



# TRACKER'S REPORT



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## President's Message

Fall is here and dove season has started off with a bang. I hope you all get some time in the field before they all fly south. It was quite a busy summer for the Southwest Ohio Chapter. At the June board meeting, the board elected new officers and new chairman. I was elected to a new position as chapter president, Jim Hayes was elected as the new vice president, Mike Murtland was elected as the new secretary, and Dave Izor was reelected as treasurer. I would also like to welcome Bill Ring as our new board member.

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING September 17, 2014

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

### Guest Speakers:

Wilds Science Camp kids

October 15th-next chapter meeting-Kimberly Beard  
AWLS-SWOC sponsored teacher

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The board of directors would like to extend a very gracious thank you to Past President Tom Thomas. Tom has been a great leader for our chapter over his two terms. We truly appreciate his continued leadership and wisdom.

Jim Hayes and myself attended the SCI Leadership Training in Jackson, WY this summer. We learned about chapter compliance, applying for SCI grants, fundraising, insurance, and more. Jim and I met members of chapters from all around North America including SCI President Larry Higgins and Past President Craig Kaufmann, it was a great networking experience.

It was a busy summer for our Sensory Safari Trailer. Tom Thomas, Jim Hayes and myself redesigned the sensory safari trailer over the summer. Jerry Stohlman made a huge donation to our chapter trailer, donating over 40 mounts. A special thanks to Tom Thomas, Brian Michael, Jim Eckler, and Joe and Dalton Stohlman for helping load out the trophies. We took the trailer to Field & Stream in Cold Springs, we set up at the Jakes Day that was hosted by the NWTF River Valley Longbeards, and we set up at the grand opening for the new Cabela's in West Chester.

We have a lot more going on, but that's a good start for this fall. I'm excited to see you all at the first meeting for the season on Sept. 17th at Houston Inn. Happy Hunting!

John Stohlman  
President



## Special Guest Speakers

Scholarship winners- Jayden Ball, Julie Bittner and Julianna Hemmerle (ages 12-13) all attended a week-long science camp at The Wilds animal park and conservation center in Zanesville, Ohio this summer. The kids will give a short presentation on their experience at camp.





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## Sensory Safari Trailer-an ongoing success!



We are still looking for taxidermy donations for the trailer. If you are interested in donating or volunteering to work an event please contact John Stohlman email [john@mvmincorporated.com](mailto:john@mvmincorporated.com) or call 513-563-2943.

## "THROW-BACK" RETRO PHOTOS

June, 2000 at Chapter Fundraiser in Lebanon Ohio

Left to right  
Past President Mark Metzger,  
Olympic Team Shooter George Quigley Jr,  
George Quigley Sr. and Past Presidents  
SWOC Jerry Stohlman and Ferrell Ross.



*If you have a great photo from a past event or one of your own hunting experiences or historic images-please send them in and we'll post them!*

## Member Photos...

John Reheman  
Cape Buffalo Hunt  
Bosveld-Limpopo South Africa

Buff had a 39 inch spread on the horns and 14 inch around the bases.



Your New CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
JOHN STOHLMAN





## *From the News Desk...*

### **SCI CONDEMNS ARBITRARY DECISION BY DOMESTIC AIRLINES TO BAN SHIPMENT OF AFRICAN HUNTING TROPHIES** *Article courtesy Safari Club International* AUGUST 5, 2015

In what appears to be an ill-advised response to public attention, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and American Airlines each announced the immediate suspension of cargo shipments of lion, elephant, rhinoceros, leopard, and buffalo trophies. The airlines have given no indication that they will ban the shipment of trophies of any other species. For Delta Air Lines, the ban represents a direct reversal of the position it announced on May 13, 2015. On that date, Delta, which is the only U.S. domestic carrier with direct service to South Africa, committed to continuing the shipment of all legally hunted trophies.

The three U.S. airlines — and other airlines around the world that have succumbed to media pressure, have little understanding or concern about the harm that their embargoes will cause to wildlife conservation. International hunters generate and deliver much needed funds to the areas where wildlife actually exists. Each action that airlines take to discourage international hunting means less money to fight poaching, preserve habitat, and sustainably manage wildlife populations.

These three airline announcements came weeks after several other international airlines implemented changes to their policies concerning the shipment of hunting trophies. Not all airlines are enforcing trophy shipment embargoes. For example, on July 22, 2015, thanks in great part to the efforts of the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa, with support from SCI, South African Airways reconsidered and reversed an embargo that it had implemented months before.

### **RIP Cecil the Lion – what will be his legacy? And who should decide?**

**Guest post by  
Rosie Cooney-Int'l Institute for Environment & Development  
Blogs, 31 July 2015**

Article submitted for SWOC newsletter by Mark Metzger  
Take a look at her post-very interesting take on the issue.



Cecil the lion, who was controversially hunted and killed recently, is pictured in 2014. But a ban on trophy hunting may not save lions and have unintended consequences (Photo: Vince O'Sullivan, Creative Commons, via Flickr)

<http://www.iied.org/rip-cecil-lion-what-will-be-his-legacy-who-should-decide>





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## SCI SOUTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER HOSTED CHAPTER SHOOT IN WEST ALEXANDRIA

The Southwest Ohio Chapter kicked off the summer with an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new members at the annual chapter shoot on Saturday, July 11th. Members brought a wide variety of guns from to play with including big bore rifles and handguns. The shoot was open to SCI Members and friends at no charge and was held at Mark and Diana Metzger's house in West Alexandria. We had several types of games including an AR Shootout and a Dumdum sucker plink off. Thanks to all that could make it this year! \*see more pics on our website!

## Chapter Products...

**SCI-Southwest Ohio Chapter logo knives**  
Get your very own Chapter knife at the monthly meetings for only \$20. Hats, shirts and other SWOC items also available.



**Jim Hayes and John Stohlman at the  
SCI Leadership Training held at  
American Wilderness Leadership  
School in Jackson WY.**

