

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

UNITED STATES ALASKA



Whitehead's mountain goat

SCI Houston Gulf Coast Chapter Member Jim Whitehead of Texas reports on a hunt with outfitter **Parker Guide Service**. Guide **Bruce Parker's** expertise helped Whitehead take a mountain goat in the Juneau area.

Personal highlights for Whitehead: "Seeing the beautiful mountains and icebergs floating by every day. The weather was cold, but the sun was shining every day. Staying on a 60-foot boat for a week during the hunt and seeing many trophy animals."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Bruce is an excellent guide and will do anything he can to ensure you have a fun, safe, and successful hunt. He is very good at judging trophy animals."

Performance of the outfitter: "Bruce and his are staff helpful at all times during your stay on his boat. The food is excellent and the accommodations are great."

Interesting sidelights: "The scenery at this time of the year is very beautiful with icebergs floating around all the time."

Recommendation: "I would highly recommend this hunt to other SCI members. This is the second time I have hunted with Bruce Parker. I had a successful bear hunt the first time."

Hunt date: Late October to November 2004

CALIFORNIA

Senior Life Member Dr. Karl Markin reports on a hunt with outfitter and guide **Scott Wilkinson** of **Hog Heaven**. Markin took his wild hog at 174 yards using a Ruger Model 77 with a Leupold Vari-X III 2.5-8x scope and firing Hornady 139-grain moly-coated bullets.

Markin spotted his trophy and an abundance of others with his Leica Geovid Binocular/Rangefinder.



Markin's wild hog

Personal highlights for Markin: "Stalking and shooting a big hog."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Wilkinson has a great personality and is a good judge of animals."

Recommendation: "A most pleasant hassle-free hunt."

Hunt date: Late January to early February 2004

Cost of hunt: \$750



Kelly's mule deer

SCI Phoenix Chapter member Charlie Kelly reports on a hunt with outfitter **Wildlife West Inc.** and guide **Ben Myhre** in Catalina Island. Kelly chose a Remington 7mm Ultra Magnum with a Zeiss 3-9x scope and fired 140-grain bullets to take his California mule deer at 300 yards.

Personal highlights for Kelly: "It was very exciting to leave San Diego with our own boat and end up at Catalina Island to hunt deer. The scenery was spectacular and much more desert-like than expected. Each morning, the landscape was surrounded in fog and the sunrise was awesome. We enjoyed seeing the large numbers of buffalo roaming in the island. Each day we saw several good bucks."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Ben has hunted the island for several years and knows the best areas very well. The amount of land available for hunt was actually very large. This is a chance to hunt and explore the beautiful island all on the same trip."

Performance of the outfitter: "The beachfront cottages were very comfortable and the food was outstanding. The meat and trophy care were also well above average."

Interesting sidelights: "The outfitter works very closely with the Catalina Island conservancy to control deer population on the island."

Hunt date: September 2003

Cost of hunt: \$2,200

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Longoria's alpine ibex

SCI Life Member Ricardo Longoria reports on an alpine ibex hunt with guide **J. C. Short** of **Red Rock Ranch**. Longoria used a Leica LRF 1200 scan binocular to spot his ibex and took his trophy at 30 yards with a Mathews LX Bow.

Personal highlights for Longoria: "Seeing many rare animals available such as west Caucasian tur, sable, bongo, impala, blesbok, addax, red sheep and others."

Longoria gives Red Rock Ranch and Short excellent reviews and recommends the hunt to other SCI members.

Hunt date: August 2003

Cost of hunt: \$7,500

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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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NEW ZEALAND SOUTH ISLAND



Mahar's tahr

SCI National Member Gayle Mahar of Texas reports on a hunt in the free-range concession in the Southern Alps with guide **Shane Quinn** of **Alpine Hunting New Zealand**. Mahar took tahr, fallow deer, sika deer, and paradise ducks.

Personal highlights for Mahar: "Hunting tahr in the Southern Alps. Not only was the helicopter ride exciting, but the view was awesome. Seeing the tahr and chamois running through the rocks and snow was breathtaking."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Shane Quinn, the guide and outfitter, was totally professional and had an excellent eye for the size of the animals. He was very patient and supportive as I was somewhat nervous."

Performance of the outfitter: "Excellent! Made sure I saw a number of each species so I could make a decision on what type and size I wanted. Very flexible. Fantastic ability to judge size and distance."

Interesting sidelights: "Beautiful rivers. I went fishing for trout one afternoon. The paradise ducks are beautiful. The accommodations on both the north and south islands are superb. Everyone was friendly and helpful."

Recommendation: "This is the second time I've hunted with Shane Quinn and would not hesitate to go again. In fact, I am looking forward to it."

Hunt date: June 2003

EUROPE SPAIN



Larragain's southeastern Spanish ibex

SCI International Life Member Esteban Larragain reports on a hunt with outfitter **Giuseppe Carrizosa** and guides **Giuseppe Carrizosa** and **Marco Carrizosa**. Larragain took Ronda ibex, southeastern Spanish ibex, and Gredos ibex during his November 2003 hunt.

Personal highlights for Larragain: "Never expected the quality of the trophies."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Eager to work and learn."

Performance of the outfitter: "The outfitter is very, very experienced and knows perfectly the game he hunts."



McVittie's European fallow deer

SCI International Life Member Don McVittie reports on a September 2002 hunt with **Fernando Saiz - Spain**. McVittie hunted in the Pinos Altos and took European fallow deer and Spanish red deer with the guidance of **Nacho R. Arias**.

Personal highlights for McVittie: "The calling of the red deer stag in rut ... the great numbers of red deer."

Comments on performance of the guide: "The guide was very professional, pleasant, personal, and knowledgeable."

Performance of the outfitter: "ACISA and Fernando Saiz have one of the best hunting facilities I have ever seen."

Interesting side highlights: "**Koki Saiz** is a fantastic asset and a great tour guide for the business."

Cost of the hunt: Spanish red deer - \$3,900. European fallow deer - \$3,900.



Keller's Gredos ibex

SCI Susquehannock Chapter member Michael L. Keller reports on a hunt with outfitter **Fernando Saiz - Spain**. With the expertise of guide Fernando Torremocha, Keller took Gredos ibex at 300 yards. For ammunition, Keller chose a Winchester rifle chambered for the .270 Weatherby Magnum cartridge.

Personal highlights for Keller: "Hunting in the Gredos Mountains and meeting the Spanish people in the village of Navalonguilla."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent guides. They knew the animals and terrain very well."

Performance of the outfitter: "Expert guides both on the mountain and off. Provided an exciting and rewarding hunt and an elegant and insightful visit to the countryside for my non-hunting companion. A memorable trip in every way."

Hunt date: November 2003

SCI Senior Life Member John C. Bierley reports on a hunt in with guide **Fernando Torremocha** of **Fernando Saiz - Spain**. Bierley took Gredos ibex, red deer, European fallow deer, and mouflon while hunting in the area of La Mancha and Gredos Mountains. He chose a 7mm Magnum and 160-grain Nosler Partition bullets to take his trophies.

Personal highlights for Bierley: "Excellent side trip to Cordoba to rest three night before the hunt started. Beautiful garden next to the Prado Museum. Spanish wines. Nice people altogether."

Comments on performance of the guide: "This is a quasi-touristy hunt experience. You hunt in the morning and evening, and mid day is spent at upscale restaurants sightseeing and sometimes siesta."

Performance of the outfitter: "This is a very civilized, upscale experience, not a rough-hunting only directed event. You must find value in the overall. The Pinos Altos home is beautiful with upscale décor and staff."

Recommendation: "The Pinos Altos experience would be excellent for an older or physically impaired hunter. There are good roads, gentle terrain, high seats available and covered, excellent stairs. It is also good for non-hunting companions, both male and female."

Hunt date: October 2003

SCI Minnesota Chapter Member Jim Ginther reports on a hunt with outfitter **Fernando Saiz - Spain**. Guide **Nacho R. Arias**' expertise led Ginther to take Spanish red deer, European fallow deer, and Gredos ibex in the Gredos Mountains and Pinos Altos.

Personal highlights for Ginther: "Exceptional hospitality by entire staff during hunting hours and many side trips for sight seeing and cultural visits."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent knowledge of game, terrain, and hunting skill. He worked hard to find quality trophies."

Performance of the outfitter: "Very organized. Fernando Saiz - Spain has set very high standards of performance for all aspects of the total experience. The Fernando Saiz philosophy of excellence is demonstrated by his entire staff. Best outfitter and experience we have encountered."

Interesting sidelights: "Mrs. Koki Saiz is a terrific hostess. Her knowledge of Spain, its history, and her unusual effort to provide assistance in sightseeing, shopping, dining etc. make this Spanish hunt a memorable experience."

Hunt date: October 2000

Cost of hunt: Auction Minnesota Chapter + \$12,000