 years.

Bill, my good friend, and I decided to schedule one major hunting trip each year in addition to hunting birds and whitetail deer in Oklahoma. We especially wanted to hunt the mountain sheep, goats, caribou and moose in Canada — and, of course, a grizzly and brown bear. We began to scour the record books to see where the largest trophies were located and who the best guides were. We called several guides and then carefully checked at least three of their references.

We imagined ourselves to be “trophy hunters” and wanted to take only animals that would score in the top 10 in the record book. We set upper and lower measurement limits that would be acceptable.....and planned to shoot the first animal that appeared within those measurements even if it was the very first day of the hunt to avoid the chance of returning home without anything. We discovered after just a few hunts that collecting a “Top 10” trophy on every hunt was a dream of amateur’s and not practical or possible. As a result of these decisions, we always had great experiences and collected excellent trophies added to our collection. A few even made the Safari Club Inc. “Top 10” list.

The true joy of hunting is in the doing – *not a listing in the record book.*

Do Your Homework – decide what you want to hunt. Look through the SCI or Boone & Crocket record books to find where the trophies have been taken for the species you want to hunt and the Outfitter or guide’s name. Decide the ideal trophy size and the minimum size you will be proud to bring home. Contact a Professional Booking Agent about your goals in order for him to recommend the best Outfitter and guide for your situation.

Ask The Guide

- ✓ Game you actually can expect to see in sufficient numbers to choose a trophy.
- ✓ Success percentage and size of trophies collected this year and last.
- ✓ Tell the guide the trophy size you want – from ideal to unacceptable.
- ✓ What is the best time of year to get the animal I want?
- ✓ Reference list – call at least 3 or 4 who have hunted with the recommended guide.
- ✓ Describe terrain, mode of hunt (spot & stalk, tree stand, walk, horse, vehicle).
- ✓ Detail accommodations, food, costs, any extras and terms of payment.
- ✓ Name of the guide with whom you will hunt – age and experience.
- ✓ I choose not to be in camp with hunters I do not know and trust. When standing on top of a high mountain half way around the world, I do not want to flip a coin to see who shoots the only trophy Marco Polo ram.... my son, OK – no one else.
- ✓ Tell your age, physical ability and past hunting experience....**do not exaggerate.**

Do not go on the first or last hunt of the season

Because – on the **first hunt**, they may not have pre-scouted the area to know the game’s favorite territory. Many times, they are not well organized. On the **last hunt**, they are anxious to close the camp and go home after a long season. In addition, the largest trophies may have been taken.

Hunter’s Responsibility for a Successful Hunt - know your limitations

Good physical condition and physical health is a must.

- ✓ Be able to walk several hours in hot weather for African or desert hunt.
- ✓ Be in good physical condition and able to climb 40 floors (in a building – not a stair climber in a gym) at least once/day for 3-4 wks before a mountain hunt.
- ✓ Be comfortable riding a horse if that is the transportation.

- ✓ Inform guide of your physical and medical situation and limitations.
- ✓ Take all inoculations recommended by CDC for overseas hunt.

Make Your Hunt fun and Memorable Experience

- ✓ Help the guide load the packs on the horse; learn to tie the diamond hitch.
- ✓ Participate in some of the duties around camp. Help cape or skin your animal.
- ✓ Hunts do not run on a precise schedule – relax. Bring 2 paperback books for possible days of bad weather in the mountains.
- ✓ Bring minimum gear in one medium duffle and a backpack to carry every day.
- ✓ No matter how well you prepare it is no disgrace to be out-walked by a guide half your age that makes his living stomping around the mountains.
- ✓ When you are tired.... tell him. When you want to take a break or go back to camp.... tell him. **It is your hunt!**

Shoot accurately - select appropriate gun and ammo for game to be hunted.

- ✓ Shoot accurately from 4 positions (stand, sit, kneel, prone). There is no bench rest in the field. Shoot at least 100 rounds at 100-200 yards from the four positions prior to your hunt.
- ✓ Be able to jog 30 yards and shoot accurately at 100-200 yards. Learn how to control your breathing – *take two deep breaths and hold for 5 seconds to slow your heart rate before pulling the trigger.*
- ✓ Be able to identify the kill zone for each animal from all angles and shoot quickly.
- ✓ Know bullet impact elevation from 100 to 300 yards. If the animal is farther than that..... **Get closer.** Don't just be a "shooter".... be a "hunter" and stalk closer.... that is the true essence and joy of hunting.
- ✓ Remember when hunting in the mountains, the arc path of the bullet flattens out and the bullet impacts higher when shooting steeply up hill and steeply downhill.
- ✓ If you have not sighted-in your new rifle as stated above...STAY HOME. You could get someone killed.....and it could be you.

Know the game you are hunting - read about their habits and habitat.

(Reading List page 13)

- ✓ Know how to skin, cape, and care for your own trophies especially in Asia.
- ✓ Do not hesitate to tell your guide exactly how 'your taxidermist' at home wants the animal skinned. If that offends him, be prepared to do it yourself.
- ✓ Measure trophies antlers or horns, and body length and girth before skinning.
- ✓ Take many pictures close-up of the animal and of the terrain for the taxidermist.
- ✓ Attach your name & address to skull, horns, and skin. (laminated business card)

Necessary Documents (Double check for any new regulations before you go)

- ✓ Register each gun, binocular and spotting scope separately (you may not take the same combination on the next trip) with U.S. Customs (form CF4457) before

leaving the U.S. to prove you bought them in the U.S. It is wise to take 2 guns overseas. I do not want to shoot an unfamiliar rifle.

- ✓ USFWS 'Declaration for Importation Permit' (3-177) for overseas trophies.
- ✓ CITITES permit if required. Some animals require only export permit from country of origin.
- ✓ Veterinarian certificate from country of origin (where required).
- ✓ Official 'Invitation Letter' to hunt in the destination country (where required).
- ✓ Passport and visa.
- ✓ Canadian Non-Resident Firearms Declaration.
- ✓ Some countries require a "Firearms Permit Application" completed in advance.
- ✓ International Certificate of Vaccination (Public Health Service). Take with you.
 - Verify the following suggestions with the CDC and your personal physician. Also <http://www.MDtravelhealth.com/destinations/Africa.com>
 - Tetanus & Diphtheria (booster every 10 years)
 - Typhoid
 - Yellow Fever (where required).
 - Cholera (where required).
 - Hepatitis A
 - Gamma Globulin (where required).
 - Meningococcal (where required).
 - Malaria – Malarone or Lariam Tablets – check with your physician.

Travel Insurance - Domestic or International. Do not go overseas or into the mountains without this necessary insurance. Your life could depend upon it. I suggest:

- Global Rescue - Air Medical Evacuation – www.globalrescue.com
- Hunter's Support Air 2000 – www.hunter'ssupport.com

African Safari / Asian Shikar - Hot Weather Essentials (21 -28 days)

- 2 pair light weight pants.
- 3 light weight shirts.
- 1 pair light weight hunting shoes or boots appropriate for terrain.
- 4 pair socks (wool combination).
- 1 pair camp shoes.
- 3 under wear, t-shirts.
- Brimmed hat.
- Light weight jacket or vest plus a windbreaker.
- Personal toiletry – toothbrush, chapstick, hand lotion, razor, etc.
- First aid kit – personal medications, antibiotic, malaria pills (consult your doctor), Iomotil or Imodium A-D.
- Mosquito repellent – 100% deet.

- Sun screen.
- Dark glasses.
- Camera with at least 1GB memory stick.
- Flashlight/Headlamp & batteries.
- Swiss army knife & sheath skinning knife (knife sharpener).

Be Prepared to Skin Your own Trophies in Asia

- Binoculars – 10x25, Zeiss or Swarovski.
- Spotting Scope – 20-60x.(mountain hunts only)
- Leather cartridge case for 12 shells to wear on belt.
- Rifles for African plains game: 270, 7mm Rem Mag (*my choice*), also 300 Win Mag.
- Rifles for dangerous game: 375 H&H Mag & 416 Rem Mag, (*bolt action my choice*), 470 Nitro Express another good choice. (*Double barrel rifles are for professional guides*).
- Scopes for dangerous game rifles should be detachable. Following wounded game in tall grass and very thick steamy cover you need both eyes open and unrestricted view. Schmidt & Bender 1.25-4x20 or Swarovski 1.25-4x24 – *I have both.*
*With **scopes attached** sight-in one inch high at 100 yards.*
*With **iron sights** be able to hit the (X) ring at 25 yards.*
- Hard gun case for overseas transportation for two rifles.
- Ammunition–3 boxes/rifle in metal container (child's 007 lunch box *preferred*) for airlines.
- "Certificate of Registration" for personal effects taken abroad. List each rifle separately with U.S. Customs and take certificate with you for your return. (register each gun separately)
- Passport, Visas, official letter inviting you to hunt in their country if required.
- Cash in foreign currency (small denominations) for tips. Traveler's checks & credit cards are not accepted in some countries; ask your agent. Pre-pay trophy fees if refundable for trophies not taken.
- **All clothing colors should be earth tones – no camouflage in most countries – ask outfitter. Pack Light, Every Thing in One Duffel Bag – they wash your clothes everyday on African safari**

Hunting in Mountains & Cold Weather

(14 -21 days)

- 1 medium duffel bag – pack everything in one bag.
- 1 backpack – carry every day with emergency survival gear.
- 1 pair waterproof/insulated boots with air bob or Vibram soles (extra bootlaces).
- 1 pair warm camp shoes.
- 4 pair wool socks.
- Down sleeping bag – minimum 0 degree.
- Auto inflate foam pad.
- 2 pair polypropylene long underwear – 1 light, 1 heavy.
- T-shirts, underwear.
- 2 cotton/canvas shirts – earth tones.
- 2 wool/chamois cloth shirts.
- 2 pants – (1 pair wool).

- 2 pair gloves – 1 leather, 1 insulated.
- 1 wool cap – for sleeping and wear under rain parka.
- 1 hat with brim.
- Gore-tex rain parka and pants.
- Down jacket and down vest.
- Flashlight/Headlamp with extra batteries.
- Digital camera with minimum 1GB memory stick.
- 2 knives – Swiss army and sheath skinning knife. Don't forget a sharpener.

Know How Your Taxidermist Wants the Skin Prepared

- Personal toiletry – toothbrush, chapstick, soap, towel, hand lotion, etc.
- Kleenex packets (12 packets) easier to carry than toilet paper. Also, used as fire starter with a flint stick.
- First aid kit – personal medication, antibiotic, moleskin, band-aids, lomotil, etc.
- Survival kit – see separate list.
- Rifle – 270 or 7mm Rem. Mag – *either one is my choice*. Gun cleaning kit.
- Rifle scopes – Schmidt & Bender 3-12 x42 or Swarovski 2.5-10 x 42 – *I use both*.
- Binoculars – 10x25 Zeiss or Swarovski.
- Spotting scopes – 20-60x
- Laser Rangefinder – maximum range 750 yards.
- Hard gun case when traveling by air.
- Leather cartridge case (12 shells) to wear on belt.
- Ammunition – 2 boxes (each gun) in metal container (I have used my son's "007 lunch box" for many years) on airlines.
- I take my own rifle scabbard & saddle bags if hunting on horseback in North America.
- **Camouflage clothing in North America is OK – Camouflage clothing is not recommended overseas because they think you are military– check with outfitter.**
- **My Suggestion - Clothes should be earth tones, brown, beige, gray, dark green on all continents.**

The Survival Gear in Backpack For Mountain and Wilderness Hunts

- Rain parka & pants (Gore-tex)
- Extra socks/wool
- Wool cap
- Warm mittens and leather gloves
- Down vest, down shirt jacket or polar fleece

Survival Gear

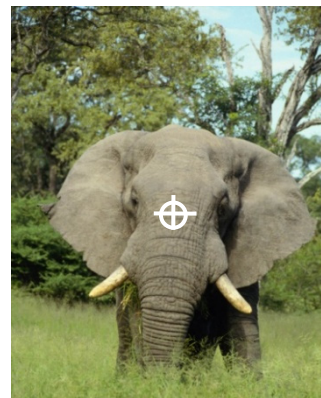
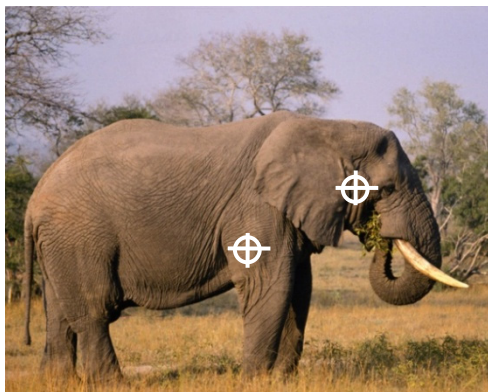
- Polarshield blanket
- Knife – Swiss Army and Sheath knife
- Knife sharpener
- Wire saw
- 50 ft. nylon cord/rope
- Waterproof matches in container
- Flint stick
- Candle and fire sticks. *(During a sudden blizzard in British Columbia, I spent several long hours huddled under an overhanging rock wrapped in a Polarshield blanket with a lighted candle for warmth).*
- Kleenex (4small packs)
- Whistle
- Signal mirror
- Map & compass or GPS
(know how to use a compass or GPS)
- Flashlight or Headlamp and extra batteries
- Small First Aid Kit

BE PREPARED

You May Become Separated From the Guide
And

Your Life May Depend Upon Your Survival Skills
Read an Outback Survival Techniques Book

MAKE YOUR FIRST SHOT COUNT



The African elephant is the largest land mammal on Earth. The heart shot is the easiest to make because the heart is large and it is always fatal. Place the shot low in the chest just behind the leg. If the bullet enters the heart the elephant may fall instantly. If the bullet enters higher and farther back into the lungs, the animal could run for several hundred yards.. The broadside brain shot is instantly fatal. A shot placed between the eye and the ear (just slightly in front of the ear) is perfect.

The frontal brain shot can be difficult. If the distance is 40-50 yards, place the shot just below a line between the eyes. If the distance is closer, 20-30 yards, place the shot 12-16 inches lower. If your shot is fatal the elephant will sit down before rolling over. However, if the animal is only stunned, quickly try to get a broad-side shot at the heart or brain. If the trunk is raised and facing the hunter, aim low for the center of the chest to hit the heart and lungs. I have used the .375 H&H Mag (300 gr. solid) and the Rem .416 Mag (400 gr. solid) with equal success. I feel much safer with the .416 in the case of a charging or wounded animal. The .470 and .500 calibers would also be a good choice for dangerous game. **Always use the gun that you can shoot accurately.** Test fire any large calibre rifle before you buy it. You may be sensitive to the recoil.

Lions are seen most often in the open savanna or by baiting with Wildebeest or Zebra. They have mediocre eyesight, excellent hearing and smell; they can run 100 yards in about six seconds. Place the shot just above the knee joint to reach the heart. A shot through the shoulder will also reach the heart and further cripple the animal. A charging lion can best be stopped with a shot to the chest or to the nose is fatal. The 375 H&H Mag with 300 gr Nosler or Swift A-Frame pointed soft point is very effective.





The African buffalo is a mean, intelligent, and vindictive animal and very dangerous when wounded. They have been known to lie in wait in the tall grass and ambush the hunter. The broadside heart shot is the same location anatomically for all animals. A buffalo charges with his head up giving a clear frontal shot to the heart. A shot placed to the nose may reach the brain for an instant kill.

A Nile buffalo charging out of the tall grass hit the dirt only three feet from me thanks to my 416 Rem Mag with 400 gr solids. I load a 400 gr. Swift A-Frame soft point for the first shot, the next two are 400 gr solids. If the only possible shot is from straight behind the animal, place the bullet just under where the tail is attached; affectionately called "The Texas Heart Shot." If the bullet hits the spine the animal will collapse; if not, it may pass through the stomach to the lungs and the animal will 'hump-up' giving you time to make a broadside heart shot. I have killed two this way.

Always approach a downed animal with your finger on the trigger and place a final shot to the brain....some animals have been known to recover and kill the hunter. While hunting in Turkey for a Mid-Eastern Brown Bear in the Kackar Mountains by the light of a full moon, the bear I shot 20 minutes earlier and thought to be dead jumped from a ledge at 8 feet as I approached. All I could see was his wide-open mouth....I fired from the hip with my 416.....he landed with his nose on my foot.



The African leopard is hunted most often after dark and usually from blinds baited with an Impala or hindquarter of a larger animal. The cat will jump into the tree just after the sun goes down. When the spot light goes on you have just a few seconds to decide on the best angle to hit the heart. The 7mm Mag or .30-caliber rifle is adequate. If the cat is wounded and the blood trail shows lung blood, he will not go far into thick cover. Let him die and find him in the morning. Trailing a wounded Leopard in the dark through thick cover is treacherous and not advised.....how do I know?

Hunting North American Game



What is the correct caliber and ammunition for the above animals? ***The one you can shoot accurately - hit the kill spot.*** Large bodied animals present a problem for some hunters. They tend to place their shot in the middle of the body instead of where the heart is located in the lower third of the body. The high shot may damage the lungs but a goat could lead you over some rough terrain before you find him – if you find him. A wounded Elk can virtually disappear in the woods and travel for miles. It is a shame to lose such great trophies. You could be in real danger with a wounded bear. Moose can take a lot of punishment and move very fast and far. My friend shot a moose 12 times with his 300 Weatherby Mag 180gr bullet. *He forgot where the heart is located.* If the moose faces you and raises his head you have a clear heart kill shot if the moose lowers his head to eat there is an open spine shot for an instant kill.

I have killed all of the above with a 7mm Rem Mag/175gr Nosler or Swift A-frame and two Elk, a Goat and an Ibex with a .270/150gr Nosler. My son killed a large Yukon moose with the same .270/150gr Nosler with one shot. Again you must be able to place the bullet in the kill spot. The heart, lungs, liver and spine are located in the same position in all mammals. Would a larger caliber be better to ensure a clean kill? Maybe, however,

while hunting in Wyoming years ago my friend shot a Pronghorn high in the shoulder with his new Weatherby 300mag/180gr bullet. We chased that poor animal for two hours and after missing 7 or 8 long shots, my friend lost all confidence and realized that he was too sensitive to the recoil of his Weatherby and out of shells he asked me to finish the animal. I was shooting my .270/130gr and put the poor animal out of his misery. Always take the rifle you can shoot accurately. Bigger is not always better. Also, find the one or two loads that each rifle shoots accurately and don't change.

White-tail deer, Mule deer and Pronghorn antelope



The Whitetail on the left presents two possibilities for shot placement. The shot placed at the base of the tail may miss the spine because he is standing at a slight angle resulting in a wounded animal. My choice would be to place the shot back behind the ribs with the bullet passing through some of the gut, lungs, heart and exit in the left front leg.

The Mule Deer on the right is in good position to place the shot just under where the tail is attached; if the bullet hits the spine, the animal will collapse, and otherwise the bullet will pass through the gut, lungs and possibly heart.

The choice of rifle is up to you. Any one of the following would be an excellent choice:

- .25-06 Remington
- .260 Remington
- 7 x 57 Mauser
- .270 Winchester
- .308 Winchester

Good luck.....enjoy your trophy hunt experience.



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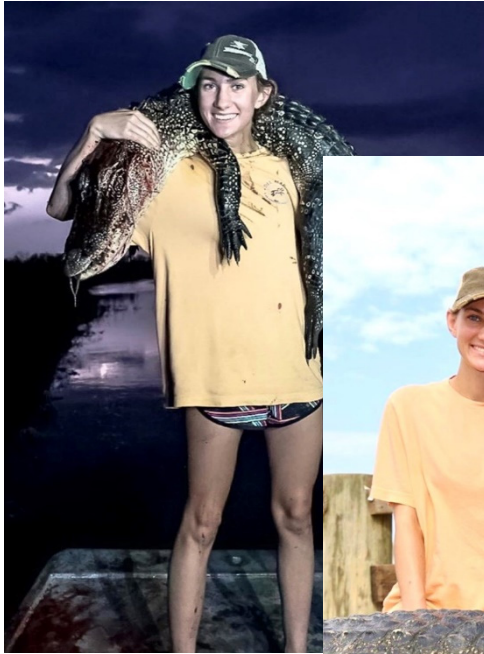
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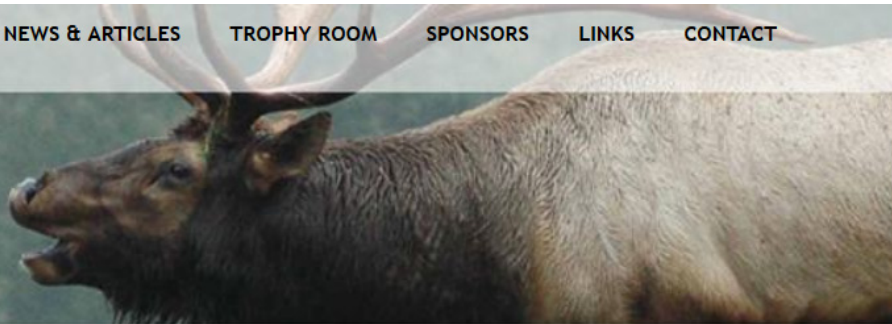


Kelly Klontz and crew enjoying LA0026 – 3 Days, 2 Hunters - Sandhill Crane - Texas



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Dr Editor, I am a lifetime member and Oklahoma member for SCI as well. I was not really sure who to reach out to but I had a quick story to share with the other SCI members. I have a nephew that is 10 years old and has recently been very interested in hunting. He and his dad were able to do a little elk hunting on Sunday and he was able to take his very first animal and it happened to be a 300 class elk in Caddo County. Just want to share the story and picture. I thought it was neat to have another younger generation picking up the hobby.

FIRST ELK! 10 year old Bradley is on cloud 9 after taking his first elk in SW Oklahoma on his family's land. It came down to the final evening over the weekend (special SW zone) and this guy walked out — scored 320.



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