

C.J. McElroy Award

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Named for SCI's founder and chairman emeritus, the C.J. McElroy Award honors a hunting industry person of the world's hunting community who has made great contributions to the sport of hunting, achieved excellence in worldwide hunting, displayed a dedication to the conservation of wildlife, and has a history of service to the global hunting community and to Safari Club International's goals.

Archie Nesbitt

Archie Nesbitt has lived off the land for as long as he can remember.

Archie's father was a pioneer of northern Canada and the Arctic, discovering the last nesting grounds of the whooping crane. Through his actions in coordination with the Canadian government, a sanctuary for these birds was created and the conservationist in Archie was born.

Since his first SCI Convention in 1981, Archie has hunted in 39 countries and taken 239 species, making 350 entries into the SCI World Hunting Awards Program. Archie served as President of the Calgary Chapter of SCI for the past 20 years and has also served as the Chairman of SCI Canada where he promotes SCI and its core values of conservation and preservation of hunter's rights internationally.

In recent years, Archie created a television show called Ultimate Shot that chronicles Archie's years as an international bow hunter and SCI advocate. The show's emphasis is on giving back to the international hunting community by promoting hunter education, international conservation and humanitarian efforts.

As a proud member of SCI, Archie is pleased to say that his father's lesson of conservation has not only lived through him, but has been passed down to his three children one of whom, Natalie Nesbitt, won SCI Regional Representative of the Year 2013.

Archie would like to thank each and every member of SCI for his or her hard work and support. Archie would also like to thank everyone and anyone who contributed to his success with SCI over the years.



C.J. McELROY AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

David Kidder, Sub-Chair

Samuel T. Fejes

Russell Smith

C.J. McELROY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mike Simpson (1995)

Chuck Bazzay (1996)

Jimmie C. Rosenbruch (1997)

Ellen Enzler-Herring (1998)

Robert M. Lee (1999)

Pat Bollman (2000)

Dick Cabela (2001)

Fernando Saiz (2002)

Ugo Beretta (2003)

Ron Simmons (2005)

Dieter Franz Willy Ochsenbein (2006)

Marion and

Mary Scott (2007)

Craig Boddington (2008)

Jim Shockey (2009)

John Banovich (2010)

Raleigh Werking (2011)

David Kidder (2012)

Samual T. Fejes (2013)

Russell Smith (2014)

Archie Nexbitt (2015)

Natalie, Archie and Catherine Nesbitt

