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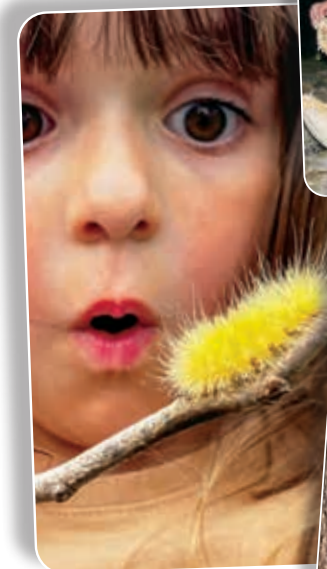
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SCI Region 16 Report

by Charmaine Wargolet,
Regional Representative

Yay! Spring is almost here! I can hear a faint gobbling sound in the distance but in a month those Tom's will be loud and clear. Can't wait until I head to the Little Cabin in the Woods for great hunting and some girl talk and camaraderie!

Going back to Saturday, January 6th of this year, we held our annual Region 16 meeting. All the folks present are pictured and named in the caption. This is always a great meeting and looked forward to by everyone in attendance.

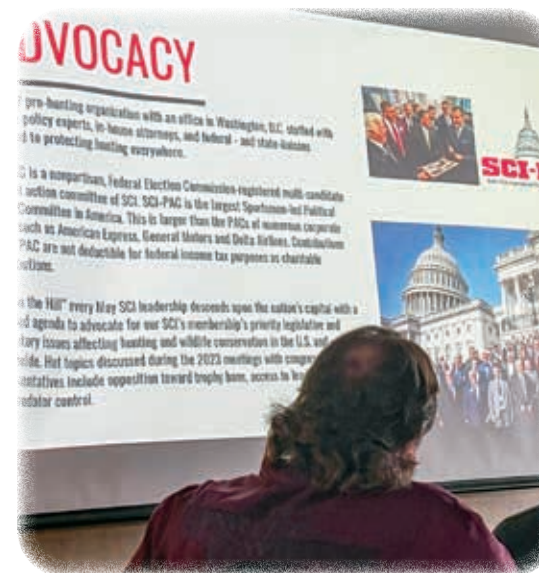
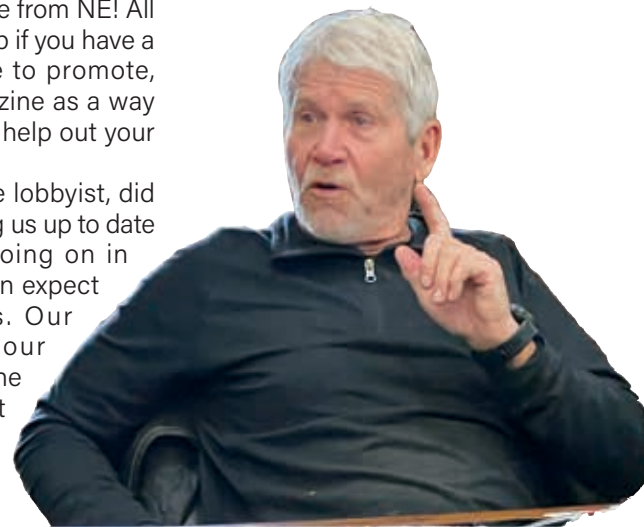
Mark LaBarbera gave us an update on how well HUNTER magazine is faring, and one of the NE Chapter members is making it his job to solicit advertising to help defray the costs of the magazine for ALL of the chapters. Many thanks to Walt Janke from NE! All chapter members can help if you have a business you would like to promote, consider using the magazine as a way to not only do that but to help out your chapter as well.

Dan Trawicki, our state lobbyist, did an excellent job of bringing us up to date on everything that is going on in Madison and what we can expect in the coming months. Our biggest roadblock is our Governor. If we can get one of our candidates in that office, we will actually be able to make some effective changes in our outdoor issues.



And of course, our National Chapter Service Specialist, Jordan Wisecup, was on hand to answer all of the questions each of our people had and to take back to headquarters some of the issues we are all experiencing with our membership registering. With some of the staff shortages and of course the convention was only a month away at that point, it was tough to get some of those issues completely resolved. But now, they are on their radar and hopefully some things can get straightened out.

As always, we did a lot of just talking about some of our chapters' challenges



and what other chapters have done in those same circumstances, and of course different things we can do to make our fundraisers more fun and make more money to support the mission of SCI. Being able to keep 70% of the monies we raise allows us to spend a lot on projects and programs in our states.

Hope everyone has had a great start to the New Year and good luck to all in the field! Gobble, gobble! And as always be well, be safe and God bless!



Attending the SCI Region 16 leadership meeting at Weldall Mfg. in Waukesha were (sitting L to R) Marty Witczak and John Martinson; (standing) Monte Whiteaker, Steve Corcoran, Jordan Wisecup, Marla Rimkus, Dale Rimkus, Dean Lepoidevin, Charmaine Wargolet, Mark Jablonic, Mark Snyder, host Dave Bahl, Sr., and Dan Trawicki. Mark LaBarbera shot the photo, and Sean Coykendall had just stepped out.

Badgerland Chapter Report

by John Martinson, President

SCI Badgerland Chapter is busy working with a new program called "Raised at Full Draw Wisconsin" (RAFD).

RAFD is a non-profit organization partnered with the Wisconsin DNR designed to promote archery, hunting, and outdoor education. The goal is to pass knowledge and techniques on to the next generation. RAFD believes in the ethics, values, and heritage that hunting can instill in the next generations, according to their mission statement. That's why they are a good fit with SCI.

RAFD offers:

- Four-Day Bowhunting Camps designed to teach teens outdoor and hunting skills while giving hands-on experience in a positive learning environment.

- Family and Young Adult Camps are designed for participants who have never shot a bow before or have never gone hunting.
- Reach Inspire, Support, Empower (R.I.S.E.) is an event for women to teach the skills of bowhunting, personal growth, and confidence building skills that carry into everyday life.
- Day Camps/Events for teaching bowhunting.

Hope you can join us for the Annual Shoot for Adventure sporting clays shoot Saturday August 3, 2024, at the Rio Conservation Club from 9am-4pm. In addition to sporting clays there are several other fun shooting games and at the end of shooting for the day we have great prizes including guns to give away, along with the Big Five-gun raffle.



Special thanks to those of you who were able to attend our Hunter's Expo at the Chula Vista Resort that helps SCI Badgerland raise money in order to help support non-profit organizations like RAFD.

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In Memorium: Roland Manthe August 2, 1935—December 20, 2023

SCI Badgerland Chapter Member Roland "Rollie" Manthe died December 20 at age 88 at his home in DeForest. Roland's favorite organizations he participated in were Friends of NRA, Badgerland Safari Club International, ROA, American Legion, NRA, "W" Club, Mendota Gridiron, NARFE, UW Alumni, Epsilon Sigma Phi, and many others.

He was proud to be an SCI member, but his passion was with the Lions Club. He was a member for 62 years and served as District Governor in West Virginia, Illinois, and Wisconsin. He enjoyed helping others and serving as a cornea transporter. Roland first joined a Lions Club in Green Lake in 1961.

Throughout the years, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, along with Badger sports and SCI Badgerland activities and events.

Roland received a BS, MS and PhD in University Administration and Adult Education from the UW Madison. He was the student manager of the boxing team from 1955-1958. Roland worked for Universities for 35 years, at the University Coop Extension in Wisconsin for seven years, 21 years in West Virginia, and seven years in Illinois. He was a 4-H Club Agent in Green Lake and Marathon Counties, and District Leader for 28 years in West Virginia and Illinois. Roland received the rank of Professor for his teaching at West



Virginia University. Roland served in the US Army active duty and reserves for 35 years. He went from private to Colonel and earned a Legion of Merit award for his career. Roland served 12 years as a commander for five different units: Company (2), Battalion, Group, and USAR School. He retired in 1996 and returned to DeForest and joined Lord of Love Lutheran Church.

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Report: Legislation Would Expand Muzzleloader Hunting

by Bob Matthews,
CSF Senior Coordinator,
Great Lakes States

Familiar to many Safari Club International members, muzzleloader hunting is a challenging and time-honored method of taking white-tailed deer. Recent legislation introduced by Senator Rob Stafsholt, Co-Chair of the Wisconsin Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, and fellow Caucus member Representative Paul Tittl would update and modernize the definition of "muzzle-loading firearm" in the Badger State, thereby expanding opportunities for Wisconsin hunters to use newer iterations of the classic firearm.

The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, or CSF, submitted formal testimony in support of the legislation, advocating for Wisconsin's policymakers to join the majority of states in allowing modern muzzleloader technologies to be used during black-powder hunting seasons. CSF is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working at both the state and federal level, CSF has been a champion for sportsmen and women since 1989.

State legislators from both sides of the aisle in all fifty states have joined their individual state legislative sportsmen's caucuses to pursue a common goal: to promote and protect hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and trapping. Collectively, these caucuses form the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses, or NASC, a network of approximately 2,000 state legislators that are committed to securing policies that benefit sportsmen and women.

CSF pointed out that new, breech-charging muzzleloader products are safe and reliable while maintaining the existing characteristics of their predecessors, as they still require the projectile to be loaded through the muzzle, accept only one projectile at a time, and have similar effective range as traditional muzzleloaders. These modern muzzleloaders eliminate potential sources of inconsistency in the muzzleloading firearms that Wisconsin presently authorizes – user-caused variances in powder loads and the susceptibility of powder charges to misfiring in cold and wet weather conditions. Eliminating these variables enhances the consistency of muzzleloaders afield while

simultaneously reducing the risk of injury to the user caused by overloading or double-charging the propellant.

As the readers of this magazine are well aware, hunting is a staple of society in Wisconsin and plays an invaluable role in the management of its storied wildlife resources. Allowing hunters to use a modernized, more consistent iteration of a long-used firearm style serves to enhance hunters' experience while afield, bolster ever-important recruitment, retention, and reactivation efforts, and thereby support the state's conservation efforts.

At the time this article was written, Senator Stafsholt's bill, Senate Bill 587, had been unanimously recommended by the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage, and is available to be scheduled for a vote by the Senate. Through the strong network of sportsmen-legislators that comprise NASC, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation will continue to support similar bills throughout the country that promote and protect the time-honored traditions that the hunters of Wisconsin have long-enjoyed.

Wisconsin Chapter Report

by Sean Coykendall, President

The Wisconsin Chapter's 47th Annual Grand Banquet is now in the past. This was also my last banquet as President of the Wisconsin Chapter. I want to personally thank all of our members for their participation and support of this year's banquet. The board and banquet committee put in a lot of hours to help make this the best one yet. I have no doubt that the 48th Annual Grand Banquet will be even better with Dean LePoidevin leading the organization. If you attended and have

some thoughts for us, please share them. It helps furthers the cause of conservation and protecting our right to hunt. The Wisconsin Chapter will have our first golf outing on June 3rd at The Legend at Brandybrook. We are excited for a new event to bring our members and guests together in a different way. Be one the lookout for additional information coming soon. Lastly, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our sponsors, volunteers, attendees, chapter members and those



on the banquet committee for their support and contributions to our Annual Grand Banquet. Without each and one of you we wouldn't be where we are today.

Sean and his dad, Rich Coykendall, enjoyed South Dakota success.



Lake Superior Chapter Report

by Scott Olson, President

Hello SCI Members. Like many of you, winter is my second most favorite season of the year. Not because I like the cold and snow, but it means banquet season! The Lake Superior Chapter's banquet is at the end of the traditional banquet season, so while the board and I are busy working on our event, we do get to attend and enjoy other banquets too. It is great to share ideas with other chapters of what works and what doesn't. I won't lie, the best part of attending other events is to simply be a guest and enjoy a banquet!

The Lake Superior Chapter's board is working hard to create another fun, successful event. We have secured a great list of hunts and trips already and will continue to add to the list. If you've never attended our event, please consider doing so. Tom Miranda is our guest speaker for both Friday and Saturday evening. I look forward to seeing everyone in Nashville and at yours and my local banquets. Stay warm!!!



SE WI Bowhunters Chapter Report

by Monte Whitaker, President

Please mark your calendars for the SE WI Bowhunters upcoming banquet on March 22nd at the Golden Mast Inn at Okauchee Lake. We will have auctions, bucket raffle, gun and bow boards, and many other raffles. The food never disappoints with their perch filets and bacon-and-jalapeno-wrapped pheasant breast bits. Approaching the end of my term as Bow Chapter President, I have a greater appreciation for those who preceded me in this role and for all of the SCI members who volunteer your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you. Your generosity has helped us raise funds and do some good things for hunting and conservation. In addition to our role in helping legislators shape the future of bowhunting in Wisconsin, one of the other big things our chapter continues to do to make a difference is support the annual OHEC Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo. The SCI SE WI Bowhunters Chapter is a Founding Sponsor of MOHEE (pronounced MO'-hee) which is the largest FREE youth outdoor skills field

trip in the country. With the expansion into Milwaukee and the ongoing success of MOHEE in Poynette north of Madison, we are reaching thousands of students. The archery range at MOHEE is one of the top three attractions. I like the fact that volunteer instructors at the event tell students, parents, and teachers where they can learn more if they want to get into bowhunting. With Explore Bowhunting, Explore Bowfishing, National Archery in the Schools, and Scholastic 3-D Archery programs in place, MOHEE helps create awareness, generate interest, and provide trial opportunities to whet their appetites. Bow Chapter Members can be proud of our role in supporting MOHEE financially. If you also want to pitch in personally, you can do that by volunteering to instruct at the May events or make a personal contribution to sponsor a student, a class, or an entire school attending MOHEE. Executive Director Ruth Ann Lee suggests going to www.OHECyes.org or see the YouTube videos from the event.



With our legislative work and our education work to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters through MOHEE and through Raised at Full Draw like I wrote about previously, Bow Chapter members can be proud of what we are all doing together. Even after my presidential term, I plan to stay involved and to help wherever I can so that, hopefully, the next generation of bowhunters will grow to love the sport as much as you and I do.

Northeast Wisconsin Chapter

by Marty Witczak, President

It is hard to believe we have welcomed the new year 2024! We enjoyed a mild fall with no snow and some balmy temperatures to continue participating in our favorite sporting and hunting activities. It was a good season and all too soon we were celebrating the holidays with family and friends and ringing in the new year!

I attended the Illinois/Wisconsin Regional meeting for all the local chapters on Saturday January 6th in Waukesha, WI at the Weldall Manufacturing business. We have been meeting there for several years and the owner is a staunch SCI supporter and volunteers his place of business for this important gathering. Some of the issues we discussed during the meeting were updates we are working on and implementing to improve our websites, making it easier to enroll or update memberships, how to better protect our bear hunting rights and how to encourage more outfitters to advertise in the HUNTERS magazine. Many opinions and good ideas were passed around, and the food provided was outstanding and never disappointing! At the time of this article being written

we did not yet have the 25th Annual Northeast WI Chapter SCI Hunters Banquet and live auction. The hunting and fishing show in Green Bay WI along with the banquet and live auction were scheduled to be held Friday February 23rd through Sunday February 25th with the banquet on Saturday February 24th. The board members were excited and anticipated a huge turnout of outfitters and guests. Stay tuned for all the updates and pictures in the May/June issue.

I would love to tell you about some of the numerous local conservative, educational and humanitarian projects our NE WI SCI Chapter supports. Let me talk about a few of those now. We have contributed to the Denmark WI School District/Denmark Archery Club by purchasing new archery equipment, hunter education firearm funding at the Kroc Center and we have helped fund the Black Bear Research Endowment Fund at UW Stevens Point. We have also contributed to these programs as well: Challenge the Outdoors, which helps fund a spring and fall pheasant hunt for the disabled. We contribute to the Shadow on the Wolf program to help with maintenance on handicap



accessible fishing piers and to assist with habitat restoration for both sturgeon and walleye spawning. Our NE WI Chapter also helps to fund the Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Center/Expo and the traveling Touch of the Wild Education Trailers, a totally unique experience that is enjoyed by both young and old, experienced and beginning hunters! These projects and many more are all made possible through donors, volunteers, and attendees of the events we sponsor and participate in.

In closing, as a reminder check out our website and follow us on Facebook: SCI Northeast Wisconsin. Don't be afraid to send your photos of your hunting trophies/experiences and a little write-up to Samantha Lacourt at slacourt@outlook.com.

I would really like to wish all our current board members and all of you readers a happy, healthy 2024. Dream big!

Tony Caligiuri Honored with Capstick Hunting Heritage Award

by Mark LaBarbera

My good friend Tony Caligiuri, who has successfully grown the Boyt Harness Company and overseen its acquisitions of quality brands like Bob Allen, Mud River, Gokey, and Max Ops, added another honor to his long list of accomplishments.

Tony was recognized as the Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award recipient from Dallas Safari Club. Named after the well-known American author, the PHCHHA honors the memory of a great man whose writings captured his love of the hunt, his respect for and understanding of wildlife and wild lands, and also promotes the hunting legacy and conservation of our wildlife resources.

Capstick's defense of the international big game hunting community and the role of hunting in the conservation of wildlife and its habitat made him a household name.

The objective of this award is to bring honor and recognition to an individual, organization or group whose achievements reveal a sustained and significant contribution to the conservation of wildlife and its habitat. Additionally, the winner will have shown long-term commitment to our hunting heritage by pursuing that goal for the benefit of future generations. Award criteria include active involvement in education, hunting, conservation organizations, humanitarian causes, research, permanent endowments, and charitable giving. The award is presented each year by Peter's widow, Fiona Claire Capstick.

At a writer's conference in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he was representing Lowrance Electronics, Tony and I slipped away to fish for walleyes. It was a successful day during which I

discovered a kindred spirit and one of the most knowledgeable outdoorsmen I had ever met. His depth of knowledge went far beyond fish locators, fishing, and boating. He was a business man who shared a love of hunting, outdoor writing, and teaching the next generation of conservation leaders. He also shared midwestern values like so many fellow SCI members.

An Iowa native, Tony has a tremendous passion for North American big game hunting in general and wild sheep conservation and sheep hunting in

hunting world, and we are very excited to add Tony to this group," said DSC CEO Corey Mason. "Tony has traveled the world over in his outdoor pursuits, written about it, and put his time and talents into many conservation efforts. He has been a leader and supporter of many regarded conservation organizations and continues to do so as the Executive Vice President of the Boone & Crockett Club and a current Director for the Wild Sheep Foundation and Bear Trust International. We feel privileged to recognize Tony's lifelong efforts to engage and educate people about the outdoors."

Tony has made more than 50 hunts outside the United States in pursuit of big game on three continents as well as hunting in most of the western and Rocky Mountain states. He went on his first sheep hunt in 1989 and has since hunted sheep multiple times in British Columbia, the Yukon, the



Northwest Territories and Mexico as well as Alaska, Arizona, Idaho and Colorado.

He is an avid upland bird hunter and dog enthusiast and designer of several specialty products related to upland hunting with dogs.

On one wingshooting adventure in Argentina, he challenged and improved my skills as we focused not on doubles, but triples on passing doves. Naturally humble, despite his prowess and success, Tony has a way of making every hunting camp fun and fulfilling, contributing greatly to every shared adventure.

Tony and his wife Ginny and their eight English pointers and English setters live in south Central Iowa. Congratulations to Tony and the DSC leadership.

Grizzly Attacks Hiker

A lone hiker was killed near Yellowstone National Park in what authorities believe was a grizzly bear attack, though they have been unable to locate the bear. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks department said Monday that the woman's body was found by a hiker on the Buttermilk Trail, around eight miles west of the town of West Yellowstone, the New York Times reports. Wardens and bear specialists "found that the woman had wounds consistent with a bear attack," the department said in a statement.

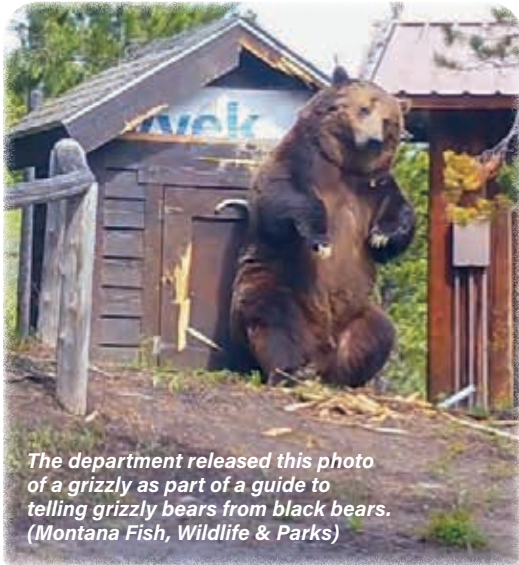
"They also found tracks from an adult grizzly bear and at least one cub near the site."

"The hiker was believed to be alone during the encounter, and no bear spray or firearms were found at the

scene," the department said. The trail is in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, just west of Yellowstone. The department said they closed the trail and notified area residents of the bear activity, the AP reports. "They then began conducting capture operations due to the incident's proximity to residences, campgrounds, and a high-use OHV trail system," the statement said. "No bears have been captured to date."

The department said there had been a rise in confirmed grizzly bear sightings in Montana and urged residents and visitors to be "bear aware." Their recommendations included carrying bear spray and knowing how to use it, traveling in groups when possible, and making noise when on trails, especially in thick forest or near streams. The

Times notes that the final tip was simple: "Don't approach a bear."



The department released this photo of a grizzly as part of a guide to telling grizzly bears from black bears. (Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks)

Suburban Deer

Nairobi-born Kendall Golightly shares history plus tips to help your success near home

by Scent-Lok

A group of hunters who have brought suburban and urban hunters together, shared tactics and tips, and popularized the idea that sometimes the best place to hunt is exactly where you are. Not to say far-off forays to chase bucks isn't fulfilling for SCI members in Wisconsin and Illinois, but there are more big deer around populated areas than you might think—and SEEK ONE proves it time and again.

How did it all start?

Golightly: Lee (Ellis) found a gigantic deer in the suburbs in 2014. Drew

(Carroll) and Lee discussed producing a high-quality show with faith being a huge component. Drew spent his entire season documenting the hunt for a deer they named "Charlie," and toward the end of the season, the stars aligned. The hunt was the first, true production of SEEK ONE.

Did you always hunt? Did you grow up hunting?

Golightly: My father introduced me to hunting when I was seven years old. I shot my first buck at nine years old with a 12 gauge shotgun. I was obsessed from day one and always looked forward



to getting checked out of school for the opener. When I turned 13, I thought I knew everything and told my dad anyone could shoot a deer with a rifle at 100 yards. I wanted a bow for my birthday. I ended up getting a bow and shooting three does my first sit. I was obsessed with archery hunting from that day forward. My first three bow kills were urban deer.

How did Lee, Drew and you all meet and become SEEK ONE?

Golightly: Early on, before the days of social media, there was a local forum on our state's Outdoor News website. It was a forum for deer hunters to share their stories and pictures. Through acquaintances, the three of us connected as we found out we were hunting similar areas in the metro area. As we continued to share our passion for the outdoors in an urban setting, our friendship began. One of our first experiences together was when Lee helped me retrieve one of my largest deer to date. That started a relationship of sharing information and helping each other be successful in the suburbs?

How did the suburban hunting niche take place?

Golightly: The largest appeal of our style of hunting is its accessibility to everyone, if you're willing to put in the effort. Hunting is often a game of time commitment and access, both of which are very limited to the average hunter who works a 9-5 job and may not have a piece of ground to hunt. Hunting close to home allows us to hop in the woods before or after work on a daily basis, and the private-by-permission access opens up the door to virtually unlimited hunting ground. This, coupled with the fact that suburban pockets of woods can often protect a buck long enough for it to

reach maturity, creates an appealing and addicting style of hunting. Once I had a family and my time became more limited, the suburban style began to make a ton of sense. There is also the unique scenario in our area where the genetics in the metro areas are far better than anywhere else in the state. Other states—take Ohio for example—have great genetics in rural parts of the state. If trophy quality is what you're pursuing, then you have equal or better odds in Ohio's farm country. That's not



the case in Georgia where I live. Metro Atlanta is drawing hunters from all over the state because of the potential for giant bucks, and that has fueled this urban hunting "craze."

What are the advantages/disadvantages of hunting suburbia?

Golightly: It is awesome to be able to enjoy God's creation so close to home, but it does have its disadvantages. There is something to be said about hunting a rural environment, where it is extremely quiet, and you can't hear anything but nature. Hunting in an urban environment you pretty much always must deal with the noise pollution from leaf blowers, barking dogs, traffic, people, etc. There are several added challenges to suburban hunting that you must overcome to be successful. Most importantly, obtaining hunting permission. This can be difficult and time consuming. There are also just a lot more precautions you must take when hunting in populated areas with tight property lines, and there's a lot of unavoidable drama to contend with.

What was your most memorable hunting experience?

Golightly: My most memorable hunt has to be my first deer with my dad. There is nothing that will ever top the feeling of that morning taking a four

pointer with my dad. I have been extremely blessed to take some large deer over the years, but the memories of hunting with my dad will always top those.

Tell us about The Venison Project and your food shelter endeavors.

Golightly: Every year, typically towards the end of the season, we host a doe management hunt. It is typically a 2- to 3-day event, and all of the deer that we harvest we have processed then hand-deliver it to ministries and homeless shelters downtown. The Venison Project is a nonprofit we started years ago to help the community and feed those in need. It is something we are extremely passionate about. Not only are we helping the community, but also managing the deer herd in areas that are extremely overpopulated with animals.

Will it always be suburban and urban hunting for you? Or would you settle with a property to manage someday?

Golightly: Urban hunting will always be a huge part of our brand, but we are definitely venturing into new styles of hunting. Drew and I have been enjoying our time chasing elk, mule deer, and antelope, and will continue to pursue those adventures. We feel the next big chapter for us is learning the land management side, while continuing to be open to new hunting experiences.



Evan Broeckert got his first deer near Wauzeka.

Alberta Moose

by Kevin Casey

When one thinks of hunting moose, different thoughts probably come to mind depending on who you are and where you've hunted them. I've hunted moose in Alaska, Newfoundland and now in Alberta. I have the utmost respect for these majestic and awesome animals. My latest moose hunting trip took me to McLennan, Alberta.

McLennan was a 27-hour trip by truck not counting gas and bathroom breaks, and a couple overnight stays. My hunting partner was friend, Mike Austin, who has killed several huge whitetails and is a formidable member of the Vortex Optics Team.

Mike was looking for his first moose and I was hoping to get my second. We were hunting with Alberta Bush Adventures with whom I had hunted both bear and elk. Alberta Bush is run by husband and wife, Richard and Diane Deslauriers, along with their son Joel. They live and guide in the Peace River area of Alberta which is game rich. Having been successful with both bear and elk, I was anxiously waiting to hunt moose with them.

Our trip commenced on October 29th and after three days of driving and excited conversation, we arrived in McLennan a little before noon on the 31st. Once we had settled in the very comfortable cabin, we went over to the main house for one of the many fine home-style meals which Diane had

prepared. You will not lose weight there regardless of how many miles you walk while hunting.

The first day I went with Joel and Mike went with Richard. Once we arrived at our hunting location, our method of travel was an Argo which can pretty much go anywhere. Our Argo ride was probably a good half hour. Joel and I were hunting on crown land which covered many miles and had a number of cutovers. These areas had been completely timbered with the leftover brush piled together. This enabled many young trees and bushes to start growing. The moose loved these young and tender sprouts. Our first day was spent checking out several areas. In the morning Joel and I saw a cow. If only it had been a bull. Around midday Joel made one of his famous on land "shore lunches." During the afternoon while looking for bulls we also scouted, and Joel formulated a plan for the next morning. Mike and Richard had seen moose but no bulls.

The next morning Joel and I drove the Argo to the cutover where we had lunch the day before as the wind was right and Joel liked the sign he had seen there. It was dark as we drove in. In Alberta at that time of the year it doesn't get light till close to 8:30 a.m. When we arrived at the cutover Joel climbed up on top of the Argo to glass. Right away he

said that he saw a moose in the cutover at about 200 yards, but it was too dark to tell what it was. Swinging his Vortex range finder/binoculars (Fury) to the right corner of the area, he quietly whispered, "There are two bulls in front of us about 100 yards out and to our right. One of them is a pretty good bull. Legal shooting isn't for ten minutes."

As I waited, I watched the two bulls push each other around. I was anxiously waiting for the opportunity to be able to shoot. With as many big game animals as I have shot, you'd think I wouldn't get nervous, but suddenly my right leg started to shake. I thought, here I am with an opportunity at a big bull and my leg's shaking. Joel continued to check his watch. Finally, I heard the words I was waiting for, "Go ahead and shoot. You are good to go." I lined up on the big bull with my Razor 3X15 Vortex scope. My 300 Weatherby barked and Joel yelled, "Hit him again!" I shot a second time and he yelled, "Hit him again!" As I fired the third shot, I could see the bull going down. That is a sight in itself.

I can't accurately tell you the emotion I was feeling both then and as I walked to the majestic bull. Joel and I were both so happy. Here we were, grown men,

jumping up and down and hugging each other. As I walked to the bull, I took a picture of him lying there before anyone that wasn't wild touched him. I could barely talk as I was so overcome with emotion. It was a special time for a guide and his hunter.

After we had taken some pictures, Joel took the Argo to get a cart for transporting the bull. This gave me some individual time to be there just with the bull. As I lay back against some brush with the sun beating down on my face, I thought about just how lucky I was to be there and how fortunate I was to have gotten this bull. Once Joel got back with the cart, then the critical thinking and I might say the physics of getting this big bull into the cart started. The winch on the Argo was a huge help. You can't begin to imagine just how big these animals are. Just holding the horns up while taking pictures was a huge effort.

Back at camp we took a few more pictures and hung the bull from a tractor for a few days to cool it off. Mike continued to hunt with Richard. They

family? You can count on it... the first opening that they have, we'll be there.

About the hunt: The cost of the hunt was a fraction of what an Alaskan moose hunt would cost. Their fee includes everything with all licenses and fees covered. Richard and Joel do everything to prepare your animal for the trip home. While we were there the weather was in the 20's most nights so our meat was more than frozen for our trip home. All meals are with the Deslauriers family in their home. We were able to shower daily, which is a real bonus. I have hunted bears, elk, moose and this fall I am hunting

ducks and geese with them. I would highly recommend them.

Alberta Bush Adventures offers hunts for: both spring and fall bear, elk, moose, waterfowl, whitetails, and wolf/coyote hunts. More information on these hunts can be found at: albertabushadventures.com. Their phone numbers are: home 780-324-2174, cell 780-523-8658 They may also be reached by mail: Alberta Bush Adventures, Box 495, McLennan, Alberta, TOH 210, Canada



saw moose (lots of cows and calves) pretty much every day except for the last one. Mike also saw three bulls but wasn't able to get a good shot at them.

Was our hunt a success... absolutely! Two good friends hunting together in Peace River Region of Alberta. I would have given anything for Mike to get a moose. I'd have let him shoot mine if he had been standing next to me. (Ironically, that when I shot mine there were two bulls standing there. The other bull stuck around for three minutes after I shot.) Richard worked extremely hard trying to get Mike a moose. Will Mike and I be back to hunt moose with the Deslauriers



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It's *Miller* Time

Bob Miller was ready to celebrate as his son Robert's son Bentley, 10, and daughter Trinity, 13, each killed boars at Scenic View Ranch in Monona, Iowa. Grandpa Bob owns

Miller's 608 Guns in Benton, Wisconsin. He said Trinity used a Browning .270 to make her 135-yard shot and Bentley shot his pig at 75 yards with a 350 Legend on an AR platform. Congrat-

ulations and a cold root beer for Trinity and Bentley, but dad and grandpa may choose something else to celebrate at the end of the hunt.



SCIF Uses TV

Following the lead of SCI Chapters in Wisconsin who have promoted hunting through TV shows in the region like Dan Small's "Deer Hunt Wisconsin," SCI Foundation is investing big money in another TV effort to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters. The SCIF Education investment also helps Hunters' Rights and complements the work of local chapters around the country who are using local TV celebrities in their states to promote the shooting sports. National HQ applauds Wisconsin Chapters for collaborating in Wisconsin with Dan Small and others.

On the national level, thanks to a grant from Hunter Legacy 100 Fund, SCI Foundation has produced America's Hunting Heritage: a complete classroom education package with television show, classroom lesson plans and video, free for any educator to use in their classroom. The education package explores the history of hunting in North America and the evolution of wildlife conservation, including how it's funded through regulated hunting and fishing.

The program follows wildlife biologists in the field as they investigate white-tailed deer and the American black bear, shows the importance of hunting throughout history, and explains how hunting helps pay for wildlife management.

- The television show aired in the Midwest on 22 television stations &

was watched by 260,000 viewers (with an estimated 49% under 18 years old).

- It is estimated that it will receive over 2 million views over the next 2 years.
- Phase II is now being produced from a \$30,000 grant from the SCI Life Hunter Advocacy Society ("LHAS") and an additional \$180,000 grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (that's hunter's money, taxes collected on ammunition and firearms supporting wildlife though conservation-based education and messaging).



Liz Herzmann engages youth at the DNR Explorium in Horicon.

- The national effort receives big money from state and federal government and other sources.

When producers of Into the Outdoors were formulating plans for the show to be proposed to SCIF, they sought and received help from SCI Life Member & Sables Life Member Mark LaBarbera, whose volunteer work and many contacts were a big help. Many of



Nolan Strang was filmed with his deer by Mark LaBarbera in Lafayette Co., Wisconsin.

the same faces that SCI members see on "Deer Hunt Wisconsin" TV shows and in the pages of SCI HUNTERS magazine, now also appear in the new national program.

For example, pictured here is young Nolan Strang of Shullsburg, Wisconsin, whose deer hunts have been featured on Dan Small's TV show. LaBarbera recommended the Strang family to Dan Bertalan of "Into The Outdoors" TV which helped SCIF capture this family's love of hunting and articulate conversations about hunting's role in conservation.

Also pictured here is Liz Herzmann who has been featured in the new SCIF project. If she looks familiar, it may be from her

appearances on "Deer Hunt Wisconsin" TV and media coverage of the Outdoor Heritage Education Center's big Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo that reaches about 3,000 students each year. She was also on the cover of HUNTERS magazine. Her wildlife activity learning station at MOHEE is one of the most popular destinations, along with archery, fishing, and the airgun range.

SCI members here who support local TV and video productions can be proud of chapter leadership that helps recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters, while educating the public about the positive role of hunters in conservation. SCI National continues to recognize the great work of Region 16 SCI chapters in Wisconsin and Illinois.

WWF Joins Badgerland & WI SCI On "Deer Hunt Wisconsin" TV

Viewers in Wisconsin and four neighboring states saw and heard Dan Small encourage them to join SCI and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation on 22 radio stations and TV as sponsors of "Deer Hunt Wisconsin." The award-winning annual television special aired multiple times on Bally Sports North in five states, plus Bally Sports Wisconsin. WWF's promo ran twice in each airing. Tune-in ads promoted sponsors like SCI and WWF in Outdoor News in three states, SCI HUNTERS magazine, and the Outdoor Sports Guide newspaper supplement delivering bonus publicity.

WWF Second Vice-President Connie Polzin met with Small and Mark LaBarbera in Eagle River after the Wisc. Outdoor Communicators Assoc.'s annual gathering. Like key SCI Chapter leaders, Polzin and other strategic-thinking officers, members, and affiliates recognize the value of having a trusted third-party endorsement and outdoor celebrity like Small telling others about their good work.

Normally, WWF would not spend money on media or sponsorships, but a third party grant specified that part of the money awarded to WWF would be spent with Dan Small Outdoors for radio and TV. WWF sponsored "Deer Hunt Wisconsin" and produced a WWF commercial wisely using Small on camera endorsing the Federation. It helped that he is a WWF member who has seen the continued growth and good work of the organization. WWF can use the 30-second commercial anywhere it wants, including sports shows, meetings, etc., forever without limitation. SCI leaders are considering having Small create a Safari Club ad in which he endorses SCI on camera

rather than use the national SCI commercials. Dan is a long-time SCI member who attends events and whole-heartedly endorses SCI. If SCI chapters here use Dan on-camera, the TV commercial could also be used on chapter websites, social media, and anywhere the sponsoring chapters could benefit from his trusted voice. SCI Life Member Mark LaBarbera would produce the commercials and already has plenty of footage from SCI activities, events, and advocacy in Wisconsin.

Polzin used Mark LaBarbera & Associates when she envisioned his footage being included in a great video project about who WWF is and what it does.

Small also included WWF and SCI's Badgerland and Wisconsin Chapters in the show credits aired also on Wisconsin PBS, PBS Milwaukee and community media stations across Wisconsin. The public TV version cannot include commercials, he explained. The show is also on YouTube without commercials.

"I love SCI," said Small, "and I hope other chapters will take advantage of

sponsorship opportunities for 2024 to help us promote SCI, midwestern hunting traditions, and conservation."

The production relies on support from many sponsors and underwriters who each contribute to getting Deer Hunt Wisconsin's positive hunting and conservation message to the public. In alphabetical order, they include:

- Airgun Sporting Association
- MEC Outdoors
- Outdoor Heritage Education Center
- Outdoor News
- SCI Badgerland Chapter
- SCI Wisconsin Chapter
- Serpent Arms
- Vortex Optics
- Whitetail Sanctuary Solutions
- Wildlife Research Center
- Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Wild Eagle Lodge in Eagle River is the Official Host Location of Deer Hunt Wisconsin. To see the commercial-free version online, go to YouTube.com and search Deer Hunt Wisconsin Director's Cut.



Many sponsors fully fund the national TV effort with state and federal government dollars and foundation money.

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WE ♥ MEC

by Mark LaBarbera

There's something special about friends who share our love of the shooting sports and who have experience you can trust. Mayville Engineering Company is one of those companies right here in our backyard.

MEC has been manufacturing shotshell reloaders under the MEC brand since 1955 in Mayville, Wisconsin, but they are much bigger and have greater reach than MEC Outdoors alone.

Founded in 1945, the parent company Mayville Engineering Company Inc. (NYSE: MEC) ("MEC"), is a leading U.S.-based contract manufacturer that provides a broad range of prototyping and tooling, production fabrication, coating, assembly, and aftermarket services. Their customers operate in diverse end markets, including heavy- and medium-duty

commercial vehicles, construction, power sports, agriculture, military, and other end markets.

We love the fact that they blend confidence, competence, and humility with other midwestern values, including a love of hunting and other shooting sports.

Sure, they are masters of process engineering and development services, and MEC maintains an extensive manufacturing infrastructure in 20 facilities

across seven states. These facilities make it possible to offer conventional and CNC stamping, shearing, fiber laser cutting, forming, drilling, tapping, grinding, tube bending, machining, welding, assembly, and logistic services. MEC also possesses a broad range of finishing capabilities including shot blasting, e-coating, powder coating, wet spray, and military grade chemical agent resistant coating (CARC) painting.

But they are also an employee-owned company that is highly involved and actively supports the communities in which their facilities are located, as well as the broader shooting sports community.

Employees use the acronym PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In Daily Excellence) as a way of creating outstanding value and support every day for customers. Investment in state-of-the-art technology and processes has allowed MEC to continue to grow in a complementary manner.

As they say, MEC provides "Experience You Can Trust," where people, processes and technology combine to provide outstanding value for customers. MEC excels at turnkey manufacturing and works closely with customers to design products and implement solutions so



that the manufacturing process features maximum consistency at the lowest total cost. To learn more about the parent company, see www.mecinc.com.

SCI members have seen the company grow and innovate, including its MEC Outdoors business that has added clay target machines and other gear to its shotshell and metallic reloader offerings.

SCI members and other avid shooting sports enthusiasts have a special affinity for MEC Outdoors and MEC's Shawn Wozniak, who have endeared themselves through consistent and long-standing support of initiatives that promote the shooting sports, youth teams, outdoor education, conservation, and safety training.

MEC Outdoors' years of sponsorship of "Deer Hunt Wisconsin" TV is a great example. SCI members, friends, and neighbors appreciate how MEC steps up each year to support the things that they hold near and dear. In return, it also builds loyalty to MEC products and the MEC brand. When local gun clubs are deciding which machines to install, and local clay target shooters and student athletes are choosing reloaders and supplies, they remember that MEC consistently supports them and their media friends.

As DHW TV Host and SCI Member Dan Small says, "We love our friends at MEC, the quality of their products, and their support of the shooting sports. I can't tell you how many times we have referred business to them as we speak to clubs, teams, and fellow SCI members who are considering what brand to buy."

Over the years, MEC has manufactured millions of shotshell reloaders from single stage to fully progressive units. MEC Clay Target Machines were introduced in 2013 and a few years later, in 2016, expanded to include the MEC Marksman metallic reloader and accessories. All MEC products are shipped throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Small said MEC level of quality is important, from the beginner trap shooter experiencing the feeling of what it is like to fire with a reloaded shell, or the professional sporting clays shooter having smooth and even target presentations thrown at every station. It helps that MEC's quality products are backed by the best customer service available.



He said that DHW TV viewers like the MEC Marksman, a single stage metallic reloader featuring a patented self-centering shell holder, ductile cast iron frame and ridiculously smooth ram. Small likes that it is 100% made in the USA and it is hand assembled at the MEC Outdoors shop in Mayville, plus it is compatible with all 7/8-14 and 1-1/4 -12 thread dies to change calibers quickly. Reload .22 Hornet to .416 Rigby all with one convenient machine.

Small likes the one-stop shopping at MEC for full Metallic line of reloading accessories and essentials, like powder measure, powder trickler, scale and calipers, plus case prep tools and components.

Recently, he discovered clay target machines equipped with the Smart Series Electrics that communicate with the users. With the push of a button, users can view the machine's life cycle target count, a resettable target counter, display the current battery level and view the machine status. The days of replacing relays, fuses, and breakers are in the past. All electronics in the SMART

Series are enclosed to keep out moisture, dust, and debris. The modules also have built in parameters to notify the user of any critical machine failures allowing the user to correct issues faster and return to normal functions. In the case of a board failure, the pod, which is covered under normal factory warranty, can easily be swapped out in a matter of minutes. The SMART Series electrics have been vigorously tested and are guaranteed to perform in extreme hot, cold, and wet environments. They are also capable of being retrofitted on preexisting MEC models, as well as compatible with several competitor's brand machines.

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Hunt Report:

Youth Duck Hunt 2023

by Loren Voss,
WI Turkey Commander

Why is the Wisconsin Turkey Commander writing about the Wisconsin 2023 Youth Duck Hunt? In my younger years, before I was bit by the wild turkey obsession, I had two Labrador Retrievers and did a fair amount of duck hunting. So, when my middle grandson Evan asked me to take him, this grandpa was elated. My grandson asked me because my son Nathan was in Wyoming elk hunting the hard way with his hunting partner. Nathan and his hunting partner put on as many as 10 miles a day chasing elk. Last year, my middle granddaughter Rosie asked to take her turkey hunting. When any one of my grandchildren wants to go hunting, I am a happy grandpa.

In my past years of duck hunting, I met a friend, Lee Graves, who has opened his land for 26 years and allowed any youth duck hunters to enjoy his land. Lee works long hours building blinds, erecting raised walkways through the marsh to the blinds putting decoys and retrieval boats at each blind, supplies ammunition if needed, has a trap thrower with birds for shooting practice, has food and candy, rents a Porta-Potty, and does everything he can to make sure youth duck hunters have a great time. A little story on the reason the Porta-Potty is rented - through the years with people hunting and no bathroom, nature makes it so hunters must expel the great food that is part of the hunt. Did you ever see a dog rolling in the grass? Do you know what they normally are rolling in? A Porta-Potty was a requirement.

Now to the actual hunt with my grandson. The Voss family has a cottage close to Lee's land. On Friday night I drove



down to Sun Prairie to pick up my grandson. My grandson's girlfriend was dancing at half time at his high school's football game. We had to see that before we left. She did an excellent job. We get to the cottage and set everything out to be ready for the next day. We get to bed at 11 p.m. We must be up at 4 a.m. to get ready to hunt. We get to Lee's land and Lee takes us out to the blind that Evan and I would be hunting. We walked on the path that Lee has cleared and put wood chips on for the six youth hunters he is hosting this year. Evan puts the decoys out. Grandpa, at 75 years old with a fake knee, no longer walks in the marsh grass.

We are in the blind waiting for shooting time. The season is open. We see nothing. About 15 minutes after opening a flock comes to land in our decoys. Bang, Bang, Bang! Three teal down. The flock circles back - Bang - another teal down. My grandson is shooting great! Dave, a gentleman that brought his lab to retrieve ducks for youth, picks up one duck Evan could not reach. In fast action we have four teal. The bag limit is six ducks. After a little while a single comes in. Bang, Bang - another teal duck is down. Evan now has five teal ducks and one more bird and he will have his limit. We wait and wait. It is pretty slow, and we are not seeing much.

We see six ducks fly by the blind to our right. They are coming our way. They try to land in our decoys.

Bang, Bang, Bang! We watch the flock fly away and one bird drops a long way out. Evan has his limit of ducks! The duck is extremely far out in the pond and for safety we call Dave again to retrieve the duck. I told Evan we must watch out that the resident eagle does

not get our duck. Grandson says, "Yah, sure grandpa." Evan thinks it is one of grandpa's hunting tales. Dave comes over to retrieve the duck and just as he is getting in the canoe, one of the resident eagles flies over, swoops down, grabs the duck and flies away. Not the first time someone has lost a duck to the resident eagles. These eagles now have learned that after hearing a bunch of shooting they should go look for ducks.

It started to pour so we went back to camp. My son messages my grandson and says he wants a duck plucked so he can cook it. Evan tells me what his dad wants. I tell Evan I will show him how to do it. Evan not only does one, but two. A custom in camp is to breast the ducks we get and have duck breast cut up in pieces wrapped in bacon.

It stops raining so Evan wants to go out again. Evan is one duck short of his limit because of the eagle taking the last duck. Since I do special hunts and work with many great people in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, I checked to make sure that Evan could shoot one more duck that day. I texted a warden that has done a lot to help me out on special turkey hunts and now is a friend of mine. I explained what happened. His reply was GREAT. Not part of your limit, you made a reasonable effort to retrieve it but were unsuccessful. The eagle is in violation because it possesses a bird not tagged by the hunter and for larceny of game. Good story. LOVE IT! I messaged him back. Can you arrest a bald eagle? I know where this one lives.

We go out hunting and shortly after getting to the blind it pours and pours. The rain stops so we are going to tough



it out. Lee messages that we are going to eat early so come back to camp if we want to eat. Fantastic - I am REALLY wet and cold. We eat like kings. Pulled pork, deep fried potatoes, beans, venison stew and apple pie for dessert.

Back at the cottage, we hang our clothes to dry for the next morning. We get up at 4 a.m. again. We go out to the blind and put out the decoys again. Nothing flying. One duck did fly over the pond; it is a high shot but if Evan hits it, it will fall into open water. Bang! Nothing.

We pack up and head back to Sun Prairie. Evan's girlfriend's family is taking him to the Brewers baseball game. Must learn how to juggle girlfriend and hunting. I got back to Sun Prairie in time to see my youngest grandson Cam play soccer.

What a FANTASTIC weekend for grandpa. Thank You, Lord!



Scott Gunderson mentored grandson Tanner Jacobson, 11, from Waterford.

Should We Say, “Ta-Ta” to Tech?

by Mark LaBarbera

First it was an iPod, then an iPad, followed by an iPhone.

When daughter Rachel started hunting with me, I didn’t appreciate her bringing modern technology with her. Like many parents who try to replace their kid’s screen time with green time outdoors, I urged her to leave technology at home. Either she did not hear me because of the ear buds connected to her devices, or she just tuned me out.

At first, I said, “No iPod, iPad, or iPhone.” Eventually, I said, “iGive Up.”

I came to realize that smartphones afield are not dumb at all. When Rachel shot her first wild turkey in Wisconsin, she texted and emailed to friends and posted photos to social media. Before her big gobbler was cold, she shared her hunting adventure with her many contacts and the public. While her adrenaline was still lingering, she shared her enthusiasm and excitement using modern tech in real time. Forget the old days of having to wait to get back home to share your story. Friends, family, and others joined us virtually.

Even if I was slow to admit it, I quickly saw the value of high tech for engaging the next generation of shooting sports enthusiasts. Clearly, tech added to family participation as Rachel shared each father-daughter hunting and fishing adventure through the nearest cell tower, whether goofing around with Pringles while waterfowling on the Mississippi or bowhunting for alligators in Florida. And when we were far from any towers, she continued to savor the moments and

enjoy the experiences. She also continued capturing images and video footage to help her re-live and share them in the days and years ahead.

Years later, Rachel is still using the latest technology to share images of deer, bear, and other wildlife captured by the cellular trail camera I gave her for Christmas. Tech enables her to enjoy even those days when work and family keep her indoors. Tech helps remind her of what is waiting for us when we can step outside again.

And it reminds me and other parents to not say “Ta-Ta” to tech but to embrace it as another way to recruit and retain participation in traditional outdoor activities.



New Tech Historically Had Skeptics

by Mark LaBarbera

As hunters, anglers, and outdoor advocates we talk about returning to the basics. We have seen the wonder in the face of a child exploring nature, discovering a caterpillar, examining a feather with a

the hunting world has seen reactions to advancements in everything from crossbows and compounds, thermal and night vision scopes, cellular trail cameras and inline muzzleloaders, and more. I remember Jim Shockey and I hunting with Tony Knight and coming

approach of high touch and low tech. We continue to emphasize the tactile experience and use signs that say, “Please DO touch the animals” in these mobile education units that promote the hunter’s historic and ongoing role in conservation. But we have also come to realize that we need to add tech elements to connect and engage even more of the younger generation as we recruit them to traditional outdoor lifestyles.

Don’t be surprised if you see Touch of the Wild trailers blending low tech and high touch, adding QR codes to help people easily learn more using their smartphones. If it helps recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters and anglers, that’s good. We want to move them along the continuum toward becoming a more conservation-minded, environmentally literate citizenry, even if they don’t become license-buying hunters and anglers or members of the local target shooting club.

The tech acceptance pendulum swings both ways. Take for example trail cameras, both traditional and cellular. Some hunters shutter to think about new tech emerging with trailcams. They are legal in most states, but there are some restrictions on their use. For example, in Nevada and Arizona, trail cameras are banned for hunting purposes. In Montana, Utah, Kansas, New Hampshire and Alaska, the use of wireless or cellular cameras is prohibited during the hunting season.

New Hampshire added the first prohibition of trail cams in the eastern U.S. to its hunting regulations: “It is unlawful to use live-action game cameras while attempting to locate...or take any game animal...during the same calendar day while the season is open (cameras that send an electronic message or picture to a handheld device or computer when sensors are triggered by wildlife).”

That was in 2015, but it took until about 2022 for people to take notice after the Boone & Crockett Club updated to this statement on technology: “The use of any technology that delivers real-time location data (including photos) to target or guide a hunter to any species or animal in a



magnifying glass, or photographing a praying mantis with a smartphone. It’s easy to forget that even a magnifying glass at one time was considered high tech.

Historically, each new technological development has encountered both advocates and skeptics. In recent years,

home with one of Tony’s custom Knight Rifles Co. inline .50 cal that did not make my blackpowder friends very happy. Traditionalists were skeptical of the new technology.

At the Outdoor Heritage Education Center, we launched our Touch of the Wild trailers with a Sensory Safari

manner that elicits an immediate (real-time) response by the hunter is not permitted."

This article is not intended to debate the pros and cons of trail cameras or other technology, but it does share the following reminder about tech trends throughout history. Every generation has added advancements that were, in their time, not totally embraced by everyone.

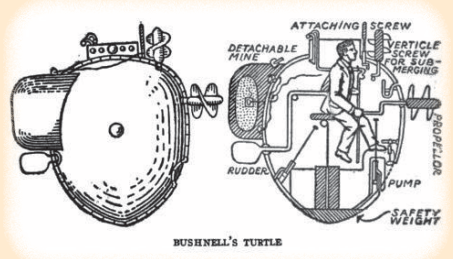
Using ChatGPT to explore historic tech trends between 1776 and 1800, here's what artificial intelligence shared.



Hottest Tech Trends of 1776 (ChatGPT Edition)

A little more than 247 years ago, our forefathers used the best technology available to inspire colonial proto-Americans to revolt against King George. At that time, the "best" technology available was the printing press and the "best" social network required the use of "word of mouth" in Public Houses. Grog was the lubricant that facilitated this communication and the rest, as they say, is history.

But while all this was going on, there were a bunch of entrepreneurs and a few startups that changed the world. In the 1770s, America was a relatively low tech, agrarian society, but as you can see from the list below, all that was about to change.

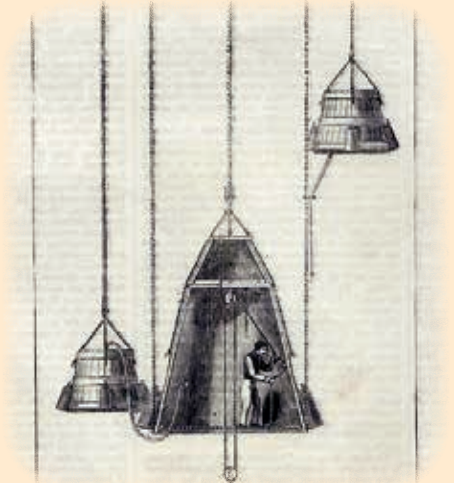


1. Underwater Warfare, The Submarine A ship called "The Turtle" was invented by David Bushnell to secretly attach explosives to the undersides of British ships without being

noticed. George Washington wasn't a fan of The Turtle (he thought it was "ungentlemanly"), but still okay'd its use – only to see it unsuccessful in its three attempts to destroy British ships. While "The Turtle" wasn't a success in and of itself, it was promising enough to lead to further research and development that would one day yield effective underwater vessels.

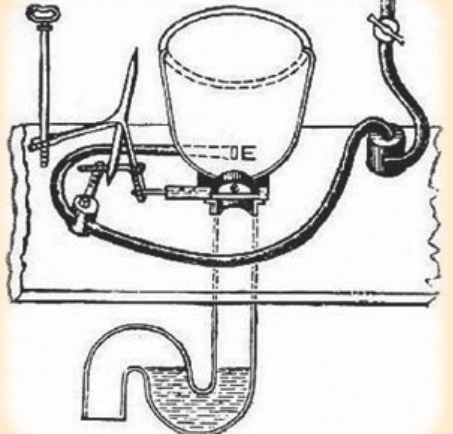


2. Telling Accurate Time, The Chronometer One major invention of the 18th century was the marine chronometer – a clock that was accurate enough to use as a portable time standard "to determine longitude by means of celestial navigation." Although the chronometer was first invented in 1737 by John Harrison, who spent more than 30 years of his life on its design, a few Europeans: Pierre Le Roy, Thomas Earnshaw and John Arnold brought it to market. In 1775, Arnold was working on improvements for the device, and took out his first patent for improvements to the device on December 30, 1775.



3. Underwater Exploration, Scuba Englishman Andrew Becker created a leather-covered diving suit, complete with a helmet that featured a window

and a series of tubes for breathing. Becker showed off his device in the River Thames in London, where he was able to breathe underwater for an hour. Around the same time, a French inventor named Fréminet had designed a compressed air reservoir as part of a breathing machine that dragged along behind a diver or mounted on his back. Becker and Fréminet's inventions were examples of the earliest scuba gear. At the same time, Charles Spalding (of Scotland) developed an improvement to the diving bell by adding a system of balance-weights to make raising and lowering the bell easier.



4. Indoor Plumbing, The Toilet The modern flush toilet was first proposed in 1596 by Sir John Harrington, but it never truly caught on. However, thanks to the Industrial Revolution, the flushable toilet began to emerge in the late 18th century. Alexander Cummings of Scotland invented the S-trap in 1775, which we still use in our toilets today. The S-trap uses standing water as a seal to prevent smelly air from escaping. Inventor Joseph Bramah (of England) used Cummings' design when he installed toilets. Bramah improved on Cummings' design by developing a slide valve with a hinged flap as part of a greater float valve system; Bramah's model (first patented in 1778) was the "first practical flush toilet" and was used for another 100 years or so.

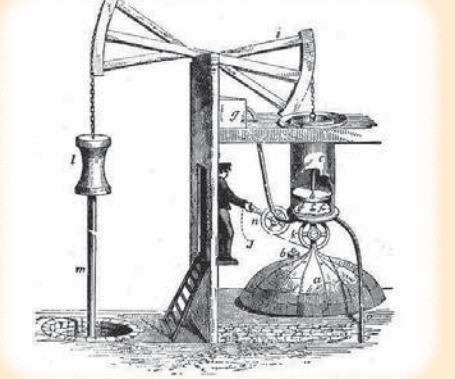
5. High Tech Major Appliances, The Kitchen Stove The Franklin stove, a metal-lined fireplace designed by Benjamin Franklin, was all the rage! Its original purpose was to heat a home during especially brutal New England winters. But the Franklin stove revolutionized home cooking because it allowed families to cook over an open



fire without dealing with the smoke that traditionally accompanied that process. Up until Franklin's inventions, most meat was cooked on a turnspit. Kitchens in the 18th century also saw a lot of improvements because of rolled sheet iron. Better utensils, fire grates, and the clockwork spit all became possible thanks to this "advanced" metalwork.



6. Electricity, The Lightning Rod Another one of Franklin's inventions from the same era would forever change the world of power and energy. In 1749, Franklin invented the lightning rod. Other scientists shared his theory about a link between electricity and lightning, but Franklin's invention allowed him to be the first to test his hypothesis. His invention saved thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of buildings. Back then, a lightning strike usually resulted in a conflagration.



7. Mechanical Motion, Steam Engines While mankind has used boiling water to produce mechanical

motion for thousands of years, the first steam engine wasn't patented until 1606. Thomas Newcomen designed the first commercially successful steam engine in the early 1700s, but it was relatively inefficient and used mainly for pumping water. In 1769, James Watt developed an improved version of Newcomen's engine by adding a separate condenser. Watt continued to work on his design over the next several years, ultimately improving it enough to turn it into a valuable device for manufacturing and helping advance the Industrial Revolution. There are some who believe that harnessing steam power was the single most impactful technological advancement in history – it allowed humans to multiply the power of their muscles by thousands of times. We are on the cusp of the next great

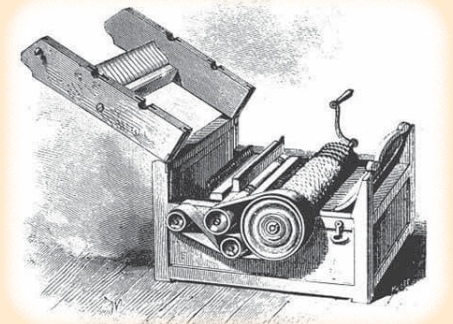
transition as we teach machines to multiply the power of our brains by millions or billions of times.



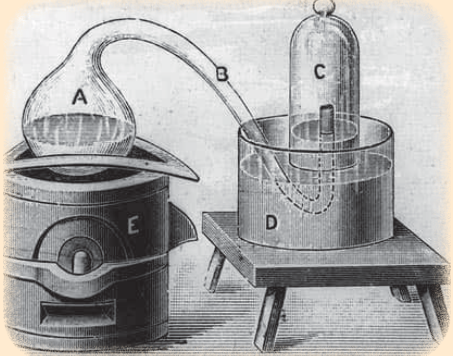
8. Multitasking, Revolving Bookstand Many of us think of multitasking as a recent trend, but at least one of our founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson, had a need to consume



information from multiple sources at “breakneck” speed. According to the Monticello Classroom, “as many as five books could be placed on this book-stand, which was probably made at Monticello according to Jefferson’s design.”



9. The Cotton Gin In the same realm as the spinning mule is the cotton gin, patented by Eli Whitney in 1794. The machine revolutionized the production of cotton by removing seeds from cotton fiber, and helped establish the “King Cotton” South and made cotton America’s #1 export. Unfortunately for Whitney, patent infringement issues netted him little money, though his inventing prowess later led him to a job making muskets for the U.S. government and has cemented him as a “pioneer of American manufacturing.”

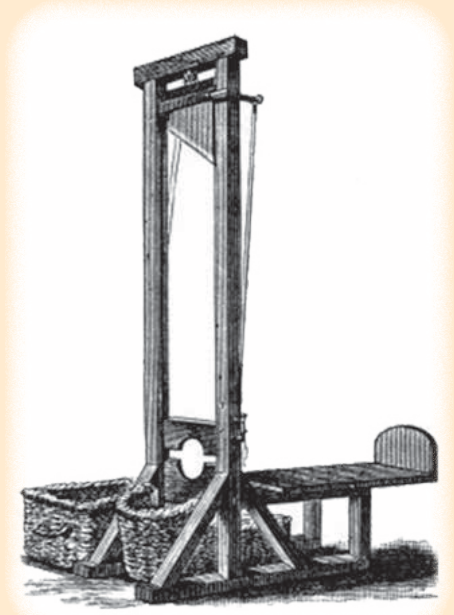


10. Bubbles! (in water), Soda Water In search of a remedy for upset stomachs, English chemist Joseph Priestley became the first person to artificially carbonate water at a Leeds brewery in 1767. He soon published a paper, “Impregnating Water with Fixed Air,” which detailed his process of dripping sulfuric acid into calcium carbonate, which created CO2 gas that was then infused into “agitated water,” thereby creating soda water. While Priestly didn’t popularize soda water — he’s best known for isolating oxygen in its

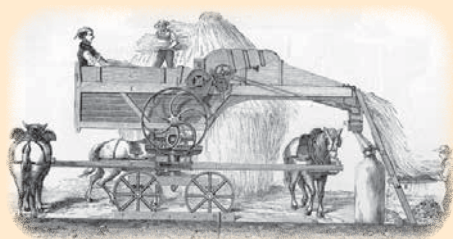
gaseous state — a German watchmaker named Johann Jacob Schweppe (yes, that Schweppe) would simplify and popularize Priestley’s idea a decade or so later.



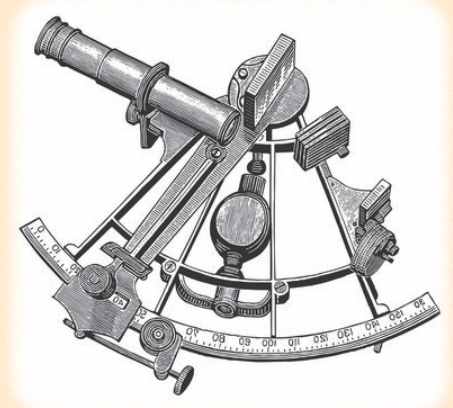
11. Hot Air Balloons, The Montgolfier brothers, Joseph-Michel and Jacques-Étienne, invented the hot air balloon in 1783. This was a significant advancement in the field of aviation and marked the beginning of manned flight.



12. The Guillotine Although it’s a grim invention, the guillotine, invented by Dr. Joseph-Ignace Guillotin in 1789, was a significant technological advancement in its time. It was designed to make capital punishment more humane and efficient.



13. The Threshing Machine Invented by Andrew Meikle in 1784, the threshing machine revolutionized agriculture by automating the process of separating grain from stalks and husks. This greatly increased efficiency in grain production.



14. The Sextant While the sextant was technically invented in the 16th century, it was refined and made more accurate in the 18th century. This tool was crucial for navigation at sea, allowing sailors to measure the angle between an astronomical object and the horizon.



15. The Modern Piano The piano was invented by Bartolomeo Cristofori in the early 18th century, but it was significantly improved upon throughout the 1700s. By the end of the century, the piano had largely taken the form we recognize today, with a range of over five octaves and the ability to play both soft and loud notes.

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Member Bill Vandertie had two great reasons to smile during recent hunting seasons. First, and most important to him, he shared this photo of his daughter Andrea's one-shot 2024 Wisconsin deer that Bill passed as it headed her way on the family's tree farm. Second, that's Bill with his Saskatchewan whitetail.

Share Your Photos

For future issues, we welcome your stories and/or photos from your successful hunts with family, friends, or on your own. Please email them to WiSCImag@peoplepc.com.



Advocating for Airguns

As hunting here with large bore airguns and air shotguns generates more publicity and questions, your friends and relatives may ask you and other SCI members about this technology. SCI lobbyist Dan Trawicki has been working with the Airgun Sporting Association and its lobbyist, as well as legislators to make these airguns legal during the firearms season for all game. This is not to be confused with the air bow.

When friends and family ask, you can start with something comparable, like these guns have the range and accuracy of the muzzleloaders from 30 years ago. Next you can share what

other states have learned from their years of allowing these guns. Take for example, Texas.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department had many discussions and did a lot of committee work to help push forward regulations in Texas to allow for hunting with airguns and other pneumatic technologies.

From those discussions, educational content was documented and clarified to help lawmakers and hunters understand airgun technologies at a much deeper level when applied to hunting applications no matter what state you are from. The following is snippet from an educational article they published.

AVOID LOSS OF GAME

Airguns function much differently than centerfire rifles or shotguns most hunters have traditionally used to hunt game birds and animals. Therefore, a hunter's understanding of the limitations of airguns is critical to minimize or avoid wounding loss when hunting and taking game. Before purchasing an airgun, a hunter should check the specifications to ensure they meet minimum caliber and muzzle velocity or muzzle energy requirements.

As with any legal method of take, knowing the limitations of your specific equipment is critical to reduce or avoid wounding loss. Hunters should



understand that although they may meet minimum standards to make them legal for hunting, different brands and models have different levels of ballistic performance and effectiveness. Other factors such as proficiency of the hunter using an airgun, distance to target, and type and weight of bullet used, all factor into the ability of that airgun to perform well in the field and deliver a lethal shot. Additionally, the amount of air charged in the reservoir on the airgun is diminished after each successive shot which changes ballistics and ultimately the effectiveness of the airgun in taking game. Hunters should be cognizant of the number of shots an airgun can produce on a fully charged tank before becoming ineffective at taking game.

EFFECTIVE RANGE & SHOT PLACEMENT

Although big game animals have been harvested with airguns at distances greater than 150 yards, the effective range is recommended to be 75 yards or closer. Beyond 75 yards, the ability of some models of airguns to be lethal becomes diminished, so it is critical for hunters to know the limitation of the model of airgun being used and practice with the equipment just like with any sporting arm.

Shot placement into vital organs (heart, lungs) is also critical since cause of death from airguns and arrow guns would be more similar to archery or historic muzzleloader equipment rather than that of a centerfire rifle. Similar to archery hunting, hunters taking animals with an airgun are encouraged to wait an hour before going to retrieve the deer or other game animals, allowing sufficient time for the animal to expire. Above all, hunters should strive to take ethical shots.

INTERVIEW ABOUT AIRGUN DEER HUNTING

Recently, we had the chance to talk with our good friend, Chris Turek from UpNorthAirGunner, who discussed the many factors you need to understand at a deeper level to be successful when hunting with a big bore airgun.

"A lot of us big bore airgunners that got into this sport bring with us years of hunting knowledge from the powder burner (firearm) world. Some of that

knowledge is applicable and some of it needs to be totally reconsidered when hunting with big bore airguns.

When I talk with first time big bore airgunners that want to get into deer hunting, I often ask them to totally forget what they know about hunting with firearms and think more like an archery hunter. This mindset starts the conversation to consider shot placement and range to the deer and how those factors become exponentially critical.

Currently available big bore airguns on the market today can vary in foot pounds of energy (FPE) from 175 FPE on the lower end to 700 FPE on the higher end of the spectrum. Even knowing the FPE rating for your gun, you need to understand the ballistic effects of the grain weight of your ammo. Your FPE rating will fluctuate based on the grain weight of the ammo you choose sometimes by over a 100 FPE within the same gun shooting very light ammo vs. very heavy ammo for the given caliber.

You also need to understand these FPE ratings manufacturers publish are recorded at the muzzle and not at the Point of Impact (POI) of the target. So, if you are hunting with a big bore airgun that reaches low 200s FPE at the muzzle, at 100 yards your projectile may

only be carrying around 150 FPE at the point of impact. Knowing this should have us airgunners take pause when considering longer range shots.

Furthermore, practicing with your airgun at 50-100 yards is critical to learn what your gun will do at the various ranges and velocities (air pressures) and differing ammo grain weights as the trajectory and Point of Impact (POI) will drop at 100 yards.

This last consideration is quite possibly the most important factor when it comes to hunting. Please understand the anatomy of the game you are hunting especially when it comes to larger game species like white-tailed deer. Understanding the specifics of the vital zone shot area of your game and how to choose your shot placement is critical. With big bore airguns you need to avoid bone as much as possible. You want to make sure your shot doesn't just get to the vitals – but will actually pass through the vitals of the deer for the most effective shot. Also understand the angle at which you are taking your shot. A broadside shot angle is going to have a different penetration characteristic vs. a shot on a deer quartering away or towards you.

I also talk with a lot of powder burner firearm hunters, and they swear by the

high shoulder bone shot for deer. Unless you are shooting a highly modified airgun that can shoot 700-1000 FPE and at closer ranges, this shot is highly discouraged with big bore airguns and again, you should really be avoiding the larger bones on a deer. You really want to be aiming for the middle to rear parts of the vitals zone (heart and lungs) for a more effective shot with a big bore airgun.

Another aspect to consider with big bore airgun hunting is this... Unlike paper targets, deer have this really bad habit of not sitting still when you are getting ready to squeeze that trigger.

Knowing your predetermined primary shooting lanes from your hunting position is always great and having the various yardages visually pre-marked out is a great strategy, but deer also have a bad habit of being "woods ninjas" and showing themselves nowhere near your scouted shooting locations.

To learn more about this and other airgun facts, visit www.airgunsporting.org.



Casey Family Freezer is Full

Connor Casey shot his first buck while sitting with grandpa Kevin Casey, while Connor's younger brother Colton killed a doe nearby while being mentored by his dad Chris Casey. Later in the season, Kevin shot a doe with the muzzleloader while sitting with other son Sean. Kevin Casey practices +One by inviting others when he hunts.



Dennis Carpenter shot a buck on Kevin Casey's Lafayette County land.





Gun of a Son

by Todd Carl

During the most recent Wisconsin deer season, we hunted on my wife's family farm that is now owned by her two brothers, Jay and Steve Esser. The farm has been in their family for 150 years and, over time, it has been interesting to pattern the deer there. It has become a family tradition. But we have also learned to expect the unexpected when it comes to white-tailed deer.

Brycen (now 16) and I hunted on the south ridge of the farm. It is the same ridge that Brycen shot his 209-inch buck three years ago when he was 12. Our plan was to split up this year and each hunt different spots. He decided at the last minute that we should hunt together once again this year, continuing the tradition that I, too, cherish.

The first deer we saw that morning was a good buck coming across the ridge. It was only 7:15 am.

Brycen no longer needs coaching. He is already capable of carrying on the tradition and teach others how to hunt safely and successfully for even the most elusive Driftless Area whitetails.

He was using the same Ruger M77 .270 that I scrimped and saved to buy when I was 14 years old.

Leading up to our hunt, I had given him the option between three guns to use since we had planned to sit alone this year. He picked the .270 that I handed down to him three years ago. It's part of the family tradition and comes with a lot of great memories and a few that we don't need to remember if we want people to think Dad never misses. I have taken many deer with that gun including my once in a lifetime caribou five years ago. So, for Brycen to pick my Ruger for this year's hunt, it had special meaning.

When he saw the buck on the ridge, Brycen didn't hesitate to bring up the .270 and focus on carefully aiming and controlling his breathing. He has learned to not focus on the antlers, which was not easy considering the huge 12-pointer carried an impressive rack.

Brycen steadied the gun and squeezed the trigger.

The deer dropped in its tracks. You can bet that I was proud of the hunter and person that he has become, and I found extra pleasure in knowing that Brycen and that old gun would continue to carry on the family tradition.

We could see the big buck was not going anywhere and, since it was still early, we decided to stay in our blind and continue to hunt.

About an hour later Brycen spotted a deer enter the woods below us but he didn't get a good look at it. A couple minutes later the deer stepped out



above us, and it was another good buck. It was walking in front of one of our cellular game cameras.

Thoughts raced through my mind like the adrenaline pumping through my body. Would the buck spook? Would it give me a shot?

Finally, the buck stopped.

I did what I had taught Brycen and his brother Mason to do so many times. Take a breath. Let it out slowly. Pick a spot. Focus on the vitals. Squeeze the trigger.

I shot and the deer dropped in his tracks also. It was that moment I looked at Brycen and asked him, "Did we just double up on two good bucks?" Brycen said, "I think so."

The excitement and emotions ran high. Realization sunk in that I just had yet another incredible hunt with my son. I feel extremely fortunate that I have had the opportunity to pass down my strong hunting heritage and also share moments like these that add to the family tradition and love of the outdoors.

But opening weekend was not over and there was more family tradition being built.

On Sunday evening of the opening weekend my niece Jaylee, 13, sat in the same blind Brycen and I were in Saturday morning and she shot a really nice 8-pointer. She was pretty excited to have also shot a great deer on the south ridge.

While looking forward to retirement in 2026 from being a Wisconsin State Trooper and being able to spend more time outdoors with family, I am also savoring every opportunity in the meantime to add to the family tradition. I will continue also to run my travel baseball program called the Tri County Posse. I love passing down things that I have learned throughout my pro baseball career to kids in our area through my baseball program. I even get pictures from my young players of the deer they have harvested. It brings a smile to my face every time I get a picture.

Like many SCI members who share your family traditions, I recognize how important it is to continue our outdoor heritage one child at a time.



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Two SCI members shopped at St. Croix Factory Store after a media tour.

Whitetail Sanctuary Solutions Tip:

During off-season consider becoming a mentor

by Michael Murphy

Another deer season has passed and hopefully you or the person you were mentoring was successful! I have been whitetail deer hunting for 47 years and have had some excellent mentors in my life. I still enjoy harvesting a trophy buck, but what gives me even more enjoyment is seeing the people I have mentored succeed! To me, seeing the enjoyment, excitement, and pride coming from them as you snap a picture with their Trophy Buck is priceless! I have mentored my son and nephew and they both have become excellent hunters. I also mentor many clients each year as well as teach them not only hunting tactics to harvest mature bucks, but also how to improve their land. So, they are attracting and retaining trophy bucks on their property.

I would like to share a story of one of my client's sons. I walked his dad's property he recently purchased a couple of years ago in Richland County and did a Property Design Plan for him to improve his property to attract and retain trophy bucks.

I designed a very detailed Property Design Plan for his dad involving:

Tree planting including quick growing hybrid oaks, red cedars – bucks love to use these for rubs, and hybrid apple trees that are disease resistant and cold tolerant.

- Food plot locations with what, when and where to plant them.
- Very cost-effective new water sources.
- New stand and trail locations accounting for wind, and possible thermals.
- Planting switch grass to screen trails to the stands.
- Planting a white pine grove for thermal protection in the appropriate area to protect deer from the severe winter storms.
- Identifying two areas that are for sanctuaries. These are areas you never walk into unless you are retrieving a downed deer.

- All of the above included prices, where to purchase at, and prioritized to gain the quickest benefit to improving the property for attracting and retaining trophy bucks.
- Reviewed the many hand-outs including everything from creating new bedding, food plot design, hunting tactics for harvesting mature bucks, and tips for building your own whitetail sanctuary.

Well, his dad has done a great job following the plan and improving his property. He also is a very good mentor to his son. Shown are pictures of two bucks his son shot in 2023. The first one with a bow and the second one gun hunting. Pretty incredible for someone not out of high school yet!

During this hunting off-season think about who you could mentor so you can bring them to the enjoyment of hunting and put a big smile on their face!

I would be happy to provide an individualized plan of your property to

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