

# SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

## NORTH AMERICA ALASKA



Keller's Alaska brown bear

SCI Austin Chapter member Kerry A. Keller reports an abundance of trophies on his hunt with outfitter **Gary "Butch" King – Wildman Lake Lodge**. With the guidance of **Charles Truman**, Keller took Alaska brown bear at 125 yards using a Winchester Model 70 .375 H&H and 300-grain Swift A-Frame bullets. Keller also used a Leica 10x32 binocular.

Personal highlights for Keller: "A one mile stalk on sleeping bear uphill in alders and snow. I stalked in for a 62-yard shot. One kill shot and two insurance shots."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent young man and hard worker."

Performance of the outfitter: "Butch has a first class operation, good management of game resources, and excellent camp headquarters."

Cost of hunt: \$16,000

## KENTUCKY

SCI Phoenix Chapter member Charlie Kelly reports on a whitetail deer hunt with outfitter **Trophys Unlimited** and guide **Jay Cranford**. Kelly chose a 7mm Remington Ultra Magnum and fired 140-grain bullets to take his trophy at 200 yards.

Personal highlights for Kelly: "This is my first whitetail hunt, and it was very exciting to hunt during the rut. The hunting area is located in the rolling farmlands and woods of southwestern Kentucky. We also enjoyed watching the abundance of eastern turkeys and would like to plan a spring hunt for them."



Kelly's whitetail deer

Comments on performance of the guide: "The outfitter provides comfortable blinds, stands and food plots to attract large deer. Jay maintains a 'mature buck' hunting program exclusively."

Performance of the outfitter: "He has several productive farms located within 10 to 15 minutes of the camp. Camp is an old but beautifully restored farm house with ample room for up to 15 hunters at a time."

Hunt date: May 2004

Cost of hunt: \$2,000

## MICHIGAN



Jones' northwestern whitetail

SCI National Member and Texas resident Dr. Terry Jones reports taking a northwestern whitetail in the Otsego County with outfitter **Redpine Whitetails, Inc.** and guide **Joel Noeske**.

Personal highlights for Jones: "Seeing numerous quality animals. Good equipment and stands. Great personnel."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Very knowledgeable and professional."

Performance of the outfitter: "Best I've been around. He knows what he's doing. Very accommodating. A hunter himself."

General comments: "Beautiful countryside. Great accommodations, food and hospitality. Professional in the best sense of the word."

Recommendation: "One of the best I've ever been on. People are lucky to get to go hunting with him."

Hunt date: October 2002

Cost of hunt: \$9,500

## AFRICA NAMIBIA



Janega's kudu

SCI Connecticut Chapter member William Janega reports an abundance of trophies during his hunt with outfitter **Christiaan De Sousa - Christies Adventures**.

Christie's professionalism led Janega to take Hartman's mountain zebra, greater kudu, springbok, Kalahari gemsbok, jackal, and steenbok in the Kalkrand area. Janega chose a Model 70 Winchester Classic in .300 Weatherby Magnum using 180-grain Nosler Partition handloads at 3,095 fps.

Personal highlights for Janega: Taking a gemsbok. "I also enjoyed the total safari including landscape, food and company of the outfitter and his family."

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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.

## Hunt Reports

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Comments on performance of the guide: "Christie, the outfitter, was also my guide for the safari. He knew the locations of the game very well and could track and spot game at a distance as well as the native trackers."

Performance of the outfitter: "Christie performed well as a guide and outfitter. He was very knowledgeable, generous, fair and went well beyond all that was asked of him. He was also good at cooking and smoking the game meat."

Interesting sidelights: "Waiting for five hours in the Namibia sun for a chance to stalk mountain zebra and then making a long shot and follow up shot to take zebra."

Recommendation: "Christie is a good outfitter, guide who is honest and fair. He will give you a great safari for your money in the traditional way. No high fences. I recommend him very highly at a very fair price."

Booking agent: **Butch Manasse Outdoor Adventures and Safaris Worldwide, LLC.**

Hunt date: Late July to early August 2003

Cost of hunt: \$4,000

## SOUTH AFRICA



Proffit's fallow deer

SCI National Member D. Wayne Proffit reports taking nyala, blue wildebeest, spotted genet cat, vaal rhebuck, fallow deer, and black springbok in the Bedford area with the professional guidance of **William Phillips – William Phillips Safaris.**

Proffit used a Remington bolt-action 7mm Model 700 firing Remington 150-grain factory bullets and a Winchester Model 70 .25-06 firing 100-grain bullets. His other equipment included a Leupold 3.5-10 scope, Bushnell binocular and Harris bipods.

Personal highlights for Proffit: "Seeing more than 100 animals a day. Taking my guide's direction to take a fallow deer that I really wasn't hunting."

Comments on performance of the guide: "This was my second safari with Phillips as a guide. We have become very close friends. He is a real judge of quality and record book trophies. He is not scared to let you take that 400-yard shot. Great concern and care in skinning and caring for the capes of each animal."

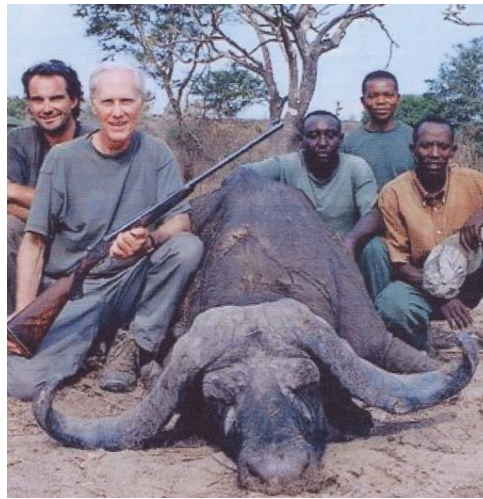
Performance of the outfitter: "Outfitter and the PH are the same person. He has numerous concessions that he can utilize."

Recommendation: "100 percent satisfaction."

Cost of hunt: \$5,700

## TANZANIA

SCI Golden Gate Chapter member Kim Stuart reports on a hunt in the Selous area with outfitter **Tanganyika Wildlife Safaris.** Stuart took Cape buffalo, lion, leopard, eland, wildebeest, hartebeest, zebra, hyena, impala and hippo with the professional guidance of **Mauro Fabris.**



Stuart's Cape buffalo

Personal highlights for Stuart: Taking a buffalo, "an old lion in tall grass and a leopard from a blind 25 yards from bait. It doesn't get much better than this."

Comments on performance of the guide: "PH Mauro Fabris was a pleasure to spend three weeks with. He was very aggressive but extremely safe. He had total trust and loyalty by trackers. His knowledge of animal habits and hunting area is tops. Thanks to his interest in black powder hunting, he would be the PH I would recommend in Tanzania. The best shot I have ever seen."

Performance of the outfitter: "Everything was better than expected. Absolutely the top of the line in every way. Camp staff was organized, helpful and friendly. Made my wife feel welcome and comfortable. No complaints and no suggestions for improvement."

General comments: "Mauro and his trackers brought leopard to bait the first night on three different occasions. This is just unreal and has to be a record. He wanted the very best possible trophies and worked harder to find them than any other PH in six previous trips to Africa."

Recommendation: "As a booking agent and partner in Muzzleload Int., I would recommend this hunt without reservation. Tanganyika Wildlife Safaris was helpful in arranging black powder for me. It is unavailable in Tanzania. **Bert Klineburger** was excellent as a ready source of information and handled all details efficiently and quickly."

Booking agent: Bert Klineburger

Hunt date: October to November 2003

Cost of hunt: \$50,000

## ZIMBABWE



Morgan's leopard

SCI National Member Shaun E. Morgan reports on a hunt in the Matobos Hills with guide **Greg Michelson** and outfitter **Leopard Ridge Hunting Co.**

Morgan took leopard and reedbuck at 75 yards with a Ruger M77 Mark II rigged with a Leupold scope and handload 200-grain Hornady Interlock bullets.

Personal highlights for Morgan: "After previous attempts, finally seeing a leopard in my scope. A very beautiful animal."

Comments on performance of the guide: "I believe Greg Michelson knows how to hunt the big cats."

Performance of the outfitter: "No surprises."

Booking agent: **Jeff Neal**

Hunt date: May 2004

## AUSTRALIA

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

SCI SE Michigan Bowhunters Chapter member Randy Cooling reports on a water buffalo hunt with **Graham Williams – Graham Williams Australian Buffalo Hunters.** Personal highlights for Cooling: "I saw multiple buffalos up close."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Because I shoot a recurve bow, I needed to be inside of 25 yards and the angle had to be perfect. Three times Graham put me inside of 10 yards from a buffalo, but I couldn't get the right angle. He has a lot of patience and knows buffalo."

Performance of the outfitter: "Graham is a very knowledgeable person and made every part of my hunt enjoyable. We had fun."

Recommendation: "The whole experience left me nothing but good memories."

Booking agent: **Bowhunting Safari Consultants**

Hunt date: August 2003

Cost of hunt: \$5,400

## EUROPE

### SPAIN



Wollenman's Gredox ibex

SCI Palm Beach Chapter member Paul Wollenman reports taking Gredos ibex and Beceite ibex on a hunt with the professional guidance of **Curro Carrizosa** of outfitter **Giuseppe Carrizosa.**

Personal highlights for Wollenman: "Missing a big ibex the first and taking the same ibex the next day."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Curro Carrizosa, Giuseppe's son, is a good hunter."

Performance of the outfitter: "Always good. This was my second hunt with him."

Cost of hunt: \$18,000