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# THE Tracker Report



March | 2017



## CAUGHT IN THE CROSSHAIRS

### Presidents Message

Spring is just around the corner and so is our annual fundraiser. We are planning for our biggest and best fundraiser in years. The number of prizes keeps growing by the day, Jim has a phenomenal live auction line up and Mark has some silent auction items that would be hard to find anywhere else. Our annual spring fundraiser is by far the most important thing we do. It is the only time of year we raise funds to support our programs such as sending teachers to the American Wilderness Leadership School, Sensory Safari, Blue Bag Program, support our wildlife officers, local hunger outreach and youth outdoor shooting sports and hunts. Thank you in advance for your support. We are going to need some more volunteers this year to help pull off this great event. If you would like to help please call 513-563-2943 or email [john@southwestohiosci.org](mailto:john@southwestohiosci.org)

Convention was outstanding yet again this year. They had over 1 million square feet of floor space with outfitters from around the world, stunning taxidermy and tons hunting/fishing supplies and apparel. The convention is in Las Vegas for one more year before it moves to Reno for 3 years. If you have never been I would encourage you to mark your calendars for January 31 through February 3, 2018, now and start making plans.

We are excited to announce we are going to hold a Family Fun Day at the Hobb Camp Nature Center in Lebanon on June 24th. We hope to have loads of things for you and your kids and grandkids to do including rifle shooting, handgun shooting, trap/sporting clay shooting, archery shooting, and fishing from their stocked fishing pond. More information will be coming out soon as we iron out the details so stay tuned!

Until then, happy hunting!  
John Stohlman



### Safari Club International

The leading voice in the fight to protect our freedom to hunt, both in the United States and Internationally.



### SCI PUBLICATION AWARD WINNER!

The Southwest Ohio Chapter has been selected the winner of the 2016 Safari Club International Website, Group 2 Publication Award (Grouping is based on number of chapter members). "Your chapter has shown excellence and dedication in communicating support of the missions and programs of SCI/SCIF and you are a shining example of why our organization is the strongest voice for hunter advocacy." Sherry Maddox, Publications Committee Co-Chair.

Thank you to Mark Metzger for sponsoring the chapter's table during the awards night dinner! It truly was a great night.

Pictured above Sherry Maddox, SCI Vice President and John Stohlman SCI Southwest Ohio Chapter President.



# WOUNDED WARRIOR HUNT A TRUE SUCCESS

# BIG GAME UPDATES



IF YOU HAVE A STORY  
OR REPORT THAT YOU  
THINK WOULD MAKE  
AN INTERESTING ARTICLE  
FOR A FUTURE PUBLICATION  
PLEASE CONTACT:

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The 2017 Wounded Warrior in Action Foundation (WWIA) Duck and Goose Hunt was sponsored by the SCI Southwest Ohio Chapter this year and we hope it is a partnership that we can continue. The goal for the hunt was to provide Purple Heart recipients a first class waterfowl hunt experience in southern Ohio. The waterfowl migration is in full swing with giant Canada geese and other waterfowl for in-your-face non-stop action. Dan Doll and Dave Studenka from WWIA wanted to take the hunt next level offering a truly first class experience for the Heroes. In the past, the hunters would stay in a motel and have dinner local restaurants. Dan said it really didn't have the "Duck Camp experience" that they wanted. They decided that it would be better to rent two RV's and a few camp sites at a local gun club so we could hold a fish fry and bonfires that would add to the experience. The hunt had five hunters from all over the United States. Two hunters flew in from Texas, the rest drove in from Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota. They started off the hunt scouting for birds on Thursday night and Friday. They practiced shooting clay birds from layout and ground blinds. We needed to make sure that our Heroes were able to comfortably use the blinds taking their injuries into consideration. They also helped get the decoys ready to go and had a duck call lesson. The hunt started on Saturday morning at 4:00 prepping blinds and decoys building a decoy spread. In no time they had 22 ducks and 18 geese. They had to make a run to Cabelas to replenish the ammo supplies. Sunday was a bluebird day with no wind. They still managed to shoot 8 geese and 2 ducks. The hunt wrapped up on Monday morning with everyone departing for home. Our Heroes left with a smile on their face and bags full of meat. We gave each Hero an SCIF Challenge Coin so they left knowing that we greatly appreciate their service and sacrifice to our country.



## WWIA 2017 WATERFOWL HUNT





# 2017 Fundraiser Preview



**Live Auction**  
 Hunting Trips  
 Fishing Trips  
 Photo Safaris  
 Artwork  
 Jewelry



**Silent Auction**  
 Guns  
 Jewelry  
 Unique Items



**Gun Giveaway**  
 AR-15s  
 Big Bores  
 Pistols  
 Rifles  
 Shotguns

## APRIL 1, 2017 DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM



SCI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife, education of the people, and the protection of hunters' rights.

70% of the net proceeds from the fundraiser stay with the chapter and 30% goes to SCI to help fund the national mission.

All of the proceeds will be used to support local, state and national conservation, education and pro-hunting governmental affairs programs.



**Argentina Big Game Hunt for 2 Hunters**  
**Hunt British Columbia**



### 10 Gun Raffle

- Ruger 1327 1-S in 45-70
- CZ-USA Bobwhite 202B in 20 Gage
- Smith & Wesson M&P 15 Sport II in 556
- Tikka T3 in 308
- Marlin 1894 in 44
- Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 in 22 Caliber
- CZ-USA CZ 612 12 Gage
- Savage Arms 93R in 17HMR
- Savage Arms Axis XP in 22-250
- Mossberg Blaze 47 in 22 Caliber



**Pork Slam with Ted Hugent**

**Cabo San Lucas-Baja Mexico Private Resort,**  
**7 Day/6 Night For 2**



### Ohio Turkey Hunt



**Michigan Whitetail Deer Hunt in Hart**  
**Michigan at Twin Creek Ranch**



### Optics Raffle

- EOTech Holographic Sight
- Leupold VX-3 3.5-10x40 Rifle Scope
- Leupold RX-1000i Laser Range Finder
- Leupold VX-2 4-12x40 Rifle Scope
- Leupold VX-2 3-9x40 Rifle Scope



# AMERICAN WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

For the past few months our chapter has been taking applications from area educators to attend AWLS, American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson, WY. AWLS offers hands-on lessons focused around the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation as well as engaging take home lessons on conservation education that can be integrated into K-12 math, science, language arts, social studies and physical education. The AWLS program is one week long and sessions are held from early June through Mid August.

Last year our chapter sponsored three educators to attend AWLS, however due to a wildfire in the Granet Creek Valley only one was able to attend. The other two educators have been rescheduled for this year. In addition to the two carry over attendees we are again, sponsoring three educators to attend. They are: Natalie Coal, from Cincinnati Public Schools, where she is a math and science teacher., Jenna Johnson, from Middletown Schools, where she is an elementary teacher, and Brenda Ricciuto, from Holy Angels Schools in Dayton, where she is a junior high science teacher.

If you are interested in attending next year or if you know someone who would be a great fit for the program please email [jim@southwestohiosci.org](mailto:jim@southwestohiosci.org)



## SCI CONVENTION SUCCESS







# BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

At our May 18th general membership meeting we will be electing 4 of our 12 board positions. Board members are elected to a 3 year term. Our board does the yeoman's work for our organization. We plan and organize our events and programs including our fundraiser, chapter shoots, blue bag program, sensory safari and AWLS programs. If you are interested in running for a board position please email [john@southwestohiosci.org](mailto:john@southwestohiosci.org) or call John at (513) 383-1991.



## FAMILY FUN DAY

This year our chapter will be hosting a Family Fun Day at Hobb Camp Nature Center in Lebanon, Ohio. The event has been scheduled for June 24, 2017. More information will come out shortly after our fundraiser on April 1st. We plan to have shooting, archery, and fishing for the whole family. Please mark your calendars now and plan to bring your kids and grandkids. We will need many volunteers to help pull this event off including preparation, set up, cooking, and station volunteers and cleanup. If you would like to help make this event a huge success please email [john@mvmincorporated.com](mailto:john@mvmincorporated.com) or call John at (513) 383-1991.

## SOUTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER SPONSORS ODNR NIGHT VISION

The Southwest Ohio Chapter has supported the Ohio Division of Natural Resources and the Division of Wildlife. This year District 5 Manager Todd Haines approached us asking for assistance in replacing a few much needed night vision monocular units. One unit they had was no longer working and the other unit was well over 20 years old. Jim Hayes the Southwest Ohio Chapter Vice President and Matt Hoehn District 5 Unit Supervisor spent months doing research on units trying to find the absolute best units at best value.

We decided the best units for the officers were TNVC TNV/PVS-14 w/ L3 OMNI VIII, Susie Vance, Division of Wildlife Assistance Chief said "I am humbled by your club's generosity. Our officers work hard at a tough job using every available tool at their disposal. Having this new technology not only improves their capacity, but likely improves morale knowing they have the support of the sportsman in your club." Todd Haines District 5 Manager said "The new night vision units are a great upgrade to the older units that were currently being used by our Wildlife Officers. The new night optics are easier to use and carry, have much better range and much improved performance. Wildlife Officers in District Five will use these in a variety of enforcement projects such as illegal deer harvest, private property trespass, night fishing enforcement and surveillance.





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# SET YOUR SIGHTS

**On Our Fundraiser On April 1st!!!**



**ALL THIS AND MORE AT OUR FUNDRAISER...**

**Live Auction | Silent Auction | Raffles | Fun | Guns | Hunts  
Dinner | Drinks | Awards | Games | Prizes**

Monthly Membership Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from August to May at the Houston Inn 4026 US-42, Lebanon, OH 45036 (Just outside of Mason). We try to have new and interesting guest speakers and presentations each month. Happy hour starts at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 7:00. We hope to see you there!



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