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Region 16 Report
by Charmaine Wargolet,
Regional Representative

Hope everyone had a great fall hunt season!! It has been an unusual one, weather wise, but that is life in Wisconsin.

I had the privilege of shooting in the Big Al Pheasant Hunt in October. I hate to admit it, but I have never done a tower shoot before and it was a blast! Great people contributing to a great cause! Wisconsin Chapter member, Rick Rollo generously purchases all of the birds and lunch for about 50 to 60 shooters, then donates all of the proceeds to the Wisconsin Chapter to be used towards outdoor hunting or fishing opportunities for terminally ill or disabled children and adults, and wounded warriors. It was so heart-warming to see everyone give to this worthy cause and have a ton of fun doing it! Steve VanLieshout was my able-bodied partner and shot all of the birds I missed. Needless to say, he had a busy day!

Well, I know I sound like a broken record but it needs to be said! Fundraiser season is upon us and if you have not donated to your chapters event or offered to help, you are missing out! It is so much fun working with like-minded sportsmen and women for the good of the cause. Fun, and you are helping to save hunting. Does not get any better than that! I have been to all of my chapter’s events at one time or another and they have been wonderful banquets and fundraisers! So, what are you waiting for? However, if you can’t help or donate, then attend your chapter’s event and spend lots and lots of money. Whatever works for you.

Let’s hope our winter is mild and short because following banquet season we have turkey season. One of my favorites!

Hope 2020 is a happy, healthy, and hunt filled year for all!

Big Al’s Charity Pheasant Hunt
by Steve Van Lieshout

On October 6th, our very own SCI Regional Representative, Charmaine “Deadeye” Wargolet, and I had the pleasure of attending and participating in the 22nd Annual Big Al’s Charity Pheasant Hunt at Wern Valley Hunting Preserve & Sporting Clays Club (www.WernValley.com).

This event is a tower shoot with about 60 attendees and over 560 pheasants released over two flights of shooters. Thanks to near hurricane force winds and the inability of many of us to do anything more than make noise with our shotguns, more than half of the pheasants will have an opportunity to die of old age!

I believe a few of the pheasants suffered rib damage from laughing at our inept shooting abilities!

A special thanks to Rick Rollo and his family and friends for again sponsoring and hosting yet another incredible fundraising event in memory of Rick’s father. Our Wisconsin Chapter of SCI has been for years the main beneficiary of their fundraising efforts as we are allowed to distribute the funds to handicapped, veterans, and the terminally ill to provide outdoor activity opportunities which they otherwise may not get to experience. We take this responsibility very seriously! Thanks again to the Rollo clan and all those wonderful participants who make this such an incredible event!

Kiley Kelly of Lancaster, Wisconsin shot her first deer, a buck, during the 2019 gun deer season with Kevin, her father and mentor.

“HERE’S YOUR CHANCE”

This year the boys at Big Rooster Firearms from Sparta, WI have built a Smokin Hot Long Range-Precision Hunting Rifle for our 2020 Chapter Rifle.

This Rifle starts with an Accurized Remington 700 with a 24” Krieger barrel chambered for the new Hornady .300 PRC, mounted in a KRG Bravo Classic stock, topped off with a Hawke Optics 5-30X50, then finished in a Custom Camo Cerakote Finish.

Contact any Board Member for more information or to purchase tickets.

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“I’m serious...do not send me near Dead-eye Wargolet!”
**Legislative update**

by Dan Trawicki, SCI Lobbyist

As part of my efforts to advocate for pro-hunting legislation, I have had regular contact with elected officials on a local, state, and national level. I also administer the Safari Club state-wide conduit fund that helps to support those officials that have initiated or supported positive outdoor experiences.

Recently, I spoke with Senator Tom Tiffany who chairs the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry about his views on conservation and hunting, as well as his campaign to replace Sean Duffy (who left Congress in September of 2019) in the 7th Congressional district.

Senator Tiffany has been a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendment rights, and has worked tirelessly to ensure proper management of our national forests so we can ensure a better and more efficient timber harvest, which in turn creates not only additional income, but significantly better habitat for elk, deer, grouse and all of our native species.

As chairman of the Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry Committee, Senator Tiffany has pushed for opportunity and habitat restoration as a priority. Having grown up on a dairy farm, he understands the proper role for government to play in assisting its citizens.

When Sean Duffy left Congress in September, Senator Tiffany made the decision to enter the race for this 7th Congressional District. As he explained to me, one of his main priorities, will again be access to federal lands and national forests as it pertains to timber harvest and habitat restoration.

Senator Tiffany shared his strong concern with the wolf population in our state. He firmly believes wolves have been effectively recovered and need to be managed by state wildlife officials — not the federal government. Tiffany pointed out letters of support from 26 different wildlife managers and biologists for the state management of our wolves. He is committed to returning wolf management on a state level and sees it as a high priority of his campaign as due the constituents of the 7th Congressional District.

Tuesday, February 18, is the primary election date for the 7th Congressional district, with the general election being Tuesday, May 12. As we look for a new congressman, it’s important that we look to one who not only tells us of his willingness to support our outdoor heritage, but has a proven track record.

I still believe in the old theory “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.” Get out and vote. It’s important.

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**Wisconsin Chapter Report**

by Fred Spiewak, President

This past fall was a tremendous success for a number of hunters that I know. From the beginning of the archery deer season through the rifle deer season I have been shown pictures of some great bucks. Bucks to be proud of because of the time and effort hunters spent in the great Wisconsin outdoors.

I’m especially excited about the young people as well as lady hunters who harvested a buck this past fall. This last fall tested the metal of hunters with the unseasonably early snow and cold we had beginning in October. Fortunately, wildlife simply takes these in stride even as we feel the need to adjust to the weather.

The interest generated by crossbows has done what we have been trying to accomplish for years. Recruitment of young hunters, lady hunters as well as older hunters looking for more efficient methods is up. This new means of harvest has added another choice for hunters and proven to be an excellent tool.

I have yet to be told a story of a crossbow shot not resulting in a harvested deer. In other words, fewer deer left wounded and not taken home.

The facts are that this new method does have a place in effective deer management. As is the case with all things new, change. (Crossbows) will take time for acceptance. Sharing our deer resource with hunters having different views is an important move toward solidarity as we understand there are far greater threats to our beloved pastime than methods.

Wisconsin CWD research started during the rifle and archery deer seasons. As with most research it began with the samples provided by hunters. These samples will provide some of the facts needed to further the research that needs to be done in Wisconsin. I’m reading about more possible actions in Wisconsin. As hunters, we will need to encourage more work in the area of CWD by the state. The effects of CWD on our hunting future are at stake.

Now that Christmas and New Year’s are behind us Banquet season has arrived. Every Chapter in Wisconsin as well as SCI worldwide depends upon our banquet to provide the funding for Hunter Rights.

I have been contacted by several new volunteers for our upcoming Wisconsin Chapter Banquet. We are, however, still looking for volunteers for the upcoming 43rd SCI Wisconsin Chapter Banquet March 6th and 7th, 2020. The areas of need include short time slots that are important such as the walk around raffle ticket sellers. Please consider becoming involved and contact me.

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**AWLS WI Grad Inspires Students**

Teacher Tim Strang and his wife Kari attended the American Wilderness Leadership School along with other educators, thanks to funding from the Badgerland Chapter and SWI Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America. Inspired, with enthusiasm renewed, Tim has increased his outdoor lessons and conservation teachings back home in Lafayette County and the Shullsburg, Wisconsin School District.

An avid hunter, Tim mentors shooting sports enthusiasts and helped start the school’s clay target team, but he doesn’t stop there. He and fellow AWLS graduates understand how important it is to reach the wider audience of students who may never hunt. He wants them to understand the hunter’s positive role in conservation as they develop their own land ethic and modify their own behavior to positively impact natural resources.

Here’s an essay he recently shared from student Russell Hauser, whose dad mentored his son. Strang’s influence each year, impacts students like Hauser for the rest of their lives, whether or not they have outdoor parents.

**Land Conservation Essay**

by Russell Hauser

I believe my land ethic is conserving and respecting the land I live in. My dad raised me to recycle and reuse as much things as possible. The way our lives are today is very different compared to the land Aido Leopold wrote about in his books and essays. I think that people should try studying Leopold and learn to respect everything that we have to live for.

Leaving a place of nature better than how it was is a big goal of mine because I want this land to flourish forever. Respecting the environment and picking up what others have left behind is the key to saving it.

Whenever I’m out in nature, I enjoy it. I love seeing all the birds flying through the trees and seeing the critters living their own lives in the environment. I know how to live off of this land. I love preserving a habitat for a deer is very crucial for the survival of our world.

If mankind ruins the habitat of the animals living in it, our generation and many to come will be heavily affected.

I’m happy to be living in a rural area and learning how to respect the land by experience instead of reading it in a book somewhere in a city. I believe respecting the land of animals and the environment will continue to grow our economy and refresh our minds on how to live the right way.
Northeast Wisconsin Chapter Report
by Marty Witczak, President
For me, fall is the busiest time of the year and the fall of 2019 was no exception as I raced against time and Mother Nature. I was busy readying the yard for its long winter slumber, meanwhile the gun deer season was approaching. It was a very hectic time. The fall started out with bow season and seeing nice 10- and 12-point bucks on the camera on my land in Berlin Wisconsin. With it being one of the wettest years, the marsh was proving to be difficult to hunt. My son, Chris, was most excited with what he saw on the camera and seeing those nice bucks wander onto the food plot that he had worked so hard and diligently. I was in awe of the enormity of the wettest years, the marsh was proving to be difficult to hunt. My son, Chris, was most excited with what he saw on the camera and seeing those nice bucks wander onto the food plot that he had worked so hard and diligently the previous fall. He was very hopeful for a nice prize.
In late October I had the opportunity to go on my first elk hunt in Carey Idaho with Little Wood River Outfitters owned and operated by Steve Sobotka. I was very excited about going on this trip. It would be my first time traveling out west! I traveled with Craig Cloutier, a close friend and fellow SCI Wisconsin member. We decided to extend our west adventure so we left a few days earlier so we could stop to explore and marvel at some of the wonders of our own continent! Along the way we stopped at Devils Head Tower and where in awe of the enormity of this natural monument. Our next stop was a tour of the Weatherby Gun Factory. I have to confess, it nearly killed me to exit the factory empty handed! Such fine craftsmanship displayed! My wife warned me before we left on our adventure to “You can look, but you can’t touch!” The next stop was to visit Yellow Stone National Park. I had never seen such a beautiful creation and I was really looking forward to it. Unfortunately, the night before we were to view the park they had received 3 inches of snow and the park gates were locked so we had no choice but to continue on our journey to Carey Idaho. We arrived in Carey on Sunday October 20th to embark on our 6-day horseback hunt. I was thankful I had taken some horseback riding lessons to help me prepare, back in my hometown of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
We mounted our horses and set off on the three-hour, six-mile trek up the mountain to our camp. The scenery was spectacular with the valleys and mountains that we traveled through. Our camp consisted of us five hunters, a camp cook and four guides. Everything about the camp was laid out very, very well, including the delicious meals. We saw lots of elk and mule deer and one of the guides saw a big moose on one of our hunting outings. Three out of five hunters were successful on getting their trophy elk. Although I was not successful on getting an elk I was very happy that I had participated in the hunt and this whole experience! I gave myself a huge pat on the back as I realized I was truly thankful for all the wonderful friends and the successful hunts I have experienced since becoming a member of SCI and look forward to many more fond memories.
Christmas as usual was spent quietly with family and friends gathered around the Christmas tree sharing a meal prepared with love. Singing, laughter and the exchange of gifts and stories was evident as we visited and thanked the Lord for each other and all the beautiful treats he has blessed us with.
The SCI National Convention will be held again this year in Reno Nevada and occurs February 5th through February 8th. If you haven’t had the opportunity to attend you are missing out on a spectacular event! You can travel, meet and greet speakers, outfitters and dream of the ultimate hunting or otherwise experience of your life. You can purchase anything you are in the market for from hunting clothing to premium goods. You’ll also find fabulous restaurants and food that will delight the palate! The experience is worth your time and enjoyment and you can purchase your tickets online at www.scibadgerland.com for details!
Badgerland Chapter Report
by Randy Mayes, President
My second favorite time of year after fall hunting seasons is now. Most weekends in the winter time you will find me “chilling out” on the ice. Mostly panfish. I like eating them as much as I like catching them. Calling coyotes runs a close second but I generally prioritize fishing. It’s also a great time to be planning your hunts for the fall. January, February and March are application deadlines for many western states. I have until the end of January to decide if I’m going to apply for a Wyoming elk tag or go after something else this coming fall. With the SCI Banquet season nearly upon us, that opens up a whole other set of hunting trip options. Decisions, Decisions! It always amazes me how many of the great trips offered at our chapter events throughout the state make hunting all around the world affordable to just about every budget… especially when the trips are in Africa!!
This year is no exception. The Badgerland Chapter Hunter’s Expo will offer trips to Africa, Canada, Greenland, Mexico, South America, Europe, Africa and more! If you thought you could never afford a hunting, fishing or vacation trip to these parts of the world, think again! Since you’re reading this publication, you probably already have attended at least one chapter event. If not, you need to go! And to know that the hunts are just one part of the offerings, it’s a no brainer to plan on attending AT LEAST one chapter banquet this year. It’s even worth giving up an afternoon of ice fishing or two to attend!
This year the Badgerland Hunter’s Expo will be at a great, new venue… sort of new to our chapter. We will be at the Chula Vista Resort in The Dells. It is new in that we have not been here in quite some time. Over the years, we have had great banquets at Chula Vista. We have had a number of requests to go back so we’re looking forward to the great hospitality of the Kaminski family and Chula for our February 14th & 15th, 2020 event! Put this date on your calendar and come join us for a great evening or two! See www.scibadgerland.com for details!
I've written before on my November 4th bowhunting success. After an October 31st and a November 8th harvest, I'm back on track.

Early season was a little slow while hunting, but the buck on camera gave me hope.

We went back up on the 28th when the abnormal cold stretch started. I was in a tree for about two hours and that was all I could stand. Down I came and went to my sniper shack. It was still cold, but the 15-20 mph wind was broken up.

November 1st and 2nd I saw 12 bucks but all non-shooters. On the 3rd, I had a big 10-point sneak behind me. He was cruising too, so I reloaded and took a slow walk to where I last saw him. There he was laying. He surprised me with 13 points and a score of 157 0/8. Not a monster but long main beams and very good mass.

So, I'm back on track for my November 4th success ratio. Hoping to see the big one opening of gun season.

SCI member Patrick Barwick used his crossbow to take this buck.

BACK ON TRACK 2019

by Patrick Barwick

Our chapter's December 8 Christmas Brunch is in the books. What a great way to spend a Sunday with friends, family, memories and sharing warm friendships, new and old, on a cold winter day. Santa joined our sold out crowd in the Crystal Room at Drury Lane Theater.

For you members who had to dig out of that last big snowstorm, I wish I could promise that you would not see another bomb cyclone event this year. Sorry nobody can guarantee such a thing.

What we can guarantee is that proceeds from the various raffles conducted at the brunch will help us fulfill the SCI Illinois & Chicago Chapter mission:

Providing value to members by shaping policies and legislation that protect the freedom to hunt locally, nationally and internationally.

Keeping members informed regarding issues that impact hunting while educating and entertaining members with engaging articles about the rich heritage of hunting in all forms of media.

Providing a community for hunters worldwide where camaraderie is enjoyed and expert information is exchanged, and where members are able to participate in a market for quality hunting goods and services.

Promoting a positive image of hunters and portraying them as responsible citizens who fund wildlife conservation, education and other programs which benefit the community.

As you recruit new members, remember please to be direct when you ask them to join. HQ recommends saying something like, “Please consider joining the hunting organization that is First for Hunters and works tirelessly to protect the freedom to hunt. We are a non-profit organization that relies solely on our dedicated volunteers, membership fees, fundraising events and charitable contributions to carry out the battle to protect the freedom to hunt.”

SCI protects hunters’ rights by actively lobbying on behalf of hunters at a state, provincial and federal level. We are committed to passing the hunting tradition onto our youth through educational programs, hunting experiences and wildlife conservation projects. The community of hunters promotes strong family values and teaches young hunters about hunting and the role hunters’ play in sustainable wildlife conservation. SCI chapters located around the world offer an excellent opportunity for hunters to get involved and make a difference.

Lake Superior Chapter Report

by Burt Johnson, President

We are planning another great show for our 22nd Annual Spring Banquet, with 90-plus firearms, over 100 live auction items, $10,000 in raffle prizes, signature cocktails and cakes to purchase, and tree stands to win.

Let’s not forget about the unbelieveable taxidermy and outfitters that are in attendance!

Last year’s banquet was a great success, raising more than $135,000! We were able to donate to so many great causes and events.

Our goal this year is to support our “Young Guns” on Friday night. We want to make sure our young hunters have a chance at experiencing a great hunt.

Youth trap teams received a large portion of our funding, and I enjoy receiving letters from so many kids on those teams who are having healthy fun with guns.

We cannot forget our veterans. Join us Saturday morning April 4th for our Veterans Breakfast, 8-9am.

We have had the best event in the Midwest for 22 years, thanks to the 368 members of our chapter!

We wouldn’t be where we are now without you. We are always looking for members and directors who love to hunt and supports hunters’ rights and preservation of our lifestyle. In addition, we are continually striving to promote the great guides & outfitters associations.

Please join us in making this year another great event! Visit sci-lakesuperi or.org. Donations and sponsorships are always welcome in any form. Feel free to contact us for more information.
ew sponsors are adding their support to help the big Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo reach even more students, parents and teachers in 2020. The Izaak Walton League of America’s National Endowment and Bass Pro Shops/Cabela’s Outdoor Fund are showing their commitment once again to recruitment, retention and reactivation success as they help MOHEE mentors introduce thousands of free guests to outdoor skills activities May 20–21.

IWLA and BPS/Cabela’s Outdoor Fund join founding members SCI Badgerland, Bowhunters and Wisconsin Chapters, Friends of NRA, Dane County Conservation League and National Wild Turkey Federation, plus the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and other sponsors.

The IWLA Endowment was established in 1943 as a separate non-profit to provide financial support of the League’s mission to conserve, protect and restore the country’s land and water through the years, these efforts expanded to include land purchases and transfers. In the late 1960s, the Endowment shifted its focus and started awarding grants to fund conservation-related projects, including education events.

Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s, under the visionary leadership of founder Johnny Morris, is leading North America’s largest conservation movement. Together with its partners in conservation, BPS and Cabela’s positively shape the future of the outdoors through donation, grant-

The Izaak Walton League of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation are conservation groups made up of hunters, anglers, trappers and other individuals that are actively engaged in the outdoors. Members deeply appreciate wildlife and recognize the importance of protecting fish and wildlife habitat. They understand that the long-term sustainability of fish and wildlife populations depends upon clean water, clean air and healthy forests and grasslands. They are both dedicated to the future of hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting sports. They achieve these goals through conservation education and the advancement of sound conservation policies on a state and federal level.

Like SCI, DCCL, NWTF, together they work to assure that Wisconsin’s outdoor heritage will be available for our children and grandchildren. MOHEE is a perfect fit.

One of the Top 3 free student outdoor skills field trips in the world, MOHEE has reached 16,843 students, teachers and chaperones with shooting sports and other activities from 2014 through 2019, thanks to support from a diverse group of more than 30 cooperating sponsors. Strategically positioned near Madison, the youth expo launched six years ago with 1,420 students, teachers and chaperones from 24 schools. They discovered this wonderful DNR facility with its woods, prairies, live wildlife area with wolves, bison and 20 other species, plus fire tower, pond, and other amenities.

Visitors and sponsors appreciate the friendly, dedicated MacKenzie staff and DNR leadership. Many conservation leaders also have become familiar with the property and its rich heritage, thanks to the event’s nonprofit owner, the Outdoor Heritage Education Center, whose founder and lead volunteer Mark LaBarbera is a life member of the largest sponsor organizations. He is collaborating with sponsors and DNR’s R3 leader Keith Warrike to increase follow-up efforts that encourage families and teachers to take the next step in the outdoor lifestyle adoption model.

Moving toward recruiting new hunters and anglers, they help newcomers tap into mentored opportunities, safety classes, Learn to Hunt for Food programs and other resources that lead to buying hunting and fishing licenses.

Media coverage has helped the effort, with major features in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel by Paul Smith, PBS Milwaukee, CBS and NBC network affiliates in Madison, PBS and other media.

Outdoor Celebrity and SCI member Dan Small’ returned with his TV crew to interview visitors and talk with Warrike about the value of MOHEE to R3 recruitment, retention and reactivation efforts in Wisconsin for an “Outdoor Wisconsin” MOHEE segment to air in early 2020. He and LaBarbera also aired a MOHEE segment that included Warrike and major sponsors on “Deer Hunt Wisconsin” in November on PBS, Fox Sports North, Fox Sports Wisconsin and more than 30 community media television stations.

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Our “22nd Annual SCI Hunter’s Banquet” will be held February 22 at Stadium Bar & Grill in Green Bay, WI. Enjoy an evening of fine dining with friends and family, followed by our Famous Live and Silent Auctions, along with Firearms and Merchandise Raffles.

Our “Saturday Night Live Auction” will feature Hunts and Trips from Wisconsin to Africa, South America to Europe along with Art work and Ladies Jewelry. “Bucket Raffles” to include firearms from, Ruger, Smith & Wesson, Remington, Tikka, Winchester, Browning, Savage, Kimber, and Kel-Tec just to mention a few.

Don’t forget about our “Friday Night Outfitters Fish Fry” at Stadium View.

“Hunter Expo 2020” and “The Wisconsin State Hunting Expo” will be held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI. Visit with over 135 Outfitters, Professional Hunters, Retailers, Lodge Owners and Taxidermist from around the world.

We will be seminars all weekend long, including topic ranging from planting food plots for Whitetails to Big Game Hunting in Africa.

Bring in your Trophies and have them measure by “Official SCI Scorers”, then enter them into our Trophy Competition.

Meet with Hunter/Adventurer J. Alain Smith plus Kurt Walbeck and Ana on Ice from Outdoor Bound TV.

Remember that over 70% of all the money raised at this banquet stays right here in Wisconsin to help protect your hunting rights, educate our teachers and youth, and conduct conservation and humanitarian projects.

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22nd Annual SCI Hunter’s Banquet
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Seating will be limited – Make your reservation early!
Saturday Night Dinner will be assigned seating.

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SCI is FIRST FOR HUNTERS!
For youth day this year, the Lake Superior Chapter hosted 39 kids ages 12-18. The free-for-youth event helped them enjoy a round of trap shooting and a pheasant hunt hosted by Chad Hughes at Wings North. Funds raised to fully sponsor this event come from the annual chapter banquet in April. The chapter pays for the whole experience, including lunch and a commemorative tee shirt. This year the chapter also included free to the participants, one free year youth membership to the Lake Superior Chapter.

“We had a great turnout of experienced, intermediate and beginner shooters, said LSC Secretary Jennifer Dums. “We also had several female participants of which we love to see the continued increase in female hunters every year.”

Here are photos from the event.
Veteran’s Spring Bear

by Kevin Blackwell

My name is Kevin. I am a disabled Marine Corp Veteran who served from 1983 to 1987 as an electronic technician on classified communications equipment. I am currently engaged to a wonderful woman who truly brightens my day. Laura, my fiancé, allowed me to cancel a weekend getaway for her and I at the last minute so I could go on this trip. She truly is a wonderful person. I have a daughter from a previous marriage. She is 24 years old and making a name for herself in this world. She works full-time and goes to college. I am a field service engineer for a company that manufactures sealing equipment for the automotive assembly industry that requires extensive travel during the week.

I was the extremely grateful recipient of a weeklong all-expenses-paid guided bear hunt to the Bitterroot Mountains of Idaho for veterans. This trip was provided through Safari Club International NE WI Chapter, Triple O Outfitters and Wounded Warriors International NE WI Chapter, Triple O Outfitters and Wounded Warriors United of Wisconsin. I can’t begin to thank these folks enough for this trip of a lifetime for me and all they do for our selfless military personnel. We left home on Saturday morning and made our way to Idaho. Upon arriving at camp on Sunday afternoon, we were greeted by our camp host, Rob Denney, who owns Triple O, and some other veterans there for the week of hunting bear. Even though we were “roughing” it in the mountains, 90 miles from real civilization, camp was very nice. I was made to feel at home from the get-go.

Rob plood us with great stories and history of the area. This was more than just a hunting camp. It was also a very educational week. Rob is a fantastic host, cook and guide as well as a history book. We had great meals along with fantastic accommodations not just while in camp but also in the woods while hunting.

I bagged my bear on Friday evening. I saw several bears while on my stand throughout the week. While out there we also did some trout fishing and sightseeing in the mountains. This trip was a very fun and educational experience. The camaraderie was unbelievable. Bagging a bear was just bonus on top of a fantastic week. An experience of a lifetime.

I want to give another heartfelt thank you to SCI, Otto Reese, and the others who provided me the opportunity, that I will not soon forget, to check off four items from my bucket list, get back to nature and experience something I have not experienced before. The trip helped me recompose and recharge. As I said earlier, tagging a bear was a bonus. Yes, it was a bear hunt but most hunters know that harvesting your quarry is seldom guaranteed. The folks who put this together and made it possible are the unsung heroes here. Thank you all for a lifetime memory.

I was educated on what Safari Club International does and stands for at an event for Wounded Warriors United of Wisconsin. I was so impressed by what I learned about the group that I signed up to join SCI right there.

Reactivation, they are sharing ideas, plans and approaches to get new and existing users, state and federal lawmakers are concerned too. Local small businesses, including owners of hotels, sporting goods stores, gas stations and restaurants are also facing lost revenue as fewer families hunt. State and federal lawmakers are concerned too.

As key stakeholders rally behind what’s called the R3 initiative for Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation, they are sharing ideas, plans and results. Learning what works is as important as what doesn’t work as they fight to save hunters and hunting. A recent example of sharing ideas that might help is getting some attention here.

Stakeholders here recently learned from South Dakota’s R3 coordinator, Tanja Berthe, that the following resolution was passed by that state’s game and fish commission this fall. Legislators here could take similar action.

Here’s Resolution 19-22:

Whereas, The Department of South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks (Department) relies on a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts and users to fund the management and use of outdoor recreational resources.

Whereas, nationally, there has been a steady decline in hunting, trapping, and angling participation since the 1980’s.

Whereas, the resulting decline in participation has a direct correlation to the sustainability of our strong outdoor heritage in South Dakota.

Whereas, the resulting decline in participation has a direct negative impact on financial resources available to manage outdoor recreational resources.

Whereas, the Department shall continue to prioritize their focus on recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunting, angling, trapping and outdoor recreating participants.

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved prior to amendment or adoption of regulations, the Commission shall consider the impact the regulation would have on recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunting, angling, trapping and outdoor recreating participants.

Be it further resolved, the Commission shall consider, at a minimum, the following criteria when determining whether to adopt or amend a regulation:

• whether the regulation/fee inhibits a user’s ability to participate;

• how does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users;

• how does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists;

• does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors.

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Whereas, the Commission understands and recognizes the necessity to recruit, retain, and reactivate participants in hunting, angling, trapping, and outdoor recreating.
Why Do I Hunt?

SCI Wisconsin Chapter President-Elect Steve Van Lieshout shared this Facebook post he discovered on the Kickapoo Valley Outdoors page. He said, “I believe that there is a truism which is thought (and rightly so) that little good can come from today’s social media. It’s subject definitely hit home with me and my love of hunting. I believe that it is well worth sharing.”

“I hunt because my father hunted, and he took me with him, and so we built a bond that I still cherish. I do not need to hunt to eat, but I need to hunt to be fully who I am.

I hunt because it links me with the boy I used to be and with the man my father was then. I hunt because if I didn’t, I would have seen fewer eagles, and ospreys, mink and beaver, fox and bears, antelope and moose.

I hunt because it is never boring or disappointing to be out-of-doors with a purpose, even when no game is spotted.

I hunt for the satisfying exhaustion after a long day in the woods, for the new stories that every day of hunting gives us, and for the soft snoring and dream-whimpering and twitching of sleeping dogs on the backseat as we drive home through the darkness.

I hunt because it keeps my passions alive and my memories fresh and my senses alert even as my beard grows gray, and because I am afraid that if I stopped hunting, I would instantly become an old man, and because I believe that as long as I hunt I will remain young.

SCI Chapter Logos on Archery Trailers

SCI member Randy Mayes shared this letter and photo from Dan Schroeder of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ Law Enforcement Division.

Happy Monday to you all!!

Attached are a few pictures of the WDNR Archery Education trailers with the new wraps in place. These were done with the grants you, and a few other noted sponsors provided. On behalf of the WDNR, the Wi NASP and Wi S3DA programs, THANK YOU for the continued support of the programs we provide through the WDNR!! I hope your able to share and use these pictures in the future to show your memberships where their dollars go!!

We intend to use these statewide, to transport equipment for various events and as backdrops for pictures for the awards at the statewide tournaments. Thank you again for all you’ve done to help these programs succeed and for introducing archery to thousands of families across the state! Have a blessed Thanksgiving and safe travels and hunting if you’re out there!

Dan Schroeder
Archery Education Program Administrator/Marketing Specialist
Wisconsin NASP, S3DA, Explore Bowhunting and Explore Archery State Coordinator
Bureau of Law Enforcement
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
When elementary students Zachary Lovell and Brittany met at the Cole Acres swimming pool, no one could have predicted that their future friendship and adulthood romance more than a decade later would be featured on “Deer Hunt Wisconsin” TV special, sponsored by the Wisconsin and Badgerland chapters of SCI. The couple’s story and its unique connection to white-tailed deer in southwestern Wisconsin will air on Fox Sports North and Fox Sports Wisconsin before this year’s firearms deer season.

“She was my first kiss,” Zach recalled during filming last month. Brittany smiled and glowed as she listened to her husband, an avid hunter and an Iowa County sheriff’s deputy.

“He and I were always friends throughout high school and after that, even as we dated others and went our separate ways,” said Brittany. Zach listened with evident admiration.

Together, they shared their tale. Their affection was infectious.

According to “Deer Hunt Wisconsin” TV Host Dan Small, “The Lovell segment is a highlight of this year’s deer show. You can see that newlywed glow and feel their mutual admiration as they talk about spending time together hunting and enjoying the outdoors.”

The Lovell segment focuses on their unique proposal. It’s one thing to read about how they knew it was time to make a lifelong commitment and how they knew the other person was the “right one.” It’s another thing to hear them tell it and see the emotions it rekindles as they relive their engagement tale.

Brittany remembers that special spring morning when Zach was urging her to hurry up as they were getting ready to hunt for shed antlers.

“I almost said, ‘If you’re going to keep pushing me, I’m not going to go,’” she said. “And I was wondering what’s the rush and why we were not taking our dog with us. That seemed strange.”

What she didn’t know at the time was that Zach had arranged with friends to place an engagement ring on a big shed antler, and then have those friends hiding nearby to photograph his proposal. Zach didn’t bring the dog because it would surely sniff out the co-conspirators and the cameras.

He had also set up motion-activated trail cameras to record video and still photos of the event.

“My buddy and I picked the most beautiful overlook on our family’s property,” said Zach. “When Brittany and I were getting close to the spot, I could see the big antler, and I kept wondering when she would find it.”

Brittany saw the shiny antler and they hurried to retrieve it. A leaf was covering the ring on one of the tines. Before bending down to pick up the antler, she pointed to a piece of sandstone under the antler and said, “What’s that?”

“She was pointing at the wrong rock!” laughed Zach during filming.

Brittany picked up the antler and spotted the ring glistening in the sunlight when the leaf fell off the diamond. Zach went down on one knee and asked Brittany if she would marry him.

As trail cams and hidden friends captured the memories, Zach awaited her reply.

“I was in shock,” said Brittany. “We never looked at engagement rings or talked about it.”

Zach said he was still waiting nervously for her answer, and decided to repeat, “Babe, will you marry me?”

Unaware of her slow response and what that can do to the nerves of a young man in love, Brittany, with tears of joy, finally said, “Yes.”

Their friends and cameras emerged from hiding, shocking Brittany further. Together, they celebrated a memorable proposal and wonderful beginning of a new phase in their outdoor life together.

The initial airing of “Deer Hunt Wisconsin” was November 14 on Fox Sports Wisconsin but can be seen now online (search YouTube Dan Small’s Deer Hunt Wisconsin TV 2019).
Two Deer, One Bullet

D aughter Rachel spotted the three deer as soon as they trotted into the field of picked soybeans. Two were clearly bucks. I have to admit I was unaware of their presence. I was responding to an Opening Day text from Cousin Patrick who was mentoring his son-in-law on William’s first deer hunt.

They were not seeing any deer. Rachel joked later about us old hunters spending too much time looking at our electronic screens instead of watching for deer.

By the time I spotted the deer half-way through their field-crossing foray, Rachel had already decided not to shoot. She was going to hold out for a bigger buck and a heavy old doe to fill her tags.

Hobbled by a sprained ankle, I was less optimistic about my opportunities to fill my Wisconsin gun deer tags, and the freezer only had four packets of venison left from last season. So, I brought up the Weatherby .257, looked through the Vortex scope and aimed at one of the bucks. Quick decision. Spur of the moment. The first deer was already across the field and the other two were possibly seconds away from being out of sight.

Safety off, wait to see if the buck stops broadside. He did, at about 130 yards.

Hold the crosshairs near the shoulder. Don’t wait. He may not pause long.

Just as I squeezed the trigger, the antlerless deer ran behind the buck.

Before the sound of my gun shot echoed back from the far ridge, the antlerless deer went down, but the buck ran away.

Doubt crept in. Did I miss? Did I shoot over him? Am I mis-remembering, and maybe the antlerless deer ran in front, not behind the buck?

Rachel said it looked like the buck began to move just as I pulled the trigger. I wanted to believe I hit the buck where I aimed.

As doubts grew, I went to retrieve the antlerless deer and check for blood where the buck left the field. If there was blood there, it had to be from the buck because the dead deer did not make it that far.

Sure enough, fresh blood!

The pink color and spray pattern on both sides of the trail indicated it was a vital lung shot.

Less than 20 yards into the woods, I found the buck.

Rachel LaBarbera posed with the buck she passed up; one of two deer shot with the same bullet.
Deer rely on browse and natural vegetation for their survival. Many hunters have been moving towards planting food plots to supplement their diets as well as to attract more deer to their properties. The wildlife industry has focused on fall food plots and to some extent perennial clover blends. While it is important for hunters to be sitting over quality food plots in the fall, what about the rest of the year. Deer need to eat 365 days a year.

Many forages do provide full-season nutrition for deer. Perennial clovers such as ladino, medium red and alsike are commonly planted. Many food plotters at some point have incorporated chicory into the food plot program. While many of these legumes and chicory are effective from spring flush until later into the fall, they are only part of an effective 365-day wildlife forage program.

Most food plotters incorporate some form of brassica blend into their plantings. Commonly grown fall forages include, radishes, turnips, forage brassicas, sugar beets and rape. What is overlooked is that some of these fall planted brassicas mature in 42-60 days and give a tight window of effectiveness. You also cannot plant pure brassica blends year after year on the same block of land.

What are solutions and overlooked forages for deer? When I lay out plans for my clients, I want four-season availability of forages. In the spring, we focus on perennial clovers, annual clovers and small grains. As we move into the summer, soybeans, buckwheat, sunn hemp, cowpeas and alfalfa are all more able to handle what mother nature throws at us. In the fall, it’s easy. There is very little that won’t fit into your food plot program.

But what is the most overlooked time of year? The winter.

Many people understand that winter bulbs can add supplemental energy. While turnips, sugar beets and radishes are commonly grown by food plotters, there are forage like fodder beets, swedes, rutabaga and longer day turnips that mature slower and provide more tonnage of winter bulbs.

Another overlooked thing one can do is a blend like my deer and bird blend that contains sunflowers, sunn hemp, buckwheat, soybeans and grain sorghum. As cold sets in and snow depths rise, these forages stand upright and are easily able to be consumed by deer. One last overlooked winter feed is alfalfa. Alfalfa doesn’t lodge like the perennial clovers do. When it’s cold and nasty out, we see high concentrations of deer in the farmers’ alfalfa fields. This is not coincidence. Alfalfa will out-yield clovers by 3-5 times and, as a result, can leave more forage browse for winter survival.

My challenge to you is to work with a wildlife consultant who understands the importance of 365-day nutrition and can help you lay out a plan for the current season and a rotation for years to come.
Our first day of hunting consisted of slowly motoring on the medium sized lake as we glassed for herds of musk ox. Within about half an hour, we spotted our first herd. Fortunately for me, the bowhunter, they were in a very narrow beach. This adventure starts with an unusual flight itinerary. Kangerlussuaq is one of those places in which “you can’t get there from here.” At one point, there was a direct flight from New York which was only about a 4 hour trip. Unfortunately, now you have to fly to Iceland and then Copenhagen, Denmark and finally on to Kangerlussuaq. The trip really was not bad at all. The longest flight was from Chicago to Iceland which was 6 hours. If your schedule permits, it would be nice to spend a few days touring Iceland on your way there. Copenhagen is also an interesting city. We had a one day layover there and were able to see a few of the sights. Here are some interesting facts about Greenland:

- Greenland is about ¼ the size of the lower 48 United States
- Greenland is the world’s largest island
- The total population is 56,000
- The capital city is Nuuk which has a population of about 18,000
- Greenland has an ice cap that covers 80% of the country
- On average, the ice cap is 1.2 MILES thick!
- The native language is Greenlandic
- Though part of North America, Greenland is an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark

We had a one day layover in Kangerlussuaq as well. After seeing the sights of this small town of 499 residents, we had another good night’s rest before flying to camp. The last leg of the trip which was to camp was on a 1965 Russian, Sikorsky helicopter. Though a bit dated, it was in very good shape. It was piloted and operated by a crew of three. Once you actually lift off, it’s only about an 8 minute flight.

Camp is basic but very clean, organized and well-constructed. The two of us were the only hunters in camp. There were three guides who took care of everything including guiding, cooking, trophy care as well as seeing that all of our needs were met.

Another unique feature about this hunt is that it is only 2½ days! Granted, there are about 18 hours of daylight depending on just when you go, but we didn’t even have to start real early in the day or hunt very late. They maintain 100% success on musk ox and a lower success on caribou/reindeer but the two of us had no problem getting three caribou during our short stay. One advantage they have is very stable weather conditions. I was told that they seldom lose a single day of hunting to bad weather for the entire season!

Compare that to Alaska! Much of the hunting starts by boat. These are very modern, well maintained, inflatable, Zodiac style boats.
stalkable position. There was plenty of cover between using the terrain and vegetation. It was not long before we were within range and just waiting for the right shot opportunity. I had a 27 yard shot that met its mark. I was soon examining this unusual animal up close, running my hand over the long, luxurious hair and feeling the rugged, “very old bull’s” horns.

After pictures, skinning and packing back to the boat, I was expecting Michael, one of our guides, to say we would head back to camp to take care of my musk ox and then go out again for Russ’. Nope. “Let’s go see if we can get Russ a musk ox”, he said. We chugged across a small portion of the lake, hiked up a little hill and spotted another herd of musk ox. After some stalking and maneuvering, we were soon within rifle range and Russ and Michael were discussing which was the best bull for him. Russ was looking for a “middle aged” bull. One of them fit the bill. After a well-placed shot and some high fives, we were ooing and ahing over another very cool looking animal!

We piled 2 musk ox, 4 guys and gear into the Zodiac and headed the few miles back to camp... very slowly. It was only 7 hours from the time we left camp until we returned! Pretty amazing! It is what I would call a “target rich environment!”

The next day, Russ and I went different directions in search of reindeer. My hunt was a little more physical than the previous day. We left camp about 8:00 a.m. After a morning of hiking and boating, by noon we reached a high point where one of my non-English speaking guides all of a sudden looked to our right and got extremely excited. In some hunting situations, the facial expressions and hand signals are universal. There was no question he had seen a very good reindeer and we had to get to them quickly! After a fast walk/sprint of several hundred yards, we peeked over a small rise. All I could see were big antlers! AND they were only 20 yards away! This bull was in perfect position for a shot. After some eye contact and head nods, I got the OK to take the shot from my guide. As I started drawing my bow and standing up to take the shot, I felt a tug on my jacket. I looked back at him puzzled and a bit miffed. He was pointing to our right at a MUCH bigger bull he had just spotted. Both of these bulls were feeding and in perfect position. I hit the antler tips of the bigger bull with my range finder and then set my one pin adjustable site to 28 yards.

The flight of my arrow was true and I soon had a bull that far exceeded my expectations!

The way these guides packed out the trophies on this whole trip was nothing short of amazing. One of the guides carried my ENTIRE reindeer...
same time I was. He ended up taking at over 200 lbs! I would estimate the weight of the musk ox, hauled half of a musk ox out with hand signals to show that I was more than happy to help out but they insisted that they would carry everything. I think it had to do with some pride and maybe a little to do with earning a good tip! They worked with Michael, my guide for the trophy fee.

Russ was also caribou hunting at the Vista Resort in The Dells. February 14th and 15th, 2020 at Chula Vista Resort which is www.inuitoutfitting.com. You can contact Michael at greenlandphotosafari@gmail.com. I would highly recommend them for this unique adventure!

Special Note: As of this writing, we are set to have a spring and a late summer/fall hunt available at the Badgerland Hunter’s Expo which is February 14th and 15th, 2020 at Chula Vista Resort in The Dells.

Deer Attack

Driving at night to her cabin for bowhunting the next morning, my friend Dawn Ziolecki was surprised when the deer ran across the road, but not as surprised as a hunter recently attacked by another buck. Ziolecki’s vehicle smacked into a big buck and ran over it.

“I was afraid to get out. I thought it was still under us,” she recalls. “I was just shaking, not knowing what to do.”

Here in southwestern Wisconsin deer activity is heating up. Bucks especially are moving across the landscape as the rut, or breeding season, climaxes around the beginning of November each year.

Driving at high speeds on Highways 11, 23, 61, 80, 81, and 151 or any speed on other roads in Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and neighboring counties, especially at night, can result in collisions with deer.

Another driver stopped and asked if Dawn was alright and verified that the deer had run off. It wasn’t under her vehicle.

Eventually, Dawn’s adrenaline subsided. Her heart slowed. She regained her composure.

“I wanted to find the deer,” she said. “My husband and I like venison. So, I grabbed the flashlight and started looking in the ditch and field for it.”

Most people use other techniques for tenderizing their venison.

“No luck. We couldn’t find it that night, but we found it the next day and called it in,” she said, explaining that the driver has first priority to claim and keep a deer, bear or turkey she hits. If the driver doesn’t want it, any other person on the scene may request it if they have a DNR customer identification number.

The law says that before processing or removing the animal from the scene, the person claiming it must register it by calling 608-267-7691 or going online to https://gowild.wi.gov/wildlife/harvest/carkill. A claim tag is no longer required. A law enforcement officer doesn’t need to be at the scene for claiming roadkill.

“I’d keep the number and wetsite in my vehicle,” Ziolecki said. “Just in case it happens again.” She found the deer. And she added another deer to the family freezer with her TenPoint crossbow.

They both taste great,” she said. “I feel lucky for a lot of reasons, including surviving the crash.”

But 86-year-old Thomas Alexander was not so lucky last month. He shot a buck with his muzzleloader on a hunt in the Ozark Mountains and phoned his nephew to help field dress and transport the deer. When the nephew arrived, he found Alexander in critical condition, apparently gored by the buck. He died before making it to the hospital, a scary reminder for all hunters to make sure your game is dead before getting too close.

A couple years ago, Rodney Buffett shot a big bull moose twice in Newfoundland, and thought it was dead. It wasn’t.

“I thought he was dead,” he told CBC News. “I laid my gun down and turned back to my fiancée. When I turned around again, he was up.”

The moose attacked. Buffett grabbed its big, palmated antlers, and punched its forehead. Eventually the moose ran into the woods. Buffett was airlifted to a hospital and survived, along with his sense of humor. For anyone doubting his story or seeking proof, he told reporters, “I’ve got hoof prints in my forehead.”

On the way to hunting camp, Dawn Ziolecki kept the buck that collided with her vehicle.
Here are the photos of the deer blind that my father-in-law and I made. We had several factors we were looking for when we made it this way:

1) I was looking at nice blinds for sale on the internet (like Redneck Blinds in particular). For my size needs with our family, most of those blinds cost more money that I was interested in paying. Most were upwards of $3,000. The total bill for this build was around $1,100. The bill was as follows:
   - Old Gravity Bin: $200
   - Menards Pre-fabricated Siding: $250
   - Lumber: $150
   - Steel Roof: $100
   - Windows: $350
   - Hardware/Miscellaneous: $50
   - Total Cost: $1,100

   Free Stuff: All of the wood on the interior walls is reclaimed pallet wood. I got the pallets free from the Darlington School District. Also, the door was free (found in a junk pile in my father-in-law’s shed).

2) My kids have been harping on me about building them a playhouse on our farm. This is big enough that it fit the bill. The kids were excited and helped me build it. It will be a playhouse 11 months out of the year, and a deer blind 1 month out of the year. They are exciting to sleep in it during the summertime.

3) I decided to put it on a gravity bin because I wanted it moveable. Most of the big expensive blinds are on large tower stands. I don’t have access to a loader tractor, so if I wanted to move a blind after a year, I would be out of luck. This way, if I see different deer movement from year to year, the blind can be placed in different locations.

4) Because it is a little top-heavy, I bought some earth anchors and ratchet straps to make sure it is secure.

The kids already love it.
Humanitarian Hunt Report:

My Hunt of a Lifetime

by David Jimenez

My name is David. I am 12 years old. In March of 2019 I was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma. A cancer diagnosis was bad news. After months of medical procedures I finally received good news that I would be invited to go on a hunt of a lifetime.

I never thought my first hunting experience would be hunting a bear.

This was an amazing adventure with very nice people who helped me to completely forget about my cancer diagnosis.

Driving through narrow dirt roads, listening to the dogs barking in the back of the pickup, and chasing down every lead was unbelievable. In the last 6 months all I ever dealt with were needles and hospital visits, surgeries, scars and medicine that made me feel sick every day. Hunting down a bear was very different. Resting at the cabin in Wisconsin by the lake made me forget about all the pills I had to take every day.

Chasing down bear tracks with the windows wide open made me forget about all the weeks I felt weak and when I lost all my hair. Running through the woods with a bear ahead of us made me forget about the bulky leg braces I had to wear for months because of the neuropathy.

And when that bear fell from the top of the tree and hit against the ground below, I felt very lucky, because very few people ever see something like that happen in front of their eyes. It was better than any documentary on TV. It was amazing. Thank you so much to USSA and SCI-Lake Superior Chapter and Link’s Wild Safari - Jay Link for making all this happen!
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