

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

CANADA NEWFOUNDLAND



Torpey's eastern Canada moose

SCI Life Member and Mid Michigan Chapter member Tim L. Torpey reports on a late September to early October hunt with **Leonard and Shelly Payne - Portland Creek Outfitters**. Guide **Stan Plowman's** professionalism led Torpey to take an eastern Canada moose and woodland caribou.

Torpey reports: "This was one of the best hunts I have been on in North America. My expectation for this hunt was to harvest animals that would make SCI minimum. The first day out I could see that this was a true paradise for animals of trophy proportions.

My guide for this hunt was Stan Plowman – 52 years – and a true hunter. He knew how to spot game and then get me there without blowing the stalk. Only by having Stan as my guide, I was able to harvest two magnificent animals. I took a double shovel caribou with 30 points 326 6/8 SCI and a super moose 56 inches wide with 24 points scoring 392 1/8 SCI. This old bull did not have very many years left to live, but now will hang in honor in my trophy room."

Cost of the hunt: \$5,500.

UNITED STATES ALASKA

Tampa Bay Chapter member Henry Passerini Jr. reports on a hunt with **Hidden Alaska Guides and Outfitters**. Guide **Mike Bowden's** professionalism led Passerini to take Alaska bull moose at 250 yards. Passerini chose a Ruger .338 Winchester Magnum with 250-grain Nosler Partition bullets. He also used a Bushnell rangefinder and a satellite phone.



Passerini's Alaska moose

Personal highlights for Passerini: "Complete adventure. Alaska is spectacular country. Flying into the bush. A four-wheeler trip 11 miles over tundra. Float trip on a wild Alaska River. Covering 180 miles over 14 days. The thrill of a grizzly at 40 yards. Harvesting my first Alaska moose."

Comments on performance of the guide: "My guide was outstanding. He did everything he could to make my trip enjoyable and comfortable."

Performance of the outfitter: "I feel this outfitter and guide were first rate. Every effort was made to accommodate my hunt and travel. Alaska is truly a frontier wilderness. The outfitter had first rate gear and lodging accommodations."

Book agent: **Grant Adventures International**.

Cost of the hunt: \$11,000.

IOWA



Neilson's sika deer

SCI Life Member Mike E. Neilson reports on a November 2003 hunt with outfitter **Rick Grooms - Pine Ridge Hunting Lodge**. Grooms' professionalism led Neilson to take sika deer.

Personal highlights for Neilson: "Stalking a trophy sika deer with archery equipment. Watching huge whitetails, bull elk, and sika deer fighting and displaying.

Comments on performance of the guide: "Rick was excellent in all aspects of the hunt. Friendly, knowledgeable, and patient accurately describes Rick Grooms. We worked hard to shoot a great top 10 animal. Rick helped educate me on sika, fallow and whitetail deer."

Performance of outfitter: "Rick offers a quality hunt and experience that all members of SCI would enjoy. I can't wait to hunt fallow deer with Rick."

Interesting sidelights: "I learned more about whitetails and their behavior in three days with Rick than I have in my 25 years of hunting them."

Cost of the hunt: \$2,500.

NEW MEXICO



Anderson's mule deer

SCI National Member Kurt Anderson reports on a hunt with **Robert and Laura Seeds of Cougar Mountain Outfitters**. Anderson hunted near Jicarrilla Apache Reservation in November 2001. Under the guidance of Robert Seeds, Anderson took his mule deer with a .300 Weatherby Magnum using 180-grain Barnes X-Bullets.

Personal highlights for Anderson: "The unbelievable night desert and its beauty. Making an awesome hunt up and over canyons. Moving several nice bucks ending in a 400-yard kill shot."

Comments on performance of the guide: "The guide kept us in the animals, constantly looking for that trophy. The guide was very good at judging."

Performance of the outfitter: "Outfitter thought of everything. Robert and Laura Seed don't miss a detail when it comes to your success and comfort."

Other comments: "Weather can be unforgiving – rain and mud."

Cost of the hunt: \$3,000.

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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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WYOMING



Crandall's pronghorn

SCI Utah Chapter member Max O. Crandall reports on a September 2003 hunt with **Ron Platt – Platt's Guides and Outfitters**.

Crandall took his antelope at 400 yards with a Blaser R93 with 300 Weatherby Magnum bullets. In addition, Crandall used a Swarovski binocular and a Leupold scope.

Personal highlights for Crandall: "Watching hundreds of antelope in the rut. Chasing does or other bucks. I also saw elk, mule deer, sage grouse, and coyote."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Ron has been guiding a long time. He really knows how to judge a buck. We looked at 60 to 70 bucks to find the one I wanted."

Performance of the outfitter: see above.

Cost of the hunt: \$2,700 – one-on-one private ranch hunt..

AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND



Dachton's sambar

SCI North Florida Chapter member Paul Dachton reports on a hunt with **Kingham Safaris** and guide **Andrew Webster**. Dachton took sambar, red deer, Javan rusa, and Moluccan rusa deer during the June 2002 hunt.

Personal highlights for Dachton: "Taking all animals with a handgun."

Comments on the performance of the guide: "Excellent – knows the country game and good to be around."

Performance of the outfitter: "Everything went as said. Trophy size of the game was good."

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Lacy Harber's buffalo

SCI Life Members Lacy and Dorothy Harber report on a hunt with guides **Peter Harding** and **Bob Penfold of Hunt Australia Pty. Ltd.** The husband and wife duo hunted in mid May 2003. Lacy took four buffalo with his bow and Dorothy took two buffalo using a rifle.

Personal highlights: "Lacy was anxious to see if his archery equipment would bring down one buffalo. He never expected to be able to take four buffalo...and they were all one-shot kills! They were all trophy size and record book trophies."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Peter Harding hunted with Lacy. He had experience with bow hunters. Lacy and Peter had a great time together. Peter understood the archery stalk and arrow placement requirements for Lacy's hunt. Bob Penfold was great in

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