

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

UNITED STATES ALASKA



Romero's Alaskan brown bear

September 2004. Alfonso Celis Romero of Puebla, Mexico, booked a hunt with **Glacier Guides, Inc.** in the southeastern region of Alaska. Jimmie C. Rosenbruch guided Alfonso to kill an Alaskan brown bear with his Blaser rifle in .375 H&H magnum firing a 250-grain bullet. At 80 yards and with his Zeiss 1.5x6-42 binoculars, Alfonso had seen eight bears before passing two 8-foot bears prior to the victorious shoot. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Conditions were wet. Boat transportation. *Personal highlights:* "I came to this brown bear hunt with my wife and we really had a good time! We both think this is one in a lifetime opportunity. Excellent food too." Cost of hunt: \$15,900 (for Alfonso and his wife)



Smith Caires' caribou

September 2002. James (Jim) W. Smith and wife, Linda Smith Caires from Wailuku, Hawaii, booked a



Smith's caribou

twenty day hunt with **Katmai Guide Service** of Alaska in the Wood Tikchik-Nishlik Lake area. David Stirling (Field Guide) and Joe Klutsch (Master Guide) accompanied Jim and Linda on their caribou hunt through the Alaskan tundra. Both Jim and Linda used a .270 Brown Precision custom rifle with 150-grain Barnes X bullets to kill their two Yukon Barren Ground caribou. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Conditions were wet. Linda and Jim were transported by air and on foot. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Joe provided a wonderful week of salmon fishing on the Naknek river in King Salmon. We returned this year and had a completely wonderful, successful caribou hunt/wilderness experience. Joe also loaned us parkas and rain gear to keep these two Hawaiian clients warm!" *Personal highlights:* "Went salmon fishing with Joe Klutsch in King Salmon area. We looked around and saw the wonderful fall colors of the tundra surrounded by the mountains, valleys, and nearby Lake Nishlik." Cost of hunt: \$6,250 (not including airfare)

NEW MEXICO



Grimes' pronghorn

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

SCI National Member Donald H. Grimes reports on an antelope hunt with guides **Robert and Laura Seeds of Cougar Mountain Outfitters**. Grimes used a Sako .270 WSM with 140-grain Accubond bullets to take his trophy at 400 yards. Personal highlights for Grimes: "Being able to look over several good antelope before shooting." Comments on performance of the guide/outfitter: "I hunted with the outfitter and his wife. The outfitter is organized, trustworthy and polite. They have excellent equipment, follow a good code of ethics, take good care of meat, make sure no garbage is left on the ranch and provides very good food."

Hunt date: September 2004. Cost: \$3,250

TEXAS



Trowbridge's blackbuck

March 2002. Bill Trowbridge of Ontario, Canada, booked a hunt with **Red Rock Ranch** in LaSalle County, Texas. At 20-30 yards, J.C. Short guided Bill to take a 70 4/8 blackbuck antelope with his Excalibur Crossbow and 20 inch graphite (with wasp heads). *Evaluation of support:* Excellent (delivery of trophies took six months and they were shipped directly from the taxidermist). Conditions were dry and cool. Vehicle transportation. *Comments on performance of guide:* "JC has site movement and habits of the game down to an art. At no time were we without his expertise while hunting. Recovery and trophy care was great." *Personal highlights:* "A really exciting opportunity to experience exotic hunting in Texas! No moment or event can overshadow the overall experience of seeing game from all over the world."

Cost of hunt: \$1,600 (including lodging)

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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

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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EUROPE SPAIN



Christiansen's ibex

April 2005. Ralph G. Christiansen, Jr. of San Juan, Puerto Rico booked a hunt with **Giuseppe Carrizosa of Spain** in Castilla-León, Andalucía and Aragón, Spain. Giuseppe Carrizosa guided Ralph to take all four Spanish ibex species: a Beceite ibex, Gredos ibex, Ronda ibex, and the Southeast ibex. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. The conditions were cold. Vehicle transportation. *Comments on performance of guide:* "This kind of success ratio only happens with excellent organization and exceptional knowledge of game, terrain, and local conditions. Giuseppe is very well-liked and respected by all the local guides and game wardens." *Personal highlights:* "We hunted very hard for five long days and were able to hunt all four Spanish ibex species and all four are candidates for SCI gold medal trophies. *Advice:* "It is a very physically demanding hunt. You must be able to walk for long hours on the most difficult mountainous terrain. It was cold and windy. The shots are long and difficult. Then again, this is what makes it worthwhile."

Cost of hunt: \$59,211 (includes board but not meals or air transport)

RUSSIA



Caveney's mixed bag

April 2005. Edward (Ned) Caveney of Lupton, Michigan booked a hunt with **Safari & Expeditions** in Tver, Russia. Ilya Dmitriev (the English speaking guide) accompanied Edward to take a capercaillie, black grouse, and a European woodcock using his 12 gauge Red Label Ruger shotgun. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent and good. He carried his trophies with him. Conditions were cool with some rain. Vehicle transportation. *Comments on performance of guide:* "The guides were very good.

They worked hard to have a successful hunt. They knew the country well." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Everything was taken care of in a professional manner. The outfitter planned the hunt well and made all the arrangements for nine days of touring in St. Petersburg and Moscow. We were there for the big May 9th Victory Day celebration!" *Personal highlights:* "I have long wanted to hunt capercaillie and black grouse. It was exciting stalking a calling capercaillie that was high in a tree in the dawn of a new day. Hearing the birds calling was special. It was very satisfying getting a fine old capercaillie on the last morning of the hunt!"

Cost of hunt: \$1,650

AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA



McIntyre's springbok

SCI International Member John D. McIntyre reports on a hunt in the Eastern Cape with **SA Safaris**. Guide **Nico De Beer's** expertise helped McIntyre take zebra, bushbuck, impala, blesbok, springbok, duiker, warthog and mountain reedbuck. McIntyre chose a Pre '64 Winchester Model 70 in .375 H&H with 300-grain PMP bullets. *Personal highlights for McIntyre:* "Hunting warthog in the Kubusi River valley surrounded by 700-foot cliffs." *Comments on performance of the guide:* "Have outstanding eyesight, politeness, fitness and are very knowledgeable for two young brothers." *Performance of the outfitter:* "They made me feel like an old friend." *General comments:* "Two gold medals for bushbuck and mountain reedbuck from Professional Hunters of South Africa."

Hunt date: September 2004



Lounsbury's steinbuck

April 2005. Cecil Lounsbury of Olympia, Washington booked a nine-day hunt with **Ballantyne Safaris** in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. At less than 200 yards, Charles Ballantyne guided Cecil to take the Eastern Cape kudu, an impala, blesbok, black wildebeest, steinbuck, fallow deer, plus three call animals with his .300

Winchester Mag. and 180-grain bullet. The rifle was an on-site rental of \$100. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Camp facilities were "very clean", the equipment was in "excellent condition", and he ate "wild game most nights". Conditions were dry and hot (85 degrees or more every day). Vehicle transportation. *Comments on performance of guide:* "Charles Ballantyne, a young guide at twenty-seven, really knows this location well as he grew up hunting here with his father, Howard Ballantyne, the owner." *Personal highlights:* "Not having to get up before 7am to go hunting and getting book-qualifying animals on every shot."

Cost of hunt: \$3,495 (plus \$2,049 for roundtrip airfare from Seattle)

May 2005. Terry L. Anderson of Houghton Lake, Michigan booked a hunt with **Zingela Safaris** in South Africa. The PH, Andrew Stubbs, helped Terry take an impala, warthog, nyala, and a bushbuck, which he took on the last day at 90 yards. Terry noted there were numerous impala at 24 inches, kudu over 50 inches, waterbuck at 26-29 inches, and trophy animals were "abundant". *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Conditions were dry. Vehicle transportation is a new three-seater Land Rover with a sun roof. *Comments on performance of PH:* "Out of four safaris taken, this PH was the most personable and knowledgeable. He also filmed my entire hunt! Andrew was waiting for my arrival at Johannesburg airport. The vehicles were clean and new. He came with an entourage: a tracker and Eunice, who has been with him for the past eleven years. The PH can take the hunter to Natal province for dangerous game concession. He's willing to do side-trips such as Sun City and they have newer chalets in Boma. It's a wonderful place to take a spouse, family, or friends."

Cost of hunt: \$5,400

ZIMBABWE



Parker's leopard

May 2005. David J. Parker of Erie, Pennsylvania booked a hunt with **Georgia Safaris** in Zimbabwe. John Hunt guided David to take a 185 lb. 7 foot 8 inch leopard with his Winchester Pre 64 Model 70 in .264 Mag. He used 140-grain Barnes X bullets and a Leupold scope at 3.5x10 Var-X III. David also took an impala, klip-springer, warthog, and kudu, but refused to shoot the duiker. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Trophy delivery takes five months. Conditions were dry and hot. *Comments on performance of guide:* "Excellent! Knowledgeable and a true professional!" *Personal highlights:* "Shooting a 185 lb. 7 foot 8 inch leopard on the last evening of my hunt. I also had a run-in with a 9 foot cobra. The snake definitely got my attention!"

Cost of hunt: \$6,900