



2016 Annual Fundraiser a Huge Success! Thanks for Your Support! AWLS Attendees Announced.



Protecting Streams and Rivers From Litter Dumping. Metzger Receives Presidents Award.



Last Monthly Meeting until Summer Break Approaching. Annual Gun Giveaway and Gun Swap .

# #Tracker Report



## CAUGHT IN THE CROSSHAIRS

### Summer Break Approaching

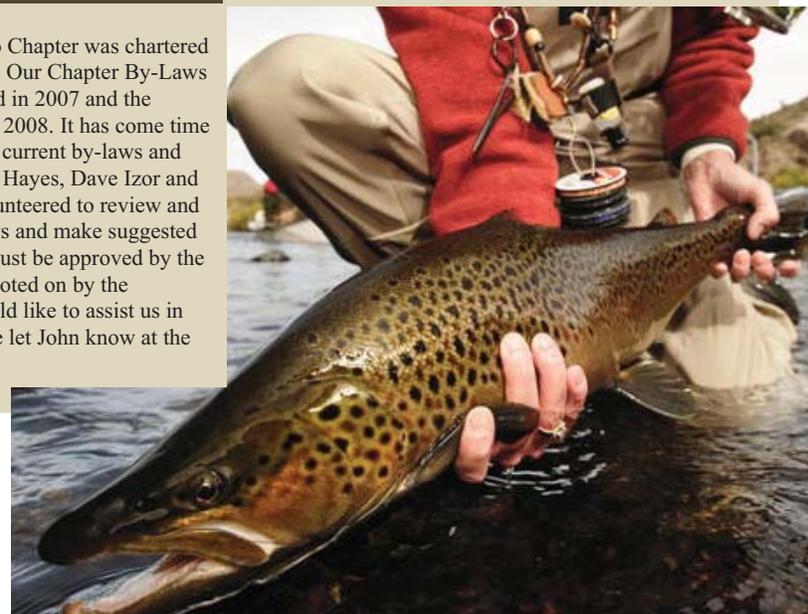
Even as our summer break approaches we still have a lot going on. We are currently in the process of planning a chapter sporting clay shoot, we have several sensory safari's planned and we have our three educators leaving for AWLS. Stay tuned for more updates on our summer activities. Thanks for all your support over this Spring Fundraiser Season. I hope you have a safe summer and we'll see you in the fall! Make sure you visit our website for more on our Summer and Fall Events ~ John Stohlman

#### BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

At our upcoming monthly meeting in May we will be holding our Board Member Elections. This election cycle we have four seats up for election. Nominees must have their membership in good standing and must have been a member for a minimum of one year. Board Members are required to maintain their membership with both SCI and the Southwest Ohio Chapter. The nominees for the up coming election are Ken Anton, Todd Bittner, and Tom Thomas. Each member in good standing is allowed one vote for Board Member Election.

#### BY-LAW REVIEW

The SCI Southwest Ohio Chapter was chartered in 1992 by Jerry Conrad. Our Chapter By-Laws were revised and updated in 2007 and the changes were adopted in 2008. It has come time to once again review the current by-laws and revise them as need. Jim Hayes, Dave Izor and John Stohlman have volunteered to review and revise the current by-laws and make suggested changes. Any changes must be approved by the Board of Directors and voted on by the Membership. If you would like to assist us in our by-law review please let John know at the next meeting.



# 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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## GUNS FOR THE TABLE GAME WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



**The newest game at our annual fundraiser was called “Guns for the Table.”** This new and exciting game gave everyone a chance to win! During this game we gave away eight Mossberg Tactical Rifles making for eight very happy attendees. In total we gave away a record 28 guns this year making for one of our most *fun* fundraisers ever.

SEE MORE FUNDRAISER PHOTOS AT [WWW.SOUTHWESTOHIOSCI.ORG](http://WWW.SOUTHWESTOHIOSCI.ORG)

## AMERICAN WILDERNES LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

### EDUCATORS SPONSORED:

This year the SCI Southwest Ohio Chapter was able to sponsor three educators from Southwest Ohio to attend the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) in Jackson, WY. The AWLS program was established with the vision of providing educators with hand-on experiences that they can bring home to their classrooms.

#### MARIA WALTNER

Maria Waltner is Teacher and Technology Coordinator for Our Lady of Grace School in Cincinnati. Maria wants to bring the wonders of the outdoors into the classroom and take our technology outside. She thinks kids are natural scientists, so she wants to use the tools at hand to bring the world to them. She would also like to get archery certification so she can start an afterschool archery program.

#### ERINN COX

Erinn Cox is a 2nd grade teacher at Mercer Elementary in the Forest Hills School District. Erinn is looking forward to returning to the classroom to share the valuable information she will learn with the next generation. She wants to use this information to connect with her students in a tangible way, and introduce them to the natural world and the ecosystems they live within.

#### DANIELLE THOMPSON

Danielle Thompson is an Education and Wildlife Specialist for the Ohio Division of Wildlife and the Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District. Danielle is looking to learn a more comprehensive view of wildlife management issues. Danielle would like to use the information she learns at AWLS when working with area school programs, when she is working with land owners discussing whitetail deer damage, and while discussing timber harvesting and even tree planting.



Pictured above: Tim Tucker with Herbie Mueller and his New SCI Rifle of the Year. A Kimber 8400 with Matching Zeiss Scope.

## ATTENDANCE DOWN BUT SUPPORT WAS THROUGH THE ROOF

Attendance to this year's fundraiser was down due to numerous reasons, but the people who didn't attend really missed out! We had record breaking fundraiser this year.

We raised thousands of dollars for wildlife conservation and youth education. We raised \$2,000 specifically for local teachers to attend the American Wilderness Leadership School. We gave away a record 28 guns! And we picked up 16 new members. Dave Speer a winner on the "Guns for the Table" said "Everyone had a great time, it was the most fun I think I've ever had at a fundraiser."

We would like to thank each and every one of our fundraiser attendees. Your generous support was outstanding and we greatly appreciate it. We can't wait to see what a positive impact our origination has on our community. Mark our 2017 Fundraiser on your calendar now, it is scheduled for April 1, 2017.

Pictured below: Bernie and Jo Ann Fiedelbey



## Metzger Receives Presidents Award

SCI Southwest Ohio Chapter Past President Mark Metzger received the Presidents Award at our annual fundraiser this past April. "Mark has worked for nearly 20 years supporting our great organization. He has been a lifelong friend to conservation and truly has a passion to get youth

involved in hunting" said President John Stohلمان. Metzger joined Safari Club International and the Southwest Ohio Chapter in 1997. While attending the SCI convention Metzger decided to make a life long commitment to SCI and he renewed his membership as a Life Member. Soon after joining the

Southwest Ohio Chapter Mark was elected to the Chapter Board of Directors. Mark took over as chapter president in 2002 from Ferrell Ross and ran the chapter from 2002-2004. Since stepping down as chapter president he has served on the board as Past President. You

### MAY MEETING ANNUAL GUN SWAP AND GUN GIVEAWAY

Our May Membership Meeting will be our Annual Gun Swap and Attendance Gun Giveaway. Bring your new and used guns and outdoor items to swap with other members plus we will be giving away our attendance gun. Your membership must be current and you must be present to win. You will receive one chance for every chapter meeting you attended from August to May.



can truly see Mark's hand in virtually every project that our chapter takes on. He has worked diligently joining SCI Southwest Ohio Chapter and Butler Count Pheasants Forever to help with their yearly Youth Pheasant Hunt that engages over 100 youth under that age of 17.

Mark's hard work and dedication to our chapter has truly been extraordinary. Congratulations Mark!

Pictured left: John Stohلمان and Mark Metzger



## PROTECTING RIVERS AND STREAMS FROM LITTER DUMPING

Thank you to Ron Lewis of Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter. If you are interested in learning more please email him at [ronlewisffd@gmail.com](mailto:ronlewisffd@gmail.com)

Ron Lewis of Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter was at our April Monthly Meeting held at the Houston Inn in Mason/Lebanon, OH. Ron gave a great presentation about getting started with fly fishing. Lewis gave a very detailed beginners guide presentation including descriptions on where to start and what equipment is needed.

In recent years Lewis has started *The Mad River Clean Sweep* in an effort to remove and prevent littering and dumping along the Mad River and its tributaries. To help with his fight, the SCI Southwest Ohio Chapter donated four trail cameras to Lewis to use as surveillance to catch littering and dumping in the act and hopefully lead to citations. Protecting our waterways and natural resources is vital and we are proud to help Ron and his group of volunteers.

Pictured above: Jim Hayes and Ron Lewis



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# SET YOUR SIGHTS

On Our Next Meeting May 19th!



## ALL THIS AND MORE AT OUR NEXT MEETING...

Swap Hunt Stories | Annual Gun Swap | Chapter and SCI News  
Membership Attendance Gun Giveaway | Summer Event Announcements

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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