

# SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

## NORTH AMERICA ALBERTA



Thompson's wolves

SCI Southern New Mexico Chapter members Jim Thompson and Randy Vander Meulen report on a grey wolf hunt with **Lowell Davis – Alpine Outfitters**.

Personal highlights for Thompson and Vander Meulen: "Taking two big wolves in the last hour of the last day of the hunt."

Comments on performance of the guide/outfitter: "Lowell worked hard checking with other baits while we sat in blinds. He covered a 300-mile area for wolf action."

General comments: "Outfitter supplied warm insulated blinds with heaters."

Recommendation: "If you want a beautiful wolf, this is the man to see."

Booking agent: **BC Outfitters – Brent Chapman**

Hunt date: March 2004

Cost of hunt: \$2,200 each

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

SCI Treasure Valley Chapter member Fred Baldwin reports taking moose with the guidance of **Blair Chisholm** and outfitter **Dave Wiens – Stone Mountain Safaris Ltd.**

Baldwin took his trophy at 200 yards using a Remington Model 700 and 160-grain Trophy Bonded 7mm Remington Magnum bullets. His equipment included a Leupold 6x scope, Swarovski EL 10x42 binocular and a Leica rangefinder.

Personal highlights for Baldwin: "I took a very good moose."

Comments on performance of the guide: "My guide Blair was excellent. He did a great job both before and after the kill. Hard worker."

Performance of the outfitter: "This was my third hunt

with Dave Wiens. As always, his performance, organization, and attention to detail were excellent."

Recommendation: "This is a game rich area and a great outfitter."

Hunt date: October 2004

Cost of hunt: \$7,500



Baldwin's moose

## MANITOBA



Johnson's western Canada moose

SCI National Members Susan J. Johnson and Gerald R. Johnson report on a hunt with **Big Sand Lake Lodge**. Guides **Eddie Spence** and **Edward Saultier** led the Johnsons to take western Canada moose.

Personal highlights for Susan: "My father, at age 84, took a nice moose on his second session of hunting. He is the oldest hunter to take one, and I was the first woman. Two of the eight hunters got bulls. Mine was the wildest, which earned my guides a bonus from the lodge."

Comments on performance of the guide: "The guides take fisherman out all summer. They know the lakes well.

Their ability to spot moose is extremely good. At two miles they can spot moose. When your moose is down, the guides will field dress it and perform tribal rites of respect."

Performance of the outfitter: "He made sure everyone had good areas to hunt. Before you go out, expect to shoot and sight-in. Rick changed the camp from strictly fishing to both hunting and fishing. You will get the head, hide and 50-to-100 pounds of meat. All meat is processed and flown to the community of South Indian Lake for the elderly and poor. The community does not hunt this area as they cannot get to it. The meat is a pure bonus for them. It is a pure win-win situation."

Recommendation: "Excellent chance for a good bull. My father is slowing down due to age, but his age gained him respect within the community. When he took the bull, the respect was way up. They all watched over him and made sure he could get around by four-wheeler, etc. Their care and concern allowed me to go out and hunt knowing he'd be OK in camp. Expect to hunt hard if necessary. The guides take pride in knowing that your will get a chance at a moose. Their stats over the years prove it. Would I go back? Oh yes."

Booking agent: **Big Sand Lake Lodge – BJ Meierhofer**

Hunt date: September 2004

Cost of hunt: \$5,400

## UNITED STATES ALASKA



Lehman's black bear

SCI Mid Michigan Chapter Kenneth W. Lehman reports on a black and brown bear hunt with **Jim Jairell – Jim's Alaskan Adventures**.

Guide **Michael Colpo's** expertise helped Lehman take trophies at 150 yards. Lehman chose a .300 Weatherby Accumark with .300 Winchester Magnum 180-grain Nosler Partition bullets.

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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 Lehman: "What an amazing hunt! My first brown bear. Lots of game and other wildlife. My wife was able to go with me. Also, great fishing with 35-pound king salmon and 43-pound halibut. A black bear and great food. What else could you want?"

Comments on performance of the guide: "Mike was very knowledgeable about all aspects of hunting bears, from judging size to the best way to stalk. He knows how to put the hunter in the best spot."

Performance of the outfitter: "I have never met an outfitter that tried harder to make sure everyone had a great time or made sure all the details were taken care of. Super hard worker."

Hunt date: May 2004

Cost of hunt: \$13,000

## MEXICO COAHUILA

SCI Life Member Alex Sokolik reports on a white-tail hunt with outfitter **Tony Arce – Hunting Etc.**

Personal highlights for Sokolik: "Seeing numerous buck over 130 inches to 150 plus."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Knows his area, ranch and deer. Free range."

Performance of the outfitter: "Well versed and knowledgeable. You can believe all that he tells you."

Recommendation: "Very credible on buck scores. A great bowhunt."

Cost of hunt: \$4,000

## AFRICA CAMEROON

SCI Life Member William A. Paulin reports on a hunt with **Borge Ladefoged -Ngong Safaris**. Paulin took a great Lord Derby eland, western roan antelope, western hartebeest, western bush duiker and baboon.

Personal highlights for Paulin: "The feeling of satisfaction after long and hard nine days of chasing the giant Lord Derby eland and taking a great all time bull. Having the balance of the hartebeest liver cooked fresh in the field. A great camp and food."

Comments on performance of the guide/outfitter: "Borge, my PH and outfitter, is a very dedicated and focused hunter. He is very successful because he would listen to all comments made by trackers. He oversaw the operation and ran everything on time. We got up at 4:45am, ate and left camp by 5:45am. We broke for lunch and returned to the field at 4:15 everyday."

Booking agent: **Sporting International Inc.**

Hunt date: Late January, early February 2004

Cost of hunt: 21,000 euros for a 12-day eland and plains game



Phares' bongo

SCI Life Member Jim Phares reports on a hunt with **Stephane Ndongue of Mayo Oldiri Camp**. Phares took bongo, blue duiker and Bates pygmy antelope.

Personal highlights for Phares: "Seeing virgin rainforest and forest elephants. Hearing gorillas and seeing their tracks."

Comments on performance of the guide: "PH and apprentice were both great."

General comments: "Very interesting place. A lot to take in."

Booking agent: **Canada North Outfitting Inc.**

Hunt date: June 2004

Cost of hunt: \$25,000 plus air charter, trophy fees

## SOUTH AFRICA



Clammer's waterbuck

SCI National Member Mark A. Clammer reports on a hunt with **Ernest Dyason - Spear Safari CC**. Clammer took waterbuck, springbuck, red hartebeest and gemsbok in the Limpopo area.

Personal highlights for Clammer: "Our PH, Ernest, ordered us a hot-air balloon ride over Thornybush Game Reserve for my wife and I. We had an excellent time."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Ernest provided excellent information about our species, coaching on shot placement and distance to shoot. Provided all transportation to and from two camps. Ensured our safety and found two wonderful record waterbuck and red hartebeest that I took as well as a record book springbuck. Ernest was a very patient PH since I took all of the game with a pistol."

Performance of the outfitter: "The Ernest and **Marita Dyason** camp provided excellent food and sleeping facilities. The second camp was also excellent with individual cottages and kitchen facilities."

Interesting sidelights: "The hot-air balloon ride was during a fog. We rose above it, into the sunlight and saw game all throughout the Thornybush Game Reserve. What a thrill!"

Recommendation: "I have been to South Africa three times and two of them have been with Spear Safari. Most of our communication was direct via e-mail to the Dyasons. Transfer of funds was to a U.S. bank, which made payment easy. I would recommend having a video of your hunt which is arranged by Spear Safari. Friendly and first-class trophies and service."

Hunt date: May 2004

Cost of hunt: \$7,550

SCI National Member Glenn Kaempf reports on a hunt with PH **Charl Watts of Caracal Hunting Safaris**. Kaempf used a high country bow and carbon arrows thunderhead broadheads to take impala, warthog, wildebeest, kudu and eland at 35 yards.

Personal highlights for Kaempf: "Stalking eland with a bow – double lung hit. Eland went 30 yards and dropped."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent. All our needs were met at a very comfortable pace."

Performance of the outfitter: "Sighted all species we wanted and shot all but one. My wife got an impala with a crossbow on her first hunt ever."

Recommendation: "A proficient hunter with gun or bow on plains game and dangerous game. Our outfitter made us feel like family."

Hunt date: June 2003

Cost of hunt: Won trip from International Bowhunting Organization raffle ticket



Kaempf's kudu

## ASIA MONGOLIA



Summers' Gobi ibex

SCI African Chapter member Neil R.A. Summers reports on a Gobi ibex hunt with **Ariunbold Anand of Amazing Steppes**. Summers chose a Mathews bow with Beman arrows and Rocky Mt. broad heads.

Personal highlights for Summers: "Lots of stalking opportunities, which is important for bowhunting. Experiencing the culture of the nomadic people of Mongolia."

Comments on performance of the guide: "The guides were very knowledgeable and had some previous bowhunting experience. They were energetic and hard working."

Performance of the outfitter: "Great with logistics. Camp was well supplied and comfortable. Vehicles were reliable."

Recommendation: "This is a great place to pursue Gobi ibex with a bow and arrow."

Booking agent: **Bowhunting Safari Consultants**

Cost of hunt: \$5,000

Hunt date: October 2004

## SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA

SCI South Florida Chapter member Pedro Ribeiro reports on a hunt with **Sud America Safaris** and guide **Hector de Bernardis**. Ribeiro took one black buck antelope and three feral hogs.

Personal highlights for Ribeiro: "This is a feral hog paradise. Any hunter looking for big tuskers should go to Argentina with Hector de Bernardis. The hogs are a mix of the Russian wild boar and feral hogs. They feed on crustaceans, so they have huge teeth."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Guide has been hunting in Argentina for 15 years and guiding for 10."

Performance of the outfitter: "Accommodations are simple but hunting is outstanding."

Booking agent: **Red Stag Hunter**

Cost of hunt: \$1,400

Hunt date: September 2004