

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

NORTH AMERICA TEXAS



Jones' red sheep

SCI Alamo Chapter member Sherri Jones reports on a red sheep hunt with outfitter **Clear Springs Ranch LLC** and guide **Dennis Erskine**. Jones chose a Remington chambered for .243 Winchester and fired 100-grain soft-nose bullets to take her trophies at 150 yards.

Personal highlights for Jones: "Taking a potential new number seven red sheep."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent. Dennis is a very reputable guide and a wonderful host."

Performance of the outfitter: "Highly recommend this hunt for all ages. Excellent equipment, accommodations, and food. Five star all the way."

Cost of hunt: \$6,500



Snider's axis deer

SCI National Member Senda Snider reports an "incredible" axis deer hunt with outfitter **Flying A Ranch** in Bandera, Texas. The hunt was a Christmas present from her husband Ron. Her daughters and nephew accompanied her.

Snider gave excellent remarks for **Keith Lake**, the biologist and guide for Flying A Ranch, and exceptional marks for the accommodation and care of the ranch.

Cost of hunt: \$1,250 plus daily guide and lodging fees

AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES



Downs' water buffalo

SCI Family Member and Pennsylvania resident Thomas G. Downs reports on a water buffalo hunt with guide **Bob Penfold** of outfitter **Hunt Australia Pty. Ltd.**

Personal highlights for Downs: Spent a day in a tribal camp. "Took home some of their original art. I saw many crocks."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Worked very hard. Very familiar with the area. No pressure to take an animal early to end hunt. Took buffalo on the third day of a five-day hunt."

Performance of the outfitter: "Camp well prepared. Called every day to check on my health and give advice to me and my guide."

Recommendation: "First class all the way. Knows the area and knows buffalo."

Booking agent: **Jim McCarthy Adventures**

Hunt date: July 2003

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Ingersoll's water buffalo

SCI Life Member Gary R. Ingersoll reports on a hunt with outfitter **Australian Big Game Safaris**. Guide **Simon H. Kyle-Little**'s expertise helped Ingersoll to take water buffalo, wild ox, and boar trophies. Ingersoll and wife Elizabeth also enjoyed salt-water fishing during the hunt.

Personal highlights for Ingersoll: "I took my family, six in all, for 10 days. Family members included my new one-year-old grandson for his first big game outing, my son Jason and his wife Jan, my wife and step-daughter Tiffany. This was three generations of hunting. I had a great hunt and did lots of sight seeing. My wife is the fishing person in the family. She caught 10 species of saltwater fish. We camped one night on an island and ate some great fish."

Comments on performance of the guide and outfitter: "Could not have asked for any better. Made the trip around my one-year-old grandson. Everyone got to do their thing."

Hunt date: Late June, early July

EUROPE SPAIN

SCI Senior Life Member and Pittsburgh Chapter member Philip P. Ripepi, M.D. reports on a hunt with outfitter **Fernando Saiz - Spain**. Guide **Nacho R. Arias** led Ripepi to take Gredos ibex at 300 meters.

Personal highlights for Ripepi: "The excellent guides and personal attention given by everyone, especially owner Fernando and guide Nacho. They provide excellent service and care."

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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.

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Ripepi's Gredos ibex

Comments on performance of the guide: "The guides know the game and the environs."

Performance of the outfitter: "The best. I recommend Fernando with no reservations."

Hunt date: May 2004

AFRICA NAMIBIA



Peterson's black wildebeest

SCI National Member Donald L. Peterson reports on a hunt with guides **Hartmut Freyer** and **Hagen Eggert** of **Gauss Hunting Namibia**.

Peterson took springbok, Hartmann's zebra, blesbok, black wildebeest, red hartbeest, impala, and warthog at ranges up to 300 yards. He chose a Winchester Model 70 and 140-grain .270 bullets. Additional equipment included 2.5-8 B&L scope, 10x28 B&L binocular, and a Nikon rangefinder.

Personal highlights for Peterson: "This was my first trip to Africa and it far surpassed my wildest dreams. I took six trophy animals. All of these animals will qualify for the SCI record book. I have never had so much fun in all my life. I was amazed at the abundance of animals and the quality. The weather was perfect. Side trip to Etosha National Park was fantastic."

Comments on performance of the guide/outfitter: "Hagen Eggert and Hartmut Freyer are partners in this operation. I can't say enough about how wonderful they and their families are. Everything was first class right down to the last detail. They make you feel like you are part of the family. I would highly recommend this hunt to everyone."

Cost of hunt: \$350 per day plus trophy fees

Hunt date: May 2004

ZIMBABWE



DePetro's leopard

SCI National Member Stephen DePetro reports an excellent hunt with outfitter **Chifuti Hunting Safaris**. Guide **Paul Smith's** expertise led DePetro to take two Cape buffalo, a leopard, hyena, impala, and a tuskless elephant.

DePetro took his buffalos and elephant at under 40 yards and his leopard at 75 yards. He chose a Dakota .416 Rigby rigged with a Swarovski 1.25-4x PH. Ammo was handloaded with 400-grain Swift A Frames and 400-grain Barnes monolithic solids. In addition, he used a 330 Dakota with a 2.5x8 Steiner rig and fired 250-grain Woodleigh protected soft points hand loaded to 2,840 fps.

Personal highlights for DePetro: "Hunting leopard and seeing him on the bait – very intense and exciting. It was the most unbelievable hunting experience of the trip. The leopard was simply a stunning animal. Watching the Cape buffalo approach us as we hid behind a tree. I ended up taking the shot at seven yards. The land is stunning, the sunrise and sunsets beautiful, the wildlife exciting."

Comments on performance of the guide: "PH Paul Smith was superb. A great hunter, wonderful host, attentive companion and a super guy and a gentleman. The professionalism carried all the way through the staff – nothing but good things to say."

Performance of the outfitter: "**Andrew Dawson**, the founder of Chifuti Safaris and Paul's partner and fellow PH, is also a first rate professional. These guys run a small but first class operation. The booking agent, **Tim Danklef**, was excellent as well."

Recommendation: "This was a great hunt in a superb area. I had an outstanding professional hunter in all areas. The equipment, camp and especially the staff were great. If someone wants a traditional African hunt for dangerous game, this hunt-area-operation deserves serious consideration."

Booking agent: Tim Danklef

Cost of hunt: \$850 per day plus trophy fees and air charter fee of \$1,000 roundtrip

Hunt date: May 2004

ASIA RUSSIA

SCI Western & Central New York Chapter member Stephen Hochman reports on a brown bear hunt in Kamchatka with outfitter **Tony Ulmer – Mistral Jagdreisen**.

Personal highlights for Hochman: "We were able to rescue three cubs that had been left in a den after their mother was killed by a large male bear. We brought them back to camp, fed them and transported them by helicopter to the zoo in Petropavlovsk. Also, seeing bear every two hours."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Our guide could judge brown bear right down to the very inch. I told



Hochman's brown bear

my guide that I wanted to shoot one bear that would measure at least 9 feet, although I had two permits. After we passed up non-shooters, he would write the size in the snow. There was no doubt in either of our minds when we spotted my trophy bear that I took at 100 yards."

Performance of the outfitter: "This trip could not have been better. You could not write a script that would come close. Tony's 105 page full color catalog is written only in German. I call it "My Dream Book." He books worldwide including Iran and Pakistan. Truly a five star service at prices that beat any stateside outfitter."

General comments: "Our translator, a 36-year old English teacher, was with us at all times except during the actual hunt. She provided local sightseeing tours. **Natali Trotsenko** is the top choice for visiting hunters and fishermen. There were no communication problems with the guides in the field."

Cost of hunt: \$8,200

EUROPE SPAIN



Foss' southern ibex

SCI International Life Member Tom Foss reports on a hunt guided by **Juan Mitjans** of outfitter **Fernando Saiz – Spain**. Foss chose a Hoyt Ultratec with three-blade broadhead ACC arrows to take his southern ibex t at 40 yards.

Personal highlights for Foss: "Making a wonderful 30-yard shot on an exceptional ibex. It was the culmination of a four hour stalk. We had made several unsuccessful attempts to get close to this large trophy, but finally got amongst them."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent and easy to get along with. Tremendous spotting abilities. One of the best stalkers I have bowhunted with. Outstanding optics."

Performance of the outfitter: "Outstanding. Complete and precise in every travel detail and all the paper work."

Cost of hunt: \$7,400 trophy fee, \$690 daily rate and \$300 non-hunter