



WEDNESDAY NEWS

2026 SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL COVENTION

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EXTREME ADVENTURE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY



This 10-day Yukon grizzly hunt is up for auction tonight.

8:45 a.m.

GRAND OPENING

Main Exhibit Hall Show Floor

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Music City Center, 202A

11:30 a.m.

CRAIG BODDINGTON SEMINAR

Music City Center, 201B



6:30 p.m.

BOOTS, BEER, & BROADWAY AT GOODNIGHT NASHVILLE

Jelly Roll's Goodnight Nashville, 209 Broadway

1pm

PRECISION RIFLE OPTIC SETUP SEMINAR

Music City Center, 202A

1pm

SABLES SIP & SOCIAL

Omni Nashville Hotel, Music Row 3

See full schedule 5A ▶



TV host Jim Shockey welcomed Convention attendees on Tuesday at the Music City Center. Shown from left are Shockey, Lacy and Chance Whitling of Wyoming, Rachel and James Frauendienst of Texas, and their friends Becky and Chuck Easterbrooks, along with new Alaskan friends, Jenna Storms and Abbi Sutherland of Jimmie Jack Fishing.

WELCOME HUNTERS

SCI Members Converge On Convention

Welcome to the 54th annual Safari Club International Convention. Thousands of exhibitors and attendees are pouring into Nashville from all corners of the globe. South Africa's Ernest Dyason, 2025 International Professional Hunter of the Year, said this one is going to be special.

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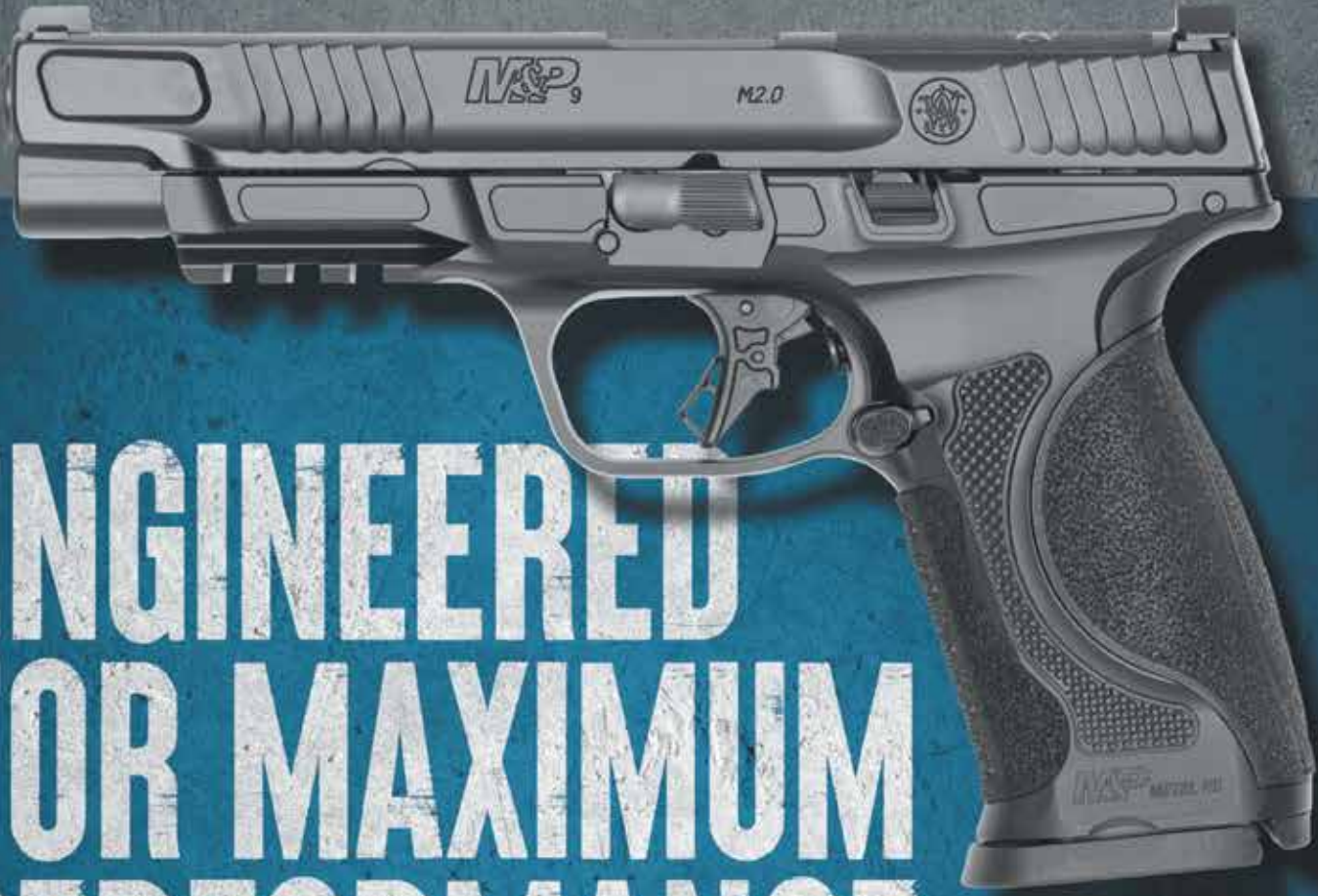
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Q&A With Dean Capuano Of Swarovski

Dean Capuano has been the Director of Communications for Swarovski North America for more than 25 years. He has hunted all over the world and is passionate about everything he does. Managing Editor John Geiger recently met with him between hunts.

Q: What have been some of your favorite hunts over the years that you booked at the SCI convention?

A: The two that really stand out is Alaskan moose and Australia for water buffalo.

The Alaskan moose was with Lane Kroeberger and Freelance Outdoor Adventures. Anyone who has ever hunted with Lance knows what awesome adventure he puts together, especially when adding in the fact of filming the hunts, he really has things dialed in. Alaska is such a special place for me; it truly is one of the last places on the planet that is so remote. The moose hunts for me have always been on a different level, they are just such an awesome creature, and I love all the physical and mental challenges that come along with hunts like that.

Q: Why is being at the SCI Convention so important for Swarovski Optik?

A: The SCI Convention has always been a very important springboard and barometer to our yearly business here at Swarovski Optik. First and foremost, SCI and its members are our type of customer. The organization itself and all that it stands for in the hunting community align with many of our own values as a brand.

Secondly, members are exactly the type of consumer for whom we do what we do. To make products for passionate hunters who believe in the traditional lifestyle that comes along with it. The members here are the best judges for how our product could be.

Q: What does Swarovski Optik NA have coming to market in 2026?

A: 2026 will be a very exciting year for us here at Swarovski Optik across North America. We are launching our AT/ST balance, which is our first image-stabilized product.

We are very excited to bring this product to market and set a new milestone in the world of premium compact spotting scopes with the AT/ST



Dean Capuano had an amazing Alaskan moose hunt in 2025. "They are just such an awesome creature, and I love all the physical and mental challenges that come along with hunts like that," he said.

Balance. This is a spotting scope that reveals a shake-free image — even without a tripod. Its integrated image stabilization means that the system precisely balances out the slightest movements and even allows handheld observation at high magnification. The AT/ST Balance was developed for discerning users who don't want to compromise between technical performance and practical application. Compact size, light weight and stabilization will allow the use of a spotting scope virtually anywhere. The new spotting scope is available now at Swarovski Optik retailers and from the Swarovski Optik online shop.

We are also very excited to bring a new generation of our dS riflescope which has been very popular with the SCI members. The whole combination of digital to analog optics is the future.

Q: Have tariffs been a challenge?

A: Yes, for sure, the tariffs have been a challenge for us, like I am sure for many companies and businesses in the convention hall. Fortunately, this is nothing new for us, as with riflescopes we have been dealing with it for many years. For us, it is still about how we can best bring product, service and overall experience to our U.S.-based customers. We are continuing to grow our business here in the U.S., and we do some assembly on the products here in the U.S., so that is our main focus right now.

Q: How do you get most of your customer feedback? Is there an email or site in particular, or do you just check out FB and IG comments?

A: As many of us know, the digital world is changing by the second and for sure, as a brand, we are trying to

keep up as we view it all as part of the customer journey. From the time a consumer starts until we have loyal customers for years, there are many different touchpoints that need to be handled in many ways. We love our customers' feedback, both good and bad. Bottom line is hunters, like many of the folks here at Convention, are very tough on their product, so sometimes things break. It is very important to us. We stand behind our product and our consumer, but also take that feedback so we can make new generations of products even better than they already are. We also feel this is a very important part of our process as an evolving brand because so many of our customers love our product and are so attached to it that this is our best sales tool for future customers.

Q: Tell us about your experience with hockey and being drafted by the Bruins?

A: Yeah, anybody who knows me knows that I am a huge NHL fan. I come from a very big hockey family. Myself, my brother and two cousins all grew up playing at a high level. We all played Division I college, and we were all drafted by the NHL. My cousin Jack is the only one left in the game as the Associate Head Coach for the Minnesota Wild. It's pretty awesome to come down to Nashville over the last few years and see how excited this town is about their hockey club, the Predators.

Q: Anything else you want to add about SCI?

A: Well, all I can say is it's been very exciting the last few years to see how you guys have grown this show here in Nashville. I have been with Swarovski Optik for almost 30 years, and we have been a sponsor for SCI that entire time. I have spent many years involved with the organization, its people and its members. I have attended many of the trade shows in Reno, Las Vegas and now Nashville. I think I only missed one year in my tenure here at Swarovski Optik. Our two brands are such a natural fit for each other, and there is so much overlap in our consumers. It just makes things so easy and so much fun to work with you all.

Visit with Capuano and see the new Swarovski products at booth 1333.

Calling All Attorneys: Earn CLE Credits In Nashville

What's better than attending the SCI Convention? Getting Continuing Legal Education credits while you do!

Join SCI for the 18th Annual Wildlife and Hunting Law Continuing Legal Education course on Wednesday from 1-5:15 p.m. in room 104 ABC.

Dive into laws, regulations and policies shaping wildlife management and conservation with top experts like the former Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ser-

vice Aurelia Skipwith, Alaska Deputy Solicitor General Jessie Alloway and SCI's Legal Advocacy team.

The course features four credit hours, including one hour of ethics.

Visit cle.safariclub.org/2026-wildlife-law-cle/?__s=b-j1qv1m1vf8r5mgkq8hg for more information and registration.

Even better, you can join SCI and the Second Amendment Foundation for a free two-hour Current

Issues in Firearms Law Continuing Legal Education Course on Feb. 19, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Visit cle.safariclub.org/2026-firearms-law-cle/?__s=bj1qv1m1vf8r5mgkq8hg for more information.

Both courses also will be live-streamed for attorneys who cannot attend in person. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from top legal experts and earn CLE credits while also visiting the Ultimate Sportsmen's Market. Secure your spot today!

Chapter Accomplishments On Center Stage

Awards Highlight Contribution To Defending Hunters' Rights And Wildlife Conservation

By Stephanie Spika Hickey
SCI Vice President, Chapter Awards Chair

The SCI Chapter awards program aims to shine a spotlight on the remarkable accomplishments of Chapters across the globe. These Chapters are not just local organizations; they are champions of the freedom to hunt, advocating for policies that support sustainable practices, habitat protection and the continuation of our time-honored traditions. Through their dedication, they strengthen the bonds that tie us together as a global hunting community.

More Chapters applied for awards this year than in recent memory, which made the judging that much more competitive. It is important to note that a Chapter may win multiple awards; however, the Diamond Conservation Award winner and the Top Gun Award winner are not eligible to win any other awards. A Chapter may win the same award in consecutive years.

The 2025 Chapter award winners will be honored on stage during the Friday evening banquet. Each winning Chapter also will receive an item, such as a firearm or SCI Life Membership, that

Chapter Seminar On Saturday

Chapter members who are interested in learning more about Chapter awards are invited to attend the seminar — “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About SCI Awards: Lifetime Achievement Awards and Chapter Awards” — on Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in room 202 BC.

can be used at their next fundraiser. Below are the 2025 Chapter awards winners, with brief descriptions of each category.

**Diamond Conservation Award:
Greater Dacotah Chapter**

This award is given to the Chapter demonstrating the most outstanding conservation efforts.

**Top Gun Award:
West Texas Chapter**

This award is given to the Chapter demonstrating the greatest success across every category.

**Chapter of the Year Award
(Under 250 Members):
Teddy Roosevelt Chapter**

**Chapter of the Year Award
(Over 250 Members):
San Angelo Chapter**

This award is given to the Chapter demonstrating the greatest success overall, broken into two categories based on the membership size of the Chapter.

**Community Impact Award:
California Sierra Chapter**

This award is given to the Chapter demonstrating the largest impact in its local community.

**Digital Presence Award:
Phoenix Chapter**

This award is given to the Chapter demonstrating excellent digital presence, including website and social media.

Publications Award:

Northeast Wisconsin Chapter

This award is given to the Chapter with the best publication, regardless of medium. This category includes magazines (both print and digital) and newsletters (both print and digital).

**Revenue Growth Award:
Wine Country Chapter**

This award is given to the Chapter whose 30% contribution grew the most over the previous year, as a percentage.

**Membership Growth Award:
Garden State Chapter**

This award is given to the Chapter whose membership has grown the most, as a percentage increase.

Congratulations to these Chapters for their accomplishments, and congratulations to all Chapters that applied for awards!

Chapters are judged on activities from the preceding fiscal year (July 1-June 30). All chapters are encouraged to apply for Chapter awards annually. Applications become available in July and are due by Sept. 15 each year, so mark your calendar and be sure to check in with your Chapter Service Specialist to receive an application.

Australia

Booth 1245

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Everything You Need To Know About The SCI Convention

Welcome To The Safari Club International Convention.

SCI is the global leader in defending the freedom to hunt and promoting sustainable use wildlife conservation. Its annual Convention is a cornerstone event for the hunting and outdoor industry, featuring more than 900 exhibitors, live and silent auctions, educational workshops and major networking opportunities.

In its 54th year, this promises to be the benchmark in the industry for all hunters, collectors of fine firearms and art for any outdoors enthusiast. The SCI Convention is the place to find just about anything a hunting family could ever dream of having.



For 2026, the SCI Convention is embracing even more of the city of Nashville, extending past the Music City Center to explore the heart of the downtown scene. These moments of exploration in famed buildings like the Ryman Auditorium will create a once-in-a-lifetime memory for all attendees.

The SCI Convention is truly a place where all hunters are welcomed, embraced and celebrated as true conservationists. Nearly 18,000 attendees are expected.

See old friends and meet new ones. Reminisce about past adventures and plan some more for the future.

Welcome. Enjoy.

SHOW DATES

February 18-21, 2026
 Music City Center
 201 Rep. John Lewis Way S,
 Nashville, Tennessee 37203

REGISTRATION HOURS

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20
 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21

SHOW HOURS

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 18-21
 The world's finest professional hunters, outfitters, gunmakers and artists feature nearly 1,000 extraordinary exhibits over 182,400 square feet of space at the annual Convention. It's truly the Ultimate Sportsman's Marketplace.

NIGHT EVENTS

Tuesday
 SCI Foundation Conservation
 Leadership Award Gala sponsored by Beretta,
 Omni Hotel,
 Broadway Ballroom
 6-10:30 p.m.
 A black-tie gala

Wednesday
 Boots, Beer & Broadway at
 Jelly Roll's Goodnight Nashville
 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 Nashville "Night Out" attire

Thursday
 Night at the Ryman at the
 Legendary Ryman Auditorium
 VIP entry, 5 p.m. General admission, 5:30 p.m.
 Attire is Music City cocktail

Friday
 Dinner, Auction & Entertainment
 at the Music City Center Grand Ballroom, Level 4
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
 Evening elegance attire

Saturday
 Dinner, Auction & Entertainment
 at the Music City Center Grand Ballroom, Level 4
 Doors open at 6 p.m.
 Black tie gala

Sunday
 Grand Slam Club/
 Ovis Dinner Awards Banquet
 at the Music City Center Grand Ballroom, Level 4
 at 6 p.m.
 Music City cocktail or gala

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

For parking at Music City Center, there is a garage located at 701 Demonbreun Street. Primary access is through P3 at the intersection of 7th Ave. and Demonbreun Street, with auxiliary access — P1 and P2 — along 6th Ave. The lots charge from \$25 for parking up to five hours. Overnight charge is \$45. No trailers are allowed at this parking site.

SCOOTER RENTAL

Pick up scooters at the Level 1 Foyer near Room 101A in the Music City Center
 Hours of operation, 12-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday.
 Visit scootaround.com/en/safariclub for more information.

EVENT & REGISTRATION FAQS

Q: How do I get my tickets?
A: You can pick up your tickets at the registration counter on Level 2 or skip past the lines and use one of our kiosks. For kiosks: Just scan the barcode that you received by email on Feb. 9, and your tickets will print in seconds. If you still need to buy tickets, go to convention.safariclub.org, where you will also see options to purchase evening events as well. Please note that dinner tickets are required for evening event entry.

Q: Can I bring a guest?
A: Yes, each active member may bring only one guest. Guests don't need to be members but must have a paid registration.

Q: Do I need to be a member to attend?
A: Yes, the SCI Convention is a members-only event. You must have an active SCI membership to attend. Those who want to join SCI can sign up at the convention center.

Q: What if I lose or forget my badge?
A: Lost or forgotten badges are subject to a \$75 replacement fee per badge. Lanyards will be available at the registration counter on Level 3 and elsewhere around the Convention.

SEMINARS
 Check convention.safariclub.org or the app to see the many free seminars taking place all four days.

GOING, GOING... AUCTIONS!

This year's lineup includes:
 • Live Auction at Goodnight Nashville on Wednesday
 • Signature auction night at the historic Ryman Auditorium on Thursday
 • Advocacy Night with special guests and live Yacht Rock on Friday
 • Evening Gala featuring Little Big Town on Saturday.
 Details of evening events and tickets are at convention.safariclub.org

While auctions are going on in person in Nashville, you can also go online to bid on the same items. Visit onlinehuntingauctions.com/Safari-Club-International_ae1906 or scan the QR code below to register and see what's on the auction block.

Proceeds from all events directly support SCI and SCI Foundation mission programs in hunting advocacy, wildlife conservation and humanitarian services.

Scan for online auction registration.



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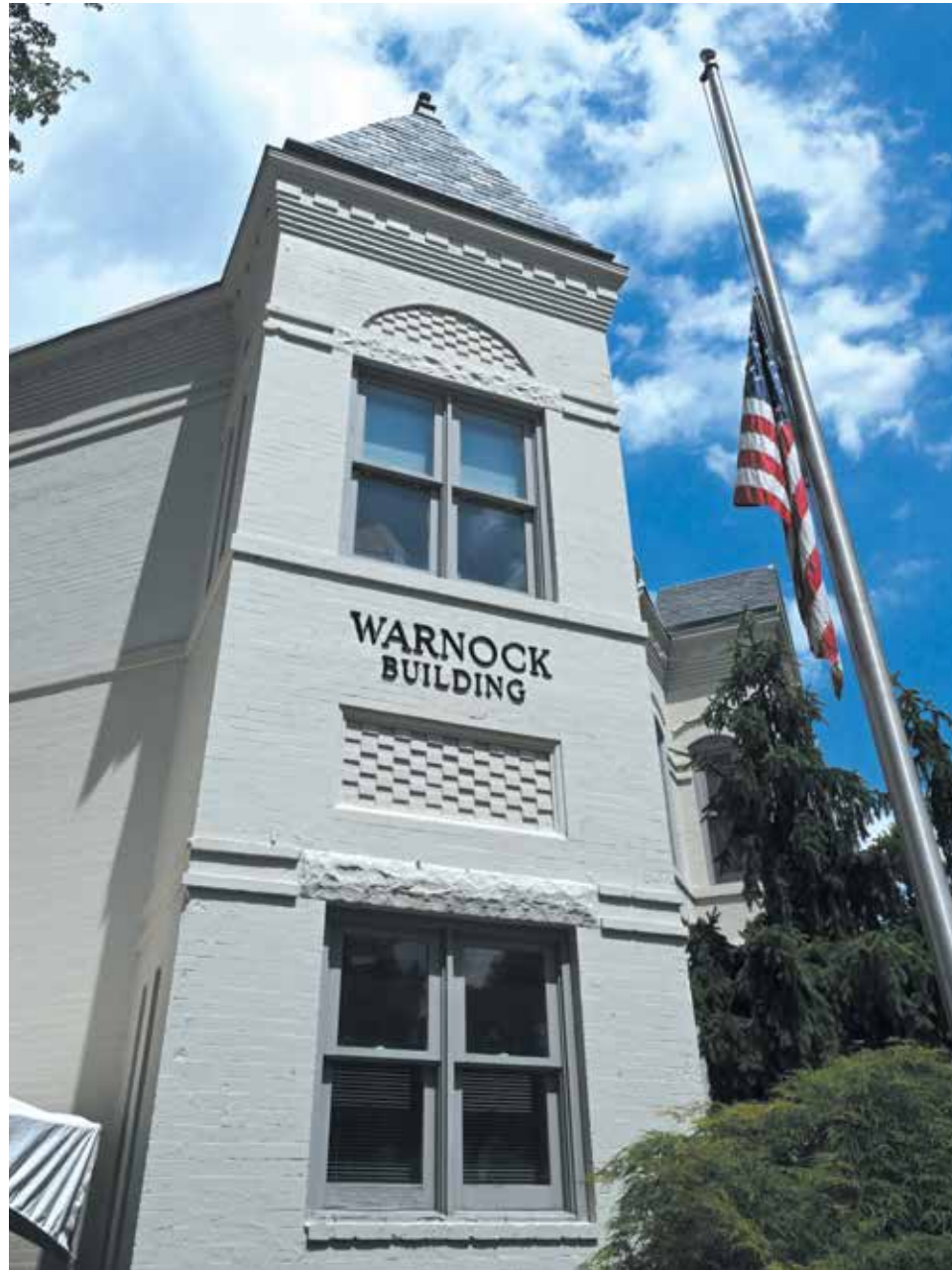
Convention attendees are cordially invited to the official Launch Party for the SCI Center for Conservation Law and Education today, Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Main Bar in the Music City Center. This will be the first-ever event to extend the show floor past 5:00 p.m. Raise a glass and learn more about the Center's important work.

The SCI Center for Conservation Law and Education is a new 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to strengthening the future of hunting and wildlife conservation. The Center cements SCI's position as the global leader in championing sustainable-use wildlife conservation and hunting rights and shaping the education of the public and policymakers.

No other organization brings this level of firepower: a team of global in-house attorneys, dedicated state liaisons and the iconic "Hunters Embassy," SCI's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Together, this sets the standard for advancing hunting and ensuring a thriving future for wildlife.

The Center was formed to allow members and advocates to make tax-deductible donations for legal and educational initiatives to promote hunting and sustainable-use conservation. Donations to the Center are deductible to the full extent permitted by Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code and used strictly to litigate mission-critical cases and educate the public about sustainable use wildlife conservation.

The Center has an independent Board of Directors who are thrilled to celebrate with you at the launch party. Learn more about the Center at ccl.e.safariclub.org.



The Warnock Building in honor of Dr. Gerald Warnock, continues to be the heart of SCI's presence in Washington DC.

Kenetrek Boots Are Made To Last



Kenetrek's 10-inch Mountain Extreme boots were perfect for a recent Coues deer hunt in Mexico.

Kenetrek's 10-inch Mountain Extreme boots feature 2.8 mm full-grain leather one-piece vamp uppers, eliminating stitching at the tongue that could come loose or let in moisture.

The uppers are paired with stiff yet lightweight nylon midsoles and high-traction K-Talon outsoles for stability and grip.

A Windtex membrane provides waterproof protection while its also breathable to keep your feet dry. The Mountain Extreme NI model is non-insulated, making it ideal for use in warmer weather.

I used them on a recent Coues deer hunt in Mexico and found them very comfortable and lightweight, which made them a perfect fit for my trip. — Jack Orloff

6 New Federal Custom Shop Turkey Loads



Federal's Custom Shop Turkey Loads are handloaded and are now offered with TSS payloads.

Federal's Custom Shop Turkey Loads are handloaded shotshells built to order and offered in various Tungsten Super Shot payloads.

The company is now offering new loads: 3-inch, 12-gauge 2 1/2 ounces in No. 7 and 9 shot; 2 3/4-inch, 12-gauge 2 1/4 ounces in No. 7 and 9 shot; and 3-inch, 28-gauge, 1 11/16 ounces in No. 7 and 9 shot.

Check them out at booth 2914.

Blaser Brings New Rifles To Convention

Blaser Group will display two new rifles – the state-of-the-art Blaser R8 Professional 2.0 straight-pull rifle and the new Mauser 98 Das Original bolt-action rifle — at the Safari Club International Convention.

Stop by booth 1513 to meet with the team and see all of Blaser Group's new products, including the R8 Silence barrel with integrated silencer and the award-winning Sauer 505 bolt-action rifle.

London-based John Rigby & Co. will have its ultra-premium bespoke rifles on display in booth #507 nearby, and Blaser Safaris will be booking hunts at its world-class properties in Namibia, Hungary, Scotland and the Czech Republic, among other countries.

"We are excited to share our newest rifles – the Blaser R8 Professional 2.0 and Mauser 98 Das Original – with SCI



The new Blaser R8 Professional 2.0 is the latest iteration of Blaser's iconic straight-pull rifle and features new performance additions like an optimized vertical pistol grip.



New versions of the classic, The Mauser 98 Das Original will be on display at the Blaser booth 1513.

members during the show," said Jason Evans, CEO, Blaser Group.

The R8 Professional 2.0 is the latest iteration of Blaser's iconic straight-pull rifle and features numerous performance additions that take it to a higher level.

"The new Mauser 98 Das Original is truly an opportunity for attendees to

hold a piece of history in their hands," said Evans.

The Blaser Group is the official U.S. importer for iconic German firearms brands Blaser, Mauser and J.P. Sauer as well as English gunmaker John Rigby & Co., Minox optics and Liemke Thermal Optics.

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Women Hunters Find Success At Legends Ranch

Fourteen women were sponsored by SCI's Women Go Hunting Program to deer hunt this past December at the Legends Ranch in Michigan.

Many of them hunted for the first time ever. Others had hunted before but never harvested a deer. All 14 women took deer over the four-day event, which is part of the Legends Ranch Learn to Hunt Program.

The experience included conservation education at the Wildlife Center at Legends Ranch, firearms training at the on-site shooting range, two days of guided hunting on the 2,000-acre deer preserve and demonstrations on preparing and cooking venison.

Six of the participants won the hunt at the SCI Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, last January through the free Women Go Hunting Sweepstakes. The others were SCI employees who wanted to experience the thrill and passion for hunting enjoyed by the nearly 50,000 SCI members they serve every day.

Stop by the Women Go Hunting booth 3306 for information on new sweepstakes and other events and opportunities. The program's annual Ladies Mix & Mingle event is at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Nashville Omni Hotel.

For more information on WGH, contact Barbara Crown at bcrown@scifirstforhunters.org.



SCI Events Project Manager Augie Nobile was one of 14 women who hunted Legends Ranch in Bitley, Michigan, during a Women Go Hunting event there in December.

SCI Events Project Manager Augie Nobile participated through the scholarship program. Nobile had never been hunting before and had never been exposed to the hunting ethos until she came to work for SCI in 2022.

"When I was offered the opportunity to hunt at Legends Ranch with Women Go Hunting, I knew I couldn't pass it up," she said. "I had often felt like an im-

poster, working for a hunting organization without being a hunter myself, and this felt like a turning point."

Nobile said accepting the invitation was her way of fully stepping into the experience and gaining a firsthand understanding about hunting.

"I saw it as an opportunity to truly connect with the mission and purpose of SCI at its core," she said.

Lisa Neely, SCI Sales Account Manager, said she always admired hunters but felt she wasn't fully connected SCI corporate sponsors, members and advertisers because she did not have any hunting experience of her own.

She started looking into beginner hunting options, but couldn't connect with something that felt like she fit in. That changed when WGH sponsored her trip to Legends Ranch.

"This is a perfect hunt learning experience for a woman," she said after taking her very first deer. "You not only get to learn how to hunt, but you learn all about deer, how to field dress and even how to cook your harvest. WGH is a perfect place to make friends, get support or learn to hunt."

Legends Ranch owner Robert Sergi is a strong proponent of conservation education, having provided more than 13,000 children with tours of the Wildlife Center at the Legends Ranch. He has also generously supported WGH, committing to donating another six slots to the Learn to Hunt Program for the upcoming WGH Sweepstakes to be held at the Convention on February 18-21, 2026.

"Women are important to the future of hunting," said Sergi. "At Legends Ranch, we want to help more women know the joys of hunting and become lifelong hunters."

SCI MEMBERS CONVERGE ON CONVENTION

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"This is awesome," said Dyason as he entered the Music City Center with his family of wife Marita, son Frank and daughter Tammy. "It's amazing returning to Convention, and it's been a great year."

Dyason said he was surprised by how big an impact winning the PH award had on his business and his life.

"It wasn't expected, but it sure was appreciated," said the owner of Spear Safaris.

Marita, his wife, said it is "seeing old friends and meeting new ones" that keeps her coming back. This is their 25th consecutive SCI convention.

That's just one of the many things that make the Convention different: When this many hunters, guides and manufacturers converge in one location, amazing things happen.

The events of the 54th Convention began with the Tuesday night SCIF Con-

vention Leadership Award Gala sponsored by Beretta and continue through the weekend.

Auction, evening events, expert seminars, world-class taxidermy and global-hunting opportunities await attendees at the SCI Convention this week.

More than 950 exhibitors are expected to display their new gear, art, trips and exclusive opportunities in the Exhibition Hall.

To stay informed, download the SCI Convention app from the App Store or Google Play.

Pick up a Convention Daily — new each day — for a list of what's happening and reports of recent Convention events.

See page 5 for an overview of the Convention nuts and bolts and visit safari-club.org for ticket information on special events.

Welcome to your 2026 Safari Club International Convention!

"It's amazing returning to Convention, and it's been a great year."

Bespoke Fausti Side-By-Side To Be Auctioned

Fausti has donated a gorgeous side-by-side round-body 20-gauge shotgun to be auctioned off during Thursday night's SCI event at the Ryman Auditorium.

This one of a kind is a remarkable example of Italian craftsmanship.

The gun is 100% hand-made, engraved and signed by the engraver. It is built on a 20-gauge round frame and comes with a traditional straight English stock, an oval medallion with SCI initials and a splinter forend.

It is valued at \$25,000.

This shotgun features automatic ejectors, single trigger and 28-inch barrel with fixed chokes (improved cylinder and modified). A beautiful leather case is also included.

Every detail of this refined shotgun makes it an essential addition for passionate collectors and enthusiasts of fine firearms.

For more information, contact Fausti at info@faustiarms.com or visit faustiarms.com. Fausti is at booth 1309.



This Fausti side-by-side will be auctioned Thursday evening at the Ryman Auditorium.



Gov. Brian Kemp has been a staunch supporter of science-based conservation policies in Georgia.

Kemp Is SCI Governor Of The Year

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp has been selected as SCI's 2026 Governor of the Year in recognition of his strong leadership and support for wildlife conservation, sportsmen's rights and public access to hunting lands.

"Governor Kemp has demonstrated a clear and sustained commitment to conserving Georgia's natural resources and protecting the rights and traditions of hunters and anglers," said SCI CEO W. Laird Hamberlin.

"His leadership reflects the core principles SCI champions, which include responsible wildlife management, conservation funding and ensuring future generations can enjoy the outdoors," Hamberlin said.

Elected in 2018 as Georgia's 83rd governor and now serving his second term, Gov. Kemp has built a record of advancing science-based conservation policy and strengthening outdoor recreation opportunities across the state.

His administration has prioritized funding and support for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, including investments in wildlife habitat, conservation initiatives, state game wardens and the acquisition of high-value conservation lands.

Sweepstakes Offers Prizes Exclusive To Women

By Barbara Crown

All women attending the SCI Convention are encouraged to participate in the annual free Women Go Hunting Sweepstakes.

This year, Robert Sergi of Legends Ranch has donated three Learn-to-Hunt Experience Packages for two women valued at \$3,500 each.

This four-day hunting experience is designed to introduce women to the art of hunting in a supportive and encouraging environment. Each winner and her guest will receive instruction and hands-on training in hunter safety (for both bow and gun), then have the opportunity to hunt and harvest a doe whitetail deer. This field-to-table experience teaches women how to field dress, skin and process their deer, and provides demonstrations in delicious and creative venison cookery.

The Learn-to-Hunt Experience will take place on the famous Legends Ranch in Bitely, Michigan, from Dec. 1-4, 2026.

These all-inclusive packages feature one guide for each pair of hunters, a tour of the Wildlife Center at the Legends Ranch, double occupancy accommodations in the luxurious lodge, all classes, a Michigan Hunter Education certificate and hunting license, demon-



Gina Batie took an impressive whitetail at Legends Ranch in Bitely, Michigan. Two women at this Convention will win a four-day hunting experience there in December.

strations, double-occupancy accommodations and two whitetail does (one for each winner and one for her guest).

To enter the sweepstakes, women can scan the QR code at the WGH booth 3306 in the foyer outside the Exhibition Hall.

One Learn-to-Hunt Experience Package will be awarded each day on Feb. 18, 19, and 20 at 3:30 p.m. Winners must be present at Convention to win. Learn more about this fantastic opportunity at safariclub.org/women-go-hunting-sweepstakes.



EarthRoamer has two new vehicles, the LTx (left) and SX. The LTx will be on display outside the Music City Center near the intersection of 8th Ave S. and Demonbreun Street. Inside the Exhibition Hall, EarthRoamer's booth is 3002.

Luxury Expedition Vehicles Are Show-Stoppers

EarthRoamer creates luxury expedition vehicles to take on any kind of adventure. The company will be displaying several vehicles at the SCI Convention, including the latest version, the EarthRoamer LTx.

This latest iteration of the LT line is the most advanced to date. It's built on the same Ford F-550 chassis as other LTs but also has a new level of power, views and other upgrades.

The new floorplan offers a 270-degree

view through dual-pane stained-glass windows and adds more rear storage space.

Also on display will be the new EarthRoamer SX 2.0, which is similar to the LTx but is mounted on a Chevrolet Silverado 6500HD 4x4 chassis.

The SX 2.0 now also has a 24-volt electric system, improved air conditioning and charges faster from both the alternator and solar.

Boasting a powerful and reliable Dura-

max 6.6L turbodiesel V8 engine and Allison 6-speed transmission, you have the power that you need to redefine your adventures with confidence.

Check out EarthRoamer at booth 3002.

The LTx will be on display outside of the Music City Center near the intersection of 8th Ave S. and Demonbreun Street, across from the JW Marriott Nashville.

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Seminar Tackles Travel With Guns, Suppressors, Night Vision

Ensure your shooting gear arrives at your hunting destination and gets back home with you. Learn how to overcome the latest challenges to traveling with firearms and shooting accessories at the free seminar Travel with Firearms on Thursday from 2-3:30 p.m. in conference room 202 BC.

Every day, new regulatory developments pop up without notice, affecting your ability to take guns abroad. Come meet our seminar panel to learn the latest and get answers to your questions. SCI's Travel with Firearms Subcommittee Chair Bob Keagy will moderate a presentation by experts on air travel, firearm and ammo imports to hunting destinations and traveling with accessories, such as suppressors.

SCI members will receive the information they need, no matter where in the world they hunt.

Panelists include outdoor journalist Craig Boddington, SCI's Hunter Information Service Liaison Barbara Crown, Anne Gaines-Burrill of Hunters Support in South Africa, Jacky Keith of Esplanade Travel and panel guest Tracey Wilson of the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights, who will address what hunting firearms are legal to take to Canada.

—Barbara Crown, SCI Hunter Information Service



Officials in Argentina examine a traveling hunter's firearm papers on entry into Buenos Aires.

An advertisement for Wollaston Lake Lodge. The top left shows two men in caps and sunglasses holding a large, golden-brown fish. The background is a sunset over a lake with a lodge building. Text on the right includes "WOLLASTON LAKE LODGE SASKATCHEWAN" and "CANADA" with four small fish icons. Large text in the center reads "World Class Fishing" and "FIRST CLASS LUXURY". At the bottom, a green bar contains "BOOTH 1226", "1-800-328-0628", and "www.wollastonlakelodge.com".

Seminar Empowers Young Hunters

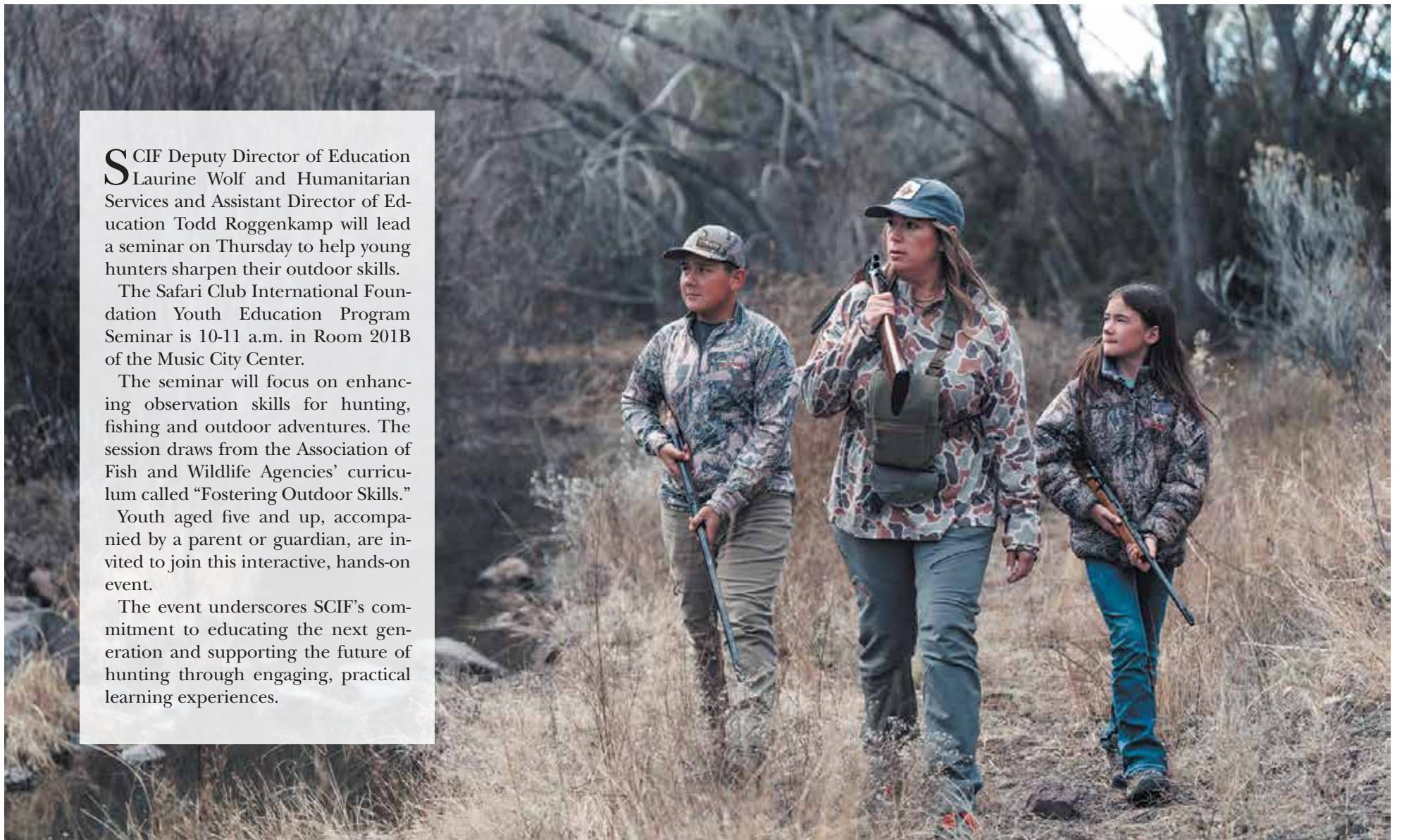
SCIF Deputy Director of Education Laurine Wolf and Humanitarian Services and Assistant Director of Education Todd Roggenkamp will lead a seminar on Thursday to help young hunters sharpen their outdoor skills.

The Safari Club International Foundation Youth Education Program Seminar is 10-11 a.m. in Room 201B of the Music City Center.

The seminar will focus on enhancing observation skills for hunting, fishing and outdoor adventures. The session draws from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' curriculum called "Fostering Outdoor Skills."

Youth aged five and up, accompanied by a parent or guardian, are invited to join this interactive, hands-on event.

The event underscores SCIF's commitment to educating the next generation and supporting the future of hunting through engaging, practical learning experiences.



A seminar for young hunters on Thursday will focus on sharpening their skills for hunting, fishing and outdoor adventures.

Spectacular Shotguns At William Larkin Moore Booth 1209

Check out the new F.lli Piotti 20-gauge side-by-side round-action that will be on display at the William Larkin Moore & Sons booth 1209.

The fine shotgun has 30-inch barrels, double triggers, straight grip, splinter forearm and is engraved by the marquee engraver Muffolini. It boasts a beautiful exhibition Turkish walnut stock and weighs 5 3/4 pounds.

It is in stock now, prices starting at \$44,500. Other Piotti models are available.

William Larkin Moore & Sons have been U.S. importers of F.lli Piotti since 1976. They also import bespoke firearms from Armas Garbi, Chapuis, Grulla and Rizzini, and maintain a substantial inventory of new and pre-owned doubles from renowned gunmakers from around the world.

For more information, stop by booth 1209 or email info@wlmsons.com.



A beautiful F.lli Piotti 20-gauge side-by-side round-action shotgun will be among the many fine firearms at the William Larkin Moore & Sons booth.

New Mark 4 HD Riflescopes From Leupold Are Versatile

Leupold recently announced a new Mark 4HD family of riflescopes that feature a 4:1 zoom ratio and five magnification ranges.

"The Mark 4HD family was designed to deliver incredible performance and versatility—there's an answer in the line for every rifle, on every range," said John Snodgrass, Tactical Product Line Manager for Leupold & Stevens, Inc. "While its features will allow it to immediately find a home on the rifle of even the most experienced professionals, we're also excited that, right away, the Mark 4HD offers shooters across the board the opportunity to make the jump to premium performance optics."

The five magnification ranges available include: 1-4.5x24, 2.5-10x42, 4.5-18x52, 6-24x52 and 8-32x56. The 1-4.5x24 and 2.5-10x42 models feature 30mm tubes. All 1-4.5x24 models are second focal plane, while the 2.5-10x42 model is available in first or second focal plane. The three higher magnification options have 34mm tubes and are all first focal plane.



The new Mark 4HD family of riflescopes from Leupold comes with one free custom elevation dial and many magnification and reticle options.

MIL or MOA adjustments and reticles, as well as illuminated reticle options, are available throughout the line.

Prices range from \$1,099-\$1,699.

Like all Leupold riflescopes, it is designed, machined and assembled in the company's Oregon factory.

Visit Leupold at booth 823.



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