

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

CANADA ALBERTA

October 2001. Ross E. Starner of Gardners, Pennsylvania booked a hunt with **Poplar Ridge Outfitters** near McNalley Lake, north of Fort McMurray. Harvey McNalley guided Ross to kill a 6 foot 8 inch black bear using his .338 Winchester with Federal high energy ammunition 225-grain Trophy Bonded bullet. At 25 yards, Ross used his Swarovski scope PH 1.5 - 6 x 42, Swarovski SLC 10x42, a soft seat for the tree stand (a must), and bug repellent. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions, dry and warm. Air, Boat, and ATV transportation." *Personal highlights:* "The number of bears (27) and their size (six bears were six footers, two of the six bears were above seven feet). Also riding the ATV three to four hours a day with Harvey to restock bait areas, which allowed me to see which baits had activity before the evening hunt." *Comments on performance of guide:* "I enjoyed my hunt with Harvey and Judy McNalley. I stayed at the main lodge, the food was great, and I had access to a shower on a daily basis. Harvey did an excellent job of keeping the bait in front of the bear. The drop-off and pick-up at the stand was done by ATV or boat. Riding the ATV was a great adventure."

Cost of hunt: \$3,921 (\$2,800 for the hunt, \$175 for the licenses, \$196 GST, \$350 airline ticket, and \$400 miscellaneous)

SASKATCHEWAN

May 2005. Doctor Richard P. Boyanyi of Grafton, Ohio booked a hunt with **Stewart Creek Outfitters** in the North Fort Pierce-White Gull area of Saskatchewan, Canada. Walter Holliday guided Richard to kill a black bear. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Wet and cold conditions. Vehicle/ATV transportation." *Personal highlights:* "I shot a large black bear at seven yards and there were two other bears around me the entire night, which caused a lot of anxiety." *Comments on performance of guide:* "The knowledge of the guide and his equipment were excellent. He definitely knew the area and the game. The facilities were nice and the meals were excellent."

Cost of hunt: \$2,000

UNITED STATES ALASKA

From April 18-May 1, 2005, Alex B. Wilcox of Westcliffe, Colorado booked a hunt with **Kodiak Guides** on Kodiak Island, Alaska. Jim Bailey, the outfitter, guid-

ed Alex to an 8 1/2 foot bear which he took with his .375 Remington Ultra Mag. and 270-grain Barnes Triple Shock bullets. At 107 yards and with the help of Alex's Leupold VX-III 2.5x8 scopes and 10x waterproof binocular, he obtained his brown bear on the ninth day of his hunt. Alex notes the trophy animals were "abundant" as he saw "nineteen bears in nine days of hunting! The closest was a 7 1/2 footer at 20 yards." *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Nice cabins with heat and showers. Conditions were wet for the first week, and then dry the second, but, overall, mild weather." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Great personality. Gave 110 percent constant effort. Really knew the area and how to hunt. The most open and friendly outfitter I have ever been with." *Personal highlights:* "One of the best hunts I have ever been on. The outfitter and his staff were extremely helpful, thorough, knowledgeable, and knew the hunt area well. They made me feel at home. I was treated as a friend versus just a client. Before the hunt, I worked out regularly and walked a lot. It paid off in the end by my being in good physical shape. I worked hard for my bear."

Cost of hunt: \$14,325 (\$12,500 + \$1,325 native fee + \$500 bear tag)



Horne's black bear

September 2004. Donald Horne of Odem, Texas booked a 5 day hunt with **Glacier Guides, Inc.** in the southeastern region of Alaska. Alisha Rosenbruch Decker guided Donald to an 8 foot 1 inch American black bear using his .375 H&H Sako rifle with 300-grain bullet and 2-8 Leupold scope. Donald expected to take his black bear at 100 yards but, instead, took the bear at 60 with one shot. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions were dry. Air and boat transportation." *Comments on performance of guide:* "The guide, who is the outfitter's daughter, was well-qualified and knew her animals and area exceptionally well. She left nothing

undone and took very good care of me as a hunter. I rate her excellent as both a guide and a friend—anyone would be lucky to be guided by Alisha." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Excellent in every way—equipment, personality, hunting area, accommodations and friendship. Food was excellent too!" *Personal highlights:* "I was able to see beautiful countryside and lots of high-quality game. I met other hunters who were also outfitters and their entire families were all in hunt mode. We all had a great hunt and a wonderful time!"

Cost of hunt: \$5,900

TEXAS



Gilman's blackbuck

September 2002. Troy Gilman of Henderson, Nevada, booked a hunt with **Gary Wright Texas Adventures** in Bandera, Texas. Gary Wright guided Troy to his blackbuck, which he took with his Remington .30-06 and Federal 160-grain soft points. Troy glassed and shot his blackbuck at a surprising 160 yards, but, instead, had expected between 100 to 250 yards for his kill. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions were dry. Vehicle transportation." *Comments on performance of guide:* "What can I say, Gary was great!! He knew where to go and at what time of day. We both took trophy animals and had to work to get close to them. Gary is a terrific judge of animal size at any distance. Our hunt was first class!! I would recommend Gary to anyone looking for a great hunt with all the comforts of home." *Personal highlights:* "I personally enjoyed the entire experience. It was awesome to see such a diverse number of wildlife. Of course, my highlight was taking the blackbuck Friday morning. I enjoyed Gary's knowledge of each species and its origin."

Cost of hunt: \$300/day, plus trophy fees

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How To File A Hunt Report

SCI maintains a file of reports about outfitters, guides and hunting conditions. Members are invited to review them before booking their hunts by the Trophy Records Department at SCI Headquarters (520) 620-1220. This service is free to National, International and Chapter members who are, in turn, asked to contribute to the database by submitting detailed reports of their own hunts. SCI accepts reports of hunts taken by SCI members only. Reports

submitted by non-SCI members will not be accepted. Because of the volume of hunt reports received every month, *Safari Times* is unable to publish every report. However, all reports will be filed in the Trophy Records Department for member review.

Use only the official SCI Hunt Report forms. Report must be original, and must include the SCI member's signature and membership number. (For forms, write Hunt Reports, Safari Club International, 4800 W. Gates Pass Rd., Tucson, AZ. 85745.)

Send a separate report for each hunt. Reports are filed

for future use by other members. Put the hunt date on the form, along with the date that the report is submitted. Fill in all the blanks.

To be considered for use in *Safari Times*, photos must be good quality prints of trophy-class animals. Please do not staple. Use paper clips to attach pertinent hunt data such as your name, outfitter name, species, hunt date, trophy score, etc. on a separate piece of paper. Or use a gummed label to affix to back of photo. Never write directly on a photo. Photos cannot be returned.

WASHINGTON



Finney's California bighorn sheep

September 2004. Steve Finney of Stockton, New Jersey, booked a fourteen-day hunt with **Tucannon Outfitters** in Washington State. Craig Martin guided Steve to his California bighorn sheep with his 7mm mag. and 165-grain Nosler Partition bullets. At 150 yards, and with the help of his Zeiss binoculars, Steve took his bighorn sheep. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions were dry and hot. Vehicle transportation. *Comments on performance of guide:* "Craig Martin had done an excellent job of scouting before I arrived and was thoroughly familiar with the area. He was great to hunt with." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Craig Martin was also the outfitter and he was an excellent hunting partner. We got along fantastically." *Personal highlights:* "The scenery was spectacular down into the Grand Coulee Dam area. Though not the longest shot, it was one of the most difficult. The ram was running uphill at 150 yards and I like to shoot kneeling."

Cost of hunt: \$3,500

MEXICO
SONORA

January 2002. Bill Mills of Ontario, Oregon booked a hunt with **Campillo Brothers** in Sonora, Mexico. David May guided Bill to take a 127 7/8 Coues deer using his .300 Weatherby David Miller Marksman rifle with 168-grain Sierra hand loads. Bill used Swarovski 15x56 binoculars and Dave May used 15x60 Zeiss binoculars along with a Leica spotting scope and Leica rangefinder. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions were dry. Vehicle transportation." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "I have hunted with several different outfitters in Mexico, particularly in Sonora, and I feel Campillo Brothers are the very best for accommodations, etc. I have hunted with Campillo Brothers for six years." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Hunting with Dave May was unforgettable. He is probably one of the premier Coues deer hunters in the southwest today. I may not have been as successful without his guidance and help." *Personal highlights:* "The thrill of hunting Coues deer—they are such a challenge! I was also thrilled with the success of taking such a beautiful trophy!"

Cost of hunt: \$3,200

EUROPE
AUSTRIA

June 2005. Barbara Sackman of Sands Point, New York booked a hunt with **Kahles** in the Schneeberg area of Austria. Mario Brettenthaller guided Barbara to kill a



Sackman's roe deer

roe deer. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions, wet and cold. Vehicle transportation. *Personal highlights:* "Kahles went out of their way to make this a very special hunt. Every consideration was accounted for and was very much appreciated and enjoyed! It was planned and executed with the typical precision expected! *Comments on performance of guide:* "Excellent! Albeit, conditions were cold, rainy, windy, and there were flurries in June – he was very good!"

Cost of hunt: Sables Auction Item 2004

AFRICA
ZIMBABWE

June/July 2003. Austin "Sam" Barber booked a fifteen-day hunt with **Chinyika Safaris** and **Russ Broom Safaris** in Zimbabwe. Stanley Elliott, from Chinyika Safaris, and Darren Chowles, from Russ Broom Safaris, guided Austin to take all sorts of animals including a sable, eland, zebra, kudu, impala, warthog, civet cat, wildebeest, and the cape buffalo using his .375 H&H Magnum Winchester Model 70 with Barnes's copper 300-grain, Triple-Shock X bullets. At 50 yards, Austin used his Zeiss 8x30 scopes and Steiner 8x22 binoculars to see an old bull "slow to a standstill, look back up at me and slowly shake his head from side to side." Austin notes trophy animals were "abundant". *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions were dry (and wet some of the time). Air and vehicle transportation. *Comments on performance of guide:* "Both PH's were exceptional! Their knowledge and respect for the flora and fauna was outstanding. Both Elliot and Chowles made both camps and hunts unforgettable!! Both guides were indeed gentlemen and passionate for the hunt." *Personal highlights:* "We sat around the campfire that night and relived the successful tracking and taking of the magnificent buffalo. It had been an unforgettable hunt of a lifetime for me! It was indeed gratifying to participate in the delivery of a very large quantity of meat to the local village of families and a mission hospital the following morning."

Cost of hunt: \$11,000

PACIFIC/OCEANIA
AUSTRALIA

July 2004. Andy Martisak and his wife, Trudy, of Klamath Falls, Oregon booked a hunt with **Eric Blewitt Safaris** in the NSW province of Australia. Eric Blewitt guided Andy and Trudy to take a sambar, two rusa deer, and a fallow deer using his .338 rifle and 180-grain bullets. At less than 200 yards, Andy also used his Leupold scope and binocular. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions not specified. Vehicle and foot transportation." *Personal highlights:* "Seeing plenty of game each day.



Martisak's sambar

Walking the hilly country of Australia and being in the outdoors. We took four quality animals with one-shot kills, which makes any hunter happy. My wife, Trudy, accompanied me in the field most of the days, enjoyed the hiking and seeing the different types of animals available. *Comments on performance of guide:* "Eric is very knowledgeable about his area and the type of trophies available. You can make your hunt very enjoyable with spotting and stalking all your game." *General comments:* "Kerri Grant, who is Eric's girlfriend and partner, did an excellent job on the cooking. She also showed my wife, Trudy, around the local area. The food was excellent."

REST OF THE WORLD

PAKISTAN



McDonald's Sindh ibex

March 2005. Fred McDonald of Dallas, Texas booked a hunt with **Shikar Safaris** in the Bhadar Mountains of Pakistan. Kaan Karakaya guided Fred to take a 76 1/8 Blanford Urial sheep and a 40 inch Sindh ibex using his .270 Winchester with a 140-grain bullet. *Evaluation of support:* "Excellent. Conditions were dry. Transportation done by foot." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Part of our mountain climb was on sheer rock face. If I had not received some help from the Pakistani guides, I don't know that I would have made it up the sheer rock face. The Pakistani we hunted with were extremely helpful and friendly. The area where we hunted is known as the Dureji Environmental Wildlife Society. This program allows the local villages, where the trophies are taken, to get part of the trophy fee. Instead of poaching, the local residents are up in the mountains helping you find your trophies." *Personal highlights:* "Because of the recent war in Afghanistan, I wasn't sure if the area was safe for hunting. I decided I would give Pakistan a try. The camp was actually the prince's private hunting lodge in the province, and it was magnificent. The food was unbelievable and the ambiance was outstanding."

Cost of hunt: \$30,000