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Last Chance for Ducks!

Waterfowl seasons are winding down but here's a last minute tip...

Waterfowl Hunting Tip....."Stay Late"

Waterfowl frequently migrate with or slightly behind cold fronts to take advantage of strong tail winds. On good migration days, don't leave the blind early. The best hunting often occurs late in the morning, when many migrating flocks stop to take a rest.

Look for more great tips at this link:

<http://www.ducks.org/hunting/hunting-tips/15-tips-for-waterfowlers>



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING January 17, 2013

Houston Inn
4026 South State Rt 42
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
6pm "Happy Hour"
7pm Dinner/Meeting

CHAPTER FUNDRAISER April 27, 2013

FEBRUARY MEETING

Guest speaker: Matt Case
of Weatherby & Leupold
***New Member Gun Give
Away! Weatherby
Vanguard 30-06**

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President's Message

Hello all,

Our chapter fundraiser is fast approaching. This year's event will be April 27th at the Elements Event Center in Sharonville.

We will have another 10 Gun Raffle and Superb Optics Raffle. Be sure to keep checking the chapter website for updates on hunts and other Live Auction items. Purchase tickets online or at meetings.

Welcome to our newest members.

See you at the meeting,

President-Tom Thomas



Special Guest Speakers

Creators of "The Elephant in the Living Room"
Bill Cacciolfi & Dr Greg Mc Donald

Learn more about the Exotic Pet Trade as they discuss their compelling documentary film.



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Member Gun Swap

Whatever you've got layin' around!

GRAB YOUR GUNS guys and gals! We will be holding another member swap meet at the March meeting. Guns, ammo and related items. Here's a chance to trade-up or make of few bucks for the next



Member Spotlights

Existing Member Spotlight-Todd Bittner

Todd is a general contractor who started bow hunting and hunting small game when he was ten to twelve years old. Todd has since been very busy as a competitive shooter with a variety of weapons. Todd has shot Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) and with numerous trap leagues; High-Power Rifle at Camp Perry, International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC); National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association in Friendship, IN.; and represented the US on the US Muzzle Loading Team where he competed in the US, England, Canada, Italy and South Africa.



Todd and his wife Linda are also very involved in the North – South Skirmishers, which is a group that holds shooting competition with Civil War weapons to include rifled and smoothbore muskets, carbines, pistols and artillery. Not only is Todd a board member for the local SCI Chapter and a key volunteer for our annual dinner and fundraiser but he belongs to numerous conservation and shooting organizations. He works with the Hamilton 4-H Youth Shooting programs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

If this isn't enough Todd is also the President of Hamilton County Izaak Walton League which is phenomenal in promoting youth shooting events and other outdoor skill programs for men, women and kids..

Todd has hunted South Africa twice and numerous trips out West for elk, mule deer and his favorite pronghorn antelope. He enjoys hunting both small and large game with archery, pistol, rifle and original muzzle loaders in both flintlock and percussion. His go to rifle is an 1842 Springfield 69 caliber smoothbore.

Todd enjoys the camaraderie and friendships within the SCI Chapter. He enjoys the thrill and challenge of hunting and stalking as close as possible to the animal to beat the animal in its own environment.



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New Member Spotlight-Rich Baird



Richard grew up in central Ohio hunting rabbits, pheasant and squirrel and later started hunting deer when he move to southern Ohio. Later Rich started going out west to Wyoming with a coworker to hunt mule deer and antelope. Rich has hunted in about 8 or more states, three Canadian provinces and South Africa. Rich's career has been in corrections and recently tour bus operator. He competes in handgun metallic silhouette shooting (IHMSA) using specialty bolt action pistols in calibers such as 22 Hornet, 260 Remington, 270 Max to name a few.

One of Chris's most memorable hunts was a hunt where the overnight temperature was -40 and as the sun illuminated the frozen woods and fields providing them a unique glimpse of Mother Nature. Chris is hoping to hunt an Australian Water Buffalo and a Red Stag in the years to come.

Chris enjoys the SCI Magazine; hearing about other hunts and hanging out with other hunters and conservationist. Chris also served in the Army where he was an Arab linguist. On qualification day he forgot his glasses but was still able to qualify expert having to shoot left handed because of his dominant eye. Chris also really enjoys sampling wines and wine tastings. Check out his blog about wines! www.theimmaturepalate.com



New Member Spotlight-Bill Ring

Bill was born in Buffalo and did a little hunting as a kid but hunting took off when he bought some land in NY for his family to camp and hunt. While in Buffalo he also shot competitive pistol. Although being a lefty he was taught to shoot right handed.

His first elk hunt he booked while living in Singapore. He later flew back to the states bought some gear and a rifle, went hunting, then flew back to Singapore. His buddies told him he needed a 300 Weatherby although they bought 7mm Mags.

Bill has hunted South Africa in addition to trying to go out west every year for Elk and is going to Namibia in 2013. Bill's most memorable hunt/travel was with his wife and another couple on a house boat on the portion of the Chobe River which separates Botsowana and Namibia. They saw lots of game along the river while eating gourmet food. One evening they heard a great deal of commotion and in the moonlight they could watch an elephant take a bath. They were also able to do some Tiger fishing which they enjoyed immensely. Bill collects semiautomatic version of weapons that he used while in the Marine Corps during Vietnam and in his career with Department of Immigration.

Bill is a former Chapter Chair for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and really enjoys the variety of people, interest and experience at our monthly meetings. Bill won the Weatherby shotgun last May for the member attendance raffle.

For more information about events and our chapter visit: www.southwestohiosci.org



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Chapter Fundraiser

10 GUN RAFFLE:

1. Weatherby 300 Win Mag
2. Weatherby VGD .223
3. Weatherby SA-08 12 Gauge Deluxe
4. Henry Big Boy .44 Mag
5. Savage MK II BTV SS .22RF
6. Marlin 336Y 30-30 Win
7. EAA MP310 20 Ga. O/U Shotgun
8. Weatherby PA-08 Slug Gun
9. CVA Buckhorn 209 Mag
10. Remington 597 22 LR



OPTICS RAFFLE:

1. Leupold VX-R 4-12 x 40mm Firedot Scope
2. Leupold SX-1 Ventana Spotting Scope
3. Leupold RX-I Compact Range Finder
4. Leupold VX-I 3-9x50mm
5. Leupold VX-HOG 1-4 x 20 mm Scope

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