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President's Message

By Bob Edwards, Chapter President
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Summer is here, but the water conditions are still favorable with crappie and bluegill biting! Summer also brings ticks which are terrible this year! Everyone please take precautions by spraying outdoor footwear and clothing with permethrin-based products while doing outdoors fun stuff as well as outdoor chores.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Department will be publishing the five-year update on hunting, fishing, camping, and outdoor sports participation later this year. The amount of growth in every category should be quite pronounced which is to everyone's advantage.

Related to those growth numbers, tax funds derived from the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts are a sportsman-requested Federal Excise Tax placed on sporting goods at the point of manufacture or importation. These tax funds are distributed back to the states based on 40% land mass and 60% participation measured by license sales. All new participants help

our state recover our share of that fund. At the beginning of 2019 those funds totaled over 21 BILLION dollars. An additional 647 million dollars was added in 2019. Last year, Kentucky received about 11 million dollars from that fund. The best way for people to help the wildlife of their state is to buy a combination license even if they do not plan to use it because the Federal funds the state derives are stacked on the actual cost of the license.

We have completed our online only, members only fundraiser auction, and it was a huge success!! Our revenues are close to prior years of in-person fundraisers, and your Board of Directors had to work extra hard to turn a challenging situation into a win for us. Many other chapters across the nation were unable to conduct any event at all and many were unable to make the required contribution to SCI. I am proud to say that thanks to our chapter members bidding generously, we are fiscally current and sound.

We are excited to announce the KDFWR has agreed to take over managing the annual Annie Oakley Range Day event. With the KDFWR management, infrastructure, and promotional capabilities, the program will be able to grow to its true potential and introduce new participants to hunting and the shooting sports across Kentucky.

I am also pleased to announce that thanks to Blake Deuser of *Old Oak Outfitters* we will have a Chapter Dove Shoot again this year! Contact Mike Maddox for registration and details.

About
The Cover



The cover photo of this beautiful sunrise over Lake Barkley was taken by KYSCI Volunteer Jim Warren during the opening morning of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's Bass Tournament.

2021 Election Results

By Bob Edwards, Chapter President

The Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International 2021 Election has concluded. Congratulations go out to returning Director Alice Monarch and new Director Trey Webb and returning Secretary Alyson Stamper.

Congratulations are also extended to our Chapter Treasurer Sherry Maddox who was elected to the position of Safari Club International Director at Large for SCI.

Our next elections will be held in June of next year. Please consider running for a position. Your chapter has worked diligently through the COVID pandemic and we are excited about our chapter's future endeavors.



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4, 2021 - Chapter Dove Shoot
• 1:00 p.m. • Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, IN
• Contact: Mike Maddox - mmaddox13@icloud.com

January 19-22, 2022 - SCI Convention - 50th Anniversary
• Las Vegas, Nevada - Registration is OPEN!
• Contact: www.safariclub.org

February 19, 2022 - KYSCI Annual Fundraising Banquet
• Audubon Country Club, Louisville, Kentucky
• Contact: Sherry Maddox - explorer111749@aol.com

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Challenges & Obstacles

By Ivan Schell

Humans have a unique capability within the natural world to adapt and overcome challenges and obstacles in order to survive and prosper. COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021 provided a multi-faceted challenge and obstacle which pushed Kentuckiana SCI to find a way to prevail in its effort to raise funds for its many worthy projects.

Fortunately, the Chapter has utilized the online auction vehicle to enhance its fundraising in 2019 and 2020. But in 2021 the Chapter was faced with going totally online or shutting down the auction altogether. Hunters are not an easily intimidated crowd, so the decision to move ahead with the online-only auction was pretty straightforward. The devil was in the details! Would we open the auction to the world or limit it to the Chapter's members? Would we offer only a few items or a great many items?

After a robust discussion of these details over several meetings, the Board developed a consensus around a member-only event with a relatively large number of items. The rationale for this consensus was twofold: (1) the outfitters who donated to our Chapter wanted to establish a relationship with our Chapter's members, and (2) if there were going to be great bargains to be had, the Board wanted the Chapter members to capture those bargains within the Chapter itself.

With the guidelines established, the live auction team lead by Alice Monarch and Jared Whitworth, and assisted by Larry Richards, Mike Abell, and Sherry Maddox gathered together a trove of 55 fantastic auction items, including 22 hunting, fishing and vacation trips. The logistics of bidding mechanics were explained in the online catalog in considerable detail. Each item listed had a designated expiration time with bidding on each item staggered throughout the event. Bidding was vigorous and competitive with members applying their skills learned on other websites like gunbroker.com to try to snag the most desirable items.

Bidding was furious on many items providing members with great entertainment in and of itself in addition to the joy of winning items or the frustration of losing items literally at the last second.

Ultimately, the event was a great success not only for the members, but also the outfitters and the Chapter and SCI International. The net financial results were within \$1,500 of the results for 2020 and were \$2,000 more than 2019.

The members sacrificed the face-to-face interaction of an in-person auction, but we adapted and overcame the challenges of COVID! Congratulations to the Committee whose hard work made the auction happen and kudos to the Board for finding a creative way to succeed where others feared to venture.

The future success of Kentucky SCI is not in doubt and our members and Board look ahead to the challenges of 2022 and beyond.

Letter Of Appreciation To KYSCI

**KYSCI Donates \$2,500.00
To PVA Bass Tournament**

Jeff Thompson, USMC Ret. '69 - '93, Tournament Director

The mission of the Kentucky-Indiana Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America is to improve the quality of life of U.S. military veterans and others with spinal cord dysfunction through the use of advocacy, research, sports and recreation, education and communication.

The Kentucky-Indiana Paralyzed Veterans of America (KIPVA) chapter hosted the 2021 Bluegrass Bass Bash, a PVA Bass Tour event on June 11, 12 & 13 in Kuttawa, Kentucky. In addition to our paralyzed veterans, this tournament is open to all active-duty persons, veterans, and civilians with mobility impairment.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America Bass Tour, a B.A.S.S. sanctioned event, consists of seven two-day tournaments, which are held at various locations around the country. Each tournament consists of an Open/Team Competition for those anglers who wish to fish from a boat and a Bank Competition for those who prefer to fish from shore. Disabled anglers in the Open/Team Competition are

paired with able-bodied boat partners for the two-day event. On day one, only the disabled anglers compete for significant prizes. On day two, the paired anglers compete as a team for cash prizes. The boat partners serve as coaches and help find fishing locations and choose baits. Disabled anglers in the Bank Competition are paired with volunteers who assist them in whatever they cannot do themselves while fishing.

Our veterans, volunteers and boat partners comprise the over 125 attendees which allows our veterans a chance to get outside for a weekend of fishing. We cannot thank enough our group of sponsors and supporters which allow this annual event to be a success. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI for their generous donation which helped us provide 7 meals (2 breakfasts, 2 box lunches and 3 dinners) for each of the 125 attendees in addition to 1,000 bottles of water.

We hope you will be able to join us again next year. We want to invite you to join us at our Friday night registration dinner next year on April 22, 2022.

If you would like more information about the work KIPVA does for Veterans with spinal cord injuries and diseases, please visit www.KIPVA.org or call 502-635-6539.





Conservation Corner

Take a moment to reflect on your first hunt. What species were you targeting? Was it the spring or the fall? Did you hold the grip on a bow or adjust the sling on a firearm? How old were you? And probably the most memorable, who were you with?

For some of us, the answer to the last question includes a dedicated family relative or close friend. Unfortunately, fewer and fewer people have grown up with someone close to them who hunts. Without mentors, fewer and fewer Kentuckians are participating in hunting. Since the 1980s, Kentucky has seen a steady decline in the number of hunters. Lower participation means less support for Kentucky's natural resources. Today's sportsmen and women must come together to ensure that Kentucky's world-class fish and wildlife populations endure for future generations. Being an active participant in this initiative involves current hunters mentoring new hunters and passing on the hunting heritage.

Answer The Call

There are many ways that a current hunter can get involved in mentoring. Check-in with the people you are around the most. People that you know from work, school, church, or the gym probably have an interest in hunting but do not have anyone to mentor them. Become a volunteer hunter education instructor



Mentor A Youth

for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Hunter education is often the first step for those interested in hunting, and it is required to be a legal hunter in Kentucky. These courses wouldn't be possible without knowledgeable and driven volunteer instructors. You can find out how to become a volunteer instructor at www.fw.ky.gov/education.

Don't know a youth to mentor? Mentoring is not just for youth. With approximately three generations that have grown up without knowing someone who hunts, there

Keeping Kentucky's Hunting Heritage Alive

By Becky Wallen
Conservation Educator, KDFWR

are plenty of adults looking for mentors. Through surveys, it has been identified that one of the top barriers for an adult new hunter is that they don't have anyone to go with. Don't worry that you will have to give up the buck you have had your eye on all spring. The most common motivation for a new hunter in Kentucky is to become self-sufficient and to be able to harvest wild game meat on their own. They would likely be more than happy to help lower the doe population on your farm.



Mentor An Adult

This fall season, we encourage you to pass on your knowledge about hunting and your passion for conservation. Mentoring can and should involve providing tips and information digitally, as well as in the field. If today's hunters answer the call and become a mentor, they ensure a future for tomorrow's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. To learn more about becoming a mentor contact your local Hunter Training Officer or call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at (800)-858-1549.

HABITAT IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST

By KDFWR

July-August

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

September

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

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

Amish Macaroni Salad

By Joyce Cook



Ingredients:

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| 2 ½ cups uncooked tricolor Rotini | ¼ T black pepper |
| 2 cups Miracle Whip | ¾ T celery seed |
| 2 T dill pickle relish | 3 hard boiled eggs, chopped |
| 3 T yellow mustard | ¼ cup diced sweet onion |
| 1/3 cup granulated sugar | 3 stalks celery, diced |
| 2 T white vinegar | 1 large red bell pepper, seeded & diced |
| ¼ T salt | |

Instructions:

Bring a pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add macaroni and cook for 8-10 minutes until tender. Drain and set aside to cool. In a medium bowl, whisk together the Miracle Whip, relish, mustard, sugar, vinegar, salt, pepper, and celery seed. In a large bowl, mix the cooked, cooled macaroni with the dressing; then, gently fold in the eggs, onion, celery and bell pepper. Cover and cool overnight or for at least 3 hours before serving.

"A Summertime Potluck Classic"



“LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



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The Storm Saga Continues. As you know if you have read prior legal brief columns, the legitimacy of Rich Storm as Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has constantly been challenged in this space. In litigation between the KDFWR and the Beshear administration, the Franklin Circuit Court held that the state Finance Cabinet had the right to veto the then existing contract between the Department and Storm that ran for two years. The Finance Cabinet approved a one-year contract that Storm rejected. Subsequently, the Commission determined to hire Storm again and went into executive session to approve his appointment. On May 17, 2021, Attorney General Daniel Cameron ruled in response to a request from Larry Richards, acting on his own behalf as a Kentucky sportsman, that the Commission violated the law when it went into closed session to appoint Rich Storm again as Commissioner without first providing sufficient explanation to close the meeting. Dr. Karl Clinard, Chair of KDFWR, responded to the determination by the Attorney General that the violation was a technical one and that the Commission had no intent of breaking any law or hiding anything from the public. Richards proposed that the KDFWR open the process for all applicants.

Because it was clear that the Commission has no intention of opening the application process to all candidates, Richards sought counsel to pursue redress. Amye Bensenhaver, a former state assistant attorney general, co-founder of the Kentucky Open Government Coalition, stated that there is no such thing as a technical violation of the Open Meetings Law and the Commission does not just get to try a do-over. She cited the case of *Carter v. Smith* which held that a public agency cannot ratify actions improperly taken in closed session. Richards has 30 days to appeal Cameron's decision.

On June 19, 2021, Richards sued the Commission and Chair Karl Clinard, requesting that the court remove Rich Storm because the Commission violated the Kentucky Open Meetings Act in partaking in closed meetings for unauthorized purposes and without sufficient public notice. I will report on subsequent litigation developments in this column.

Elk News. In a less dramatic action, the Commission has eliminated the post season quota hunt on private land in elk management units located in Knott and Floyd Counties. The Commission has also changed the politically incorrect reference to weapons used to hunt elk and now refers to them as “equipment.”

NATIONAL NEWS

Self Defense. In researching topics for this column, I came across a recent You-Tube video of Massad Ayoob, sponsored by the Armed Citizens Education Foundation. Ayoob had timely information which seemed to be appropriate to pass on. During the video, the moderator asked Ayoob what advice he had for persons who might find themselves surrounded by a mob of protesters seeming bent on causing harm. Ayoob suggested the following action: (1) move your car slowly, with the emergency flashers activated and the sounding the horn; (2) shout thru a cracked window that you want to exit the area and warning of danger to pedestrians who insist on getting in the way of your vehicle; (3) carry hearing protection and eye protection in your car at all times; (4) if it becomes necessary to shoot through the windows, be aware that glass shards will hit you in the face regardless of whether the rounds are outgoing or incoming; (5) be prepared for airbags to deploy and the engine possibly stopping; (6) employ a Go-Pro camera to record the action from your standpoint from inside the car (video and sound); (7) rely on handguns rather than long guns because long barrels are too difficult to deploy and may be illegal in certain venues; (8) be aware that ANTIFA extremists are now using hatchets and hammers to break your auto glass. And finally, do not intentionally head into a confrontation situation, but rather escape whenever possible. If you want to hear the entire interview with Ayoob, go to <https://youtu.be/tj7suPt9nHE>.

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History Of Kentucky Hunters For The Hungry

By Tom Hebert



Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), volunteer run organization comprised of responsible hunters and conservationists who encourage hunters to harvest and donate deer each season for distribution to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state. KHFH's statewide hunger relief program is dedicated to providing a healthy source of protein to food challenged Kentuckians operating through a network of meat processors and food banks/pantries. Its mission is to help alleviate hunger and malnutrition in Kentucky by paying for the processing of donated deer and coordinating the distribution of venison to those in need, while at the same time providing an outlet for hunters to help their communities and promote environmental stewardship through wildlife management. As a non-membership organization, KHFH subsists solely on donations to pay for deer processing and operating expenses.

The original concept for Hunters for the Hungry was developed by past Kentuckiana SCI (formerly Ohio Valley Chapter) President Mike Ohlmann in 1988. Many of you may remember meeting at Mike's Custom Taxidermy after the deer seasons had ended for a meat deboning party! In 2000, Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry was incorporated, with Mike Ohlmann as the President/Chairman and Ivan Schell as Secretary/Treasurer. Ivan, also a past KYSCI President, subsequently became Executive Director, a position he held until early 2019 when Roger LaPointe was appointed to the position. Current and previous KYSCI Officers Lowell Stevens and Bill Hook were on the original KHFH Board of Directors. John Phillips, a since retired Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources biologist and the original KDFWR Deer Program Coordinator, was instrumental in promoting KHFH's mission in the early years. Over the years, many other like-minded individuals have participated as KHFH directors or ambassadors.

Through the years, KHFH has always been considered an extension of KYSCI and with good reason. The Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI has supported KHFH both financially and with personnel. At the time of this article, five KYSCI directors or officers are also directors and/or officers on the KHFH board: Ivan Schell, Mike Maddox, Sherry Maddox, Mike Abell and Tom Hebert. KYSCI member Nancy Stevens is also on the KHFH Board of Directors. Mike Ohlmann recently retired as Chairman of the KHFH Board of Directors, as he and Kathy are moving to Ashland City, Tennessee to be closer to their grandkids. Mike will, however, always be involved with the program.

As KHFH grows, it is thankful for the continued financial support of KYSCI. In 2019, KYSCI contributed \$4,000 to KHFH's mission. In 2020, KYSCI contributed a total of \$8,520 to KHFH and without knowing it at the time, it couldn't have happened at a better time! Since the pandemic, KHFH has received more requests for food assistance, both from individuals and food banks/pantries, than all recent years combined! Although KHFH doesn't disseminate processed venison directly to end users, it can usually point those inquiring to the right resource.

During the 2020-2021 seasons, hunters donated a total of 1,889 deer to the program resulting in 75,248 lbs of ground venison, which equates to approximately 300,990 servings of much needed protein

for struggling Kentuckians. During the 2019-2020 deer seasons, hunters donated 2,108 deer to the program resulting in 85,767 lbs of ground venison, which equates to approximately 343,060 servings of much needed protein for struggling Kentuckians. That was KHFH's best year ever! For some perspective, during 2000-2001 deer seasons, KHFH's first official year in existence, 29,082 lbs of venison was donated by hunters.

It should be noted that processors willing to participate in the program do so at the much reduced rate of \$65 per deer. Without these supportive processors agreeing to the reduced compensation, it would be all but impossible for the program to exist. Out of their generosity some processors actually process and donate a number of deer at no charge to KHFH. Although none of the KHFH officers or directors are compensated, there are still fees for professional services such as annual auditing, website maintenance and other operating expenses. In addition to KYSCI's contributions, funding for the program comes from a variety of sources, some of which include KDFWR, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture, NRA Foundation, Friends of NRA, QDMA Derby City Branch, Fern Creek Sportsman's Club and others. Fortunately, donations from individual donors through the KHFH website were up 138% during the fiscal year just ending over the previous year.

Special thanks to Mike Ohlmann who was instrumental in securing a grant from the Honorable Kentucky Colonels in 2019 to purchase a 12' x 6' freezer trailer and for working with the trailer manufacturer on the details. KHFH also acquired a 12' x 6' refrigerated trailer through funding provided by an anonymous donor. The trailers have proved to be tremendous assets for KHFH and the community.

In addition to the trailers being used dozens of times during controlled hunts and by regional KHFH directors to transport deer to processors, the Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources used the freezer trailer in 2019 to transport and secure deer and deer meat that had been confiscated during a criminal investigation. The venison, approximately 3,500 lbs from 82 deer, was subsequently donated to KHFH after the case was adjudicated.

In early 2020 at the height of the pandemic, Southeast Christian Church utilized the freezer trailer for the distribution of 40,000 lbs of chicken donated by Kroger's to area food banks. Both trailers were used in February 2021 to deliver meat and supplies to food banks and pantries in Eastern Kentucky.

Before retiring, Mike Ohlmann applied for a 2nd grant from the Kentucky Colonels, which would enable KHFH to purchase a second freezer trailer, which would be dedicated for use in the southwestern part of the state, where the need is great. At the time of this article, it is unknown whether the grant will materialize due to the high volume of grant applications received by the Kentucky Colonels.

For more information regarding the KHFH program, newsletters, a list of KHFH approved processors, recent articles and/or to donate through PayPal, please visit: kyhuntersforthehungry.info Donations can also be mailed to: KHFH, P.O. Box 43281, Louisville, KY 40253.



KYSCI Chapter Treasurer Sherry Maddox Presents Check To Tom Hebert Chairman Of The Board For Kentucky Hunters For The Hungry

KYSCI Donates \$7555 Toward New Refrigerated Trailer For KHFH

The history of KYSCI's support for the good work of the Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry continues with KYSCI's efforts to help fund KHFH's quest to purchase another, much-needed refrigerated trailer as is pointed out in the two articles surrounding this article.

\$2555 of the donation was inspired by Libby Gear's recent 2021 Chapter Fundraiser Project to donate the proceeds of specifically designated live auction items to KHFH and from a \$5000 KYSCI donation.



KHFH Delivers The Goods!

By Tom Hebert

In late December 2020, Roger LaPointe, KHFH Executive Director received a call from a representative of a Baptist Church in Virginia doing ministry work in Southeastern Kentucky. The Virginia church had partnered with Christ's Hands, Inc, a Harlan ministry devoted to helping struggling individuals and families in that area. Roger learned through the Virginia phone call that a food pantry managed by Cranks Creek Methodist Church was in dire need of supplies, particularly nutritional food. They provided 150 families a box of food supplies every month. Roger felt the call to help both Cranks Creek Methodist Church, as well as Christ's Hands food bank and soup kitchen. He formulated a plan and started calling KHFH approved processors to see who still had processed venison on hand. Then he put out a call for hunters to try to take more deer for donation during the final three weeks of archery season. The Fish and Wildlife Foundation used their mailing list to help solicit deer donations, as well. He arranged for Joe Long, owner of C & J Processing to store processed venison from other processors until it could be transported to Eastern KY.

On 1-5-21 Roger and Del Warner, KHFH Treasurer, traveled to Ainsworth Animal Art & Processing in Independence to pick up 230 lbs of ground venison. On 1-7-21 Roger and Tom Hebert, KHFH Director & KYSCI Director at Large traveled to Fair's Custom Meat Processing in Williamstown, KY and picked up 740 lbs of ground venison. Then on 2-2-21 Tom and Roger traveled to back Fair's Processing to pick up 960 lbs of chicken thighs. David Fair thought so much of KHFH's mis-



sion to feed the less fortunate he used his stimulus money to buy chicken thighs in quantity, then vacuum packaged them two to a package and donated them for the Eastern KY mission. Bless you Mr. Fair! On 2-5-21 Tom and Roger traveled to Chandler's Processing in Winchester, KY and picked up another load of venison. On the same trip they stopped by the Sunwatch Homestead farm in Lancaster to pick up pork products they would donate from their supply. With some additional venison donated by C & J Processing KHFH managed to gather up 2,015 lbs of ground venison, 100 lbs of venison cuts, 960 lbs of chicken thighs and 200 lbs of ground breakfast sausage, pork chops and burger!

On 2-3-21 Tom, Roger, and Mike Abell the most recently appointed KHFH Director and KYSCI Director transferred the KHFH refrigeration trailer and freezer trailer from McCain's Processing facility in Vine Grove to C & J processing to prepare for the trip. The trip to Eastern KY was originally planned for 2-18-21, but due to inclement weather was pushed to 2-25-21. On the day prior to the trip Roger, Del and Tom, assisted by Paul Schneider from Southeast Christian Church (SECC) loaded the meat stored at C & J's into trailers, then transported the trailers to SECC where more supplies were loaded. SECC provided a pallet with more supplies for each trailer. The additional supplies including canned goods, baby diapers, pasta, soups, peanut butter and clothing were loaded into the trailers. SECC provided both the heavy-duty pick-up trucks needed to make the almost four hour trip. Roger and Tom would pull one trailer to Harlan/Cranks Creek, while Paul and his wife would pull the other trailer to Hazard. The two teams met at SECC at 7:30 a.m. the following morning and after double checking the trailer lights headed East! It was the perfect clear and crisp day for a long trip.

In all, two food banks and one soup kitchen in Eastern Kentucky were served by the donated supplies. The food bank managers were very thankful to be able pass on the food to those among them that were struggling. As one of the food bank managers put it, "because



we are so far-removed good food supplies don't trickle down to us like they do in more populated parts of the state." He noted that they regularly get donations of snack food, but meat and canned goods is what they really were in need of.

It was just short of a 12-hour day by the time Roger and Tom dropped the refrigerated trailer at KDFWR headquarters and made it back to SECC. The Hazard team was already back with the freezer trailer, which would be stored at SECC until the next time it was needed. The Eastern Kentucky food run was so successful Roger's already planning for the next one!

Donations are always welcome and are necessary to continue KHFH's mission. Donations can be mailed to: KHFH, P.O. Box 43281, Louisville, KY 40253, or made through PayPal on the KHFH website: kyhuntersforthehungry.info.

Colorado Wilderness Elk

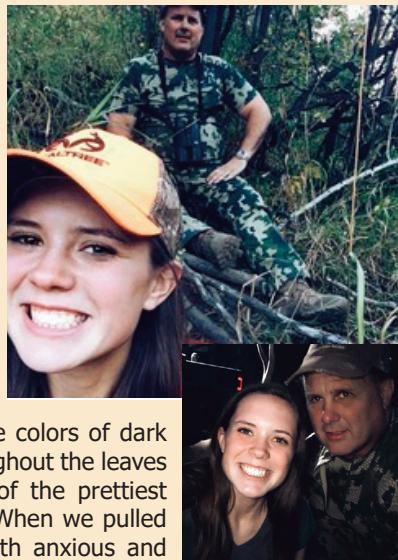
By Libby Gear



The Colorado wilderness in the Fall is the most spectacular place to be! The distinctive, tall Aspen trees, the bright green brush, the amber fields, and the sound of elk bugling make Colorado a place like no other. When Dad first mentioned the idea of going on an elk hunt, I was excited to see what hunting in Colorado would be like. I had experienced Colorado many times on family vacations to ski and snowboard but never to hunt. I was looking forward to this new adventure that would build new memories and allow me to experience Colorado in a new way.

I had always wanted to go on an elk but it had been a challenge because throughout my life, I played competitive volleyball, and once I entered high school with hopes of playing at the college level, my time was booked. Volleyball season begins in August and ends in early November encompassing elk season; however, an elk hunt was an opportunity I needed to take. Therefore, during my sophomore year of high school, I decided to sacrifice volleyball and embark on a hunting adventure to Colorado.

The weeks leading up to the trip were filled with high anticipation but nothing would prepare me for what lay ahead. Upon arriving in Colorado, I was amazed at the beauty of the land when it wasn't covered in snow. There were large, tall Aspen trees that covered hundreds of acres of land, there were colors of dark orange and browns throughout the leaves and brush. It was one of the prettiest places I had ever seen. When we pulled into elk camp, I was both anxious and excited to see what the hunting would be like. We took the evening to settle into camp and meet many of the other hunters. The cabin was built out of beautiful wood and had a warm and inviting feeling. My father and I felt right at home.



The following morning, we woke up just before daybreak. We made sure to layer up knowing we would be facing a cold, brisk morning. Once we were ready, we had a short drive out to the area we would hunt. As the sun began to rise, we immersed ourselves deep in the woods. We had Aspens on all sides of us and were walking through long damp grass. The dazzling sun made the greenery even brighter. As we walked, we could hear elk bugling and we would stop at times and bugle back. Communicating with wild elk was a whole new experience for me and I was loving every moment of it.

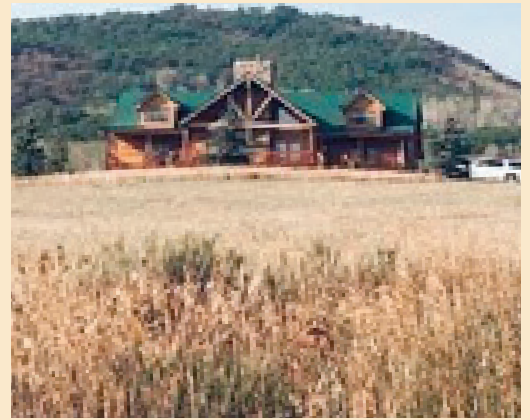
We spent a week in Colorado and each morning, I woke with renewed excitement to see what the day had in store. Each day the beauty of the land continued to flourish. We met many interesting hunters, ate amazing food, and made many new great memories throughout our hunt. We saw many bulls with potential but never saw the one I believed was a shootable bull. As amazing as the trip was, my first elk hunt ended without an elk.

When my father and I arrived home from the elk hunt, I knew right away that I wanted to return the following year for a second attempt. My dad was quick to schedule a return trip, and a year later, we were on our way back. On this second trip back, I was determined to return home with a shootable elk. On this trip, I knew what to expect and what kind of hunting was ahead of us. The country was just as beautiful as the year before and I was excited to be back out amongst the tall Aspen trees listening to the elk bugle. It was magical!

As we headed out the first morning, we planned to hunt much of the same way we had the year before. We walked and bugled hoping to call in a great bull. We hunted hard climbing hills and walking through rugged ground. The altitude in Colorado was higher than back home, so both my father and I had to get used to the breathing "thin" air. It took us a little while to adjust, but once we did, we were moving at a steady pace. Over the two trips, I enjoyed one of the many things I loved about Colorado, the terrain. The lay of the land was so different in the various areas we hunted. We would drive deep into the Aspens and in minutes be walking in tall grasses surrounded by trees or climbing tall hills covered in short shrubs and rocks. I would never have to travel a long distance to have a new experience!

The atmosphere of Elk Camp was also something truly special. Not only was the food amazing but the people were welcoming and we spent hours at dinner talking about our different hunting experiences and sharing our backgrounds. Elk Camp was the first time I had been in a camp with other hunters from lots of different backgrounds. I learned about all the different backgrounds of each hunter and many of them shared the reasons hunting was so important to them. Elk hunting was also providing my dad and me with new opportunities. I was learning more about what it meant to be a true hunter, and he was teaching me many different ways to hunt.

Hunting in Colorado was different from any other place I had hunted yet. In Africa, we rode around on a safari truck until it was time to track an animal. In South Texas, we always hunted



deer out of stands. In Colorado, we walked and called until we determined a direction to go. It was harder hunting than I had expected but I loved the challenge. One night we decided to take a different approach to our hunting. Instead of walking and calling, we decided to sit in the bottom of a ravine and call in a bull from there.

I was interested to see how this new tactic would work. Unlike deer hunting, we wouldn't be in a blind, but rather sitting openly in the grass hoping to see an elk come down from the hill. As we were walking through the ravine, I had my gaze focused on the road. The grass was long and I didn't want to trip or miss a step. I was also doing my best to keep up with my guides. My two guides were walking ahead of me and Dad followed in behind me. In the ravine, I noticed something moving through the grass. Whatever it was it was moving fast and in the opposite direction of us. I tried to focus harder on the object only to realize that it was a yellow rattlesnake. I tried to quietly get the attention of the guides, but it appeared that I was the only one who had noticed the snake. I notified my dad so he was able to get out of the way of the snake. When my guides realized what was blazing the trail in front of us, they stopped and took the time to quietly kill the snake. Knowing that we would be spending time sitting in the ravine they didn't want to have to worry about a deadly snake being around as well.

Once the snake situation was handled, we continued to walk a short distance to the area where we would sit. We all picked different spots which staggered us along the side of the hill. My guide was situated next to me, my father was sitting a few feet above me and the second guide was next to him. We soon settled in and were ready for the afternoon hunt. This technique definitely took more patience than the hunting we had been doing earlier in the week. I started reading a book in hopes that it would pass time but I was distracted by the beauty of my surroundings. The longer we sat, the more time I had to build both excitement and anxiety. I started thinking about how badly I really wanted an elk. We had been working so hard and I knew that I wouldn't have this same opportunity the next year. We continued to call periodically in hopes of getting a great bull's attention. About mid-way through the afternoon, we began hearing branches snap about midway up the opposite hill. We knew the only animal large enough to make that much noise was an elk! We had to remain still and patient because we did not want to spook a bull and miss our shot. We continued calling knowing it would draw the elk down the hill and hopefully into shootable range.

I began to get really nervous as I continued to hear branches breaking and leaves cracking under the large animal. The sounds continued to get louder and louder as the bull grew closer

and closer. With the bull halfway up the opposite mountain, my guide handed me my rifle and told me to get comfortable. I was to be ready the moment the bull stepped into range. I could feel myself shake as my nerves continued to build.

As the bull got closer, he began to move at a faster pace. He was quickly approaching the ravine. The guides began looking through their binoculars and I could tell that they had gotten a look at the bull. As they lowered their binoculars, my guide looked at me and whispered, "As long as you can see his body and place the crosshairs behind his shoulder, I want you to take the shot."

I wanted to make sure I was clear so I responded by asking, "Do you want me to shoot even if I haven't seen his antlers?"

My guide obviously had a better look at the animal than I had because he responded with, "This is a great bull; just be ready." It was clear that as soon as I had a good shot, I needed to take it.

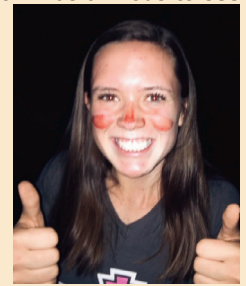
The bull was now moving at a rapid pace down the hill. It wasn't long before I saw my guide slowly raise his binoculars then turn to me and guide me in the direction I needed to look. I was quickly able to see the body of the bull and moved fast to get my crosshairs on him. As soon as I was comfortable and steady, "BOOM!" As I looked up from my scope, I could hear the animal running. He was moving at a slower pace and the longer he ran the slower he moved. It wasn't long before I heard the animal crash into the brush. I had made a good shot and my elk was down!

We all got up from our spots and started walking up the hill. I hadn't had a good look at the antlers so I was anxious to see just how big a bull he was. We didn't walk far before we came across the body of the sizable animal. This was the first time I had seen an elk up close and they are phenomenal animals! His antlers had great mass and lots of great character. We were all thrilled with the result. As I stood there looking at my elk, I began to get emotional. We had spent two years

working for this animal and all the hard work had finally paid off. I was also beyond thankful that my dad had given me this opportunity to experience and learn more about a different type of hunting.

My elk hunt continues to be the hunt we talk about and we hope to go back and do another hunt. The hard work and effort that went into the hunt and all the teamwork that was involved made it a unique experience. Colorado is definitely one of my favorite places to hunt because

of the beauty and story behind my Colorado hunting experience!



Navy Veteran Says Thank You, KYSCI!

By Roy Gray



In a letter to KYSCI, Roy Gray, National Director of the Kentucky-Indiana Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), sent the following message to our members: The best thing I believe about attending the PVA Bass Tournament was getting the opportunity to fly across the lake in a bass boat! I felt so revived and free being able to meet and greet so many Vets having a good time. I want to thank KYSCI for their support and for being a sponsor for the PVA. I thank you not only for being there for us, but also for being there with us. I had a great time fishing, and even though I didn't win anything, I can't wait until next year!

Night Hunting Coyotes In Kentucky

KYSCI CMP/Shooting Committee Technical Report

By Bob Edwards

Kentucky has recently added a night hunting season for Coyotes. This is a valuable opportunity to reduce predator impact on turkey nests, turkey poults, fawns, quail, rabbits, and many other ground nesting species. As Coyotes are not native to Kentucky and are an invasive species, they are new to our ecosystem and the only real predator to them is hunters.



SEASONS: Coyotes can be hunted year-round, day or night, but can only be hunted using lights or night vision equipment from Dec. 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021. A night hunter may use a rifle of 6.5 mm or smaller on private land from Dec. 1 – March 31. Shotguns using a multiple projectile load (slugs are prohibited) may be used to hunt coyotes after daylight hours from Dec. 1 – May 31 on public or private land. A night hunter shall not use any firearm other than a shotgun on public land. See KDFWR hunting guide or website for further regulations.

RIFLE: As stated above, Coyote hunters hunting at night on private land before March 31 are restricted to rifles 6.5 mm or smaller. I frequently use 5.56/.223Rem. at night, and .22-250 during the day. Any rifle capable of hitting a relatively small target at long distances should do the job. I have found it difficult to mount the night vision scope on typical bolt action rifles as the scope has a very short eye relief and has a rubber eyepiece designed to contact the shooter. I have found it easiest to mount the scope on AR-15 flattop platform rifles. Note that with the power pack, scope, illuminator, magazine, ammo, and bipod this becomes a very heavy rifle. I use a standard 16" carbine, but I plan to switch to 18" with 15" rail to allow enough room for the illuminator. The 16" just barely fits with everything really crammed in there.

SHOTGUN: As the 2020-night hunting season was limited to shotgun only, I concentrated on that. I used a Remington 870 pump action I had on hand, bought an older fixed choke barrel at a gun show, had it threaded and had forcing cone work done with the idea of making it pattern large (BB & #4 buck) pellets at long distances. Note that I left the barrel full length to keep it usable as a loaner / general purpose gun, this project would have probably been better with a shorter barrel. I had the firearm Parkerized and installed a Davis speed feed stock and forend I had on hand and sling swivels. With the scope, power pack, and illuminator, this setup weights a bit over 14 pounds! It is a lot to deal with, and works best out of a heavy shooting tripod. With the Custom barrel work and choke tube, it throws an effective pattern to 65 yards, possibly further.



SCOPE: True night vision scopes are very expensive. They

use an intensifier tube that amplifies ambient light about 64,000 times. The intensifier tube has a limited lifespan and performance will degrade with time and one day burn out. They are usually designed to only function at night, which limits usefulness and becomes challenging to zero in. While true night vision would be really fun, these obstacles were beyond what seemed reasonable for my application. I use a digital HD scope. The scope does not have lenses and light does not pass through it. The front is a CCTV camera, the rear a digital television monitor. It is computer controlled; the computer enhances the image based on available light. It can be used both day and night. As digital scopes do not have an intensifier tube, at night, they require a separate illuminator. The ATN X-sight scope has a number of other features, such as the ability to record shots, measure distance with one shot zero and many others. It will remember 10 zero points, so one can switch firearms and projectile weights. These scopes are priced similar to any quality hunting scope. The scope I purchased has a built-in mount. It can be complex to attach to some firearms. The manufacturer has redesigned the scope to use a more normal scope mount, which should assist with mounting to a wider variety of firearms.

THERMAL: Thermal scopes are quite expensive and highly effective. I do not have one, nor access to one, but cost aside, they would be a valuable tool to consider.

ILLUMINATOR: The illuminator is a type of flashlight that shines a light wave frequency that is largely invisible or completely invisible to humans and presumably animals. 850 nm infrared bulb lights can sometimes be seen by people (usually looks purple and very faint to me) and I think animals can see it. 850nm bulbs illuminate a wider area, brighter, and further. The illuminator that came with the scope is 850 nm and seems to be effective to about 200 yds max distance and not very bright.

940 nm bulbs are invisible to humans and I have never had any animal act like they noticed the light. I purchased a "Coyote Reaper" brand aftermarket illuminator with both an 850 nm and 940 nm bulb. It will light up about 600 yards with good enough clarity with the 850 nm bulb, about half that with the totally invisible 940nm bulb. This seemed to be a reasonable compromise of size/weight/distance/brightness. It is generally accepted that 940nm offers a 60% reduction in performance.

The illuminator comes with a ring that will allow it to be attached to a Weaver / Picatinny rail. For the shotgun, I obtained a mount from Sniper Hawg illuminators. It fit, was well built, and reasonably priced. For the AR-15, it will fit on a rail. I found mounting the illuminator to the scope was not as effective as it caused glare. Mounting it under the barrel and as far forward as possible seemed to be the most effective location. The illuminator I selected uses a rechargeable 26-650 lithium ion rechargeable battery that was included with a charger. It has never run down so I do not know how long it lasts on a charge but easily 8 hours.

POWER: This scope really uses up power! A set (four) of standard Duracell AA batteries lasts less than two hours, less if doing anything complicated. If one desires to only use the internal AA batteries, Kentli rechargeable seem to last a lot longer. The manufacturer recommends lithium or better. An external power pack is heavy and something else to charge and keep a cord for, but it will last about ten hours and frequently longer. I obtained a power pack from the manufacturer and a couple

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Annie Oakley Range Day

By Bob Edwards



The Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International is very excited to announce that beginning this year, the annual Annie Oakley Range Day event will be conducted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources! We believe with the Department's management, infrastructure, and promotional capabilities, this change will allow the program to grow into its true potential: introducing new female participants to hunting and the shooting sports across the state.

This event has always been provided to participants at no cost. The program has had no budget and was completely unfunded. Every instructor, every round fired, every clay bird broken and every item used has been provided by The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, The Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International, Academy Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Quail Forever, Long Run Sportsman's Club, Fern Creek Sportsmen's Club, and a number of generous area sportsmen. Our long-time partners at the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club have generously closed their range to members and hosted this event since it began. We have always considered this to be a stellar example of area



sportsmen and conservation organizations working together to do important work.

Rachel Crume, now Executive Director of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, was approached in 2008 by female co-workers who, knowing she had been hunting, asked Rachel to teach them to shoot a gun. Rachel, being aware of the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International conducting youth training and hunter safety card classes, asked if we would assist her. I recall there being about 15 women interested but by the time we conducted the class, that number had grown to about 40 participants. The next year it was about 80 and the program has continued to grow.

Over the years, the Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International has provided the use of the club's training rifles, shotguns, archery equipment and other range equipment with the new spinning bottle targets being a favorite! KYSCI also provided the Annie Oakley Range Day event with a page on our website where participants were able to register online on our website, and we provided the event with insurance.

KYSCI members Mike Ohlmann, Bob Edwards, Mike Maddox, Alyson Stamper, Louie Manion, Jim Austin, Derek Turner, Allen Gailor, Jim Warren, Sherry Maddox, Tom Hebert, Alice Monarch and many others over the years have safely instructed new participants in archery, crossbow, rifle, stationary shotgun, aerial shotgun and handgun training.

Our website now directs participants to the KDFWR Website for online registration. KYSCI members are certainly encouraged to contact our friend, Olivia Dangler, at KDFWR to volunteer to help or instruct.



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smaller ones like one might use for a phone.

TRIPOD: As this equipment is quite heavy and is not balanced at all, a shooting tripod makes it a lot more user friendly. A Bog death grip tripod is an easy to find, economical tripod. It did not support this equipment at all.

Really Right Stuff and Crux Ordinance are the good tripods, at about \$1500.00 - \$2000.00. They will easily hold 50 pounds but are quite heavy and very expensive.

I was eventually able to determine who produced the tripod for most of the better manufacturers, it is called Slik Pro 700, I bought one from Amazon, same with a ball head, not painted camo color resulted in saving a couple hundred dollars.

The ball head allows movement of the firearm in every direction. As it holds a lot of weight, I felt a large robust ball was in order. I selected a Fotga with a 45 mm ball.

I used a Hog Saddle pig saddle rifle cradle as it would attach to any normal tripod ball head directly or via a ball head. The cradle, having been designed for wide sniper stocks, when tightened all the way down, is still too loose for the 870 shotgun; it is just barely tight enough for hunting stocks on bolt actions. I add a layer of thin leather buckskin on either side for strength and to protect the finish of the firearm. The same manufacturer makes a Hog Saddle mount for the military which is aluminum and is lighter weight, but it will not close as tight as the pig saddle and costs twice as much. Kopfjager Reaper Grip is an alter-

native. I was unable to see one but I am told they are a solid choice as well and will clamp down smaller.

CALLING: As I am a terrible caller, I obtained a digital caller from Foxpro. I selected the second from the bottom of their line as it was on clearance, but this was probably not the best choice. I modified the caller to accept a more powerful remote speaker; one with better speakers would have been a better choice. They come with a large selection of call sounds and many more available for download.

With the recent improvements is economical equipment, getting well equipped to take advantage of the night hunting season can be done at a reasonable cost.

KYSCI Dove Shoot

Chapter Members & Guests

September 4, 2021

1:00 PM, EDT

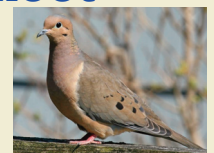
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More Than A Fundraiser

By Libby Gear

We all have a moral obligation as humans to take care of one another in times of need. Throughout our lives, we work to find purpose through our work as well as through our passions. Purpose is a relative term often used to describe the point when a person accomplishes predetermined goals or desires. For many people their goal is to leave a lasting impact upon others. Too often people spend their lives chasing distant desires, many times missing opportunities to serve that which is right in front of them. I am blessed to say that my passion for hunting and the great outdoors has allowed me opportunities to not only do something I love, but also to reach one of my goals of impacting people through it.

I am a proud member of the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI. Longtime family friend and personal role model, Alice Monarch, is someone with whom I have had the honor and privilege of working over the years. This past winter, Mrs. Monarch and I discussed possible ways I could contribute to the chapter's annual fundraising auction. I knew I wanted to be a part of the fundraiser in a meaningful way, I just didn't know how yet. After long discussions including how many more people were in desperate need because of COVID 19, we decided that I would donate an auction item, but rather than the proceeds going to the Chapter, all the money could go directly to a KYSCI sponsored charity, the Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry.

Hunters for the Hungry is a nationwide organization I have supported for many years, and I strongly believe in its mission. In addition to needing financial support, this worthwhile organization donates game meat to local families in need allowing people to, literally, have nutritious food on the table to which they might otherwise not have access. My family and I have donated to Hunters for the



Hungry in the past, and it is a true representation of how hunting can immediately impact people's lives.

It did not take long until we had my donation package ready. As the auction approached, I was anxious but more than anything, I was excited. Here I was participating in a hunting auction for a sport I absolutely love with the added bonus of making an impact while doing it. When the week-long auction began, I watched the bidding in anticipation. As each bid was placed, I was filled with a sense of pride knowing that the funds raised would be used to help those in need especially during this Pandemic year. As the price of my donated package increased, so did my excitement. By the end of the auction the amount had far exceeded my expectations. KHFH would receive a total of \$2555.00 as a result of the dedicated KHFH project. I was thrilled beyond measure knowing that as a chapter, we came together to raise money that would immediately help those in need! That money would help with the processing and delivery of donated deer that would result in hundreds of meals! People search their whole lives for that kind of feeling, and yet here I was joining my fellow chapter members experiencing it!

This experience taught me that opportunity is at our feet, and we do not have to look far for it. There are people who have needs

that we can meet right here in our towns and communities. It was truly an awe-inspiring experience when supporting what I love resulted in helping others. To some, this event might have been a routine yearly event, but for me, it was the opportunity to impact the lives of people in our local communities through the amazing sport of hunting. From the discussion phases through the planning stages to reaching our goal of helping others was an experience filled with new lessons and new memories, but most importantly, it taught me that when I answer the call to help, the opportunity enhances my life.

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