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President's Message

By Larry Richards, Chapter President

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I'm hoping this message finds you enjoying the summer that has finally arrived! My ark is almost done! We had a spectacular Annie Oakley Range Day with almost 50 ladies getting their first chance at firing a real firearm! Word

is, the day was awesome! My thanks to Bob Edwards, the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club, the KDFWR and everyone who helped make this a special day for the ladies.

Hopefully by now, you have had the chance to see and explore our new website at www.kentuckianasci.com. It was most certainly worth our investment and our time. Our new Web Coordinator, Grace Nonemaker, has been a blessing in getting it launched and operating smoothly.

Our Legislative Action website has been widely accepted and appreciated by the sporting organizations across the state as the go-to tool which we designed it to be. Legislative Action Committee Chairman Mike Abell has been going across the state to the various districts with a short presentation to all who will have us informing them of its purpose and uses, and he has been very well received. Mike and I are scheduled to be at The Kentucky Elk Guides Association meeting on August 3 to get them on board with it as well.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife is putting on a CWD seminar on July 18th at 6 P.M. at the Salato Center in

Frankfort to bring all of us up to speed with what's in their Chronic Wasting Disease Response and Prevention Plan. I urge as many members who can make it to please do so. This CWD issue is not new, but it is now in every state bordering Kentucky and this deadly disease can walk across our border at any time. What we are going to do about it is of utmost importance to every hunter in the state. Everyone needs to get friendly with the plan and be ready for what it involves if and when we have a positive CWD test here in Kentucky. Commissioner Brian Fisher has been ringing that alarm bell and it is being heard.

Speaking of Commissioners, our hats are collectively off to the 3rd District Wildlife Commissioner – Ralph Swallows! SALUTE! He has hit the ground on fire for the sportsmen of the 3rd District and the state in general. He has listened to our suggestions and taken them to the Commission for us. Thank you, Commissioner Swallows! If you need or want to contact any Commissioner or Legislator, you may do so very easily from the KYSCI-LAC website.

I URGE each and every member to go and read the various positions on CWD, Commission Elk permits and the host of other issues we have undertaken. We are definitely going to need membership support in the form of e-mail contacts with the Commission prior to their August Committee Meeting, so please familiarize yourself with the website. While you are there, please read up on the Commission Elk Permit issue and our response.

It's has been a hectic three months since my last message but I can now get down to planning Mallory's and my Elk Hunt and 2 x 2 Mountain Lion Hunts this fall! Wherever you go, please remember that we are needing some more good North American hunts for our February 22, 2020 Annual Chapter Fundraiser. If you had a great time on your hunt, please think about asking your outfitter for a donation! It's for a great cause!



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About The Cover

The Cover Photo and these photos, taken in Kruger National Park in South Africa, reflect the bathing/insect repelling habits of this herd of elephants. It is difficult to see in the distant photo, but the elephants on the right are wallowing and spraying themselves in a watering hole while the wet ones on the left are headed to a sandy area where the sand they threw bellowed above the acacia bushes. As we made our way to the other side of the acacias, mystical elephants emerged from the coral glow of the swirling sand above their abstractly painted bodies. Mothers and babies alike then engaged in scratching rituals as shown in the left and right photos!





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NOTICE TO KYSCI MEMBERS

Board Recommends By-Laws Changes

Current active KYSCI members, you should have received a recent letter/ballot in the mail for a notice of changes to our Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI By-Laws. Please review those changes and return your ballot to the address listed by the therein-noted deadline.

If you did not receive your ballot or if you have questions, please contact one of the members of the By-Laws Committee: Ivan Schell, Mike Ohlmann or Sherry Maddox.

NOTICE TO KYSCI MEMBERS

Nominations for Chapter President, Vice President and 3 Directors are now open.

If you wish to nominate a member or yourself, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Ivan Schell, Mike Ohlmann or Sherry Maddox.

One Troublesome Gator Gone!

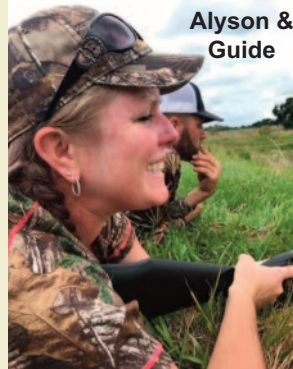
By Alyson Stamper



Alyson & Gator

Can you imagine having alligators take over your ponds? Landowners in Florida turning to hunting outfitters to help them solve an ever-growing nuisance alligator problem gave me the opportunity to go on an exciting adventure with my husband, Marty, to harvest an unwelcomed gator!

In June, Marty and I drove to Venus, Florida to meet our guide, Blake, who took us out gator hunting. After some precautions and directions, we followed Blake into the field to scout for a gator for me to hunt. We belly



Alyson & Guide

crawled up to the bank and began watching for gators but it did not take long to spot one in the water in my length range.

My gator appeared and disappeared from sight several times and I could not get a good shot at him. After about thirty minutes, Blake took a huge fishing rod, hooked the gator and handed me the rod to fight him. When the gator got close, I traded the fishing rod for my gun

and shot him. He was fired up and went into a roll! He soon quit rolling and I shot him again to be sure he was down. After we were certain he was no longer a threat, I pulled him out of the water.

My 8-foot alligator was beautiful in color. I had taken my first gator, shared an exciting hunt with my husband, and made a landowner and an outfitter/guide very happy!



Alyson & Marty

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Introduction:

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is an always-fatal disease found in a familiar family of animals called cervids. Cervids are very simply – mammals of the deer family or scientifically classified into the family *Cervidae*. To date, it has been found in wild or captive cervids in 25 states and 3 Canadian provinces but not yet in Kentucky. It can be transmitted through animal to animal contact, contact with body fluids or feces left on the landscape, contact with an animal carcass left on the landscape, and indirectly through soil contaminated by any of the above.

It is not caused by a virus or bacteria, but by an irregularly formed protein prion. The prions are very hard to destroy and can survive on the landscape for years. The prion infection also takes years to kill the animal by causing healthy protein prions already in the animal to become irregularly formed. The irregularly formed prions attack the nervous system of an infected animal, which animal then becomes a vector of the disease for a number of years before it succumbs to CWD. The infected deer or elk do not become visually symptomatic for at *least* two years, which is why this disease is problematic to hunters. It would be very easy for one to kill an infected deer or elk and have no idea it is infected because they show no outward signs of the disease.

CWD has not been shown to infect humans. There have been national cases where large groups of people have eaten CWD infected deer. They are being monitored for the disease and so far they are not infected. Notwithstanding those results, if you are hunting in a CWD infected area, experts advise you to have the deer or elk tested prior to eating it. The disease was first discovered in a captive mule deer facility run by the Colorado Division of Wildlife Research in Fort Collins in 1967. Researchers have been working on a cure ever since and they are making progress. There have been many false claims and internet hoaxes about a cure, but to date there is not one. Currently the best defense is prevention.

Position paper published on the Legislation Action website:

Before we discuss deer hunting, we must discuss the overall importance of hunting in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Hunting is a significant portion of our heritage and culture. President Theodore Roosevelt spoke of the "democracy of hunting," which meant that any American, regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, economic class or profession can hunt and hunt successfully. We



Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

By Colonel Mike Abell

believe hunting is one of the last cords that bind our urban and rural populations to the natural world around us. Hunting is also a major economic driver for the Commonwealth, with an overall annual economic impact of approximately \$1.5 billion-dollars. Deer hunting in particular has a \$770 million dollar annual economic impact on the Commonwealth.

These facts cannot be understated and must be always pre-eminent in our minds as we discuss the future of hunting in the Commonwealth.

Our natural environment now includes the reality of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). This position statement is not meant to educate the reader on what CWD is but to publicly state the position of the Kentuckiana

Chapter of Safari Club International (KYSCI) on hunting in a CWD environment. Anyone who wishes to become more educated on exactly what CWD is can do so at www.cwd-info.org. KYSCI believes that all future decisions about our deer and elk herds must be made in the context of our hunting heritage, the hunting economy and CWD. All three should carry equal weight during the decision-making process, but they must each be underpinned by scientific evidence and robust public comment. The science must be both ecological and economical. The robust public comment must generate a proactive long-term dialogue that establishes lines of communication with individual hunters, hunting clubs, conservation organizations, wildlife societies and species-specific foundations.



The Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is detailed, deliberate, logical and executable. KYSCI finds the plan to have only two major flaws.

The first flaw is that the plan is a RESPONSE plan. We recommend the plan be revised to include prevention and be retitled a "Prevention and Response Plan." The KDFWR has yet to detect a case of chronic wasting disease in the Commonwealth and we believe that significant steps can be taken to delay or even prevent the disease's manifestation here. The tenets we recommend be included in the prevention plan are as follows:

The KDFWR Law Enforcement Division should establish random check stations along major thoroughfares with bordering CWD positive states during their deer seasons. People only comply with laws and regulations that are enforced. The passage of KAR 2:095 which banned the importation of cervid parts from CWD positive states is one step, but it



is a passive step. Currently, a violation of KAR 2:095 is likely to happen only after the illegal cervid parts are in the Commonwealth, after a reporting from a taxidermist or cervid meat processor. Random border checks would stop a few, but they would become a serious deterrent to many others. Increased requirements for the monitoring and reporting of captive cervid herds and breeding operations in the Commonwealth, not just to the Department of Agriculture but also to the KDFWR, should be considered.

Captive Cervid Operators should be required to purchase insurance against the contamination of our wild cervids. The policy should list the KDFWR as the "loss payee" should a captive cervid escape and become a disease vector with which the KDFWR must contend.

Captive Cervid Operations should be required to have even more robust physical barriers on the perimeter of their facilities and during transportation, to prevent the escape of any captive cervids.

The KDFWR should begin year round sampling of road-kill deer for CWD. The testing should be focused on the same thoroughfares that would be points of ingress for deer hunters returning from CWD positive states, mentioned in item (1) above.

The second flaw is that the plan fails to address the overall nature of the CWD vector – the prion. The protein prion that causes CWD is exceptionally hard to destroy and can remain viable for decades in the natural environment.

So, while cervids are social creatures that may pass the prion from one animal to another laterally (directly animal to animal) or maternally (mother to offspring), it could also be passed indirectly. That indirect transmission would occur by a cervid urinating, defecating, vomiting, giving birth or leaving any other body fluid containing prions on the landscape. While the fluid would dry up, the prion would remain viable on the landscape for years. It is then possible for another cervid to ingest those prions and become infected. Thus, any human activity that con-



gregates deer is potentially a risk to also congregating infected deer in a CWD environment.

We believe the plan very adequately addresses shutting down of baiting in the containment and/or surveillance zones only after the disease is discovered. Thus, baiting should continue in its current form until the disease is discovered and then this plan should be followed.



It is imperative to improve the plan and include food plots and other agricultural practices that congregate deer in the response plan. Once CWD is discovered, the plan appropriately curtails baiting in the containment and/or surveillance zones. In the absence of bait stations and feeders, food plots and livestock minerals will aggregate deer in even greater numbers. Thus, the ground used for food plots and areas around livestock minerals will become a reservoir of CWD vector prions; therefore, food plots and agricultural practices in CWD positive areas must be considered and actions to mitigate the risks associated should be considered.

If the KDFWR updates the existing plan to incorporate the above recommendations, then the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International will be in total support.

Habitat Improvement Checklist By KDFWR

July-August

- Create wildlife waterholes when the soil is dry enough
- Perform exotic/invasive species removal
- Mark trees for timber stand improvement
- Manipulate dove fields for season opener
- Plant winter wheat in late August

September

- Order tree & shrub seedlings (Kentucky Forestry Dept)
- Spray herbicide to kill fescue
- Sow clover & cool season grasses
- Prepare firebreaks & seed to winter wheat

**For more info, call KDFWR (800) 858-1549
Kentucky Forestry Dept. (502) 564-4496**

Legislative Action Committee - The political landscape for Kentucky hunters is changing! Visit kysci-lac.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17, 2019 – **KYSCI Summer Picnic & Meeting**

- Audubon Country Club, Louisville, KY
- For Reservations Contact: Larry Richards
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September 1, 2019 - **Chapter Dove Shoot**

- Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, IN
- Contact: Mike Maddox mmaddox@me.com

February 5-8, 2020 – **SCI Convention**

- Reno, Nevada
- Contact: www.safariclub.org

February 22, 2020 – **KYSCI Chapter Fundraising Banquet**

- Audubon Country Club, Louisville, KY
- Contact: Sherry Maddox explorer11749@aol.com

February 2020 - **Military Appreciation Pheasant Hunt**

- Lost River Game Farm, Paoli, Indiana
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Whoa There Turkey Hunter! Breasting It Just Got Bested!

By Mike Ohlmann



I suppose this day and age more folks have been introduced to hunting via the dove fields than by way of the meat pot! This

fact that became readily apparent to me this year as my turkey hunting partners consistently mentioned taking their bird home and breasting it out, leaving me in awe at the loss of a considerable number of delicious meals and opportunities to savor the hunt and give thanks around the table for the bounty and our blessings.



I admit that I do breast out doves but I was brought up on upland game birds and quail, grouse and pheasant all have delicious legs, thighs and backs though in much

smaller amounts than big ole uncle "Tom" - enough in fact, to compel me to sit down and write this article and share a few photos and ideas.

Even though many turkeys are harvested in Spring, let's first

talk about some awesome Fall cold weather comfort foods like Turkey Pot Pie, Turkey Noodle Soup, Turkey Stew and Turkey Shepherd's Pie and White Chili to name but a few. While many folks are not overly fond of turkey outside of Thanksgiving, which in my opinion is mainly due to the factory raised bland butterball, I have yet to find a person who did not take seconds and comment positively on my wild turkey



to develop not only some well-formed muscle meat but also to infuse it with nature's finest flavors. That being said the breast is still the least developed muscle group on a wild turkey and while considerably more flavorful, it still pales in comparison to the rich flavors of the dark meat!

I have personally found that objections about its toughness, the difficulty in butchering it and the many leader bones, etc., in my opinion, are superfluous and no different than harvesting all of a deer versus just taking the back straps. Granted it is much

easier now that I am retired but I have followed the same routine pretty much the same way since I harvested my first turkey many, many years ago.

So, it is my goal to help you reap double the amount of delicious meat from your next turkey in less time than it takes me to type or likely for you to read and absorb this article.

First, if you are exposing the breast, you have your turkey more or less half skinned so let's back up one step and instead of laying it on the ground, table or tailgate how about grabbing a rope or strap and hanging the bird up by a leg via a slip knot between the knee and the spur. Next, cut the skin down the inside of that leg and on across and up the inside of the other leg and work it loose a bit with your finger and a little knife work. Then, cut the skin away from the leg where the feathers meet the scales and expose the drumsticks.

Next, bend the tail back and cut between the tail vertebrae much like the tail on a deer. The skin will be closely attached along the backbone but with a little knife and finger work you can quickly get past this and with the bird hanging head down, the skin will peel down to the wing joints and then on up the neck. Note, I prefer to keep at least the first joint of the wing as this rather large buffalo wing has considerable white meat, so I skin to the next joint before severing the wing and heading on down toward the head.

Once skinned and gutted, I go ahead and breast out the bird. All of the rest of the bird is then parted out and all those parts and bones go into a stockpot and are par boiled at a low roll, not a hard boil, until the meat slips easily from the bones. Now here is a secret I learned from a Cajun friend and I've done it ever since. I crack in half all of the straight bones with a cleaver before putting them in the pot. The "rue" that the bone marrow develops over a basic broth is definitely worth the effort.

Once the meat slips from the bones, I let it cool and separate out the dark from the light meat and both from the bones on occasion and other times just separate out the bones. I then dice the meat and/or I grind it depending on my intended recipes. The light meat makes excellent white chili and all of it is super for the various other aforementioned dishes.



You can add some seasoning to the par boil but I do so sparingly if at all since it can make the seasoning of the final dish more complicated. Once I have the meat diced and separated by diced-size versus smaller shredded pieces into portions adequate for family-size and recipes, I vacuum seal the packages which are perfectly fine and ready for many future meals.

I might mention that I continue to simmer down the rue until I have a very thick rich stock that alone or with some of the meat makes a fine soup or addition to most of the dishes.



Consult the accompanying photos for basic reference to the proportions and amount of meat you may have been neglecting to include a number of delicious meals and opportunities to savor the hunt!

Madden Fulkerson Wins KYSCI & 4-H Youth Deer Hunt

By Alice Monarch

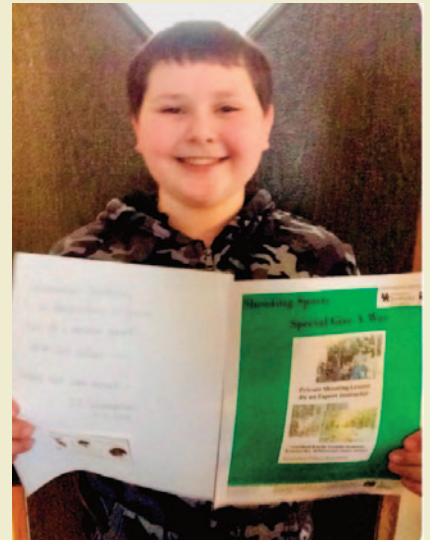
KYSCI has been a staunch supporter of the Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports Program and they have made our Chapter proud of their many accomplishments plus they have supported KYSCI in return! Breckinridge County 4-H Leader Alexandria Bryant Popham and fellow 4-H and KYSCI supporters, Evan, Shannon and Jamie Morton and Bill Blair of Breckinridge County, Kentucky attended our Chapter Fundraiser again this past winter.

One of the items purchased by Alex and Shannon during our Chapter's live auction was the "Ultimate Youth Hunting Package" donated by Ivan Schell, Esquire, which included among other things Private Shooting Lessons and a Guided Deer Hunt on Monarch Farms in Breckinridge County during Youth Deer Season this October 12-13, 2019. Alex and Shannon purchased the donated Youth Deer Hunt Package for the purpose of creating interest in the 4-H Shooting Sports by donating it as a grand door prize for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program!

The lucky winner, Madden Fulkerson, is the 10 year old son of Annie and Jesse Fulkerson and grandson of William Blair and Linda Bolin all of Breckinridge County, Kentucky. Madden, an enthusiastic 4-H participant, has one younger brother, Warren, who is also active in many of the 4-H programs. Madden, who lives

on a farm, has been involved with 4-H projects since he was 2 years old, lives on a farm and is an active member of the 4-H livestock, bug, poultry, archery, and trap shooting programs.

Madden, a 5th grader, is an Honor Roll student at Cloverport Independent Schools in Breckinridge County. Madden is very excited about his upcoming private shooting lessons and his guided deer hunt which will be guided by SCI Vice President Sherry Maddox of Louisville, Kentucky! He would like to say a special thank you to everyone who contributed to his exciting deer hunt!

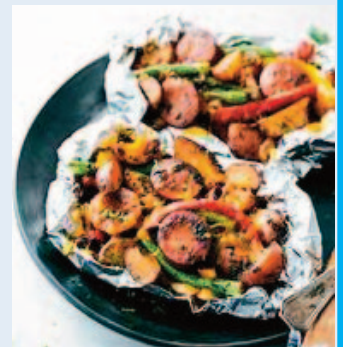


Too Hot To Cook, Let's Grill "A Pocket Dinner"

By Joyce Cook

- 1 package Johnsonville Brats cut into 1-inch slices
- 2-3 Onions cut into large chunks
- 2-3 Green Peppers cut into large chunks
- Olive Oil, Salt & Pepper

Place first three ingredients onto a foil sheet, sprinkle with olive oil, salt & pepper; then fold the foil over to form a "pocket" and secure it tightly. Place on the grill at medium heat and cook for 25-minutes. Be careful when opening the pocket as steam will escape. After you enjoy your meal, just throw your pocket away! No dishes to wash!



KYSCI Sam Monarch Memorial \$2500 Youth Scholarship



Each year an outstanding KYSCI affiliated student entering college shall be awarded a scholarship valued at \$2500 which shall be distributed pro rata beginning each semester over a four-year period of time.

Sam Monarch worked tirelessly within our organization for many years and always had opportunities for youth in the forefront of his efforts. We seek to honor Sam's legacy with this award and we will present it to our scholarship winner at our 25th Annual Fundraising Gala on February 22, 2020 at the Audubon Country Club in Louisville.

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“LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



NATIONAL

Suppressors: The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has declined to hear a case from Kansas where a vendor and a purchaser violated federal law by transferring a suppressor (silencer) without obtaining the appropriate tax stamp from BATFE. The defendants asserted that the Second Amendment to the US Constitution protected their rights regarding the transfer of the suppressor. Two lower federal courts had ruled that the suppressor fell outside the protection of the Second Amendment. SCOTUS has previously acknowledged that the Second Amendment permits banning of dangerous and unusual weapons (i.e. class III weapons like machine guns, sawed off shotguns and suppressors). It did not help that President Trump has recently gone on record suggesting that suppressors be totally banned. *This is a fight that belongs in legislative halls, not judicial ones.*

Expanded Hunting on Public Lands: The Department of Interior has unveiled a proposal for new and expanded hunting opportunities in 46 states on 1.4 million acres. This new access would open 74 national wildlife refuges operated by the US-FWS to outdoor sporting enthusiasts. The Department plans to conform hunting regulations on federal land in each state to the hunting regulations in those states. Of course this proposal will need legislative approval which could be difficult to achieve in the US House as currently configured.

INDIANA

The Indiana DNR has actively revised several hunting regulations as follows:

Ruffed Grouse: Historical populations of ruffed grouse in Indiana have declined to less than 1% of the levels observed in the 1980s. As a result the DNR has added the ruffed grouse to the state endangered species list. DNR will be actively pursuing improved management of forest environments to keep from losing the species altogether.

Cottontail Rabbits: Rabbits have been added to the list of mammals that a landowner or tenant can take without a permit when causing damage or threatening to cause damage. Removing the permit requirement according to DNR will allow owners of homes and commercial orchards and nurseries to control nuisance cottontails.

Hunter Orange Requirements: Currently there is no “hunter orange” requirement for elevated deer stands when hunting in Indiana. However, when hunting in ground blinds, hunters must follow the hunter orange requirements. The DNR has removed the orange requirement for ground blinds to make the orange requirement for the two methods consistent. Of course if hunters disagree with the DNR’s assessment of the risk they can continue to use hunter orange.

Air Rifle and Air Bows: Hoosiers, like Kentuckians will now be able to use air rifles during gun seasons to harvest deer. Further regulations will spell out the specifications for air rifles and air bows deemed to be capable of humanely and efficiently taking deer.

KENTUCKY

Those who have read the recent audit report of KDFWR by Mike Harmon, Kentucky State Auditor (June 20, 2017) are aware of the continuing issues relating to the awarding of elk tags to non-profit (501(c)(3)) organizations. A recipient must be an incorporated organization tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code, and have a statement in their bylaws or articles asserting that the organization has a primary conservation purpose, meaning to “conserve and enhance fish and wildlife resources to provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife education, habitat enhancement or related activities.” These organizations which are awarded elk tags to sell are required to use the funds for conservation purposes outlined in 301 KAR 3:100. The funds raised must be used for the conservation projects in Kentucky as approved by the Commission. A review of applications for these elk tags reveals that some repeated recipients of the tags use none of the funds generated from the sale for the required purposes. In an effort to cover its flanks for awarding tags to these organizations, the Commission has attempted to move the goal posts by having staff attorneys for KDFWR and the Department of Tourism issue an opinion (June 7, 2019) stating that the requirements are to be liberally interpreted, in effect, to mean whatever the Commission says they mean. Furthermore, to add insult to injury, several commissioners have formed an alliance to vote for each other’s pet organization thereby guaranteeing that these organizations will receive tags every year. *Clearly the entire process requires restructuring. The KYSCI Board intends to provide the Commission the opportunity to make the required restructuring, but may simultaneously pursue a legislative solution to the problem. Stay tuned.*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Parkwood Elementary Completes 2nd Year Of NASP Young Archers Share Comments

By Cathy Davis

One hundred 5th graders from Parkwood Elementary in Clarksville, Indiana received archery instruction this spring through the National Archery in the Schools program. An additional twenty students, most of whom were fourth graders, took part after school in Parkwood's Fall Archery Enrichment Club. Three certified instructors: Sabeena Shelton, Carol McGloshen, Cathy Davis, and one volunteer, Brian Davis, taught the students the basics of archery.



The 5th graders who completed the program wanted to share the following comments in their own words with KYSCI members: Uri learned that he "had to grab my bow from the grip and grab the

arrows thumb down." Heidi learned "how to shoot a bow for the first time." Celena was surprised "that on the first day I understood how to shoot and I hit red and yellow. I'm surprised I learned really quick." The best thing about practicing archery for Dylan was "practicing with friends and experiencing this for the first time. I thought it was fun. I hope to do it again soon."

Jenna's positive experience in the school's Fall Archery Enrichment Club caused her to buy her own bow earlier this year. She was surprised at "how much fun it can be and how it can be easy once you get used to it." Kainen was surprised "when I shot 3 bulls-eyes"; however, the best thing about archery for

him was "enjoying my favorite hobby with my friends."

Parkwood Elementary thanks KYSCI, which gave both financial support and KYSCI volunteers to start our archery program. It is very rewarding to see how the children gain confidence as they improve their skills. I found it very sad when Lino, a 5th grader, asked me if his upcoming middle school offered archery. I had to tell him no, but I am pleased to tell KYSCI that NASP has grown within Greater Clark County Schools from Parkwood's initial program to four other schools within our school system.



2019 KYSCI SUMMER PICNIC DINNER & CHAPTER MEETING

August 17, 2019

Social Hour 4:00 p.m.

Meeting 5:00 p.m. • Dinner 6:00 p.m.

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KYSCI & Shikar Safari Honor Glen Griffin KDFWR Officer of the Year

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“OPENING DAY”

By Alice Monarch



Mike & Chase

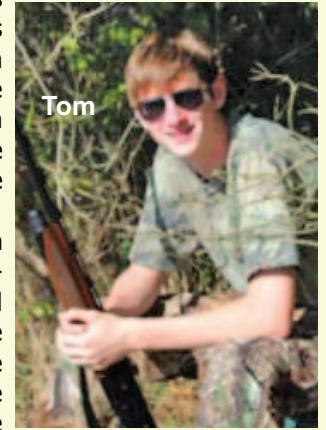
One of my many *first* dates with Sam Monarch was sitting in a half-harvested cornfield scouring the skies for “Opening Day” doves. I watched Sam’s back with the tenacity of a well-trained lab and called out more blackbirds than doves and my retrieval skills left much to be desired but Sam invited me to join him again the next day! We were teenagers and all was right with the world!

“Opening Day” in the dove field is synonymous with Christmas for diehard dove hunters like Sam, and I always tagged along to enjoy the camaraderie of good friends, lighthearted stories, loveable labs, and fine food! Some years, limits were easy to come by while other years, the few birds that flew seemed to escape even the sharpest shooters but all was right with the world!

As we got a little more age on us, “Opening Day” took on a whole new meaning when our grandsons, Tom and Clay, were old enough to join us!

Watching them search the skies for the distinctive flight pattern of fast moving doves while Sam and I watched their backs was possibly more fun than even those earlier years! Their “Opening Day” success was celebrated tailgate style with good friends, good dogs, chilled shrimp, brownies and laughter making all right with the world!

When our chapter hosted one of its first big “Opening Day” dove hunts several years ago, it was like all of our “Opening Days” rolled into one huge celebration! Several chapter members had worked together with Jim Warren and Mike Maddox leading the way on our host’s, Rick Davis’s, farm. “Opening Day” was filled with excitement and anticipation as members and guests with eager kids and great dogs greeted one another warmly and renewed old friendships with the highlight being watching our youth bond. When the doves began to fly, there was tons of lead in the air and many of the doves escaped unscathed, but “Opening Day” is really not about the doves: “Opening Day” is about good friends, good dogs, and good memories and creating the atmosphere that all is right with the world!



Tom



Clay



Tom, Clay, Sam & Chilled Shrimp



Jim

You Are Invited

KYSCI Is Preparing For “Opening Day” Dove Hunt

September 1, 2019

Jefferson Proving Grounds, Indiana

Check In Time 12:00 noon EDT • Start Time 1:00

Cover Fee of \$10.00

Barbecue Dinner to Follow

For the third year, our chapter has leased a dove field at the Jefferson Proving Grounds in Indiana for the purpose of hosting an “Opening Day” dove hunt for our members and guests and much work has already been done again this year. Mike Maddox and Jim Warren began working in early spring and the fields look promising! There should be thirty spots that can accommodate two people at each location so begin making your plans now to join the fun and make great memories.

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