

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

NORTH AMERICA TEXAS



Heintzman's blackbuck

SCI Sioux Empire Chapter member Roger Heintzman reports on a hunt with outfitter and guide **R. Warren Blesh - RRR Trophy Ranch**. Heintzman took blackbuck antelope in the Goldthwaite area. He chose a Knight .50 in-line muzzleloader rigged with a Weaver 6X scope and 280-grain solid lead Harvester bullets to take his trophy at 85 yards. Other equipment included a Redfield 10x50 binocular, Nikon Rangefinder, and Pyrodex pellets.

Personal highlights for Heintzman: "Having the bunk house all to myself and doing my own cooking. Food is supplied. Given a vehicle to use. Going to another state to hunt."

Comments on performance of the guide and outfitter: "Excellent."

Hunt date: February 2004
Cost of hunt: \$1,250

SCI Granite Bay Chapter member Douglas Schnabel and grandson Jarrod Schnabel report on hunt in Junction, Texas with outfitter **Gwen Hughes - Rio Bonito Ranch**.

Guide **Darrell Hightower's** expertise led Douglas to take dall sheep, feral pigs and aoudad. Jarrod took an axis deer. Douglas chose a .243 Winchester with 100-grain Core Lokt bullets to take his trophies at 100 yards.

Personal highlights for Douglas: "It was a good opportunity for my grandson and I to experience our first trip alone and his first hunt. Jarrod was able to learn the value of patience, looking at the chosen animal for a clean shot, and being relaxed when squeezing the trigger. He was one happy boy with pictures and shoulder mount to admire forever!"



Schnabel's axis deer

Comments on performance of the guide: "Eight years experience with ranch operations. Knows quality and has knowledge of entire hunting facility. Did an excellent job of skinning animal. Personable and attentive to hunters' needs."

Performance of the outfitter: "Gwen Hughes is very organized in hunt operations. Food is excellent and plenty of it. Hunting lodge is large and kept very clean."

Hunt date: October 2003
Cost of hunt: \$1,950

WASHINGTON



Markin's Merriam's turkey

SCI Senior Life Member Dr. Karl Markin reports on a hunt in the Colville area with guide **Sam Ray** and outfitter **Bear Paw Outfitters**. Markin took a Merriam turkey at 40 yards with his Benelli Novi 3.5 inch shotgun shooting 1.875 oz at No. 5 hevi-shot.

Personal highlights for Markin: "Calling in a coyote and then a big gobbler and taking them both."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Ray is very familiar with the land we hunted on and the local turkeys."

Performance of the outfitter: "Very efficient and able to produce multiple opportunities for many hunters to bag their turkey."

Recommendation: "This is a no-nonsense hunt in an area with plenty of turkeys."

Hunt date: April 2003
Cost of hunt: \$750

EUROPE SPAIN



Cook's ibex

SCI Life Member Charles E. Cook of San Marcos, Calif. reports on a hunt with **Fernando Saiz - Spain**. Cook took Gredos and Beceite ibex trophies.

Personal highlights: "I enjoyed the country very much. The people were very nice and helpful."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Very good. They went out of their way to make the hunt enjoyable."

Performance of the outfitter: "Excellent."

Interesting sidelights: "Seeing the old town churches was very interesting. I plan to return in 2004."

Hunt date: November 2002
Cost of hunt: \$28,000

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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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ASIA TURKEY



Lamberti's bezoar ibex

SCI National Member Frank Lamberti reports on a hunt with outfitter **Kaan Karakaya -Shikar Safaris**. Guide **Bekir Donmez** led Lamberti on a bezoar ibex hunt.

Personal highlights for Lamberti: "This was my fourth trip to Turkey to shoot my bezoar ibex and finally, I shot a nice one. The shot was approximately 380 yards. This was my 13th goat of the world."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Great."

Performance of the outfitter: "Great. Everything I expected."

General comments: "This was a great hunt. I saw lots of ibex. Turkey is a beautiful country."

Hunt date: December 2003

AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA



McIntire's kudu

SCI National Bruce C. McIntire reports on a hunt with outfitter and guide **Larry McGillevie - Larry McGillevie Outdoor Adventures** in the Grahamstown area.

McIntire took impala, kudu, bushbuck, duiker, gemsbok, blesbok, springbok, and warthog at 200 yards. He chose a Remington Model 700 BDL LH and fired Federal Premium .30-06 180-grain Nosler Partition bullets. McIntire also used a Nikon 10x50 binocular and a Nikon 16x42 spotting scope.

Personal highlights for McIntire: "This was my first safari. Of my eight animals, five were SCI record book including my kudu."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Larry McGillevie of Larry McGillevie Outdoor Adventures is an excellent guide. He's exceptional when it comes to determining trophy size. He always gets the hunter into the proper shooting position."

Performance of the outfitter: "Larry McGillevie had ample staff to satisfy my every need. The accommodations were very comfortable."

Interesting sidelights: "I did some shopping in Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth. I also visited museums in both cities."

Recommendation: "This trip exceeded my expectations. It's by far my most enjoyable and memorable hunting experience. The quality of the game was amazing."

Hunt date: May 2003

Cost of hunt: \$4,800



Ham's bush pig

SCI Arizona Chapter member Garrett Ham reports on a bowhunt with outfitter **Dries Visser Safaris** and guide **Hein Lottering**. Ham took waterbuck, zebra, klipspringer, bush pig, and bushbuck in the Limpopo area.

Ham's comments: "Great hunt. Hein worked hard. We spent two nights in a blind hunting for the bush pig. It was a great bowhunt and successful trip."

Cost of hunt: \$6,000

TANZANIA



Ballard's lion

SCI National Member Thomas Ballard reports taking lion, hippo, leopard, Cape buffalo and kudu on a Selous hunt with guide **Marcel Tiran** of **Hunters Africa**.

Personal highlights for Ballard: "This trip completed my African Big Five for my 12th safari. I'm going back to the Central African Republic for my second bongo."

Comments on performance of guide: "Marcel Tiran has professionally hunted with me for five safaris, from the jungles to the Selous. All of these hunts have been the hunt of a lifetime."

Performance of the outfitter: "Hunters Africa always provides a comfortable camp and accommodations."

General comments: "This hunt completes my third trip to Tanzania. I've taken over 35 animals there, so its time to move on."

Hunt date: September 2003

Cost of hunt: \$40,000

ZAMBIA



Harkins' lion

SCI Amarillo Chapter member Pat Harkins reports on a hunt with guide **Lance Higgins** of outfitter **Leopard Ridge Safaris Ltd.** Harkins took lion, Cape buffalo, hippo, bushbuck, warthog, hyena, impala, and kudu.

Personal highlights for Harkins: "Taking a dark maned lion with a very full mane and an excellent Cape buffalo."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Lance Higgins is a PH who is in the business for a true love of hunting. Making the client enjoy his Africa experience is very important to Lance. He is an extremely hard worker and always gives the extra effort to ensure success. He is knowledgeable and a true professional in every sense."

Performance of the outfitter: "Leopard Ridge Safaris Ltd. is just getting started with this area. They put up a very comfortable spike camp in traditional African design. It consists of a very comfortable chalet with toilet, shower, and a large dining/bar combination."

General comments: "Everything about this hunt went well. It was quite warm during the day, but it cooled nicely in the early morning and late evening. The staff at Leopard Ridge Safaris Ltd. is very competent and professional from top to bottom. Their chef is first class with a lot of experience and the food was exceptional."

Booking agent: **Tommy Morrison of Sporting International Inc.**

Hunt date: Late October, early November 2003

Cost of hunt: \$38,000