

# SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

## UNITED STATES ALASKA

SCI Sportsman's Advocate Bruce L. Strand reports on a brown bear hunt with guide **Alisha L. Rosenbruch-Decker** of outfitter **Glacier Guides, Inc.**

Personal highlights for Strand: "Hunt of a lifetime. I saw many sights of Alaska. We were always in professional hands. We saw many trophy brown bears and had many opportunities."

Comments on performance of the guide: "All guides are first class and very professional."

Performance of the outfitter: "Camp and outfitter could do nothing better. First class."

Hunt date: May 2002

Cost: \$13,900.

SCI National Member Royce N. McNeill reports on a moose hunt with **John Runkle - Alaska Outdoor Adventures** and guide **Andrew Runkle**.

McNeill chose a .30-.378 Weatherby with 180-grain Barnes-XCL bullets to take his moose at 182 yards. Zeiss and Leica rangefinders were also used.

Personal highlights for McNeill: "Seeing many trophy moose, Dall sheep, grizzly, and caribou."

Comments on performance of guide: "My young guide was hard working and well trained. He is a very good cook and a great companion. He has a great ability to spot game."

Performance of the outfitter: "Runkle runs a top-notch operation with good guides, cooks, packers, and equipment. Does a great caping job on hides. Plenty of good food in base and spike camps."

Hunt date: September 2002

Booking agent: **Tom Smith Safaris**

Cost: \$11,000.

## COLORADO

SCI Life Member L. Newell Wisner reports on a hunt with **Tom Schulze of Sangre de Cristo Outfitters**. Wisner took a mountain lion at 40 yards with a S&W .44 Magnum Model 29 with 240-grain hand-cast HP bullets.

Personal highlights for Wisner: "Taking my lion near my grandmother's hometown, Rosita. Watching the dogs work and watching the lion."

Comments on performance of the guide: "I live about 60 miles from Westcliffe, Colo., so Schulze calls when conditions are good (fresh snow). I met him in Westcliffe and two hours later I had a lion. Some hunts are too short, but at 9-to-10,000 feet sometimes that is good. Lots of elk, deer, and turkey in the area, so the lions are in good condition."

Comments on performance of outfitter: "Lots of fun to be with. Very interesting to talk to and he has a good elk area."

Cost: \$3,000.

## NEVADA



Gossein's cougar

SCI San Diego Chapter member Anton Gossein reports on a hunt with outfitter **Todd Schwandt - Nevada High Country Outfitters** and guides Schwandt and **Chad Alexander**. Gossein took a tom cougar at 20 yards using a Ruger .243 with 100-grain CoreLokt bullets. He also used a 10x42 Leica binocular.

Personal highlights for Gossein: "The absolute beauty and contrast of the country. The tracking, chase and ultimate treeing of a magnificent animal. We were always on the move looking for tracks or in some sort of pursuit of a trophy tom cougar."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Todd Schwandt was my primary guide and Chad Alexander was his assistant. These two men were outstanding. They knew what to expect and made the hunt a success."

Performance of the outfitter: "Todd Schwandt is the owner, outfitter and he did an excellent job. I was treated to gourmet meals at the Pine Lodge Dinner House and Hotel operated by Todd and his wife."

Gossein recommends the hunt: "This was one of the most exciting, exhilarating, and challenging hunts I have been on."

Hunt date: February 2003

Cost: \$4,500.

## CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA

SCI Life Member Gary Bailey of Minnesota reports on hunt with outfitter **Chilcotin Holidays** and guide **Brad Baldwin**. Bailey hunted mule deer and cougar in wet, cold weather. For ammunition, Bailey chose a .270 Weatherby Magnum and 150-grain Nosler Partition bullets.

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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

Personal highlight for Bailey: "Having the dogs tree the cougar and the problems that arose because I couldn't walk. The outfitter actually carried me the 100-yard distance from an accessible trail. This was no small feat as it was uphill and steep all the way."

Comments on performance of the guide: "The guide did an excellent job! All aspects of his work from preparing for the day to on-the-spot, in-the-field decisions were correct."

Performance of the outfitter: "I have nothing but good things to say about the outfitter. They really went out of their way to fulfill my dream of getting a cougar. The outfitter, knowing my handicap of not being able to walk, did everything possible to make my stay comfortable and my hunt successful."

Hunt date: December 2003

## AFRICA BENIN

SCI Life Member Johnny Cooper reports on a hunt in the Porga area with outfitter **Club Faune** and guide **Yann Le Bouvier**. Copper took western roan, western kob, West African savannah buffalo, harnessed bushbuck, sing-sing waterbuck, red-flanked duiker, oribi, western bush duiker, and nagor reedbuck.

Personal highlights for Cooper: "Sunset cocktails on the Pendjari River viewing bathing elephants."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Hard worker who really enjoys his job and the success of his hunter."

Performance of the outfitter: "No stone unturned to produce a brilliant safari."

Recommendation: "This is a true hunt. Good physical condition is necessary. This was one of the most rewarding safaris of my life. I will surely be a regular client of **Club Faune**."

Hunt date: April 2003

## ZIMBABWE

SCI Life Member Douglas Buell reports on a hunt with guide **Clive Hallamore of H.H.K. Safaris**.

Buell took elephant, kudu, klipspringer, impala, and duiker at 100-yard range using a Colt Sauer .458 and Winchester .338 with 500-grain solids and 230-grain bullets respectively.

Personal highlights: "Being able to do a lot of walking and seeing the country. Shooting a beautiful klipspringer that was not originally part of the hunt. Also, taking a kudu. The last day of the hunt, Clive took me tiger fishing, and I caught some great fish."

Comments on performance of the guide: "I can't wait to hunt with him again."

Performance of outfitter: "The camps were clean and neat. The food was tremendous. Every need that I had

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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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was taken care of.”

Interesting sidelights: “Watching the trackers track elephants over ground as hard as a rock. Having a great time tiger fishing.”

Hunt date: April 2003

Cost: \$26,000



Buell's kudu

## ASIA MONGOLIA

SCI Life Member Rex Baker reports on an August 2003 hunt for Hangai aragali with outfitter **Juulchin** and guide **Adiya Dorg**.

Personal highlights for Baker: “Hunting sheep in the mountains and completing my third super slam.”

Comments on performance of the guide: “Excellent. Adiya works hard, is a good guy, and knows everyone in Mongolia.”

Performance of the outfitter: “No problems. He arranged for the special guide and for the pre-scouting.”

Booking agent: **Hunting Consortium**.

Cost of the hunt: \$35,000.



Baker's Hangai argali

## AUSTRALIA NORTHERN TERRITORY

SCI Senior Life Member James J. Davis took water buffalo, banteng, sambar, and Javan rusa deer with guide **Scott McLean** of **Mary River Australian Safaris**. Davis chose a custom made .54 caliber Muzzleloader with 230-grain round ball and Barnes X Sabot bullets to take his trophies at 100 yards.

Personal highlights for Davis: “Completing the Diamond Level of Trophy Animals of the South Pacific.

Taking all four animals with my muzzleloader.”

Comments on performance of the guide: “Scott knew the vast area, and the hangout of the different animals. Polite, personal, and helpful.”



Davis' water buffalo

Performance of the outfitter: “Supplied a complete camp. Three meals a day plus snacks. Trophy care and cooler was completed prior to my departure.”

Interesting sidelights: “It was a lifetime hunt and was all I dreamed about and more. The other animals encountered were wild horses, donkeys, wallabies, wallaroos, hog deer, black buck, and a menagerie of parrots. “

Recommendation: “After three visits to the SCI Annual Convention and talking to all the Australian outfitters, I finally made a choice to go with Kevin Glesson at Mary River. This is the only place in Australia to take all four of the animals I needed. I made the right choice. Everything went as planned from airport pickup to airport drop-off.”

Hunt date: June 2003

Cost: \$16,400.