

# FRONT SIGHT

**SCI**  
FIRST FOR HUNTERS

Mid-Michigan Chapter Safari Club International

Oct - Dec 2011, Issue 16



Picture from Cindy Higgins  
Works in Progress at Redpine Whitetails  
Vanderbilt, Michigan

**Voted Best Overall Publication In Safari Club International**



# Jeff Chadd

Alaska Master Guide #125 \* Montana Guide #6792  
P.O. Box 5036 \* Forsyth, MT 59327 \* 970-901-7584  
[www.majesticmountainoutfitters.com](http://www.majesticmountainoutfitters.com)  
[sheephunter@majesticmountainoutfitters.com](mailto:sheephunter@majesticmountainoutfitters.com)



27 years in the business and  
still giving you the  
*Experience of what a "Hunt"*  
*is meant to be!*



# D&L Custom House Broker



T: 847.690.0690

F: 847.690.0699

E: lisaj@dlchb.com

Laurad@dlchb.com



*It's no accident that we are able to produce  
such remarkable printing.*

**We work hard to make  
you look good.**

**PLEASANT**  
**graphics INC**  
**pqi**  
COMMERCIAL PRINTING & DESIGN

**ORDER ONLINE!**

**Check us out at**

**[www.pleasantgraphics.com](http://www.pleasantgraphics.com)**

**New Fast & Easy Way to  
Send Files & Place Orders**

**(989) 773-7777 • Fax (989) 773-0865**

**206 W. Michigan St. • Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**



EVERY TROPHY  
IS WORTH A THOUSAND MEMORIES



*3 Month Turnaround*

[WWW.THEWILDLIFEGALLERY.COM](http://WWW.THEWILDLIFEGALLERY.COM)

737 JACKSON ROAD, BLANCHARD, MI. 49310  
989-561-5369 | [TAXIDERMY@THEWILDLIFEGALLERY.COM](mailto:TAXIDERMY@THEWILDLIFEGALLERY.COM)



In This Issue - Oct 2011

- 2 Chapter Officers and Board Members
- 2 Meeting Schedule
- 3 Editor's Comments
- 3 Membership Application
- 4 Book Review by Josh Christensen,  
"Fair Chase in North America"  
by Craig Boddington
- 5 Partnering for the Isabella County  
Environmental Education Day  
by Mary Harter
- 6 Junior Archery at Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club  
by Kay Kleinert
- 7 Sportsmen Against Hunger Letter  
by Mike Strobe
- 8 New Zealand Hunting with Shane Quinn  
by Bill and (future) Diane Shelt
- 11 Conservation Affairs  
by Larry Witte
- 11 Trophy Records Competition Deadline  
by Joanne Witte
- 12 Veteran's Deer Hunt
- 13 Montana Mule Deer  
by Ransom Leppink
- 14 Majestic Mountain Mule Deer  
by Mary Harter
- 16 Hunting Ocellated Turkeys  
by Joanne Witte
- 20 Hunting in Mexico, 2011  
by Mary Harter
- 23 Gun Manufacturers Word Search
- 24 Redpine Whitetails, OMG (Oh, my God) Bucks  
by Mary Harter
- 27 Award Information  
by Joanne Witte
- 30 Hunting Australia with Jim and Debbie Dieckmann  
by Josh Christensen
- 34 Looking Ahead



Members of Mid-Michigan SCI or Isabella County Sportsman's Club may use the shooting range located at 2872 W. Millbrook Road just east of Winn Road. The lock combination is 4272 and changes yearly. Please carry membership identification on you when you visit the range.



## Standing Committees

Chairmen are listed first

**Chapter Trophy Awards** - Joanne Witte, Larry Witte, Tim Becker, Roger Card, Brad Eldred, Roger Froling, Don Harter, Larry Higgins, Scott Holmes, Mark Marlette, Joe Mulders, Bill Shelt, Art Street

**Conservation/Govt. Affairs** - Larry Witte, Joe Mulders, Tim Schafer

**Dispute Resolution** - Don Harter, Tim Hauck, Kevin Unger

**Matching Grants** - Kevin Unger, Scott Holmes

**Front Sight Publication** - Mary Harter

**Education** - Mike Strobe, Scott Holmes

**Membership** - Bill Shelt, Joe Mulders

**Nominating** - Don Harter, Kevin Unger, Joe Mulders

**Programs** - Roger Froling

**Special Events** - Kevin Unger, Tim Schafer

**Annual Awards Banquet/Fundraiser** - Tim Hauck, Don Harter, Mary Harter, Joe Mulders, Bill Shelt, Tim Schafer, Mike Strobe, Kevin Unger, Joanne Witte, Larry Witte

**Outfitter Donations** - Roger Froling, Tim Hauck, Kevin Unger

**Shooting Sports** - Tim Schafer, Kevin Unger

**Humanitarian Services** -

**Handicapped Youth Hunt** - Nan Riley

**Sportsmen Against Hunger** - Mike Strobe

**Veteran's Hunt** - Kevin Unger, Ben Benzing

**Public Relations** -

**The Front Sight** is the official publication of the Mid-Michigan Chapter of Safari Club International, keeping club members informed about local club activities, and encouraging and defining good sportsmanship. The Front Sight Magazine is published quarterly: January, April, July and October. Distribution 400+.

Check our own [www.midmichigansci.org](http://www.midmichigansci.org) website for copies of the Front Sight, listing of events, and fundraiser auction items.

Please support our sponsors! Call or write them for catalogs and information on their products and services. Make sure you tell them you saw their information in **The Front Sight**.





**PRESIDENT**  
Kevin Unger  
2247 N. School Rd.  
Weidman, MI 48893  
w 989 773-1711, c 989 560-7288  
kevinunger1@frontier.com

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
Don Harter  
1375 N. Cedar Point Drive  
Weidman, MI 48893  
h 989 644-2333, c 989 330-1065  
harter65@gmail.com

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Joe Mulders  
5700 Four Mile Road  
Bay City, MI 48706  
h 989 686-0118, c 989 450-8727  
jmulders@speednetllc.com

Roger Froling  
1000 Dildine  
Ionia, MI 48846-9584  
h 616 527-4622, c 616 291-0066  
rfroling@chartermi.net

David Gloss  
7590 S. Bailey Lake Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617  
h 989 386-2032, c 989 329-5583  
dave@gloss1.com

Larry Witte  
11219 Birch Park Drive  
Stanwood, MI 49346-7564  
h 231 796-4927  
c 231 250-5538  
witte1939@charter.net

**TREASURER**  
Scott Holmes  
3894 Hiawatha Meadows Drive  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
h 989 772-6081, c 989 560-1949  
scott@ljskitchens.com

**SECRETARY**  
Joanne Witte  
11219 Birch Park Drive  
Stanwood, MI 49346-7564  
h 231 796-4927, c 231 250-5528  
witte1939@charter.net

**EDITOR**  
Mary Harter  
1375 N. Cedar Point Drive  
Weidman, MI 48893  
h 989 644-2333, c 989 506-3577  
harter65@gmail.com

**FUNDRAISER CHAIR**  
Tim Hauck  
P. O. Box 329  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0329  
w 989 772-5494, c 989 330-2472  
timothyhauck@yahoo.com

## DIRECTORS

Tim Schafer  
1406 LaPearl Rd.  
Weidman, MI 48893  
h 989 644-3291, c 989 506-3516  
schaf1kr@cmich.edu

Mike Strobe  
1100 Bollman Drive  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
h 989 772-1863, c 989 506-1113  
mkstrobe@gmail.com

Bill Shelt  
1783 Kuhl Kort  
Essexville, MI 48732  
989 450-6248  
srpinto@aol.com

Randy Raymond  
9459 Pere Marquette  
Clare, MI 48617-9112  
h 989-465-1648

Jon J. Ziemann  
4410 N. Verity Road  
Sanford, MI 48657-9388  
h 989-687-9712  
w 989-636-6336  
jjziemann@tds.net

## SCI Mid-Michigan Chapter Meeting Schedule

\* SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| DATE                 | MEETING TYPE                   | TIME               | LOCATION                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| October 3, 2011      | Board only                     | 4:30 p.m.          | Comfort Inn             |
| November 7, 2011     | Board only                     | 4:30 p.m.          | Comfort Inn             |
| December 5, 2011     | Board only                     | 4:30 p.m.          | Comfort Inn             |
| January 6, 2012      | Board                          | 4:30 p.m.          | Comfort Inn             |
| "Big Buck Night"     | Membership                     | 5:00 p.m.          | Comfort Inn             |
| February 1 - 4, 2012 | SCI Convention                 | Las Vegas          | Mandalay Bay            |
| February 24, 2012    | Mid-Michigan<br>SCI Convention | 2 - 10:00 p.m.     | Soaring Eagle<br>Casino |
| February 25, 2012    | Mid-Michigan<br>SCI Convention | 10:00 a.m. - close | Soaring Eagle<br>Casino |

**Reservations required. Please call and leave  
a message at 989-944-5140**



*Members enjoying the  
SELL, SWAP, or  
TRADE opportunities at  
our June meeting*





Your President -  
Kevin Unger

## Editor's Comments



*Lisa and Tony LaPratt, Deer Management specialist and master deer hunter, and Kevin Unger and Caroline Wacker at the June meeting held at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant*

We recently attended the Tony LaPratt Whitetail Boot Camp held at his Habitat Research Center near Coldwater, Michigan. Besides Don and myself, Tim Schafer, Joe Mulders and his son and son-in-law attended from our chapter. Scott Holmes has attended in the past. We had two busy days jam-packed with great information and are more pumped than ever for our deer hunting season. We now view our hunting properties very differently and through Tony's instruction should be more successful. Good luck to all of you as you hit the woods.

Tim Hauck paid me a compliment recently telling me he had a "bone to pick with me". After viewing our show on Africa with Craig Boddington and Ivan Carter, "Botswana Bulls X 2", where both Don and I shoot elephants, Bonnie, who will be accompanying Tim on his upcoming African hunt, decided she should also hunt. I am so pleased that after viewing our hunt, someone else has been encouraged to do it.



Remember to donate any extra venison you might have. I recently talked to Genny Sobaski from the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen and they are serving over 100 meals per day, almost four times the number as this time last year.

Also, enter your score sheets with Joanne Witte by December 1.

Thanks so much,

*Mary J. Harter*

Mary Harter

## MID - MICHIGAN CHAPTER SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL MIDMICHIGANSCI.ORG APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for membership \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Fill out both mailing addresses as well as email. Please indicate by placing a X in the appropriate box where you would like to receive club correspondence.

If at all possible we would like to utilize your email address for this purpose. ☐

☐ HOME

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ BUSINESS

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP DUES (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

|      |         |                      |                  |            |
|------|---------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| 18 + | 1 Year  | \$ 65 National Dues  | \$ 20 Local Dues | = \$ 85    |
|      | 3 Years | \$ 150 National Dues | \$ 60 Local Dues | = \$ 210   |
|      | Life    | \$1500 National Dues | \$200 Local Dues | = \$ 1,700 |
|      | Over 60 | \$1250 National Dues | \$200 Local Dues | = \$ 1,450 |

Check/Cash attached \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bill my credit card: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON THE CARD \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



Mid-Michigan SCI

P.O. Box 486

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0486





# Book Review

by Josh Christensen

**TITLE:** FAIR CHASE IN NORTH AMERICA  
**AUTHOR:** Craig Boddington

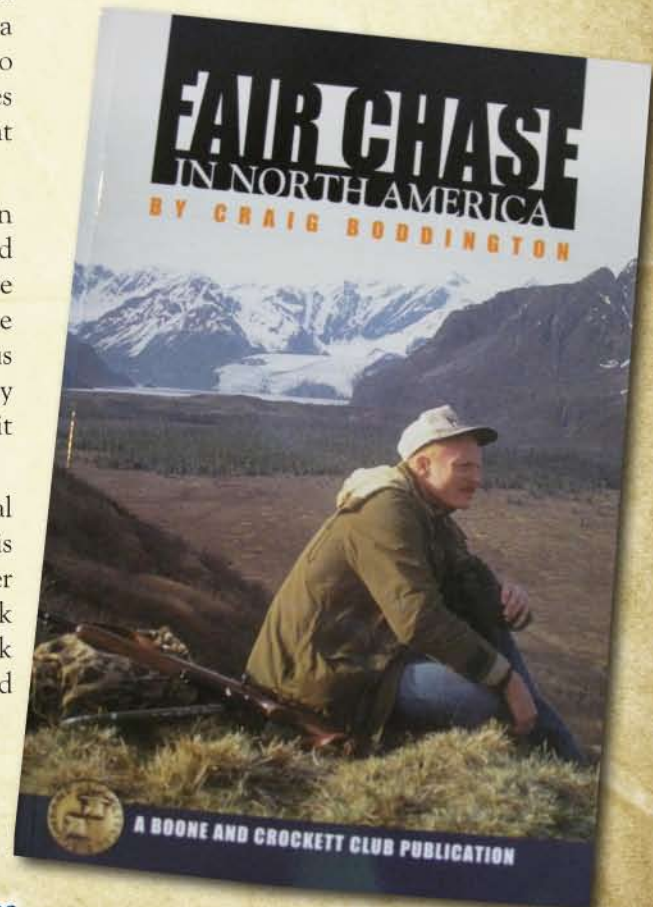
**PUBLISHER:** Boone and Crockett Club  
Copyright: 2004  
List Price: \$19.95

Fair Chase in North America, by Craig Boddington, isn't your ordinary hunting story book; rather it is a compilation of information about seventeen different species of North American animals. This book is something of an encyclopedia of North American game. Each of the seventeen chapters not only gives the reader a short hunting story but also goes into detail as to where each animal is found and in some cases gives suggestions as to where the best place to hunt that particular animal.

Through his writings Boddington does an excellent job of explaining the characteristics and traits of different animals. He also includes the history of many of these species, including the demise of the American bison and the tremendous rise of the ever present whitetail. Along the way he also explains why some animals are on a permit system, like the big horn sheep.

Boddington's attention to detail and personal insight throughout the book was enlightening. His chapter on "The Elusive Black Bear" (chapter eight) pushed me to want to partake in a black bear hunt. I wasn't sure I wanted to hunt black bear, but after reading this chapter I am excited about the idea.

Fair Chase in North America is information packed and enjoyable to read from the aspect that you not only get a hunting story in each chapter, but you gain valuable knowledge about the animals that roam our continent.



*This book gets 9 out of 10 bull's eyes*





## Partnering for the Isabella County Environmental Education Day

by Mary Harter

On May 20, our Mid-Michigan Chapter partnered with the Michigan Chapter to provide their Safari Club Sensory Safari Trailer for the Isabella County Environmental Education Day held at Chipp-A-Water Park in Mt. Pleasant. Third grade students throughout Isabella County were invited to the event where children learned about conservation, animals, and other nature related topics. This event will be held again on Friday, May 18, 2012, and we hope more area schools will participate.

Other representatives from the Isabella Conservation District, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Environmental Team, Isabella County Parks and Recreation, and Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation were among the participants in the annual event.

Stony Bing kept track of the number of people entering the trailer and shortly before the event was over he had counted 700.

Another partnering took place in Alma a couple of weeks later.

Our chapter sincerely appreciates the opportunities for children which were presented by Stony and Alma and the Michigan Chapter. Thanks so much.



Stony and Alma Bing of Grand Rapids who are the custodians of the Michigan Chapter's Sensory Safari Trailer



Smokey the Bear and his friend were also in attendance



Examining some animal pelts and an elk outside the trailer



On right: Mike Strobe, Don Harter, and Bill Brown who helped at the event.



DNR Officer Jeremy Payne with Scott Holmes, Kevin Unger and Don Harter



Examining some animal pelts and an elk inside the trailer



# Junior Archery

## at Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club

by Kay Kleinert

The Junior Archery program at the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's club started in the fall of 2009. To date we have trained over 100 students in Archery. We have eight members who are trained and certified to teach the National Archery in the Schools Program. We run the program from the start of school in the fall until the end of school in the spring, every Mon. from 3:30 to 5:30.

Our primary objective is safety as well as the eleven steps to archery success. These eleven steps will make even a good or experienced shooter a better shot. These eleven steps are stance, nock arrow, draw hand set, bow hand set, pre draw, draw, anchor, aim, shot set-up, release and follow thru/reflect.

We shoot at 80cm. bulls' eye targets from distance of 10 and 15 meters. At the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club we have kids as well as adults shooting in our program. The equipment we use is a Mathews Genesis bow with no sights and Easton aluminum arrows. The bows can be adjusted to fit most shooters. We also have games that we play such as a ping pong ball on a string that they shoot at from a distance of 10 yards. For every week that no one breaks the ping pong ball a dollar is added to the kitty, so you could win a little money if you shoot well.

The end of the year shoot for 2011 took place the end of May with 17 students. When the dust settled Devin Adair took first place followed closely by Andrew Cochran and Halie Stuhlman. There were only seven points separating first and third place shooters. After the shoot, trophies were awarded for the first three places. Everyone received a shirt with the archery logo of the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club and pizza and pop was enjoyed by all.

I would like to personally thank the Board of the HLSC as well as the instructors for all their time and effort in making this program available to students and adults of Roscommon County.



Students from the Houghton Lake Sportsmen's Club Junior Archery program. Mid-Michigan Safari Club International helps to sponsor this program and they send us their thanks.





Mid-Michigan SCI Members,

Please join us this hunting season in supporting our SCI Sportsman Against Hunger program. Shagana's Meat Processing in Clare has teamed up with us again this year by processing the first 25 deer donated to the program at half price, \$42.50. The SCI Sportsman Against Hunger program does have limited funds that would allow us to cover the cost of 15 deer. Anyone donating a deer is welcome to help out by covering some of the costs themselves. For example, you could cover the \$42.50 yourself or split the cost with us putting your cost at \$21.25. This generosity would help us stretch out our funds and reach our goal of 25 deer.

Remember both meat and money are a tax deduction. If you can't help cover any cost and want to donate a deer, we will cover the cost up to 15 deer.

Also, anyone cleaning out freezers for this year's hunting season can donate meat that has been processed in the last year. All meat you give to us will be donated to soup kitchens and pantries in our own community.

Shagana's is located at 11285 Schoolcrest Ave., Clare, Mi 48617. If you are coming from Mt. Pleasant, you will take 127 north to Clare exit 156. Continue north on McEwan until you see Witbeck's grocery store. Turn right on Schoolcrest Ave. and head east until it dead ends into expressway. Shagana's will be on your left.

If you have any trouble getting the deer there yourself, they can be dropped off to me, Mike Strobe, and I will make sure they get there. When you drop off your deer at Shagana's, specify that it is for the SCI Sportsman Against Hunger program and we will take care of everything from there. I am very passionate about this program and look forward to doing bigger and better things with the program.

For those of you located nearer to the Big Rapids area, you can take your deer in to Colin Kelly at Kelly's Deer Processing located at 19077 13 Mile Road who offers a 24-hour deer drop-off during the deer season. You can contact Colin at 231-796-5414 or colin@cks-place.com. He will process your deer for free under the Sportsman Against Hunger program and donate it himself to one of 25 different locations to which he donates. He is also the one that makes jerky from venison and sends it to our troops. You can check out his ad nearer the back of this magazine.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Strobe at 989-506-1113.

Thank you for your support and happy hunting,

Mike Strobe



# New Zealand Hunting

with Shane Quinn

by Bill and (Future) Diane Shelt

The hunting is not just the kill ! The squeeze of the trigger and the impact of the bullet is a small part of the total hunt. It's more about long walks on the beach and pina colada's in the rain.

First it's the research. The research of any hunt should be checking all your available resources. And SCI is a terrific place to start. This hunt for us started in Reno Jan. 2010 at the SCI National Fundraiser with a desire to hunt Red Stag, and with over 30 New Zealand outfitters to choose from. We settled on Shane Quinn's Alpine Hunting as our choice because personal references led us towards that decision. We were invited to his hospitality room and were very comfortable with Shane and his staff.

Second it's excitement and preparation. For us, we had 14 months to prepare. We made the decision to include in our trip several weeks in Australia as well as several weeks of touring New Zealand. So, our seven day hunt turned into 43 days of travel. The preparation also included thinking about the weapon to use and the optic's to select. In some cases I can remember having to buy a new gun with a new scope and selecting the right bullets. But in this case, all that was accomplished through renting a gun from Alpine Hunting. Our focus was then on the weight, warmth and protection of clothes instead.

Then it's the actual travel. On this trip we had 12 different flights not including the helicopter hunt! Pretty



Scoped photo of Red Stag

much everything worked like clockwork. Our hunt started Sunday, May 1, 2011, with David Blaney picking us up at Palmerston North airport in New Zealand. After a 2 hour drive we arrived at the Lodge. Everyone at the lodge immediately made us feel comfortable....almost like family. We were shown our wonderful accommodations. Shortly after that was cocktail hour followed by a wonderful, delicious dinner cooked by Joann. This meal and each successive meal she made were excellent. Diane even managed to get some recipes!

Monday morning we rose early and went out at daylight to tour the property with our guide, David, in his six wheel drive Ranger. What a fantastic piece of property with hills, cliffs, rivers and meadows. The animals were tremendous in size and abundance. What trophies!

Tuesday, after glassing Red Stag by the hours we had scoped one at 450 yards that looked quite impressive. We decided to take pictures through the spotting scope and from there we could blow the picture up and count all the points and analyze the trophies. About 10 a.m. after watching this Red Stag for about an hour, we thought it might be an animal we might want to stalk. But we decided to wait and go back to the ranch for coffee and a small bite to eat. About 1 p.m. Diane decided to ride out with us in the Ranger. Shortly after we left the ranch we spotted the same Red Stag we had watched before, laying down on a knoll with three other stag. We had a plan to take another look at it and see how close we could get. We drove the Ranger within about 300 yards, and glassed again. Yes, it was a great animal worth stalking. We drove the Ranger to within 130 yards and I set up a good line of fire with a steady rest and shooting sticks. One of the Red Stag got up and started walking off the knoll, behind some trees and down a small hill into a clearing. David said that if the stag I was interested in got up it would follow the same path. Sure enough, it did. David called out as the Red Stag



Bill and guide, David Blaney  
with Red Stag



was moving and it stopped, presenting an ideal cross shot at 130 yards. Using David's Remington 300 short mag I dropped the animal within 20 yards. Diane was so surprised as this was the first hunt she had ever been on! I think Diane's smile was bigger than mine after shooting a gold record Red Stag. After taking pictures with proud moments and dreams fulfilled, Shane was called on the radio and flew with his helicopter to retrieve my trophy and take it back to the lodge. Celebration that evening with a toast from Shane for all the trophies taken that day was a fine conclusion to our day.

The next animal I was interested in was a Fallow Deer. On Wednesday, David & I were hunting the ranch looking for a variety of animals to find the right match for me. We had climbed a large mountain and had a perfect viewpoint to watch other hunters activities. During that time, I had taken a walk and spotted a nice Fallow Deer laying in a protected area with a harem of does. A short while later, I walked back and told David. He asked me if I thought I would like to maneuver closer and out of the wind to have a better look. We did, with a terrific vantage point observed, counted points, looked at the coat to determine if this was the one. With it being everything I wanted, we set up in hopes it would present the perfect shot. While using the Remington 300 Ultra Mag, to scope and make the final decision the animal stood up. As it walked away it stopped, gave a shot opportunity and shortly after, I squeezed the trigger, it went 15 yards and dropped. Again, A dream fulfilled.

Day 4 David asked if Diane & I would like to have a picnic down at a small, private beach on the Rangitikei River. Of course, he said I could take a fishing pole as this was a world famous trout river. We jumped at the opportunity...Diane for the picnic and I for the fishing. Joann, our cook, prepared a very nice picnic lunch with sandwiches, cheese & crackers, deer salami and of course, a bottle of wine. What a great idea and location.



*Picnic at the River*



*Bill & Fallow Deer*

After several hours, David picked us up and on driving back to the lodge we spotted seven Arapawa Rams, of which Diane wanted one hanging on her wall. So again, we set up a steady rest and glassed at 110 yards to choose the right ram. After picking the right ram, all seven rams stood up and started going up the mountain. At that point, It was like a circus to find the ram we had chosen to take as they gathered together and kept switching positions. Finally, the one we were after separated and presented a shot.



*Bill & David Blaney with Arapawa Ram*

4 days, 3 great animals, lot's of beautiful scenery, and the company of wonderful people. What a great hunt!

The next part of the hunt was to include a flight to the South Island for hunting a Tahr and Chamois in the New Zealand Southern Alps. The weather was not cooperating giving us a lot of fog and rain. Diane & I had planned to tour the South Island in our vacation, so we left Shane's lodge on the North Island two days early. We would tour the South Island and wait for the weather to clear.





## Bill & Diane with Tahr and Helicopter

While staying in touch with Shane, the weather finally cleared and we were to start our hunt on Monday. We arrived at the lodge about 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 9th. The day was sunny and calm. Within two hours we had a pilot and a guide and an opportunity for the hunt to begin. Shane operates a five passenger helicopter on the South Island. Our group included our pilot, Brian Fedeson and our guide, Andrew Jackson along with Diane & I (in the back seat of the helicopter). We had detailed instructions of what to do during the hunt and helicopter ride. The mountains are steep and from 4000 to 6000 feet elevation, it's like a rainforest, wet and thick with vegetation. After 15 min. from take off at the lodge, we spotted a Tahr. Brian said it's a good one...we're going after it! We put one pad of the helicopter down for Andrew and I to get out carrying a Benelli shotgun with double 00 buck and a 30.06 rifle. The Tahr was 50 yards from me but I couldn't see it. It had run out of sight. Andrew was wearing a headset and had communication with Brian, our pilot and asked to be picked up. After getting back into the helicopter, minutes later, we spotted the Tahr again. Quickly, we landed, got out and Andrew handed me the shotgun. At 25 yards on the other side of the ravine, I spotted the Tahr. "Shoot,



Bill and guide, Andrew Jackson  
stalking Chamois

Shoot "Andrew yelled. I pumped two loads of double 00 buck into the Tahr. It was done. Another dream realized. We picked up the Tahr with a rope and flew it to high ground where we could land the helicopter for pictures. Brian stated that he thinks this Tahr is the largest one taken this season at 13 ½ " plus.

The next animal on our list was a chamois. We left the Tahr on the mountain top and started hunting for chamois. Through our headsets on the helicopter, Brian had told us to keep our eyes out for a chamois, and not five minutes later, I spotted what I thought was another Tahr and I told Brian. He maneuvered the helicopter to get a look and said it wasn't a Tahr but a Chamois and a trophy. So we got into range, put the helicopter down and stalked the Chamois. Brian took off and left Andrew & I to try to find a good shot at the elusive Chamois. Diane & Brian could see the Chamois from the helicopter, but Andrew & I could not. With the Benelli in my hand, the Chamois ran out from behind a large bolder, giving me a quartering away shot. I hit it at 25 yards. The gun jammed! I handed the shotgun to Andrew and got the rifle. Andrew looked at the shotgun, gave it back and I shot the Chamois two more times at 60 yards. Knowing the animal was hit hard, I then took the 30.06 and finished my final dream with the chamois at Shane Quinn's. Actual time of the hunt from lift off to landing was less than one hour! Hunting using the helicopter was one of the most exiting and memorable things I will ever experience!!!



## The end of a great day at Shane Quinn's Alpine Hunting !!!!

The excitement and the memories will go on forever. Diane & I would like to thank Shane Quinn and everyone at Alpine Hunting. His staff is excellent and with their attention to detail they made our hunting experience a great one. We heartily recommend and encourage all SCI members to consider their next hunt be at Shane Quinn's Alpine Hunting in New Zealand.



# CONSERVATION AFFAIRS

By Larry Witte

The SCI-Michigan Involvement Committee (SCI-MIC) is comprised of representatives of the 11 Michigan SCI Chapters. Pledges provided by Michigan SCI chapters along with matching grants from SCI Foundation enable SCI-MIC to participate with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to provide funding support for a number of important wildlife activities and research projects.

## DNR WILDLIFE PROJECTS

### Predator-Prey Project

The purpose of this continuing research project is to assess the role of predation on newborn white-tailed deer fawns to estimate their survival and determine the cause of predation.

During the winter of 2010-2011 wildlife biologists captured, collared, and implanted 30 does and placed GPS collars on additional predators. Forty seven fawns were collared this spring. The project study is now moving from the "low snowfall zone" into the "mid snowfall zone" of the UP in the Crystal Falls area.

The following are some of the highlights of data collection to date:

- Of the 230 deer captured during 3 winter trapping sessions, 100 pregnant adult and yearling does were radio-collared and implanted
- 139 fawns were captured and radio-collared during 3 spring fawning seasons.
- Fawn birth weights were very different during the first two years of the project. Low birth rates were observed following a moderately severe winter and higher fawn weights following a mild winter.
- 92 fawn mortalities were investigated. This includes radio-collared fawns and kills made

*by GPS collared animals. Evidence suggests that coyotes and bobcats are important predators of fawns.*

- As of March 2011 researchers handled 52 black bear, 6 bobcats, 23 coyotes and 7 wolves.

Project partners include SCI-MIC, SCIF, Mississippi State University, Michigan Tech and DNR Wildlife Division.

### WOLF POPULATION PROJECT

The purpose of this continuing project is to monitor wolf population growth and expansion in order to defend removal of the wolf from the endangered list and provide for state management.

The DNR is optimistic wolves will be removed from the federal endangered list by the end of the year. This will provide the state with "lethal" control involving livestock predation. Hunting is not an option as wolves will be designated "NONGAME PROTECTED" by the State. In 2010 58 cattle, 9 sheep and a guinea hen were killed in confirmed wolf attacks. Animal rights groups could sue again. It took action by Congress as a rider in a budget bill to bar court room challenges involving wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains.

The northern Lower Peninsula wolf family (mother and 3 cubs) has provided a surprise. Mom is a wolf but apparently Dad was not. DNR will be able to manage these populations if the cubs are truly hybrids.

Project partners include SCI-MIC, Michigan Tech and DNR Wildlife Division.

### MOOSE HUNTING

The Moose Hunting Advisory Council established by the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) will recommend establishing a moose hunting season in the Upper Penin-

sula. The Council has agreed to file a report with the NRC endorsing a season in which 10 bull moose could be harvested. The objective of the hunt would be to allow a minimal harvest that would not damage the herd and would raise funds for more moose research. The hunt could take place in late October or early November in parts of Marquette, Baraga and Iron Counties which have a combined moose population of approximately 430 animals. Licenses would be awarded by lottery and expected to cost \$100.00.

### HUNTER HERITAGE LEGISLATION

This legislation signed on the 20th of July by Governor Rick Snyder allows children younger than 10 to hunt some types of game in Michigan under the supervision of an adult mentor. A mentor must be at least 21 with a hunting license and past experience. This new legislation will allow parents to decide when their kids are ready to enjoy the hunting experience. It provides another avenue for kids to get active in the outdoors while learning safety, ethics, conservation principles and natural resources values. Family hunting is expected to support hunter recruitment and retention.

### VOLUNTEER LEGISLATION

This legislation signed by Governor Rick Snyder on June 28 authorizes the DNR to appoint willing volunteers to help further improve the value of Michigan's natural resources and their recreational opportunities. The legislation expands DNR's ability to form working partnerships involving activities like wildlife habitat improvement, deer check stations, fish stocking, stream bank restoration, and etc. It provides the mechanism for hunting and outdoor recreationists to help with activities which otherwise may be neglected due to the states funding problems.

## NOTICE TROPHY RECORDS COMPETITION

### DEADLINE FOR AWARDS SELECTION

The deadline for submitting score sheets to be included in this year's Hunter's Convention Awards Program is  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2011**

The period covered for the Awards is December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011.

Remember! You must be a member when you shot the animal to be eligible for a major award. Once you are a member any animal you harvested can be entered in the cumulative record book. Spouses must have their own local membership to enter animals in the competition.

The only exception to the above rule is that children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews (under age 18) of active members may enter animals in the awards competition without being members themselves.

Send your entries to

JOANNE WITTE, 11219 BIRCH PARK DRIVE, STANWOOD MI 49346

Phone: 231-796-4927





# Veteran's Deer Hunt

Last fall, Phil Jennings was invited to a Veteran's Deer Hunt held at Roger Card's, Card's Draw. Wendel filmed the hunt which Phil said was the best deer hunt of his life. Below are pictures they wanted to share.



Phil Jennings with his monster buck



Roger Card, Phil Jennings, and Wally Bontrager

Just wanted  
to let you know  
how very much  
your thoughtfulness  
was appreciated.

THIS WAS THE BEST DEER HUNT  
I'VE EVER WENT ON IN MY  
LIFE, I WAS GLAD TO SEE WENDEL  
THERE TOO, TO VIDEO TAPE.

THANKS SO MUCH  
FOR THE GREAT TIME.

Always  
Phil



# Montana Mule Deer

by Ransom Leppink

Mark Holdship and I traveled to the Flying X Ranch in Eastern Montana in late October 2011 to hunt mule deer and antelope with Jeff and Cindy Chadd of Majestic Mountain Outfitters. Neither of us had ever taken a mulie, nor had either of us ever hunted with the legendary Jeff Chadd. We were both anxious for our adventure to begin.

Mark won the coin toss, and was the first man up. Before noon on day one, Mark bagged his buck: a main-frame four by four with a 26 inch spread, matching splits, and several other sticker points. What a splendid animal. Mark mentioned that he was pleased that Jeff was guiding, as he passed up three bucks - any of which Mark would have been pleased to take.

In addition to a mule deer tag, I drew an antelope tag. After a day and a half of botched stalks and missed shots, I connected on a sweet "speedy goat". Later that same day, I took a nice four by four mulie buck. What a blast.

Jeff Chadd lived up to his reputation as an outstanding outfitter/guide. The Flying X Ranch is a wonderful slice of country. We are excited to hunt there again.

Mark Holdship and Jeff Chadd



Ransom Leppink's Antelope

Mule deer on the ridge



Mark Holdship's Montana mulie



Ransom Leppink's mule deer



Mule deer group at the Flying X Ranch



# Majestic Mountain Mule Deer

by Mary Harter

In late October of 2010, I flew to Billings, Montana where Don met me for a hunt out of Forsythe with Jeff Chadd. Don had been pheasant hunting with his brothers in South Dakota. Instead of driving home and then back out west again, we met up in Billings for a couple of days and then drove on to Forsythe.

Jeff picked us up at The Rail Inn (right across from a railroad), we stopped to pick up some processed antelope at the slaughterhouse, and drove out 10 to 15 miles to Jeff's cabins on the Flying X Ranch owned by the Vassau family. Jeff leases this 42,000 acre ranch plus 8,000 acres from a neighbor. We met the ranch owners and left our vehicle at their ranch house. Old Joe Vassau, the father of the cowboys working the ranch, had been a ranch hand himself on this ranch many years ago. When the previous owners died without heirs, Joe inherited the whole ranch and has taken wonderful care of it ever since. He had placed a monument on the highest point honoring his benefactors.



Mary Harter with her mulie

the island of Aruba. As a point of interest, before I began writing this story the notes for this article were washed in the pool at the Divi Links in Aruba. They must have needed laundering.

On this ranch you can just about drive forever. There were areas where Jeff had not been in years. This area was so diverse. Some areas looked like the Bad Lands and some resembled the Grand Canyon.

Jeff described several of the mule deer he has seen recently in the area that he thought were shooters. We saw several antelope, a coyote, and several nice mule deer.

When we arrived at Jeff's camp, we were greeted by Jeff's wife, Cyndi, and their son, Caleb. There was a main cabin with a kitchen and living room area with a wood burning stove, master bedroom, and a bathroom with a shower which was accessible from outside the cabin for all of us to use. There was an outhouse and three guests cabins. The camp electricity was from a generator so we were quite comfortable. We settled in and then went out for a drive. It was still early but the deer might start to move.

As we drove past a grove of pines near camp I could see a buck laying on the back side of one of the trees. I told Jeff and we backed up. Finally everyone could see him and he stood up and walked over the ridge behind him. Jeff said he was the 3 x 3 he had described earlier that was so wide, about 30 inches. We drove back to camp and told Cyndi and Caleb about the sighting and then were off to the other side of the ridge to see if we could find him again. We drove around trying to find him thinking that he wouldn't be too far as we really hadn't spooked him. He had just slowly walked off. We couldn't spot him so drove back to where we had originally spotted him and went right up the field to where he had lain and on to the ridge he went down and disappeared. We went down a little trail searching for him and came face to face with him standing about 30 yards away behind a downed



Don Harter with his mulie

As we drove through the ranch, Jeff described the different areas. Part of the ranch was used for cattle and they raised black Angus as real cowboys. They actually would round up the cattle using horses and brand the calves once a year. They had special corrals out in the fields for this purpose.

This area of Montana had received lots of rain and had good growing seasons for the grasses for several years. All of the animals, wild and domestic, looked very healthy.

The land Jeff had leased for the past 17 years was about 12 by 20 miles which we figured was about twice the size of





Vassau Cowboys

tree. He thought he was hidden and just stood and stared at us. Don said to shoot him in the white which was his chest, and I did. As I quickly racked in a second shell, I could see him spin a little and go down, a "DRT", dead right there. We all hurried to him and he was down for the count.

Jeff wanted some good skyline pictures because it was still daylight so went to the pickup, drove back to camp and got Caleb, and came back so they both could drag him uphill for great pictures. He was 30 inches wide and his G-1s were 16 inches. His neck measured 34 inches and he was in the beginning of rut. The glands on his back legs were very musky. He was a great buck. After skinning him and then eating dinner, Caleb and Jeff took him in town to be processed.

The next morning after a great night's sleep, we were up when the generator started and soon in for coffee, a delicious breakfast, and out hunting. It had rained a couple of hours during the night and the wind was blowing. The rain had settled the dust. We saw several mule deer, two herds of antelope and one of the 12 colonies of prairie dogs. Jeff does a few prairie dog hunts in the summer which sounded like a lot of fun.

We checked many areas but the deer had bedded early in the strong wind. We went back to camp.

There are beautiful rocks all over the ranch and Cyndi has boxes of the most beautiful she has collected over the years. Jeff says all rocks are "leaverites" which to him means "leave her right there". Don could sympathize with Jeff as I like to collect a rock or two or three from various places. If it isn't a rock, it might be an empty shell casing - the best kind.

We went back out for the afternoon and spotted three does and a nice buck about two miles away bedded down on the neighbor's 8,000 acres. We drove around some more but in the wind, everything was bedded down and not moving. Jeff decided we should take a better look at the buck we had seen.

We drove around to a hill in front of the hillside where the buck was last seen. Jeff checked and the buck was up walking. We crept up the hill and crouched behind some bushes to get the spotting scope on him and see where he was going. We were about 500 yards from him. Jeff said he

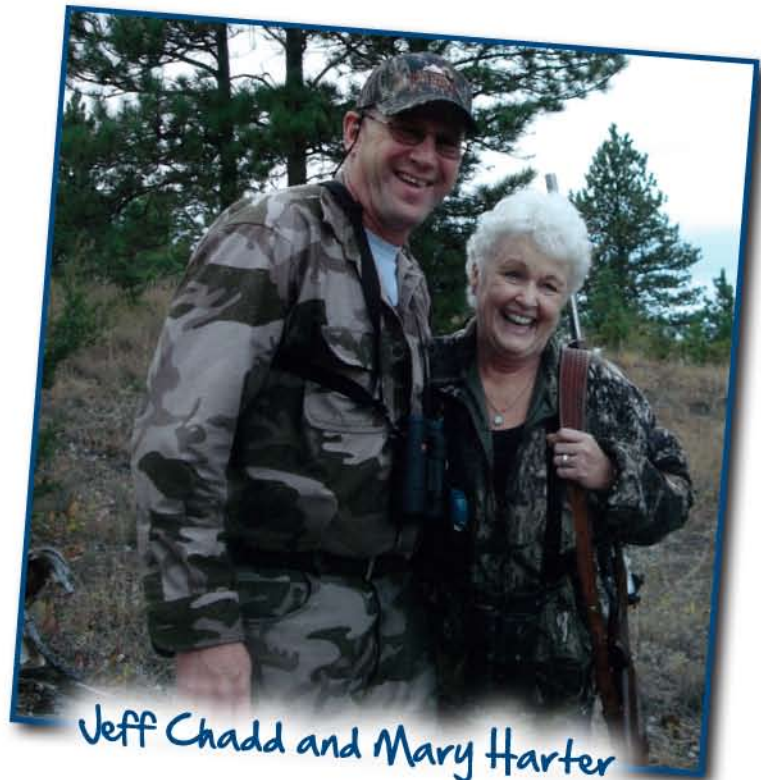
was a nice 4 x 4 about 26 inches wide so they decided to go after him. The buck walked across the hillside just grazing, beat a few bushes with his antlers, peed on his back legs a couple of times, and then started eating white thistles. Don and Jeff walked down and around the hill and crept closer. At about 160 yards Don shot. The buck fell in some bushes and was down. The buck was huge bodied with lots of fat and the antlers had no ground shrinkage.

We celebrated that night with black angus steaks raised on the ranch. Cyndi is a wonderful cook and hostess. Everything in their camp is top notch.

On our way out the next morning we met up with some of the Vassau cowboys. Some were on horseback and some were in a pickup hauling a horse trailer. They looked like cowboys with chaps and spurs and bright silk scarves around their necks. Randy, one of the workers, was an ex Green Beret. Talking to them and seeing them working the ranch was a real treat.

If you are interested in huge mule deer, antelope, or prairie dogs, just give Jeff or Cyndi a call. They are well advertised in this magazine and are great contributors to Mid-Michigan Safari Club International.

As you read this, Jeff and Cyndi's son, Caleb, is in the Marines. The hunters among us are often the ones that defend us the best. Please keep him and all of our military in your prayers.



Jeff Chadd and Mary Harter



# Hunting Ocellated Turkeys

By Joanne Witte

From April 24 to 28, 2011, Larry and I and Don and Mary Harter hunted Ocellated Turkeys with Jorge "George" Sansores in Carlos Cana Cruz, Mexico. We had a great time and all got our turkeys.

Our trip began with a crisis at home. About 11:00PM the night before we left, we experienced a "brown out" in electrical power. Larry unplugged freezers, TVs, and the computer in case we had a power surge if full power was restored. Because the power was not fully off, our generator did not start. About midnight we heard it kick on. Neither of us slept that night due to worries about what we would do if the power was still off when we had to leave. The generator ran until 6:00AM at which time we had power for about 2 minutes. Then it went off and the generator took over again. We did not want to leave the house for over a week without knowing what was going to happen. After several calls to Consumers, the power was restored and we plugged in everything and left for Grand Rapids.

We arrived in Merida, Mexico, via Grand Rapids MI and Houston TX, on time and with all of our luggage. Luckily we did not have to take firearms. At the airport we met Wendell and Connie Crowe from Georgia who hunted with us. By the time we reached the Holiday Inn it was almost 10:30PM and we were too tired to do anything but go to bed. It was very hot and we couldn't figure out how to work the air conditioning so we called maintenance. They showed how to put the key card in a slot to turn on the air conditioning.



Joanne's guide, Pedro, with her deer



Joanne's turkey

The next morning, Easter Sunday, we had a very good breakfast at the hotel buffet and then walked across the street to Walmart where we bought ice chests to transport our turkeys back to the states. I also bought shower thongs, and slippers. For the first time ever, I was without my favorite leather soled hunting slippers. I had forgotten them. We wanted to buy liquor but it was Sunday so no liquor sales were allowed.

About 10:00AM Victor Rubio picked us up for the 3 hour drive to the hunting lodge in the state of Campeche. The owner of the camp is George Sansores. He has been hunting these turkeys for over 30 years and is very knowledgeable. He also spoke very good English. His brother operates a fishing camp in the town of Campeche.

After a delicious lunch and a rest we each chose one of George's shotguns and met our guides. George gave us each 7 shotgun shells (12 gauge 2 3/4 inch with #2 shot). If we used more than that we had to buy them from him and he warned us that they were very expensive.

Larry and I, our two guides and one driver traveled in one vehicle. My guide was Pedro and Larry's guide was Aurelio. Our driver was Jorge (not to be confused with the owner).





*Joanne and her Brocket deer*

They are small too—about 10 to 12 pounds—so we were supposed to shoot them in the body.

Larry saw several birds but none were close enough for him to get a shot.

The next morning was exciting for me! The previous night Jorge, our driver, spotted a good bird on the roost. It was decided that I should try to shoot it out of the tree this morning (Tues. April 26). It is common practice with these birds to shoot them off the roost. This is not only uncommon but also illegal in Michigan.

It was still dark when Jorge, Pedro, and I crept along the edge of a huge field to the spot Jorge had marked. They took what seemed like forever to me to find the bird. I heard lots of whispering and saw lots of pointing while

they tried to figure out exactly where the bird was. Pedro set up the chair for me. By now it was about 5:45AM. We had to wait until it was light enough to see both the bird and the sights on the gun. I was very nervous. I did not want to miss the bird.

I struggled to find the bird in the tree. Finally I decided it must be that black lump on the branch about 10 feet back in the woods. From then on I toggled between my binoculars and the gun to make sure I didn't lose sight of the bird. Occasionally the lump moved and at one point I made out a head. After what seemed like forever, Pedro said, "Shoot"!

I shot and the bird flew. Oh no! After all that work, did I miss it? Ah, I hit it but I did not kill it. The three of us took off running across the field—probably over 400 yards. Now we were stalking a wounded turkey. Jorge went left and Pedro and I went right. After a few minutes Jorge motioned for us to come to him. He had spotted the bird in the woods. Pedro and I went in carefully and soon I saw a familiar black lump on the ground about 20 yards in front of us. I shot again and it fell over dead. Thank goodness! It weighed 10 pounds and the spurs were 1 13/16 and 1 14/16 long.

Two shots in that small bird made quite a mess of it. Pedro and Jorge carefully picked up the feathers that were lying around and gave them to me to put in my pocket. I realized they must mean for me to send the feathers to the taxidermist along with the skin of the bird.

It was barely light by now so we drove to another field to look for brocket deer. While in the truck we saw 2 javelina

That afternoon we went out "scouting" for turkeys. Larry and I saw birds but they would not come to the call and we did not hear any "singing". We hunted huge fields farmed by Mennonites from blinds at the edge of the jungle with lots of brush in front of us. It seemed to us that shooting would be difficult because of the brush but the guides said to shoot through it. The guides were very attentive. They brought water for us and carried camp chairs for us to sit on.

When we got back to camp, Don had shot a bird. Our routine was to get up at 3:30AM. We had breakfast about 4:30AM (cereal, toast, fruit, coffee, fresh squeezed orange juice) and then dispersed. It took almost an hour to drop Pedro and me off at our field and then take Larry and Aurelio to theirs. We wanted to be in the blinds at first light before 5:30AM.

That first morning I spooked one bird trying to get my gun up and had another bird close enough to shoot but Pedro said it was too small. I am not very proficient with a shot gun and this was a new gun for me so I was apprehensive about my ability to shoot well with it.

We came in about 10:30AM for lunch and a siesta. It was HOT—over 100 degrees. When we lay down on the bed, the bedding, our clothes, our hair and our bodies were wet.

That afternoon I shot at a bird in a big flock but wasn't sure if it was the one Pedro wanted me to shoot so it is probably a good thing I missed. These birds do not have beards so it is almost impossible for us to figure out which is the male.



and 2 coati but we saw nothing while sitting in the blind. After a while Pedro said, "possible" and made walking motions with his fingers. I interpreted this to mean, "Let's go for a walk and maybe we will see a brocket deer". We saw two more javelina and a brocket deer but it melted into the brush when we tried to stalk it.

On the way to the truck we saw another brocket deer that disappeared into the brush.

When we got back to camp, Don had another turkey and Mary had one also. Connie was not having any luck seeing birds. Larry and Aurelio kept seeing the same birds but they still would not come close enough for a shot. We had two ceiling fans in our room but it was still HOT. At night it cooled down to the 90's. Needless to say we did not need any covers. There were no screens in the windows but the bugs did not bother us. George said he sprays regularly. The bugs that DID bother us were ticks. Larry and I had numerous bites and attached ticks. They were as small as the tip of a pencil. We even found ticks after we got back to the hotel in Merida. The Harters used Avon Skin So Soft Bug Guard plus SPF 30 sunscreen and did not get any tick bites. I also suffered from the heat. I drank an electrolyte replacement and lots of water.

Since the birds could not be called in Larry decided he would try to shoot one off the roost the next morning. That afternoon Pedro and I went back to the field where we had seen the brocket deer. I was hoping we would do that. It was frustrating not to be able to talk to Pedro about our plans because he spoke Spanish and I spoke English. In spite of the language barrier we communicated fairly well.

About 6:15 Pedro spotted a deer across the field. He motioned for me to follow him so we crept out of the woods and toward the deer. I was glad he did not want me to try to shoot the deer from the blind with all that brush in front of us. The deer was feeding and it had no idea we were there. When I got within about 30 yards I sat down, rested the gun on my knees and shot. It tipped over dead. There was #4 buck shot from the ears to the tail. Pedro was very impressed. (Pedro carried the buckshot for me to use on the deer.)

It was a wonderful deer. The horns measured 4 1/2 inches and the bases were 2 3/4 inches.

On the way back to pick up Larry I stalked and shot a coati but the fur was in such bad shape that the animal could not be saved. It was a great shot so I was very disappointed. Aurelio roosted a bird that evening for Larry to try to shoot the next morning.

The next morning I stayed in camp the AM. I was very tired and the heat was getting to me. Larry took a shot at that turkey on the roost but missed. He decided he needs his own shotgun with the thumbhole stock. Since he had his right wrist fused he has no flexibility and is not able to hold on to a standard firearm.

I went out in the PM and saw two turkeys at about 6:30PM and one seniorita brocket deer. It was so HOT my heart didn't stop pounding until about 6:30. I was not sure I would be able to stalk an animal if I wanted to. Aurelio roosted another bird for Larry to shoot the next morning. Thursday, April 28, was our last day! Larry and Connie went out in the AM and I stayed in camp. Both were trying to shoot birds off the roost. Pedro and I had roosted some birds in the field where I shot my brocket deer. Connie went to that field and Larry went to his field where Aurelio had roosted another bird. Before long, Connie came back and had her bird. I was on pins and needles, waiting for Larry, especially since they said they had heard Larry shoot around 6:00 AM. Finally about 9:30 Larry came back and he had his bird. It was a joke. Aurelio and Larry were disappointed. They continued to hunt hoping for a second and bigger bird. No such luck! We might go back for Larry to get an adult bird but if we do Larry will send George a thumbhole stock to put on one of his shotguns.

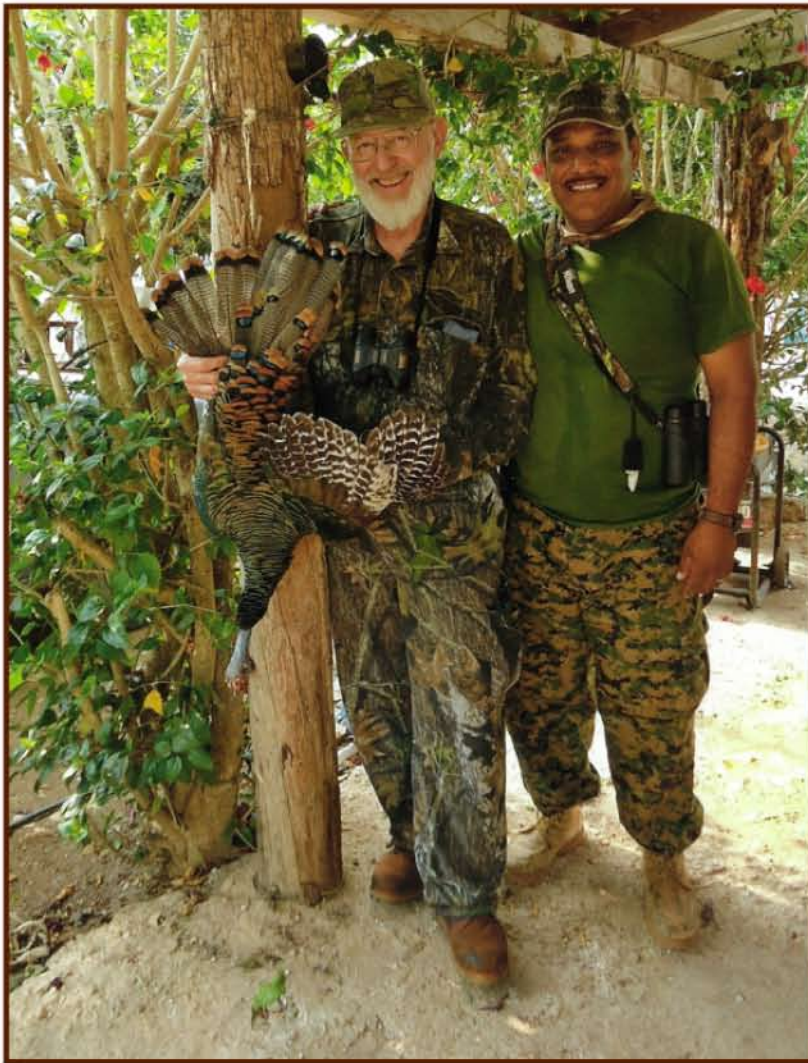
That afternoon we all stayed in camp and had good conversation and many laughs. From 5:00 to 7:00PM the heavens opened up and it poured rain. The yard flooded; water came in the lodge in all of our rooms; the rain thundered on the tin roof so loud we could not talk; the lights flickered but did not go out. We all congratulated ourselves that no one had to keep hunting.

On Friday Victor picked us up at 10:00AM and we headed back to Merida. After last night's rain it was steamy today. George orchestrated a rather elaborate tip ceremony where we all expressed our appreciation to the staff and said our goodbyes.

We had planned on visiting some Mayan ruins on the way back but everyone was too tired so we headed straight for the Holiday Inn. The Crowes had visited many Mayan ruins previously. It took some time to get the frozen turkey skins and brocket deer capes in the hotel freezer and figure out how to retrieve them when we left for the airport.

After lunch Mary and I did a little shopping at a mall across the street. We also went to Walmart where I bought a bottle of "brown" liquor, as Wendell said, for drinks before dinner that night. We hadn't had any brown liquor all week. After drinks we went to the ever present buffet but this time





*Larry and guide, Aurelio, with his turkey*

it was in a courtyard in front of the hotel. We ordered off the menu and the food was just OK. Don tried some green salsa. When we asked him how it was, he said it was terrible. Whereupon Wendell took a huge slurp and nearly choked to death. Don said, "I told you it was terrible". Not only was it spicy hot but it had an awful flavor. We saw that green sauce on trays put out for room service pickup. We joked about how no one liked the green salsa.

The Crows left early Saturday morning so we said our goodbyes to them after dinner and promised to keep in touch. On Saturday we toured Chichen Itza, a very large Mayan ruin. It was very interesting and Victor knew the whole story. Our next stop was at the water hole. It was absolutely gorgeous. It was a sinkhole in a limestone formation. Through a hole in the roof the sun shone down about 100 feet to a freshwater pool where people were swimming. The vegetation was beautiful. There were swallows nesting and bats sleeping. We could see fish swimming in the pool.

After that we went to a huge restaurant for yet another buffet. This one was quite good and we got to see some Mayan dancers.

Then we were off on the 2 hour ride back to the hotel during which we all slept or read.

That night we went to a restaurant across the street where we ordered off the menu and had a good dinner. Larry had a little trouble getting a lime for his Corona. He kept asking for a lime and the waitress kept saying Limon. Finally when the third employee came to interpret he said limon means lime. He got his lime.

On Sunday, May 1, Victor picked us up at the hotel and took us to the airport about 5:00AM and much to our surprise there was a huge line waiting to get boarding passes. We finally got through the line and through security and landed in Houston. We found a very nice Customs agent, Billy Sasser, and after one hour and fifteen minutes he had our paperwork done for the skins and capes. We had 7 days to get the correct paperwork back to them saying that our animals were properly disinfected and safe to be taxidermied. Due to the careful documents George had prepared we had no trouble. Wendell told us later that some hunters had their birds confiscated due to faulty paperwork the previous day when they flew home. We were back in Grand Rapids by 5:00PM and home a few hours later.

It was a great trip! We enjoyed hunting with Don and Mary very much.



*One meal was Stone Crabs*



# Hunting in Mexico, 2011

by Mary Harter

We left for Merida, Mexico which is located in the Yucatan Peninsula, on the day before Easter, April 23, with Larry and Joanne Witte. We were very excited to be hunting with the Witte's for the first time. After sharing so many hunting stories and seeing each others trophy rooms, we knew we would have a great time together.

After overnighting in Merida, we were met by our driver, Victor, who drove us to Campeche which is a state in the Yucatan Peninsula in Central America. Victor was a tour guide and told us a lot about the area and people as we rode along. The people are Mayan and distinguished by their short legs, and large heads and chests. They live in small, old towns with narrow streets. Many homes are oval or round and have thatched roofs which provide for better air circulation. Many of the homes had cement blocks up two to three feet and then



*Mito, Mary and Don Harter, and Marcus with our beautiful turkeys*

sticks up beyond that. You could see right through them. There were lots of rock fences. There were over 4,000 natural fresh water wells in the area. Some tree trunks were painted white with lime and water around the trunks to eliminate insects.

We arrived at the Snook Inn near Campeche and were met by Jorge L. Sansores and his son, Roberto. Roberto was our driver every day when we went hunting. Both Jorge and Roberto spoke good English which was a blessing as everyone else in camp spoke only Spanish. Our guides knew a few English words but I searched my brain for all of the "press 2 for Spanish" that I could remember. The Wittes had a Spanish dictionary which was helpful.

After a wonderful luncheon of sea trout, we met Marcus, Don's guide, and Mito, who was my guide, and picked out a shotgun to use. I chose a 12 gauge Remington 1100 Escort Magnum made in Turkey. We were given seven shells with #2 shot to use on the turkeys. We were told to use them wisely as additional shells would be very expensive.

We went out to hunt at 4:00 p.m. Mito took me to an area next to a field which had grown up with quite a few beans missed by the last harvest and many, many sand burrs. Mito carried camping chairs for us to sit on, my



*Mary with her Brocket deer*



gun, his backpack with water, his skinning tools, and a machete. He already had a spot made for us in the jungle and after minor adjustments we were set. We had hunted for only a short time when I heard a shot. I said, "Don" and Mito shook his head in agreement. I was on pins and needles waiting to see what he had harvested. At dark we left to meet up with Don and Markus and Don had a nice tom with spurs almost 2" long. These osellated turkeys don't have beards and are much smaller than ours. The colors are spectacular and they have turquoise and rust "eyes" on the ends of their tail feathers much like on a peacock. The blue heads have reddish-orange warts resembling kernels of corn sticking out all over. The males don't gobble but do a type of singing which attracts the females and this was their mating season. These turkeys are only found in Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize.

We had a great dinner featuring huge shrimp. Off to bed right after dinner with a 4:00 a.m. wake up call. You have to be sure to shut the door at night because chickens, dogs, or lambs could come in during the night and join us. During the day everything is left open. Jorge sprays regularly so there are few insects but Joanne and Larry had a lot of ticks which they must have picked up in the jungle. I had a couple on me one day but they came off easily.

The first morning we were up and out in the blinds by 5:00 a.m. We saw a cotamundi, peccary, and a little gray fox which came in to about three feet from me. We also saw humming birds, blue jays, swallows, and beautiful flowers. We went back to camp about 10:00 a.m.



*Don with his Brocket deer*



*Wendell and Connie Crowe, Larry and Joanne Witte, Mary and Don Harter in Mexico*

Lunch was mackerel which Jorge and Roberto had caught. After a siesta, we went back out at 4:00 p.m. and it was 98 degrees and muggy. We were very hot but we were hunting. We saw a cotamundi but no turkeys.

Early the second morning we sat on the edge of a soy bean field listening for a turkey. We heard one and went in after him through the jungle. You had to go either over, under, or around the vines as they didn't budge. We went over dead trees and under leaning limbs. Every time he squalked (singing they call it) we went in his direction. Finally, Mito could see him but I couldn't. Just as I finally found him, he flew. Well, that was the end of that stalk. Now back to the chairs and picking the sand burrs out of my pant legs.

We saw two more toms across the field and three hens while driving. We also saw a Brocket deer with a fawn. These little deer weigh about 40 pounds when mature. We also saw chachalaca which are large brown birds with red on their heads and resemble a long legged, long necked partridge.

When we picked up Don he had another turkey. While riding back to camp about 10:00 a.m. the two guides riding in the back seat saw a turkey down a trail next to a sorghum field. We stopped just beyond the trail where the turkey couldn't see us and Mito and I got out, loaded my gun, and were off. We stalked down the curving trail until we





## Out in the jungle at the edge of a field

could see him. I knelt down and rested my elbow on my knee and shot. Mito ran and tackled my flopping turkey which was about 40 yards away. The spurs measured 1 14/16".

When we returned to camp Joanne had been successful. She had shot her turkey out of the roost (which is legal in Mexico). It had flown about 200 yards and she had shot it again and secured it that time.

It was 102 degrees at 4:00 p.m. and muggy. When you try to sleep during the day (siesta) we perspire all over and our bedding gets damp. I kept turning and turning the pillow looking for a cool, dry spot.



The hunting staff with Jorge Sansores in front and son, Roberto, behind him

We went out for the evening hunt and saw a seniorita (doe) Brocket deer at about 60 yards and Don put several tom turkeys to bed. Another couple was hunting with us from Georgia, Wendell and Connie Crowe, and Connie was going out after these bedded turkeys the next morning and she got one,

The third morning, Don stalked a Brocket deer which he got. I saw a "shooter" earlier in the morning but clear across the field at about 200 yards. I needed my rifle. A seniorita and bambino Brocket deer came down the trail and came about two yards from us. We also saw an anteater. We learned that Larry had shot a turkey when we got back.

In the afternoon, Don went out with us. At about 5:00 p.m. I saw a Brocket buck and Mito and I went out and stalked him to about 35 yards. I shot him with the shotgun using #4 shot. He was still up so I shot him again. Don said he was dead after the first shot and I probably should have waited as the second shot caught the tip of one antler. We looked and looked for that little piece but couldn't find it. Anyway I had my deer.

The next morning we slept in. We took pictures and packed some of our hunting clothes. Roberto and I went to a nearby town to buy more beer. That afternoon it rained, poured, for two hours. We were glad we weren't out hunting. Rain came in the building we were staying in but the staff kept mopping it up. The next morning all of that rain had been absorbed in the dry ground and there were just a couple of puddles in the driveway. Victor picked us up and took us back to Merida and we arranged for him to meet us the next day for a tour.

Victor took us to Chichen Itza which are huge Mayan ruins. He was very knowledgeable telling us of the ceremonies that took place in the various areas. While we ate lunch, Mayan dancers entertained us. We also visited a water hole with a resort built around it. It was in limestone and the water was about 100 feet below ground level with steps down to it. It was cool underground and many were swimming in the cool water. This was a beautiful area.

We flew home the next day with three turkey skins and two Brocket deer capes in a cooler and got them easily through customs. Jorge had given us all of the necessary papers and the Wildlife Gallery takes care of the rest. What a great hunt!



# GUN MANUFACTURERS

C S G N C R S Y M Y M A L C O A R Y S A  
 W S R O T D E H F W S H B Y C O S R K L  
 A U L S Y L A G N I N W O R B R E N E K  
 L T M S B N O T G N I M E R U S E E M S  
 T K W E I H R A U C H T Y L U G R H T U  
 H M W W L H C R B H N E J A R R E T T C  
 E E A D B A R T O E T A M I T L U R C H  
 R E T N Z T U H C S N A L K Y T R B E U  
 S M R A N E S N E T S I R H C F E U T S  
 N P E H T L O O A E U I S T R N U R L G  
 A S R T E S I Y B R E H T A E W A A E T  
 F G E I P M Y C S G A M N L S T S L K B  
 A I P M N H A A H N Y C L I A S N E I S  
 U T O S T G V O D E H I E U L I A K M W  
 S H O W A A F R H I R U R S B R T R B O  
 T A C K G F E I R R L U G E R H A E E E  
 I C K E A L G R E B S S O M N A N M R D  
 K A Z O O D O S A L B E N N I A R A H G  
 K V E R O N A C L L D A L Y H A T G R N  
 A P T L N B G S K A O C L N R E L C S B

Anschutz  
 Baserri  
 Benelli  
 Beretta  
 Blaser  
 Browning  
 Christensen Arms  
 Colt  
 Cooper  
 CZ  
 Dakota  
 Daly  
 Daystate  
 Fausti  
 Franchi  
 Glock  
 H and R

Henry  
 Heym  
 Howa  
 Ithaca  
 Jarrett  
 Keltec  
 Kimber  
 Krieghoff  
 Luger  
 Mannlicher  
 Marlin  
 Mauser  
 Merkel  
 Mossberg  
 Remington  
 Rohm  
 Rossi

Ruger  
 Sako  
 Sauer  
 Savage  
 Smith and Wesson  
 Springfield  
 Steyr  
 Taurus  
 Thompson Center  
 Tikka  
 Ultimate  
 Walthers  
 Weatherby  
 Webley  
 Weihrauch  
 Winchester  
 Verona

The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.



# Redpine Whitetails, OMG (Oh, my God) Bucks

by Mary Harter

At the 2009 Chapter Fundraiser we purchased the donation made by Larry and Cindy Higgins, Redpine Whitetails, for a management whitetail buck hunt. Larry is a past president of our chapter and a vice president of our National organization. On October 8, 2010 we began our hunt. Their ranch is located east of Vanderbilt, Michigan and is 629 acres of beautiful hardwood ridges of oaks and maples plus huge pines.

The first evening Larry gave us a tour of his ranch in a 4-wheel drive Ranger. He has several insulated ground and tower blinds. We used the ground blinds the most because the bucks were interested in acorns and the ground blinds were situated nearer the oaks. The tower blinds overlooked fields of winter wheat and were surrounded by brilliant maple trees and others. We saw so many bucks that first evening that we lost count. We saw at least 35 large bucks at each outing.

Larry tries to keep his buck to doe ratio at about three bucks to one doe. He doesn't harvest anything unless it is at least five years old. We saw so many three year olds that were already 8 to 10 pointers in the 170 class that we started calling them just another small buck. These huge animals were in great shape. Their only danger is from fighting with each other.



Mary Harter with her Redpine Buck



On that first night I saw a monster buck that was five years old. He crossed the trail right in front of us and the temptation began. He was certainly an OMG buck.

We went back to the lodge for dinner and the evening. The main lodge is the original family log hunting cabin restored with modern conveniences. It was decorated with many old deer mounts and photos including one with Larry at 10 years old with his uncle.

We met Ernie who is their assistant and has been helping at the camp for 35 years. One of the guides was Mike, who is a state trooper out of Gaylord and guides for Larry on his days off.

The guest lodge has three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and two bathrooms beautifully decorated with many huge deer mounts, pictures of past hunters and their trophies, and other hunting decor. The kitchen was well stocked with everything we might need or like. The refrigerator had all sorts of milk, pop, juices, yogurt, and fruit plus there was coffee with almost every



flavor imaginable, tea, hot chocolate mix, cider mix, bagels, cereal, nuts, mints, etc.

The next morning we were up, ate our breakfast, and were in the blinds by 7 a.m. We went back to the lodge at 10 a.m. and then back out to hunt at 4 p.m. until dark. We were treated to an unbelievable parade of huge deer beginning at very first light when we just couldn't believe what we were seeing and this time with a gun in our hands.

We were busy deciding just what we wanted to take as the possibilities were endless. Larry likes the huge mainframes which he favors to breed to. Don and I were just overwhelmed by the choices but I decided I wanted a buck with "accessories" and couldn't get the buck I had seen the previous night out of my mind.

After drooling most of the morning, Don decided he wanted pretty much a huge mainframed buck and I wanted the huge buck I saw the first night.

That first evening I went out with Larry and Don went with Ernie. Don shot a 13 point buck that scored 174 3/8 and weighed 247 pounds. When Larry and I returned to camp, Don's deer was already hanging and Cindy had taken numerous pictures. I hadn't shot because my buck hadn't shown up.

Don and I went out with Larry the next morning and again drooled at the parade that presented themselves but my big buck didn't show.

Larry and I went out in the evening and again, the big boy didn't show.

Out the next morning to another spot where Larry had seen the big buck numerous times but he stood me up again.

Larry couldn't decide just where to go for the evening but finally decided we would sit in a pop-up blind on the edge of a wheat field where we had seen the big buck the first evening. The pop-up blind had been there for several days and the deer were used to it. We sat up early and settled in. The pop-up was small, enough room for just the two chairs. We had two windows to shoot from and a couple more peek holes. Larry could see areas I couldn't and I could see areas he couldn't so we were forever whispering to each other. Does and fawns came out first and enjoyed the fresh, green wheat. Smaller bucks followed and several challenged each other. They were beginning to rut. The fields were finally filling up with deer entering from every direction, but still we hadn't seen the big buck.



*Don Harter with his Redpine Buck - picture also in their brochure*

There certainly were huge bucks in front of us and many that were five years or older but I was holding out for my first choice, the buck we had seen that first evening. Larry was encouraging me that eventually we would see him even though Larry was beginning to wonder at this point.

Finally a large buck came into my view at the far end of this huge field. I gestured towards him and Larry looked and looked again. The buck looked a little different but so similar I was sure it was him. Larry glassed him carefully and was upset because some of his mass was missing. The buck gradually moved across the field, his dominance evident in every step.

The buck came by an island of trees in the middle of the field and Larry said to take him when I had a clear shot. I had moved my gun from the window in front of me to the one in front of Larry on the side. I had to get just right to see through the scope instead of the edge of the tent. I told Larry he would have to plug his ears before I shot as my gun was right across him. He did but said then he couldn't see. I said don't worry, he's dead, made sure Larry's hands were over his ears, and then pulled the trigger. I had had to make sure the buck was clear because so many other deer were around. Some does were almost touching our blind.





And of course, many praises to Cindy for the wonderful job she does to taking care of all of the logistics of the camp and the wonderful meals she prepares and care she takes to make us very welcome and comfortable. Check out a couple of her recipes in the January Front Sight, Issue 13. She is a wonderful addition to the camp and even took our meat to be processed and met me halfway to receive it when it was done. We are still enjoying this wonderful hunt.



Larry Higgins in his trophy room.  
What a visit!!

When I shot, a few deer bolted and ran a few feet. The huge buck hunched up, turned, walked a couple of yards, and went down. After he was down the rest of the deer went back to feeding. Larry called for the truck and we didn't leave the blind until the truck came and most of the deer had run off. No reason for any of the deer to have questions about the blind. After much picture taking on site and back at the lodge, my deer weighed in at 262 pounds. He scored 187 6/8 but Larry wrote down directions for Owen Eldred at the Wildlife Gallery to reconstruct him to his original beauty which Owen did and you cannot tell where. This buck had probably gotten into a huge fight on the day after we first saw him and then rested until he didn't hurt so badly and his head quit ringing. Breaking off several points must have been quite an event and his ribs and neck were badly bruised. After Owen's reconstruction the buck scored 218 6/8.

During our trip we went to visit Larry's trophy room which is a 26 x 50 foot addition to their home located about ten miles from the lodge. The beautiful room of knotty pine was filled with Larry's trophies from around the world and from some very remote areas. We also saw the numerous awards Larry has won. What a treat to be able to hear some of Larry's fabulous stories and see his treasures.



Beautiful fall colors at  
Redpine Whitetails



# AWARDS INFORMATION

## MID-MICHIGAN CHAPTER SCI

By Joanne Witte Awards Chairperson

I thought you might be curious about who our all-time leaders are for each species recorded in our Record Book. Each year after the Hunter's Convention I list the all-time leaders. In some cases the hunter changes and in some cases the hunter remains the same for many years. It is interesting to note that for some more common animals the all-time leader was taken many years ago. My theory is that the country is no longer producing huge animals in some categories.

### AFRICA

| CATEGORY                       | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER          | SCORE    |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| Abyssinian Bushbuck            | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 35 12/16 |
| African Cheetah                | 2001       | Tim Torpey      | 13 10/16 |
| African Civit                  | 2007       | Larry Witte     | 9 8/16   |
| African Civit                  | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 9 8/16   |
| African Elephant               | 2004       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 144 1/2  |
| African Leopard                | 1993       | David Petrella  | 17 12/16 |
| African Lion                   | 2005       | Michael Moir    | 27       |
| (South Africa and Namibia)     | 1982       | Roger Card      | 27 13/16 |
| African Wildcat                | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 7 5/16   |
| Bates Pygmy Antelope           | 2007       | Larry Higgins   | 4 12/16  |
| Bay Duiker                     | 2007       | Larry Higgins   | 11 10/16 |
| Beisa Oryx                     | 1989       | Roger Card      | 86 5/8   |
| Black Faced Impala             | 2005       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 59 2/8   |
| Black Lechwe                   | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 60 5/8   |
| Black Springbok                | 2003       | Larry Higgins   | 41 4/8   |
| Black Wildebeest               | 2004       | Maryanne Belyea | 94 7/8   |
| Blesbok                        | 1983       | Sid Smith       | 48 7/8   |
| Blesbok                        | 2004       | Tim Bentley     | 48 7/8   |
| Blue Duiker                    | 2003       | Larry Higgins   | 7 6/16   |
| Blue Wildebeest                | 2000       | Gerald Schave   | 85 4/8   |
| Bontebok                       | 2008       | Terry Braden    | 43 5/8   |
| Brown Hyena                    | 2009       | Joanne Witte    | 16 6/16  |
| Bushpig                        | 2000       | Roger Card      | 17 12/16 |
| Cape Buffalo                   | 2007       | Terry Braden    | 121 2/8  |
| Cape Bushbuck                  | 1998       | Tim Torpey      | 42 7/8   |
| Cape Eland                     | 2008       | Terry Braden    | 107 3/8  |
| Cape Grysbok                   | 2003       | Larry Higgins   | 11 10/16 |
| Cape Hartbeest                 | 2001       | Pat Brennan     | 72 5/8   |
| Caracal                        | 2003       | Larry Higgins   | 9 3/16   |
| Central African Giant Eland    | 2004       | Roger Card      | 126 7/8  |
| Chanler Mountain Reedbuck      | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 11 4/8   |
| Chobe Bushbuck                 | 2004       | Douglas Chapin  | 49       |
| Coke Hartbeest                 | 1995       | Ken Keeley      | 61 3/8   |
| Common Nyala                   | 1999       | Tim Hauck       | 77 4/8   |
| Common Reedbuck                | 2004       | Owen Eldred     | 28 4/8   |
| Common Sable Antelope          | 1981       | Pat Bollman     | 104 4/8  |
| Common Waterbuck               | 2007       | Mary Harter     | 87 1/8   |
| Copper Sprinbok                | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 35 2/8   |
| Cookson Wildebeest             | 1997       | Roger Card      | 82 5/8   |
| Cordeaux Dik-dik               | 1991       | Pat Bollman     | 9        |
| Cordeaux Dik-dik               | 1991       | Roger Card      | 9        |
| Crawshay Defassa Waterbuck     | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 69       |
| Damara Dik-Dik                 | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 9 11/16  |
| Damara Dik-Dik                 | 2005       | Tim Torpey      | 9 11/16  |
| Dwarf Forest Buffalo           | 2001       | David Petrella  | 49 2/8   |
| East African Bushbuck          | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 46 2/8   |
| East African Bush Duiker       | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 15 5/16  |
| East African Defassa Waterbuck | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 77 5/8   |
| East African Eland             | 1996       | David Petrella  | 104 5/8  |
| East African Greater Kudu      | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 124      |
| East African Impala            | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 66 1/8   |
| East African Roan Antelope     | 2002       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 78       |
| East African Sitatunga         | 2000       | Roger Card      | 60 5/8   |
| East African Suni              | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 8 14/16  |
| Eastern Bohor Reedbuck         | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 20       |
| Eastern Cape Great Kudu        | 1998       | Tim Torpey      | 128      |
| European Fallow Deer           | 2009       | Joanne Witte    | 174 7/8  |
| Forest Sitatunga               | 1997       | David Petrella  | 62 4/8   |
| Fringe-Eared Oryx              | 1997       | Ken Keeley      | 74 6/8   |

| CATEGORY                   | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER          | SCORE       |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Guenther Dik-dik           | 1989       | Roger Card      | 9 2/16      |
| Harnessed Bushbuck         | 1998       | David Petrella  | 32          |
| Harvey Red Duiker          | 2000       | Roger Card      | 13 12/16    |
| Hippopotamus               | 2008       | Mary Harter     | 71 2/16     |
| Hyena (Spotted)            | 1996       | David Petrella  | 18 5/16     |
| Kafue Flats Lechwe         | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 86 2/8      |
| Kalahari Gemsbok           | 2005       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 97 2/8      |
| Kalahari Gemsbok (RSA)     | 2001       | David Rusch     | 94 6/8      |
| Kalahari Springbok         | 2004       | Maryanne Belyea | 46 5/8      |
| Kirk Dik-Dik               | 2005       | Jeff Chaulk     | 10 8/16     |
| Klipspringer               | 1992       | Terry Braden    | 15 2/16     |
| Lelwel Hartbeest           | 2001       | David Petrella  | 66 7/8      |
| Lesser Kudu                | 1993       | Pat Bollman     | 68          |
| Lichtenstein Hartbeest     | 1997       | David Petrella  | 63 1/8      |
| Limpopo Bushbuck           | 2002       | Brad Eldred     | 46 7/8      |
| Livingstone Eland          | 2003       | Larry Higgins   | 107 5/8     |
| Livingstone Suni           | 2005       | Jason Parrott   | 11 8/16     |
| Meneliks Bushbuck          | 1991       | Roger Card      | 35          |
| Mountain Nyala             | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 97 5/8      |
| Natal Red Duiker           | 2001       | Phil Seybert    | 12 1/8      |
| Neumann Hartbeest          | 1989       | Pat Bollman     | 55 6/8      |
| Nigerian Bohor Reedbuck    | 2009       | Larry Higgins   | 16 6/8      |
| Nile Buffalo               | 2009       | Larry Higgins   | 93 3/8      |
| Nile Bushbuck              | 2009       | Larry Higgins   | 41          |
| Nile Crocodile             | 2002       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 14' 10 1/2" |
| Northern Gerenuk           | 1991       | Roger Card      | 36 7/8      |
| Northern Grant Gazelle     | 1989       | Roger Card      | 63 4/8      |
| Nyasa Wildebeest           | 1995       | Jan Keeley      | 88 4/8      |
| Oribi                      | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 16 4/16     |
| Peters Duiker              | 2009       | Larry Higgins   | 14 12/16    |
| Puku                       | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 50 7/8      |
| Red-flanked Duiker         | 2001       | David Petrella  | 10 15/16    |
| Red Lechwe                 | 2001       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 70 7/8      |
| Red River Hog              | 2001       | David Petrella  | 11 8/16     |
| Roberts Gazelle            | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 56 4/8      |
| Roosevelt Sable Antelope   | 1996       | David Petrella  | 136 6/8     |
| Salt Dik-Dik               | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 8 10/16     |
| Serval                     | 2001       | Glenn Belyea    | 8 1/16      |
| Sharpe Grysbok             | 1988       | David Petrella  | 7 12/16     |
| Sing-Sing Waterbuck        | 2001       | David Petrella  | 73 4/8      |
| Soemmerring Gazelle        | 1991       | Roger Card      | 45 3/8      |
| South African Springbok    | 1981       | Roger Card      | 43 4/8      |
| Southern Bush Duiker       | 2004       | Owen Eldred     | 16 4/16     |
| Southern Gerenuk           | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 42 2/8      |
| Southern Grant Gazelle     | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 67          |
| Southern Greater Kudu      | 2009       | Scott Holmes    | 140 6/8     |
| Southern Impala            | 1993       | Debra Card      | 61 3/8      |
| Southern Impala            | 2005       | Douglas Heeter  | 61 3/8      |
| Southern Mountain Reedbuck | 2003       | Roger Brown     | 15 7/8      |
| Southern Mountain Reedbuck | 2007       | Jim Maciatek    | 15 7/8      |
| Southern Roan Antelope     | 2008       | Joanne Witte    | 73          |
| Southern White Rhinoceros  | 2009       | Joe Janicke     | 102 5/8     |
| Steenbok                   | 2007       | Tim Becker      | 15 9/16     |
| Thompson Gazelle           | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 37 4/8      |
| Tiang                      | 1989       | Pat Bollman     | 57 2/8      |
| Topi                       | 2002       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 53 6/8      |
| Tsessebe                   | 2003       | Larry Higgins   | 48 2/8      |
| Ugandan Kob                | 2009       | Larry Higgins   | 58 5/16     |
| Vaal Rhebok                | 1998       | Tim Torpey      | 20 2/8      |
| Warthog                    | 2008       | Gail Dawson     | 39          |



| CATEGORY                     | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER         | SCORE    |
|------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| West African Savanna Buffalo | 2001       | David Petrella | 71 5/8   |
| Western Bongo                | 1997       | David Petrella | 84 3/8   |
| Western Bush Duiker          | 2009       | Larry Higgins  | 12 8/16  |
| Western Hartebeest           | 1998       | David Petrella | 69 7/8   |
| Western Kob                  | 1998       | David Petrella | 56 4/8   |
| Western Mountain Reedbuck    | 1998       | David Petrella | 13 10/16 |
| Western Roan Antelope        | 2001       | David Petrella | 82 2/8   |
| White Bearded Wildebeest     | 2004       | Larry Higgins  | 85 7/8   |
| White Blesbok                | 2007       | Bill Shelt     | 48 5/8   |
| White Springbok              | 2005       | Jason Parrott  | 37 1/8   |
| Zambezi Sitatunga            | 2008       | Larry Higgins  | 62 6/8   |

## ASIA

| CATEGORY                  | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER         | SCORE    |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| Afghan Urial              | 2003       | Larry Higgins  | 119 4/8  |
| Altai Argali              | 2004       | David Petrella | 235 5/8  |
| Anatolian Chamois         | 2008       | Roger Card     | 27       |
| Bezoar Ibex               | 2006       | Larry Higgins  | 107 3/8  |
| Blanford Urial            | 2004       | Larry Higgins  | 117 2/8  |
| Caucasian Chamois         | 2007       | David Petrella | 24 7/8   |
| Chinese Blue Sheep        | 2002       | Larry Higgins  | 119 2/8  |
| Chukotka Moose            | 2002       | Larry Higgins  | 479 5/8  |
| Dwarf Blue Sheep          | 2006       | Larry Higgins  | 73 4/8   |
| East Caucasian Tur        | 2005       | Larry Higgins  | 150 6/8  |
| Eurasian Wild Boar        | 2005       | David Petrella | 21 11/16 |
| Feral Yak                 | 2005       | Roger Card     | 78 3/8   |
| Gobi Argali               | 2001       | Larry Higgins  | 201 6/8  |
| Gobi Ibex                 | 2002       | David Petrella | 96 5/8   |
| Gray Wolf                 | 2002       | David Petrella | 13 8/16  |
| Hangai Argali             | 2004       | David Petrella | 225 5/8  |
| Helan Mt. Blue Sheep      | 2006       | Larry Higgins  | 114 7/8  |
| Hillier Goitered Gazelle  | 2005       | Roger Card     | 31 6/8   |
| Himalayan Blue Sheep      | 2006       | Larry Higgins  | 117 6/8  |
| Himalayan Ibex            | 2004       | Larry Higgins  | 86 4/8   |
| Kamchatka Brown Bear      | 2002       | Larry Higgins  | 26 6/16  |
| Kamchatka Snow Sheep      | 2002       | Larry Higgins  | 174      |
| Kolyma Snow Sheep         | 2007       | David Petrella | 147 7/8  |
| Konya Mouflon             | 2006       | Larry Higgins  | 125 5/8  |
| Koryak Snow Sheep         | 2007       | Larry Higgins  | 140 6/8  |
| Maral Stag                | 2008       | Roger Card     | 223 3/8  |
| Marco Polo Argali         | 2007       | Roger Card     | 201 6/8  |
| Mid-Asian Ibex            | 2004       | David Petrella | 109 1/8  |
| Mid-Caucasian Tur         | 2007       | Larry Higgins  | 141 2/8  |
| Mongolian Gazelle         | 2002       | David Petrella | 34 6/8   |
| Nemrut Ibex               | 2006       | Larry Higgins  | 94 1/8   |
| Okhotsk Snow Sheep        | 2005       | Larry Higgins  | 140      |
| Persian Goitered Gazelle  | 1998       | Larry Higgins  | 36 6/8   |
| Philippine Warty Pig      | 2009       | Roger Card     | 7 2/16   |
| Punjab Urial              | 2005       | Larry Higgins  | 130 2/8  |
| Servetsov Argali          | 2005       | Larry Higgins  | 143 3/8  |
| Siberian Ibex             | 2002       | David Petrella | 111 2/8  |
| Sindh Ibex                | 2004       | Larry Higgins  | 92 7/8   |
| Tibetan Gazelle           | 2001       | David Petrella | 33 5/8   |
| Trans-Caspian Urial Sheep | 1998       | Larry Higgins  | 146 4/8  |
| Water Buffalo             | 2009       | Roger Card     | 103 6/8  |
| West Caucasian Tur        | 2007       | David Petrella | 144 7/8  |
| Yakutia Snow Sheep        | 2009       | Larry Higgins  | 146      |

## EUROPE

| CATEGORY             | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER          | SCORE   |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Alpine Chamois       | 2008       | Roger Card      | 24 5/8  |
| Alpine Ibex          | 2005       | David Petrella  | 101 2/8 |
| Balkan Chamois       | 2005       | David Petrella  | 24 6/8  |
| Balerean Goat        | 2006       | Roger Card      | 59 4/8  |
| Barbary Sheep        | 2008       | Roger Card      | 121 1/8 |
| Beceite Ibex         | 2002       | David Petrella  | 84 4/8  |
| Cantabrian Chamois   | 2008       | Roger Card      | 20 2/8  |
| Carpathian Chamois   | 2005       | David Petrella  | 28      |
| Eurasian Brown Bear  | 1998       | Tim Hauck       | 22 2/16 |
| Eurasian Feral Boar  | 2006       | Roger Card      | 14 6/8  |
| European Fallow Deer | 2007       | Larry Higgins   | 234     |
| European Mouflon     | 2007       | Mary Harter     | 118 4/8 |
| European Red Deer    | 1993       | Roger Card      | 299     |
| European Roe Deer    | 1994       | Ken Lehman, Sr. | 55 1/8  |
| Feral Goat           | 2009       | Larry Higgins   | 73 6/8  |

| CATEGORY             | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER          | SCORE    |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| Gredos Ibex          | 2002       | David Petrella  | 78 6/8   |
| Hog Deer             | 2009       | Larry Higgins   | 98 7/8   |
| Japanese Sika Deer   | 2008       | Roger Card      | 128 7/8  |
| Manchurian Sika Deer | 2008       | Roger Card      | 176 7/8  |
| Pere David Deer      | 1993       | Roger Card      | 228 7/8  |
| Pyrenean Chamois     | 2005       | Larry Higgins   | 25 1/8   |
| Reeves Muntjac       | 1993       | Roger Card      | 18 3/16  |
| Ronda Ibex           | 2006       | Roger Card      | 67 5/8   |
| Scottish Red Deer    | 1985       | Ken Lehman, Sr. | 262 3/8  |
| S.E. Spanish Ibex    | 2005       | Larry Higgins   | 79 5/8   |
| Spanish Red Deer     | 2007       | Larry Higgins   | 276 5/8  |
| Water Deer           | 1994       | Bob Bohn        | 9        |
| Wild Boar            | 1998       | Doug Heeter     | 23 15/16 |

## NORTH AMERICAN INTRODUCED

| CATEGORY                       | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER         | SCORE   |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------|
| Addax                          | 1999       | Brad Eldred    | 83 1/8  |
| Aoudad (Barbary Sheep)         | 2004       | Paul Spencer   | 146 3/8 |
| Armenian Mouflon Sheep         | 2008       | Roger Card     | 116 4/8 |
| Axis Deer (Non-typical)        | 2006       | Brad Eldred    | 157 5/8 |
| Axis Deer (Typical) Estate     | 2008       | Larry Witte    | 152 3/8 |
| Axis Deer (Typical) Free Range | 2009       | Joanne Witte   | 143 3/8 |
| Barasingha                     | 2000       | Larry Higgins  | 186 6/8 |
| Barbarosa (Marino Ram)         | 1997       | Sylvia Becker  | 154 6/8 |
| Bezoar Ibex                    | 1997       | Larry Higgins  | 91 4/8  |
| Blackbuck                      | 2005       | Lawrence Witte | 70 3/8  |
| Black Sheep (Hawaiian)         | 2000       | Tim Torpey     | 126 5/8 |
| Corsican Sheep                 | 2005       | Tim Becker     | 144 4/8 |
| Dama Gazelle                   | 2003       | Tim Becker     | 36 3/8  |
| Eland                          | 2002       | Brad Eldred    | 84 4/8  |
| European Fallow Deer           | 2000       | Jeff Sackett   | 254 1/8 |
| European Mouflon Sheep         | 1996       | Tim Becker     | 134 3/8 |
| Feral Boar                     | 2007       | Randy Raymond  | 22 8/16 |
| Feral Goat (Catalina)          | 1996       | Tim Becker     | 94      |
| Gemsbok                        | 2004       | Tim Becker     | 90 1/8  |
| Hog Deer                       | 1997       | Larry Higgins  | 63      |
| Hybrid Ibex                    | 1999       | Larry Higgins  | 98 1/8  |
| Markhor                        | 2001       | Larry Higgins  | 90 5/8  |
| Multi-Horned Sheep             | 2004       | Tim Becker     | 116 3/8 |
| Nilgai                         | 1999       | Tim Becker     | 33 4/8  |
| Nubian Ibex                    | 1998       | Larry Higgins  | 98 1/8  |
| Pere David Deer                | 1999       | Larry Higgins  | 271 1/8 |
| Red Deer                       | 2003       | Tim Becker     | 286 1/8 |
| Red Sheep Iranian              | 1996       | Larry Higgins  | 133 5/8 |
| Reeves Muntjac                 | 1997       | Larry Higgins  | 10 7/16 |
| Reindeer                       | 1998       | Roger Froling  | 420     |
| Roosevelt Elk                  | 2006       | Craig Chapman  | 169 6/8 |
| Scimitar-Horned                |            |                |         |
| Oryx Free Range                | 2009       | Jeff Sackett   | 94 2/8  |
| Scimitar-horned Oryx           | 2008       | Bill Shelt     | 95      |
| Sika Deer (Non-Typical)        | 2005       | Tim Becker     | 109 7/8 |
| Sika Deer (Typical)            | 2006       | Brad Eldred    | 144 1/8 |
| Sitatunga                      | 2004       | Tim Becker     | 61      |
| Texas Dall                     | 2003       | David Gloss    | 147 2/8 |
| Waterbuck                      | 2002       | Tim Becker     | 47 2/8  |
| Water Buffalo                  | 2006       | Larry Higgins  | 104 6/8 |
| Watusi                         | 2005       | Roger Card     | 115 1/8 |
| Yak                            | 1999       | Doug Heeter    | 79 3/8  |

## NORTH AMERICA

| CATEGORY                 | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER          | SCORE   |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Alaska Brown Bear        | 2007       | Jeff Chaulk     | 29 7/16 |
| Alaska Yukon Barren      |            |                 |         |
| Ground Caribou           | Jun-05     | Pat Bollman     | 476 7/8 |
| Alaska Yukon Moose       | 1999       | Debra Card      | 731 1/8 |
| American Alligator       | 2002       | Edward Peters   | 11' 10" |
| American Bison           | 2003       | Glenn Belyea    | 75 1/8  |
| American Mountain Goat   | 2002       | Jeffrey Sackett | 33      |
| Arctic Islands Caribou   | 1993       | Larry Higgins   | 345 6/8 |
| Atlantic Walrus          | 2010       | Roger Card      | 99 6/8  |
| Barren Ground Muskox     | 1997       | David Petrella  | 87      |
| Bobcat                   | 2010       | Joanne Witte    | 9 10/16 |
| California Bighorn Sheep | 2004       | Larry Higgins   | 165 1/8 |
| Canada Lynx              | 1994       | David Petrella  | 9 8/16  |
| Central American         |            |                 |         |



| CATEGORY                       | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER          | SCORE    |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| Whitetail Deer                 | 2000       | Larry Higgins   | 75 1/8   |
| Central Canada Barren          |            |                 |          |
| Ground Caribou                 | 1998       | Seth Hootman    | 462 4/8  |
| Coastal (Island) Black Bear    | 2002       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 21 1/16  |
| Collard Peccary                | 1992       | Harvey Pfeiffer | 15       |
| Columbia Blacktail Deer        | 1994       | David Petrella  | 140 1/8  |
| Columbia Blacktail             |            |                 |          |
| Deer (Non-Typical)             | 2009       | Tim Torpey      | 149 7/8  |
| Columbia Whitetail             |            |                 |          |
| Deer (Typical)                 | 2007       | Owen Eldred     | 103 1/8  |
| Columbia Whitetail             |            |                 |          |
| Deer (Non-Typ)                 | 2007       | Corey Hyde      | 133 3/8  |
| Common Grizzly Bear            | 2004       | David Rusch     | 26 2/16  |
| Continental (Inland)           |            |                 |          |
| Black Bear                     | 2007       | Randy Raymond   | 21 6/16  |
| Coues Whitetail Deer           | 2008       | Glenn Belyea    | 100 5/8  |
| Cougar                         | 1998       | Terry Braden    | 15       |
| Cougar                         | 1985       | Bob Doerr       | 15       |
| Cougar                         | 2000       | Patrick Brennan | 15       |
| Dall Sheep                     | 1980       | M. Wernette     | 168 6/8  |
| Desert Bighorn Sheep           | 1985       | Pat Bollman     | 181 1/8  |
| Desert Mule Deer Non Typical   | 1993       | Debra Card      | 145 5/8  |
| Desert Mule Deer Typical       | 1997       | Larry Higgins   | 199 4/8  |
| Eastern Canada Moose           | 1969       | Roger Card      | 443      |
| Eastern Turkey Multiple Beards | 2008       | Matty Sheridan  | 67 12/16 |
| Eastern Turkey                 | 2008       | Anthony Utt     | 59       |
| Gould's Turkey                 | 2007       | Roger Card      | 33       |
| Gray Wolf                      | 1988       | Roger Card      | 17 5/16  |
| Greenland Muskox               | 1995       | David Petrella  | 79 5/8   |
| Jaguar                         | 1986       | Roger Card      | 16       |
| Merriam's Turkey               | 2004       | Maryanne Belyea | 28 4/16  |
| Mexican Whitetail              |            |                 |          |
| Deer Typical                   | 1996       | Debra Card      | 114 6/8  |
| Mid-Western Whitetail          |            |                 |          |
| Deer (Non-Typical)             | 2007       | Dana Hodges     | 207 3/8  |
| Mid-Western Whitetail          |            |                 |          |
| Deer (Typical)                 | 2008       | Tim Torpey      | 168 5/8  |
| Mountain Caribou               | 1980       | Gale Hixson     | 420 3/8  |
| Northeastern Whitetail         |            |                 |          |
| Deer Non-Typ, FR               | 2005       | Randy Raymond   | 270 1/8  |
| Northeastern Whitetail         |            |                 |          |
| Deer Typ FR                    | 2010       | Keith Davis     | 170 3/8  |
| Northeastern Whitetail         |            |                 |          |
| Deer Non-Typ, Est              | 2007       | Tim Becker      | 313 2/8  |
| Northeastern Whitetail         |            |                 |          |
| Deer Typ, Est                  | 1985       | Pat Bollman     | 181 7/8  |
| Northwestern Whitetail         |            |                 |          |
| Deer Typical                   | 2003       | Robert Davis    | 169 4/8  |
| Ocellated Turkey               | 2010       | Maryanne Belyea | 32 8/16  |
| Osceola Turkey                 | 2009       | Glenn Belyea    | 62 8/16  |
| Polar Bear                     | 2006       | Jeff Chaulk     | 26 14/16 |
| Pronghorn                      | 1993       | Ron Mohnke      | 84 7/8   |
| Quebec-Labrador Caribou        | 2001       | Mark Pellerito  | 439 1/8  |
| Red Broom Deer                 | 2001       | Larry Higgins   | 11 4/16  |
| Rio Grande Turkey              | 2009       | Joanne Witte    | 46 8/16  |
| Rocky Mountain Bighorn         |            |                 |          |
| Sheep                          | 2007       | Larry Higgins   | 181 1/4  |
| Rocky Mountain Elk             |            |                 |          |
| Non-Typical                    | 1986       | Gale Hixson     | 453      |
| Rocky Mountain Elk             |            |                 |          |
| Typical Free Range             | 2005       | Jeff Chaulk     | 382 7/8  |
| Rocky Mountain Elk             |            |                 |          |
| Typical Estate                 | 2001       | Brad Eldred     | 424 1/8  |
| Rocky Mountain Mule Deer       |            |                 |          |
| Non-Typical                    | 2005       | Jeffrey Chaulk  | 215 4/8  |
| Rocky Mountain Mule            |            |                 |          |
| Deer Typical                   | 2007       | Marilyn Parr    | 204 6/8  |
| Roosevelt Elk                  | 1996       | Larry Higgins   | 297 6/8  |
| Roosevelt Elk Santa            |            |                 |          |
| Rosa Island                    | 1999       | Terry Braden    | 350      |
| Shiras Moose                   | 2008       | Steven Bair     | 250 6/8  |
| Sitka Blacktail Deer           | 2001       | Brad Eldred     | 114      |
| Southeastern Whitetail         |            |                 |          |
| Deer Typ FR                    | 2005       | Roger Card      | 130 2/8  |

| CATEGORY                  | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER         | SCORE    |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| Southeastern Whitetail    |            |                |          |
| Deer Typ Est              | 1999       | Larry Higgins  | 121 1/8  |
| Stone Sheep               | 2004       | Jeffrey Chaulk | 176 1/8  |
| Texas Whitetail Deer      |            |                |          |
| Typical Free Range        | 1999       | Larry Higgins  | 151 5/8  |
| Texas Whitetail Deer      |            |                |          |
| Non-Typ Estate            | 2006       | Tim Becker     | 159      |
| Texas Whitetail Deer      |            |                |          |
| Typical Estate            | 2001       | Tim Becker     | 154 1/8  |
| Tule Elk                  | 2006       | Roger Card     | 283 3/8  |
| Western Canada Moose      | 2004       | Keith Davis    | 553 4/8  |
| White Lipped Peccary      | 2002       | Larry Higgins  | 15 13/16 |
| Wolverine                 | 1992       | David Petrella | 10 8/16  |
| Woodland Bison Free Range | 2006       | David Petrella | 66 4/8   |
| Woodland Caribou          | 2003       | Tim Torpey     | 326 6/8  |
| Yucatan Gray-Brown        |            |                |          |
| Brocket Deer              | 2005       | Larry Higgins  | 16 9/16  |

## SOUTH AMERICA

| CATEGORY               | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER        | SCORE    |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Axis Deer              | 2002       | Steve Diekema | 138      |
| Axis Deer              |            |               |          |
| Non-Typical            | 2007       | Roger Card    | 152 3/8  |
| Blackbuck              | 2002       | Steve Diekema | 73 2/8   |
| Brown Broom Deer       | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 14       |
| Capybara               | 2007       | Roger Card    | 16 1/16  |
| Collared Peccary       | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 14 8/16  |
| European Fallow Deer   | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 241 6/8  |
| European Mouflon Sheep | 1998       | Roger Card    | 95 3/8   |
| Feral Boar             | 2009       | Terry Braden  | 26 15/16 |
| Feral Goat             | 1998       | Roger Card    | 68 5/8   |
| Gray-Brown             |            |               |          |
| Broom Deer             | 1998       | Roger Card    | 14 5/16  |
| Hybrid Sheep           | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 160 1/8  |
| Multi-Horned           |            |               |          |
| Sheep                  | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 98 5/8   |
| Puma                   | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 13 12/16 |
| Red Broom Deer         | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 14 13/16 |
| Red Deer               | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 328 4/8  |
| Water Buffalo          | 2002       | Steve Diekema | 95 7/8   |
| White-Lipped Peccary   | 2007       | Larry Higgins | 17 2/16  |

## SOUTH PACIFIC

| CATEGORY             | DATE TAKEN | HUNTER          | SCORE   |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Arapawa Ram          | 2006       | Larry Higgins   | 120 5/8 |
| Axis Deer            | 2008       | Larry Higgins   | 121     |
| Banteng              | 1988       | Roger Card      | 71 6/8  |
| Blackbuck            | 2003       | Nan Riley       | 69 3/8  |
| Chamois              | 2007       | Brad Eldred     | 27 3/8  |
| European Fallow      |            |                 |         |
| Deer                 | 2007       | Mary Harter     | 233 6/8 |
| Feral Boar           | 1995       | Roger Card      | 28 2/16 |
| Feral Goat           | 1995       | Roger Card      | 80 1/8  |
| Feral Sheep          | 2003       | Joe Janicki Jr. | 126     |
| Himalayan Tahr       | 1995       | Roger Card      | 44 4/8  |
| Himalayan Tahr       | 2006       | Larry Higgins   | 44 4/8  |
| Hog Deer             | 1996       | Roger Card      | 71 3/8  |
| Mulocccan Rusa       |            |                 |         |
| Deer                 | 2006       | Larry Higgins   | 133 4/8 |
| Red Deer             | 2007       | Mary Harter     | 400 1/8 |
| Rusa Deer Javan      |            |                 |         |
| Non Typ              | 2006       | Tim Becker      | 162 5/8 |
| Rusa Deer Javan Typ  | 2006       | Larry Higgins   | 153 5/8 |
| Sambar               | 2009       | Mary Harter     | 140 2/8 |
| Scrub Bull           | 2006       | Larry Higgins   | 61      |
| Sika Deer            | 2009       | Mary Harter     | 159 2/8 |
| South Pacific Turkey | 1996       | Roger Card      | 41      |
| Wapiti               | 2010       | Nick Johnston   | 383 4/8 |
| Water Buffalo        | 2006       | Larry Higgins   | 101 4/8 |
| Whitetail Deer       | 1996       | Roger Card      | 75 3/8  |



# Hunting Australia

## with Jim and Debbie Dieckmann

by Josh Christensen

Out of the group of friends I associate with most are hunters, but few hunt big game other than white-tail. There are a few that will occasionally take a trip out west for elk or mule deer, but out of our group I am the one who travels long distances to hunt. With this being said, my friends will often ask me where my next hunting trip will take me. For this hunt I was able to tell them Australia, and without fail I would get the question of; "What do you hunt in Australia?" At this point I would say; "I'm going to hunt rusa." To which they would reply; "What's a rusa?" From here I would explain that the word rusa actually means deer in Malay, and that the rusa originated in Indonesia but were brought to Australia in the late 1800's.

I purchased this hunt after talking with Debbie and Jim Dieckmann of Havago Australia at the Michigan SCI chapters' fundraiser in February of 2010. Incidentally, Havago is also a supporter of our chapter and donates a hunt at our fundraiser. The plan was made for me to come and hunt Javan rusa in the summer of 2011. Over the next year and five months I squared away everything from plane tickets to travel arrangements for the hunt.

Finally, July of 2011 rolled around and I was leaving Detroit on a very long travel day. In all I traveled for close to 36 hours to get to Brisbane. I settled in at my hotel and slept like a rock. The next morning Debbie picked me up, and after a three hour drive, which included some spectacular views of the Great Dividing Range, we arrived at camp. Havago is operated out of Jim and Debbie's 12,000 acre homestead, where only one group or client will stay at a time.

That evening Jim took me to the shooting range to get acquainted with the rifle I would be using for the hunt. It was a CZ chambered in 6.5x55. After shooting three rounds to confirm the rifle was on, we headed back to Jim and Debbie's house for an excellent dinner.



The next morning I awoke to temperatures of the low 20's, Fahrenheit. After bundling up, Jim and I headed out to the hunting area. It wasn't long before we saw a nice young red stag in a field of tall grass eating away at a prickly pear cactus. We watched him eat for a few minutes before moving on to look for a rusa stag.

We only walked about a quarter of a mile before we saw our first rusa. Unfortunately, some birds gave us away and the rusa trotted away from us. Birds did this twice on the hunt. They would follow us, going from tree to tree, and make a huge racket letting everything within earshot know we were there.

Throughout the rest of the morning we saw a young rusa stag looking for females and roaring (almost like a young red stag would). We saw many kangaroos, wallabies, and wallaroos hopping around the landscape. And to top it all off we came across two different groups of rusa where there were many does and a few stags. One group had a very nice stag and I considered shooting him, but being



the first morning of a five day hunt I decided to let him go and hoped I wouldn't regret it later.

During the morning I was also able to see rutting rusa stags putting on a show and making head dresses for their antlers. What they do is rake their antlers in the tall grass, which breaks off the grass around the root, and then they get their brow tines under the grass and lift it up onto their heads. It looks like they have a birds nest in their antlers!

As the day went on the temperature made it to the mid 60's. That afternoon we didn't see the big rusa from the morning, but we did see four or five other stags including one with really thick blade like tips on his main beams, however he had very short brow tines. We also set up a ground blind near a waterhole in the same area we spotted the big stag from the morning.

The plan for the next morning was to go to the blind near the waterhole and sit all morning, but before we made it to the blind we passed a large grass field and saw in the neighborhood of 15 rusa and a couple of red deer eating away at the grass and trying to get some sun to warm up. (This morning is was in the upper 20's.) We stopped to look at the rusa and there was one in the group that looked really good. So we decided to go to the waterhole and see if any rusa were there and if they weren't we would come back to the field and have a go at the big stag.



We saw a few rusa on the way to the water, but no stags, so we decided to head back to the field and try to make an approach on the rusa stag from the opposite side of the field. The opposite side would provide more cover for us because it was made up of a huge grove of pine trees. We proceeded to walk through the open woods until we came to the pines. Then we crept our way through the pines and up to the edge of the field.

At first glance we saw nothing and my heart sank. "Did they all sneak off into the pines before we got to the field?", was the thought that raced through my mind. But after glassing for a short time we spotted some doe and then some stags, including the big stag. A few minutes of discussion ensued about the best approach. We decided I should try to stalk up to a better vantage point in the field for a shot on my own, so we would be less likely to get busted. From where we stood, about 215 yards away from the deer, I was unable to get a clear shot because of a small hill and the tall grass. So I crouched down, trying to be small, and I inched my way into the field toward a better position where I could kneel down to take a shot.

Over the next few minutes I was able to creep about 40 yards closer and found a nice spot to set up. I set my shooting sticks and got the rusa in my scope. There were a few other rusa in the group including one doe that must have been in heat, because the nice stag kept following and







smelling her; to add to the moment he roared once while all this was going on.

When I got him in the scope he was facing away so I waited, for what seemed like an eternity but was probably only a minute, for him to turn broadside. When he finally did, and there wasn't another rusa in the path of the bullet, I squeezed off a round and had a clean miss. I shot right over the top of him. The good thing was the deer didn't know what direction the shot came from so they didn't take off, but they were on high alert.

Now the doe in heat was standing on the opposite side of the stag so I was unable to take another shot. Some of the other deer started to trot away, leaving the stag and doe standing alone. Finally, the doe took two steps forward allowing me a second opportunity. This time I connected and the stag jumped like it was a good hit. He ran about 15 yards, stopped and fell over. After walking up to the stag handshakes were exchanged and pictures were taken. The stag's cape was pretty bad from all his fighting during the rut. In fact, on one side of his neck he barely had any hair left. So Jim told me we would have to look for a cull stag with a nice hide over the next few days.



That afternoon we went out looking for feral goats. I decided I would try to connect on a goat using Jim's crossbow. I had never used one before and thought it would be a fun experience. We set out to a place Jim knew we would find goats and we did just that. However, I wasn't able to get any closer than 60 yards so we pulled back with the thought of coming back the next day because there was one good male I wanted another crack at in the group. The next morning we went out looking for turkeys, which I would also be hunting with the crossbow. I have to admit I was a bit skeptical because Jim said he hadn't seen any for quite some time. Jim informed me he would be taking me to a waterhole where the turkeys would hang out, from time to time, and we would check around it for tracks to see if any turkeys were coming in. We stopped the truck about three quarters of a mile out from the waterhole and began to walk the curvy trail. I had the crossbow loaded in hand just in case. About a quarter of a mile out we heard a turkey gobble. We looked at each other and Jim smiled and told me "There's your turkey". We hadn't seen the bird yet but I was very excited to hear one gobble and know I might have a chance to take him.





We were able to get some pictures in as darkness was falling. This animal scored decent overall, but for a goat shot with crossbow will score number one in the south pacific. Needless to say I was on cloud nine that evening; taking two potential number one animals in one day!

The next day Jim was able to guide me to a cull rusa stag with a very nice cape for my shoulder mount. That afternoon he asked me to shoot a kangaroo for him, because he was getting low on roo meat, which he uses to feed his five dogs. I was more than willing to oblige. I was able to take a nice Eastern Gray Kangaroo, which I later found out from Jim is the second largest subspecies in the Kangaroo family.

We edged our way closer to get a look at him, and once we spotted him we observed he was alone. Jim had me make the approach on my own so there would be less movement for the bird to pick up. Let me say these turkeys are not like the ones in Michigan. They look similar and sound about the same, but they are not as observant. I was able to move very slowly to within 30 yards of the tom before letting an arrow fly. When the bird was hit feathers flew and the tom started away slowly. I could see he was hurting and his body was starting to slump, but knowing how tough our turkeys are I decided to finish the job quickly. The next shot anchored him in his place.

He ended up being a very nice South Pacific Turkey, with a beard approaching 10 inches. After having him measured I was pleased to learn that he will be, pending verification, the new number one South Pacific Turkey taken with a crossbow, and number six overall.

That evening the goat was back on our list. Once again I was going to use Jim's crossbow. This time we tried to get to the goats favorite rock formation before they did and wait to ambush them. We snuck up to the rocks and the goats were already approaching. They didn't end up going to the rocks that night. They decided to go off another direction, so I tried to put the stalk on them. I was able to get within 30 yards on a few occasions, but every time I did there was always another goat on one side or the other of the goat I wanted to shoot. Finally I was given an opening and was able to shoot him without getting any others in the crossfire. He didn't go far before he dropped to the ground.

Jim and Debbie run a top notch, professional operation. If you ever decide to hunt with them you will go there as strangers, but leave as friends. You will also leave a few pounds heavier, because you'll eat like a king.





## Looking Ahead -

In our next issue -

*Hunting Australia*  
by Cindy Cotter

*Upper Peninsula Bobcat*  
by Mary Harter

And more articles, poems,  
recipes, and jokes yet to be  
submitted.



**JEFF CHADD**  
**970.901.7584**

PO BOX 5036 FORSYTH, MT 59327  
SHEEPHUNTER@MAJESTICMOUNTAINOUTFITTERS.COM

HUNT KANSAS "For the Serious Deer Hunter"



**HICKORY CREEK  
OUTFITTERS**

[www.hunthickorycreek.com](http://www.hunthickorycreek.com)

Jeff Brondige

586-749-5042

*Lost creek*  
LLC  
*Outfitters*



Greg 'Griz'  
and Karla Turner  
27 Jim Mtn. Dr.  
Cody, WY 82414

(307) 527-6251

Phone:  
(989) 732-0728

Fax:  
(989) 731-9710



Larry Higgins • Owner  
1894 Koslars Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735  
[www.redpinewhitetails.com](http://www.redpinewhitetails.com)  
[redpinewhitetails@voyager.net](mailto:redpinewhitetails@voyager.net)

Do not go where the path may lead.  
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. . . Emerson





**ALPINE HUNTING**  
NEW ZEALAND

**Shane Quinn** | All 'round good guy

Address: PO Box 5236, Palmerston North, New Zealand  
Website: [www.alpinehunting.com](http://www.alpinehunting.com) | Phone: +64 6 388 1344  
**US FREEPHONE: 1 888 891 0526**  
E-mail: [info@alpinehunting.com](mailto:info@alpinehunting.com)



**Toquero**  
*Hunting Services*

**Juan Toquero**


Tels.: 34 649 82 45 40      e-mail: [info@toquerohuntingservices.com](mailto:info@toquerohuntingservices.com)  
34 91 679 51 59      [www.toquerohuntingservices.com](http://www.toquerohuntingservices.com)

**Fish Hunter Charters**

*Fully equipped 31 foot Tiara  
Located at East Shore Marina • Frankfort, MI*

**Captain Dave James**

**586.419.3480 • 231.352.7511**  
[www.fishhuntercharters.net](http://www.fishhuntercharters.net)



**KOBUS HONIBALL**  
Comm/IFR Pilot  
Mech./Aircraft Engineer  
**Professional Hunter**

Tel: +264 61 258 681  
Fax: +264 61 258 506  
Cell: +264 81 129 0131  
USA: (817) 773 1807

P.O. Box 80087, Olympia  
P. Danilowitz Street 18  
Windhoek NAMIBIA  
E-mail: [honispec@iway.na](mailto:honispec@iway.na)  
Website: [www.atsafaris.com](http://www.atsafaris.com)



**Ultimate Firearms**  
BP X Press  
"The Ultimate Muzzleloading Rifle"

**Kenneth E. Johnston**  
President  
(517) 349-2976  
Fx (517) 349-4857

3470 Dobie Rd.  
Okemos, MI 48864  
[www.ultimatefirearms.com](http://www.ultimatefirearms.com)



**Wegner Auctioneers**

*Attend Our Auctions... You Will See & Hear The Difference!*

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <p>Auctions • Appraisals • Real Estate<br/>Complete Professional Auction Service<br/>Commercial • Industrial • Farm &amp; Estate<br/>Over 25 Years Experience • Caga Certified Appraisals</p> | <p><b>Marty Wegner - Owner/Auctioneer</b><br/>7610 Lawndale (989) 793-8689<br/>Freeland, MI 48623 <a href="mailto:wegnerm@attglobal.net">wegnerm@attglobal.net</a><br/>No Obligation Consultations</p> |
|---|--|

**[www.wegnerauctioneers.com](http://www.wegnerauctioneers.com)**



**Cascade Fur Salon**

6504 Twenty-eighth Street Southeast  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546  
Telephone (616) 957-4936

**John F. Hayes • Master Furrier**

**FRONTIER OUTFITTING**  
NEW MEXICO

**G.T. NUNN**

P.O. Box 35 Bosque, NM 87006 • Outfitter Number 2665  
P: 505.864.9392 C: 505.350.9775 F: 505.864.8108  
[www.frontieroutfitting.com](http://www.frontieroutfitting.com) / [gtunn@aol.com](mailto:gtunn@aol.com)

**MIGHT AS WELL HUNT WITH THE BEST**

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him. G. K. Chesterto





**JR OUTFITTERS**

A Big Game & Wing Shooters Paradise

JOE & LIZ O'BANNON  
OWNERS  
7600 S.W. Fox Brown Rd.  
Indiantown, FL 34956

(772) 597-4757  
Fax (772) 597-4754  
E-mail: [hunting@jroutfitters.com](mailto:hunting@jroutfitters.com)  
[www.jroutfitters.com](http://www.jroutfitters.com)



**Randy Dickerson**  
Professional Guide

[Dickersonrandy33@gmail.com](mailto:Dickersonrandy33@gmail.com) 810-922-6055

**WWW.HHHUNTS.COM**

**Richard Holmes Safaris**

Britney Starr  
U.S. Representative



Cell/Text: 906-630-3769 (Britney)  
Phone: 906-643-7169 (Dwayne Starr)  
[britney.rhs@gmail.com](mailto:britney.rhs@gmail.com)  
[www.richardholmessafaris.co.za](http://www.richardholmessafaris.co.za)  
Facebook: Britney Starr (Richard Holmes Safaris)

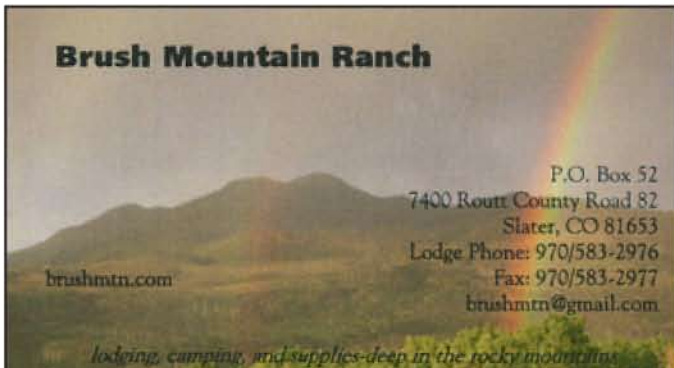
**Starbucks Guiding**



Tim King :  
Professional Guide  
(330) 327-6844

**Hunt the Ohio Hardwoods**

**Brush Mountain Ranch**



P.O. Box 52  
7400 Routt County Road 82  
Slater, CO 81653  
Lodge Phone: 970/583-2976  
Fax: 970/583-2977  
[brushmtn@gmail.com](mailto:brushmtn@gmail.com)

[brushmtn.com](http://brushmtn.com)

*lodging, camping, and supplies deep in the rocky mountains*



**BRIARWOOD**  
HUNTING CLUB INC.

2001 Twp. Rd. 55  
Bellefontaine, OH 43311  
Phone: 937-593-8045  
Fax: 937-593-4492  
[info@briarwoodclub.com](mailto:info@briarwoodclub.com)  
[www.briarwoodclub.com](http://www.briarwoodclub.com)

**JOHAN PIETERSE SAFARIS**  
*Making it possible*

P.O. Box 501  
Thabazimbi 0380  
South Africa  
770-820-5700

**JOHAN PIETERSE**



[johanpietersesafaris@tiscali.co.za](mailto:johanpietersesafaris@tiscali.co.za)  
[www.jpsafaris.co.za](http://www.jpsafaris.co.za)



**NEIL JOHNSON**  
PH: (780) 847-2392  
Cell: (780) 808-0318

P.O. Box 501  
Marwayne, AB. Canada T0B 2X0  
E-mail: [neil@northstaroutfitting.com](mailto:neil@northstaroutfitting.com)  
Web: [www.northstaroutfitting.com](http://www.northstaroutfitting.com)

Alberta / Saskatchewan



Black Bear Trophy Deer Archery Waterfowl

Greatness is not found in possessions, position, power or prestige.  
It is found in goodness, humility, service, and character.



## SAFARI'S PHEASANT FEVER

SHOOTING PRESERVE  
MATT & KATIE SEELEY

9337 S NOTTAWA RD  
SHEPHERD, MI 48883

PHONE: (989) 866-6292  
CELL: (989) 621-6668  
CEDARVALLEY@POWER-NET.NET

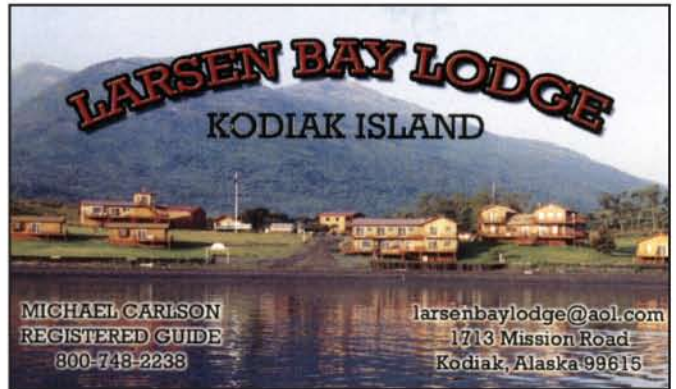


## LARSEN BAY LODGE

### KODIAK ISLAND

MICHAEL CARLSON  
REGISTERED GUIDE  
800-748-2238

larsenbaylodge@aol.com  
1713 Mission Road  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615



## HUBBARD'S YELLOWSTONE ADVENTURES



MIKE HUBBARD  
337 Tom Miner Creek Road  
Emigrant, Montana 59027  
406-223-0220 BUSINESS/CELL  
480-874-1050 WINTER  
mike@hubya.com  
www.hubbardsoutfitters.com

## WYCON SAFARI, INC.



Dan Malone  
2008 191 SCI

### Wynn G. Condict

Box 1126, Saratoga, WY 82331  
wynn@wyconsafariinc.com  
www.wyconsafariinc.com

Phone: (307) 327-5502  
Cell: (307) 710-7578  
Fax: (307) 327-5332

WY# BG026 • CO Outfitters #2229

Rifle & Archery Hunts for  
Mule Deer, Elk & Antelope  
Prairie Dog Hunts • River Float Trips

## HIDDEN HORNS GAME RANCH

### Trophy Hunting Adventures

## BRENT FISK

### Hunt Manager & Guide

11318 21 MILE RD. • SAND LAKE, MI 49343  
(616) 984-5346 • CELL (616) 799-0689  
EMAIL: HIDDENHORNS@PATHWAYNET.COM  
HIDDENHORNSGAMERANCH.COM

## Wanaka HUNTING SAFARIS

Hunting Guide Stacey Anderson

M: (0064) 2722 8819  
P: (00643) 443 1265  
E: info@trophyhuntingwanaka.com  
W: www.trophyhuntingwanaka.com



## NORTH WOODS RUSTIC FURNITURE

Dave & Marie Hodges

(616) 794-1199

northwoodshelp@yahoo.com  
www.northwoods-furniture.org

Bring a Bit of the Outdoors Home With You!



## DeVuyst Game Ranch

Larry and Joanne  
2399 CR 2773

Lometa, TX 76853  
512-752-5809 fax 8259  
cell 512-734-3220

www.devuystgameranch.com

lj3739@centex.net

TROPHY EXOTICS  
TROPHY WHITETAIL  
IN SEASON



If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?







**WILD SPIRIT  
GUIDE SERVICE**


BLACK BEAR • RUSSIAN BOAR • BOBCAT • MOUNTAIN LION • WHITETAIL

Full Service Outfitter

906-250-0089  
dan@wildspiritguide.com

DAN KIRSCHNER  
N15107 Twp. Line Rd.

www.wildspiritguide.com



**TIPPMANN  
POURVOIRIE  
OUTFITTERS  
& GUIDE SERVICE**

**JACK TIPPMANN**

US Phone: (260) 438-6470  
www.tippmannoutfitters.com  
jack.tippmann@tippmannoutfitters.com  
Basecamp: Malartic, Quebec J0Y 1Z0 CANADA



South Africa  
70 Columbus St. Ext. 10, Nelspruit, 1200  
P.O. Box 26201, Nelspruit, 1200  
SA Tel/Fax: +27 (0)13 744-3546  
SA Mobile: +27 (0)82 441-0056  
E-mail: (personal) hgc@webmail.co.za  
E-mail: (business) anso@africatrophylhunting.com  
Website: www.africatrophylhunting.com

Senior Professional Hunter

**Herman Coetzee**



**FEJES  
GUIDE SERVICE LTD.**

**SAM FEJES**  
Alaska Master Guide

P.O. Box 111394 • Anchorage, Alaska 99511-1394  
Phone (907) 349-4040 • FAX (907) 349-2020  
www.fejesguideservice.com


*Log Home  
Restoration  
&  
Refinishing*

**Northern  
Creations**

**Robert Armstrong**  
P.O. Box 538  
Wolverine, MI 49799  
Phone: 231-525-8239  
1-800-309-3006

**Ronald Lind, Owner**

**Bearskin Creek Guiding Services** Guide License # 1011



Phone: 907-744-3747  
Message: 907-441-5514  
Base Camp (May-Oct.): 907-845-2255  
E-Mail: clamskin.taylor@hotmail.com

P.O. Box 1004  
Chignik Lake, Alaska 99548



**RC OUTFITTERS**

**Brant Cunningham**  
Vice President / Head Guide

970-944-0700  
PO Box 338  
Lake City, CO 81235

903-360-1870 (cell)  
brant@rcoutfitters.com  
www.rcoutfitters.com

**Roger R. Card**

9999 70th Ave. • Mecosta, MI 49332

Phone: (231) 972-2413  
Fax: (231) 972-8240

E-mail: rogercard@cardsdraw.com

Stop telling God how big your storm is. Instead, tell your storm how big your God is!



## Kelly's Deer Processing



### FREE DEER PROCESSING FOR "SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER"

**WANTED: Cull Deer to purchase**

Colin Kelly  
19077 12 Mile Road  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
(231) 796-5414  
Email: colin@cks-place.com  
www.kellysdeerprocessing.com  
24- Hour Deer Drop-Off During Season  
SCI Mid-Michigan Member

## FARM BUREAU INSURANCE



Home • Auto • Business  
Annuities • Life

**Jeff Brandt Agency**

2929 S Isabella Road  
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

989.772.5670 • 989.775.3131 FAX

www.jeffbrandtagency.com • jeff.brandt@fbinsmi.com



*Petro - Vest*



P.O. BOX 653  
MT. PLEASANT, MICH.  
48804-0653

Phone: (989) 772-5494  
Fax: (989) 773-6664

**Edward T. Peters**

President  
Email edsteroil@yahoo.com

**Timothy R. Hauck**

Land Manager  
Cell : 989-330-2472  
Email timothyhauck@yahoo.com



**SANDRA CHANEY**  
Manager

**valley travel**

of mt. pleasant, ltd

123 South Franklin  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858-2319  
E-Mail: sandrac@valley-travel.net

Bus. (800) 290-6714  
(989) 773-9914  
FAX (989) 773-2046



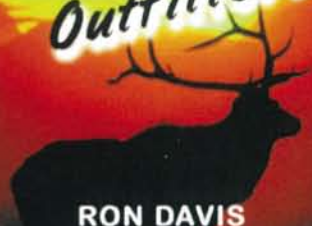
**Alvin Campeau**  
**Michael Campeau**

PH: (306) 278-3457

Box 94  
Carragana, Saskatchewan  
Canada S0E 0K0

Email: campeau.guiding@sasktel.net  
www.campeauguiding.com

*Hell's  
Half Acre  
Outfitters*



**RON DAVIS**  
**541-290-0489**

PO Box 631  
Coquille, Oregon 97423

We offer a variety  
of pre-set and customizable  
Hunting & Fishing Packages



**Froling Farms**

**Roger Froling**

Owner

BUFFALO ON THE HOOF, MEAT, HUNTS

1000 Dildine Road  
Ionia MI 48846

Phone: 616-527-4622  
Fax: 616-527-6736  
Email: rfroling@chartermi.net  
Cell: 616-291-0066

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?




**Hunt Alaska with Wittrock Outfitters**



**Brian Simpson**  
Master Guide #152  
P.O. Box 61210  
Fairbanks, AK 99706  
907-452-3822  
Email: noainc@mosquitonet.com

**Roger C. Froling** Life Insurance Company



*John Hancock*  
Medical Insurance  
Disability Income  
Life Insurance  
Pension Plans

1000 Dildine Road  
Ionia, MI 48846  
Office: (616) 527-4622  
Fax: (616) 527-6736  
Cell: (616) 291-0066  
rfroling@chartermi.net

**HEPBURN LAKE LODGE  
FLY-IN FISHING & HUNTING**  
LAKE TROUT- PIKE- WALLEYE  
BLACK BEAR HUNTING  
NORTHERN SASK. CANADA  
PHONE 1-306-547-3328  
email-hepburnlakelodge@sasktel.net  
**ARLEE THIDEMAN**



**Windy Ridge OUTFITTING**



*Nick Boley*  
OWNER  
641.919.2801  
NICK@HUNTWRO.COM

TROPHY WHITETAIL AND TURKEY HUNTS  
IN IOWA & MISSOURI

**WWW.HUNTWRO.COM**

26055 JERSEY AVENUE • MT. STERLING, IA 52573

**Blystone & Bailey**  
Certified Public Accountants, P.C.  
www.bbcpapc.com

**Glen D. Blystone, CPA**  
Jill Bourland, CPA  
619 S. Mission Street  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
(989) 772-4673

**Thomas J. Bailey, CPA**  
Mary Ann McPherson, CPA  
2931 Manor Drive  
Midland, MI 48640  
(989) 832-7833

**Havago Australia**




**www.havagoaustralia.com.au**  
**Jim and Debbie Dieckmann**  
Nyora Millmerran 4357 Australia Tel: (61) 7 4667 4152 Fax: (61) 7 4667 4110

**CROSSHAIRS OF ALASKA  
GUIDE SERVICE**  
**Mike Cowan**  
Registered Guide/Outfitter  
907-394-2924

*"Where the beat of your heart takes on a whole new meaning!"*

35555 Kenai Spur Hwy - PMB #419 • Soldotna, Alaska 99669  
email: [crosshairsofalaska@yahoo.com](mailto:crosshairsofalaska@yahoo.com)



**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS GUIDE SERVICE, LLC**  
Don MacMillen



**DEER, DUCK, GOOSE, PHEASANT, TURKEY**  
**WWW.CLOSEENCOUNTERSGS.COM**  
**PH: 248-361-0992**

If you carry a gun, people will call you paranoid. That's ridiculous.  
If you have a gun, what in the world do you have to be paranoid for.