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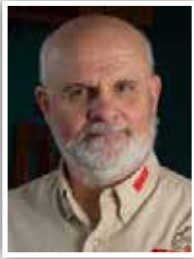
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President's Message

Covid is dragging on here in Michigan. The good news is hunting season is arriving! Get outside and do some scouting. Prep that equipment, how about some trail cameras? Try to help your hunting outfitters as it will be a tough season for many. See if the fish are biting and get ready for the fall leaves tours.

The SCI Fall Board of Directors' Meeting is coming up on Saturday, August 22nd. Once again, I will be remotely attending and give an update in the next issue of Front Sight.

You will see the Chapter election result in this issue. Please feel free to get involved with the Board on planning and running events! The Board is strong again this year and is focused on making the Chapter great. Think about the importance of the National Election this fall for conservation, hunting, fishing, and shooting and act!

The Northern Michigan Chapter dissolved. Our Chapter is reaching out to its former members to offer a one-year membership for those who are not already MidMichigan members. Please let your friends from that Chapter know.


We are continuing to support Humanitarian and Conservation with this year's budget. Pathfinder efforts include disabled youth and veteran hunts. Another major Sportsmen Against Hunger program is underway, please see the request letter in this issue. The conservation area will move from supporting the Predator / Prey which is wrapping up to an Orphan Cub project. The Chapter leverages our funding with the Michigan Involvement Committee (MIC). The MIC is Michigan Chapters of SCI banding together to move conservation projects forward.

We also support education efforts throughout the year. Several middle school teachers are selected to attend the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) in Jackson, WY most years. This training gives the teachers a broad background in outdoor activities including biology, ecology, fishing, archery, and hunting. The North American Hunting Model is taught as part of the curriculum. This allows the participants to articulate the benefits to conservation using this model. Part of the education support for youths is grants to local High School Trap Teams. We also provide some funding to the Isabella County Sportsman's Club to help provide a good safe shooting location for both youths and adults. A donation to the Card Wildlife Museum at Ferris State each year along with our multi-year support of Potter Park Zoo are other examples of the Chapter's education involvement.

The Chapter golf outing was held on Tuesday, August 11th. Attendance was down slightly from last year, but the participants were enthusiastic! Unfortunately, the Member Meeting on August 3rd needed to be cancelled. We are all looking forward to next year's Member Meetings! We are planning to have Tim Torpey as the speaker for April Membership Meeting.

Here are some important dates for early 2021. The Annual Convention planning is progressing well and is scheduled to be an in-person event at Soaring Eagle on February 26th and 27th. Big Buck is scheduled on January 23rd as an in-person event as well at the Comfort Inn.

Please let us know your suggestions for improvements and activities for the Chapter. Do some fall hunting and fishing.


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Josh and his older son, Elijah, hiking north of Copper Harbor.


Editor's Message

I hope you are all well as you read this issue of Front Sight. It won't be long and we will be able to partake in our different hunting adventures across the country. Please feel free to submit a story of any hunt you take. If writing stories seem a bit overwhelming check out our new section in the Front Sight entitled Pictorial Essay.

This has definitely been an interesting spring and summer and I think we can all agree we look forward to getting back to some sort of normalcy. Hopefully getting into the woods will help many of us with that.

Our two new sections in our last issue (What do you think? and Buy, Sell or Trade) seemed to have taken off nicely. Thank you to all who participated in each. Check out the question for the next issue of our magazine and feel free to e-mail a response. Also, look at the items in our buy, sell or trade section. If you have an item or two you'd like printed please reach out to me.

I hope you all have safe and successful hunting seasons and I look forward to hearing about them the next time we see each other.

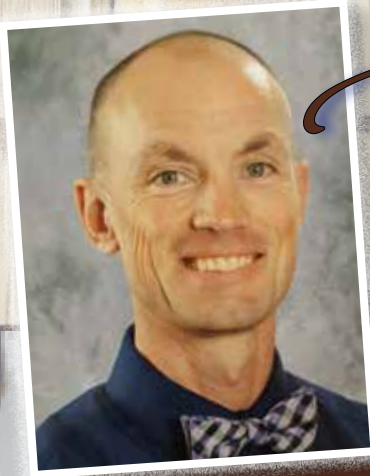

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SCI Mid-Michigan Chapter Meeting Schedule

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Date	Meeting Type	Time	Location
Oct. 5	Board Meeting	5:00 pm	Cheers
Oct. 24	Veterans Hunts	8:00 am	Crooked Foot
Dec. 7	Board Meeting	5:00 pm	Cheers
Ja. 23, 2021	Big Buck Night	7:00 p.m.	Comfort Inn
Feb. 3-6, 2021	National Annual Convention ~	Convention Center	Las Vegas
Feb. 26 & 27, 2021	Mid-Mich Fundraiser Convention		Soaring Eagle

All board meetings are open to our membership. Reservations required.
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Book Review

by Josh Christensen

Title: OUT THERE SOMEWHERE;
ONE MAN'S QUEST FOR
HUNTING ADVENTURES:

Publisher: Covenant Books

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List Price: \$24.95

Author: Glen A. Catt

Unlike most of the other books I have done reviews for I didn't find this one, it found me. I received an e-mail for Mr. Glen A. Catt explaining he had just written a book and was wondering if I would read it and write a review for our Front Sight publication. He informed me he was a member of our chapter and a life member of SCI, so I graciously agreed to review his book and sent him my address.

Out There Somewhere is a compilation of multiple hunting stories Glen has put to paper. He begins his book by explaining his main reason for writing these stories. It was to leave something for his family to have when he is no longer here to tell the stories. This drew me in and made me want to read more as Mary Harter and I have had similar conversations about why we and others write articles for the Front Sight Magazine.

The twenty-three hunting chapters in this book I would rank up there with any other book of this type. As in other books similar to this one, each chapter is fairly independent of one another, although several definitely tie together. Glen does an excellent job of bringing the reader into each hunt and makes it feel as if you are sitting down with him as he relives some of his best and worst hunting experiences.

This is one of those books that makes you want more as you turn each page to see what will happen next. Not only are the stories enjoyable, but they are also accompanied by multiple pictures to bring the stories to life. The only thing that could have made this book better was if it had an additional twenty-three chapters for the reader to enjoy.



This book gets 10 out of 10 bullseyes



**NEW
FEATURE**

BUY, TRADE or SELL

The following are the terms and conditions for the Buy, Sell or Trade section of our magazine.

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Black & Brown - Bear Hunting in Alaska

PART ONE ~ By Glen Catt



*Earlier this year, I contacted Josh Christensen about the possibility of submitting my new book, *Out There Somewhere, One Man's Quest for Hunting Adventures* for a review in our Mid-Michigan Chapter's *Front Sight* magazine. Obviously, Josh was open to it.*

*When Josh got back to me, after sharing his kind words about the reading of my book, he shared that he was going to be taking over the editorship of the magazine and asked if I would consider writing another story that he could place in the *Front Sight* issue that he would be sharing a review on my adventures... what could I say? :-)*

The fall of 1990 found my good friend, Jack Card and me traveling back to Alaska to hunt with Sam Fejes Guide Service again. Jack and I had been there just two years previously through Roger Card's recommendation. On that hunt, we were pursuing the Alaska-Yukon Moose and Mountain Goat (this adventure is featured in my book). And it was just a few years prior to that that I experienced my first guided hunt, which was with Roger, Jack, and one of my associates, Gale Parker... Gale & I were guests of Roger & Jack for a couple of Caribou hunts; The Barren ground, and the smaller, Peary Caribou. To say the least, that was a hoot!

Anyway, after falling in love with Alaska, and convinced that Sam's outfit was the best (I still feel that way), we returned, but this time for Black Bear and Brown Bear.

If you have ever hunted with Sam Fejes, you know that you rarely spend any time in camp, although remote, a place that he has created in the middle of the wilderness that most would call a resort... Sam figures you came there to hunt, so hunt you do! For the almost two weeks we were there, Jack and my paths rarely crossed. In fact, we only had a couple of hours one day in passing prior to the night before we flew out to head home.

My guide was going to be Chad. A different chap than I had been with two years prior, a little shorter, much more muscular, and (although I was very pleased with my guides on my prior hunt), much more experienced, as he had been guiding with Sam for quite a number of years.

It was early spring, when both the Black Bear and the Brown Bear would be coming out of hibernation. For obvious reasons of allowing the Black Bear species to survive, they live in different territories. Chad chose to have us pursue the Blackie first.

When we were there, Sam housed four different planes; a large work-horse, a 6-passenger Cessna (from what I could see, mainly used to shuffle hunters from Cordova, AK to Sam's camp), and two Super Cubs for shuffling hunters to God-forsaken areas that would be even questionable for Super Cubs to get in and out of. Although Sam was a pilot, most of our flying was with Des, perhaps his 'shuffle-man'.

The interesting thing with being shuffled in a Super Cub, it can only hold a pilot and one hunter, hence, one is always going to be left behind. I found quite quickly that prior to Des and Chad flying off into who-knows-where for a different hunting location, Des would always instruct me as to directions in the event he never returned. The norm was, "Walk down this glacier, keep going downhill and you will run into a river. Once you get to the river, follow it down stream. It may take a day or two, but you will run into a village... always very self-assuring.

Our first home would be on a glacier, which was always more comfortable than the rocky terrain for your sleeping bag. Not being able to hunt the first day of a flight, we set-up our 2-man tent, gathered snow to melt for water, and then did a little scouting. Chad shared that we were early enough that most of the bears should be coming out of their dens, but more than



likely haven't wandered too far. Most of their dens were located on the side of a mountain, hence, when they dug their way out of the snow-covered land, it would actually lead to a dark spot surrounded by snow... this is what we were looking for. And that first evening, we spotted a few, however, following the tracks in and out of the 'cave opening' we could see where it appeared these bears were wandering further and further away each day until there seemed to be just one single track that didn't pose a return set. Walking across the glacier was pretty easy, however, when the time came that we needed to climb up the side of one of those snow-covered mountains to get a closer look, we would need to boot into our snowshoes that we kept in our backpack.

The next morning, just like every day there, the sky was blue, and the ground was white; We were fortunate to have exceptional weather on hunt. After bringing to a boil our thawed water, which we each kept in our sleeping bag during the night, we enjoyed hot chocolate and instant oatmeal (the celebrated breakfast each morning), then we left the tent, put on a light pack for the day, and continued walking up or down the large glacier, seeking dark spots in the white mountain side.

From that brief experience, I was amazed with the number of bear that hibernated just around that glacier (although it was an extremely large glacier). We did experience some 'black holes' that we strapped on snowshoes, climbed up a way to get a better viewing before determining that the prize had already left the county. However, later in the day, upon one of those journeys up, we discovered tracks

coming out and then back in, and then out a little farther and back in, and a third set going out and then back to the snow-covered cave... but, there were no tracks that had wandered so far that we could not see that they also returned. This dude was still there!

Again, we donned our snowshoes, and climbed up a little over half the distance to bring us within a 100-yards or so. This allowed Chad to get a better taste of the size of the track through his bins. "He looks big! Chad said, "Either that or he just has big feet. We need to set up in a good spot around some rocks. He will come out again, but before he totally shows himself, he will cautiously look around... then he will slowly wander out. We will need to let him get at least 40-yards from the den if we are going to take him. Wounded, he'll probably head back to his home... I have gone into those dens after a wounded, assumed dead bear, but I really don't enjoy doing that."

Following Chad's lead, we found a (kind of) comfortable spot and started the wait, hoping that our friend would show himself before nightfall. Fortunately for us, being late April, the daylight went much longer into the evenings.



With the white-on-white background, there wasn't much of anything else but to focus on the little dark hole 90-yards away... it surely didn't make time fly. Chad kept his bins on the den most of the time, and a little more than an hour later he whispered as loud as he dared, "He just stuck his head out... HOLD REALLY STILL!"

I didn't dare move to bring my binos up, thus all I could see was perhaps the dark hole may have gotten a little blacker.

"He's coming out. When he turns, very slowly, bring your rifle up, and make sure you have a comfortable and steady hold. He's very old, and very big, but we don't want to take a shot until he is much farther from the opening."

We watched the huge black movement, ever so slowly, move to its right, our left. He stayed parallel to his den, and it appeared that he would have a good distance to go before he would wander out of our site.

"All right, get ready... No! He stopped!" Chad whispered and then changed directions in his conversation.

I could see the brute turn his head our way and it appeared that he was trying to stare us down. We were sure that with the eyesight of a bear, he surely couldn't make us out, but perhaps... just perhaps that little rock piled down the hill from him looked a little different than the last time he glazed at it. "Hold really, really still..." was all I heard from Chad.

Either our neighbor was convinced we were nothing, or perhaps he felt we were maybe dumber than a pile of rocks... either way, he turned back to his right, and looking straight ahead, he, just as slowly as he had before, went back to his stroll. "He's far enough away now, take him when you feel you have a good shot." The response from Chad that I had been waiting for.

As I brought my Sako 338 Winchester Mag to my shoulder, and focused in on the thick black-haired animal through my Leopold scope, I had a quick reminder that this combo of a weapon had never let me down... I had complete confidence in it.

It has always been interesting to me that when one is focused on his game, as he squeezes the trigger, not only do you not

feel the recoil, but seldom hear the muzzle... the focus is on the target.

With the exception of the critter cranking from low gear to 4th gear, you would never have known there was any impact made by my Nosler Partition, 210-grain bullet. That is until another 30-yards and he dropped like gravity had been pulled out from beneath him. "Wow, great shot! No den diving today," slid out of Chad's mouth. Then, "Wow, are we going to get a double blessing today, he is sliding our way."

Sure enough, after a brief 3-second settling, our prize Black Bear was coming towards us... via sliding down that snowy slope. "This is too good to be true." Chad blatted. But then it became too good to be true. Out of our scope of vision, because of the white-on-white, we could now notice that the terrine changed a little between the bear's slide and where we were still sitting. As in a Coke commercial with one of those Polar Bears, our buddy took a right and ended up sliding down a different valley, a little higher than us, and to the right. You can imagine our hearts sinking as we put our snowshoes back on, and climbed our way towards the fresh snow slide... not knowing just how far that unknown valley may be taking our trophy.

The good news, bad news was as we topped the slope, where we could follow the smooth slide-tracks of our bear, it appeared he could have gone for what looked like forever, but fortunately for us, he had found a little bench about 120-yards away where he was slowed down enough to come to a rest. Of course, the bad news was we still had to go down there, skin & cape, and then bring him up before we could bring him back down to the glacier below.

Needless to say, we got a good workout but we were able to return to our little 2-man tent before night fall, only to be picked up the next day... one at a time, by Des to take us back to Sam's main camp... I wondered how my buddy Jack was doing.



Editor's Note: The author of this story is the author of the book I did the book review for in this issue of the Front Sight magazine. If you enjoyed this story you should consider purchasing Glen's book Out There Somewhere, where you will find over twenty more like it.

All-time Number one Mid-Michigan Animals

One of the interesting and somewhat unique features of our Mid-Michigan chapter of SCI is our long running record book. Over the years our members have taken part in submitting score sheets for the animals they've taken from all over the world. The entire list of entries can be found on our chapter website. The following are the all-time number one Mid-Michigan animals.

AFRICA

ANIMAL	DATE TAKEN	HUNTER	SCORE
Abyssinian Bushbuck	2008	Larry Higgins	35 6/8
Abyssinian Bohor Reedbuck	2013	Larry Higgins	20 5/8
Abyssinian Greater Kudu	2013	Larry Higgins	113 2/8
African Cheetah	2001	Tim Torpey	13 10/16
African Civet	2011	Larry Higgins	9 10/16
African Elephant	2004	Jeffrey Chaulk	144 ½
African Leopard	1993	Dave Petrella	17 12/16
African Lion	2005	Michael Moir	27
African Lion – South Africa	1982	Roger Card	27 13/16
African Wildcat	2012	Larry Higgins	8 6/16
Barbary Sheep (Aoudad)	2014	Mary Harter	91 3/8
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	2019	Terry Braden	61 6/8
Black Lechwe	2008	Larry Higgins	60 5/8
Black Springbok	2003	Larry Higgins	41 4/8
Black Wildebeest	2014	Mary Harter	95 7/8
Blesbok	1983	Sid Smith	48 7/8
Blesbok	2004	Tim Bentley	48 7/8
Blue Duiker	2014	Mary Harter	7 12/16
Blue Wildebeest	2000	Gerald Schave	85 4/8
Bontebok	2008	Terry Braden	43 5/8
Brown Hyena	2012	Larry Higgins	17 2/16
Bushpig	2017	Terry Braden	17 14/16
Cape Buffalo	2013	Don Harter	121 4/8
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 Hartebeest	2001	Pat Brennan	72 5/8
Caracal	2003	Larry Higgins	9 3/16
Central African Giant Eland (Lord Derby)	2004	Roger Card	126 7/8
Central African Kob	2011	Roger Card	46 2/8
Chanler Mountain Reedbuck	2008	Larry Higgins	11 4/8
Chobe Bushbuck	2004	Douglas Chapin	49
Coke Hartebeest	1995	Ken Keeley	61 3/8
Common Lechwe	2017	Larry Smith	70 1/8
Common Nyala	1999	Tim Hauck	77 4/8
Common Reedbuck	2014	Gale Hixson	29 4/8
Common Sable Antelope	2018	Ken Ransom	108 1/8
Common Waterbuck	2009	Scott Vinkemulder	89 3/8
Cookson Wildebeest	1997	Roger Card	82 5/8
Copper Springbok	2008	Larry Higgins	35 2/8
Cordeaux Dik-Dik	1991	Pat Bollman	9
Cordeaux Dik-Dik	1991	Roger Card	9
Crawshay Defassa Waterbuck	2008	Larry Higgins	69
Damara Dik-Dik	2019	Terry Braden	10 6/16
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	Dave 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	2011	Mary Harter	64
East African Suni	2008	Larry Higgins	8 14/16
Eastern Bohor Reedbuck	2004	Larry Higgins	20
Easter Cape Greater Kudu	1998	Tim Torpey	128
European Fallow Deer	2015	Larry Smith	180 3/8

Forest Sitatunga	1997	Dave Petrella	62 4/8
Fringe Eared Oryx	1997	Ken Keeley	74 6/8
Giant Forest Hog	2012	Larry Higgins	23 10/16
Guenther Dik-Dik	2014	Mary Harter	10 3/8
Harnessed Bushbuck	2011	Larry Higgins	33 5/8
Harvey Red Duiker	2000	Roger R. Card	13 12/16
Hippopotamus	2017	Terry Braden	71 5/16
Hog Deer	2012	Larry Higgins	54 1/8
Hyena (Spotted)	2017	Matt Esch	18 11/16
Kafue Flats Lechwe	2008	Larry Higgins	86 2/8
Kalahari Gemsbok (Oryx)	2005	Jeffrey Chaulk	97 2/8
Kalahari Gemsbok (Oryx) South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe	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 Hartebeest	2001	David Petrella	66 7/8
Lesser Kudu	1993	Pat Bollman	68
Lichtenstein Hartebeest	2011	Mary Harter	68 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	2015	Don Harter	39 4/8
Mouflon	2012	Larry Higgins	111 1/8
Mountain Nyala	2015	Don Harter	102 4/8
Natal Red Duiker	2001	Phil Seybert	12 2/16
Neumann Hartebeest	2013	Larry Higgins	60 7/8
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	2018	Brandon Jurrries	15'2"
Northern Gerenuk	1991	Roger Card	36 7/8
Northern Grant Gazelle	2013	Larry Higgins	64 6/8
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	2011	Roger Card	13 2/16
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	Dave Petrella	136 6/8
Salt Dik-Dik	2015	Don Harter	10 1/8
Scimitar-Horned Oryx	2014	Mary Harter	88
Serval	2012	Larry Higgins	9 3/16
Sharpe Grysbok	1988	Dave Petrella	7 12/16
Sing-Sing Waterbuck	2011	Larry Higgins	75 1/8
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	2008	Larry W. Smith	62 3/8
Southern Mountain Reedbuck	2007	Jim Maciatek	15 7/8
Southern Mountain Reedbuck	2003	Roger Brown	15 7/8
Southern Roan Antelope	2014	Mary Harter	75
Southern White Rhinoceros	2009	Joe Janicke	102 5/8
Steenbok	2007	Tim Becker	15 9/16
Thomson 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 5/8
Vaal Rhebok	1998	Tim Torpey	20 2/8
Warthog	2008	Gail Dawson	39
Water Buffalo	2012	Larry Higgins	85 4/8
West African Savannah Buffalo	2001	David Petrella	71 5/8
Western Bongo	1997	Dave Petrella	84 3/8
Western Bush Duiker	2009	Larry Higgins	12 8/16
Western Hartebeest	1998	Dave 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
Wild Boar	2012	Larry Higgins	18 8/16
Zambezi Sitatunga	2008	Larry Higgins	62 6/8

ASIA

ANIMAL	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	2012	Mary Harter	27 14/16
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
Koryak Snow Sheep	2015	Larry Higgins	148
Konya Mouflon	2006	Larry Higgins	125 5/8
Kuban Tur (Western)	2012	Larry Higgins	114 4/8
Maral	2008	Roger Card	223 3/8
Marco Polo Sheep	2007	Roger Card	201 6/8
Mid Asian Ibex	2004	David Petrella	109 1/8
Mid Caucasian Tur	2007	Larry Higgins	141 2/8
Mid Eastern Red Stag	2011	Larry Higgins	265 1/8
Mongolian Gazelle	2002	David Petrella	34 6/8
Nemrut (Bezor/Hybrid) 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	2001	David Petrella	111 2/8
Siberian Roe Deer	2005	Roger Card	80 6/8
Sindh Ibex	2004	Larry Higgins	92 7/8
Tibetan Gazelle	2001	David Petrella	33 5/8
Transcaspian 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
Yukutia Snow Sheep	2009	Larry Higgins	146

EUROPE

ANIMAL	DATE TAKEN	HUNTER	SCORE
Alpine Chamois	2008	Roger Card	24 5/8
Alpine Ibex	2005	Dave Petrella	101 2/8
Aoudad-Barbary Sheep	2008	Roger Card	121 1/8
Balerean Goat	2011	Larry Higgins	59 6/8
Balkan Chamois	2005	Dave Petrella	24 6/8
Beceite Ibex	2002	David Petrella	84 4/8

Cantabrian Chamois	2008	Roger Card	20 2/8
Carpathian Chamois	2005	David Petrella	28
Chartreuse Chamois	2013	Larry Higgins	26
English Red Deer	2013	Ron Browning	272 3/8
Eurasian Brown Bear	1998	Tim Hauck	22 2/16
Eurasian Feral Boar	2006	Roger Card	14 6/8
European Fallow Deer	2013	Mary Browning	265 3/8
European Golden Jackal	2012	Larry Higgins	9 12/16
European Gray Wolf	2012	Larry Higgins	14 2/16
European Mouflon Sheep	2012	Larry Higgins	124 7/8
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
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
Kri Kri Ibex	2014	Larry Higgins	68
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
Soay Sheep	2013	Glenn Belyea	93 6/8
SE Spanish Ibex	2005	Larry Higgins	79 5/8
Spanish Red Deer	2007	Larry Higgins	276 5/8
Tatra Chamois	2013	Larry Higgins	23 5/8
Water Deer	2013	Glenn Belyea	10 1/16
Wild Boar	2009	Larry Higgins	24 9/16

NORTH AMERICA INTRODUCED

ANIMAL	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)	2008	Larry Witte	152 3/8
Axis Deer Free Range	2009	Joanne Witte	143 3/8
Barasingha	2000	Larry Higgins	186 6/8
Barbarosa (Marino)	1997	Sylvia Becker	154 6/8
Beisa Oryx	2014	Dawn Manthei	75 2/8
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 Free Range	2001	Alfred Luis	223 6/8
European Fallow Deer	2000	Jeff Sackett	254 1/8
European Mouflon Sheep	1996	Tim Becker	134 3/8
Feral Boar Free Range	2016	Jeff Harrison	28 5/8
Feral Boar	2007	Randy Raymond	22 8/16
Feral Goat	1996	Tim Becker	94
Feral Sheep	2012	Larry Higgins	111 1/8
Gemsbok	2004	Tim Becker	90 1/8
Hog Deer	1997	Larry Higgins	63
Hybrid Ibex	1999	Larry Higgins	98 1/8
Hybrid Sheep	2020	Randy Raymond	131 2/8
Markhor	2001	Larry Higgins	90 5/8
Multi-Horned Sheep	2004	Tim Becker	116 3/8
Nilgai Antelope	1999	Tim Becker	33 4/8
Nubian Ibex	1998	Larry Higgins	98 1/8
Oryx	2012	Larry Higgins	82 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
Rusa Deer	2015	Corey Hyde	136 4/8
Scimitar-Horned Oryx	2008	Bill Shelt	95
Scimitar-Horned Oryx Free Range	2009	Jeff Sackett	94 2/8
Sika Deer (Non-Typical)	2005	Tim Becker	109 7/8
Sika Deer	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	2006	Dave Edel	82 2/8

NORTH AMERICA

ANIMAL	DATE TAKEN	HUNTER	SCORE
Alaska Brown Bear	2007	Jeffrey Chaulk	29 7/16
Alaska Yukon Barren Ground Caribou	1984	Pat Bollman	476 7/8
Alaska Yukon Moose	1999	Debra Card	731 1/8
Anticosti Whitetail Deer	2018	Terry Braden	67 1/8
Arctic Island Caribou	1993	Larry Higgins	345 6/8
Atlantic Walrus	2010	Roger Card	99 6/8
Baja Blacktail Deer	2014	Larry Higgins	98
Barren Ground Muskox	1997	Dave Petrella	87
Bobcat	2010	Joanne Witte	9 10/16
Bobcat	2016	Mike Strobe	9 10/16
California Bighorn Sheep	2004	Larry Higgins	165 1/8
Canada Lynx	1994	Dave Petrella	9 8/16
Carman Mountain Whitetail Deer	2011	Terry Braden	111 2/8
Central American 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
Collared Peccary	1992	Harvey Pfeiffer	15
Columbia Blacktail Deer	1995	Alfred Luis	143 7/8
Columbia Blacktail Deer (Non-Typical)	2009	Tim Torpey	149 7/8
Columbia Whitetail Deer	2007	Owen Eldred	103 1/8
Columbia Whitetail Deer (Non-Typical)	2007	Corey Hyde	133
Common Grizzly Bear	2004	David Rusch	26 2/16
Continental (Inland) Black Bear	2007	Randy Raymond	21 6/16
Couse Whitetail Deer	2012	Corey Hyde	111 4/8
Cougar (Mountain Lion)	1985	Bob Doerr	15
Cougar (Mountain Lion)	1998	Terry Braden	15
Cougar (Mountain Lion)	2000	Patrick Brennan	15
Dall Sheep	2017	Gale Parr	172 4/8
Desert Bighorn Sheep	1985	Pat Bollman	181 1/8
Desert Mule Deer (Non-Typical)	1993	Debra Card	145 5/8
Desert Mule Deer	1997	Larry Higgins	199 4/8
Eastern Canada Moose	1969	Roger Card	443
Eastern Turkey	2017	Mike Strobe	71 3/8
Eastern Turkey Multiple Beards	2015	Don Harter	83 4/16
Gould's Turkey	2014	Glenn Belyea	43 2/16
Gray Wolf	1988	Roger Card	17 5/16
Greenland Muskox	1995	Dave Petrella	79 5/8
Jaguar	1986	Roger Card	16
Merriam's Turkey	2013	Larry Witte	36 2/16
Mexican Texanus Whitetail Deer	2016	Corey Hyde	137 7/8
Midwestern Whitetail Deer (Non-Typical)	2007	Dana Hodges	207 3/8
Midwestern Whitetail Deer	2008	Tim Torpey	168 6/8
Midwestern Whitetail Deer Estate	2014	Dick Stockmar	288
Midwestern Whitetail Deer Estate (Non-Typical)	2016	Dick Stockmar	252 5/8
Mountain Caribou	1980	Gale Hixson	420 3/8
Northeastern Whitetail Deer (Non-Typical)	2005	Randy Raymond	270 1/8
Northeastern Whitetail Deer	2012	Rick Dickson	190 2/8
Northeastern Whitetail Deer (Non-Typical) Estate	2007	Tim Becker	313 2/8
Northeastern Whitetail Deer Estate	2017	Terry Braden	194 5/8
Northwestern Whitetail Deer	2003	Robert Davis	169 4/8
Northwestern Whitetail Deer (Non-Typical)	2015	Rachel Stickler	157 6/8
Northwestern Whitetail Deer Estate	2017	Larry Smith	123 2/8
Ocellated Turkey	2011	Joanne Witte	36 14/16
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 Brocket Deer	2017	Terry Braden	14 7/16
Rio Grande Turkey	2009	Joanne Witte	46 8/16
Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep	2008	Larry Higgins	181 2/8
Rocky Mountain Elk (Non-Typical)	1986	Gale Hixson	453
Rocky Mountain Elk	2005	Jeff Chaulk	382 7/8
Rocky Mountain Elk Estate	2001	Brad Eldred	424 1/8
Rocky Mountain Mule Deer (Non-Typical)	2005	Jeff Chaulk	215 4/8
Rocky Mountain Mule Deer	2007	Marilyn Parr	204 6/8
Roosevelt Elk	2018	Jeffrey Sackett	302 4/8
Roosevelt Elk Santa Rosa Island	1999	Terry Braden	350
Shiras Moose	2018	Ken Ransom	316 5/8
Sitka Blacktail Deer	2001	Brad Eldred	114
Southeastern Whitetail Deer	2015	Corey Hyde	135
Southeastern Whitetail Deer Estate	1999	Larry Higgins	121 1/8
Stone Sheep	2004	Jeffrey Chaulk	176 1/8
Texas Whitetail Deer	1999	Larry Higgins	151 5/8
Texas Whitetail Deer (Non-Typical) Estate	2006	Tim Becker	159
Texas Whitetail Deer Estate	2001	Tim Becker	154 1/8
Tule Elk	2003	Alfred Luis	320 6/8
Western Canada Moose	2004	Keith Davis	553 4/8
White Lipped Peccary	2002	Larry Higgins	15 13/16
Wolverine	1992	Dave Petrella	10 8/16
Woodland Bison	2006	Dave 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

ANIMAL	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 Brocket Deer	2007	Larry Higgins	14
Capybara	2007	Roger Card	16 1/16
Collared Peccary	2011	Terry Braden	16 4/16
European Fallow Deer	2016	Don Harter	291 4/8
European Mouflon Sheep	2016	Mary Harter	139 6/8
Feral Boar	2009	Terry Braden	26 15/16
Feral Goat	2016	Mary Harter	81 3/8
Gray-Brown Brocket Deer	2011	Terry Braden	15 10/16
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 Brocket Deer	2007	Larry Higgins	14 13/16
Red Deer	2016	Don Harter	340 2/8
Water Buffalo	2002	Steve Diekema	95 7/8
White Lipped Peccary	2011	Terry Braden	17 6/16

SOUTH PACIFIC

ANIMAL	DATE TAKEN	HUNTER	SCORE
Arapawa Ram	2010	Alfred Luis	124 4/8
Axis Deer (Chital)	2008	Larry Higgins	121
Banteng	1988	Roger Card	71 6/8
Blackbuck	2003	Nan Riley	69 3/8
Chamois	2005	Terry Braden	28 6/8
European Fallow Deer	2008	Alfred Luis	258 4/8
Feral Boar	1995	Roger Card	28 2/16
Feral Bull	2011	Keith Davis	70 3/8
Feral Goat	2011	Keith Davis	80 2/8
Feral Sheep	2003	Joe Janicke, JR.	126
Himalayan Tahr	2004	Alfred Luis	46 7/8
Moluccan Rusa Deer	2006	Larry Higgins	133 4/8
Hog Deer	1995	Roger Card	71 3/8
Red Deer	2014	Matt Esch	441 2/8
Javan Rusa Deer (Non-Typical)	2006	Tim Becker	162 5/8
Javan Rusa Deer	2006	Larry Higgins	153 5/8
Sambar Deer	2009	Mary Harter	140 2/8
Scrub Bull	2006	Larry Higgins	61
Sika Deer	2009	Mary Harter	161 5/8
South Pacific Turkey	2011	Joshua Christensen	41 10/16
Wapiti	2009	Nick Johnston	383 4/8
Wapiti (Non-Typical)	2010	Alfred Luis	422 4/8
Water Buffalo	2006	Larry Higgins	101 4/8
Whitetail Deer	2013	Larry Higgins	90 6/8

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, \$47.50. 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 \$47.50 yourself or split the cost with us putting your cost at \$23.75. 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, fresh or frozen, will be donated to soup kitchens and pantries in our own community.

Currently we donate to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, Love, Inc., God's Helping Hands and Isabella County Womens Shelters. As the program grows we would like to add more entities.

You do not have to be a SCI member to donate to this program. Please tell your friends and family.

Shagena'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. Shagena's will be on your left.

If you have any trouble getting the deer there yourself, they can be dropped off to me, Mike Strope, and I will make sure they get there. When you drop off your deer at Shagena'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.

This year we have teamed up with NAC Taxidermy and Burch Tank & Truck who believe in this program as much as I do. Together we hope to make this program bigger and better. They also can be contacted for information about the program, Nick Giuliani from NAC Taxidermy at (989) 644-6289 or Matt Veale from Burch Tank & Truck at (989) 400-9536.

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 Strope at 989-506-1113 or by email mstropecustombuilder@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and happy hunting,

Mike Strope

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Sportsmen Against Hunger 2019-2020

By Jon Ziemann

The Mid-Michigan Chapter of Safari Club International is a proud sponsor of the Sportsmen Against Hunger program in our local communities. Mike Strobe once again did an excellent job as the program director for the Chapter. The Chapter works with several partners and helps support five organizations. Significant amounts of meat are provided to assist the area groups in their efforts. The Chapter partners with NAC Taxidermy, Isabella County Conservation District and Burch Tank and Truck to publicize the program. Shagena Meat Processing in Clare offers

significantly reduced rate to process meat. Approximately 1,275 pounds of meat were distributed to four organizations, Women's Aid Service, Inc., the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, God's Helping Hand of Mecosta County, and His Helping Hand of Clare County. We also donated \$250 Gordon Food Service Store gift cards to the organizations for other needs after the meat donations were completed. In consultation with the organizations, it was determined that it was most cost effective to make bulk meat purchases and donate that meat as well. Gordon's Food Service

became a good partner with the Chapter by providing a very significant discounted bulk price to Chapter. A fifth organization, the Community Compassion Network was provided a \$450.00 donation which was leveraged to 4,500 pounds of food through the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The program is successful and well received by the organizations and communities.



621 S. Adams St
P.O. Box 872
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
(989) 772-7392

Date: 1/31/2020

Dear Mid-Michigan Chapter SCI,

On behalf of the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen we wish to acknowledge and thank you for your contribution of 350 pounds of meat and a \$250 Gordon Food Service gift card as part of our 2019 Annual Campaign. Your generosity makes our mission possible.

Food insecurity is a prevalent issue all over the globe, but it is also an issue that hits close to home. Not knowing where your next meal is coming from or how you're going to feed your family is stressful and we try to minimize that issue here in Isabella County. Thanks to the continued support of the community we are able to offer breakfast and lunch six days a week to those struggling with hunger. On average, we serve hot lunch to a little over 100 people each day.

Feeding those in need is possible because of help from you and other generous members of the community. Monetary help is just one way that those in the community give back, we would also like to give special thanks to those who volunteer their time and donate food and other necessities to our organization. We are blessed to operate in such a giving community.

We are a registered 501c3 non-profit organization. The full amount/value of your contribution to the ISCK is tax deductible with no portion being payment for personal goods or services.

Thank you,

Sarah Hillman Executive Director



Dear Mike and all members of the Safari Club International Mid-Mi,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$450.00 to the Community Compassion Network and our mission to help our food insecure neighbors. Because of your gift we will be able to purchase 4,500 pounds of food from Greater Lansing Food Bank. Blessings, Deb Skinner



February 3, 2020

SCI Mid-Michigan Chapter
Sportsmen Against Hunger Program
Attn: Mike Strobe
1108 Bellflower Dr
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
<http://www.sci-midmichigan.org>

Dear SCI Mid-Michigan Chapter Members,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of W.A.S.I., we would like to thank you for your donation of the following items:

350 lbs. meat
\$250 Gordon Food Service gift card

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Janice Payne
Janice Payne
Executive Director

Refer to ID #16 127670

Note: This bill is due and payable to the bank on account date. This letter reflects your charitable contribution to Women's Aid Service, Inc. We appreciate your generosity. Please make this bill a priority for you.

10 Free 24 Hour Debt Help 1-844-388-8777



Forwarded message
From: Randy Piatt <ghhmc@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 31, 2020, 3:00 PM
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To: mstrobecustombuilder@gmail.com <mstrobecustombuilder@gmail.com>

Dear Mike,

It was a pleasure to have met and to have talked with you this morning at GHMHC. On behalf of all the staff and crew at GHMHC, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to you and the SCI group for the wonderful and much needed donation of 325 lbs. of ground beef and the GFS Gift Card for \$250!

This is another fine example of how community working together in unified harmony enables the helping of a great number of those in need of basic food. Thanks again Mike and may God bless you and your fellow hunters for caring and sharing for those less fortunate.

Thank you for the trust you have in GHMHC to see to it that these resources are properly distributed to those truly in need.

Randy Piatt
Executive Program Director of GHMHC



325 pounds of meat were donated to His Helping Hands of Clare County by the Sportsman Against Hunger program. Along with the meat we received a gift card from Gordon's Food Service for \$250. We have used the gift cards in different ways throughout the years that they have been donating to us. Last year, we adopted three families for Christmas and were able to give them full Christmas dinners using the card we had received. We also stock personal products for our office and other churches to give out.

We are able to divide the gift of meat between three pantries, the Gathering Pantry in Harrison, the Nazarene Church Pantry in Clare, and the Church of Christ Pantry in Farwell. When people call His Helping Hands for food we direct them to one of the pantries closest to them. Your generous donation enables the pantries to provide good protein to families in Clare County.

We thank SCI Mid-Michigan Chapter for this donation and the hunters who donate to them. Your donation is making a difference in Clare County.

His Helping Hands is a non profit Christian organization that helps people in need throughout Clare County. We give out beds and donated furniture and other household items. We also help with transportation, laundry and other needs depending on our volunteers.

We are a call in center, open 10-2pm, Mon-Thurs, 989-539-2064.

Thank You



ANTARCTICA - Someplace Different

by Roger Card

There is a small world map hanging on my office wall and when I start planning my next hunting or fishing adventure I often consult it for helping me choose what's next on my "Bucket List." For fifty years I have diligently added pins to the locations I have visited and today it is a wonderful reminder of all my travels pursuing my passion of big game hunting. Occasionally I have picked an area for hunting based mostly on a seemingly large portion of my map with no pins. Some amazing trips to Thailand, Russia and Iceland would be trips chosen based mostly on large blank spots. When my long time hunting partner suggested we do something unusual to celebrate his 70th birthday the largest land mass on my map without a pin was by far Antarctica. It was also the only continent we had not visited so the following is our account of a birthday celebration in someplace different.

The first thing we confirmed in researching this trip was there would be absolutely no hunting or fishing. It would be a first for me but this safari was photography only. One week before departure we were notified the people that were supposed to join us in Chile

had cancelled because of the coronavirus and we could cancel as well or have our trip moved back a week. We elected to shuffle dates and were able to enjoy an amazing adventure in Antarctica.



I have never been to Galapagos but have read many times how the wildlife there has no fear of humans. It was exactly what we found on this trip and it was awesome. If you slowly got on the ground to their level the curious little Penguins would waddle right over and give you a thorough inspection. A shiny button or loose

strap commanded an extended exploration. Seals sleeping on the beach would casually open one eye as you slowly approached them. It helped if you talked quietly or maybe hummed a little tune so they were not startled. As long as they knew you were just a human they just drifted right back into slumber.

Our accommodations were a little unusual as we were guests of the Russian Research Station. Our hosts were generous, the food was pretty good and it was an unexpected twist to our trip. The final day we took a small Zodiac out across the open water to get a really good look at the glacier that covers most of the continent. I have seen several glaciers but none more beautiful.

It was a great adventure even if we did not pop a cap or wet a line!

Footnote: When our plane landed back in Chile we found we were returning to a different world. What we thought would be an easy three day return trip home had all been canceled by Covid 19 and we had 7 hours to get out of the country. We left Santiago at 11:50 PM and they shut the airport down at midnight. — But we made it!



**NEW
FEATURE:**

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

• I won a fabulous hunt in the Mid-Michigan SCI Fundraiser drawing and couldn't pass up the chance to try and get a great Mule Deer!!! – **Abbe Mulders**

• I hunt because my father made it a point to take me, to teach me what he could and it's something that we shared for my entire life. Now that he is gone... It is something I share with my children and Grandchildren. It is a way of life for us, providing for our family while enjoying and honoring the beauty of the outdoors. – **Kevin Chamberlain**

• Hunting came to me at a time I truly needed it. I was twelve years old when my parents divorced and this is when my uncle began taking me hunting regularly. Hunting was great for me at the time because I already loved the outdoors and it gave me something positive to focus on. Since then I have incorporated my love of hunting with traveling and have been to several countries to experience their culture as well as their wildlife. Hunting has also allowed me to create family time with my wife and our two boys. – **Josh Christensen**

• I have been asked countless times why I enjoy hunting so much. I get many questions such as "How can you sit in a tree for 8 hours a day for several days just waiting for a shot at a deer?" or "How can you shoot one of those pretty little animals?" and "How can you enjoy sitting in the freezing cold or blowing rain for so long... and enjoy it?". To be honest, those are questions I struggle answering. Normally, I don't enjoy sitting still. I try to avoid being cold and wet on most occasions. And yes, animals are beautiful! I often feel some sort of remorse when taking an animal, but I hunt with the attitude that harvesting them should be purposeful. Unless you are a hunter, I truly believe there is no way to understand what drives us to spend immeasurable hours and too much money doing what we love the most. Is it the ability to outsmart the keenest eyes, ears and noses on the planet? Perhaps! Is it the adrenaline rush we get when we walk up on a magnificent animal we just shot? That may have something to do with it! Could it be the trophies we enjoy on our walls or the bragging rights we get when "competing" against our hunting buddies and "win"? Or is it the enjoyment we get from the game we cook and share with family and friends? It could be the time we spend with our closest friends enjoying God's great gift of nature. All that said, it's still impossible for me to put a finger on exactly why I have such a passion to hunt.

I remember the specific moment when I recognized the magnitude of my hunting passion, however. A football injury in high school had left me unable to finish the season my junior year. The idle time was spent refining my deer hunting skills and training the first dog I had personally owned. She was a beagle named "Mammy". Rabbits stood no chance when she and I entered the woods together. I assumed that most boys hunted at the same level I did, but apparently that wasn't so. One day, while walking the halls of my school, a teacher who enjoyed hunting walked up to me and said "Hey, Balzer, what did you kill this week?" He went on to acknowledge that he did not know another young man that hunted as much as I did.

It was then that I recognized hunting had become a significant part of my identity. So, when asked why I hunt, the most basic answer I can give is "It's who I am. It's my identity!" – **Bob Balzer**

• I was born and raised by family and friends that hunt. I remember learning to hunt with my father. Chasing rabbits with our beagle. I can still remember vividly my first rabbit. I remember getting together on the morning of November 15th with the neighbors to start the deer season. Everyone getting together to track, clean and butcher our deer together. As a group. I guess I hunt to keep those memories alive in my soul. I miss those days. – **Nick Giuliani**

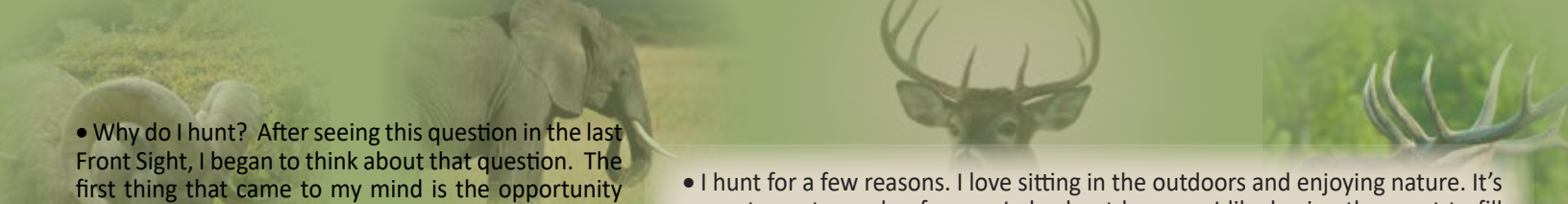
• I hunt because it gives me the opportunity to get away from the chaos of the world by going to the woods. During this time in the woods I am able to relax and reflect on different aspects of my life. Hunting has also allowed me to travel and enjoy different experiences with my friends and family. – **Ray Erickson**

• I've enjoyed many aspects of hunting, from camaraderie with family and friends, travel to wonderful and remote locations and personal satisfaction from a hard earned trophy. However the reason I enjoy hunting so much is because of the opportunity it gives me to spend quiet time to think and reflect. Hunting helps me deal with all the pressures that a busy life brings. – **Doug Chapin**

• I started out Fishing when my Dad took me on the stream with worms and we caught brook trout. I fell in love with the way mom cooked them, they tasted so good. When I was older my dad got me a Crossman air gun and I finally got a nice snowshoe Rabbit. The Rabbit tasted so good I wanted to get more, I was lucky because our home was surrounded by woods that were full of Rabbits.

When I got old enough to Deer Hunt my Dad bought me a 3030 Deer rifle and took me Deer hunting. I got my first white tail buck and that was a real exciting experience and I now hunt because it is a very relaxing and rewarding experience. I get the meat to share with my family and many other folks who like it and can use the extra help with filling the dinner table with natures original Organic food and the supply is endless. I look forward to going hunting each year and am sorry for the people that are not able to get out with mother nature and have the experience, like none other in the world. The Food you get is Great and the time you spend outdoors is good for you. Being outdoors is Very rewarding and the best way to enjoy nature. It is healthy to get out doors and see all the wonderful animals running around as you wait for the deer to come by you might see squirrels, possum, raccoons and even a pheasant rooster or hen and many other critters running around. The outdoor experience is wonderful.

The food is great That's why I Hunt. - **Roger Froling**



• Why do I hunt? After seeing this question in the last Front Sight, I began to think about that question. The first thing that came to my mind is the opportunity to get out in nature and enjoy all that it has to offer. Hunting does not equal killing, and even though our aim in hunting is to outsmart the animal, often it ends up the other way around! Being able to be a part of the natural world and get away from all of the technology is such a great experience. The second reason I hunt is for the healthy, good tasting meat. We buy very little meat from the store, as we are able to have the best meat of all from our successful hunts. I also am thrilled that hunting is something that my husband and I enjoy doing together. We have incorporated amazing hunts into our vacations. We have so many great memories of the adventures we have shared chasing after so many different species of animals. Getting great trophies for our trophy room is only a small part of the reason why I hunt, but these trophies help to remind us of the adventures we experienced in the process of getting those trophies. Finally, we have met so many great people during our hunts that have become lifelong friends. Hunting is an integral part of my life and incorporates so many positive experiences for me. I'm so glad that I hunt! – **Janis Ransom**

• I hunt for a few reasons. I love sitting in the outdoors and enjoying nature. It's a great way to unplug for me. I also hunt because I like having the meat to fill our freezers. I feel a sense of accomplishment knowing I helped get the meat to the table. Lastly, I hunt for the family time it creates. We have designed hunting trips to include traveling, celebration of anniversaries, and new experiences for our kids. Hunting always produces great quality family time. – **Sara Christensen**

• Hunting was about spending time with Grandpa, Dad and my Brothers. Very quickly it became about forming new friendships with like-minded people. Then introducing my own kids to hunting. As I grew older it was about time alone to reflect on what is important in life. Today it's about protecting the species around the world so my grandchildren can enjoy the past time that gave me so much... Hunting! – **Dan Catlin**

• I hunt for a few reasons. I noticed I was getting sick after eating store bought meat. I was advised by my husband that maybe I should try hunting with him for animals that aren't full of steroids and growth hormones, which is probably why I getting sick. After my first few times in the woods deer hunting, I was hooked. Now I hunt to continue keeping natural harvested meat in my freezer for myself and family to enjoy throughout the year. I also find it very peaceful and relaxing sitting in the woods and being close to nature. – **Autumn Gonda**

• Growing up, I remember my father going out to hunt to enjoy his hunting dogs and train them. We always enjoyed eating whatever he was successful in getting and my mother would ask him to get different things. She always enjoyed squirrels and would mention that we hadn't had them to eat in a while. We enjoyed pheasants, partridge, rabbits, and woodcock, also. My father hunted deer with our neighbor, Don's uncle, and I think they enjoyed getting away for a few days hunting in the solitude of the woods. I know my mother enjoyed how all the wild game helped with the grocery budget.

Now, we hunt all over basically because we enjoy it. We enjoy the hunt, the different areas, the people, the trip. We do still enjoy eating the different types of meat and when out of the country, ask that they serve us the meat we have harvested. We feel fortunate that the animals we hunt and can't bring home provide meat for the people in the area and our hunting provides jobs for people in the area.

November 15 is a special day for our household with many family members coming to hunt. We have had up to 13 hunters go out opening morning. We spend a lot of family time sighting in rifles, setting up blinds and sitting in them to see what is in the area, and finally Opening Morning!! Our kids, spouses, grandchildren,

brothers, and friends stay overnight and have a big breakfast before going out opening morning.

My dad hunted until he was 96 and lived to be 100. He hunted with us often. If he wasn't with us, we always had to call him to tell him of our successes. He had a bulletin board full of our hunting pictures of which he was very proud. He even made the front page of the Mt. Pleasant paper, The Morning Sun, when he shot an 8-point buck on an opening morning.

Don spends a lot of time preparing and planting crops for wildlife. It helps keep him in shape as well as encourage wildlife to live there. We just had a pond dug on our main piece of hunting property. Let's hope the deer and turkeys like it.

We still try to keep a freezer full of wild meat which is the majority of the meat we eat. Per year we plan on at least one deer each, a couple of turkeys, rabbits, pheasants, fish, and an occasional turtle. Hopefully, we also are lucky enough to enjoy elk, wild boar, bear, and whatever else we harvest and can bring home. If it won't fit in our freezer, I can it. We also do quite a bit of jerky.

Our lives seem to revolve around hunting and it is just a "Way of Life"!! – **Mary Harter**



What is your favorite hunting rifle and why?

This issue's question is based on your favorite hunting rifle. Is it your trusty ol' 22 long rifle? Your new 6.5 creedmore? Is it a rifle you received as a gift? Share your story with us regardless if it is two sentences or a page. Submit your answer to jchappyfish@gmail.com and look for everyone's responses in the next issue of our Front Sight magazine.



“The Brute”

By Autumn Gonda

Who doesn't like the idea of being able to harvest their own meat from any kind of animal to stockpile in their freezer? I had that opportunity, thanks to Roger and Sherri Froling. A few weeks ago, Roger approached my husband, Tony, and I about harvesting a 6 year old buffalo bull from his farm. After looking at pictures and videos of this massive and beautiful buffalo “The Brute” as we all came to call him, we decided that it was an opportunity we couldn't turn down. We got the date set with Roger that night and went home to prepare for the harvest.

Generally harvesting an animal on a farm should be easy, should be. That wasn't the case with this brute. He gave me a run for my money. The objective seemed simple. Just shoot The Brute and no other buffalo. I think The Brute knew what we were saying about him and

what our thought process was. Roger and I got in his Kubota and chased that animal around for what seemed like half the day. When I had my shot, either another buffalo would walk up in front or behind him, which would mean taking more than just him, and that wasn't the goal. If he didn't have his "body guards" around him, then he would simply wander into the middle of the heard, making the shot impossible. Roger tried everything he could think of to get the shot off without taking more buffalo with him. He opened up the gates to allow more roaming and spreading out of the heard throughout his farm, and into the wooded area. That only resulted in him standing behind a tree or staying close to other buffalo. The Brute ran what seemed like forever, I told Roger that after all this running you would think he would eventually tire out thus giving me the shot. Nope.

He didn't tire out. In fact, I think he got more energy than when we started out. After about 45 minutes of trying to position ourselves with The Brute, we finally got in a good position. Now all we had to do was wait on him to give me the shot. Every time it lined up, he was either moving his head up and down from grazing on grass, or he would be just a few inches off target. Roger gave me three different targets to aim for. Either center of the skull, just on top of the shoulder, or just behind and under his ear. I had him in my scope a few times, only to resort back to the same scenarios, "body guards" got in the way, he would turn his body/head just enough to not give me the shot or he was grazing.

Once we got the Kubota in a great spot, I hopped out and got myself into position. I didn't budge from my spot. I knew he was going to eventually give me the shot. After a few minutes, he finally stepped out of the heard, picked his head up and turned slightly broad side. I knew that was the shot, my shot. My heart was racing. I knew what I had to do in the small window of opportunity I had. I got my scope on him, and got the shot on target (behind and under his ear). I turned the safety off and regulated my breathing. With that great spot in my sight and well regulated breathing, I pulled the trigger of the 30.06. I watched through the scope as The Brute dropped. I took him out with one shot!

After the immediate celebration in the field, The Brute had to be loaded up and taken to the butcher. Roger's farm hand came down with a tractor. I watched as The Brute was chained up, lifted off the ground and drove up to the trailer to make his way off to the butcher. I've never seen such a huge animal up close! I'm very excited to have the natural grass fed buffalo meat in my freezer from the harvest and that massive skull mounted on my wall.



PICTORIAL

ESSAY



With the corona virus many people were unable to take their scheduled trips/hunts this year. This has understandably made for fewer articles being submitted to our magazine. With that being said I am asking you to break out pictures from previous trips you have taken and consider doing a “Pictorial Essay” as Dr. Terry Braden coin it when he did one for our Front Sight magazine back in 2013. The way it works is simply send between four and twenty pictures from a recent trip. For each picture include a description/caption of who is pictured, what is pictured, where you are, or anything else that made you want to select that picture. Your pictures could include anything you found interesting on your trip...people, buildings, food, animals, landscape, etc. Your information and pictures will be made into a Pictorial Essay for all to enjoy. And who knows...maybe after writing captions for your pictures you might feel inclined to write us a story of one of your trips. For more information please contact Josh @ jchappyfish@gmail.com.

Sharing Some Good @Cookin'!

SCI CHEFS



BACON WRAPPED VENISON CHOPS

~ Sara Christensen ~

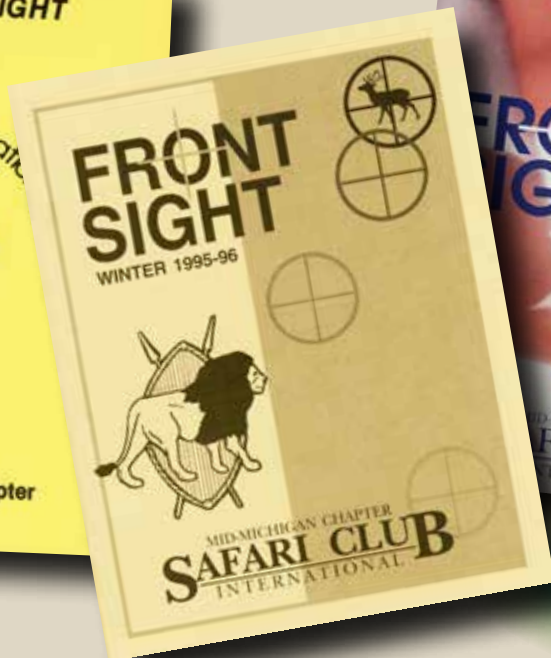
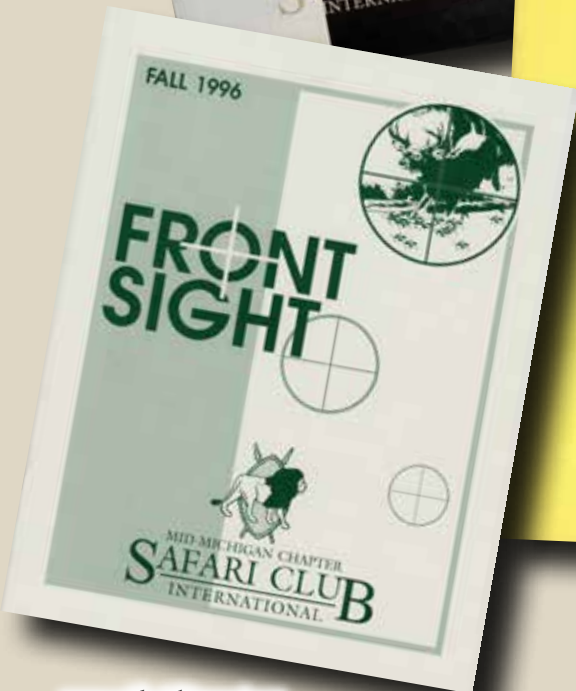
- Tenderize one package of venison chops. (About one pound serves three people)
- Completely wrap each chop in thick cut bacon. (Usually takes at least one strip of bacon per chop)
- For air fryer - Load one layer of bacon wrapped venison chops into air fryer basket and cook for twenty minutes at 390 degrees.
- For conventional oven – Place bacon wrapped venison chops on a boiler pan, preheat oven to 385 degrees and cook for fifty-five minutes, turning the wraps once.

Blast from the Past

FRONT SIGHTS

When I agreed to take over as editor of our Front Sight magazine I didn't realize I would inherit a small library of random issues of our magazine. This collection of magazines has a complete set from 2008 to the present and an array of other issues, mainly from the 90's, with one issue dating back to 1985. I have enjoyed perusing through these magazines and reading the articles submitted from the past. As Mary Harter always says about our magazines, "The magazine might get old, but the stories never do." In discussing these articles with other members of our chapter I have decided we will include some of them periodically in our current issues. We will entitle this new section "Blast From The Past" and print them as they were years ago.

With this being said, if any member out there has issues of the Front Sight magazine from prior to 2008 and would like to donate them to our library or allow me to borrow them for a short period of time please reach out to me as I would like one of each issue on file. With the issues I have, and hopefully the ones I get from members, I will select articles to put into future issues of our magazine. If you have any of those earlier issues and would like to donate or let us borrow them I can be reached at ichappyfish@gmail.com or (989) 329-4911.



by PAT BOLLMAN

Hunter's Luck. Sometimes good, sometimes bad, always unpredictable for sure. The '84 season for me certainly had the ring of hunter's luck.

I greeted the morning of September 1st tucked neatly in my bedroll, the stars gently fading over a far away mesa. Once again, Ric Martin and his crew at North Country Outfitters would host my attempt to claim The Prince of the Prairie, a record class Pronghorn Antelope. Long fascinated with this classic speedster, I slid from the warmth of my New Mexico nest anxious for my fifth opener in as many years. Ric and I downed one of Loydean's famous home-style breakfasts, climbed aboard his 4X4 and set off in search. We glassed a beauty at first light, massive, 14 inches plus, with a prong long and heavy. Biting my lip, I turned him down. This goat hunt would yield a 16-incher or nothing. I'd made up my mind.

Later that day patience found its reward. As we crept along the base of Dead Man's Mesa, he came strolling from an invisible cut in the valley floor, long heart-shaped horns, ivory tipped and perfectly matched. Close, by pronghorn standards, at about 250 yards. He dropped at the shot. At long last, I had collected that truly special pronghorn.



these hunts were purchased at our Chapter Auction and, I believe, reflect the quality of the items offered. A solid "bravo" to both Sammy and Tracy for a job well done.

Home again to test my wits against the undisputed King and my obvious favorite, the Northern Whitetail. After almost three weeks of searching, the rut finally began to heat up and an old adversary ended the game when I jumped him from his rutting bed and drove a shot through his back as he charged across a downhill swamp. Gorgeous George, a fine typical, met his fate five days later as I chanced upon his early morning rendezvous with a lovely lady and ended the party with a bang.

Probably the best hunt of all, the November 15 opening day with my 13 year old son; his first. Diana, goddess of the hunt, smiled once again, a fat eight pointer and a memory forever cherished.

You'd think I had enough of this whitetail business, but not yet. How fortunate we are to pursue an adversary so common yet so challenging. For four years in a row I sought the high plains of western Saskatchewan and eastern



With summer giving way the crisp exhilaration of fall, my next adventure would take my long-time hunting partner, Roger Card, and I on a hop-scotch safari to B.C. and Alaska. Two weeks and 14 airports later, we arrived home with a bag including record class sheep, goat, caribou, and bear. My own tally card included two solid heads, a grand old Billy Goat from the Coast Mountains of Alaska, and a super 450 plus Barren Ground Caribou from the fabled Alaskan Peninsula. Outfitter Sammy Fegis teamed up with me on the goat, with "Mad Dog" John Welch taking me on the climb of my life. Tracy Vrem, an excellent young outfitter, taking over from Gene Needles, continued in the footsteps of his predecessors providing both Roger and me with an outstanding caribou hunt. Both of



LUCK!

Alberta looking, searching, dawn to dusk in this frigid land of huge grain fields and stunted Aspen. One, just one more chance at a real Dakota monster. I saw him, too. He stood an instant, majestic, in the frosty morning, then vanished without a shot. Gone, but in memory. Hunter's luck!



Good old Roger! Just one more trip? The Arizona desert, the Southwestern Coues. This diminutive little whitetail is as sporty as they come and Nathan Ellison, our host, proved the best. Through four days of mountain blizzards, "I thought you said these were Desert Deer, Roger!" We crawled our way along mountain trails managing in the process a great time and a pair of dandy eight pointers.



The new year required a proper send off, so January was my month for Buffalo Bill. The pure history surrounding this magnificent beast made him an essential addition to my collection. With Roger in tow (he needed a sitka deer anyway), we visited the beautiful ranch of John Zelenka and each collected our prize. Hunter's luck? Not required.

My fingers were crossed religiously, however, for the next hunt. My slam ram. The one most cherished by us sheep nuts. Finally, a February go at the Desert Bighorn! How I have savored the anticipation of this long awaited encounter. Our little Cessna skirted the desolate coastline of Northern Baja banking sharply over the little fishing village of Baja de Los Angeles; landing strip, Main Street, of course. Here I was dutifully deposited in the land of "no comprende", and perhaps "paqueto". I was saved, however, from the frustrating reality by the fraternity of an old compadre from LA, Mike Valencia, who was born in Baja and offered to tag along as my interpreter. Here we met out team, Fernando, Alvero, Ricardo, Roberto, and my main guide, Jose.



For the next few days, we prowled the coastal mountains of Northern Baja. Hiking across the desert floor each day amid the bloom of early spring to penetrate the nearby mountains. The climbs were spectacular, a rugged sweep of floral desolation stretched before us. As it was, we spotted him late. Too late for a closer look for now, as the fading light dictated manyana. A memorable night it was as I lay by the glow of the mesquite fire recalling all those other sheep camps and all those other "maybe tomorrows".

We had already made the ridge above camp when dawn finally broke across the desert floor. The grin on Jose's face told me he'd spotted the old boy and soon, I too, had him located feeding towards a distant canyon, on the move. This time we began to climb in earnest. After a couple of hours of steady climbing, we finally spotted him feeding across the canyon at about 300 yards, the smallest ram bringing up the rear. No questions now, he was good and I knew it. A convenient boulder offered me a steady rest and I let the cross hairs settle just below his withers. With the bark of my little .270,



the ancient monarch lunged into space crashing boldly down the cliff. I had my ram. My slam complete. And what a finish, 38 x 15 6/8, over 180 points, making this fine specimen one of the top desert sheep ever taken by a sport hunter. Happy? Manyana would be a Tequila Sunrise.



Not wanting to waste all that airfare, I made a little stop on the way home in Arizona. I'd had a long standing date with Lloyd Smith and Ollie Barney, a couple of the southwest's legendary cat men. And as luck would have it, they had a break in their schedules and could fit me in for a few days chasing mountain lions.

My mule, most aptly named "Mercedes" and I followed Lloyd's pack about 1,000 miles. Up and down and all around those treacherous mountains looking for that one hot track. On the fourth day, we found it. Crashing our way down the mountain face toward the howling pack, I blessed my lucky stars, once more hunter's luck. A fine old Tom awaited me at the bottom of that canyon, snarling and slapping at anything within reach. A final shot and a season ended. So, until next year, keep your powder dry and of course--good luck!





TROPHY AWARDS PROGRAM

By Mary Browning, CHAIR

To refresh your memory, trophy awards for our Mid-Michigan Chapter of SCI are decided as follows:

Score sheets are collected for a two year period. Before our Hunter's Convention in February, the sheets are categorized by country and species. The top entry for each species receives a gold award, the number two animal receives a silver award and the number three animal receives a bronze award. Animals are also separated by method of take so there could be two gold awards in one category if one animal is taken by rifle and one by bow.

The following awards are voted upon by the Awards Committee.

The continents of North America and Africa receive numbers one, two, and three awards each; the other continents receive one award. The winners are decided by which animal scores closest, numerically, to the top in the International Record Book. To find this score the rank of the entered animal is divided by the total number of ranks in the International Record Book. Also taken in to consideration are terrain taken, choice of weapon and difficulty.

Other Major Awards are for the method used (Crossbow, Muzzleloader, Handgun and Bow). These are determined by the committee based on animal species harvested, difficulty and terrain.

The last categories are Men's Hunter of the Year and Women's Hunter of the Year. This decision is also made by committee based on hunting achievements for the specific period of time, participation in conservation, and ambassador of Safari Club. This award can only be won once in a lifetime.

The period for score sheets this year is: DECEMBER of 2018 TO November 30, 2020

Send your score sheets to me, Mary Browning, 6030 Madeira Drive, Lansing, MI 48917
You may contact me at 517-886-3639, or email at lrc05@att.net

All entries must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2020.

Please remember to send pictures and to notify me if some score sheets are youth entries.
Children and grandchildren of members under age 17 are eligible for youth awards.



For Sale

Welcome to the *Smith House*

a French chateau-style home located in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. This home is perfectly placed within ten minutes of Mt. Pleasant while simultaneously secluded on its 27 1/2 acres. The home boasts many custom artisan features in its 9060 sq ft interiors. Surrounded by well crafted gardens and its own trail system, this 3 potentially 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bathroom home is a gem of central Michigan.



Trophy Room

Crafted from Isabella County stone and designed by Artist Gino Longo of Boyne City, one can easily imagine cold winter evenings by the grand 2 story fireplace.

The space is cozy with heated slate flooring and constructed in pine by the craftsmen Dennis Thorpe. The ceiling invokes the great outdoors by mimicking the blue sky painted by Artist Regan Schaeffer.

A unique feature of this room is the upper balcony, allowing for family and guests to be engaged no matter whether they are on the main floor entry or off the main stairwell. The balcony also offers a great view of the floor's inlaid copper patina compass.



Hunting Blind



Gourmet Kitchen

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Interiors

Main Entry



Back Meadow & Bird Feeder



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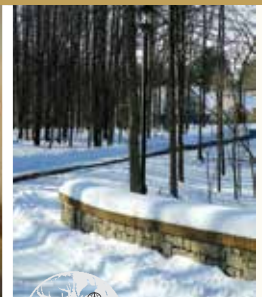
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