

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

UNITED STATES MICHIGAN



Miller's northeastern white-tailed deer

SCI Alabama Chapter member Doris Miller reports on a hunt with outfitter **Larry Higgins - Red Pine Whitetails, Inc.** Higgins and guide **Ernie Ealy's** expertise led Miller to take a northeastern white-tailed deer in Otsego County. Miller reports an abundance of trophies during her hunt.

Personal highlight for Miller: "It was a pleasure to see so many deer."

Comments on the performance of the guides: "Guides knew the areas and their animals."

Performance of the outfitter: "Owner has developed a great facility over the years, using his knowledge of deer and their patterns and habits to provide excellent opportunities to his hunters."

Interesting sidelights: "Well managed facility. Good buck-to-doe ratio. High quality animals."

Miller recommends the hunt: "Great hunt with beautiful animals. Scenery is spectacular. Lodge and food are A+. Larry, Cindy, and the staff run a first rate operation."

Hunt date: October 2003

Cost: \$2,000 plus trophy fee.

OKLAHOMA

SCI Life Member Mike E. Neilson reports on a wild boar hunt with outfitter **Shiloh Ranch Hunting Camp** and guides **Matt and Cheryl Napper**. According to Neilson, the weather was windy and hot, and the trophies were abundant.

Personal highlights for Neilson: "Shooting two wild boars with my longbow and helping a new hunter take his first big game animal."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Matt and Cheryl treated my group like we were family. We had access to the entire ranch and felt like we owned it."

Performance of the outfitter: same as above

Interesting sidelights: "Great place for new and veteran hunters. A group of four books the ranch and has free reign of the ranch."

Recommendation: "Matt and Cheryl work hard to ensure that all hunters have fun and enjoy their hunts."

Hunt date: Late March, early April 2003

Cost: \$295.00

CANADA ALBERTA



Kottke's Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep

SCI National Member Marlowe Kottke reports on a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunt with **Chungo Creek Outfitter** and guide **Cory Christopher**.

Kotte took his trophy at 170 yards using a Browning 7mm Magnum and 160-grain Trophy Bonded Bear Claw bullets. He also used a Leica binocular.

Personal highlights for Kottke: "Taking my third sheep of the Grand Slam. Seeing 27 rams and many ewes and lambs."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Guide Cory Christopher and Chungo Creek Outfitter run a quality, hard working sheep hunt Very knowledgeable of hunt area and sheep hunting. Provided a comfortable camp and meals in a spike."

Performance of the outfitter: "Outfitter provided everything they said they would."

Hunt date: September 2003

Cost: \$16,500.

YUKON

SCI New Hampshire Chapter member Charles Albert Black reports a hunt with **Pete Jensen Outfitting- Hunt**

Yukon. Black took Alaska-Yukon moose with guide **Phil Taylor**.

Personal highlights for Black: "The whole Yukon experience. Seeing grizzly bear, caribou and taking a nice moose. A true wilderness adventure."

Comments on performance of the guide: "A true guide and wrangler. Very knowledgeable of the area and a good judge of the game we hunted. Overall, he is a very hard worker. We tried until the last afternoon to fill my bear tag."

Performance of the outfitter: "Overall, very good. When I had any questions regarding the hunt or travel to the area, I got a very quick response. I was told up front that the last moose hunt would be difficult. The rut was pretty much over and the moose would not be easy to find. Their attention to detail established a good level of trust early in our trip negotiations."

Interesting sidelights: "This is truly trophy hunting. I would not book a hunt with this outfitter just to shoot a moose, bear or sheep. There are several record book animals taken from this area and the Jensens will do everything they can to send you home with a true Yukon trophy."

Hunt date: October 2003

AFRICA NAMIBIA



Keller's Kalahari springbok

SCI Life Member Bruce R. Keller reports on a hunt with outfitter and guide **Gunther Heimstadt - Holstein Ranch**. Species taken were damara dik-dik, Kalahari springbok, mountain zebra, black-faced impala, jackal, and bush cat.

Personal highlights for Keller: "Namibia is a beautiful, clean country. The game ranches are very large, making for a challenging hunt. Hunters are welcome, as wild

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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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game hunting is an important part of the economy.”

Comments on performance of the guide: “Gunther is an excellent hunter as well as a good companion. He worked hard to insure that I had a wonderful time and got excellent trophies. He maintains his lodge and equipment flawlessly. He went out of his way to show me more of the country than just the hunting. This is truly one of the most enjoyable safaris I have ever been on.”

Interesting sidelights: “Side trip to Estosha was very interesting as were the rock formations near the ranch that looked like Arizona.”

Recommendation: “I can’t imagine a more fun guy to hunt with, or one that does such a good job in pleasing his clients. Truly a memorable experience.”

Hunt date: May 2003

Cost: \$7,100

SOUTH AFRICA

SCI Delaware Valley Chapter member Thomas C. Lewis reports on a hunt with outfitter Hunter – **Rock Safaris and guide Elmarie Minnaar.**

Lewis took kudu, eland, gemsbuck, blue wildebeest, impala, Burchell’s zebra, and warthog on the North Province hunt. Lewis chose a .300 Weatherby Magnum and 180-grain Combined Technology Partition Gold bullets to take his trophies at up to 200 yards.

Personal highlights for Lewis: “Taking seven outstanding trophy animals on a beautiful ranch in a breathtaking country.”

Comments on performance of the guide: “Elmarie Minnaar grew up on this large ranch and knows every

hill and valley. She is an outstanding hunter and a great judge of trophy quality. In addition, she is a lot of fun to hunt with.”



Lewis' warthog

Performance of the outfitter: “John and Elmarie delivered on every promise they made when my wife, Camella, and I met them at the SCI Annual Convention. The accommodations were five-star and the food fit for a king. Their motto ‘You arrive as a client and leave as a friend’ couldn’t be more true.”

Interesting sidelights: “Arrangements were made for several side trips for my wife such as lion and crocodile breeding farms and shopping in Petersburg. We also took a guided tour to Kruger at the end of our hunt.”

Recommendations: “One of my best, if not the best, of the many I have taken.”

Hunt date: June 2003

Cost: \$6,795 for a 10-day one-on-one guided hunt plus \$1,200 for non-hunter

TANZANIA



Yates' leopard

SCI Life Member Edward D. Yates reports on a hunt in the Selous with outfitter **Vidale Safaris** and guide **Jeff C. Neal.** Yates took elephant, leopard, Cape buffalo, Nyasa wildebeest, duiker, African civet, and warthog.

Personal highlights for Yates: “Finding a mature kudu bull just killed by a leopard. The cat’s saliva was wet on the kudu’s flesh. The kudu was used as a natural bait to get the cat.”

Comments on performance of the guide: “Excellent. I shot a bull elephant. Thanks to the PH, we successfully stalked a small herd of bulls. Vidale was very instrumental in seeing that we weren’t made into pancakes by the other bulls – it was a very close shave.”

Performance of the outfitter: “One of the best African camps (tenting).”

Interesting sidelights: “The Selous topography is very interesting with a great deal of variety.”

Hunt date: November 2003

Cost: \$30,000 plus air charter (\$3,000)