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# Item #31 - Australian Opal Gemstone Set In 14K Gold Pendant With 14K Gold Chain

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# Item #32 - 5 Day Duck & Grouse Combo Hunt in Kapuskasing, Ontario

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Our friends at KapRiver Outfitters have generously donated a 5-day duck & grouse combo hunt over seasoned retrievers & pointing dogs in Kapuskasing, Ontario for 1 hunter, valid for open dates during the 2021 - 2022 hunting seasons (September 10<sup>th</sup> - November 10<sup>th</sup>). Trip can be extended for \$400 per hunter per day. If our hunter has his/her own retriever and or pointing dog, they are encouraged to bring it along. He is also encouraged



to bring other hunters along to enjoy and share this great experience. Groups up to 10 are welcome. Lodging (7 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms), meals (breakfast, sack lunch and home-style dinner), guides with retrievers and pointing dogs. Before and after hunt expenses and gratuities are not included.

KAP RIVER hunts ducks and geese in large rice bays on the famous KapRiver, the 1st staging area for birds coming off James Bay. The numerous lakes and rivers in this part of Northern

Ontario also have plenty of wild rice which attract and hold large numbers of blacks and mallards and many other species such as widgeon, teal, pintail woodies, etc. There are plenty of divers: ring bill lesser scaup, golden eye etc. We also hunt local grain fields. The Kapuskasing area, with its mixed forests of pine, birch and aspen are perfect for excellent numbers of grouse as well as sharp tail and spruce grouse. Expect 7 to 10 flushes an hour on average.

The closest commercial airport is in Timmins, Ontario (approximately 100 miles from Kapuskasing) where clients can rent a vehicle. Airport pick up and return is available \$500. Those with a private plane can make arrangements to land at the Kapuskasing Airport. Transportation to and from hunting area is the responsibility of the hunters. Additional hunters welcome @ \$2000. Non-Hunters welcome @ \$1000.



**References:** Chapter Member Dave Noem: KY - [kudu1shot@aol.com](mailto:kudu1shot@aol.com); Dirk Dugan: NY - 607 279 2483; Ron Apter: VA - 540 972 5765; Everett Johnson: TX - 361 550 3637

**Donor Value: \$2000**

**Contact Peter & Terry Martin now to learn about this exciting adventure!**

**Peter & Terry Martin  
Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada**

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# Item #33 - KYSCI 2021 Commemorative Custom Knife

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This **KYSCI 2021 SABLE CUSTOM KNIFE** supports strikingly beautiful handles made from rare Olive Burl that is not only handsome, but is a good choice for knife handle material because it's easy to work with, beautiful to look at, and makes the blade almost 'pop' out due to the difference in contrast. Olive wood tends to be **very expensive** because **olive wood** is more durable, less porous, and overall stronger and more beautiful than other woods.

This highly polished **KYSCI 2021** knife comes with a custom made genuine top-quality cow hide leather sheath which fits on the knife perfectly. *SABLE CUSTOM KNIVES* come with limited lifetime warranty, if anything goes wrong, they will fix it for you or replace it. (Deliberate damage to the knife is not covered in the warranty.).

Overall Length: 8"

Blade Length: 3 ½"

Handle Length: 4 ½"

Handle Material: Olive Burl

Blade Material: D2 Steel

**This KYSCI 2021 Custom Commemorative  
Drop Point Hunter Knife Is a Work of Art  
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# Item #34 - Briarwood Sporting Club \$4,400 Credit Toward Estate Hunt

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Our friends at Briarwood in Bellefontaine, Ohio have donated a \$4,400 credit toward a 3-day/4-night 1 x 1 guided estate hunt for 2 hunters for 2 Northeastern Whitetail Deer. Briarwood Hunts offer their guests the opportunity to harvest some of the largest whitetails in North America as Briarwood has spent years acquiring the best genetics from top breeders in the United States.



*Hunt Includes:* Daily fees for 2 hunters **(\$2,400 value) & a \$2,000 credit** (\$1,000 per hunter) toward the harvest of two trophy whitetails, lakefront lodging, on-site chef for private meals, beverages/liquor, 1 x 1 professional guide, transportation of trophies to local meat processor and/or taxidermist. The base

hunt package is for a deer scoring up to 170" and the method of take is the hunter's choice. Hunters have the option to upgrade and/or harvest additional animals (*see website for upgrades & pricing*). Briarwood is located 45 minutes Northwest of Columbus, Ohio. Dayton & Columbus Airport pick up/drop off is \$200.

Hunts can be taken during open dates September - December in 2021 or



2022. Non-hunting guests are welcome at \$200 per person per day. Gratuities & taxidermy/shipping of trophy are **not** included but can be arranged. While hunting at Briarwood, you will have access to some of Ohio's best fishing. Try your luck in one of sixteen lakes for largemouth bass, blue gill & perch, or cast a fly in one of the four streams for trophy Rainbow, Brook, Brown & Golden Trout.

Reference: Peter Yu [peteryu123@gmail.com](mailto:peteryu123@gmail.com) Donor Value: \$4,400.00

**CHECK OUT BRIARWOOD'S WEBSITE & COME PREPARED TO BID!!!**

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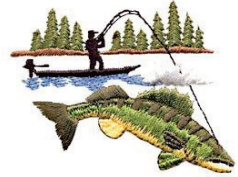
# Item #35 - 5 Day Northern Fishing

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## *5-day Northern Fishing Adventure*

*Walleye, Northerns, Small Mouth Bass, Brook Trout & Rainbow Trout  
Kapusksasing, Ontario*

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Terry & Peter Martin of *Kap River Outfitters* have generously donated a unique 5-day Northern Fishing experience hosted in their lodge in Kapuskasing, Ontario for one angler valid for the 2021-2022 season (June 15 – October 1). Boats, motors and guides are included in this package. All fishing gear (including Personal Flotation Devices) is the responsibility of the attending participants.

Walleye, Northerns, Small Mouth Bass, Brook Trout and Rainbow Trout are plentiful in the numerous lakes and rivers in this part of Northern Ontario.

The winning bidder is encouraged to bring other guests along to enjoy and share in this great experience. The cost for additional anglers is \$1500 per person and non-anglers are welcome at \$750 each. Groups up to 10 can be accommodated. The lodge has a fully equipped kitchen and dining room where you can do your own cooking. A well-stocked grocery store is available as well as many fine restaurants.

The closest commercial airport is in Timmins, Ontario, which is approximately 100 miles from camp where you may rent a pickup or SUV at the airport and drive into camp as this is not a fly-in trip. Airport pickup and delivery available \$500. Anglers are responsible for their own transportation during the trip. Private planes can land at Kapuskasing Airport. Required licenses are not included and are available locally upon arrival.

This is a 100% donation, and all of the proceeds from the auction go directly to your fundraiser, and Kap River thanks your chapter for again giving them the opportunity to be a part of your fundraising efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kap River. **Donor Value:** \$1500

**References:** KYSCI Members: Alyson Stamper:  
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# President's Message

By Bob Edwards, Chapter President  
Bob.kysci@gmail.com



The worst of winter is behind us as we move into spring; turkey season, food plot planting, mushroom hunting, and shed antler hunting are finally here!! Kentucky's first night coyote rifle season is in through the end of March, and the Crappie are biting, the Walleye and Sauger run is on, and many other outdoor opportunities are there for us to enjoy.

Our quarterly newsletter, this *Kentuckiana Hunter*, is the fabric that binds our chapter. It is how we communicate with all our members and chapter friends, who are scattered across Kentucky, Indiana, and several other states. We would like to encourage you to submit outdoor articles to Alice Monarch ([alice.kysci@gmail.com](mailto:alice.kysci@gmail.com)) for publication. Your fellow members are interested in what we are all doing, be it some distant safari to exotic places pursuing game species many of us have only read about or mushroom hunting in the back 40! Share your adventures. We'd like to hear from you!

Our chapter has again been awarded the *Newsletter of the*

*Year, Fundraiser Brochure of the Year, and Website of the Year Awards* for our Chapter size by SCI. Great job Alice Monarch, who edits our newsletter, Pam Noble our loyal printer, and Grace Nonemaker, our hard-working webmaster. We have won so many awards we really are unsure how many, and we are working on assembling a trophy "group photo" to celebrate the hard work our chapter members selflessly provide for us.

The Kentucky Legislative session is about to end. It seems this year was favorable to the sportsmen of Kentucky. Our *Legislative Affairs Committee* has been hard at it advocating for us, making the sportsmen of Kentucky aware of pending legislation, that legislation's potential impact, and who sponsored and supported it. Thanks go out to LAC members Mike Abell, Larry Richards, and Ivan Schell. There were almost 800 Bills this session and our LAC had to read them all, determine which ones might affect sportsmen and shooters, follow those Bills as they progressed through the complex legislative process, and provide that information to our members and the sportsmen of Kentucky via our chapter's legislative website. ([www.kysci-lac.com](http://www.kysci-lac.com))

We are about to conduct our first **Online Only and KYSCI Members Only Fundraiser Auction**. This has been the most complex project we have ever conducted; your entire Board of Directors has been involved in this event and they have all done a fantastic job trying to make an unfortunate COVID-19 situation into something useful and productive: I appreciate each member's dedication and hard work. I hope each of you will register for the **Online Auction** and take a good look through the compelling list of items our *Fundraiser Committee* has assembled.

## About The Cover

This spectacular sunrise Cover Photo was taken by Past President Larry Richards in a goose pit on a river bottom farm between 18-Mile Island and 12-Mile Island on the Ohio River on January 29, 2021. At the dawn of legal shooting light, Larry snapped this breathtakingly beautiful sunrise photo of his goose decoys and his hunting partner, Dennis Gray, who is barely visible in the lower left corner. Larry allowed as how the picture might have been even a bit better if he hadn't had to fish through two coats and a set of chest waders to get his phone that was in his pocket!

## ONLINE AUCTION SOCIAL

MARCH 27 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

SIGN ON, SOCIAL, MEET & GREET  
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ZOOM LINK POSTED ON

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(There is important information all the way to the bottom of this article, so please keep reading!)

## 2021 Chapter Fundraising Event KYSCI Members ONLY Online Auction

By Alice Monarch & Jared Whitworth

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year our Chapter has used **Online Hunting Auctions** to assist our Chapter during our annual fundraiser and they have proven to be an efficient, user-friendly, reputable online auction platform. In addition to the many years of stellar live auction services provided by our Live Auctioneers, Elizabeth Monarch and Lonnie Gann of **Auction Solutions**, in 2019 and 2020 **Online Hunting Auctions** assisted our Chapter by reaching online audiences around the world live during KYSCI's live auction fundraiser. With the threats of COVID-19, 2021 has been forced to go to an online only format.

KYSCI's philosophy about the fundraiser is that it is not about raising money though we do have to raise money to continue. The fundraiser is a wonderful social event about developing and keeping friendships! If you have ever attended, you know the warm feelings that fill the room! It truly is about getting to visit with old friends and make new friends with people who share our love for hunting and the outdoors! It's about the outfitters who so generously donate thousands of dollar hunts who really do form lifelong friendships with our members and it's about the generosity of members and businesses who dig deep into their pockets to support our programs! It's about the kinships we form!

One of the concerns was that with the auction being online only, things may sell really cheap and the answer was, "If there are going to be bargains, we want our members to have them!" We want our members to have the opportunity to hunt with our outfitters and our outfitters want to build relationships with our members. That is why they donate to KYSCI and why it's members only!

You can see the full details (including references) for all the items for the "KYSCI Members ONLY Online Auction" on the Chapter website **now** and you can view the actual online auction site **now** but no bids will be accepted until March 27<sup>th</sup>. (Untimely bids may show up temporarily but will be taken down prior to 8:00 PM, EDT on March 27<sup>th</sup>.) There are two pages of items on the online site and near the top, there is a silver line with "rows"... click on 100 each time you visit and you will view all (55 so far) items or always remember to click "2" at the bottom to take you to Page 2 as there are some great items there too! There are buttons you can click to be notified if you get outbid and prompts lead to ways to place your maximum bid but your bid will not move up (by preset designated increments) until you are outbid. The auction fees are typical auction fees: 6% buyer's premium, 3% for credit card usage, and Uncle Sam always gets 6%. Naturally, you will have to pay to get your items to you unless you live close enough that one of our Board members can meet you somewhere and have an opportunity to say "Hello!" The only entity to make money from this endeavor is KYSCI, SCI and a reasonable amount will go to Online Hunting Auctions. As always, all of your Board Members are unpaid volunteers... in fact, we all put time and money into all that we do!

Visit [www.kentuckianasci.com](http://www.kentuckianasci.com), click "Details" then find the logo (shown below) & click on it to sign-up for the Online Auction & follow the steps outlined below. Follow updates on [www.facebook.com/SCI.kentuckiana](https://www.facebook.com/SCI.kentuckiana) for the "Online Social" on March 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 PM, EDT (We did a short trial run with 3 of our outfitters and it was totally awesome!!!) and running as long as there is interest up until the beginning of the week-long "Online Auction" which begins at 8:00 PM, EDT on March 27<sup>th</sup> and runs through 8:00 PM, EDT on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. (The first item will sell at 8:00 as if there is an auctioneer and the prompt will flash "last call" and if there are no more bids, it will sell; however, if someone gets a bid in, there will be one more minute to "last call" until it sells. Then the auction will go to the next item.) Staggered closings allow each bidder a fair chance at each item. We have been watching other SCI Online Hunting Auctions sell and it is as exciting as being in the room! Even if you don't bid, it is fun to watch! (When selecting your user name, be creative so bidders can NOT identify who they are bidding against.) BY THE WAY, one of our outfitter friend's safari, AfriHunt Safaris, will be given away to one lucky Chapter member at the close of the Online Auction on April 3, 2021!

### These are the steps on how to sign up for the auction:

1. Go to: <https://sci.onlinehuntingauctions.com/>
2. Click on "Get Approved to Bid"
3. Click on "Create an Account"
4. Once signed in, please fill out mandatory information
5. Include this KYSCI Code "SCI1501" in the KYSCI Code box (see below)



# ONLINE HUNTING AUCTIONS.COM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please enter the KYSCI Code that was given to you in the Membership ID field bellow

**MEMBERSHIP ID**

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6. Once signed up, you will be in pending position & will be approved within 24 hours

**Online Hunting Auctions Technical Support - 866-313-0123 & Kristina Kolodiazny is KYSCI's Online Auction Specialist - [Kristina@liveauctiongroup.com](mailto:Kristina@liveauctiongroup.com).** For local help, ask Alice, Jared, Larry or one of the other Board Members.





Prescribed fire, or fire set intentionally under specific conditions, has been used by humans for at least 200,000 years (some evidence even exists our Hominid ancestors used fire 1.5 million years ago)! Have you ever been intrigued by the dancing flames of a campfire, cozy fireplace, or wood burning stove? If you have, take solace in the fact that somewhere deep inside your brain, prehistoric notions of land clearing, game driving, and maybe a little warfare are stirring. Fire in general stirs complex emotions within us to some level: fascination, comfort (on those chilly nights), and some fear (don't get too close!). It is probably only relatively recently, 100 years or so that we feel more intimidation and fear from the flame than we did for the vast majority of our existence on Earth. For example, imagine how a Native American on the high plains felt about fire. To him or her, fire was *life* and took the form of heating, cooking, a method to make tools, a method to create art (charcoal), a method to drive and harvest game, a way to clear land, a way to sometimes send a rival group a nasty message, a social center, and many other useful forms.

Fire to these and even much earlier humans was arguably our first tool in our toolbox for manipulating the land around us for our benefit and the benefit of the plants and animals we share space with. Charles Darwin thought fire was so important to human history he said fire was "probably the greatest [discovery], excepting language, ever made by man."

As we can see fire has been an important and intimate part of the human existence. So, what will prescribed fire look like to us moving forward now and into the future? I think that question depends on 1) how comfortable we are using prescribed fire and 2) knowing more about the uses of fire on the property we manage. For the first part, practice in a controlled setting will be key. I can recall the first prescribed fire I was a part of in a thick native grass field. I, to this day, vividly remember the sights, sounds, and smells of the burn. I felt the mixed emotions mentioned earlier: fascination with some fear. I have been fortunate to be a part of many prescribed fires since that first time and I can say the fear has waned and the fascination has increased. Observing successful prescribed fire is a great way to become more comfortable with using it as a tool. Through observation I have learned fire can be controlled to a level that makes it extremely useful for many



## Prescribed Fire: The Original Habitat Tool

By Cody Rhoden, KDFWR  
Small Game Program Coordinator & Biologist

objectives we have for managing our property.

So how could fire be used on your property? It turns out we can and *should* use fire for the same reasons we might use the bushhog, herbicide, or chainsaw. The forests and open lands east of the Mississippi River have changed through time to be fire adapted. The systems we manage today need fire to persist into the future, after all, fire has been a part of these systems for millennia from things like lightning strikes and even more so in the last thousands of years from humans (Native Americans). Our pastures, food plots, woodlots, and production areas can benefit from periodic prescribed fire.

In general, a healthy open land system in Kentucky should be burnt once every 3-5 years and a forest system should be burnt once every 7-10 years. In both systems a fire can be applied more frequently for site preparation before seeding or to reduce unwanted vegetation, such as honeysuckle or maple trees. Do you have a field in which you bushhog every year (or multiple times a year)? A fire in 1/3 of the field every year would likely accomplish the same goal as hours on the tractor and money for fuel!

We can use fire today in the same way we as a species have used fire for hundreds of thousands of years. Knowing we can and actually using fire as a tool are very different things. Luckily several resources exist in Kentucky to help you further any interest you may have in fire, whether you

seek more information or if you are ready to take the plunge and utilize this prehistoric tool for your 21<sup>st</sup> century goals. The first resource is the Kentucky Prescribed Fire Council (<https://www.kyfire.org/>; KPFC). The Prescribed Fire Council's mission is to coordinate and exchange information related to controlled burning in Kentucky. Here you will find resources for training, information & education, partnership development, and air quality. "The KPFC recognizes the importance of fire in managing lands in Kentucky, and we're working to improve training opportunities for interested landowners. "We encourage anyone interested in learning more about fire in Kentucky



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## Conservation Corner

to visit our website and join the council," said Josh Lillpop, KPFC President. The second resource is the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (<https://fw.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>). Here you will find resources on state habitat initiatives along with local resources, such as private lands biologists that are ready to visit you on your property to discuss habitat

objectives, including the use of prescribed fire.

Prescribed fire is literally a tool as old as we are. The environment around us was shaped by fire both by humans and naturally through time. Prescribed fire can be used as a cost effective and natural alternative to mowing and herbicide use. There are free and accessible resources for you to learn more about prescribed fire and help for you to get fire naturally back on the landscape which you manage. For more information, please visit the sites above or contact me directly at [cody.rhoden@ky.gov](mailto:cody.rhoden@ky.gov).

## 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 information, call KDFWR (800) 858-1549

## Joyce's Hasselback Caprese Salad

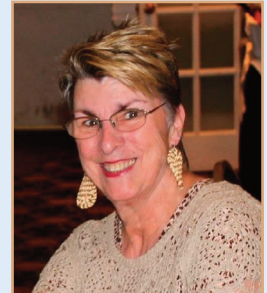
By Joyce Cook

### Ingredients:

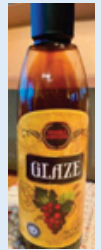
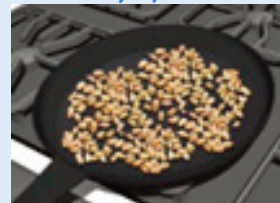
- Ripe Tomatoes
- Mozzarella Cheese
- Balsamic Glaze (Trader Joe's)
- Pine Nuts (Toasted)
- Basil leaves

### Directions:

Place pine nuts in a dry skillet on the stove. Spread shelled pine nuts in the skillet in a single layer and toast till lightly browned. Set aside. Slice each tomato leaving it attached. Lay a small basil leaf on top of each piece of mozzarella cheese and gently push into each crevice cut in the tomato. Drizzle with balsamic glaze and add toasted pine nuts over the top. So simple, yet elegant!



Enjoy!



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27, 2021 - **KYSCI ONLINE AUCTION SOCIAL**  
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# The Grand Slam

By Lowell Stevens

(The words *Grand Slam* are trade-marked by the "GSCO", Grand Slam Club Ovis)



This story begins on a cool clear winter day in the heart of the Bluegrass on my family's thoroughbred farm just outside of Lexington, Kentucky. I remember passing by the farm office, sneaking around the corner of the white stand-alone building to be within 20 feet or so of the hedgerow that separated our backyard from the Stallion paddocks and breeding shed. There were no leaves on the bushes so I could easily detect movement from deep within the bare forsythia.

The English Sparrows, or brown-birds as we called them, were so common in the barns and sheds and were also plentiful in the numerous hedgerows on the farm. The single bird I spotted was flitting from limb to limb and finally settled down motionless long enough for me to slowly and quietly raise my Sears & Roebuck lever action BB gun to take the shot. Having learned the hard way, the gun was already cocked before I rounded the corner of the office so I wouldn't scare the birds off. The BB gun popped when I pulled the trigger, but this time things didn't unfold as they normally had over the countless times I had made these stalks.

I remember as if it were yesterday as I watched the bird as it dropped from the limb down through the bush landing on the crunchy leaves near the trunk. As I made my way through the tangles of branches and twigs never taking my eyes off the bird, then reaching down to pick it up, I remember the colors so vividly – black, tan, brown, cream – it was



Dall Sheep

beautiful, and the moment was sacred. I don't remember being happy or sad, I just remember being awe-struck with beauty, accomplishment, pride and honor. I had done something big, really big! There was no one there to watch me or grade me or score me or tell what I had done was wrong or right, the feelings were all up to me and they were powerful!

This salient memory has now been with me for over 50 years as I was probably seven years old at the time. Adam Foss, a bright young bow-hunter from Alberta so accurately stated in his book, *Wild Sheep*, that "Every Hunter knows the moment that defines them." That was my moment: that instant untapped and confirmed my passion for hunting and the hunger to keep doing it as much as I could for as long as I could. When you discover a lifelong passion like that, it never escapes your mind: you are constantly looking to the future and the hope of wonderful things to come that all contribute not only to a life worth living but also to a life to celebrate every day and thank God for providing. The word "sport" really has nothing to do with what hunting means to me, nor does the word "trophy."

A mere eight years later when I turned 15, I started big-game hunting. Deer were really the only thing available to me but it was all I needed. I did, however, start reading books on adventures across the world and began to focus on the incredible experiences hunters had in pursuit of wild sheep. It required fitness and stamina, skill and dedication and resulted in taking hunting to what I dreamed would be its highest level. So, I made a promise to myself that I would pursue what is known as the Grand Slam of North American Wild Sheep. To accomplish this, a hunter must take all four species of North American Wild Sheep; the Dall Sheep, the Stone Sheep, the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and, finally, the Desert Sheep of the American Southwest and Mexico.

My venture spanned North America from above the Arctic Circle deep within the Brooks Range of Alaska to an Island off the coast of



Ivy, Lowell & Rocky Mountain Bighorn

Baja California Sur, Mexico, just North of Cabo San Lucas. It took 43 years from when I first made that promise to myself with 23 of those years engrained in the actual pursuit. I went through five pairs of boots, used four different rifles and six bullets. There were 24 horses involved plus planes, trucks, trailers, bicycles and boats with 15 people acting as guides, cooks and wranglers! Plus, on my last two hunts for Rocky Mountain Bighorn and Desert Sheep, my two sons joined me: Ivy in Alberta for the Rocky Mountain Bighorn and Slade in Mexico for the Desert ram.

As I reflect upon my adventures, I relive the captivating moments. I took my Dall Sheep on the first day of a 10-day hunt and my Rocky Mountain Bighorn on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of a 14-day hunt. The stalk on my Stone Sheep lasted 22 hours, and my guide and I slept by a glacier from midnight to 5:00 A.M. the night before I took him. The eerie cracking and groaning of the glacier throughout that night was like no sound I have ever heard before or since, and we had one wonderful can of fruit cocktail to share during the entire time! There was no stalk

on my Rocky Mountain Bighorn: he was the first legal ram we saw in 10 days and I had three seconds to shoot!

During these hunts, I fished when I could and caught everything from Arctic Grayling that had never seen a fly before, to the elusive Rooster Fish of the Sea of Cortez. On the Dall Sheep hunt, I found an old Grizzly skull in a willow thicket near a creek bed and made necklaces of the teeth from its jaw using leather from my first deer for my wife, Nancy, and our boys, Ivy and Slade. On the Stone Sheep hunt, I rode horses in places I didn't even think horses could go. Over the course of 12 months before the Rocky Mountain Bighorn hunt, I put myself in the best physical condition of my entire life and needed every minute of that preparation. On the Desert Sheep hunt, I dare not touch or rub against anything for it either pierced my skin, stung or bit me. I spent many days' worth of time pouring over my packing lists and on two of the hunts, I weighed every single item I took.



Lowell, Guide & Stone Sheep

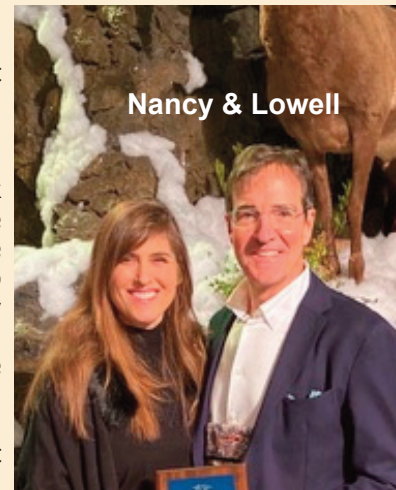
I was fortunate considering the time and the cost in that it only took four hunts to complete the four animals of my Grand Slam: I didn't have to return due to missed opportunities. I had heard horror stories of hunters needing several trips to take many of their sheep. I did, however, do tons of research on areas and guides and outfitters before booking any of the hunts. I also had tremendous support over the course of the 23 years. That support primarily came from my devoted wife, Nancy. Even though she is not a hunter, she understands how important hunting is to me.

Nancy gave me a journal as an anniversary present about the time I started my quest for my Grand Slam. In the front cover she wrote: "To the love of my life. I wish you the world. May you enjoy many years of the outdoors and hunting. May it always bring you happiness and excitement as well as warmth and comfort. May you share this special love with our boys."

A man simply cannot ask for more than that and she honestly makes me feel like the luckiest guy in the world to have her as my wife. Many nights high on a mountain those words certainly gave me inspiration and comfort: I carried that journal with me on all my hunts. I also took to heart her final words which looking back probably led to the most rewarding part of the quest, having my



Slade & His Cabrilla Sea Bass



Nancy & Lowell

sons with me on the final two hunts. Hunting is in their hearts as well and I hope they too have determined or will find the moment that defines them as true hunters.

I also received inspiration from a fellow Kentuckiana SCI Chapter member. Hanging on a bulletin board in my basement is an old yellow and worn article that I cut out of the Courier-Journal many years ago. It was an article about Fred Hatcher completing his Grand Slam. I loved the article because it made me realize this is a doable feat for a Kentucky boy. Over the years, Fred was like a hunting mentor to me, talking about animals, places to hunt and people with whom I would connect. It took Fred



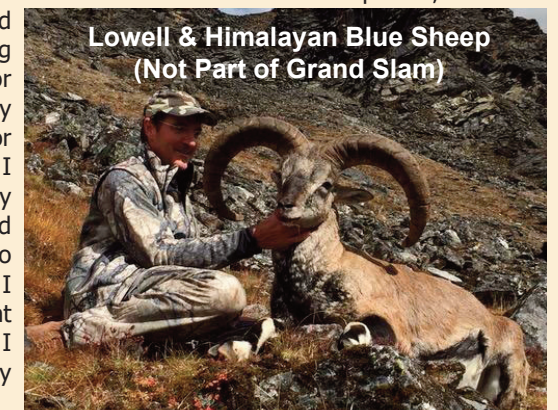
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Lowell, Slade & Desert Ram

24 years to complete his Grand Slam. On November 15, 2020 I landed in Loreto, Mexico to complete the final leg of my quest, the Desert Bighorn Sheep of Carmen Island, Mexico. That's the day I received notice from Alice Monarch that Fred had passed away. I was deeply saddened: should I be successful I would not get the chance to thank him and share the success with the friend who inspired me. Two days later, I completed my Grand Slam. I was the sixth person from Kentucky to accomplish this: Fred was the first.

I've completed what truly has been for me a life-long dream. All four rams received SCI Record Book medallions: a gold, two silvers and a bronze. I received a Wild Sheep Foundation Honorable Mention and one ram is memorialized in the Boone & Crockett Record Book. I have such wonderful memories that will last for the rest of my life, made friends from the Arctic to southern Mexico, but it really hasn't sunken in yet that I've completed the Grand Slam and now I'm wondering if it ever will. I really don't want it to be over. After getting home in November from the last sheep hunt, I cleaned all my gear and put everything away except for my rifle which lay in the gun vice for two weeks. I looked at it every day and just could not bring myself to put it in the safe. I simply didn't want it to be over, and I still feel that way today.



Lowell & Himalayan Blue Sheep (Not Part of Grand Slam)

# Cactus Buck

By Libby Gear

As I have grown older, my perspective has changed as to the moments that are the most important to me. When I was a young hunter, it was always about what animal I would pursue. My Dad, Wade Gear, has always focused his attention on my successful hunting even when it meant he had to sacrifice hunting time for himself. I began hunting at the age of six, and I always felt like the most exciting moments were when I would get a great animal. I mean, sure, it was fun to watch others hunt and be successful, but it was not the same as when I walked away with my own trophy regardless of its size.

I have been hunting for almost thirteen years and to say my perspective has changed would be a huge understatement! I have learned to enjoy the amazing time spent in the outdoors as well as the bonding time spent with my family and fellow hunters. On December 12, 2020, I had a memorable hunting experience unlike anything I'd experienced before. My father and I have always hunted together, but it had always been that if I was with him, we were hunting for me. Our goals in the past have always been to find me the best possible hunting experience. Dad has always either taken his animals before I arrived to hunt or after I'd gone back to school.

COVID-19 has changed so much around the world in a negative way, but the silver lining for me was it changed my school schedule and I had more time than ever to hunt. My father and I had always been limited to one hunting trip during the school year; however, this time, we had time to spend a whole week hunting along with an additional weekend; so, we headed down to our South Texas lease on December 11th. This was prime deer hunting time in our area, and we were both on the hunt for specific deer. We started our trip bursting with great expectations and an eagerness to return home successful.

As we drove, I began to pick up on just how excited Dad was to hunt this dream deer of his. He had named this special deer Cactus Buck. The deer got this nickname not because he lived amongst the cactus but because of all the extra prickly points he had scattered throughout the bases of his antlers, and he had always been seen at a blind we called the Cactus Blind. The two whitetails Dad and I were hunting had been seen at the same blind, so it was not much of a struggle to decide where to sit; however, both deer we were hunting were old and smart so we figured the chances of seeing, much less harvesting, both would be slim.

When we pulled into camp, we unpacked and checked the cameras, then headed to Cactus Blind in time to get comfortable before the activity started. The rut had just begun so there was

plenty of action to witness on our first hunt, but neither of our two "wish" bucks appeared. We were excited to see what the rest of the week had in store, and we knew there would be plenty of good hunting ahead. The following morning was an exciting hunt as well, but still no sign of Cactus Buck, but we continued to hunt the same blind in hopes that he would step out.

The evening of our second day, we settled in the blind earlier than usual, and it gave us plenty of time to be prepared. This was the first time I had been able to hunt during the middle of rut. Due to school, I had always hunted in late November or late December, but now it was the middle of December and it was obvious that this was the prime time for the rut. The bucks were running hard after the does, and it was neat to watch all the spirited activity as new deer came in and out periodically.

As evening was approaching, the sun began to set. Dad and I had been on high alert all afternoon in case one of our deer showed up. With the sun beginning to fade, I turned to my phone when all of the sudden I heard my dad whisper animatedly, "That's the Cactus Buck!!" I could hear both the excitement but also the nervousness in his voice. I cautiously turned my chair around and looked through my binoculars at the beautiful buck! This deer was spectacular! He had extra points on his brow tines and base, and his mass was heavier than any other deer we had seen on camera all season. I now understood why they called him the Cactus Buck! As we looked at the buck, Dad slowly positioned his gun and got ready, but there was one big problem. Cactus Buck had jumped into the feed pin, and there was no shot to be had! As we sat anxiously and helplessly watching this deer



Wade & Libby



Wade & Cactus Buck



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## Cactus Buck

feed, I was fascinated as I relished Dad as the hunter and me his cheering section! I felt the urgency as the sun was quickly setting and we had to get a shot off.

We froze there for an eternity; however, as soon as frustration began to mount, the buck majestically jumped out of the feed pin and stood perfectly broadside, perfectly still. Before I could whisper the word, "Shoot," Dad's shot echoed! BOOM! The buck dropped! As Dad has done for me so many times, I continued to watch his buck through my binoculars to be sure he was down. When I was confident the buck was not going anywhere, I looked up from my binoculars at Dad and I saw what he has seen in me. As I looked at him, he said, "I'm shaking!" I could feel his excitement about this deer.

As we waited to approach, Dad began calling the other hunters on the ranch and as I listened, I felt a sense of great pride rush over me. Before this hunt, my father and I had always hunted for me. He had always sacrificed his hunting time and this time was different: it was special. This time I had shared hunting time with him! I had a different perspective and I felt just as excited for Dad as I did when I harvested a trophy. It was a moving new perspective, and amazingly, it brought me just as much joy.

As we walked up to the deer, the closer we got the more excited Dad became. I had never seen him like this before. When we reached the buck, we were astounded by his beauty. He was amazing to see up close. With the little daylight we had left, we took tons of pictures and then loaded the buck up and headed back to camp. Pulling into camp, it was clear the other hunters

were waiting in great anticipation. Everybody wanted to see this deer! My dad received many "congratulations" as we all stood around and relived the hunt. After we finished describing the events, it was time to score the buck. This was the moment everybody had been waiting for as all the hunters had been guessing what they thought the buck would score. The general consensus was that Cactus Buck would score in the mid 170's.

These guesses were far from accurate! As points were counted it was clear that the buck would score even higher than anyone had imagined. Once the points were added, the measurer looked at my dad and opined, "I don't think you're ready for this!"

I could see the look of anticipation in Dad's eyes pleading, "Just tell me!" he said.

The measurer responded, "He scored 189!" and an expression of shock encompassed Dad's face. We knew this deer was big, but we had never imagined he was that big! Dad had been hunting on this land for 15 years and Cactus Buck was the biggest deer anyone had ever taken. I could feel Dad's joy! I knew that this deer was what my dad had been working for all of these years.

For the rest of the evening and much of the following days, Dad and I recreated the adventure with all his hunting partners and friends. As the stories were polished, the sparkle in his eyes never diminished. As his daughter, I am beyond proud and delighted that I shared this adventure. Being there has forever altered my perspective of hunting. Surprisingly, I realized that it did not have to be me who walked away with the trophy for my hunt to be successful: it was important for Dad to be successful, too. Our roles were reversed on this hunting trip with Dad being the hunter, but looking back, I would not have had it any other way!

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# “LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



## NATIONAL

**Interior Secretary:** President Biden made history by nominating Representative Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior. Haaland, a Laguna Pueblo from New Mexico, is the first Native American nominated to the post. She cleared a key committee vote on March 4, 11 to 9 with Lisa Murkowski as the sole Republican vote. Murkowski was under serious pressure to vote for Haaland because 20% of Alaska’s population is Native American. The dispute over this appointment centers around oil and environmental initiatives of the Biden Administration. Of the several reports I have reviewed, I have not seen any comments from the nominee regarding hunting on public land which was dramatically expanded during the Trump administration. Given the historical connection of Native Americans to hunting, it is not a foregone conclusion that she would follow the liberal bent of anti-hunting groups.

**Grizzly Bears:** In December, the US District Court in Montana ruled that it did not have jurisdiction to hear challenges by the Center for Biodiversity to rulings by US Fish and Wildlife under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and the Endangered Species Act, (ESA). First, the Court found that the plaintiff’s petition to force an update to the grizzly recovery plan does not meet the definition of a “rule”, i.e. a final agency action, so the federal court had no jurisdiction to address the plaintiff’s demand for an update. Second, the Court found that the ESA does not require the Service to update its recovery plan based on the best available scientific information. In other words, the Service’s management of bears has withstood another challenge from anti-hunters.

## KENTUCKY

**HB 209:** This Bill would amend KRS 217.217 to allow the donation of game meat to a cooperative extension agency (i.e. the University of KY and the Kentucky State University extension programs) to be added to the not for profit organizations which can receive wild game meat without interference by county health departments. The legislation passed the third reading in the house 36-0, and the bill was forwarded to the Governor’s desk for signature where it was signed into law. This is another enhancement to the *Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry* program initiated by *Kentuckiana SCI*.

**Coyotes:** As reported previously Kentucky now allows the use of rifles of 6.5 Creedmore or smaller to hunt coyotes on private land at night from December 1 thru March 31. It is not clear whether this means that any 6.5 cartridge can be used or only a 6.5 with equal or less velocity or foot-pounds of energy than a Creedmore. In addition, of course shotguns can be used at night on public land from December 1 thru May 31. Lights can be used but not if they are attached to a vehicle.

**Waterfowl:** One scaup can now be taken beginning Thanksgiving Day for four consecutive days and December 7 thru December 17. In addition, two scaup can be taken beginning December 18 thru January 31. Also, in the Ballard Zone, a hunter can now have more than one shotgun in the blind, as long as the additional gun(s) are cased and unloaded.

## INDIANA

**Muzzleloaders:** In the most recent issue, we reported that Indiana proposed the use of muzzleloaders which use the “firestick” technology. This allows the loading of powder from the breech, as long as the bullet is loaded from the muzzle. The final rule on this proposal was voted on by the *Natural Resources Commission* on March 16. The final rule on this proposal adopted by the Natural Resources Commission on March 16 allows the use of the firestick technology only during a season where that modern firearms can be used. Muzzleloaders used during the muzzleloader season must still be loaded with both powder and bullet from the muzzle.



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