



TRACKER'S REPORT

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President's Message

This will be our final meeting for the season, so please come and share your stories with the group. Hopefully many of you have been successful this turkey season...bring pictures!

We hope to have some chapter activities over the summer season. We will keep you informed. Let us know if you have any suggestions or offerings for the membership.

Thank you to all that attended our chapter fundraiser. You made it a great success. Thanks also to John Stohlman and the committee for all of their hard work.

See you at the next meeting,

President Tom Thomas



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING
May 15, 2014 Houston Inn
Lebanon, Ohio
6pm "Happy Hour"
7pm Dinner/meeting

**SWOC-SCI CHAPTER
BOARD ELECTIONS**
This Month!...
May 15, 2014

Get Kids Outside!

Take time this summer to get kids you know outside. Nurture an interest in the outdoors, wildlife, hunting and shooting sports. They are the future of our sport.

Try and encourage kids you know and even those you don't know, to try new outdoor activities. Summer is a great time to introduce them to fishing, canoeing, hiking and target shooting. Let's get them away from technology and into the wilds!!!

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BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS this month!

4 seats are up for election. They are each 3 year terms. Nominees are: Dave Izor, John Slewitski, Mike Murtland, and John Stohlman. Please come and vote.



Chapter Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone for another successful event!



Linda Bittner showing off her hand-painted & designed decorative pillow for the live auction.



Marty Meyer-winner of the "Key Game"



Mike Murtland-winner of the "Table Sponsor" prize. John Stohlman presenting.



Joe Rumpke-one of the "10 Gun Raffle" prize winners.



Member Spotlight

Mike Murtland



Mike's passion for the outdoors was developed at an early age with help from his parents and grandparents. His pursuit for Whitetails began with his father at age six with a trip to Texas, a custom .243 rifle for Christmas and tagging a pair of 8 points on Christmas day. As soon as he could climb a tree he began joining his father in the Whitetail woods of Michigan bow hunting public land. "The bucks we hunted were not often very big, but I learned a lot about deer and deer hunting."

In addition to hunting Michigan, Mike and his family would usually take an annual hunting trip to Texas. There they would hunt deer, turkey, hogs and most of the Texas exotics. When he got a little older he was fortunate enough to join his Grandfather, Frank Murtland on a trip to New Zealand. Then in 2007 the family took the trip of his dreams, a 31 day Safari with his father, mother and younger brother and sister. They hunted quite a bit of plains game as well as Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Hippo, Buffalo and Crocs throughout Namibia, Botswana and Mozambique. "It was an awesome trip."

The fall of 2013 was an excellent hunting season for Mike, he spent a lot of time in the woods both in Ohio and out of state. He took his first Bull Moose in Alaska as well as his first Bull Elk in Colorado. He also had a good year on the Whitetails with a opening day Northern Michigan Ten Point and big Texas Eight point by bow.

Mike is originally from Farmington, Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Construction Management. After college he spent several years working in the steel mills of Detroit primarily working on Blast Furnaces for a large Industrial General Contractor. When his daughter was born in 2009 he relocated to the Cincinnati area and became a Realtor. Since then his Real Estate business has blossomed and he has found his niche selling farms, homes and hunting property. He now is Brokered with Comey and Shepherd Realtors and as a Land Specialist he sells a great deal of acreage throughout South West Ohio. If you are ever looking to buy or sell land make sure you get a hold of Mike. As an avid outdoorsman, nature lover, conservationist and die hard whitetail hunter, he has a deep appreciation of the land, water and wildlife that inhabit these places.

Mike's Grandparents, Frank and Audrey Murtland originally joined Safari club in the late 1970's.

Both Frank and Audrey were Novi, Michigan chapter President's as well as served on the executive board at a national level. Audrey was one of the founding members of Sables, who worked to save the Granite Ranch and AWLS program. She also was the first woman to make the SCI Hall of fame and the first recipient of the Diana Award.

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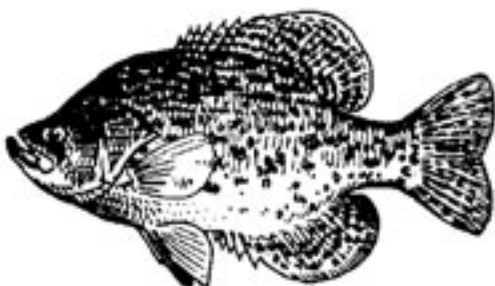
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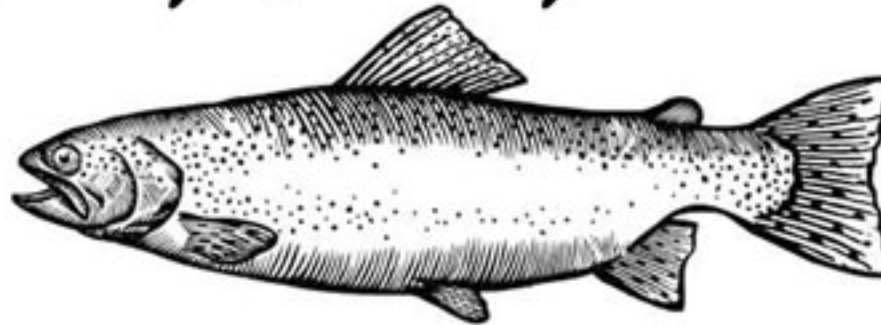
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Spring Fishing in Ohio



More than 98,000 rainbow trout will be released spring 2014 in 63 Ohio public lakes and ponds by the Ohio Division of Natural Resources. Rainbow trout releases will take place across Ohio from March 13-May 16, and the stocking of these public lakes and ponds are excellent opportunities for families to fish together. Fishing for catchable-sized trout is a great way to introduce young people to the outdoors. Rainbow trout are raised at state fish hatcheries and measure 10-13 inches before they

Tips & Tricks for Crappie & Bass

The old trick of minnows in a canning jar is one that's been used for many years while fishing off of a docks, flat boats and houseboats. This really works great but much larger jars, such as pickled pigs feet jars allow for more enticement. Try suspending one or more off the rear of a houseboat or dock at night with a flood light looking down at the submerged jar(s) where captured bait is. Turn off the flood light and bait up with live minnows or jig if heavy concentration of fish. Fill your bucket or limit out!! This technique works well in daylight too!

