

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

UNITED STATES TEXAS



Veurink's scimitar-horned oryx

SCI Michigan Chapter member Linda Anne Veurink reports on taking blackbuck, scimitar-horned oryx, and audad sheep during her hunt with guide **Travis Buell** and outfitter **Indianhead Ranch**. Veurink chose a 7mm STW handload with 140-grain bullets to take her trophies at up to 450 yards.

Personal highlights for Veurink: "Spotting and taking my oryx was the highlight for me. Travis was able to get me close for a good shot."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Travis was very good at spotting and judging game. The only negative for us was that we felt we spent a little too much time riding in the vehicle. We would have preferred to walk a bit more."

Hunt date: January 2004

Cost of hunt: \$8,000

CANADA ALBERTA

SCI Life Member Arnold Goldschlager reports on a western Canada moose hunt with guide and outfitter **Don Ayers – Don Ayers Outfitters**.

Personal highlights for Goldschlager: "The beauty of the Canadian forest. The spirit of the hunting camp - good camaraderie and fellowship. Taking a moose on the fourth day. It was a difficult shot through thick bush."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent. Don Ayers did everything possible to get us all our animals. We hunted hard, usually all day without an afternoon break because of full moon problems."



Goldschlager's western Canada moose

Performance of the outfitter: "Don runs a great camp, pays attention to detail, and is concerned for the safety and comfort of his clients. The wall tents with wood stoves and bunks are warm and comfortable."

General comments: "In the off season, Don stays in touch with me with humorous e-mails and updates about hunting."

Recommendation: "This is my second moose hunt with Don Ayers. I also went on a successful whitetail hunt two years ago. We are a group of four veteran hunters and have booked this hunt for the next three years. Highly recommended for his honesty, integrity, and quality hunt."

Hunt date: October 2003

Cost of hunt: \$4,500

NUNAVUT TERRITORY



Baker's Arctic grizzly

SCI Life Member Rex Baker reports on an Arctic grizzly bear hunt with guide **Charley Bolt** of **Webb Outfitting**.

Personal highlights for Baker: "Being in the Arctic. Being with the Inuit people. We traveled 670 miles by snowmobile in four days."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent. Safe. He knew the area and the habits of the bear as it came out of hibernation." Performance of the outfitter: "Excellent. **Fred and Martin Webb** are the best in the Arctic."

General comments: "This is an interesting hunt for a rare animal."

Hunt date: May 2004

Cost of hunt: \$10,250

SASKATCHEWAN

SCI Bakersfield Calif. Chapter member Ross McClintock reports on a hunt with outfitter and guide **Dave Nowlin – NorthSask Frontier Adventures Ltd.** McClintock took a black bear at 25 yards using a Hoyt MagnaTec bow and 100 gr. Muzzy broadhead. He marked the drop off with a GPS and used a rangefinder from his stand.

Personal highlights for McClintock: "I saw bear every time I was in the tree stand. All bears were in excellent condition and had perfect coats."

Comments on performance of the guide and outfitter: "Outfitter Dave Nowlin has done it again. Dave is a partner in NorthSask Frontier Adventures Ltd., an outfitter well known by SCI Members. Dave recently purchased the concession for 10 bears and 25 whitetail bucks. Last winter, he built a new lodge, Torch River Lodge, and it is outstanding. The food was cooked by his wife **Lesley**. This is a relaxing hunt, sitting in a tree stand. Handicap blinds are available too. Great people. Great Lodge. Great hunting. What more could you ask for?"

Hunt date: Mid May 2004

Cost of hunt: \$2,000

AFRICA CAMEROON

SCI Denver Chapter member Thomas B. Cacy II reports on a hunt with **Borge Ladefoged - Ngong Safaris**. Guide Daniel A. Gabrieli's expertise led Cacy to take western roan antelope, western hartebeest, oribi, Nigerian bohor reedbuck, and olive baboon in Northern Savanna Area 14.

Personal highlights for Cacy: "Taking a trophy roan. We beat my goal on the seventh day of a 12 day hunt."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Simply outstanding. He has been hunting northwest Africa in Cameroon and Denin for almost 10 years. He knows his business. I intend to try for bongo and Lord Derby eland and would like for him to be the PH."

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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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Cacy's western roan antelope

Performance of the outfitter: "Very good. Camp was great. Everything worked. Intentionally takes fewer animals than his quota allows so he can keep the quality high."

General comments: "I saw multiple herds of Lord Derby eland. Ngong Safaris runs 100 percent success on Lord Derby elands up to 50 inches. Also hunts bongo, forest elephant, sitatunga, etc. in another part of Cameroon."

Recommendation: "This was a great hunt. I'll be returning for Lord Derby and bongo sometime in the future."

Booking agent: **Charles Goldenberg of Premier Safaris Inc.**

Hunt date: Late February to mid March

Cost of hunt: \$8,000 plus trophy fees

SOUTH PACIFIC SOUTH ISLAND



Kelly's red stag

SCI Phoenix Chapter member Charlie Kelly reports on a hunt with outfitter **Rockpool Ranch**. Relying on the expertise of guide **Marshall Varner**, Kelly took red stag, North American elk, tahr, chamois, and white and chocolate fallow deer. Kelly chose a 7mm Remington Ultra Magnum and 140-grain bullets to take his trophies at up to 400 yards and reported his Burris rangefinder was helpful.

Personal highlights for Kelly: "The foot hunt for tahr was especially challenging, but in very beautiful country. I was able to take a red stag, elk, chamois, and tahr and two fallow deer. My son was also able to take a stag, chamois, and tahr. My daughter took a stag as well."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Marshall knew the best areas for each species and was also a very

entertaining tour guide. Our family of five got to tour the south island as well as experience the best hunting New Zealand had to offer."

Performance of the outfitter: "Rockpool Ranch is a very well organized facility, complete with a walk in freezer for trophy care. **Bert and Penny**, the ranch managers, made our whole family very comfortable, and the home cooked New Zealand cuisine was exceptional."

Interesting sidelights: "Pheasant and duck hunting was an unexpected bonus."

Hunt date: June 2003

Cost of hunt: \$10,950 plus upgrade trophy fee of \$4,000 on stag and \$2,500 each for fallow deer

SCI Senior Life Member and Alaska resident Phillip Williams reports on a hunt with guide **Bert How** of outfitter **Rockpool Ranch**. Using a Sako .340 Weatherby Magnum with hand loaded 225-grain Barnes bullets to take his bull tahr at 110 yards. Williams was also equipped with Swarovski scopes and binoculars.

Personal highlights for Williams: "The friendly people. The country, which is more beautiful than advertised, and seeing lots of animals, like tahr, chamois, and red stags, that I had not previously seen in the wild."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Awesome. I had several people volunteer to me, including another major New Zealand outfitter, that Bert How is without a question the best free range tahr guide in New Zealand."

Performance of the outfitter: "Outstanding. The food and accommodations were terrific. This entire operation is first class and will only get better with some expansion plans on the drawing boards."

Interesting sidelights: "I had the opportunity to visit several local towns and homes."

Hunt date: April 2004

Cost of hunt: \$4,000

EUROPE ROMANIA



Backman's brown bear

SCI Senior Life Member William D. Backman, Jr. reports on a brown bear hunt with outfitter **Abies Hunting** and guide **Jose L. Mallo**.

Personal highlights for Backman: "I took two great bears."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Very good. Everyone was as nice as could be. They took great care of us. We saw lots and lots of bear."

Performance of the outfitter: "Great!"

Recommendation: "This was a great hunt. One of the best I have had in recent years. Five star."

Hunt date: April 2004

Cost of hunt: 8,000 Euros

SPAIN



Aimone's European fallow deer

SCI Life Member Eugene D. Aimone reports on a hunt on the Pinos Altos with outfitter **Fernado Saiz - Spain** and guide **Nacho R. Arias**. Firing a 7mm Remington Magnum, Aimone took European fallow deer and Spanish red deer at 175 meters.

Personal highlights for Aimone: "Beauty of the countryside. Hospitality of all people encountered. Ability to take my wife, a non-hunter, on a hunting trip and have her enjoy the entire trip as much as I did."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Very knowledgeable and an extreme pleasure to be with."



Mack's beceite ibex

SCI National Member Dr. Leo William Mack, Jr. reports on a hunt with outfitter **Fernando Saiz - Spain** and guide **Nacho R. Arias**. Mack took Gredos ibex, beceite ibex, and fallow deer.

Personal highlights for Mack: "Taking two outstanding ibex."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent judgment. Personable. Accommodating."

Performance of the outfitter: "On time. No problems."

Recommendation: "Great ibex hunting."

Booking agent: **Trophy Connection**

Hunt date: November 2002



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