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**Peyton  
Whitworth  
Honored  
As  
SCI &  
Cabela's  
Young Hunter  
Of  
The Year**



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# President's Message

By Larry Richards, Chapter President



Turkey season is upon us once more and I hope this message finds you patterning loads and scouting! I saw three toms strutting in the snow on Friday so regardless of whatever else happens, the birds know what time of year it is.

It is also that time of year to plan on being at our **Annie Oakley Day** ladies event at the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club on June 16, 2018 to lend a hand with the education of those ladies wanting to learn what all the hubbub is about with firearms. If you know a lady, regardless of age, that you think might like to participate, please direct her to Bob Edwards at [bedwardslouky@insightbb.com](mailto:bedwardslouky@insightbb.com).

Scarcely one month after the ladies' event, July 14 and 15, we will put on our annual **Youth and Family Hunter Education Training** event, which is great fun for the whole family! Again, it is at the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club and we can always use helping hands with this event! The youth committee has added greatly to this year's program and we are poised to move that excellent program to the next level. If you know of anyone who can benefit from attending, PLEASE get with them and put their names in the collective hat for attendance through Alan Kirschenbaum at [kirschenbaumalan@yahoo.com](mailto:kirschenbaumalan@yahoo.com). This is our best effort at creating young hunters and huntresses and judging by the accolades we are receiving from SCI, we are doing a great job! Come help us move that train down the track!

We are again poised to plant the dove field for the membership as soon after Derby as possible, so please be on the lookout for hunt dates in upcoming newsletters. Potential hunters and

volunteers please contact Mike Maddox at [mmaddox@me.com](mailto:mmaddox@me.com). We had a couple of great shoots last year and we hope to make them even better this season.

Our Annual Fundraiser was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in our fundraising efforts! As the saying goes, we can't do this without everyone pitching in and helping out! We are already in the process of looking at new and exciting hunts and experiences for next year. We will have some new adventures for you to look at and hopefully you will see the trip you've always wanted. Putting the program together is a time consuming process, but somehow we always seem to get it done just before the program goes to print. The entire Board works on the fundraiser from the Sunday after the last one to Saturday morning of the next one and I believe the results speak for themselves.

With the Annual SCI Convention Schedule being moved up in 2019, we are moving our fundraiser up to January 26, 2019 to allow more of our hunt donors to be at our event and speak with potential bidders. Having outfitters attend our fundraiser adds a greater level of transparency to the hunt donation as prospective clients can ask questions and get to know the Professional Hunters before they embark on their dream hunts.

Keep us in mind as you travel about this season and help us find new potential donors. When you meet a worthy outfitter or come across a potential donor, please share your insight and recommendation with me or with another Board Member. Again, thanks to the entire chapter membership for helping us out. Together we are a strong force for our youth and for conserving our right to hunt.



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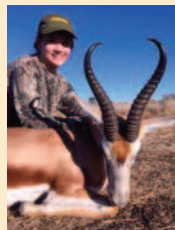
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## About The Cover



Featured on the cover is Chapter Member Peyton Whitworth who was recently named as the "2018 SCI & Cabela's Young Hunter of the Year." Each year, SCI and Cabela's select one young man and one young lady to serve as the "SCI & Cabela's Young Hunters of the Year." These young hunters are role models for all other young hunters around the world.

Congratulations Peyton, on this awesome accomplishment! You have brought honor to our Chapter and we are so proud of you!

## LADIES DAY EVENT

### Learn to Shoot Day

Rifles • Shotguns • Pistols • Archery

For Ladies of All Ages

## ANNIE OAKLEY DAY

Fern Creek Sportsman's Club

Louisville, Kentucky

June 16, 2018

Patient, Expert Instructors - No Fees - No Costs

All Equipment & Ammo Provided

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President Theodore Roosevelt, the father of conservation, said, "The one thing I want to leave my children is an honorable name." Comparably, the one thing I want to leave hunting is an honorable name! I believe in hunting and conservation and believe hunters have a responsibility to see that these ideas continue for the next generation. To leave hunting a good name, I must practice and encourage ethical hunting standards and good conservation methods!

My first experience hunting was when I was eight years old. My father and grandfather, both very experienced hunters, took me turkey hunting. They made sure I understood how important gun safety was, that my gun was appropriate, and that I was comfortable with it. Our preparations included having the right gear, practicing with my firearm, scouting for the right place, and setting up the blind.

The big day soon arrived and we were up early. I was sleepy when we reached our blind as it was an hour before daylight. As the sun began to rise, I was fascinated by the early morning sounds and then hens began to yelp! Soon several gobblers

thundered out their presence, and I became wide-eyed with a racing heart! All of a sudden my world had changed! At that moment, I was transformed into a huntress! Dad and Papaw had set the standard for good ethical hunting: they had given hunting an honorable name.

To leave hunting an honorable name, hunters must preserve wildlife habitat with good conservation practices. I have grown up in the best place I can imagine: our family farm in rural Kentucky. Our farm is a working cattle, grain, and timber farm teeming with wildlife. Our farm's healthy wildlife population is due to our constantly improving conservation practices. We fence the cattle out of our woods and manage it very carefully! We plant corn and soybeans for income but set aside a percentage of these crops for wildlife. We plant legumes and native grasses in which wildlife thrive and raise their young. Our deer



White Tail Deer



Eastern Turkey



Canadian Black Bear

# An Honorable Name

By Peyton Whitworth

## 2018 SCI & Cabela's Young Hunter Of The Year

herds and turkey flocks are flourishing and we have seen a resurgence of the quail and rabbit populations. Understanding that we hunters are visitors when we enter our wildlife's homes will leave hunting an honorable name.

Through KYSCI, I have learned about the Pittman-Robinson Act and was surprised to discover that it is hunters and shooters who literally fund wildlife restoration, pay for habitat improvement and provide wildlife protection through purchases of hunting licenses and taxes levied on hunting and shooting equipment. I am learning and practicing proper conservation methods and ethical hunting standards through the principled examples set by my father and grandfather and have come to appreciate their wisdom through what I have gleaned through SCI. I am proud to say that my family has been living SCI's prescribed mission statement that calls upon each of us to be "... a leader in protecting the freedom to hunt and in promoting wildlife conservation..." I understand that SCI, too, wants to leave hunting an honorable name!



Peyton & Her Dad With SCI Blue Bag

## Habitat Improvement Checklist

By KDFWR

### "Spring Checklist"

- \_\_\_ Prescribe burn in preparation to eradicate fescue
- \_\_\_ Strip disk to promote bare ground & new forb growth
- \_\_\_ Sow Clover or lespedeza
- \_\_\_ Sow cool season grasses
- \_\_\_ Apply lime & fertilizer per soil test to wildlife food plots

### April-May

- \_\_\_ Begin preparation of dove fields
- \_\_\_ Plant tree & shrub seedlings
- \_\_\_ Spray herbicide **to eradicate fescue**
- \_\_\_ Conduct timber stand improvement & Create brush piles
- \_\_\_ Establish wildlife mineral licks

### May-June

- \_\_\_ Plant annual grain food plots/dove fields (Do not plant in same location as last year)
- \_\_\_ Sow warm season grasses & wildflowers
- \_\_\_ Hinge-cut cedar trees for living brush piles

(For more info, call KDFWR (800) 858-1549)

# 2018 Fundraiser Highlights

By Larry Richards

Our annual fundraiser was once again blessed with great weather and a full house. The Board and many volunteers, most notably youth volunteers, Peyton Whitworth, Audrey Whitworth and Trevin Morris, and the Miller Family: Cheri, John, and sons, Charlie and Chris, and Chris's girlfriend, Eden Ryan, were at the venue at 0930 to begin the set-up, table placement, and the million other things it took to finalize the event. The Silent Auction set-up, orchestrated by Nancy and Lowell Stevens, was a work of art, and you would have been duly impressed if you could have seen it from start to finish. Your Board had been planning the implementation this event since the Sunday following last year's event and it showed.

We were blessed to have a good number of our Hunt Donors and Non-Hunt Donors on hand to talk with our membership and get acquainted during the event. Your Board believes that having as many donors as possible present is a very important factor in the bidder having the confidence to bid on a hunt or buy an item. Knowing the person you will be hunting with is present in the room indicates that he/she is ready and able to take you on the hunt of your dreams and seeing the donor of

any item there says his/her donation is top notch!

The cocktail hour and lively conversation started soon after 4 P.M. and things kept going strong from that moment forward. There were over 50 items on the Silent Auction tables alone and the bidding was very lively. There were some great items there and great values were had! The new "Super Silent Auction" added excitement to the friendly bidding wars with bidders upping their bids till the last moment!

Dinner was started at 7 P.M. and the speeches got underway with your President's Welcome followed by the announcement of the "Chapter Member of the Year Award" that was presented to Chapter Board Member Alyson Stamper. The "President's Award" was then presented to our Superman,

Mike Maddox.

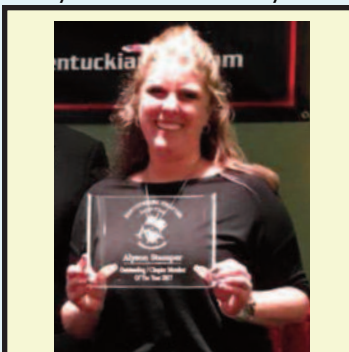
The highlight of the evening was the introduction of and speech by our chapter's winner of the "2018 SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter of the Year", Peyton Whitworth. Peyton gave her "Thank You" speech flawlessly to our hometown audience as she had done before the SCI Convention audience of over 2,000 people in Las Vegas: both speeches were delivered perfectly! Peyton represented our chapter with honor and poise!

Chapter Board Member Alan Kirschenbaum did an outstanding job of outlining our updated "Youth and Family Hunter Education Training Program" and inviting our membership and guests to participate. The newly updated program puts emphasis on the family going through the program together and promises to be a good time for both participants and volunteers! Then, Sherry Maddox made a moving tribute to Chapter Board Member Sam Monarch, whose passing has left us all in sadness still.

Next, we moved to our special SKB Shotgun Raffle prize that was won by Janis Bohner of Chicago. Janis has been with us since our first event 23 years ago and is always fun to chat with at this function. Lucas Brother's STIHL Chainsaw raffle donation was won by Outfitter Izak Theron of Jules of the Karoo Safaris who was proud to announce that it made it all the way home to South Africa!

Then the Live Auction got fired up with our talented Auctioneers Elizabeth Monarch, Lonnie Gann and Miller Monarch again doing an outstanding job for our chapter! They raced through the 35 Live Auction items successfully netting our chapter our best ever Live Auction. We say a heartfelt thanks to them for their expertise and their time.

There were 22 hunts on this year's card and all were very well received. We covered 5 continents offering hunts as close as Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Canada with trips as far away as New Zealand, Argentina, Scotland, Namibia, Spain and South Africa. All the hunts had been well vetted and all but one had Chapter Member references! (President George H. W. Bush and General Schwarzkopf hunted with that one!) Mark your calendars for January 26, 2019 as we are already looking at some new hunt donations for next year!



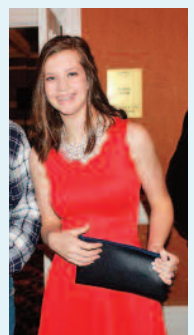
**Alyson Stamper,  
Chapter Member  
of the Year**

Alyson's drive and focus on all chapter activities is to be commended and applauded. Alyson earned this honor the old fashioned way through hard work and dedication to her many duties as Chapter Secretary and by being an outstanding and energetic volunteer in the archery program and every other chapter related activity!



**Mike Maddox Received  
President's Award**

Mike is a tireless worker on behalf of our chapter. He can be depended upon to volunteer for every event. Thank you, Mike!







# 2018 SCI Hunters Convention Highlights

By Sherry Maddox, SCI Vice President



The 2018 SCI Hunters Convention brought SCI members together from around the world in Las Vegas, Nevada. Just as the chapter fundraiser is the primary event for raising funds for our chapter's programs and projects, the 4-day SCI Convention is the primary fundraiser for SCI/SCIF programs and projects. Attendees have access to outfitters from every corner of the world and can shop for everything from hunts, firearms, art, home décor, and clothing to accessories just to name a few. Each evening's event included dinner, awards, live auctions, silent auctions and entertainment ranging from celebrity guest speakers to live music.

For me, as an SCI Vice President, days are filled with attending meetings, spending time on the convention floor interacting with the exhibitors and attendees, and participating in various fundraising events. What every member of SCI needs to know is this annual convention is the largest fundraising event for our organization.



Wednesday night is traditionally **Chapter Awards Night**. Our *Kentuckiana Hunter* publication was chosen as an outstanding publication award winner for our chapter's size and Chapter Editor Alice Monarch, accepted the award for **Newsletter of the Year**. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year our chapter has received this award and the 13<sup>th</sup> year overall.

The *Kentuckiana Hunter* highlights chapter activities, member hunt reports, conservation and habitat improvement, current legal issues affecting hunters, humanitarian services, educational projects and programs and more. I am sure as you read this edition, you will agree the award was well deserved but, more importantly, you will find valuable information about the programs and activities in which our chapter is involved inside each issue.

Thank you to all who contribute information and articles to our newsletter. To Judge Sam, who we miss so dearly, and Alice Monarch, thank you for the many hours you spend editing each edition and thanks to Pam Noble of J & C Printing for her expertise in putting it all together.

Also on **Chapter Awards Night** our KYSCI Chapter was presented the **Chapter of the Year** award for its size. This is the second consecutive year the chapter has been awarded this honor. The application submitted for the award outlining the projects, programs and achievements was impressive and we should be very proud of our chapter and its many accomplishments. Accepting the award for **Chapter of the Year** was Chapter Board Member Alice Monarch.



On Thursday night, one of our Kentuckiana Chapter members, Peyton Whitworth, was honored on the **Night of the Hunter Awards** night with a very special award. Joining Peyton on stage and presenting her with the **2018 SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter Award** was a highlight of the convention for me. See the article in this edition about this amazing young lady and this prestigious award.



# Hunting Spanish Silver

By Pat Riley



Windmill In  
Castile de La  
Moncha  
Spain

"Destiny guides our fortunes more favorably than we could have expected. Look there, Sancho Panza, my friend, and see those thirty or so wild giants, with whom I intend to do battle and kill each and all of them, so with their stolen booty we can begin to enrich ourselves. This is noble, righteous warfare, for it is wonderfully useful to God to have such an evil race wiped from the face of the earth."

"What giants?" Asked Sancho Panza.

"The ones you can see over there," answered his master, "with the huge arms, some of which are very nearly two leagues long."

"Now look, your grace," said Sancho, "what you see over there aren't giants, but windmills, and what seems to be arms are just their sails, that go around in the wind and turn the millstone."

"Obviously," replied Don Quixote, "you don't know much about adventures."

— Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, Don Quixote

Never having been to Europe let alone ever thought about hunting in Europe, I can only blame a momentary possession by the spirit of Don Quixote as I uncontrollably raised my hand to bid and bid again on a hunt in Spain at the 2016 Kentuckiana Fundraiser event. After my winning bid was acknowledged, I began to question my zest for adventure: I can't speak a lick of Spanish and, according to the nightly news, Europe was being overrun with refugees from numerous war torn and destitute African nations just a boat ride across the Mediterranean. Undaunted, I pulled up the website for **Spanish Mountain Hunts** to learn more.

The Spanish hunt was donated by Gonzalo Colomina and after looking at his website, I begin to realize the stately accommodations and history that lay in store. One of the provinces to be hunted was Castile De La Moncha: the home of Don Quixote, the man of La Moncha, that fictional land inhabited by "Wild Giants" (Windmills)! The Wild Giants I sought in Spain would be the Iberian Red Deer and/or Iberian Mouflon Sheep.

Gonzalo e-mailed several dates from which to choose: late September typically was the height of "The Roar" that period when Red Deer stags "roar" challenging other stags for breeding rights or late October when the shy, mostly nocturnal Mouflon Rams roam the daylight countryside in search of receptive ewes. September was out due to work and commitments so we locked in on the October hunt for Mouflon Rams in the Toledo Mountains at Gonzalo's Los Banos de Villanarejo.

The hunt was designed for two hunters and two observers but unable to convince any of my hunting friends to join us, this trip would be solely for my wife, Kathy, and me. Hunting Spain requires a letter of invitation from the Spanish Consulate that requires very specific Apos-

tille of Hague documents to prove residence and prior hunting experience. The letter of invitation must be procured at least one month before the hunt and MUST list the areas to be hunted. We had several tense minutes with the Madrid Police when they noticed the Consulate had omitted the provinces to be hunted on the invitation letter. Luckily, Gonzalo was able to work through this standoff and secure our entrance into Spain and permission to hunt.

Though tired from the long flight, the drive from the airport to Los Banos became a rolling history lesson as Gonzalo narrated our journey along the way. We stopped briefly in Toledo where some of Europe's finest leather goods are crafted. Getting closer to our destination, we saw several old stone windmills high up in the hills and Don Quixote's thirst for adventure revived me with anticipation.

Arriving at the villa, Kathy and I were completely blown away by its grandeur: far from a mere hunting lodge, Los Banos is a Museum Mansion complete with its own wine cellar, school and church sitting atop some 6,000 acres of Spanish hill country. Staying at the villa proved to be an immersion into Spanish history, tradition, culture and art.

After looking around the villa, we had a few hours to take a drive through some of the hunting area immediately seeing Red Deer, Fallow Deer, Mouflon Sheep and Roe Deer. We rounded a bend of a field to see a very nice Red Stag

with a wide rack starting back at us from a wooded hillside. Game Manager Santiago Gomez made a shooting hand gesture with a questioning look to which I took out my camera and quickly took pictures of the stag. Gonzalo asked if I wanted him and I told him I was looking for a SCI medal Mouflon Ram. As Santiago listened to Gonzalo translate, his wide-eyed expression and flurry of Spanish immediately made it clear that he thought this hunter was crazy to pass on this fine stag. Only time would tell if I made the right choice.

Day 2 started with some pastries before loading into the ranch vehicle and out to hunt. We saw 14 Mouflon Rams, 2 of which may have made SCI Gold but I was unable to get a shot off. We soon headed back to the villa for a hot breakfast then off to a blind overlooking a wide fire trail by a newly logged area. Rain poured down on us for several hours stopping all game movement so we went back for lunch. When we returned, the rain had ceased and we saw a White Red Stag and several Mouflon Rams all of which I passed. Santiago was pleased that I had passed on the White Stag as he had not seen him in several weeks and feared he had been shot. Today's patience and restraint on the White Stag seemed to calm Santiago a bit. It was clear how in sync he was with the animals on the property. As the villa's Game Manager, a position required by Spanish law, Santiago had to prove the population and health of the various game animals in order to determine the number of hunting tags awarded them next season. As we drove, we saw game continually, testaments to the successful game management plan in place.

In our evening blind, Gonzalo and I watched two mature Red Stags aggressively lock horns with dirt and hair flying in all directions for several minutes. Later, 3 Mouflon Rams materialized herding a small band of ewes. The largest looked to be at least SCI Silver but again I passed. When we left the blind in the failing

light, we saw a large band of 6-8 rams with at least two shooters. I tried to get on the shooting sticks but the rams merged with the ewes in a mass exodus from the field without a shot.

Day 3 dawned to a dense fog. By now Gonzalo and Santiago had shown me hundreds of deer and sheep that I either passed on or couldn't get a good shot on. The smells produced by the olive groves were intoxicating and the light gave a unique color to the countryside. I could now relate to the colors used by European artists that had seemed almost artificial to me until I experienced it first hand. After lunch, the fog lifted and we walked the edges of some lower fields to our afternoon blind seeing more sheep but no shooters. The mornings and evenings found the olive groves teeming with game that would be any hunter's dream: so many choices. An hour before dark, we decided to switch blinds and moved to a high natural rock blind overlooking a watering hole tucked in the valley between two densely wooded hillsides.

We approached the blind cautiously and peered over the rock ledge that revealed about a dozen Red Deer already at the water hole. There was a continual parade of non-shooter Mouflon and Red Deer coming to drink and feed in the small flat spot surrounding the water hole. We were



Pat, Santiago Gomez  
& Trophy Iberian Red  
Deer Stag

just about to leave when I noticed movement high on the hillside. With slow and deliberate movement, a magnificent stag began to take shape with the failing light illuminating heavy ivory tips spreading wide outside his body. I backed away from the ledge and whispered "Moye Grande" to Gonzalo holding my hands at arm's length from my shoulders. Gonzalo and Santiago gave me a puzzled look at my poor attempt at Spanish as they did not see what I saw. As I pointed up toward the stag, they shook their heads in agreement and slid me the rifle. Finding the stag in the scope, I waited for him to take several more anxious steps into the clearing and as he turned slightly quartering toward me, I pulled the trigger. At the shot the valley erupted with deer and sheep fleeing the scene, all save one that had dropped in his tracks just as the last rays of light evaporated. After congratulations and pictures, we loaded the stag into a trailer and headed back to the villa where we dressed and caped him just in time for dinner.

After dinner and many celebratory drinks, we decided to extend our hunt to add a Mouflon. Day 4 allowed us all to sleep in after our late jubilant night. After breakfast, Gonzalo, Kathy and I drove into town to stock up on fresh bread and produce taking a few minutes to enjoy the quaint little Spanish village stopping momentarily into a local tapas bar



Large Mouflon Ram With His Harem

for a snack and a beer. This small town had 3 bakeries but they all worked together to share in the small market by each only being open on different days thus allowing all 3 businesses to provide a living for their owners.

Returning to the villa for lunch, Santiago motioned that he wanted to take me out for the evening hunt as he had spotted a very good ram and thought he knew where we could get a better look at him. Hunting being a universal language, we headed out on what had become an unseasonably hot afternoon. In the stand, Santiago showed me iPhone photos of a ram with wide sweeping dark curled horns and the classic brown, black and tan coat with distinctive white saddle markings.

Hours passed and several ewes fed a hundred or so yards from us but no ram. Slowly checking the area, we hoped a ram would come check out the ewes. Swinging my eyes back from the ewes, I was caught in a stare down with a ram just as he peered over the edge of a steep draw, only his head and neck barely visible. He must have caught my movement but he also saw the unattended group of ewes at the same time. I moved only my hand to get Santiago's attention and moved only a finger in the ram's direction. Santiago slowly peered over the edge of the elevated blind and sank back down giving me a circular motion with his finger and thumbs up indicating this was the ram.

Seconds dragged into minutes as the ram stared intently at our blind only momentarily shifting his gaze to keep track of the ewes. Then the ram took two steps in our direction revealing his body but still



Pat, Gonzalo Colomina &  
Iberian Mouflon Ram

looking directly at us. I had managed to ease the rifle onto the cross member of the blind and had a steady bead on the ram hoping he would turn broadside. As the ewes started feeding away, the ram tensed, twitched his ears, stamped a foot, lowered his head and quickly spun to his right in an attempt to flee the area. I fired as the ram spun and he dropped facing completely away from us. Santiago's wide eyes looked at me in disbelief seeing the downed ram. He jumped out of the blind and ran to the ram to make sure he was finished: the ram never moved. After photos and skinning, we again had a late meal with much celebrating over my second trophy.

On the porch, I noticed a large glass vessel half full of spent rifle casings. Gonzalo said that hunters had been putting shells in there for years. I nicknamed it the "Jar of Fame or Shame" as it is a type of art all its own sitting on a ledge under a European antler mount. My two 7mm shells would go into this ever-growing work of art adding a small piece of history to this villa and to Spain. A local taxidermy studio on our way back to Madrid scored both trophies. The Red Stag scored SCI Silver and also made the CIC Spanish Record Book, the ram made SCI Bronze.

Leaving the taxidermy shop, Kathy pointed over the roof of a picturesque adobe building to a lone windmill set high on a hill. Representing my "Wild Giants" found and vanquished, after a day in Madrid sightseeing, we flew home successfully bringing some "Spanish Silver" with us. I think Don Quixote would be proud!



Jar Of Fame  
& Shame



# “LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



**ELEPHANTS:** Last quarter President Trump made news by suspending a USFWS notice which allowed the importation of elephant trophies from Zimbabwe. The notice stated that USFWS had made a finding that the killing of African Elephant trophy animals in Zimbabwe will enhance the survival of the African Elephant. I ended that article by suggesting that all of us interested in the survival of the elephant petition the President to lift the suspension. On March 1, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, an avid hunter, ordered that the importation be allowed. The fact that both of the President’s sons are big game hunters probably didn’t hurt either.

**HUNTER HARASSMENT LAWS:** In July 2017, animal rights groups sued Governor Scott Walker, of Wisconsin, and other officials in an attempt to have the Wisconsin hunter harassment statute declared unconstitutional. The premise was that non-hunters should have the right to be in the field engaging hunters in conversation and documenting their activities on film. Trial was set for February 19, 2018 but no decision has been rendered. Wisconsin’s statute is interestingly written. On the one hand it prohibits persons from interfering in lawful hunting with the intent to prevent the taking of a wild animal. The prohibited activities include harassing a wild animal, impeding hunters, disturbing personal property, disturbing lawfully placed blinds or bait or using a drone to conduct any of these activities. On the other hand it provides for a defense to alleged harassment if the conduct is protected by the harasser’s right to freedom of speech under the state or federal constitutions. A harassed hunter may bring an action for an injunction to stop the activity or for damages to include the cost of licenses, equipment, guides, supplies, etc. The statute does not seem to provide for a criminal penalty for violation of the statute. The implications of this action are monumental because a number of other states including Indiana and Kentucky also have anti-harassment statutes intended to halt the intrusive activities of anti-hunters in the field. Kentucky’s statute states simply that no person shall intentionally obstruct or disrupt the right of a person to lawfully take wildlife by hunting. However in Kentucky, a violation of the statute is punishable by a fine of \$50 to \$500. Indiana ups the ante by providing that one who violates its statute (essentially identical to the Kentucky statute) is punishable as a class C misdemeanor. That could mean 60 days in jail or \$500 fine or both. This suit should be closely followed by all hunters and their fish and wildlife departments. If these laws are determined to be unconstitutional, all bets are off and conflicts between harassers and hunters will likely escalate with predictably unpleasant results.

**HUMANE SOCIETY SUIT TO OBTAIN HUNTER INFO:** In a prior column I reported that the Humane Society of the United States had sought under FOIA the identification of hunters and businesses who import trophy animals into the US. 1429 individuals and 181 businesses, along with SCI filed objections to the release of this information. USFWS then declined to release individuals’ information and the HSUS sued USFWS to obtain release. The Center for Biological Diversity has also filed a similar suit in Arizona. As of now no court order has been issued requiring release of the information.

**KENTUCKY:** The KDFWR Commission has recommended that number of bull elk permits for 2018-2019 be set at 250 (100 archery and 150 rifle). 450 antlerless elk permits with 160 archery and 290 firearm permits were also recommended. Cooperator landowner elk tags would be issued to a landowner on the accumulation of only 10 points instead of the 20 points now required. One point is issued for each elk taken or captured on the cooperator’s property. The Commission also proposed new deer hunting regulations. There would be a 10% cap on non-resident quota hunt participants; an adjustment for party applications for quota hunts to the average preference point total for the group; and applications for quota hunts to be accepted online only. Additionally the Commission proposed that crossbow hunting dates be coextensive with the archery season, but KDFWR sources indicate that this rule consideration will be delayed until May of 2019.

**DUCK COMMANDERS:** Some KDFWR personnel got caught up in an interesting duck hunting dispute in January. Jimmy Bevins a commissioner from Franklin County who chairs the KDFWR Commission was charged with obstructing legal hunting near his property because he allegedly threw out corn on his property along South Elkhorn Creek so that the area would be considered baited, making it illegal to hunt ducks. Bevins settled this court issue by paying a moderate fine. The wildlife officer who investigated the situation complained that his supervisors attempted to discourage him from pursuing an action against Bevins for baiting. The ethics commission then in January charged the investigator’s supervisors, Cpt. Skaggs and Col. Coffey with interfering in the investigation. The ethics commission will give officers Skaggs and Coffey an

opportunity to enter settlement negotiations with the commission, but if that fails to achieve an acceptable result, the state can conduct hearings with a potential for punishment to include a reprimand or a fine of \$5000 for each count.

**INDIANA:** The Hoosier state is still attempting to sort through the question of what rifles will be allowed on public ground. You may recall that Indiana DNR issued an emergency rule last October stating that pistol length cartridges in rifles could be used on public ground. Senate Bill 20 introduced by Senator Tomes and others would confirm the use of rifles for pistol length cartridges on public ground and: "requires the department to adopt rules authorizing the use of a rifle to hunt deer on public property." This bill was introduced on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and the most recent action was a "first" reading and referral to the Natural Resources Committee on February 6. Indiana sportsmen expect this legislation to be approved prior to the next hunting season. In other action, the commission has recommended that squirrels be hunt-able from a motorized boat as long as the motor is off when a squirrel is shot. Bobcats would also be hunt-able in Indiana under new regulations. The season would only run in a restricted number of counties in Southern Indiana as yet undetermined. The season would be from November 8 to January 31.



## Joyce's Crab Delights

By Joyce Cook

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| 1 lb. fresh crabmeat        | 1 egg, beaten               |
| 1 c. Ritz crackers, crushed | 1 tsp. yellow mustard       |
| 2 T. fresh lemon juice      | 2 T. fresh parsley, chopped |
| 1 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning    | 1 T. Worcestershire Sauce   |
| Butter, melted              | Crackers                    |



Place crabmeat in mixing bowl and remove stray shell fragments. Add crushed Ritz crackers, Old Bay Seasoning & parsley to the crab. In a separate bowl, combine egg, mustard, lemon juice and Worcestershire Sauce. Whip with a whisk until smooth. Pour egg mixture over crab/cracker/Old Bay/parsley mixture and gently mix being careful not to break up large crab lumps. Mold into small golf ball size balls and place on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 Degrees for 30 minutes. Drizzle with melted butter and allow to cool. Serve with saltine or rice crackers.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4, 5, & 6 – **NRA Annual Convention**

- Dallas, TX
- Contact: [www.NRA.org](http://www.NRA.org)

June 8, 9, 10 - **Kentucky League of Sportsmen Annual Meeting**

- Summerset, Kentucky
- Contact: Bob Edwards – [bedwardslouky@insightbb.com](mailto:bedwardslouky@insightbb.com)

June 16, 2018 – **Ladies Day – Annie Oakley Day**

- Fern Creek Sportsman's Club, Louisville, KY
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July 14 & 15, 2018 – **Youth, Family & Apprentice Program**

- Fern Creek Sportsman's Club, Louisville, KY
- Register Online at [www.kentuckianasci.org/apprenticeprogram](http://www.kentuckianasci.org/apprenticeprogram)
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September 2018 - **Chapter Dove Shoot**

- Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, IN
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January 9 – 12, 2019 SCI Annual Hunter's Convention

- Reno, NV
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January 26, 2019 – **KYSCI Chapter Fundraising Banquet**

- Audubon Country Club, Louisville, KY
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# 2018 SCI Military Pheasant Hunt Lost River Game Farm

By Mike Maddox



Our "2018 KYSCI Military Appreciation Hunt" was a great success again this year! We selected a new location to provide our thank you pheasant hunt to honor our service men and women since Jeff Tate, owner of **Clover Creek Hunting Farms**, announced he was closing his pheasant hunting operation. Understanding the challenge, I wanted to find a new venue for the hunt that would provide a different style of hunting for these grand birds. An internet search revealed another pheasant hunting farm in southern Indiana. The new location, **Lost River Game Farm**, is just north of Paoli, Indiana. Wanting to check out the venue before taking our guest to a new place, I hunted there four weekends in a row with my lab, Reece, to become familiar with the operation.

After all the hunts, I knew this new location would be perfect for our military hunt. I reached out to the owner, Bob Hudelson, to understand if they could accommodate this type of group hunt. Bob stated he had done many corporate hunts and could accommodate just about anything we wanted. I told him we had previously hunted the birds in groups of six across a big field with a dog and guide. While that worked, he suggested we break up our group of twelve men into four groups of three with each having a guide and dog. I really liked that idea as it created a more natural hunting experience rather than a drive style of hunt; so, we arranged the 3-man type of hunt and worked out the details for lunch and costs.

Once we had the logistics worked out, we had to figure out a date for the event. Bob and I worked out a few possible dates and I ran those options by my military contact, Major Brian Combs, so he could help select the best date for his men and women to participate. He chose Saturday, February 17, 2018 as the best date that would not conflict with any military activity. That conversation in November gave Major Combs a couple of months to generate a list of twelve for our event.

A couple of weeks prior to February 17<sup>th</sup>, Major Combs contacted me with the list of twelve men. With the date confirmed, we now hoped the weather would cooperate. The weather forecast for the week leading up to the event was for a mix of rain and snow all the way through the weekend with the day of the event being forecast with cloudy in the morning with



rain and snow starting early afternoon. I had to proceed with the event as it is almost impossible to reschedule the hunt if canceled.

Everyone was to meet at **Lost River** between 7:30 and 8:00 A.M. and that they did. I arrived a few minutes late, but I made up for it by having a couple gallons of coffee and three dozen pastries. The clubhouse was humming with conversations and questions. The guides were there and I quickly gathered everyone together to coordinate the men with the guides so they could get started with the hunt. After a few words about the logistics, each guide gathered his three men and headed to their trucks to go to their hunting area. **Lost River** is a big farm that has many separate areas for each group. It has typical rolling hills with cedar trees and wild grasses, which is perfect for hunting birds. After getting everyone out the door, my wife, Sherry, and I were able to sit beside the potbelly stove to get warm and catch our breath.

The overcast skies had held and the conditions were perfect to hunt birds with the temperature in the thirties. We had purchased six pheasants for each service member so each group had eighteen birds to hunt. We also coordinated having half the birds set first with the other half to be set out once the guide called the clubhouse. That scenario worked great because pheasants won't sit still long so putting out the birds in two groups worked really well.



About 10:00 that morning, the overcast sky filled with huge white flakes of snow that started coming down really hard. At least, it was not rain! The snow turned out to be a real bonus and once the men started coming back to the lodge, we heard how much fun they had hunting in the snow. Lunch was ready as we expected the hunters would be wrapping up their hunts around noontime. Everyone entered the clubhouse to the aroma of chili and BBQ that permeated the room.

Prior to migrating to the dining room for lunch, I asked Mike Ohlmann to say a few words to the men to share our appreciation for what they do for everyone. After asking Mike to provide the words, I shared with him the honor that I had just bestowed upon him had, in previous years, been bestowed to Sam Monarch. Sam passed away Thanksgiving Day 2017. I knew how much Sam thought of those who serve our great country. We will truly miss his words of wisdom and gratitude for our great military men and women.

Mike Ohlmann, a Veteran himself, did a great job with his words of gratitude. Our honored guests worked up big appetites hunting through the snow and, as they navigated to the dining room for BBQ, chili, slaw and desserts, the room went from excited conversations to total silence as they sat down to share a great meal.



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A couple of the men had hunted with us the previous year and commented that this year was outstanding as it felt more like a real hunting experience hunting in a smaller group with a guide and his dogs working their way through the natural setting. It appears we had some really experienced shooters this year as not many pheasants got away. After lunch, we gave each man a bag of cleaned pheasants as they headed home with a

picturesque view of freshly covered white fields from the heavy snow that was still falling.

I want to thank Major Combs and all the volunteers who helped this year: Mike Ohlmann, Tom Hebert, Mike Graham, Sherry Maddox and Alice Monarch. I truly hope each service person understands how much our SCI chapter appreciates everything they do serving our country and protecting our way of life.

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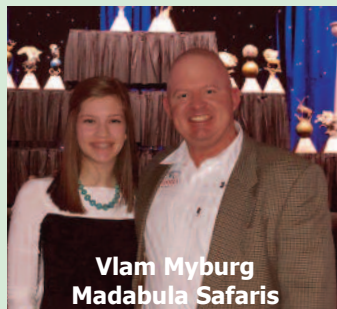
# Peyton Whitworth Honored At SCI Convention As SCI & Cabela's 2018 Young Hunter Of The Year

By Sherry Maddox

Peyton Whitworth & Sherry Maddox



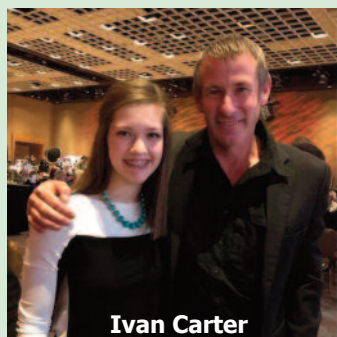
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from their SCI Chapter, counselors, school principal, and other community leaders is submitted from each candidate. In addition, the candidate will document their academic accomplishments, community service, conservation work, and hunting/outdoors experiences.

On Thursday evening, February 5, 2015, during the SCI Convention on stage in Las Vegas, Nevada, I was honored to join Peyton Whitworth on stage as she was introduced and presented the "2018 SCI & Cabela's Young Hunter of the Year" award. In the audience to watch Peyton receive this award were her parents, Stefanie and Jared Whitworth; grandparents, Kenny and Suellen Whitworth; sister, Audrey; and local supporters, Alice Monarch, Angie and Allen Wheatley and their son, Christian. Also attending to support Peyton were Professional Hunters Vlam Myburg of *Madubula Safaris*, and Chris and Dave Fyfe and their wives of *North Island Guide Outfitters*.

Peyton and her family arrived in Las Vegas, Nevada on Tuesday evening and spent Wednesday and Thursday on the exhibit floor. It was their first trip to convention and they took in as much as time would allow. While there, Peyton visited with TV personalities Jim Shockey,

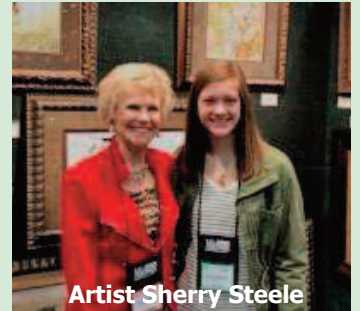
Craig Boddington and Tom Miranda. She shot targets with Olympian Lannie Barnes and spent time with wildlife artist Sherry Steele and a host of outfitters and supporters. On Wednesday evening prior to dinner, Peyton joined me at the President's Reception giving me the opportunity to proudly introduce her to SCI and Chapter leaders. Peyton represented our chapter with grace and maturity and I was so proud of her.

Peyton's acceptance remarks at the convention podium were so revealing of the exceptional young hunter she is. The opening paragraph of Peyton's acceptance speech was very telling and I want to share it with you: "President Roosevelt said, 'The one thing I want to leave my children is an honorable name.' As your 'SCI and Cabela's Young Hunter of the Year', the one thing I want to leave hunting is an honorable name."

This introductory statement had such an impact on the evening speaker, Ivan Carter, that Peyton's statement was referenced in his opening comments and woven in again later in his speech. Ivan is from Zimbabwe and is a conservationist, professional guide and photographer. He is also the host of Carter's W.A.R. presented by Nosler on Outdoor Channel.

Included among Peyton's many hunting accomplishments are the harvesting of an SCI Top Ten Whitetail Buck, a Canadian Black Bear, an African Cape Buffalo and plain's game and a host of wild turkey and deer.

A member of the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI, Peyton has participated in the SCI Humanitarian Services Blue Bag Program where she collected, assembled and hand delivered clothing, school supplies and the like to desperately poor children in rural Africa. She has volunteered at several chapter events and the annual fundraiser banquet. In addition to her diverse school activities and stellar academic standing, Peyton is Captain of her KIVA Volleyball Team and an avid member of multiple conservation organizations. Peyton has written about her hunting adventures and three of her hunting articles have been published in the ***Kentuckiana Hunter!***



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