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[The 40th Annual SCI Hunters' Convention, Las Vegas February 1-4, 2012](#)

Are you watching SCI's 2012 Convention home page www.showsci.com to stay up to speed about all the exciting events? Have you seen the latest mind-blowing video about the 2012 SCI Hunters' Convention? Watch it today: http://bit.ly/2012SCI_Convention_Video. Remember to register *as soon as possible* to take advantage of attending the greatest, highest profile hunting convention in the country!



Becoming A Hunter Advocate – Hunter Defense Fund Open House: SCI's Washington D.C. Office protects YOUR Freedom to Hunt. Come meet your Washington, D.C. professional staff and learn how SCI is working to stop the anti-hunting policies coming out of Congress and the Administration, and is battling anti-hunting zealots. Join SCI's Washington staff in room *Lagoon L* from 3 – 3:45 PM Thursday Feb. 2, 2012. Learn about the **Hunter Defense Fund** and how you can take action and protect sportsmen and sportswomen's rights. During the second half of the Open House, SCI's legal staff will present **Litigation's Role in Hunter Advocacy**. SCI is the leading organization in sustainable use wildlife litigation, with dedicated litigators fighting anti-hunting challenges, policies, laws and regulations. Join in a discussion about wolves, polar bears, black bears, grizzly bears, exotic antelope, and a variety of species and hunting opportunities that are the focus of SCI's litigation efforts on your behalf. Join us in room *Lagoon L* on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, 4 – 5PM.



SCI, SCI Foundation Files Public Comments for CITES – Protecting Hunters, Worldwide Conservation: On Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, SCI and SCI Foundation filed comments with the USFWS about positions that the U.S. should adopt for the upcoming CITES Conference of the Parties in 2013. Comments focused on technical aspects of CITES that could decrease the regulatory burdens on hunters and encouraging the Service to support the periodic review process for the African lion. SCI and SCIF's comments are posted at the USFWS website <http://www.regulations.gov/#!/home>. They can be viewed by searching by the SCI Foundation's Tracking Number for submission which is 80f8e468.



Swarovski Continues Longtime SCI Partnership: Safari Club International (SCI) announced today that they will continue their partnership with Swarovski Optik for 2012. Swarovski Optik will again be a marquee sponsor for the 40th Annual SCI Hunters' Convention at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, NV. (Source SCI Press Release; The Outdoor Wire) Read the full release at http://bit.ly/Swarovski_Optik_Sponsorship.



Register Now For SCI's Fifth Annual Wildlife Law CLE Course For Lawyers: Registration is now open for "Current Issues in Domestic and International Wildlife and Hunting Law – 2012." SCI, in collaboration with the State Bar of Nevada, is sponsoring its annual Continuing Legal Education Course at the Safari Club International Annual Hunters' Convention. This year's course will take place on Friday, February 3, 2012, 1:00 P.M. – 5:15 P.M., at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. The registration fee for the course is \$239.00 and includes same day admission to SCI's Convention. The course has been approved by the State Bar of Nevada for 4 hours of CLE credit, including one hour of Ethics credit. (SCI will assist all attendees to secure CLE credit in states other than Nevada.) Course topics include 1) Update on Recent Rulings, Filings, Legislation, Regulation and Policies Related to Wildlife Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Law; 2) Drafting a Contract for an International Hunt; 3) Hunting Criminal Law Update; 4) The ESA and CITES Future for the African Lion; 5) Trophy Importation and the Avoidance of Forfeiture; and 6) Ethics for the Wildlife Lawyer. To register, please use the following link to the Nevada State Bar's CLE registration page: <http://bit.ly/SafariClub-CLE-2012>. If you have any questions or problems with registration, please contact: Anna Seidman, SCI Director of Litigation, at 202-543-8733 or aseidman@safariclub.org.



Join SCI-PAC For The 2012 Luncheon - Special Guest: Wayne LaPierre, NRA Executive Vice President: Please Save the Date for this year's SCI-PAC Luncheon on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. We are excited to announce **Wayne LaPierre**, Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association, as our Guest Speaker. Table Sponsors are asked to contribute \$1,500 and Single Tickets are \$150. Click [here](#) to view the official invitation and order form. Return your order form along with your check or credit card information to Kathy Butler, Safari Club International, 4800 West Gates Pass Road, Tucson, AZ 85745, Fax: (520) 617-1430 and/or kbutler@safariclub.org. Checks should be made payable to SCI-PAC.



Announcing the 2012 SCI Foundation Conservation Artist of the Year: Tom Mansanarez: The SCI Foundation is pleased to announce Tom Mansanarez as its distinguished 2012 Conservation Artist of the Year. The Idaho Falls resident is an avid hunter, outdoorsman, and an accomplished equestrian. Tom is also a renowned wildlife artist and a dedicated member of SCI. He has been exhibiting at Convention for the past two decades and he continues to donate paintings to help further the causes of wildlife conservation. "First Shot a Miss" is Tom's first original painting of a stone sheep and it will be offered exclusively to SCI Chapters for fundraising purposes. The original, which will be sold in a silent auction this year, can be seen in person during Convention at booth #417. Qualifying SCI Chapters may submit their orders for a free rolled print now. The earliest orders will receive the lowest-numbered prints. To check your chapter's eligibility to receive a free print, please contact Shakita Bazemore, SCIF Conservation Program Assistant, at sbazemore@safariclub.org or (202) 543 -8733.



Register Today For SCI Record Book Measuring, Hand Gun, Bow Hunting Seminars

- Have you always wanted to become an SCI measurer or take your measuring skills to the next level? Sign up to become an Official or Master Measurer at SCI's 40th Annual Hunters Convention: <http://bit.ly/MasterMeasurerSeminar2012>.
- Sign up for the handgun hunting seminar at SCI's 40th Annual Hunters' Convention Friday, February 3rd at 2:30 pm. Don't miss out on door prizes and a chance to visit with some of the most experienced handgun hunters around. Sign up by clicking here: <http://bit.ly/HandgunHunterSeminar2012>.
- Reserve your spot today for the bow hunters seminar hosted by Tom Miranda at SCI's 40th Annual Hunters' Convention Friday, February 3rd at 10:30 am. Tom will discuss his most memorable hunts and his journey for the World Hunting Awards Ring. Sign up by clicking here: <http://bit.ly/TomMirandaSeminar2012>.



D.C. Court Rules in Favor of Hunting in Mojave National Preserve: SCI, together with the NRA, participated as intervenors in a case that threatened small game (varmint) hunting in the Mojave National Preserve. Fortunately, last week a federal district court in the District of Columbia upheld a decision by the National Park Service to reject a petition, submitted by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), that sought an end to small game hunting on the Preserve. PEER claimed that the varmint hunting jeopardized the Preserve's desert tortoise population. The NPS denied PEER's petition because the agency's research on the impact of hunting on desert tortoise populations did not support PEER's claims. The Court ruled that the NPS's decision to reject the requested hunting restrictions did not violate the agency's National Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Procedure Act obligations. SCI and the NRA again were the only groups to represent the hunting community in the face of another anti-hunting lawsuit.



Support SCI Foundation Programs Through 2012 Convention Events: A deer hunter's "Dream Hunt" will be auctioned Saturday Feb. 4 at the SCI Annual Hunters' Convention Banquet. The donated hunt includes one trophy whitetail at the world renowned [Sanctuary Ranch](#) in Standwood, Michigan and one trophy mule deer at [Rancho Hunting](#) of Sonora, Mexico. All proceeds from this hunt auction are dedicated to SCI Foundation youth hunter education programs.

The 2012 Education Sables Annual Luncheon Show & Auction will be on Feb. 3 with entertainment by the "Kokomo Show." Live and silent auctions will be held throughout the luncheon. Proceeds from the luncheon auctions will support the conservation education programs of the SCI Foundation. Register today for the Education Sables Annual Luncheon at www.showsci.com.