

# The Hunter's Journal

## **SEPTEMBER 2018**

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# The President's Message

Well summer is coming to a close and the hunting season is about to start again. We had some great fun and shooting at our Member Appreciation Day this summer and many were warming up for bird hunting this fall with 5-stand clay shooting at Powder Creek. If you missed it, don't next year! There was great fun, food, shooting and fellowship.

I would like to take this paragraph to remind you where some of our fund raising dollars go. This past summer we donated \$1000 to WildTrust and specifically the Pheasant Initiative which is a conservation project in Kansas to increase the population of wild pheasants by getting more farm land available for pheasant habitat. This was matched by another sponsor with \$3000 so we essentially gave \$4000 to this project. We also donated \$500 to the Discover Nature Girls Camp that is put on by the Missouri Department of Conservation. We received many thank you letters from the staff and some of the girls that attended the camp. From these I can tell you it was money well spent and we look forward to many of the girls joining the ranks of us hunters after receiving their firearm safety certificate at the camp.

Also don't forget to come and volunteer at our next event, our annual Hunt for Warriors on October 20, 2018. We look forward to having about 30 or more military personnel come out and do their best to knock down some pheasants with a European hunt in the morning followed by a barbecue lunch and then clean up hunt in the afternoon. What a great way to say thanks to our military for what they do.

Finally, keep in mind that all of these things are supported by the funds we raise at our Hunters Expo which will be combined with a gun show February 8-10, 2019. Please support this event by visiting the exhibitors at the KCI Expo Center and bid often and in large amounts on our auction items.

### **Good Hunting!**

Robert Anderson President



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING'S**

Monday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. Bass Pro Shops — 12051 Bass Pro Dr — Olathe, KS 66061

Monday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.
Pizza Ranch — 116 Stewart Ct — Liberty, MO 64068

#### **CHAPTER MEETING'S**

Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.

Jumpin Catfish, 834 SW Blue Pkwy, Lees Summit, MO 64063

Social Hour: 6:30 p.m. | Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Presentation: Tom Misasi will present on his 'Nebraska Mule Deer' hunt.

Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.

Powder Creek Shooting Park, 8601 Monticello Rd, Lenexa, KS 66227

Social Hour: 6:30 p.m. | Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Presentation: David Haake will present on his 'African Elephant' hunt.

#### **HUNT FOR WARRIORS**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018
PHEASANT RUN GAME FARM IN MULVANE, KS
We would appreciate any members who are able to volunteer, to please help at this worthwhile event.

# **HUNTER'S EXPO/GUN SHOW**

Feb 8-10, 2019 KCI Expo Center — 11730 NW Ambassador Drive — KC, MO 64153

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### **AWARDS PROGRAM**

During the 2019 Hunters Expo/Gun Show, we will be recognizing trophies submitted for review.

The awards will be presented Saturday night, February 9, 2019 at the Hunters Expo banquet.

To submit a trophy for review, please provide:

- SCI score sheet signed by an official SCI scorer and
- Photo of the hunter with animal collected

Email your submission to btrabuc@gmail.com.

Entry Deadline for Acceptance is **December 31, 2018**.

Visit website at hunters-expo.com/Awards.aspx for Official S.C.I. Measurers.

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By phone or Email: Wayne Leidwanger | 913-634-9887 | wleidwanger@kcsci.com

#### **HUNTING REPORTS**

### **Elephant Hunts Past and Present**

by Dave Haake



In 2017, an offer for a discounted elephant hunt caught my attention on Africahunting.com.

I wanted to hunt elephant after our first safari in 2013. I planned a safari for 2015 with Africa Maximum Safaris for plains game and elephant and was set to go. We arrived 10 days after "Cecil the Lion" hit the news and Jacques, the owner of Africa Maximum Safaris was very concerned about the worldwide controversy. The elephant portion of the safari was cancelled. We had a great trip but the cancelled elephant hunt left a big hole in expectations for the hunt.

The 2017 hunt was in Zimbabwe. A 7-day hunt for a non-exportable bull. It was to take place in forestry and communal areas southeast of Hwange National Park. If elephant were not in the forestry area. we would hunt at night in the Communal area. They stated their success rate had been 99%. The cost was reasonable, \$4500 in day fees and \$8000 "if" you got

your elephant. I spoke with several people who had hunted with the outfitter. All were successful and got nice bulls. Great! I was in.

Elaine, my very supportive wife of 44 years was less enthusiastic. A spur of the moment elephant hunt was not in her plans. The thought of hunting at night caused significant concern. A less than enthusiastic "yes" and we booked the trip.

All the plans and prep were put into action and we arrived in Bulawayo in August 2017. We met our PH and were off to camp five hours away. We arrived in a rustic camp with comfortable tents, intermittent electricity and hot water ... upon request - as in start the fire under the bucket. A dozen elephant skulls of varying age decorated the camp. Perfect.

We drop our gear and head up to the communal area to check the "trail". The trail is used by elephants, mostly bulls, to move from one forestry area to another. They always use it at night. Where the trail crossed the two-track rock, the tracks of two huge bulls stared back at us. They had crossed the night before.

#### **HUNTING REPORTS**

# **Elephant Hunts Past and Present**

by Dave Haake (cont. from page 4)

We checked the forestry areas and, due to late rains, water was everywhere. Only a few cows and calves were coming to the river. We left word with a local chief to let us know if they located any bulls. The night hunt was on. We were optimistic. The plan was to eat dinner then get set in out makeshift blind set in an area cleared and outfitted with a tarp, chairs and sleeping bags. It was nicely located under a big tree surrounded by miles of low brush.

We were to sit in the chairs or use the sleeping bags. Once an elephant was spotted against the night sky, I would move to the shooting rest and wait until the light came on at 20 yards. It was a plan. We stayed up all night the first night. No elephant. No problem. There was always tomorrow night.

We saw a millions stars and hundreds of shooting stars. Bush Babies raced through the darkened brush around us every night as Hyenas called back and forth.



## **HUNTING REPORTS**

# **Elephant Hunts Past and Present**

by Dave Haake (cont. from page 5)

We sat or slept for seven nights without seeing an elephant. No tracks, none crossed. On the last day our PH saw a single engine plane circling the forestry area where the elephants should have come from. He said he knew the pilot and gave him a call. The pilot had been hired by a PH with a wealthy client to fly the surrounding forestry areas and herd the elephants into their concession. The father wanted his little girl to get a big tusker. He had been doing this the entire time we were there.

I inquired if we could visit the camp and provide a lesson in ethics punctuated with a fist to the face. Our PH was not willing to support my plan.

I was tired, angry and generally pissed off. We returned home disappointed. I did not want this be the final chapter on Africa.

Two days before Christmas 2017, I received an email from Jacques Senekal of Africa Maximum Safaris. We had stayed in touch after our safaris and he knew I wanted to hunt elephant. He had a large reserve in northern South Africa that needed to reduce the number of elephants. Ten days to hunt elephant over one hundred square miles of Mopane forest. All included for the price of a plains game hunt. Just needed to hunt them by end of May 2018.

Elaine has always been very supportive. We were already in process of adding on to our farm house. I knew this was going to need a delicate approach. I casually mentioned over dinner that Jacques had a great deal on an elephant hunt. Elaine, being the bright one in our relationship, mentioned all the logical reasons we should wait. All were correct.

In the end she knew I wanted to go and reluctantly agreed. Planning and prep were squeezed in between being a general contractor on our addition and training my younger brother to take over my rep business. Five days after finishing the addition, we were on our way to Africa for the 4th "once-in-a-lifetime" hunt.

One more time.

#### **HUNTING REPORTS**

# **Elephant Hunts Past and Present**

by Dave Haake (cont. from page 6)

The flight was less painful than in the past or perhaps we were just getting used to it. No issues with rifles or luggage. PH's Ruan and T.J. picked us up in Joburg and we were off to Africa Maximum's camp. Old and new friends were waiting. We had to sleep fast. We were out the door at 6:30 a.m. for an 8-hour drive to our camp just a half dozen miles from Zim.

Lots of questions and conversations as we travelled a series of smaller and smaller roads. Jacques has hunted all over Africa and has a thousand stories. We enjoyed every one.

Camp was a beautiful compound of thatch-roofed buildings. We were shown to our bedroom in the main lodge with a private bath. Elaine was happy. We met Jaco, PH for the reserve where we would be hunting - 70 square miles. Jaco was a nice, soft-spoken gentlemen.

The ritual of gun sighting commenced. 300 grain hydro solids grouped well but needed to come up a few inches. Adjustments were made. We were good to go.

Dinner, drinks and early to bed. Tomorrow we will leave camp at 5:30AM.

Jacques knocked on our door at 4:15 a.m. We were already up. Jaco explained the last elephant hunt took 3 days to find fresh bull tracks and seven attempted stalks before they connected. This was a non-trophy, non-exportable hunt. Tusks were to be less than 25 pounds per side. In preparation for the hunt, I spent a lot of time looking at elephants with tusks less than the maximum limit. They were not huge. We were not hunting big ivory. We were hunting for the experience of hunting a wild elephant.

Jaco had sent his game scouts and his tracker, Thomas, out to check for fresh tracks the day before we arrived. They found a group of 5 bulls. Two younger ones, two in the 20-25 year old class and one old bull. We were going to try to find this group again.

First stop at the river - no fresh tracks. Second river crossing - no fresh tracks. On our way to the next crossing we passed a small waterhole at the base of the mountains - fresh tracks littered the area. Thomas confirmed these were the group we were looking for. Tracks were less than an hour old. Everyone quietly offloads the truck. Guns are loaded. I'm not a superstitious person but I did kiss the round I slid into the chamber for good luck. Hell, it seemed to work for me on buffalo and lion.

#### **HUNTING REPORTS**

### **Elephant Hunts Past and Present**

by Dave Haake (cont. from page 7)

First in line was Thomas carrying the sticks. Next was Jacques with his .470 Kreighoff double, Then me with my Winchester .375 H&H, Jaco with his .458 Win Mag followed by Elaine with the cameras and our game scout with a .375 that looked like it had spent the last 10 years at the bottom of a river. The terrain was semi mountainous with medium to heavy Mopane forest. Gravel and rock alternated with red sand and dirt.

We set a brisk pace at first. After a mile and a half the pace began to slow. Fresh branches and leaves were scattered about. Morning dew had been brushed from the leaves. Scuffed tracks showed slightly moistened earth as the animals fed. We were now placing each step with care. Thomas stopped, then we all stopped. He was listening to the elephants feed and rumbling as they communicated quietly.

He took two long steps to his left. We followed. As I stop, I look to where the others are staring. I see the backside of an elephant 40 yards away. He is as red as an Irish Setter in the morning sun. The same color as the soil. All stopped. He turns to his left, ears out, trunk up sniffing with tusks gleaming white in the sun. I was sure he was the old bull. Tusks too big for us to shoot. Turns out Elaine was thinking the same thing. I watched, Elaine watched, then Jacques says "we can shoot this one". The sticks go up and the bull walks slowly into the forest. We stand there contemplating our next move. The elephant makes his. He turns and walks back up the hill. I am on the sticks. I check to see that the scope is turned down and get ready. He stops in the only clear lane I have to shoot. Elaine, who is standing pretty far back, figures out this is not a drill. It's going to happen. She starts the video.

Up to the top of the crease behind the front leg. In 4 inches on the leg. Safety off and squeeze. I shoot. The bull lunges forward at the shot and turns toward us with ears out trunk up and screaming. He shuffles forward 10 yards closer. I chamber another round. He turns to run down the mountain with his companions. Jacques shoots. I shoot. Jaco shoots. Elephants were screaming, and running away. Breaking trees and branches merged with the screaming elephants. We just stood and listened.

15 seconds later Thomas turns and whispers "He is down". With that simple statement he starts in the direction of the elephants. As he tracks the elephant, we hear the other bulls trumpeting in the distance. They were getting further away. Fifty yards or so ahead we see trees shaking as the bull thrashes trying to get up. Another shot to the brain ends the struggle.

### **HUNTING REPORTS**

# **Elephant Hunts Past and Present**

by Dave Haake (cont. from page 8)

It happened so fast. Everyone says that but there is no other way to describe it. One minute you're hunting and the next minute you're standing over the animal. There is always a mix of emotions when you take the life of an animal. It seemed magnified by the sheer size of the animal. I was happy that we were successful. I was humbled and sad this Elephant who had lived for close to 25 years was now dead. I tried to be very respectful. I felt he deserved it.

No high fives. No fist pumps. A touch to his shoulder. A hand on a tusk. A quiet thanks for giving us this experience.

We all continued to talk in hushed tones for a while. We shook hands all around. We let the tensions of the last few moments slip away.

Pictures. Pictures to help us tell the story. Pictures to help us remember small details in the years ahead. I will not need a picture to remember the red elephant with shining tusks in the early morning light.



# Connoisseur's Corner by Chris Cagle

Shrimp and Grits
This is a great tasting landmark southern dish. My wife made this the other day and I wanted to share it with you all. This will serve 4 people

#### **Shrimp Dish**

2 bacon slices

1 pound, medium-size raw shrimp

½ cup chopped green onions

1/4 tsp. hot sauce

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 cup low sodium chicken broth

2 tsp. canola oil

2 Tbsp. fresh squeezed lemon juice

Cheese Grits

Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon, set aside and crumble. Keep the bacon dripping in the skillet.

Peel shrimp, sprinkle with salt and pepper and dredge in flour.

Sauté mushrooms in drippings and canola oil until tender, add green onions, sauté 2 minutes. Add shrimp and garlic sauté 2 minutes. Stir in chicken broth, lemon juice and hot sauce, cook 2 minutes, stirring to loosen and the good stuff from the bottom of the pan. Spoon the shrimp mixture over a serving of hot cheese grits and sprinkle with the crumbled bacon.

#### Cheese Grits

One 14 oz. can low sodium chicken broth

1 cup of half and half

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup of uncooked quick-cooking grits (Not instant grits)

3 oz. shredded Cheddar cheese

1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 tsp hot sauce

Bring the first three ingredients and 1 1/3 cups of water to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat: whisk in the grits. Reduce to low, cover pan, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until thickened. Stir in Cheddar cheese and last three ingredients.

#### **New Amsterdam GIN**

I've been enjoying this very smooth, very reasonably priced gin.

It smell like pine trees and with sweet lemons and citrus. It can be enjoyed straight up in a martini or it makes a great gin and tonic.

The way I enjoy it is: I take a double old fashion glass and fill it with Crushed Ice, cut a nice size lime wedge squeeze it over the ice and fill the glass with the gin. Give it a couple of swirls and sit down and enjoy a very refreshing drink.

#### Alec Bradley Tempus, Cigar

This is a full-bodied cigar with a medium finish. This cigar is never overbearing and is incredibly balanced. It contains a mix of Honduran and Nicaraguan tobaccos. It comes in a Habano or Maduro wrapper. It burns well and has hints of spice and pepper. A nice enjoyable cigar.



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#### SATURDAY BANQUET TICKET INFORMATION

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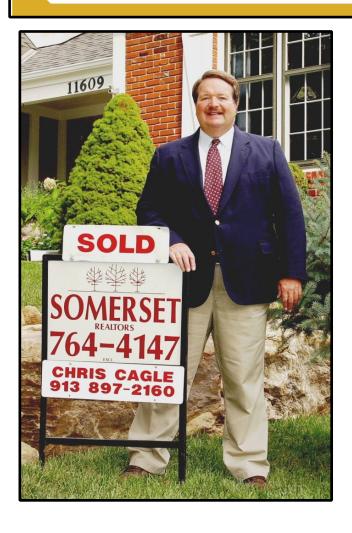


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