

# SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

## CANADA

**July 2005.** Paul Buechel of Nolensville, Tennessee booked a hunt with **Pokiak Guiding and Outfitting** in the Baillie Islands of the Northwest Canadian Territories. Gary Strasser of Northwoods Adventures guided Paul to kill a nine-and-a-half-foot polar bear using his .375 H&H Remington 700 with 300-grain bullet (40 rounds were taken). At 41 yards, Paul used his Leupold 4.5x14 Var-X III's, Steiner Predator 8x30 binocular, a polar-wrap face warmer, and extreme cold weather gear and boots provided by Northern Outfitters. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Cold conditions. Air transportation with dog sleds and snowmobiles. *Personal highlights:* "Taking a nine-and-a-half foot square polar bear with a 25-inch skull. The beauty of the Arctic, the toughness of the sled dogs, and encounters with individual guides." *Comments on performance of guide:* "James and his son, Jacob, were simply excellent, tough Arctic guides". *Interesting sidelights:* "I also saw a traditional Eskimo feast and dance and ate traditional fare (whale, duck, goose, polar bear, ocean trout, etc.). This is an excellent hunt with a very high bear density; the Arctic beauty and cold are tremendous!"

*Cost of hunt:* \$19,000



Weyand's polar bear

**March 2005.** Dr. James J. Weyand of Bloomsbury, Pennsylvania booked a hunt with **Dunns Sport Hunting** in the NWT Paulatuk/Arctic Ocean region of Canada. Andy and John Kudlak guided James to kill a ten foot bear using his .375 H&H Sako with a 250-grain Nosler Partition at 75 yards broadside. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Air transportation with dog sleds and snowmobiles. *Personal highlights:* "Paulatuk is the best Inuit community I've ever been in!! Plenty of polar bears!! I shot a ten foot bear and the hunter after me shot a ten foot bear within three days of mine. Great area, agent, guides, and community!" *Comments on performance of guide:* "Two of the toughest, safest guides I've ever been with!! These brothers will not quit! They were disappointed that I didn't hold out for a bigger bear! Saw tracks of 11 and

12 feet bears only one day old!" *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Bob Dunn or Dunn's Sport Hunting is their exclusive agent!! He made everything happen perfectly!!"

*Cost of hunt:* \$26,500



Clutter's black bear

**May 2005.** Jerry L. Clutter of Waynesville, Ohio booked a hunt with **Pacific Rim Outfitters** on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. Jim Shockey guided Jerry to kill a black bear. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Wet conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* "Seeing up to 29 bears one afternoon, the beautiful country, learning about the area and the bears' habits from Jim Shockey during the hunt." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Mr. Shockey is very knowledgeable and explains everything every day we were with him. I have not hunted with many guides, but Mr. Shockey would be the ideal guide to go with. He works very hard to get you a trophy bear, not just fill a tag." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "The camp was great as we had our own cabins and the meals were great! Mr. Shockey and all his guides were really great! They made you feel like one of them and would do anything for you in order to make your hunt successful!"

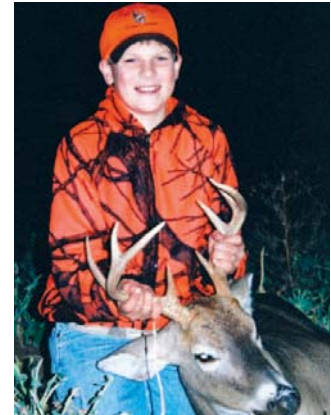
*Cost of hunt:* \$4,000

## UNITED STATES

**June 2005.** Dewey M. Dalton, of Dallas, Texas, took his six year old grandson, Caleb Addison, to the **Onion Creek Ranch** near Buda, Texas. Jack Dahlstrom, Jr. guided Dewey and Caleb to shoot a blackbuck at 52 yards, putting the bullet through both shoulders. *Personal highlights:* "During the first day of the hunt, we saw several blackbuck, and Caleb was anxious to shoot the first one that he saw. Obviously, as his grandfather, I wanted

him to shoot a blackbuck that would make the SCI Record Book, so I made him pass on the first two or three animals of the day." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Excellent ranch with trophy-quality animals."

*Cost of hunt:* \$1,900



Eck's whitetail deer

**October 2003.** Doug and Daniel Eck of Hobart, Washington booked a hunt with **Tucannon Outfitters** in Columbia County, Washington. Craig Martin guided Daniel to kill a western whitetail deer using his Brown Precision .243 Winchester and 100-grain Nosler Partition. Doug and Daniel used their Leupold scopes, a Swarovski spot, and Zeiss binocular. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Trophies were delivered upon departure. Dry conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* "My son's first deer was quite a memory to watch." *Comments on performance of guide:* "I have hunted three different countries with many different guides—Craig is as good as it gets. He receives my highest marks!" *General comments:* "Craig is a great conversationalist who supports many organizations, including SCI."

*Cost of hunt:* \$1,000 per person (with a \$1,500 trophy fee)

**October 2003.** Dr. Walter J. Kubinsky of Rochester, Michigan booked a hunt with **Edwards Outfitting** in Wyoming. Richard Edwards guided Walter to kill a mule deer and an antelope using his .300 Weatherby from 160 yards. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Delivery of trophies, eight to twelve months from the taxidermist. Conditions, dry and hot. Vehicle, foot, ATV, and horse (if needed) transportation. *Personal highlights:* "Best personal deer—scored 201 1/8. In October 2001, I took

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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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Kubinsky's mule deer

an antelope that scored 84, again with Richard Edwards." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Excellent!" *General comments:* "We saw the deer the evening of October 23 and waited until the dawn on October 24 to go after him. He was bedded a half-mile from where we saw him the night before. He was looking northwest, and with a prevailing west wind, our final approach was from the northwest. We made a great stalk and he did not get spooked. The thermals kept our scent away from him and one lonely cloud blocked the rising sun so I did not get any scope glare. We were blessed to get this deer and, with one round of my .300 Weatherby from 160 yards—he never left his bed!" *Cost of hunt:* \$3,850

## AFRICA

**June 2005.** W. Laird Hamberlin, who used to live in Georgia but has moved recently to Singapore, booked a hunt with **KlipKraal Safaris**. Gary Hopkins guided Laird to shoot a cape buffalo, warthog, hyena, elephant, sable, klipspringer, and a leopard using his .375 rifle, 300-grain solids, and Leica binocular. He killed his trophies at less than 100 yards. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Conditions, dry, cold, and hot. Vehicle and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* "Seeing all the animals in good condition despite the poor conditions of the country. It was my seventh African safari and of the Big Five, buffalo were the most fun, the elephant the most dangerous, and the leopard the most rewarding because of the preparation required." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Gary was an excellent judge of trophy quality animals. He would not let you shoot just anything—only mature trophies. He was very personable, easy to get along with, and very knowledgeable about Zimbabwe and its surrounding areas." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Adam Clements at Safari Trackers, Inc. performed flawlessly as every detail was taken care of. I actually called the week before, thinking I had more to do and discovered that everything was in order."

*Cost of hunt:* \$34,000

**June 2005.** Robert Miller of Janesville, Wisconsin booked a hunt with **Spear Safaris** in the Thorny Bush area of the Limpopo Province of South Africa. Ernest Dyason guided Robert to kill a Cape buffalo, kudu, mountain reedbeek, warthog, giraffe, and blue wildebeest. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. *Personal highlights:* "Shooting a charging cape buffalo at nine paces. Ernest and Marita Dyason are outstanding professional individuals that will do whatever it takes to make sure their clients have an outstanding ethical outdoor experience during their safaris." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Ernest is

an excellent PH. We have taken 18 animals in two safaris. 80 percent have made the SCI Record Book." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Ernest and Marita Dyason of Spear Safaris run an outstanding camp—the accommodations are first class, meals are excellent, and the social time in the evening is fantastic!" *Cost of hunt:* \$12,000

## SOUTH AMERICA



Small's water buffalo

**June 2005.** David B. Small of Las Vegas, Nevada booked a hunt with **Wild Pampa Safaris** in the La Lydia and La Corona areas of Entre Rios, Corriente, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Teddy Fairhurst, Nestor, Jesus Godoy, and Ariel Vallejo all guided David to kill a water buffalo and hybrid sheep with his Freedom Arms .454 Casull and 360-grain Cor-bon. He also shot a capybara and blackbuck with his Weatherby Mark V .300 and 150-grain Weatherby factory ammunition. David carried his 3-9x Leupold scope, a 2-6x Bushnell scope, and 10x30 Zeiss binocular. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Wet conditions. Vehicle, horse, and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* "Taking free range water buffalo with my Freedom Arms revolver." *Comments on performance of guide:* "All guides were helpful and committed to a successful hunt! Language differences were surmounted easily through hand signals and gestures." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Excellent! This was my second Argentine hunt with Wild Pampa Safaris." *Interesting sidelights:* "The buffalo meat was distributed to the locals." *Cost of hunt:* \$6,000 (including airfare)

## AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

**June 2005.** Robert House of West Olive, Michigan booked a hunt with **South Pacific Hunters** in Otago, New Zealand. David Musgrave guided Robert to kill a gold medal red stag, gold medal tahr, gold medal chamois, and a wild sheep using his Blaser Model R93 .30-06 with a 180-grain Nosler partition. From 50 to 200 yards, Robert also used Nikon's, Brunton's, and a spotting scope provided by the outfitter. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent, the food was good. Three months for trophy delivery. Conditions, dry and cold. Air, vehicle, and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* "The helicopter hunt in the high country was breathtaking and New Zealanders are extremely friendly!" *Comments on performance of guide:* "Exceptional knowledge of both animals and hunting area." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "They bend over backwards to assure your satisfaction."

*Cost of hunt:* \$10,000 +



Leep's red deer

**May 2005.** E. Kenneth Leep of Highland, Indiana booked a hunt with **Shane Quinn's Alpine Hunting** on the North and South Island of New Zealand. Ian Melrose guided Kenneth on the North Island and Shane Quinn was Kenneth's guide on the South Island. Both guides helped Kenneth kill a red stag, a sika deer, a tahr, a chamois, and a ram goat on the South Island using his rented rifles from the outfitter, a .260 Remington and a Sako .260 Remington BAR. All the equipment was furnished by the PH and, at 50 to 200 yards, Kenneth was able to see the animals using 8 x 32 Leica binocular. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent!! Delivery of trophies took about sixty days. Dry conditions. Transportation involved a vehicle and helicopter. *Personal highlights:* My wife and I toured for five days before and four days after the hunt. *Comments on performance of guide:* Excellent at stalking and judging trophy quality. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* Excellent in every way. We didn't encounter any problems.

*Cost of hunt:* \$12,500 (Gold Medal Package)

## REST OF THE WORLD



Baker's Marco Polo sheep

**December 2003.** Rex Baker of Marietta, Georgia booked a hunt with **Safari Outfitters** in the observatory camp or Murgob, Tajikistan. Tolabec guided Rex to kill a Marco Polo sheep. *Evaluation of support:* Good. Conditions, dry and cold. Vehicle and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* "Hunting the Marco Polo sheep at high altitudes." *Comments on performance of guide:* "Good, considerate." *Comments on performance of outfitter:* "Very organized." *Interesting sidelights:* "Going through Istanbul is always a treat!" *Cost of hunt:* \$27,000