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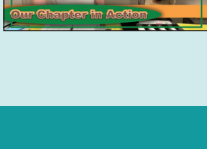
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If you would like to contribute material to our chapter’s newsletter (hunt stories, photos, editorials, recipes, calendar events, etc.), please forward to cagle417@outlook.com

President's Report



Robert Delaurier *President*

Our 2024 Chapter Fundraiser was a complete success thanks to the efforts of our Board of Directors and Fundraiser Staff! The attendance of our Chapter members and many supporters! Of course, none of our Fundraisers could even exist without the total support of our Donors who make everything possible with their generous donations! Thanks so much to you all who make our fundraising efforts possible! We brought in a new Raffle Selling team from Texas and they increased our raffle sales by 33%, thank you ladies we'll see you at our 2025 Fundraiser!

Because of your support our SCI S.E. Michigan Bowhunters Chapter has been able to donate over \$2,200,000.00 back to our hunting community and worthwhile projects here in Southeast Michigan since our founding in 1991. Our list of contributions is at our website on the "Home Page" (scibowhunters.org) look and you will see the results of your support and donations.

This year our Chapter board has made efforts to improve our relations with our valuable donors by spending more time with them while they were here in S.E. Michi-

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NEW CROSSBOW HUNT 2023



By Ralph Cagle

It's starting to happen, at age 78 I am starting to slow down, and my archery skills are starting to decline. I have been shooting a 3-D Sunday Night League at Detroit Archers on Drake Road between 15 and 16 miles. For years, I have been averaging shooting 240's-250's and an occasional high 260's out of a possible 300. But not anymore, this last year I could only hit the 220's and occasionally 230's. So, this year I asked my old friend Merle Shepard to see what he could do to get me into a new crossbow. He suggested a Wicked Ridge R410 which shoots an arrow (bolt) around 400 fps, has a silent cocker, de-cocker and a nice scope. My Ten Point arrows weigh 400 grains with a 100

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Our Chapter in Action

#1 Rob and Kurt drawing the first winners of our Gun Raffle!



#2 Our Chapter Fundraiser Mar 23, 2024
Thanks everyone!

#3 Our Raffle Ladies from Texas great job to you all!



#4 Colin Hawkins and Kevin Mulkeran running Our Raffle Booth



Our Chapter in Action

New Crossbow Hunt

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Ralph with his 9pt

grain field point or broadhead. I started practicing in August and by September I was doing well and was confident out to 30 yards.

The first few weeks in October were unusually warm and my blinds were quiet as a result. My old friend Jeff Weisswasser whose property I am lucky to hunt on, got a nice buck with his new Ten Point the third weekend. He offered to let me hunt his blind near the white oaks, the next weekend the area which always attract deer.

The next Saturday morning the weather was cooler, and I was anxious to climb into his stand but, only had a few deer show up and they were at 40-45 yards so, I passed on them.

Jeff and I had a good breakfast in town, returned to camp, and had a short nap. When we woke, we shot a few practice arrows and went to our blinds early around 2:30. The first few hours the sun was warm, and no deer showed up. Around 4pm a few does appear from the North again, out at the 40yard range, grazed for a while, then went into the thick stuff to the West. Just after 5 pm a nice nine point appeared

but, at the 40-yard area, grazed for a few minutes and then he too

left in the same direction as the does. Oh well, it's still early, be patient Ralph! Twenty minutes later the nine point was headed to my shooting lane from the West at 20 yards! When he turned broadside to me, I settled my 20-yard crosshair on his right front leg and pulled the trigger. He tried to escape the arrow by turning a hard left, but the arrow caught the last rib, and the arrow exited his chest after

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gan. The results were well worth our effort, and I received many positive comments from many of our donors such as we are a wonderful Chapter to work with and we treat them like family! Donors are our family, and they appreciate our efforts to treat them as such!

As always, our Board of Directors could use a few more active members. Many of our current Directors are getting a little older now and would love to experience the surge of energy that new

members bring to the Board. We will be more than glad to let you work in the areas that you are comfortable with such as our youth programs, veteran affairs, finance, political projects, membership. As for our efforts in 2023 we now have two new board members joining our board; Tricia Auten and Derek Tunison welcome to our board, we look forward to collaborating with you in the coming years! You may contact me at robd@melprinting.com and I will get back to you right away!

Our Chapter in Action

#5 Mike Wills, Ray Hollingsworth, present John Gornycz his shotgun at the Christmas Party



#6 Ralph Cagle teaching Crossbow at the Outdoorama Feb 2024



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hitting his left leg a great shot and I knew he wouldn't go far! He headed North at full speed and disappeared into the thick stuff. I looked at my watch and it was 5:35. I decided to wait a half hour before I started to track him.

At 6pm I climbed out of Jeff's blind and headed in the direction I saw last saw him. On the way there, I watched the ground for signs of blood or hair. I looked back at the blind to check my distance and when I looked down, I saw hair. Looking around I saw a deer trail headed NE towards the big swamp and started following it for about 20-25 yards and didn't see any blood so, I went back to my last sign and followed another trail to the NW. After twenty yards with no sign I headed back to the deer hair and started looking and finally found a spot of blood heading North. After a few yards I found more blood and kept following the blood trail which kept getting bigger as I went. Finally, I saw his white belly fifteen yards ahead to my left. I went to him and quietly took it all in and realized



My buck from the West

what a nice buck he was. He was facing South and looked bigger now that I was next to him. I said a prayer of thanks for my gift and Jeff for letting me hunt with him. I tagged my buck and by that time it was 6:30. Since Jeff already had his buck, I went back to the cabin and showed Jeff a picture of my buck. He started his Polaris, and we were off!

Jeff prefers to field dress his deer behind the cabin where he has bright light to make our work easier. I broke out my Cutco knife with the diamond cut edge, my gloves and my "Butt-Out." Moving him into position wasn't easy. I guessed him to weigh around 150lbs Jeff just smiled and said I think he's bigger than that. A half hour later

I knew he was right, I was worn out from field dressing my buck. I had a tough time cutting through the ribs as Jeff cheered me on and I couldn't break the pelvis until Jeff provided me with an axe! We finally got him hanging and headed to Beagios in Marlette for pizza. It was a perfect day to bowhunt with my new crossbow! I am old but I am still hunting! At the scales Jeff was right he weighed 189lbs no wonder I was so tired!



Ralph and Jeff celebrating his buck true friends

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