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Photos by Alice Monarch

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# President's Message

By Bill Hook, Chapter President

Having just finished a very busy Kentuckiana SCI fundraising weekend, I have been reflecting on the many hours of planning that our members spend in making the banquet happen. We have so many talented people in our organization who volunteer and spend many, many hours making our fundraisers the fun events that they are. I want all of them to know that their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to all of our members and friends who attended our fundraising banquet for it is YOU who really made this event successful. The success of our fundraiser allows us to continue the missions of our Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Weekend, which is complete with shooting activities and hunter safety programs; Hunters for the Hungry

Sponsorship, which provides thousands of pounds of fresh meat to needy people; Archery in Schools Program, which provides archery equipment for hundreds of local school children; and American Wilderness Leadership Training School Sponsorship, which sponsors local teachers/educators for a week of conservation training, just to name a few.

Also, we can never have enough articles for the upcoming issues of our **Kentuckiana Hunter Newsletter**. Please continue to send in your pictures along with a short story about your hunting adventures for our award winning newsletter. Editing of articles is always available.

Hunt often, hunt safe!



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## Cover Photos

Cover depicts South African Springbok. The male (ram) weighs up to 110 pounds, stands about 35 inches high, and is extremely athletic being able to run up to 60 mph, leap up to 13 feet high, and jump a horizontal distance of more than 50 feet. Springbok are well adapted for life in arid conditions and can go for months without drinking water. SCI recognizes 6 subspecies or color variations of Springbok.

## ANNUAL SAFARI WARM-UP!

*(aka... I'd just like to shoot my rifle & eat some barbecue day!)*

**WHEN: Saturday, June 1, 2013**  
*beginning at 10 A.M. (Central Daylight Time)*

**WHERE: Sam Monarch Farm,**  
*Breckinridge County (75 miles SW of Louisville)*

*Learn to shoot a rifle • Zero in your rifle*  
*Test your newest loads*  
*Practice for your Safari*

*Picnic style barbecue lunch served at 1:00 (CDT)*

*You are invited to enjoy a day in the country at the Monarch's Rifle Range. Targets & target grade .22 caliber rifles & ammo furnished for youth & beginning shooters. Experienced shooters bring your rifles & ammo & test your loads, zero your rifles, or practice for fun! Range out to 400 yards. Please call Sam at 270-756-5748 or 270-863-1922 or email at smonarch@bbtel.com for directions and to confirm a spot before May 25th so there will be plenty of food, targets, and ammo.*



# Of This Very Special Time & Place

By: Lowell Stevens

This past June, I travelled with my wife, Nancy, and 2 boys, Ivy and Slade, from Louisville to Johannesburg then on to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. We've probably had this trip booked for 4 years, having to delay due to hectic schedules and work, but it finally happened. We wanted to make sure we took the safari before the boys started college and summer jobs; we also wanted it to be a trip that the entire family would remember for the rest of our lives - a great conversation piece for family gatherings.

From the Port Elizabeth Airport, it was a 2 hour drive to Bedford, Eastern Cape, South Africa. There we stayed in a hunting lodge on the Craig Renne Farm north of Bedford on the road to Tarkastad in the rugged and beautiful Baviaans River Valley. For the next 10 days, we enjoyed wonderful hunting and hospitality with our hosts, Jan and Noel Ross, and our incredible professional hunter, Vlam Myburg of Madubula Safaris.

Madubula has been a great friend of the Chapter since the late 1990's, donating safaris for our auctions and hosting many of our members on a variety of hunts in Africa. I have personally known John, Lauri and Vlam since probably 1998 and always knew they would be the safari company to take my family and me on that lifelong dream of hunting in Africa.

Vlam chose the Eastern Cape and the Craig Renne Farm for us based on the variety of our desires, more than just being placed in game country that afforded record book species. We truly wanted to experience Africa, meet its people, experience its beauty, and become a part of a storied place for a brief period of time. We also wanted it to be a personal family experience with no other hunters or tourists.



Vlam, Ivy and Slade

The owners of Craig Renne Farm, Jan and Noel Ross, have a unique agreement with the other land owners along the Baviaans River Valley allowing each other access to their properties in the pursuit of specific species for hunting clients. This, in essence, opened up hundreds of thousands of acres of land we could hunt - with no high fences. Mountains rise up on either side of the often dry river bed, and there are crags and sheer rock faces lining the valley. The beautiful aloe ferox flower was in full bloom lining the hills and dotting the countryside with red. The valley is narrow in places and widens out in others.

Driving up the valley is like a drive through a game reserve with animals everywhere: there are Kudu, Springbok, duiker, monkeys, fallow deer, warthog, waterbuck, mountain reedbuck and the elusive vaal rhebok among many others. It is a valley where the indigenous people, the Khoi lived in peace for many generations, and where eventually they and Xhosa warriors clashed with each other and with the early Dutch and Scottish settlers. It was a place where the settlers entered with high expectation and hope but fought many wars and faced tough politics. Today however, there are many very successful farmers within the valley.

Other than Jan and Noel, our hosts, Vlam had with him Dennis and Nicholas to assist with the hunting. They were great, always taking care of us and the many usual things that hunters do such as skinning, packing and meat care. Also helping with lodge chores and



Lowell's Kudo

cooking were two Xhosa (pronounced Koza) women who lived on the farm. The food and hospitality was fabulous: our wakeup alarm was the gentle sound of a spoon clinking against a coffee cup as Vlam prepared our morning beverage and tiptoed in to set it by our bedside tables. With his cheery Dutch smile and his contagious exciting "Good Morning", how could you not wake with a tremendous spirit to start the day?

Our typical day began around 6:30 A.M. and we hunted all day, returning to the lodge right at dark. One really fun thing we did that reminded me of hunting ground hogs back home was to go "rock rabbit" shooting on the rugged cliffs around the farm. Rock rabbits are a lot like our ground hogs, but these small creatures are actually related to elephants - a difficult thought for us to put together. They were, however, meals much appreciated by the farm staff as we gave them what we collected.



Rock Rabbits

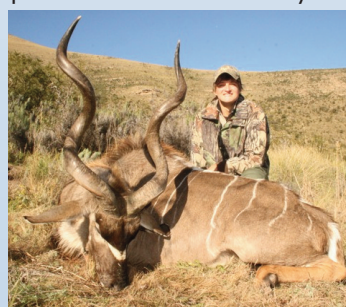


Lowell's and Ivy's Zebras

One evening, a good friend of Jan and Noel Ross's son took the boys night hunting for predators such as Lynx. Ross "Stix" Hoole, also a professional hunter, was his name and he helped on our Zebra, Impala and Springbok hunts.

Stix, who is in college, befriended the boys and they've kept in touch a bit since we've returned.

All in all we took 9 trophy animals, 5 of which were gold medals. The hunting was incredible, some stalks were easy, some were not. We stalked Slade's Kudu for 3 hours before getting into position for a shot. On my Kudu, Vlam actually set up a small



Slade's Kudo

drive using Dennis, Nicholas, Ivy and Slade to push the Kudu around the mountainside. The drive worked perfectly and after about an hour of waiting for the plan to come together, I took an easy shot at about 150 yards, exactly in the spot we had planned for the Kudu to appear. On our list was Zebra, Waterbuck, Springbok, Impala, Kudu, Mountain Reedbuck and

we took them all. Slade even got a nice Warthog as a bonus. Ivy's Southern Mountain Reedbuck was one of the largest ever taken.

The evening before our last hunting day, we were discussing what we wanted to do that next day and had planned our "Blue Bag" distribution as well as a visit to the home of Ernest Pringle, a South African scientist and lepidopterist (one



The Stevens with Mr. Pringle

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## Of This Very Special Time & Place

who studies butterflies and moths). We had taken all the animals we came for but I still wanted to hunt and we had an open morning. I had been reading about the indigenous Vaal Rhebok in the book "African Hunter II" by Craig Boddington that Noel had a copy of in the lodge. Craig called the Vaal Rhebok South Africa's greatest game. It is an extremely wary animal to hunt with keen eyesight usually living above 6,000 feet and only found in this region of South Africa.



Lowell's Vaal Rhebok

Shots had to be quick and usually at some distance. Craig actually hunted the Vaal Rhebok out of the same lodge in which we were staying with Noel as his PH, whose picture is in the book with a very large Vaal Rhebok that he personally guided Craig on. So after a little arm twisting from the boys, I said to Vlam, "Let's give it a shot. If we see one - fine, if we don't - fine; but if I'm going to shoot one, he needs to be a good one because of the expense and the fact that we have already taken everything we came for."



Ivy's Mountain Reedbuck

the shot were, "He's going to Kentucky!!"

That afternoon Nancy, the boys and I distributed our "Blue Bag" which you may have read about in the 4th Quarter issue of the *Kentuckiana Hunter*. It was a wonderful experience. We also

graciously accepted the offer of Ernest Pringle to come by his home and see the largest collection of butterflies in South Africa. Ernest had approximately 700 of the 800 species. Between him and his father, they personally have a number of plants, butterflies and beetles named for them. Ernest was an extremely interesting man talking to us for



Lowell's Waterbuck

over an hour on a variety of scientific subjects - the boys loved it! We even got to hold a fossil from the oldest mammal ever known that Ernest had found high on a ridge of his farm that was 250 million years old.



Slade's Warthog

One of the interesting facts he mentioned to us which answered the questions how can there be so many butterflies in South Africa and how can you find a 250 million year old fossil on top of the ground, was that South Africa is one of the few countries on earth that has

never been covered by ice or water - life abounds. Ernest's farm had been in the family since the land was settled in 1820.

On our return, we stayed at a place in Johannesburg that has also donated to our Chapter in the past, called Zulu Nyala Lodge. It's a great resort on the north side of town and close to the Lion Park, which we also visited and recommend. All in all, the trip was everything we had hoped for and even more than we had expected. Our family will have this to talk about for the rest of our lives; we also will have wonderful trophies that will remind us of this very special time and place. On most hunting trips, I usually take a book to read as I did on this one, but this trip was different - I never opened the book. It didn't matter: what did matter was that our family spent every minute being totally part of a place absorbed into a culture that has made an impact on our lives that will last forever.



## Food Plot Follies Choosing Your Food Plot Location

By Ed Morris

As anyone who reads outdoor magazines, views a hunting show on cable, or attends an outdoor

seminar, it has become obvious that food plots have become one of the newest "hot items" and guaranteed sure-fire ways to put that B & C buck on the wall. Granted, food plots, if prepared properly, will produce many positive results on your property or lease, but it is far from easy and far from guaranteed! Benefits include better nutrition for your deer herd, food sources during harsh winters, cover for small game, injecting certain needs back into the soils such as nitrogen, and finally, the opportunity for better hunting.

This is the first in a series of articles that will help you eliminate many of the common mistakes that folks make when they enter the food plot world. We won't spend a lot of time on the proper way to spray, disc, plant, etc, as you can get that information from many sources. QDMA has numerous books on their website to help anyone, from beginners to experienced land managers,

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### HABITAT IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST BY KDFWR

#### 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





## Food Plot Follies

### Choosing Your Food Plot Location

install food plots. This series of articles is to help you eliminate many of the learning curve mistakes that beginners will make.

Before you can spray the first week, disc the first plot, or plant the first seed, you must decide on the proper location. Food plot location is just like real estate... location... location... location. I understand that you might be limited to certain areas on your farm or lease, but we will try to address some of those issues as well. Without proper thought going into your choice of locations, all of that hard work and money won't do you any good in regard to the hunting aspect. The plots will still provide food and nutrition, but your chances of harvesting that trophy deer or a doe for the freezer will be greatly reduced.

The first thing you want to do is to become familiar with the adjoining farms and what agricultural or food plot types they are generating. Do they have 100 acres of corn or beans? Do they have out 30 acres of clover? Knowing what you are competing against and the locations of those sources are one of the keys in establishing your sites. It may not do you any good to plant a half acre of clover when 100 yards away is 30 acres on your neighbor's site. But if you are the only one in the area with sugar beets and turnips, then that is a different story. Deer are no different than you or I in that they like (and require) a variety in their food sources. We certainly don't eat at McDonalds for every meal and deer don't either. Variety and something different can be a really strong attractant for deer in those areas with heavy agriculture.

The biggest problem that I encounter with customers who have already installed food plots is access to the stand/blind that they will be hunting from. You do not want a food plot adjoining your main entry as you will spook the deer out of those fields when you come in. If you plant your plot by your entry gates or along the main access, then you limit those fields to evening hunts. What if you have a great location for an evening hunt but when you climb down at dark and the field is full of deer and your truck is on the other side of that field, how do you get to it without spooking all of the deer out of the field? It only takes one or two times to spook a mature buck and he will either find another place to feed or go 100% nocturnal. The key is to lay out your plots so that you can access and exit them without alerting the deer that are using them. We recommend that morning stands should not be on the food plots but on the trails leading from the food plots back to their bedding areas. Get in there early and wait for them to start leaving the fields. When you exit your evening stand, you need a clear path that will take you away from the feeding deer and not spook them. Go to Google Earth and print out your area and look at all points of entry and exit and determine what works best for you. Too many food plots are ruined for hunting by bumping deer.

In that same regard, install stands on various sides of each food plot and check the wind each day and utilize the stand that is downwind of the plot. You also need to realize where the bedding areas are that the deer will be traveling from and make sure you are not upwind of those as well. Never rely on a single stand, no matter how small the size of any food plot you have. If you only have one point of access or entry, there may be days that you cannot hunt that stand as the wind will alert the deer as well on your entry or exit.

There is only one other creature that loves a lush food plot more than deer. . . and that is a deer poacher. Poachers are lazy creatures by nature and do not steer far from the roadways. They will cruise the roads during the day looking for big clover fields, brassica plots, soybeans, etc, and then return at night and shine those fields. If your land allows it, never place a food plot along the edge of a road as you are just inviting poachers to come shoot the deer you have worked so hard to attract. The Conservation Officers from the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife will tell you that most poachers won't go far from their vehicle and almost never hike back onto property that is not accessible by a vehicle. Keep your gates locked and limit access for the times when you are not there.

If your only open land for a food plot is along a roadway, there are certain things you can do to slow down poaching. The first item is to plant a cover line of cedars or similar thick growing trees along the property line. We also recommend putting in about 10-15 rows of corn along that edge as well. This will help block visibility and make the poachers get out of their vehicles and push through the cover, which most of them don't like to do. The second thing to do is to install some trail cameras in lock boxes up in some trees facing the road and especially at an angle where you can catch a license plate if possible. Do not put cameras at eye level as they are too visible and too easy to be stolen. Take your climbing stand or a ladder and put them up 10'-12' facing down. The new cameras that feature "blacklight" or a no-flash work very well in these applications. The best cameras are those that instantly transmit a picture back to your cell phone or computer via a cellular hookup. You know instantly what is going on at your farm.

Another location issue that we see in a lot of instances are those plots that adjoin a neighbor's property. How many of you have walked your farm only to find a stand on your neighbor's property that is facing toward your food plot? You have worked hard and done a lot of work so you should be the one to reap the rewards. Just like not planting along the roadways, if at all possible, keep the food plots in the central part of your farm, away from property lines. Your neighbor might be a great guy and very ethical, but the folks he allows to hunt may not all be quite so trustworthy when that 160" 10 point walks into your food plot, 40 yards from his stand on your neighbor's place.

One more critical part of the location is the type of soil, drainage, etc. I have seen guys lay out a food plot but when they started, they hit limestone rock only inches under the ground. You need at least 12"-18" of good soil to grow a quality food plot. Severe slopes invite washouts during the planting and growing phase and you could watch all your hard work and money wash down the hill. Try to find a level area with a small grade to allow for drainage, with ample sunlight, and with good soil. These will all greatly improve your chances of a successful food plot.

It does not matter if you have the best soybean or brassica plot growing in the county. If you cannot access and exit it quietly, then it provides you no benefit in regard to your hunting success. It will still work great as a food and nutrition source, but you may not be getting the results as a hunter that you hoped for. If the poachers or neighbors are taking advantage of all of your hard work, then again, the plot has done you no benefit. Try to work on all of these items when you choose your location and you should have much better success.







# A Wife's Travel Story Spain And Portugal - August, 2012

By Ann Schell

So, what's a wife supposed to do when her husband purchases a hunt in Spain at the annual SCI Chapter banquet? Make arrangements and reservations for two, of course! Successful bids by Ivan for foreign hunts at previous Safari Club banquets had enabled me to join him on hunts to Africa (3 visits), New Zealand, and Alaska. Although we had traveled to Spain twice previously, we were eager to return.

First was the perfunctory check list: Passport, International Drivers' License, Exchange Money for Euros, Electric Adapter, Data Plans for Phones and I-pads (This is imperative. Roaming charges can be in excess of \$1,000 without it.)

- Investigate travel insurance (SCI lists partner company on its website)
- Consider whether international global rescue plan should be purchased (for health reasons, from remote areas, and SCI partners with Global Rescue)

Come along and I'll share some of the most interesting aspects of our tour starting in Spain.

## MADRID:

- Palacio Real (Royal Palace)  
(very opulent and used now only for state occasions)
- Parque del Retiro  
(leafy paths and avenues/boating lake/rose garden)
- Plaza de Armas  
(suits of armor for men and horses)
- Arte Reina Sofia  
(modern art and home of Guernica Picasso's famous painting of the horrors of the Civil War)
- Plaza Mayor (17<sup>th</sup> century square used in the past for bullfights, trials, and executions)



Palacio Real



Parque del Retiro



Roman Bridge



Plaza Mayor

## SALAMANCA

While at the hunting lodge near Salamanca, we were treated with tours of the surrounding areas by our outfitter, Alfonso:

- Roman Bridge  
(built in 1<sup>st</sup> century that retains 15 of original 26 arches)
- Plaza Mayor (18<sup>th</sup> century)
- Cathedral Vieja  
(12<sup>th</sup> century but on the front façade recently renovated stone)
- Masons have added not Biblical nor allegorical figures/ representations but among other figures an astronaut and a devil eating an ice cream cone)

## CIUDAD RODRIGO

• Occupied by the French during the Spanish War of Independence (1808-1814) besieged for two years prior to falling to the Duke of Wellington's forces; evidence of shellfire most prominent on the cathedral front



Ciudad Rodrigo

## DEHESA RIVIDA

• Producers of Iberian hams-A tour of the pig processing business co-owned by Alfonso's father, bringing much prized hams to market (acorn fed pigs [200 Euros per pound] much more expensive than corn fed. Hams are sold with feet on, so that consumer can recognize the higher quality of the black feet.)



Iberian Hams

## PORTUGAL

• On to Portugal by rented car with an English-speaking GPS -no borders within the European Union, new highway system with excellently marked directions and NO highway advertising signs



**AVEIRO**

- Colorful, decorated boats on the central canal
- Salt pans (mentioned in the will of a countess in 959)
- "Painted houses," really tiled houses, in geometric shapes and colors provide a charming venue along the coast



Central Canal



Tiled Houses

**LISBON** (Our car's GPS system announced "reprogramming" too many times [we were going wrong way], so we used the I phone GPS with a blue bubble showing us exactly where we were and successfully negotiated the one way, narrow streets.)

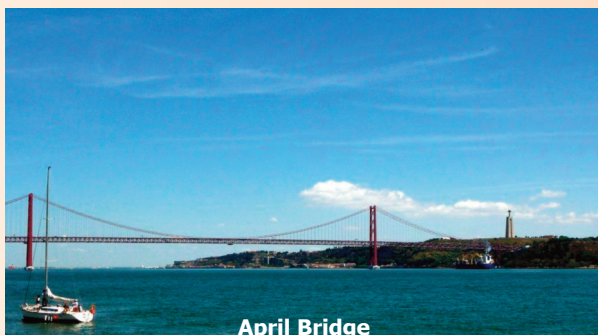
- Monument to the Discoveries built in 1960 to commemorate the mariners, royal patrons and those who participated in the rapid development of the Portuguese empire, and those people are standing on sloping lines on either side of the monument (including Vasco de Gama)

- 25<sup>th</sup> of April Bridge (so renamed to commemorate the revolution of 25 April 1974 which restored democracy to Portugal) across the Tagus river was inspired by the Golden Gate Bridge

- Gulbenkian Museum (named for a wealthy Armenian oil magnate to house his stunning, magnificent collection of art. He lived in neutral Portugal during World War II, and on his death in 1955 bequeathed his vast estate to the Portuguese, also supported other cultural activities)



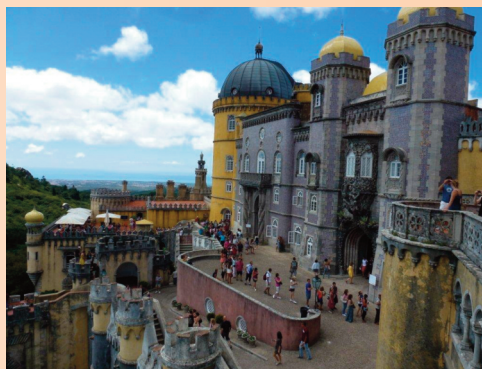
Monument of the Discoveries



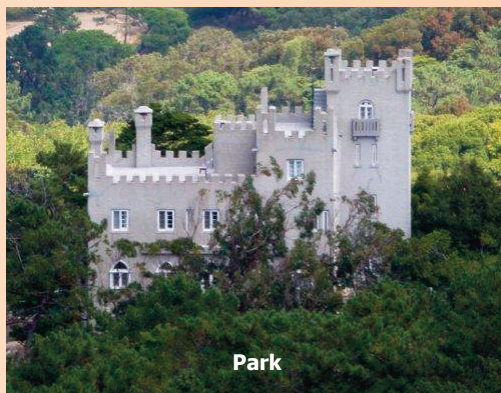
April Bridge

**SINTRA** designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1955

- Pena Palace an eclectic, extravagant, water-colored 18<sup>th</sup> century artistic wonder, atop a hill
- Lush park with battlements



Pena Palace



Park

Back to Spain, **SEVILLE** with horse drawn carriages, palm trees, a vibrant city

- Seville Cathedral - Tomb of Columbus - largest cathedral in Europe with work beginning in 1401 and completed a century later

- Real Alcazar—royal palace with a part still in use today by the Royal Family, with beautifully landscaped gardens. Moorish architecture with glazed tiles, mostly in geometric patterns

- Hotel Alfonso XIII



Cathedral



Alcazar



Real Hotel Alfonso XIII

RETURN TO MADRID VIA RENFE fast train (2 hours with a snack) and HOME VIA ATLANTA

- Upon our return, I assembled a book at [www.mypublisher.com](http://www.mypublisher.com) and received it a few days later. Wonderful memories!!



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**PROTECT  
YOUR RIGHT TO HUNT!  
SUPPORT OUR 2ND ADMENDMENT!**



**Renew your  
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MEMBERSHIP  
today!**

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502-253-9679 or [explorer111749@aol.com](mailto:explorer111749@aol.com)

## KENTUCKIANA CHAPTER SCI

### Annual Chapter "Top Gun" Sporting Clays Championship

*Mark your calendars now!*

**Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Indian Creek Gun Club**

The Chapter Member with the highest score will receive the 2013 "TOP GUN" Award!

The cost for 100 targets is \$25.00.

Call Bill Hook at (502) 814-5710 (days) or (812) 944-7826 (evenings),  
no later than Wednesday, May 8th to reserve a shooting position.

[bhook@mainstreetwealth.net](mailto:bhook@mainstreetwealth.net)

**When:** Saturday, May 11, 2013 (As always, GUESTS are welcome!)

**Time:** 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Sporting Clays Shoot

**Where:** \*Indian Creek Gun Club, Georgetown, IN (812) 951-3031

\*Directions: From 1-64 West take exit 118, and turn right onto State Road 64. Go approximately 6 miles to Gun Club Road. Turn right onto Gun Club Road. Indian Creek Gun Club is 2 tenths of a mile on the left.

### NEVER SHOT SPORTING CLAYS BEFORE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY?

What is Sporting Clays? Patience... Precision... No, Exhilaration!!

Sporting Clays is often described as "Golf with a Shotgun!"

Unlike trap or skeet, Sporting Clays targets are thrown at a variety of trajectories, distances, angles, speeds and target sizes that simulate actual live-bird hunting.

If you have never shot Sporting Clays but have always wanted to try, we invite you to an "Introduction to Sporting Clays" event to be held May 11th at Indian Creek Gun Club. Become familiar with this great sport, the types of guns used, & the layout of a Sporting Clays course. Guns, ammunition, targets, & instruction provided by the Chapter. Feel free to bring a friend!

**WHEN:** May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 **TIME:** 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** Indian Creek Gun Club, Georgetown, Indiana

For reservations, please call Bill Hook at 812-944-7826

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday,  
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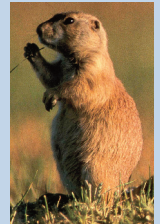
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## ANNUAL PRAIRIE DOG SAFARI

### "Let's Go Hunting"

By Mike Maddox



There is still time to get in on the annual Kentuckiana SCI Prairie Dog Safari! 5 remaining spots are available on a first come, first serve basis for hunt dates with Rebel Ridge Outfitters in Syracuse, Kansas. The hunt package includes 3 hunting days and 4 nights lodging for \$650 per person. All food is extra with lodging having kitchens to fix meals. Arrival date is **June 9th** with shooting on the **10th, 11th, & 12th** and departure on the **13th**.

There will be a few folks going from Louisville and can coordinate a convoy if desired. The drive will be a long day, however; Mike Graham and I plan to make it a two day trip each way.

The club is also co-hosting a "Warm Up Shoot" at Sam Monarch's farm on Saturday, June 1st. Sam's shooting range is perfect to sight in for those 400 yard shots. Prairie dog hunters and other hunters/shooters are welcome!

Please contact Mike Maddox at [mmaddox13@me.com](mailto:mmaddox13@me.com) or call 502-235-0924 for information and reservations. A \$325 deposit per man is required by the outfitter in advance.

Note: I went on this shoot last June and the dogs were plentiful as the outfitter has a variety of fields to shoot. Our accommodations were very good. There are a few restaurants in the town of Syracuse, Kansas; however, they roll up the sidewalks at 7:00 PM. Also a GPS navigation devise is required.

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# WHAT IS CITES?

Introduction by Sam Monarch

CITES, an acronym for the “Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species” of wild fauna and flora, is an international agreement between member governments intended to ensure that the commercial exploitation of wild animals and plants does not bring about their extinction. The concept was conceived and advanced in 1963 at a meeting of the World Conservation Union. The formal CITES agreement was adopted by 80 countries, called members or parties, on July 1, 1975.

As of March 1, 2013, there are a total of 177 participating countries. A meeting of the participating countries was recently held in Bangkok, Thailand for the purpose of reviewing the status of the wild fauna and flora which has been subject to commercial exploitation. The results of that meeting are summarized below.



## A Report On The 2013 CITES Meeting

Report by Rick Parsons - Submitted by Sherry Maddox

The meeting raced ahead of schedule and all of the issues of interest to SCI and the SCI Foundation concluded today [March 13, 2013]. They are all in the win column!

- **Lion** - Prevented any bans or reductions of trophy exports and got agreement for CITES to wait for conclusion of ongoing lion review by range countries before coming to conclusions about the status of the species. However, in individual discussions with a couple of SCI reps, the Secretariat flatly stated to “watch out and expect a full frontal charge for listing lions at the next COP.”

- **Polar Bear** - Defeated U.S. proposal to list polar bear on Appendix I (endangered).

- **Rhino** - Defeated Kenyan proposal to ban white rhino trophy exports from South Africa, assisted in adopting measures to end the poaching while avoiding burdensome regulation of legitimate hunting.

- **Elephant** - Achieved movement toward a non-political mechanism for deciding whether elephants can be sustainably used by range state through sale of ivory from stockpiles of tusks from natural elephant mortality.

- **End unilateral import bans on species like the cheetah and black rhino** - Achieved progress toward a series of mechanisms designed to move the U.S. and European countries away from their practice of banning otherwise-legal trophy imports:

- **Livelihoods**: don’t interfere with hunting programs that benefit local people and promote wildlife conservation

- **Multilateral measures**: Use the mechanisms of CITES and international cooperation instead of simply refusing to allow imports of legal trophies of cheetahs, black rhinos, etc.

- **Trade policy reviews**: Avoid unilateral national policies that interfere with conservation hunting programs of other countries.

- **Achieve good science without destroying hunting and conservation** - Achieved reasonable non-binding guidelines to promote the required scientific “non-detriment” findings for CITES permits and got more realistic programs for assisting developing countries to find the resources they need to do the job.

- **End hassles for hunters importing their trophies** - Got changes to the import permit and tagging system for leopards and elephants that should bring uniformity and the rash of seizures on shipments coming into the U.S.

**NEXT MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA?** South Africa will be making a bid to host the next CITES meeting in two to three years. A decision will be made tomorrow. [Decision announced: South Africa will host CITES Meeting in 2016.]

**LIONS, RHINOS AND ELEPHANTS LIKELY TO DOMINATE.** The lion status review will conclude by this time next year. Elephant and rhino poaching are still at high levels. South Africa has opened the door to consider legalizing trade in rhino horn as a way of combating the illegal market and the poaching. Several African countries are sitting on valuable stockpiles of elephant ivory from natural mortality and seizures of illegal ivory shipments. These renewable resources could be used to meet the need for funding for conservation measures and anti-poaching programs. We harbor no illusions that it will be easy to get agreement to allow the use of these resources. It will be a tough fight but could yield substantial benefits.

# SCI Blue Returns to the Karoo

By Sam Monarch

A reasonably observant visitor to southern Africa soon becomes aware of two facts. First, Africa is truly blessed with an abundance of natural resources, a vast variety of wildlife, and tremendous agricultural potential; and second, that the vast majority of the native people are desperately poor. Not poor by United States standards where a small television screen and a 5 year old car are signs of poverty but real poverty where a child never has socks or shoes that fit; where children rarely receive medical care, preventative or otherwise; where water is carried from a stream or public water spout; where many families still



cook over an outside fire; and food, when available, consists of boiled cornmeal (called Putu) and little else. Alice and I and our grandsons, Tom and Clay, were deeply saddened when we witnessed firsthand this life without hope. When we learned of the SCI Blue Bag Program which encourages hunters to take humanitarian goods to needy children around the world, we wanted to be a part of this great humanitarian effort. In 2011, Tom, Clay, Alice, and I took 3 SCI Blue Bags to the children who lived on the Julian & Martisan Theron Farm in the Karoo Region of South Africa. At that time, there were 33 children of the native farm workers who lived on the Theron Farm. After learning that we would be bringing Blue Bags, Martisan and her daughter-in-law, Mandie, held a huge "birthday" party for all the farm children. The party was complete with cakes, doughnuts, candy, soft drinks, decorations and balloons. I will never forget the smiles of joy on the children's faces as our boys began distributing the gifts of crayons and coloring books, crocs, socks, gloves, hats, shirts, and much more.

South Africa's winter begins as our winter ends; consequently, taking advantage of the clearance sales, our gift of \$600 went a long way toward acquiring necessities for all 33 children. It is worthy of note that the native families who live on the Theron Farm, though extremely poor, live much better than the vast majority of their kindred as the Theron workers live in homes with running water, flush toilets, and electricity, luxuries unknown to the majority of native families. When Alice and I planned our March 2013 return trip to the Karoo, an SCI Blue Bag was automatically included in our plans. Via e-mail, Martisan and Mandie advised that South Africa's economic situation had continued to deteriorate and that because of a major increase in South Africa's minimum wage for farm workers, there were now fewer families, thus fewer children, living on the farm. Unemployment among the native workers is around 50% and even higher in the cities.

They suggested that we bring gifts to Merriman Elementary which was attended by the local farm children. Remembering the joy we had seen in the children's eyes when receiving gifts, we put together an "overweight" Blue Bag with clothing for children plus all the school supplies that space would permit. Delta Airlines graciously waived the excess baggage fee for the charity bag, but, ironically, the South Africa Airlinck hit us up for an additional \$50 to take the bag from Johannesburg to Bloemfontein.

Our last day in the Karoo included a visit to Merriman School where the principal, Mrs. Susan Theron (no relation to our hosts), greeted us very warmly and introduced us to the children. The children beamed as the gifts were taken from the bag and shown to them with the promise that they would be distributed later. The only gift which Alice and I personally handed to the children was a new soccer ball which was immediately put into play. As the children broke for lunch, the principal and I enjoyed a long talk. The school had 3 teachers, including her and none of them had been paid since December. Many of the very limited school supplies had been purchased by the teachers out of their personal funds. The kitchen for the school consisted of two "dish pans" in which to wash dishes and the stove was a type of hot plate. The school receives the equivalent of 19 cents per child per day to feed the children which leaves a menu of putu (ground corn) or a hard bread-like roll as the only option. Mrs. Theron told me that many of the white farmers in the area would, from time to time, give them a sheep or a goat or a springbok to add to their putu, and during the growing season, the same farmers would also donate vegetables for the children.

I asked what would happen to the children if the school was forced to close due to a lack of funds and she advised that she did not know. The other schools in the province were in the same shape. I asked if there was insufficient tax revenue to operate the schools and she very hesitantly advised that a lot of money came into the province from the South African government; however, school money was managed by province school administrators. After the administrators paid their rather large salaries and awarded very lucrative contracts, there was very little money left to educate children.

All of this points to the immeasurable value of the SCI Blue Bag Program. We must pray that at some point the political and the resulting economic situation in the African countries will improve, but until things improve, the gifts which we as hunters take to the children may be all they have to look forward to. When you plan your safari, think blue - SCI Blue! Information about the SCI Blue Bag Program can be obtained by calling SCI and asking for Humanitarian Services.

