

## TRACKER'S REPORT



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### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING May 16, 2013

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

LAST MEETING FOR THE SEASON...we'll resume in September.

Keep checking the website for updates and offers over the break.

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## Chapter Outing...

Keep an eye on your mail this summer. We plan to put on an event for chapter members sometime over our summer break. Please collect photos and stories and send them to Linda Bittner for future newsletters (see contact infor on back page).

## President's Message

Hello all,

We just finished our BEST FUNDRAISER ever. Attendance and gross sales were up, which will allow us to do more for the programs we support. Thanks to all those who attended and helped run the event-especially our board members.

I'd like to give special thanks to John Stohlman who spent countless hours pulling everyone together and getting things done! I'd also like to thank our auctioneer, who did an outstanding job as well.

Welcome to our newest members.

See you at the meeting,

President-Tom Thomas

## Attendance Gun Raffle

Come to the meeting!...you need to be there to win it. Each time you came to a meeting, you received a chance for this gun. Winner will be drawn at the May meeting. Gun to be announced at drawing.



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# Member Spotlight Geoff Anderson





Geoff's lifelong hunting experiences began when his family moved from Massachusetts to Vermont. His dad participated in most of his hunts and although they were both Boy Scouts who had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, they weren't prepared for their first Deer hunt. During the first day of the hunt his Dad put a target up on a tree to see where the shot was going to hit. The old Winchester 92 in 44-40 only went click after the trigger was squeezed and they later determined the rifle had a broken firing pin. That was the end of hunting for that day! In the early 60"s in Burlington, Vermont you could rent a rifle for 3 to 4 dollars a day from local gun shops. They rented rifles in different calibers and different actions for the rest of the season, but that became expensive. Geoff believes that is one of the factors which initiated his collecting interests in older and newer firearms of various configurations. No deer was shot in 1959 but in 1960 the repaired 44-40 was used to harvest a nice Vermont buck as they both sat on a fallen tree figuring out which direction to hunt next. His dad used the Winchester and Geoff used a Savage 222, their woodchuck rifle which he still has today.

While an engineering student at Norwich University in Vermont Geoff participated on their small bore rifle team for three years and shot in matches all over New England. Upon graduation he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. This continued his interest in firearms and he eventually worked in Burlington, Vermont working on weapon systems used in the F4E, A10 and F16 aircraft. He was the lead Mechanical Engineer for the Goal keeper 30mm Close In Weapon System which currently protects Dutch Naval frigates.

Geoff has hunted hunted White Tail and Black Bear in many New England states as well as in Manitoba, Mule Deer in New Mexico, Moose in Newfoundland and Maine and Elk in New Mexico. He also likes to Goose and Duck hunt as well as shoot Partridge and Woodcock. His favorite shotgun for the latter is his grandfathers Fox A grade 12 gauge double. Antelope, Caribou, boar and an African Hunt are still on his future agenda. He likes to use differentfirearms for the types of game hunted and prefers to handload for all the rifles he uses. Geoff usually applies for "Draw hunts" in at least 6 different states every year but realizes success of being drawn is very low. He seldom uses an outfitter as he enjoys planning and executing his own hunts. Being a member of SCI allows Geoff to meet other hunters that share his same interests. 50% of the hunt is usually dedicated to finding a good spot and guide (if necessary). The people at SCI are knowledgeable in this respect and share their thoughts and best/worst hunting experiences which is extremely useful.

Geoff enjoys being outdoors and hunting and fishing with his local buddies. He travels to Canada every year for their Summer fishing trip to land those large Northern and Walleye Pike. They usually go to a different spot each year and have been doing this for the past 10 years. Other interests including collecting corvettes, shooting as a member of the Miami Rifle and Pistol Club and is a life time member of the NRA.



# 2013HUNTER'S BANQUET "

Parting Shots...Chapter Jundraiser!



Photos from Jeff McIntire-thanks Jeff!



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## Member Discount

### DISCOUNT ON LUXUS MODEL 11

Luxus Arms is offering our members and friends of our members either a 15% discount on a rifle and options **OR** a Leupold VX-3 Scope with each new rifle purchased. Luxus Arms will also be donating a rifle to our auction based upon purchases.

For more information you can contact Luxus Arms directly:

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### **Members Only Forum**

We recently just added a forum to our website for members to post information about hunt reports, hunts wanted, hunting items for sale including firearms, etc. This is a member only area: **username: sci password: whitetail** (Note that the username and password are not capitalized)

See you in September...have a great summer!