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World Record Springbok Alive & Well

Photo by Izak Theron

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President's Message

By Mike Maddox, Chapter President

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This quarter has been real busy for the chapter with our participation in the "Anne Oakley Range Day" at the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club and our membership meeting and "KYSCI Day in the Country Picnic" that was held Saturday June 24th at Alice and Sam Monarch's farm in Breckinridge County. Both events were a big success.

The Anne Oakley event had about forty ladies in attendance. All attendees had an opportunity to participate in pistol, rifle, shotgun and muzzleloader shooting training. Archery was also added to the event giving a chance for archery instruction.

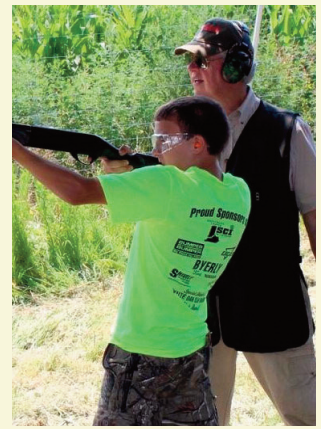
The Day in the Country picnic was also a huge success. The days leading up to the event were full of rain and storms that caused a lot of concern for continuing on schedule. The weather broke and Saturday turned out to be an absolutely perfect day! We had the usual archery, rifle range, tree stand and turkey calling stations open and this year, we had a shotgun station equipped with the clay thrower set up. Fishing and corn hole throwing were again a hit with every age group with the hit of the day being the absolutely delicious meal with fried chicken, smoked pork and chopped mutton for the main course, along with baked beans, green beans, hash brown casserole, cold slaw and dinner rolls. The desert selection was outstanding. No one should have left hungry! I can't express enough gratitude to Sam and Alice for opening up their beautiful farm and hosting the picnic. I know it took a tremendous amount of work on their part, but I am sure everyone had a great time.

We now are getting ready to host the annual Youth & Apprentice Hunter Education Program on July 15th at the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club. This is our largest education program to teach

and develop skills in hunter safety and shooting disciplines as well as allow those qualifying to complete their Hunter Orange Card certification process. Please direct anyone interested in attending the event to our www.kentuckianasci.org website to sign up for the apprentice event or reach out to me and I can provide assistance and answer any questions. I can be reached at 502-235-0924.

This year our chapter has leased some fields to host a dove shoot at the proving grounds just north of Madison, Indiana. The food crops are planted and the rain seems to be doing its job. With a little luck, we can draw enough birds to have a successful hunt. The shoot will be "opening weekend", Saturday, September 2nd and will start at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendars! We should be able to accommodate up to 50 shooters so get your reservations in quickly once we confirm we have enough birds to hold the event. **Look for a mid-August announcement.** The fee will be \$10.00 per person and children under sixteen years of age will be free with an accompanying adult. The fee includes a cookout after the shoot. **NOTE:** This is in Indiana and all appropriate rules apply per the Indiana Department of Fish and Wildlife for in and out of state license.

These are just a few of the signature events our chapter holds. We want to invite members to participate whenever possible and to also bring a guest and introduce them to our great membership and enjoy the fellowship of each event.



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About The Cover

Shown on the cover is a South African Springbok ram. Springbok inhabit the more arid regions of Southern Africa and is Africa's most abundant antelope (estimated at 2,000,000+) and is arguably Africa's most popular antelope being designated as South Africa's national animal.

The Springbok is a remarkable animal capable of living its entire life without drinking water and is extremely athletic being capable of running at more than 50 mph and leaping great distances.

The vast migrations of yesteryear no longer exist due principally to human habitation. The South African Springbok depicted on the cover lives on the 140,000 acre farm owned by KYSCI supporter, **Jules of the Karoo Safaris** (see www.julesofthekaroodsafaris.com) and is known as the "Judge".

The "Judge" is believed to be the largest springbok alive in the world today having been captured and measured at 50 2/8 inches. The current SCI world record is 48 4/8 inches.



Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI Honors KENTUCKY CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR

By Bob Edwards



Col. Coffey, Maj. Carrier, Janis Bohner, Sgt. McIntosh (this year's recipient), Mike Maddox, Tom Hebert and Cpt. Heady

On June 28, 2017, the KYSCI was pleased to host an enjoyable lunch meeting for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Dallas Shikar Safari at the Audubon Country Club in Louisville. The main purpose of this meeting was to present the annual "Conservation Officer of the Year" award to this year's recipient, 2nd District Conservation Officer Sergeant Scott McIntosh.

Presenting the award for Dallas Shikar Safari was Janis Bohner with her husband, Chris. Shikar Safari supports wildlife conservation through grants and scholarships and by recognizing those who protect wildlife.

Colonel Rodney Coffey, Law Enforcement Director for the KDFWR, Shane Carrier, Assistant Director of Law Enforcement, 2nd District Cap-

tain James Heady, a past recipient of this award, and this year's recipient, 2nd District Conservation Officer Sgt. Scott McIntosh were present representing the KDFWR.

Chapter President Mike Maddox, Treasurer Sherry Maddox, Director Bob Edwards, Director Tom Hebert, and Chapter Members Janette and Mallory Richards represented KYSCI.

The Department takes this prestigious award very seriously. Award winners are selected based on a variety of factors, including job knowledge, skills and judgment; dedication and professionalism in investigation and follow-through on cases; and cooperation with other officers, agencies and constituency groups. The vetting process to receive this award is quite lengthy and difficult, with one officer from each of the nine districts being nominated by their peers. A panel of the Captains from each district then selects one of the nine semi-finalists and the Director of the Department then verifies the winner. The winning officer's name is added to a plaque at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Salato Wildlife Center in Frankfort, Kentucky. Recipients also receive an award plaque and a pin that becomes a part of the officer's permanent uniform. The officer is also awarded an immediately payable life insurance policy.

Our Chapter strongly supports Kentucky's Conservation Officers in the difficult and often dangerous work they do, protecting our state's natural resources and us, the sportsmen of the state. We were honored to be a part of this event.

4-H Shooting Sports Receive Firearms From KYSCI

By Angelia M. Wheatley, General Manager
Breckinridge County Herald News –



Kentuckiana SCI Director Sam Monarch and Chapter Members Alice Monarch, Allen Wheatley, Kenny Whitworth, Jared Whitworth, Shannon Morton and State Representative Dean Schamore proudly pose with 4-H County Extension Agent Alex Bryant, 4-H Shooting Sports Program Coaches and several members of the Shooting Sports Team who are holding their new firearms.

The presentation of 12 new firearms valuing over \$4,700 to the Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports Program was Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Breckinridge County Extension Community Building. Members of the Kentuckiana Chapter of SCI were thrilled to present these firearms to the coaches and members.

As a federally licensed firearm dealer Mr. Monty Quinn, owner of Ace's Gun Shop in Hawesville, accepted delivery of these firearms on behalf of the KYSCI and the Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Monty did the required FBI background check and transferred ownership of each firearm to the Breckinridge County Shooting Sports Program without charge.

Some of the stocks on the rifles will need to be modified so as to fit the younger and physically smaller shooters. Mr. Greg Gabel of Hardinsburg, a local custom stock maker, has agreed to provide this service to the Breckinridge County 4-H Shooting Sports Program without charge.

Firearms Arrive at
Ace's Gun Shop



KYSCI Members and Coaches Present New Firearms



Conservation Corner

Kentucky's Wild Turkey Population: Past, Present, and Future

By Zak Danks, KDFWR
Grouse & Turkey Program Coordinator



Introduction

Kentucky's wild turkey flock and its management have undergone drastic changes over the last 60+ years. Restoration efforts from 1978 through 1997 established local populations throughout the Commonwealth. Today, turkeys are present in all 120 counties, offering Kentuckians a resource to hunt, photograph, and simply enjoy. This article provides a summary of the past, present, and future concerning wild turkeys in Kentucky.

PAST: Restoration

In 1946, the only known population of wild turkeys in the state was on what is now known as the Land Between the Lakes (LBL) in western Kentucky. In 1954, the statewide turkey population was estimated at just 850 birds. Restoration skyrocketed in 1978 with the release of 4,313 turkeys from Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin. In 1981, Kentucky began within-state trap and transfer efforts. Collectively, Kentucky's turkey population was restored with the release of 6,760 turkeys on 430 sites.



The late Mr. George Wright was the architect of our successful restoration effort. As KDFWR's turkey program coordinator from 1978 to 2002, he orchestrated multi-state, multi-species trades (involving deer and otter) that brought us the progenitors of our modern-day turkey flock.

Hunting

Kentucky's spring hunting season expanded to all 120 counties in 1996 and 13,505 birds were harvested. The fall season opened statewide in 2001 with a harvest of 223. George Wright's goal – to harvest 3,000 turkeys per year by 1990 – was exceeded with an actual harvest in 1990 of over 10,000 birds.

Wright is rightfully credited with setting a sensible season structure that has served hunters and turkeys well. Our 2-bird bag, 23-day season, and mid-April opener struck a balance between hunter opportunity and resource conservation. This opening date helps protect gobblers from harvest before they have a chance to breed and protects hens from illegal kill. While hunters may miss the early peak in gobbling activity in late March and early April, gobbling often picks up as the season progresses, overall opportunity is still extremely good, and impacts to the population are minimized.

PRESENT: Current Population Status

Kentucky's turkey population numbers approximately 330,000, with populations strong in most regions of the state. Brood surveys conducted since 1984 indicate that reproduction has declined steadily – a trend observed in other southern states. Over the past decade, production has leveled off. Habitat, predators, and weather generally influence reproduction year-to-year. In 2008, the emergence of 17-year cicadas across the eastern two-thirds of Kentucky nourished turkey poults as well as the many predators that otherwise would have depredated them, leading to high recruitment of young birds into the population.

Spring Hunting

Kentucky's annual turkey harvest increased from 44 in 1978 to over 18,000 by 2000. Our record-high spring harvest in 2010, at over 36,000 birds, was a product of bumper poult production in 2008 fueled by the 2008 cicada emergence mentioned above. High recruitment led to a huge standing crop of two-year-old gobblers on which Kentucky turkey hunters capitalized. Since the 2010 peak, spring harvest has been stable, averaging over 31,000. The 2017 spring harvest was 33,061, the third highest ever. Harvest exceeded 200 birds in 82 of 120 counties. Across KDFWR's 5 Wildlife Division Regions and 9 Commission Districts, harvest trends are stable. Ten-year trends show harvest is stable in 72 counties, increasing in 31 counties, and decreasing in 17 counties.

Fall Hunting

Unlike some states, Kentucky does not have a strong fall turkey hunting tradition. Our fall harvest increased from 223 in 1996 to 5,751 in 2009, but has decreased since. High years occur during poor mast crops, when turkeys feed in fields, increasing their susceptibility to harvest. Last fall's harvest of 2,606 was on par with 2014 (2,633) and 2013 (2,671) and were better than most years.



FUTURE: Projections

Given the stability of our spring harvest, our moderate fall harvest, and our conservative season structure, and assuming we maintain the current season structure, it is reasonable to expect continued population stability. However, we could break the record harvest sometime in the future.

CONCERNS

Declines in Reproduction

The long-term decline in reproduction is troubling, but not new or perhaps even unexpected. One hypothesis is a concept

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

known as density-dependence, which proposes that population growth proceeds until a threshold, known as "carrying capacity", is reached. As turkey densities approach carrying capacity, per-capita by hens decreases. Fewer hens find quality nesting cover and lose their nests to predation or other causes.

Inappropriately-Timed Spring Seasons

Populations have declined in several states, particularly those in the deep south, many of which have earlier and longer seasons and more liberal bag limits. The risk with early seasons is that most gobblers will be harvested before hens are bred. Many biologists blame early seasons for declining harvest.

Hunters often suggest earlier opening dates, but moving our season earlier is not wise in light of declining populations and hunt quality elsewhere. Kentucky's population stability likely indicates an appropriately-timed season – one that we should maintain in the face of uncertainty elsewhere.

Disease

Hunters often speculate that disease must be impacting populations. Veterinarians and disease researchers have identified many diseases that occur in turkeys, but very few are thought to have population-level impacts. Research is underway in neighboring Tennessee as part of a multi-year study that

is evaluating blackhead disease, or histomoniasis, in relation to commercial poultry litter spread on fields as fertilizer. Disease monitoring must be a part of turkey management efforts in the years ahead.

Habitat Loss

Over the past decade, acreage in row crop (grain) production increased with historically high commodity prices. Marginal land once idled and ideal for turkey nesting and brood-rearing cover was lost to production. Acreages enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) have declined over the past decade, particularly in some counties with declining harvest trends. Without "usable space," nests and brood losses are inevitable.

Management Goals

Kentucky has been blessed with a great turkey resource. At present, the KDFWR turkey program recommends maintaining current hunting seasons to sustain populations in the face of uncertainty and to preserve hunt quality.



**THE KENTUCKIANA CHAPTER OF SCI WILL HOST
OPENING WEEKEND DOVE SHOOT & COOKOUT
FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS & GUESTS**

WHEN: September 2, 2017

Dove Shoot: 1:00 PM, EDT Cookout: 6:00 PM, EDT

WHERE: Madison, Indiana

COST: \$10 Per Adult Shooter to Help Cover Expenses
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NEED: Game Bird Stamp
Indiana Hunting License (resident/nonresident)
Plug in Shotgun

Space Is Limited – To Reserve a Spot, CALL or E-mail:

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August 19, 2017 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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July 15th 2017

at the Fern Creek Sportsmen Club
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June 24, 2017: A Day Of Days For Everyone

By Robin Elmore

Great weather following a monstrous rainy Friday night made for another successful KYSCI Day in the Country Picnic. On this day, KYSCI and Alice and Sam Monarch were co-hosts to more than 70 KYSCI friends and family at the Monarch's lovely farm outside Cloverport, KY.

Keeping with tradition, there were activities for everyone. My son, Seth, and several others fished at the two ponds on the farm. Seth and his friend concentrated on landing a trophy bass at the small farm pond near the barn while others were hoping to land a monster catfish in the pond near the picnic pavilion. My son ended up with a four and half pound large mouth bass caught with a basic worm jig. Mary and Randy Phelps and Kathy Ohlmann and her grandchildren and many others caught impressive catfish that were caught and released for future enjoyment. Many of the children who joined the fishing fun were all smiles because the catfish action was hot and heavy!

Other children tried their hand at the archery range under the skillful guidance of our archery coach, Tom Hebert. While several archers were already veterans with their bows, many youngsters pulled back their bow and let their first arrow fly that day. I am hopeful, as are the Monarchs, that this activity will spark an archery interest in them that will last their entire lives. Tom was very impressed with the archery efforts of all the youngsters.

The Monarchs diverse property offered many off-road courses for ATVs and UTVs and hikers. There was a graveled trail for every skill level and type of machine. I have to brag on the attention and responsibility of all those who participated in off-roading. Everyone had a great time through challenging terrain with no incidents that are often associated with such activities. I must also mention the courtesy each had for their fellow drivers as well as the respect all other attendees had for the beautiful farm and the land itself. All should be proud of the slight footprint left on the property.

Mrs. Alice, as always, was the hostess with the mostest. Ever cordial, always a lady, and with a better delivery history than Federal Express, she insured that everyone got to his/her selected activity with ease and on schedule.

For those who deemed themselves worthy, the day offered shooting activities under Judge Monarch's close and careful watch. For those scattergun lovers, Mike Maddox and Shelby Shelman, were there offering shotgun shooting tips with private practice and expert instruction with pointers from Shelby. These shooters had the benefit of a day of instruction that many have paid a high price for and, hopefully, those shooting tips will pay off during the upcoming bird seasons.

For rifle shooters of all ages, the farm offered ranges out to 400 yards with a luxurious shooting arrangement offering a covered pavilion with benches set up for left or right handed shooters and padded seats. Judge made sure that safety was first on his range and that his safety rules were followed. We could all learn from his attention to detail; we are lucky to have the benefit of a shootist like Judge Monarch as it appeared that everyone's shooting improved.

During the day's activities, Dave and Joyce Cook spent much of their day taking photos and preserving memories for all of us while many picnickers chose to try their luck at corn bag toss while others relaxed in the shade and enjoyed each other's company on what turned out to be a picture perfect day. A short business meeting gave Chapter President Mike Maddox the opportunity to say thank you to some and to recognize others.

Regardless of anyone's interest in the outdoors, everyone was united by the evenings banquet. If anyone left hungry, it was his/her own fault. The fried chicken and trimmings menu offered by Little Dave's Restaurant complimented by Moonlite Barbecue and topped off with smoked pork prescribed by Mike Maddox and prepared by Judge personally. I enjoyed the mutton and barbecued smoked pork and barely had room for the banana pudding and pecan pie. My husband, Charlie, had the mutton and all the sweets he could find while the rest of my crew tried a bit of everything.

As the evening came to a close several picnickers had the opportunity to ride RTV's on the gravel farm roads while others jumped in and helped clear the area. Regardless of the activity, a good time was had by all! We cannot wait until next year. Thank you for having us!



“LEGAL BRIEFS”

By Ivan Schell, Esquire



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

As I write this column, the country is responding to yet another misuse of firearms, this one by a Bellville, Illinois man who opened fire on a Republican congressional baseball practice, injuring Congressional Majority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana and several others. I mention this only in the context of pending legislation of interest to our members. This includes the Hearing Protection Act of 2017. This bill was introduced in the House as H.R. 367 and in the Senate as S. 59. These bills if enacted would be complimentary to the 42 state statutes which permit possession of suppressors and the 40 states including Indiana and Kentucky, which allow suppressors for hunting. The proposed statute would provide that suppressors would still be treated as a firearm for background check purposes and felons could not legally possess them. All individuals who purchased suppressors prior to the date of enactment would be able to apply for a refund of the \$200 tax. Although the House probably has the votes to pass the legislation, the Senate still requires 60 votes which will now be more difficult to obtain. Congress of course is otherwise distracted by various issues and the legislation has not moved in either house since January. If you want a suppressor you would be wise to pursue obtaining one under the existing rules unless and until Congress moves forward.

KENTUCKY PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Bear hunters are the big winners under the new regulations being proposed by KDFWR. Under the new regulations non-resident hunters will be allowed to purchaser bear hunting licenses for the first time. These licenses will run \$250 and are good for all seasons except chase and take seasons with dogs. In addition the legal bear hunting area has been increased from 16 counties to 47 counties in the Eastern tier of the state. Finally, the season limit is increased to 50 bears from 20 bears.

There will now be three bear zones, each of which will have their own seasons and limits. Zone 1 is Bell, Harlan, Letcher and McCreary Counties. Zone 2 is Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Leslie, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne and Whitley Counties. Zone 3 is Adair, Bath, Boyd, Carter, Casey, Clark, Cumberland, Elliot, Estill, Fleming, Garrard, Greenup, Lee, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe Counties.

Archery-crossbow season runs for 7 days beginning on the third Saturday in December in zone 1 (5 bears max (2 females)) and zone 2 (10 bears max (4 females)). Modern gun seasons runs seven days beginning on the third Saturday in December in zone 1 (5 bears max (2 female)) and zone 2 (14 bears max (4 females)). Dog chasings season runs for 14 days from the third Saturday in October in all zones. Zone 1, three bears max (2 females). Zones 2 and 3, 8 bears max (3 females). Muzzleloader season runs for 9 days beginning on the second Saturday in December in Zone 3 (this is the same as the muzzleloader season for deer, so hunters could kill either or both) Five bears max (3 females). Each hunter gets only one bear per season. There were 920 licenses sold in 2016.

There is also a new elk permit available for land owners and leasees who allow elk to be captured and removed by KDFWR (elk restoration permit). The landowner gets 2 points for each male captured and one for each female captured. A total of 20 points is required for the issuance of an either sex elk tag.

I will let you know if these are adopted as final regulations.



Roasted Beet Salad

Submitted by: Joyce Cook

A great salad for hot summer nights!

6 medium beets w/greens
5 T olive oil
¼ c chopped chives
½ c thinly sliced red onion
3T red wine vinegar
salt & pepper
½ c candied walnuts
½ c crumbled feta cheese

Trim 6 medium beets; reserve the greens. Rub the beets with olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Wrap individually in foil and roast at 350 degrees until tender, 1 to 1½ hours; let cool. Peel (using rubber gloves) and cut into wedges. Cook the beet greens in boiling water for 3 minutes; drain, squeeze out excess water; cool, then chop. Toss beets and greens with sliced red onion, chopped chives, olive oil and red wine vinegar; season with salt and pepper. Top with candied walnuts and crumbled feta cheese.

Experiencing Africa!

By Suellen Whitworth



Africa is called the "Dark Continent". That and the fact that this mysterious land has all kinds of wild animals were about all I knew about Africa until May of this year. I was asked to relate my experience of going on an African safari from a woman's perspective, but probably even more relevant is the fact that I wasn't just a female, but one who has never shot a gun!

When I married, I was introduced to hunting aficionados. I would watch my hunters as they excitedly prepared for each hunting season and would rejoice with them as they proudly brought in a 10-pointer or a beautiful turkey, but this was different! My husband, Kenny, was going on an African safari and asked if I'd like to go too. I anxiously said yes, but as the date drew nearer, there were a few lingering doubts. Even friends who knew me questioned, "Aren't you scared?" "What are you going to do?" They knew the only shots I'd ever taken were snapshots!

Let me see if I can describe this fantastic country with just a few of the great experiences that stand out in my mind:

Johannesburg – It is a beautiful, progressive city. From the **Intercontinental Hotel** at **Tambo International Airport** to the luxurious **Palazzo Hotel** with its elegance and three-rooms-of-food-buffet, Johannesburg was welcoming. Of course, it helped to have Anne Gaines-Burrill and her wonderful crew from **Hunter's Support** meet us, get us through the South African Customs, and anticipate our every need before we even spoke of it.

Safari - The actual safari at Rooipoort with **Madubula Safaris** was the highlight. Professional Hunter Vlam Myberg and his crew were exceptional! The first night, Vlam drove me out to see the giraffes that were drinking nearby. That was amazing, but nothing had prepared me for the next afternoon when I actually went out with the hunters. The land was lush and gorgeous. The animals,



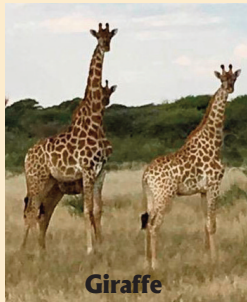
Plazzo



Safari Dining Room



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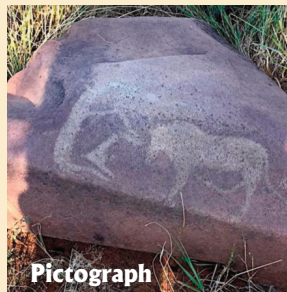
Eland



Sable



Gemsbok



Pictograph



Safari Bedroom

which we saw by the hundreds, were splendid in their natural habitat. The sunrises and sunsets each day were breathtaking! I also must admit the thrill that I felt when I actually saw Kenny take the gemsbok and Cape eland in the same afternoon. I was beginning to understand the thrill of the hunt! It was also a pleasure to watch the skill of not only PH Vlam, but also of his crew of spotters and trackers. It is truly an art in action as they do what is necessary to keep the balance of nature.

Food – It was exceptional!! Safari cook, Beatrice, did her magic three times a day. Everything melted in my mouth! We ate blesbok, kudu, gemsbok, wildebeest, and eland. Our favorite was the eland, but all were great. From fresh salads to homemade breads to divine desserts to grilled meats, everything was superb!

Extras - We also had the privilege of seeing the ancient rock carvings (pictographs) on the De Beer Diamond Mine land; the Big Hole in Kimberly, which produced 14,504,566 carats of diamonds; the Lesedi Village, which is a cultural heritage village depicting 5 different indigenous tribes. Full of enthusiasm, color, and crafts, their history and music was phenomenal. And last, just staying on the Cecil John Rhodes property where history was made was great!

In conclusion, I can say that in a bit less than two weeks' time, I no longer see Africa as the Dark Continent. I now see it as pure gorgeousness – the animals, the sunsets, the sweeping savannahs, and yes, the people! They are the friendliest people and are always smiling! It seems as if I were also always smiling while I was there! I encourage you to get to know Africa, too!

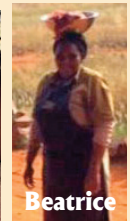


Sunrise

The Kimberley Mine	
DISCOVERED 16 th JULY 1871 BY FLEETWOOD RINGSTORNE	
DIAMONDS PRODUCED	14 504 566 CARATS
EQUIVALENT TO	2722.0
GROUND EXCAVATED	22 500 000 t
DEPTH OF HOLE	215 m
DEPTH FROM SURFACE TO WATER	174 m
DEPTH OF WATER	41 m
ORIGINAL DEPTH OF OPEN CAST WORKING	240 m
ORIGINAL DEPTH OF UNDERGROUND WORKING	1097 m
WORKING CEASED	AUGUST 1914



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Beatrice

New Zealand Adventure

By Dave and Crystal Noem



As a taxidermist, I have a real good idea of where to hunt because of handling the trophies you Kentuckiana SCI members bring back; consequently, I had no hesitation bidding on the Clarence Valley, New Zealand hunt with Shirley and Steve Millard at last year's KYSCI banquet. Sam and Alice Monarch and their grandsons, Tom and Clay, had a great adventure with Steve and their trophy red stags, tahr, fallow deer and Arapawa sheep were all outstanding!

Based on the trophies we'd seen and the stories we'd heard, my wife, Crystal, and I knew it would be a great time and a great hunt, but we had no idea of the adventure that lay ahead of us. About a week before our trip, Shirley had emailed that two cyclones were headed for New Zealand and they were worried things might be a rainy mess for us. This was on top of their having had a 7.8 earthquake in November where the fault line was literally 300 yards from their home. We were going on a much needed vacation and told Shirley not to worry that we could camp in a tent if need be. "We're easy: don't worry about that stuff," I commented.

Driving to their farm, we saw what an earthquake of that magnitude could do. The bridges were all slightly damaged so only one car at a time would cross a bridge. Once in the Clarence Valley, we turned off the paved road! The bridge to the Millards had been destroyed so we had to drive through the river in the Toyota Land Rover about 150 yards in water up to the hood because the two cyclones had dumped heavy rain the week prior.

Next, we took the back way, which they called a paper road, a 5-mile one-lane road that wound around the side of the mountain, but the Millard's home was set in the most beautiful scenic valley we have ever seen. The view from their home is as good as it gets! Their backyard has orange, lemon, lime and mandarin trees and a passion fruit vine and grapes growing right off the deck. Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, the red deer and chamois I saw were incredible.

From their home, we could see the fault line in the valley that had changed the flow of the river. There are white-faced rock mountains where the dirt was shaken from the steep slopes along the fault. The ground had shot up 25 feet in a split second that November night and shook Steve and Shirley for 3 minutes throwing them around into the air, 3 feet off their bed.

It was interesting to see the earthquake aftermath, but we were glad we had missed that event but the signs of what happened were everywhere. Their home is now



Neighbors House

2 inches out of level but that was as lucky as it got in the valley. We saw a neighbor's house that was shaken 3 feet off its foundation and there were cracks in the

ground that were as wide as the 4-wheeler tires. The community had come together and all were trying to get their lives back, and our coming to hunt was a step in that direction.

I don't know if the flying requirements for firearms are finally starting to wear on me or if I'm just getting old, but this was the first time I had left my rifles at home for a hunt as I had decided to use Steve's rifles. That first evening, Steve and I went to sight in his rifles and after a while, we heard a roaring sound 500 yards off as a huge fallow deer chased does around. I had had no interest in taking a fallow until I caught a glimpse of him! I could tell he was a whopper even from 500 yards away!

I was still in my traveling dress clothes, dress socks and (which I hate to admit) my camo crocs. Steve asked if I wanted to try to get that fallow then! I couldn't say no, so off we went! It was all I could do to keep up with Steve in a pair of crocs and dress socks on the steep hillside in the wet muddy mess left by the cyclones. Not one of my brighter moments, but YES, I was having fun! Now, I was on vacation!

Obviously, the gun was sighted in just fine. I hadn't been there an hour and I had the biggest fallow deer I had ever seen on the ground and Crystal hadn't even made it out of the house! Shirley had told her that our last shot was on the other side of the mountain, and that we must be after something. She knew we were already up to no good, and we were, but we did not miss dinner. The meals Shirley created were better than we could have dreamed. The first night, we had 21-day aged beef so tender we could have eaten it with a spoon. Lamb roast was on the menu for the next night, and for those of you who don't like lamb, New Zealand lamb tastes nothing like what we have in the US: it's heavenly!



Dave's Fallow Deer

With me already having a fallow, Crystal's animal to hunt was a red stag and after a few days of chasing them



Crystal's Red Stag

around, she dropped a nice one with 25 points scoring 341. It had a 16-inch broken tine (which I will replace when its mounted I'm told) that just kept it from making SCI gold medal.

My main animal to hunt was a tahr but since the roads were all jacked up from the earthquake, getting from their house to the tahr hunting area at the bottom of the South Island, would take 10 hours down, 10 hours back and only leave one day to hunt. It was too much of a gamble so Steve recommended hunting a chamois from a helicopter on the other side of the mountain. Steve inquired, "Would you like to do something like that?"

My response was, "Hell, Yes!" I had always been interested in a helicopter hunt for hogs but this was even better! Steve arranged the helicopter for the next day and

yet another adventure was in motion. Joe, the pilot, had flown timber out of New Guinea most of his life and was the best helicopter pilot I have ever flown with! Actually, he is the only pilot I have ever flown with!! We removed the doors from the helicopter as Joe proceeded to give me the very serious safety instructions about helicopter blades and bullets! I wasn't interested in buying helicopter blades so I took everything to heart. Then the last thing he said as he lifted off was, "Just don't PANIC and you will be fine!" What a funny guy!!! Ha! Ha! ... Ha...

Joe, Steve and I were soon headed for the tallest dark, black rock colored mountain in the distance. Once there, we flew over the mountain peak, turned sideways and looked down a thousand feet, which had me worrying about my seat belt! We started looking for chamois in the cracks and crevasses. They hid better than I had imagined. After 30 minutes, we spotted 2 chamois and Joe put the helicopter into position for a shot but the chamois stretched their front legs forward and rolled sideways into a crack and vanished! They had been 30 yards in front of our eyes and now, they were not visible! They had seen this helicopter rodeo before! Now, I thought, "Look out chamois, the game is on!"

The next hour we spotted a few and passed about 12 chamois before we saw a potential shooter. It was a female but none of us could tell on the horn size because of the dark rocks behind it. It was very hard to see horns against the black rocks of the mountain and when we got close enough to see them, they took off running.

I was using Steve's Remington R-15 223 with the scope twisted sideways to send the empty rounds down away from the helicopter blades. Then another chamois that looked nice took off running down the mountain. Joe spun me around on my side for a shot and thank goodness, I dropped it where it stood. It was in the perfect spot for a 200-yard tumble off the cliff!



Dave's Chamois

This is where Steve really earned his pay! Joe positioned Steve as close as he could to jump out of the helicopter onto the steep slope. Then Joe lowered the helicopter on top of Steve so he could hook the rope to the belly of the helicopter and tie the other end to the chamois. We had to fly to a flat location in order to take pictures and load the trophy.

I forget to tell you that the electricity was off for 5 days because of the two cyclones. The generator ran at night so none of the comforts were lost on this trip. The electric company would fly helicopters around to locate the power outages and then send out crews for repair. They located our problem, a pole on top of the hill 600-700 yards from the valley, which had snapped the line during the high winds of the cyclones.



Helping The Power Company

Steve has a nice jet boat with a corvette engine and the power company asked if he would use his boat to help them get the power line across the river. So being very self-sufficient, Steve took his dozer through the manuka trees and made a new boat ramp in the rushing water. I joined Steve and we put the

boat in to help the power company hook up the power for everyone in the valley. We tugged on the line so a come-along could be placed on the line, tying it to rocks and a toppled concrete pole that was now in the bottom of the valley. Finally spliced together, we let loose of the line and it shot up 80 feet in the air crossing the valley again.

Steve also has amazing dogs for hog hunting and cattle herding. One night we had a chance to go hog hunting with his dogs on his neighbors farm of 15,000 acres. In no time the dogs



Dave With His Red Stag

had three hogs, which are also non-indigenous and considered pests, at bay and we used a knife to take them. There are no shortages of hogs and wild goats there!

I wasn't planning on taking a red stag BUT we saw a huge one running up the valley as we were driving back toward home one afternoon, so we planned our attempt to get a shot at it. We had to wait him out as the sun began to set in front of us. We were looking into the sun, watching the other side of the hill when he finally appeared from the manuka trees. The sun was so low and right in our faces that I could not see anything through the scope. This was not a good time to figure this out!

I took Crystal's hat right off her head and pulled it down low to block the sun over the scope and I was just able to make out the stag browsing in the brush and went for the shot. Steve's 7mm slapped him hard and down he went. It was 22 points, heavy and wide, scoring 325 SCI. Looks like Crystal out shot me once again but he's a real beauty and a real score fooler being so wide. He is the only red stag I have seen that is perfectly balanced. I didn't think it was possible.

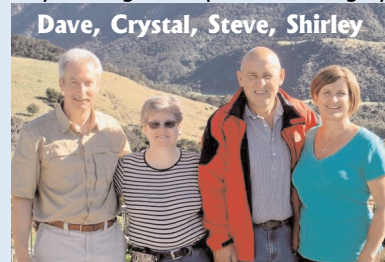
The last animal I hunted was an Arapawa Ram that is the oldest sheep on the island. I didn't want one at first but the longer I looked at these critters running around, the more I talked myself into taking just one more trophy as they are only found in New Zealand.



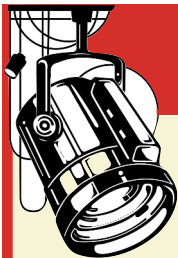
Dave's Arapawa Ram

Yes, we will be going back next year to hunt Rusa deer on the north island. With a little more money and time, we might even get that tahr that was on the top of my bucket list. Whatever we hunt while with the Millards, I know we will be having one outstanding time hunting, eating and being with true friends.

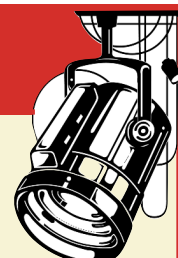
No matter what you hunt or where you go, always stay flexible and hunt what is best in any given area to make your hunt a huge success and it will always be a great trip. We both highly recommend hunting with Steve and Shirley Millard of Clarence Valley Trophy Hunting in New Zealand. What A Trip! Thank you, KYSCI for giving us this opportunity to have this great New Zealand adventure!



Dave, Crystal, Steve, Shirley



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Annie Oakley Range Day

By Bob Edwards



Rachel Crume, a Kentuckiana SCI chapter member, was approached by female coworkers who knew Rachel had been hunting, and asked if she would teach them how to shoot a gun. That was in 2008! Rachel, being aware that our chapter conducted youth training and hunter safety card classes, asked if we would assist her.

I recall there being about fifteen women who were interested in what has since become known as the "Annie Oakley Range Day" event. By the time we conducted that first class, the number had grown to about forty participants. The next year, the number was about one hundred and the program has continued to flourish.

Our chapter's partners at the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club have generously closed their range to their own members for the day and hosted this event since it began. We begin each class with a brief whole group safety and general range etiquette class and then we separate the participants into groups of about 15, and divide them among the archery, crossbow, rifle, stationary shotgun, aerial shotgun, and handgun ranges. Each training segment lasts about 55 minutes.

KYSCI provides use of the chapter's training rifles, shotguns, archery equipment and other range equipment. The new spinning bottle targets have become a favorite! KYSCI members Mike Ohlmann, Bob Edwards, Mike Maddox, Alyson Stamper, Louie Manion, Jim Austin, Derek Turner and Jim Warren instructed the archery, shotgun and handgun segments.

Members of the Fern Creek Sportsman's Club, Quail Forever, Long Run Sportsman's Club, Today's Well Armed Woman, and other area sportsmen, along with indus-

try employees from Gun Sports Firearms, Academy Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Point Blank indoor range provide additional instructors.

This event is provided to participants at no cost. The program has no budget and is completely unfunded. Every item used is donated by The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Kentuckiana Chapter of Safari Club International, Academy Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and a number of generous area sportsmen.



We have tried from the beginning of the program to utilize as many female instructors as possible. We believe portraying the shooting sports as being accessible to females is an important part of the event's purpose, and that female instructors are a visible and impactful part of conveying that confidence-building message. This year, we had female instructors at the rifle, handgun and archery stations.

KYSCI also provides the Annie Oakley Range Day event with a page on our chapter's website, participants are able to register online on our website. The Annie Oakley Range Day event has a Facebook page, featuring photos from this and past years and comments from the many participants. I encourage everyone to visit that page to find out how participants say the event impacts their lives.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 15, 2017 - Youth Apprentice Hunter Education Program
 - Fern Creek Sportsman's Club
 - Contact - Alyson Stamper - alysonstamperoutdoors@gmail.com
 - Registration - www.kentuckianasaci.org
- August 19, 2017 - Top Gun Championships
 - Also Learn To Shoot Sporting Clays
 - Indian Creek Gun Club - Georgetown, Indiana
 - Contact - Bill Hook at 812-944-7826
- September 2, 2017 - Chapter Dove Shoot
 - Madison, Indiana
 - Contact - Mike Maddox - mmaddox13@me.com - 502-253-9679
 - Contact - Jim Warren - jimandmjw@aol.com
- January 31 - February 3, 2018 - SCI Annual Hunter's Convention
 - Las Vegas, NV
- February 10, 2018 - KYSCI Fundraiser Banquet
 - Contact - Larry Richards lw577nitro@twc.com

To Join or Find Other Outdoor Friends Events Contact:

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