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Safari Club International - Southeast Michigan Bowhunters

Professional Hunter Chris Du Plooy
Guides Steve Tunison
to His First Leopard



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## **President's Report**



Steve Tunison President

My name is Steve Tunison and I am your new Chapter President. My first order of business is to thank Robert Delaurier for his outstanding job as President the last few years. He reshaped our fundraiser into the best it has ever been and he will still be around to help us keep things running in the future. Tricia Auten is our new Vice President and is anxious to start helping our Chapter set up our Fundraiser for 2026 at the wonderful Laurel Manor. Jeff Weisswasser remains as our Chapter Secretary and Kurt Bernas will again handle the tedious job of Chapter Treasurer.

We now have four new members for our Board of Directors, the first is Allen Domanski who has been in SCI for a long time and brings with him many valuable resources for our Chapter. Next is Dr. Stanley Frye who also has a history of guiding SCI's Blue Bag medical donations for our African Hunting Donors. Additionally, Adam Griffinalso has a long and successful lifetime history with Safari Club International. Finally, Shayna Levin who will help our Chapter with her outstanding social media skills. Welcome to our Chapter! You can meet and greet these fine people at our upcoming December 5th Christmas Party see the enclosed flyer in this newsletter.

I look forward to the many challenges that I am about to face as your President but, I have three past Presidents, along with a Board of Directors that has a long history of running our Chapter to help guide me. I look forward to meeting you all at our Christmas Party. In the meantime enjoy our long hunting seasons!

Warm Regards,

Steve

## My African Leopard Hunt

By Steve Tunison



I bought my African Hunt at our 2025 Chapter Fundraiser. Our Donor was Chris Du Plooy of Chris Du Plooy Safaris and after talking to several former clients I couldn't wait to go! The hunt I had always dreamed about was finally coming true! A Leopard hunt in Africa!

Chris worked with me to make the many preparations I needed to get to Namibia without the hassles of traveling with a firearm, airports many regulations. With his help in this everything went very smooth during my travel.

We flew out September 25, 2025, and would start hunting Monday the 29thth. This would be a fourteen day leopard hunt in the country of Namibia. Prior to my arrival Chris and his Trackers found good leopard sign and started baiting to try and attract a leopard. The area I would be hunting was 380,000 acres and after scouting out this area Chris Du Plooy was able to find a large male leopard in the area he felt was the correct age and size to hunt. Africa is starting their summer weather when we are entering our winter. The temperature usually varies from 90-105 degrees during the day and can get into the high 50's at night.

Upon arrival to our lodge we had many firearms to choose from to make this leopard hunt successful. We all decided that a 6.5 creedmoor with the proper scope would be the best option.

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## My African Leopard Hunt (con't from page 3)

After siting in the rifle it was time to start the hunt!

During the mornings our main goal was to hunt plains game so we had enough bait for the leopard bait stations and also there were some plains game I would love to take for my trophy room. Zebra is the leopards favorite food as well as all villagers in the area. On the morning of day 2 we were able to harvest a large Zebra to help accomplish our main goal.

Now came time for long sits in the leopard blind in hopes for a chance to take a leopard. We had been checking cameras and over the last week the large male had not hit any of the baits as he has a very large area he covers so we felt good that he would show up eventually.

On our fourth evening the Leopard appeared as if by magic. I slowly raised my rifle and found him in my scope. He was 50 yards away and 10 feet up in the tree when my rifle scope found his chest. I had to be extra careful with the rifle safety otherwise it would make a "click" when I pushed it into the "fire" position. The proper shot is important on a leopard as the last thing you want is a wounded leopard you are tracking. Taking my time I was able to steady my rifle and with a good shot the leopard went only 10 yards from the tree before expiring. This experience was nothing short of what I hoped for on my first African Safari and words are very hard to express the whole experience for this article.

I would like to thank Chris Du Plooy and his Family for welcoming me on this hunt and making me feel like I was at home. The lodging the meals and hunt areas they provided for this hunt was incredible. If you are interested in an excellent African Safari for plains game or one of the big 5 I recommend Chris to any hunter and feel free to reach out to me if you would like to get more info on my experience with Chris Du Plooy Safaris.

Steve Tunison (President)

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You may also contact Chris at 734-432-6786 or chris@cdpsaf.com





All proceeds go to further SCI's wildlife conservation, education, humanitarian and governmental affairs programs to ensure the future of North America's great wildlife management system and proud hunting heritage.

The Southeast Michigan Bowhunters Chapter of SCI is always ready to assist with funding and manpower when and wherever animal-rights extremists threaten our sport.

We undertake many worthwhile programs throughout the year to help build a solid future for sportsmen and wildlife. If you enjoy our sport as much as we do and are willing to lend your support, we welcome you to attend this gala event and to join Michigan's most active and effective organization in protecting your "Right To Hunt".

Tickets for the
Fund Raiser Banquet
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wwwSCIBOWHUNTERS.COM
One Night Only • Saturday
March 28, 2026

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## **Shooters of Any Level Should Enhance Their Game**

Improving your shooting accuracy, confidence, and safety involves mastering fundamentals such as trigger control, stance, breathing, firearm handling, and practice routines.

## Master Trigger Control and Recoil Management

- Squeeze Slowly: Avoid jerking the trigger;
   pull it smoothly to prevent shots from dropping below the target on pistols
- A useful drill is imagining moving your finger through thick peanut butter.
- •Trigger Finger Placement: For rifles, place the tip or pad of your finger on the edge of the trigger to ensure a straight pull and better followthrough
- Flinch Awareness: Practice drills like the "ball and dummy" for pistols or gradual exposure to recoil on rifles to prevent flinching

#### 2. Proper Stance and Positioning

- Stable Stance: For shotguns and pistols, maintain a squared or slightly forward-leaning stance to handle recoil and swing smoothly on moving targets
- Cheek Weld and Rifle Positioning: Ensure consistent cheek placement against the stock and maintain a comfortable position to reduce fatigue
- Use of Support: When shooting rifles, employ shooting sticks, benches, or elbows stabilized against your body to improve accuracy

#### 3. Breathing and Focus Techniques

- Pause breathing briefly when taking the shot to reduce body movement, enhancing precision
- Develop a pre-shot routine, like the B.R.A.S.S. method (Breathe, Relax, Adjust, See the target, Slow down), especially for clay targets or hunting

#### 4. Firearm Selection and Handling

• Avoid starting with very small pistols as

- smaller calibers may have stronger perceived recoil
- Choose rifles and shotguns you can comfortably control, considering weight, recoil, and ergonomics
- Dress appropriately: wear closed-toed shoes, safety glasses, and suitable clothing at the range to ensure comfort and safety

#### 5. Regular and Recent Practice

- Practice frequently, but also practice recently before competitions or hunting trips to keep your skills sharp
- Repetition with focus strengthens muscle memory and accuracy.
- Incorporate drills for both stationary and moving targets to adapt to various shooting scenarios

#### 6. Equipment Familiarization

- Learn your firearm's characteristics including point of impact, choke patterns, and ammo performance
- Pattern each firearm to understand its unique performance in different conditions.
- Ensure the barrel is properly floated on rifles to maintain consistent vibration and shot placement

#### 7. Take Professional Instruction

- Attend fundamentals classes, firearms training, or refresher courses to learn safe handling and advanced techniques from professionals
- Even experienced shooters benefit from instruction to correct subtle flaws and gain new tactical approaches.

By focusing on these areas—trigger control, posture, breathing, firearm handling, practice discipline, and education—shooters of any level can enhance their accuracy, consistency, and overall safety on the range in hunting or competitive settings.



#### It's never to late TELL US YOUR STORY

Ralph Cagle would love to hear from everyone. Our Newsletter is the perfect place to tell your story. And be sure to include quality photos for your spot light informational.

Stories must be original and should have happened within the past two years.

Tell us your game plan, where the event took place and equipment you used.

— Nick Wujcik fall 2024 On the Left — — Robbie Easterbrook fall 2024 on the right —



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#### NOVEMBER 7-9TH AT CAMP GRAYLING JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER

You must meet one of the following requirements to be eligible:

- 1. Veteran with an 80-100% disability rating or deemed individually unemployable by the USVA
- 2. Possess a permit from the Michigan DNR to hunt from a standing vehicle
- 3. Considered to be blind by MCL 393.351
- 4. Possess a permit from Michigan DNR to hunt using a laser sighting device.





A two-day archery/crossbow hunt (Nov. 8 and 9) for white-tailed deer will be held at Camp Grayling for individuals with disabilities.

Hunters must apply for this hunt by filling out the application below and emailing to jdavis@nwtf.net along with proof of eligibility (copy of letter from USVA showing 80-100% disability or individually unemployable, photocopy of MDNR permit to hunt from a standing vehicle *or* lasersighting device, paperwork from the State of Michigan proving legally blind status).

Applications will be drawn on October 7th. The 10 applicants drawn will be invited to participate. If any of those 10 hunters cannot accept the invitation, additional names will be drawn and invited to participate. Applicants who have not participated in previous years will receive priority.

Jen Davis jdavis@nwtf.net (734)680-6049

## Camp Grayling Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt 2025



Name:	Age:
Day Time Phone: Email	Address:
Address:	
Describe your Disability: No Wheelchair user? Yes No	
In which branch of the Armed Forces did you have?	ou serve?
Have you attended this event in previous y	ears? Yes No
Anything else we should know:	

#### Application deadline was October 1 but call to see availablity

In submitting this application to hunt deer on Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center (CGJMTC), I state that I am familiar with and will abide by all applicable Federal and State Game Laws. I will abide by all regulations and restrictions that may be imposed on my actions and movements while at CGJMTC. I am familiar with and will follow all hunter safety rules. I will respect the rights and property of others. I will use good common sense at all times, especially in circumstances not covered by other instructions. I will conduct myself at all times as a true sportsperson. I agree without exception or reservation to be solely and personally responsible for any injuries to myself or others with me and for all damage which may occur to my property and for any injury or damage to anyone else's person or property which may be caused by me. I absolve the Government, the US Army, the State of Michigan, and Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center of any liability or responsibility in connection with the exercise of any hunting privileges which may be extended to me. The Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, as amended.

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Argentina Bird Hunts Debbie Gomez	15690 SW 260th Street Homestead, FL 33032	305-804-8040 debabhunt@bellsouth.net	Dove Hunt
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		BELIZE	
Cotton Tree Lodge Drake Dawson	2415 Cedar Lake Dr. New Bloomfield, MO 65063	(573) 544-2041 safariunlimitedllc@gmail.com	River Cruise, Chocolate Tour, Wet Cave Adventure Swim, Kayaking, Hiking & much more!
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Europeon Hunting Adventures Sasha Belancic		381-21-301-3804 info@safari-eha.com	Hunt Big Game
		FLORIDA	
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Osceola Adventures Bruce Balentine		352-572-6624 nativegatorfl@gmail.com	Hunt Flordia Alligator
		KANSAS	
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Safari Unlimited LLC Drake Dawson		573-544-2041 Safariunlimitedllc@gmail.com	Dove, Duck unting and Bass Fishing
Erwins Outdoors Erwins Ron Quillo		644-447-1499 erwinsoutdoors@hotmail.com	Mexico Gould's Turkey Hunt Trip
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Able Safe Todd Benmark	23112 Hughes Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030	(586)446-9467	All types of safes and delivery.
Brenton AR Zack Reeser		517-281-2571 brentonusa.com	Specializing in all things AR
Cascade Furs John F. Hayes	6555 28th S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546	(616)957-4936	Furs, custom made furs, alterations & repairs
East-Lind Heat Treat Inc.	32045 Dequindre Rd. Madison Hgts., 48071	(248)585-1415 www.eastlind.com	Complete line of metal processing, heat treating and metallurgy.
Legends Ranch Robert Sergi	2022 W 14 Mile Rd. Bitely, MI 49309	(231) 745-8000 Legendsranch.com Robert@legendsranch.com	Learn to hunt session: adult and child 3 days, each can take a doe, learn to field dress and process your venison properly
Lost Lake Colleen Easterbrook	32045 Dequindre Rd. Madison Hgts., 48071	248-224-5736 colleen@eastlind.com	Doe Whitetail Hunt
Mag-na-port International Inc. Ken Kelly	41302 Executive Dr. Harrison Twp., MI 48045	(586)469-6727 email@magnaport.com	Custom Handgun Conversions, Rifle, Handgun and Shotgun Porting, Custom Gunsmithing.
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SE MI Bowhunters Chapter Mike Wills		248-709-1370 mwillstroy@hotmail.com	Chapter Life Membership
SCI Silencer Central Karter Keefer		888-781-8778 karter.keefer@silencercentral.com	Silencers are our business
Mel Printing Rob Delaurier	6000 Pardee Taylor, MI 48180	248-345-2622 robd@melprinting.com	custom printing of all types, prints our fundraiser program
Pretty Hunter Tricia Auten		248-701-3222 tricia@prettyhunter.com	\$500 Jewelry Shopping Spree
Southpaw Studio David H. Bollman	41240 Utica Road Sterling Hts, MI 48313	(586) 243-5800 bollman1@comcast.net www.davidbollman.com	Dog Print: Award Winning Wildlife Artist & Taxidermy
Stray Cat Fishing Charters, Capt. John Giszczak	9760 Judd Rd. Willis, MI 48191	(734)787-0030 captainjohn@straycatsportfishingc harters.com	Walleye (May - mid July), Perch (Sept.) All Fishing Equipment Provided. Guaranteed Good Time.
St Clair Flats	4566 Pointe Tremble Rd, Algonac, MI 48001	810-794-1810 stclairflatstaxidermy.com	New Customer only Taxidermy Credit \$500
Tails-A-Waggin Achres Pheasant Hunting Preserve Chuck Connell	20434 60th Ave. Marion, MI 49665	(231)743-6483 childrenscharters@hotmail.com www.preservehunt.com	Pheasant Hunts.
Taxidermy by Dourlain David Ratliff	14510 N. Saginaw Rd. Clio, MI 48420	(810) 564-3142 dourlain@aol.com	Turning mounted specimens into snapshots of the wild showcasing the untamed and making lasting memories
TenPoint Crossbows Merle Shepard	1325 Waterloo Road Mogadore, OH 44260	330.628.9245	Crossbows
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SCI INTERNATIONAL  Rob Delaurier		248-345-2622 robd@melprinting.com	Las Vegas/Tahoe Experience 3 Nights / 2 Adults
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		SERBIA	
Europeon Hunting Adventures Sasha Belancic		381-21-301-3804 info@safari-eha.com	Roe Deer Hunt
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Choronga Safaris Evan Sloan	6270 ⊟k View Rd. Lark Spur, CO 80118	(214)518-4967 011.27.82.479.7006 bowsafaris@gmail.com www.chorongasafaris.com	Plains Game Safaris, many Species of Animals Availible. Archery day hunt + 3 day photo safari
Trompettersfontein Safaris Bob Deklerk		trompettersfonteinsaf aris@gmailcom	Hunt 3 animals one hunter
Shingalana Safaris Darren Wehner	R507 Hartbeesfontein, 2600, South Africa	810-300-9540 shingalanasafaris.com	3 day plains game hunt + \$500 Taxidermy Credit
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Giueseppe Carrizosa Spain Giueseppe Carrizosa		34-913-572-064	Hunt Red Stag
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If you would like to add information to your ad or need to change information,
Please TEXT Rob Delaurier at 248-345-2622

Don't forget to submit your feworite Story and Pictures today

Please TEXT Ralph at cagle417@outlook.com

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### **Important Dates 2025/2026:**

NOVEMBER 15<sup>™</sup> Firearm season opens.

DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>
Chapter Christmas Party
See enclosed Flyer.

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>
Deer Hunting seasons close.

FEBRUARY 2026
Big Buck Contest Chapter Meeting.

MARCH 28<sup>™</sup> Chapter Fundraiser new date for 2026 mark it on your Calendars!

Web Site scbowhunters.com Face Book scibowhunters.org

## **Call for Archery Info:**

All Things Archery	586.738.2583
Detroit Archers	248.661.9610
Detroit Sportsmen	586.739.3500
Flint Bowmen	810.695.1660
Huron Pointe	586.749.5420
Land-O-Lakes	810.247.2877
Lincoln Bowmen	734.782.9293
MOR Archery	586.566.7991
Multi-Lakes	248.363.9109
NexGen Archery	248.238.8101
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