

# SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

## NORTH AMERICA CALIFORNIA

SCI Phoenix Chapter member Charlie Kelly reports taking a mule deer with guide **Ben Myhre** of **Wildlife West, Inc.** Kelly took his trophy at 300 yards using a Remington 7mm Ultra Magnum with 140-grain bullets.

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 like desert than expected. Each morning, the landscape was shrouded in fog and the sunrise was awesome. We enjoyed seeing the large numbers of buffalo roaming the island. We say several good bucks each day."

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 to 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: "Beachfront cottages were very comfortable and the food was outstanding. Meat and trophy care was also well above average."

General comments: "The outfitter works closely with the Catalina Island Conservancy to control deer population on the island."

Hunt date: September 2003

Cost of hunt: \$2,200

## MICHIGAN



Landreville's whitetail deer

SCI Minnesota Chapter member Alan S. Landreville reports on a hunt with **Redpine Whitetails, Inc.** Landreville took whitetail in Ostego County with guide **Larry Higgins**.

Personal highlights for Landreville: "Seeing all the magnificent trophy whitetail bulls. The accommodations and food. The staff was very friendly and knowledgeable."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Higgins was very prepared for the type of trophy I was looking for. He is experienced in patterns and habits of deer."

Performance of the outfitter: "Everything was excellent. Very well prepared for handling the animals after they were taken."

Recommendation: "Excellent trophies."

Cost of hunt: \$7,500



Meredith's whitetail deer

SCI Life Member and Minnesota resident Eric Meredith reports on a hunt with outfitter **Redpine Whitetails Inc.** Meredith took white-tailed deer with the professional guidance of **Joel Noeske**.

Personal highlights for Meredith: "The personal service given to each guest. Larry is a world renowned hunter and gives his clients the best he has to offer. I would recommend this hunt to anyone."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Joel was great. He scored my deer in the field, listened to everything I had to say and helped me in any way he could. Joel is a great person and guide."

Performance of the outfitter: "The best in North America. Absolutely awesome. I assure you no outfitter can compare with Redpine Whitetails Inc."

Hunt date: November 2004

Cost: \$4,500

## WYOMING

SCI National Member Perry Klein and son David report on a pronghorn hunt with guide **Tim Haberberger** of **Sheep Mountain Outfitters**. The

Kleins chose a Browning A-Bolt Composite .25-06 with 100-grain Speer BTSP to take their trophies at 500 yards. Bushnell binoculars also came in handy



Klein's pronghorn

Personal highlight for Perry: "Watching my son take his first big game animal."

Comments on performance of the guide/outfitter: "This was my fifth hunt with Sheep Mountain Outfitters. Tim and Cindy always go out of their way to make me feel at home. Their facilities are first-rate and their staff is great."

Hunt date: September 2004



Rupp's Wyoming bighorn sheep

SCI Gateway Arch Area Chapter member Louis Rupp reports taking Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep with outfitter **Coy's Yellow Creek Outfitting** and guide **Tim Metzler**. Rupp took his trophy at 265 yards using a Winchester Model 70 with Federal Premium 7mm Magnum ammo loaded with 165-grain Sierra Game King BTSPs.

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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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Personal highlights for Rupp: "No details not covered and attended to – super guide. Great pack/riding animals. Saw sheep throughout the hunt. Due to an early snowstorm, the animals moved to timber, making the stalk tough. I completely enjoyed the total experience after making applications for 17 years before drawing a tag."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Tim did everything possible to insure an enjoyable and productive hunting experience. Very considerate of hunter throughout the hunt. Highly recommended."

Performance of the outfitter: "Outstanding in every detail. **B. Joe Coy** could not have done anything more to make this an enjoyable and great hunt. Highly recommended."

Hunt date: September 2004

## EUROPE SPAIN



Carey's red deer

SCI International Life Member Ron Carey reports on a hunt with outfitter **Fernando Saiz – Spain**. Guide **Juan Mitjans'** professionalism helped Carey take Spanish red deer, European fallow deer and Cantabrian chamois. Carey chose a 7mm Remington to take his trophies at 300 yards.

Personal highlights for Carey: "The whole time was fabulous. The people and the country make you feel like home."

Comments on performance of the guide: "All of Fernando's guides rated as the best anywhere."

Performance of the outfitter: "Excellent."

Hunt date: October 2004

## ASIA TURKEY

SCI Life Member Dr. Arthur P. Heitzler reports on a hunt with outfitter **Safari Tours - Turkey**.

**Orhan Konakci** and **Hakan Ozsala** led Heitzler to take bezoar ibex in the Taurus Mountains. Heitzler chose a .300 WSM with 168-grain Barnes X Bullets to take his trophy at 250 yards.

Personal highlights for Heitzler: "Shooting a nice ibex on the first day of the hunt with my daughter on leave from her Air Force base outside of Adana. Touring the country was fantastic, with great weather on the southern Mediterranean coast, wonderful sights and excellent shopping."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Orhan Konakci was like an old friend, very relaxed and friendly."

Performance of the outfitter: "The hunt went very well. Everything was well planned."

Hunt date: October 2004

Cost: \$6,500



Heinzler's bezoar ibex

## RUSSIA

SCI Gateway Arch Area Chapter member Louis Rupp reports taking a Kamchatka snow sheep with outfitter **Profi Hunt Ltd.** and guide **Maxim Vorobiev**. Rupp took his trophy at 675 yards using a Winchester Model 70 with Federal Premium 7mm Magnum 165-grain Sierra Game King BTSP.

Personal highlights for Rupp: "The hunt and the people were just super. They made the trip enjoyable and rewarding. The country is breath taking."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Could not have worked harder. Outstanding."

Performance of the outfitter: "Had every detail covered from the time you arrive to the time you depart. No problems."

Hunt date: August 2004



Rupp's Kamchatka snow sheep

## AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA

SCI National Member Michael Hennegan reports on hunt with **Willem Botha –African Scent Safaris** and guide **Pieter de Klerk**. Hennegan took blesbok, gemsbok, eland, red hartebeest, springbok, duiker, impala, zebra, black wildebeest, mountain reedbuck, steenbok and kudu. He chose a Remington 700 in .30-06 with 180-grain Nosler Partition bullets to take his trophies at 400 yards.

Personal highlights for Hennegan: "Taking five Rowland Ward animals. A free day of varmint shooting. Being in South Africa. The eland and kudu. The whole hunt."

Comments on performance of the guides and outfitter: "Both Botha and De Klerk had superhuman game spotting ability. Very knowledgeable of the game. Honest, hard working guides who are fun to be with."

General comments: "A well-run operation. I saw lots of game and had a blast."

Recommendation: "This hunt was an excellent value. Good people to be with. Lots of game."

Hunt date: late April, early May

Cost of hunt: \$12,500 with tips



Yajko's bushpig

SCI Life Member Dr. R. Douglas Yajko reports on an Eastern Cape hunt with outfitter **John X Safaris**. Guide **Ed Wilson** led Yajko to take caracal, bushpig, gemsbok and blue wildebeest.

Personal highlights for Yajko: "Taking the last two animals I didn't have from South Africa, the caracal and bushpig"

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent in all respects."

Performance of the outfitter: "Excellent camps."

Cost: \$5,500

## 2005 SCI Professional Hunter Of The Year Award



Bryce Smith

**BY BRYCE SMITH**  
Guides & Outfitters Committee  
Chairman

and

**JASON CURTIS**  
Guide & Outfitters Liaison  
Auction Program Manager

Nominations for the 2005 Professional Hunter of the Year Award close June 30.

The SCI Outstanding Professional Hunter of the Year Award honors professional hunters who are acknowledged by both peers and clients to be at the leading edge of their field.

The process for selection is: Chapter presidents are asked to discuss possible nominations with their chapter members. National members may request that a

Hunting Professional be nominated by contacting a local SCI chapter president or any other SCI board member.

There are two awards given each year: one for the North American Professional Hunter of the Year and one for the International Professional Hunter of the Year. Any board member can fax, mail or email a nomination. Any SCI member in good standing may submit letters of recommendation which will also be reviewed and considered in the selection process.

Guides and outfitters who generously support SCI have raised the bar while working unilaterally on integrity, professionalism and contribution to the most important goal of all; to protect the freedom to hunt and to promote wildlife conservation worldwide.

The winners will be honored at a ceremony held on Wednesday night, Jan. 18, 2006, at the 34th Annual Hunters' Convention in Reno, Nevada USA.