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The hunters are L-R, Jeff Weisswasser, Mark Austin, Steve Watkins

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President's Report



Steve Tunison *President*

I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I think that 2026 will be a fantastic year for our Chapter and our members. Mark your calendar for Saturday March 28, 2026, that is the date of our upcoming 35th Chapter Fundraiser. We will again be at the wonderful Laurel Manor in Livonia MI.

The doors will open at 3pm so, come early, you can visit our donors and check out our exciting raffles. The dinner will start at 6:30 this year featuring Chicken Parmigiano Pasta, Vegetable Soup, Dessert & more.

The Live Auction will start at 7pm and will feature many exciting hunts and destinations around the world. Bring your hunting family and friends for a fun filled evening of all things hunting and fishing! Check out our full flyer enclosed in this newsletter. You do not want to miss something that is going to happen.

I am looking forward to meeting with you at our fundraiser and hearing any ideas or suggestions concerning our Chapter programs. We consider our Chapter members to be a valuable source for new projects and items that are on your mind to promote hunting!

SE Michigan Bowhunters Chapter
President
Steve Tunison

Back to Africa

By Mark Austin



Steve Watkins with his Waterbuck

It started off like any of our SCI chapter fundraisers. Grab a cocktail, wander around all the booths and chat with outfitters, buy raffle tickets, check out the silent auction, have a few more cocktails, and then dinner. And of course sometime after that marvelous dinner, the live auction starts as usual. The particular year that sticks out in my mind was 2024, (Con't on Page 4)

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where my son Kyle started bidding on multiple hunts. Maybe he got caught up in the excitement. Maybe it was the gin & tonics. But whatever it was, we ended up with two hunts, one in Spain in the fall of that year with Giuseppe Carrizosa, which I wrote about last year, and one in Africa's Limpopo province with Matwetwe Safaris in October of 2025. The hunt was for two hunters and two non hunters. We were to take our wives like we did on our Spain hunt the year before, but as luck would have it, my son's wife had just given birth to their first born and neither could make the trip. My wife decided that if her daughter-in-law wasn't going, she wouldn't either. I made a quick phone call to our stateside outfitter Dave Wilkins of Droptine Outdoor Adventures to let him know of our dilemma and my potential fix (with his blessings), followed by another phone call to my good friend Steve Watkins to see if he would like to replace Kyle and his wife. With very little hesitation, he said yes, and we were back in business. Another long time friend and current board of directors member Jeff Weisswasser also wanted in on the action so I steered him to Dave at Droptine and our dates were set. All three of us would be heading to Africa!

We were met by one of Matwetwe's finest, a young man named Gian. He picked us up at the airport in Joburg and drove us to the camp in the Limpopo province which was somewhere between three to four hours away. We got situated and met our hosts, owner and PH Hendrik, his son and PH Harm, as well as another PH by the name of Herman, who was assigned to Steve and me. Jeff



Jeff Weisswasser with his Sable.

would be hunting with Harm for most of the time, but did join Steve and I for a few days as well. The first hour of the first morning out, we spotted a huge black mamba that was on one of the dirt two tracks we were traversing. That was a wake-up call to everyone, and literally the only thing that put fear into our PH and seasoned trackers alike. A charging cape buffalo was child's play compared to the black mamba as far as they were concerned. As the day went on, the amount of game we saw was outstanding, and we knew we were in a hunters paradise. The amount of quality game we took was also outstanding. Steve and I were already seasoned African hunters and this would be Jeff's first time on the dark continent, Our guides wouldn't let us take anything less than perfect, and Steve and I smiled as Jeff would

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Mark Austin with his Warthog.

SATURDAY MARCH 28th 2026

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR...



**35TH ANNUAL
FUNDRAISER
&
DINNER**

Starting at 3:00PM at...

LAUREL
BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTER
MANOR

**#5 Sponsorship Table
with Gun \$3000**

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- 10 Dinner Tickets,
- Listing on Website & Newsletter.
- Includes a \$400 gift certificate from Accurate Fire Arms.

**#1 Standard Ticket
\$100**

- 1 Dinner Ticket

**1 year SCI International & 1 Year S.E. Bowhunters Chapter Membership
INCLUDED *FREE* with the purchase of your dinner ticket.**

**Saturday • March 28th, 2026
at LAUREL MANOR**

39000 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia MI 48015

Doors Open at 3 PM • Dinner Starts at 6:30 PM,

Live Auction Starts at 7:00PM

SCAN HERE TO GET YOUR TICKETS!

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Our Chapter in Action

Jan/Feb 2026

#1

The Bob Easterbrook table



#2

Neal Easterbrook table



MORE 

Our Chapter in Action

Jan/Feb 2026

#3

Ray Hollingsworth table



#4

Ron Ross table



MORE 

Our Chapter in Action

Jan/Feb 2026

#5

Ralph Cagle table



#6

Major Steve Woodard of Salvation Army with bag of toys for his flock



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get so excited when he saw a decent animal and the PH would say, "to small", but he quickly adapted. Every one of us had something on our personal list that was a number one choice for us. For Jeff, it was a really nice sable. For Steve, a waterbuck. And for me, it was a black wildebeest and if possible, a warthog that would top the one I took last time. Needless to say, we all got what we wanted, plus a lot more. I believe our total take for the days we were in camp was twenty one animals, with Jeff taking nine of them, and Steve and I each taking six. The only thing that could top our accommodation's was the unbelievable food that was served up by chef Leon, which made us feel like we were dining in a five star restaurant every day.

We can't say enough good about Matwetwe Safaris and their staff as well as Droptine Outdoor Adventures. Whether you're a seasoned African hunter, or looking for

you're first adventure, drop by Matwetwe's booth at the upcoming SCI fundraiser, you won't be disappointed.

You can contact either the safari company or their stateside representative here in Michigan at the following: www.matwetwesafaris.com, or www.huntdroptineoutdoors.com (I highly recommend contacting Dave Wilkins of Droptine as he will take a personal interest in your hunt. He was there every moment of the way for us and when flights got bumped, he was there to take care of us.)



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Saturday, March 28, 2026

35TH ANNUAL

Southeast Michigan Bowhunters Chapter - SCI

**FUND RAISER
BANQUET
ONE NIGHT
ONLY**



Sit-Down Dinner • Open Bar

Come see our Outfitters & Exhibitors

\$250,000 Live Auction items • Silent Auction

- Raffles, Raffles, Raffles
- Including Hunting & Fishing Trips
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Dinner Menu: Chicken Parmigiano Pasta

- Vegetable Soup • Dessert & more.

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Over 650 attendees are expected

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Fund Raiser Banquet
available on website
www.SCIBOWHUNTERS.COM
One Night Only • Saturday
March 28, 2026**

LAUREL MANOR
39000 SCHOOLCRAFT RD., LIVONIA MI 48150
(WEST OF NEWBURGH RD.)

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.

1. 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 follow-through
- 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 too 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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— • —
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