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FOURTH QUARTER 2021



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President's Message

By Bob Edwards, Chapter President
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We now have in place this year's Officers and Board of Directors. Congratulations to returning Secretary Alyson Stamper, returning Board Member Alice Monarch, and new Board Member Trey Webb. Congratulations also go out to Sherry Maddox who, in addition to serving as our chapter treasurer, is our returning Regional Safari Club International

Representative. Your officers and directors give greatly of themselves for the benefit of the chapter, for sportsmen, and for the future of hunting and the shooting sports. They bring a passion equaled only by their wealth of knowledge and we are fortunate to have each of them and his/her individual strengths.

The Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International has persisted through challenging times in the past and we continue to do so now. We have not wavered in our commitment to fund

and perform projects we select to accurately portray Sportsmen and hunting as both the foundation of, and primary source of funding for wildlife conservation here and around the world.

Your chapter has always been quite fiscally conservative, and this philosophy has served us well over the years and continues to do so today. Your Board of Directors is widely known for being frugal and squeezing the value out of every nickel! Your Treasurer and Secretary have implemented modern, improved documents, technology, and tools to provide your Board of Directors with the best decision-making information available. Budgets are tight; they are based on an average of prior years' spending and accurately reflect our future needs. Your chapter leadership is well positioned to continue the work that your chapter membership supports.

This Board of Directors and this chapter exists to project the will of the membership. In this newsletter, you will find contact information for your Board of Directors. Your Board wants to work for you, the membership, and we look forward to your input. We always need members for our many committees which are the tool by which we accomplish our projects. All of our meetings are open to all members, and we are also available by Zoom. Your Board of Directors looks forward to your input.

In-Person Events Set Dates

KYSCI's 27th Annual Fundraising Banquet is well into its planning stages for 2022! COVID kept us from being together in 2021 but that did not stop our Chapter from getting together virtually for a spectacular, successful members only fundraising online event which included a fun-filled zoom "Online Social!"

KYSCI Annual Fundraising Banquet

February 19, 2022 • Audubon Country Club

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After COVID 19 shut down last year's SCI celebration, SCI is excited to announce that registration is now open for its 2022 in-person 50th Anniversary Celebration Convention.

SCI Convention's 50th Anniversary Celebration

January 19 - 22, 2022

Las Vegas, Nevada - Registration is OPEN!

Contact: www.safariclub.org

About The Cover

The photo of this beautiful spiral-horned Nyala was taken on property owned by KYSCI Chapter Donor, *Deko Safaris*, in the North West Province of South Africa by Alice Monarch. Males are significantly larger than females and have camouflaging white stripes in their grey fur with distinctive white markings on their faces. The Zulu tell a wonderful story of those white markings. They say that when God created the



Nyala, He placed His hands on the Nyala's face and as He breathed life into it, God said, "Oh what a beautiful animal you are." When He removed His hands, He left the fingerprints of God. The place just below the eyes is where God's thumbs rested and where his fingertips touched along the jaw lines became white spots. Only God could create such an enchanting animal!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Chapter Loses Good Friend & Supporter Kenneth Wayne Whitworth



If anyone ever asked Kenny to describe himself, he would always say, "I'm just a country boy who works hard!" And that he did in whatever role he found himself. Kenny was a machinist, a teacher, a gardener, a visionary, a hunter, a fisherman, a trapper, and a farmer. He was also a prayer warrior, a servant, a protector, an encourager, a tease, and a difference-maker. He was a friend, an uncle, a brother, a son, a husband, a dad, and his favorite, a Papaw! Most of all, he was a Christian in all circumstances.

He was described by many as thoughtful, giving, ambitious, faithful, humble, intelligent, and serious. His grandchildren described him as caring, strong, supportive, nurturing, humorous, fierce, honest, inspirational, loving and often quite stubborn!

He put all of these roles and attributes into action. He played the hardest and cheered the loudest. He worked unendingly and hustled all the time. He solved problems quickly and effectively. He dreamed big and believed in everybody and always put others first. He encouraged constantly and loved un-

conditionally. At the end of the day, he wanted nothing more than to inspire others to be their very best and to point others to Christ. There will never be another like him!

Breckinridge County, Kentucky natives, Kenny and his family have been long-time regulars at our annual Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI Fundraisers and are loyal supporters and sponsors of the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI. For years, any time the late Sam Monarch zeroed in on a need for our youth, he would call Kenny and Jared and a donation to help meet that need would magically appear. As a teacher, businessman and entrepreneur, Kenny was an inspiration to many people, young and old, in the community as well as a positive role model for his grandchildren.

Kenny passed on his love of the outdoors, hunting, and fishing to his family which is evidenced by their numerous hunting articles in our *Kentuckiana Hunter* newsletter. In Kenny's granddaughter's, Peyton Whitworth's, acceptance speech for her being selected as *Safari Club International's Young Hunter of the Year*, Peyton honored her Papaw and her Dad by telling the audience that they had set the standard for good ethical hunting: they had given hunting and her an honorable name.

Kenneth Wayne Whitworth, affectionately known as Kenny, age 64, passed away while on a family hunting trip in Namibia. Kenny is survived by his wife, Suellen; his son and daughter-in-law, KYSCI Chapter Board Member Jared & Stefanie Whitworth; daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Jeff Tate; grandchildren, Tanner, Peyton, and Audrey Whitworth and Mason, Claire, Sophia, and Maddox Tate.

Our prayers go out to Kenny's loving family and his many friends.



Kenny & Peyton



Kenny & Audrey



Celebrating with Family & SCI Friends (Kenny Left 9th)



Father & Son Best Friends



Supporting NASP (Kenny Left 4th)



Supporting 4-H Shooting Sports (Kenny Left 3rd)



Wildlife & Disease

Dr. Christine Casey
Wildlife Veterinarian, KDFWR

Wildlife diseases were once viewed by wildlife managers as a normal process and limited interventions were implemented to manage diseases among wild animals. However, in the past several decades noticeable shifts in the dynamics of common diseases and the discovery of newly emerging diseases have caused managers to rethink this approach. These changes in the epidemiology of wildlife diseases are the result of multiple factors and complex interactions between the host, pathogen, and environment. However, one of the most significant changes and contributing factors is human activity that alters the landscape.

Human activities lead to increased interactions between humans, domestic animals, and wildlife which have dramatically altered natural disease dynamics. For example, there is an extensive list of diseases that have been introduced to new places around the world due to the movement of humans, animals, and goods. One example is the introduction of white nose syndrome in the United States which had devastating impacts on native bat populations. On the other side of the spectrum, the United States has served as a source for the spread of chronic wasting disease, a fatal neurologic disease of deer, to foreign countries. The lesson being, extreme caution should be used when moving people and animals around to minimize the

risk of unintentionally introducing any pathogens they may be harboring. For this very reason the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has restricted the movement of various species (both carcasses and live animals) to limit the spread of rabies, chronic wasting disease (CWD), and rabbit hemorrhagic disease to name a few. These movement restrictions are



more important than ever, due to the recent detection of CWD less than 10 miles from our border in Tennessee.

Minimizing disease risk on the landscape starts at the local level where an individual can have the most impact. A few activities landowners in Kentucky may practice to minimize this disease risk are:

- Reduce activities like baiting and feeding, which can artificially increase animal densities
- Limit access of wildlife to food sources, such as pet food or seed
- Limit interactions between domestic animals and wildlife
- Protect yourself and pets from insects such as ticks and mosquitoes
- Reduce insect habitat immediately around your home by maintaining yards and removing leaf litter and debris

If you observe sick or dead wildlife, contact your local biologist and have a conversation about whether further investigation is warranted. Naturally, some level of disease is to be expected; however, being vigilant and notifying authorities regarding abnormal behavior or die-offs in wildlife is important and contributes greatly to disease surveillance efforts. Active public participation and support is vital for protecting this valuable public resource. Any steps you, as a private landowner, are willing to take to help us work toward this goal is greatly appreciated. For more information on wildlife diseases please visit our website at fw.ky.gov/disease.



HABITAT IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST

By KDFWR

October - November

- Leave a portion of crops standing all winter for wildlife
- Leave food plots fallow for two years (minimum)
- Plan for next year's projects
- Do not fall-plow crop fields
- Order catalogs for seedlings, shrubs, or seeds for spring
- Flood moist soil management units

December

- Check for wildlife use of your habitat improvement projects
- Check fences to keep livestock out of woodlands
- Hinge-cut cedars and/or create brush piles
- Plant tree and shrub seedlings
- Conduct timber stands improvements

To speak to a Wildlife Biologist, call 1-800-858-1549

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“LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



KENTUCKY

The big news in Kentucky’s hunting season is related to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). CWD is a highly contagious and fatal brain disease which infects deer and elk. Infected animals exhibit listless behavior with a lowered head, blank stare, excessive salivation and staggering or circling. As of this time, CWD has not been determined by the CDC to be transmissible to humans. But, KDFWR recommends against consuming deer that act ill or are determined to have CWD.

CWD has *not* been detected in Kentucky, but it has been detected across the border in Tennessee along Kentucky’s Southwest region. In response, KDFWR has created a CWD Surveillance Zone consisting of Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Marshall and Calloway Counties. Within these counties there is allowed no baiting and all wildlife feeders must be removed. Deer must be checked in person during the muzzleloader and modern gun seasons. KDFWR is creating Voluntary Deer Sample Collection Stations so that hunters who take deer with a bow or crossbow outside of the gun seasons may also have their deer tested for CWD at no charge to the hunter. Generally, it can take up to 10 weeks to obtain results of the tests.

Finally, this situation significantly impacts the operations of Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry. KHFH will be meeting with all food banks and homeless shelters along with a representative of KDFWR to explain the situation. In addition, KHFH will not be utilizing deer from the Surveillance Zone unless and until they have been tested for CWD. One of the three processors in the Surveillance Zone has decided to process no deer during the current season. In order to provide venison for food banks within the Surveillance Zone, hunters will need to harvest many more deer outside the Zone for transport into the zone to affected food banks.

For further information please check the Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide and the KDFWR website.

At this writing there is no further update on the progress of the suit by Larry Richards against KDFWR relating to the appointment of Rich Storm as KDFWR Commissioner during an executive session not open to the public.

INDIANA

Turkey Hunting: As previously reported here .410 and 28 gauge shotguns are now legal for hunting turkey in Indiana. Also now legal is the use of Tungsten Super Shot #9 and #10 shot sizes.

Deer Hunting: Deer may now be hunted with air bows which eject arrows at 300 feet per second, and air rifles of .40 caliber or larger which produce 400 ft lbs of energy, during youth, firearms, and deer reduction zone seasons. Muzzleloaders designed for use with Firestick technology or otherwise which involves loading powder *but not bullets* from the breech can be used during firearms seasons. BUT this technology cannot be used during the muzzleloader season. Traditional muzzleloaders with the loading of powder and bullets from the muzzle must be used during the muzzleloader season.



League of Kentucky Sportsmen

By Bob Edwards

The KYSCI is now a member of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen and a member of the Third District Federation of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen.

We have not been a member of LKS for some time now; however, we have completed a number of projects in partnership with the League. Together, we have made some very significant

accomplishments.

We have always maintained a productive dialogue with LKS President Edwin Nighbert, and we have always supported him and his dedicated work with the LKS.

The Third District just completed elections, and our long-time friend Past President Ed Morris is again President of the League, Past President Bob Shannonhouse is Vice-President, KYSCI Board Member Trey Webb is Treasurer, and Jason Scannell is Secretary.

KYSCI looks forward to continuing our partnership with LKS, the Third District, and all area Sportsman’s and Conservation Organizations.

Convergence On Kapuskasing

By Ivan Schell



The SCI virtual on-line auction this last February offered many enticing hunting opportunities including a 5-day duck and grouse combination hunt with Peter and Terry Martin in Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada. With the pall of COVID haunting the hunting world, I was looking for something a little different and not terribly expensive. I put in a minimum bid on the bird hunt (Item #32) marketed as a "bird hunter's dream". I was fortunate enough to win the item and contacted outfitter Peter Martin to talk about optimum times to hunt Ontario. Of course, at that time Americans were not even allowed to enter Canada, so everything was pretty speculative. Peter suggested that we plan for the best and asked me to invite some of my hunting friends to accompany me to Ontario, if Canada opened up to Americans. Accordingly, I contacted a family including clients who had previously sponsored me on their hunting trips to Canada, and they readily agreed to give it a go.

Kapuskasing is a community of about 8500 souls who survive by working for the local lumber/paper industry. The New York Times financed this industry in 1921 and many young men from the surrounding region migrated to Kapuskasing with their brides to make a living.

Peter offers lodging to groups up to 10 (7 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms) with three meals per day, and guides with retrievers and pointing dogs. The "bush" (Crown Land) offers numerous lakes, rivers featuring wild rice and agricultural fields to attract ducks of many species and geese.

It also contains evergreen forests, home to spruce and sharp tail grouse. Our group of 6 hunters decided to organize a private plane with Wheels Up, which turned out to be a King Air. This plane would be large enough (barely) to



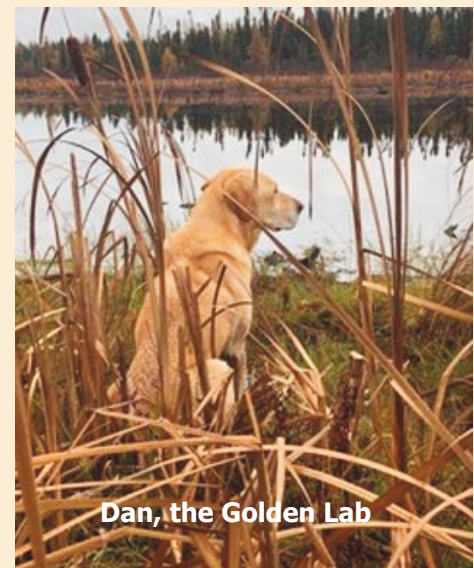
Canadian Sun

last form would then be countersigned by the customs agent. In order to get our firearms back into the US, we had to obtain a form 4457 from US customs prior to the trip and take a COVID test within 72 hours of our return at a pharmacy in Canada.

So, with all the paperwork completed, we embarked on our Canadian adventure on Sunday morning the 10th. There was one additional glitch thrown at us by Canadian Customs on the way, which involved entering Canadian air space only from one of three airports in Michigan, which in our case was Sault Ste Marie. So, after 10 hours of air travel and ground waiting, we arrived in Kapuskasing on Sunday evening after 5:00 PM. The vans we had rented from Hertz were not left at the airport as promised, it being the Sunday of a three-day holiday weekend (Canadian Thanksgiving), so we called a cab to supplement the airport manager's pickup truck to get us to Peter's location.

At 5:00 AM the next morning, we were all up and putting on our equipment, including rain suits, for the trek to the agricultural fields, where we set up in ground blinds. As shooting light crept across the

cut wheat fields, we all waited in eager anticipation of the multitude of waterfowl we 'knew' would glide in through the rain. Peter and one of our other guides, Cody, serenaded what turned out to be several flights of geese, with the less than musical ner-onk, ner-onk, ner-onk invitations to our party. We launched flights of number 2 and 4 steel shot to the heavens in the attempt to ground as many geese as possible. When the shooting stopped, we had accu-



Dan, the Golden Lab

hold all of us, our equipment, shotguns and ammo.

When Canada granted clearance to vaccinated travelers to enter the country as of September 7, 2021, we got serious about our trip, which would start on October 10 and run to the 16th. Canada requires a mountain of red tape including proof of two COVID vaccinations and a negative COVID test within 72 hours prior to entry into the country. All of this must be uploaded along with passport information onto an APP called ArriveCAN.

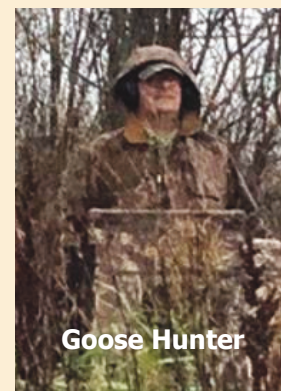
Unfortunately, there are many tricks to using this APP including downloading it more than 72 hours before the trip and then uploading the information subsequent to getting the results of the test within 72 hours of the flight (a two-step transaction). Of course, each hunter needed an Ontario hunting license, a Canadian migratory bird permit and firearms license, all of which we had to download, manually. The firearms license was completed by each hunter and then presented to Canadian Customs upon arrival. This



Grouse Hunting

mulated a modest bag of 8 geese. Since some of our group were novice waterfowl hunters, we made no apologies. So began the adventure. In the afternoon we continued in the pouring rain to hunt grouse. Five of us took 9 sharp tail grouse which was of course better than the goose bag. I used my grandfather's 16-gauge side by side to honor the memory of the old man who started me on my hunting journey many decades ago.

Each evening we would ride back to the lodge, strip off the wet clothes and share a tasty dinner prepared by Terry Martin. One of those dinners included a great presentation of our grouse. We had the foresight to bring along some delightful red wine to compliment the fowl.



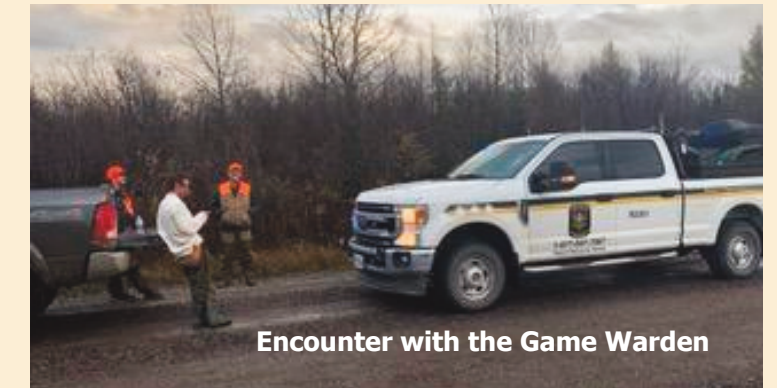
Goose Hunter



Goose Hunting

Duck hunting was also offered as an alternative to goose hunting. This involved a 40-mile round trip down the Kapuskasing River by small motor boat through uninhabited country. The shore of the river was covered with wild rice and dense forest. In most years this country produced flights of hundreds of ducks. In our case the warm and rainy conditions produced modest

flights of ducks which were well educated by prior encounters with duck hunters. Our success was limited. In one case I killed a goose which landed close to our golden lab, Dan. Dan was something of a character and he proceeded to breast the goose and consume his trophy as cleanly as if we had used a knife. I was stunned! No other trips included Dan as a participant.



Encounter with the Game Warden

Of course, no hunting trip would be complete without an encounter with the game warden. One afternoon our grouse hunting group was pulled over for a routine check of the capacity of our weapons. I was using the afore mentioned double barrel, so no issues there. But a youngster in the group was using a 12-gauge pump given to him by his father. Unfortunately, the father had failed to check the gun before the trip, assuming that it held only the legal capacity of 3 shells. As the warden slipped the 4th shell into the gun's tube, my young companion went pale. Fortunately, the oversight only cost him \$125 Canadian dollars and he got to keep his gun.

Evenings found us in front of the TV watching American football (Sunday, Monday and Thursday), as well as a collection of varmint hunting videos. As it turned out Peter is quite the wolf hunter and markets his wolf hunts in late December, January and February. These are much more proactive affairs than those wolf hunts in western Canada, using baits and driving the wolves toward the hunter for a shot. It can get pretty exciting, and a couple of the wolves taken by Peter's clients decorate the lodge.

I would encourage any potential duck and goose hunters to check the Ducks Unlimited forecast before planning this trip, but if the ducks and geese are plentiful, this will be a great experience (notwithstanding Canadian customs). I, for one, will sign up for a wolf hunt with Peter in the coming year.

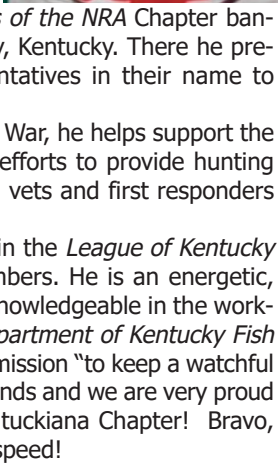
Contact Peter at kroceo47@gmail.com. The website is www.kapriverroutfitters.ca and the phone is 705-335-3163. If you go, do not forget to arrange for international service on your cell and email service.



Relaxing on Kapuskasing River

Chapter Member Jimmy Cantrell Elected President of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen

By Larry Richards



Congratulations to KYSCI member, Jimmy Cantrell of Hartford, Kentucky, who was elected President of the *League of Kentucky Sportsmen*.

When congratulated, Jimmy responded, "I want EVERY sportsman and woman to feel they belong to a fraternity of like-minded people with the same end goals and willingness to unify in support of one another's passion, even if it be somewhat different, for the betterment of all. When we lock arms together, our strength multiplies and our confidence in one another increases."

That pretty much sums up Jimmy's approach to getting the sportsmen and women of the Commonwealth on the same sheet of music. I had heard of his works several years back as he stood up the Appalachian Outdoorsmen Association (AOA) and grew

ing diligently with his membership, Jimmy and his membership sponsored regular youth events of high quality which were warmly received by all. The AOA became a platform for all its members to be heard by the KDFWR and Legislators.

Several members of our KYSCI Board attended the inaugural *Friends of the NRA* Chapter banquet hosted by Jimmy in West Liberty, Kentucky. There he presented a donation to us as representatives in their name to *Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry*.

A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, he helps support the *Kentucky Wounded Warriors* in their efforts to provide hunting and fishing opportunities to wounded vets and first responders all over the state.

Jimmy's election to the top spot in the *League of Kentucky Sportsmen* bodes well for all its members. He is an energetic, charismatic leader who is extremely knowledgeable in the workings of state government and the *Department of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources*. The *League's* mission "to keep a watchful eye" on that organization is in great hands and we are very proud to have him as a member of the Kentuckiana Chapter! Bravo, Jimmy Cantrell, best wishes and Godspeed!



its membership to over 6,000 in an amazingly short period of time. AOA became the voice of those members in the 8th District and in the halls of #1 Sportsman's Lane in Frankfort. Work-

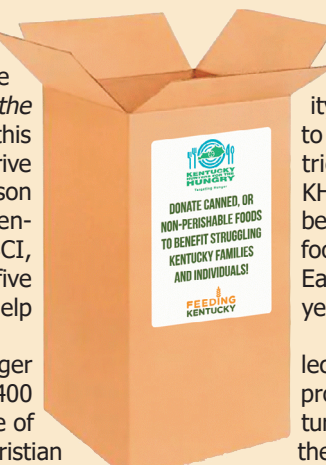


KYSCI Donates to KHFH Food Pantry

By Tom Hebert, KHFH Chairman & KYSCI Director

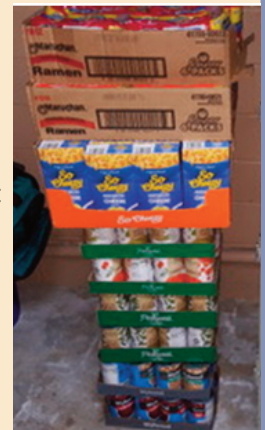
Chapter friend, Fern Creek Sportsman's Club, hosted a kick-off food drive event for *Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry* on August 21, 2021. At this meeting, KHFH launched its non-perishable food drive for the purpose of enhancing its donations of venison to food challenged families and individuals in Kentucky. At this same meeting, on behalf of KYSCI, Chapter President Bob Edwards donated seventy-five pounds of non-perishables and canned foods to help jumpstart the food drive.

On September 1, 2021, Executive Director Roger LaPointe and I loaded a total of approximately 400 pounds of donated canned and dry foods into one of KHFH trailers and transported it to Southeast Christian



Church. SECC would then categorize all the food items in their storage facility and later disseminate it to smaller, local food pantries. We really expect the KHFH food collection boxes to be a big success. Some of the food collected will be taken to Eastern Kentucky late this year, or in very early 2022.

Non-perishable food collection boxes will be placed at participating deer/meat processors across Kentucky! Food collected in the future will be donated to food banks/pantries throughout the Commonwealth.



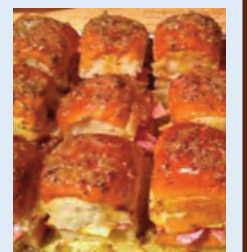
Best Ham Sandwiches You Will Ever Eat!

By Joyce Cook

Ingredients:

- 2 - 12 packages of Sweet Hawaiian small dinner rolls
- 1 ½ pounds of shaved Virginia Ham (not honey ham)
- 12 thin slices of Swiss Cheese

- 1 stick of real butter
- 2 t Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 t garlic powder
- 1 t onion powder
- 1 t poppy seeds



Directions: You will need two 9x13 in pans. Place the bottoms of 12 rolls in each pan. Place two or so shaved slices of ham on the rolls. Cut the cheese sliced in four parts and place two small pieces on each sandwich. Place the tops of the rolls on top. Place the remaining ingredients in a sauce pan and mix until all the butter is melted, then brush the melted mixture over the ham sandwiches. Cover with foil and let it sit in the fridge for one hour or you can bake them right away. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and bake 15 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Serve hot or at room temperature. Enjoy – Happy Holidays!

2021 Conservation Officer of the Year

By Bob Edwards

On Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Audubon Country Club, the Safari Club International Kentuckiana Chapter hosted a luncheon in recognition of this year's Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources 2021 Conservation Officer of the Year from the 2nd Region, Officer Cody Berry.

Present representing the KDFWR were Officer Berry, Sargent Jared Ervin, Captain Jeremy McQueay and Major Shane Carrier.



Honoring Officer Berry

Officer Berry's parents, Doyle and Joyce Berry, Officer Berry's wife, Jennifer, his son, 10-year-old Brayden, and his adorable 8-month-old daughter, Harper, were also there supporting him!



Officer Berry Family

The Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International was represented by Past-President Larry Richards, his wife, Janette, President Bob Edwards, and Secretary Alyson Stamper. This prestigious annual award is presented by Shikar Safari which was represented by Janis and Chris Bohner.

The Conservation Officer of the Year award is a peer selected award. The officers of each of the nine districts select a district level candidate, who then enters an interview process with an awards panel. All nominees are selected by highest score; therefore, it is truly an earned award.

This Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI has always strongly supported all of our Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Officers and KDFWR staff. We are honored to be able to recognize the hard work and dedication exhibited by our special honoree and by all KDFWR Officers. Congratulations Officer Berry!



Annie Oakley Range Day

By Bob Edwards

The Annie Oakley Range Day event, hosted at the Fern Creek Sportsmen's Club, has traditionally relied upon the support of KYSCI, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Academy Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, KDFWR, Quail Forever, Long Run Sportsman's Club, Fern Creek Sportsmen's Club, and other generous area sportsmen. This year, the AORD event baton was handed over from its numerous supporters to the KDFWR with



Archery

Olivia Dangler masterfully coordinating the complex event in spite of terrible weather.

We had rightfully believed KDFWR's management, infrastructure, and promotional capabilities would allow the program to reach its goal of introducing new female participants to a fun, stress free opportunity to enter the world of outdoor shooting sports. On July 10, 2021, that goal was reached by a large group of very resilient ladies who enjoyed shotgun, rifle, crossbow, bow, and fishing events between intermittent downpours!

Your chapter was represented by Louie Manion and Bob Edwards and we provided the use of chapter shooting/archery/training equipment! We look forward to assisting the KDFWR next year.



Crossbow



Rifle



Gypsy On Runway

Chapter Hosts Dove Hunt

By Jim Warren

Chapter members and guests who participated in the KYSCI Opening Day Dove Shoot at the Jefferson Proving Grounds in Madison, Indiana enjoyed another good day afield! This year, we set up overlooking the old Jefferson Proving Grounds Airport which was surrounded by sunflowers, soybeans and weeds, but the real drawing card for doves was the loose gravel and weed

seeds in the cracks of the old airstrip!

One of the highlights for bird hunters is getting to work their dogs and we had a couple really good canines in field! My new lab pup, 7-month-old Gypsy, retrieved her first bird! All members and guests went away with doves to their credit with some nearing their limits! Many thanks to Chapter Friend Blake Dueser of Old Oak Outfitters!



Dove Hunters



A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SAFARI ADVENTURE

By Alice Monarch

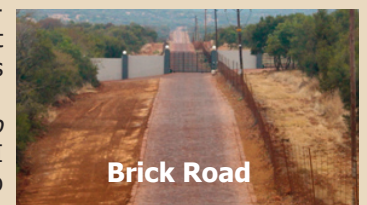
Recently, I had the opportunity to visit our newest African Safari Hunt Donor, *Deko Safaris*, who offer scenic accommodations and diverse plains game and cape buffalo hunting as well as photographic safaris! *Deko Safaris* is intentionally and fortuitously situated close to several of South Africa's most sought-after visitor destinations which allow hunters and their families to take-in the full African experience.



Gerhard & Ruan

Deko Safaris is located in the malaria-free North West Province of South Africa and within a 30-minute drive, one can enjoy big game viewing at *Pilanesberg Game Reserve* or visit an all-inclusive luxury resort at *Sun City*. Day/half-day trips for non-hunters and hunters to interact with fascinating predators, adorable lemurs and giant elephants are very doable as well as the opportunity to experience cultural villages, gondola rides and much more.

Head Professional Hunters, Ruan Grove and Gerhard van Blerk, represent *Deko Safaris* well! Both gentlemen are young, energetic, knowledgeable and personable! I was fascinated from my point of entry on the brick laden road leading to my first stop at their 5-Star wedding/convention venue complete with charming chalets, wedding chapel, reception/dining hall and swimming pool.

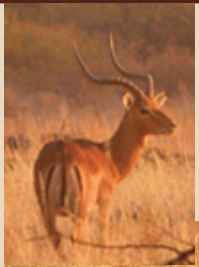


Brick Road

An afternoon game drive revealed beautiful plains game animals that kept appearing/disappearing into the bushveld with some herds running then turning back to check us out! The game drive took us through the vast property where we visited two picturesque hunting lodges, both with charming chalets and classic lodges that were situated on high ridges with scenic views, swimming pools and great places to enjoy an evening campfire!



Chalets



Even though this was not my typical hunting safari, I can say that *Deko Safaris* lived up to their claim that they welcomed me with exceptional hospitality and an unforgettable experience!

For info: contact www.dekosafaris.com



One of the Swimming Pools

Elephant & Monkey Sanctuary

Safe Haven for the Abused & Orphaned

THE ELEPHANTS

When Ruan asked me if I would like to interact with elephants, memories of two previous encounters with elephants popped up... Years earlier before Sam and my first encounters with elephants, we had heard two opposite versions of what constituted a serious elephant charge: (1) when his ears are flared, he's serious, and (2) when his ears are pinned back, he's serious! Research and two previous elephant



Petting



Feeding

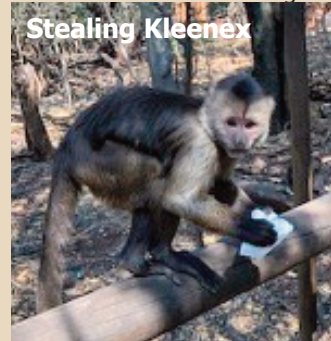
happenstances confirmed that during a "bluff" charge, the elephant wanted to appear larger, thus, his ears were fanned out wide with his trunk swaying. And when one of our guides and I unintentionally invaded an elephant's space, he went into an "attack" charge, and he did not care how big he looked as his ears were pinned back and his trunk was tucked inward and under him!

Research and experience also revealed that elephants, like humans, base their reactions to humans upon their history with hu-

mans. It is the if you respect me, I will respect you philosophy! It was obvious that the staff at the Elephant Sanctuary used positive reinforcement training methods as these elephants appeared very relaxed and actually reacted as though they, too, were enjoying interacting with us! They certainly enjoyed the treats! While educating us about elephants, these well-informed guides created a calming atmosphere for both the elephants and us. By the time we were permitted to touch, feed, interact and walk with the elephants, I felt honored to be in the presence of these truly majestic giants!

THE MONKEYS

The Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary is a privately owned, non-subsidized rehabilitation sanctuary, situated alongside the Elephant Sanctuary in the foothills of the Magaliesberg mountain range near Hartbeespoort. Previously raised as household pets or bred for the pet trade, many primates are introduced to this protected wild world with natural water and vegetation and a chance to reside in as natural



Stealing Kleenex

environment as possible. The stated goal was to give these adorable creatures the opportunity to live as they would in the wild.

Relying upon public donations and supported by funding generated by their guided tours and sales at the curio shop, these primates enjoy their limited freedom in a natural environment. I left the tour with the understanding that monkeys do not make good pets.

Akwaaba Predator Park



Holding Rescued Cub!

A half-day trip to nearby Akwaaba Predator Park made for an interesting and informative adventure. I walked within a couple feet of well-cared for Siberian Tigers, White Lions, Lions, Spotted Hyenas, Wild Dogs, Cheetahs, Black Leopards, Jaguar, Lynx, Serval, Ocelots and many more predators that were confined in zoo-like enclosures with walk ways between them. Most



Feeding Ring-Tailed Lemurs

of the animals are rescues with plans to return many to their natural habitat. I had the opportunity to pet cheetahs, feed lemurs, and hold a lion cub (I opted to play with the cubs in lieu of petting the old, male Lion after I watched him yawn and flip his tail!).



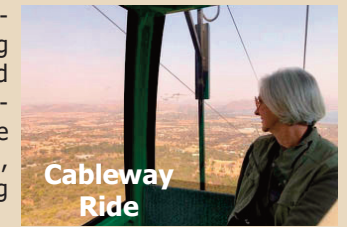
The handler was always mindful (as was I) of the other Cheetah!

Harties Cableway



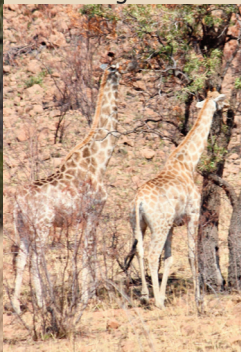
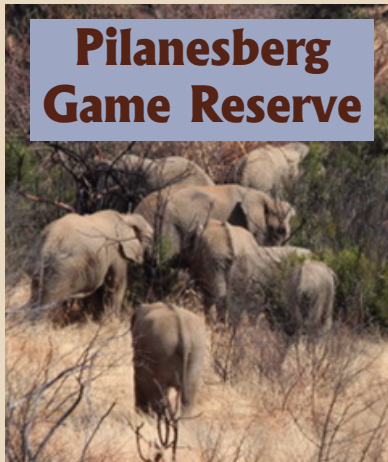
The Hartbeespoort Aerial Cableway, aka Harties Cableway, is located at Hartbeespoort in the North West Province of South Africa and extends to the top of the Magaliesberg Peak. This 1.2 km long cableway was originally constructed in 1973 and was privately rejuvenated and modernized in 2010. The panoramic view of the Magaliesberg, Hartbeespoort Dam and surrounding areas is spectacular!

Embracing my new role as a "tourist" in South Africa, when Ruan suggested the Harties Cableway, I enthusiastically said, "Yes"; however, when we pulled into the parking lot and I looked up, my heart plunged to my feet! I quickly reminded myself that I was there for the adventure and pushed one foot in front of the other! The ride up and the views soon turned anxiety into amazement! There were paths all around and a couple places to eat. I ate one of the best pizzas I have ever eaten on what felt like I was literally on top of the world!



Cableway Ride

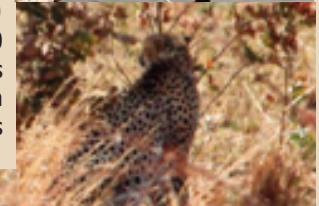
Pilanesberg Game Reserve

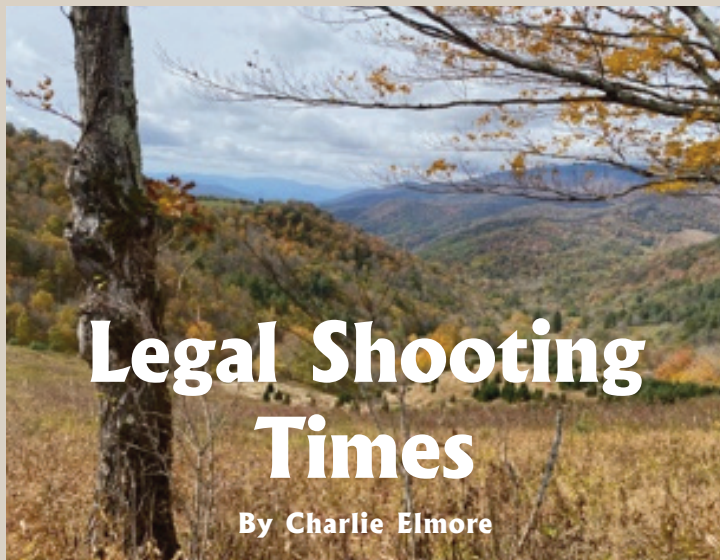


Ruan and I spent an exciting morning living the "promise" of viewing thrilling Big Game in Pilanesberg Game Reserve. Located only 30 minutes from the beautiful *Deko Safaris* property, we were treated to the expertise of an interesting Pilanesberg guide while we watched dangerous game meander in their natural habitat from the comfort and safety of a high seated safari vehicle! Some of the game we encountered included one of the smallest antelope, an adult steenbok weighing less than 25 pounds, to a herd of Africa's largest terrestrial animals, African Bush Elephants, with males weighing up to 13,000 pounds!

Pilanesberg Game Reserve is 220.9 square miles in size and is situated in the malaria free, ecologically rich, transition zone between the Kalahari and the Lowveld in the North West Province of South Africa. Prior to 1979, the Pilanesberg National Park was "degraded and depleted" of indigenous game populations due to intense settlement by commercial farmers. The land was restocked with game after the "scars" of human settlement were removed.

It is estimated that today, there are over 7,000 animals, 360 species of birds and more than 200 kilometers of roads.





Legal Shooting Times

By Charlie Elmore

Combine the beauty of fall foliage and the picturesque mountains of North Carolina with a fall bear hunt and you have the makings of a perfect adventure! My planning stages were inspired by an interesting internet posting which touted the merits of hunting North Carolina Black Bear over bait vs the traditional way of hunting bears with dogs which method of hunt had previously deterred me from pursuing a North Carolina bear.

Four years ago, when the *North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission* began allowing bears to be taken over natural bait (un-



Charlie Waiting

processed corn, apples and the like), Casey Woody of *Blue Ridge Outfitters* started his bear hunting business. Through my research, I learned that Casey had a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from *North Carolina State* and an extensive, seventeen-year history of guiding in Wyoming, South Dakota, Colorado, Iowa, and Missouri blanketed by over thirty years of his Tennessee and North Carolina experience. He had also been filming and editing shows for various TV programs like *Primos*, *Hank Parker*, and *Ironman Bow and Fishing*.

Given Casey's attention-grabbing background, I first contacted Casey during this past summer about wanting to hunt and the possibility of bringing my twenty-one-year-old stepson, Evan, whose chosen career as a lineman, made planning a challenge. This was to be Evan's first extended hunting trip and we were

both excited about the possibilities!

Casey and I were in contact several times getting to know one another and working out the details. We would be staying less than a mile from the famed Appalachian Trail. With details finalized and the date set, Evan and I began preparations, and before we knew it, summer had turned into fall and we were on our way.

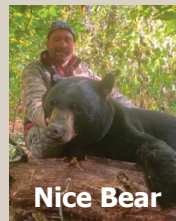
We set out on a Saturday morning and arrived on Sunday evening. After a warm welcome, we settled into a classic porch-wrapped

cabin on Casey's grandfather's farm whose night glow would make Terry Redlin want to get out his paint brushes! To complete the picture, next morning we were awakened with a mouth watering country breakfast prepared by Casey's mom that would make Rachael Ray sit up and take notice!



Our routine became breakfast, out before daylight, hunt till time to return for lunch, then work up an appetite for another one of Casey's Mom's (a retired school teacher) delicious dinners. We hunted most days looking at beautiful Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi River, with its fall colors blazing. Other days, we hunted next to Roan Mountain, the highest point on the Appalachian Trail with its own rugged scenic beauty. Nights found us experiencing the good-humored atmosphere of a shared hunting camp filled amusing hunting yarns and enjoyable Rook games.

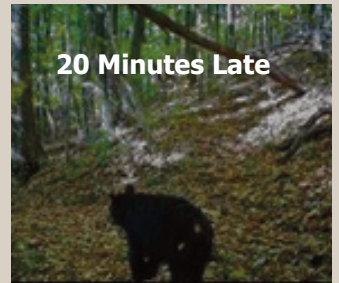
One of the hunters in camp did connect on a nice bear, but unfortunately, unseasonably warm days and lazy fat bears equaled no luck for us. We never fired a shot, but we probably



Nice Bear

have the shiniest bullets as they were well polished

being loaded in and out before and after each tasty meal. The bad news of the trip was the game-trail cam photo of a bear visiting our stand right after our departure less than 20 minutes after legal shooting time! The good news is Casey has invited us back to again try to fill out tags this November! The best news is Evan and I not only made new camp friends; we became camp friends! For info on hunts contact Casey at broufitting.com.



20 Minutes Late

KYSCI Blue Bag By Alice Monarch

Personally hand-delivering a KYSCI Blue Bag filled with new clothing and supplies plus a little candy to needy native children is the highlight of any African Safaris and this year's trip was no exception! When I explained that our chapter matched funds with the hunter to buy new items for needy families for the purpose of improving hunter relations within the local area, Ruan Grove with *Deko Safaris*, was delighted to help!



Alice, Ruan & Boys

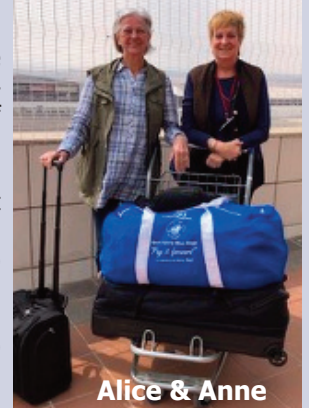
Ruan did not have to look far to find a deserving group of



Gifts

boys! He had a friend who operated a Whimpy's restaurant in a nearby town who told Ruan that there were 6 boys between the ages of 12 and 16 who stopped by after school nearly every day looking for work. He described them as good boys who were willing to do whatever job was available to help support themselves and their families!

I was assisted by my friend, Anne Gaines-Burrill of *Air 2000/Hunters Support*, with Blue Bag's second benefit of improving hunter-community relations: shopping locally! When Anne and I began loading up two shopping carts at a local store in Johannesburg, we gained a bunch of attention! Anne explained to some onlookers and the clerks that I was a hunter from the United States and we were shopping for gifts to give to native families! Needless to say, we were well received!



Alice & Anne