

# World Conservation & Hunting Award

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: All record book entries or photo entries must be submitted by September 1 of each award year.**



Developed during the 2005/2006 award year, the World Conservation and Hunting Award now offers another opportunity for committed SCI members to be recognized for their continued hunting accomplishments after achieving the highest honor of the World Hunting Award Ring. This award is presented each year during the SCI Annual Hunters' Convention at the Record Book Major Awards Cocktail Reception.

This award recognizes the efforts of SCI hunters who continue to travel the six continents to hunt. Traveling hunters contribute a monetary value to wildlife that promotes the conservation and preservation of those species. Continued hunting boosts the economy in big game areas, in many cases providing employment opportunities for indigenous people.

The requirements to achieve the World Conservation and Hunting Award are that members have achieved and purchased all 15 Grand Slams, the diamond level of 25 of the 27 Inner Circles, the fourth Pinnacle of Achievement, Zenith and the Crowning Achievement.

(SCI Continental and Alternate Methods Awards do not apply towards this achievement.)



**Bradford T. Black, M.D.**

Born in Fort Bragg, California, Brad was given his first insect net at the age of four. He and his English setter, Freckles, spent all their daylight hours after school hunting for snakes, frogs, insects and whatever they could find. At age nine he received his first BB gun, a Daisy Red Ryder. After moving to Arkansas at age 12, Brad began squirrel hunting with a single-shot .410. Later he took his Browning A5 16-gauge to his dorm at the University of Arkansas – try that now! The next 20 years were filled with school, residency and a busy solo urology practice. After reading an article in Sports Afield, "Monster Bucks in Saskatchewan," he did his first white-tailed deer hunt in 1997. He has now collected 279 animals from 106 hunts in 25 countries. Brad thanks his wife of 30 years, Sharon, and his five children, Danielle, Marissa, Alexandra, Bradford, and Victoria for their patience with his hunting adventures.



**Gary Bogner**

A native of Muskegon, Michigan, Gary traces his passion for the outdoors to his youth when he began hunting small game and whitetail deer. As a son of a Michigan Conservation Officer, Gary quickly developed a passion for conservation and hunting, especially hunting with a bow. By age 17, Gary owned an archery shop and was producing arrows for local archers. Coined as the "International Ambassador of Bow Hunting" by the honorable Jim Barcia of the Michigan House of Representatives, Gary was honored during the proceedings and debates of the 107th congress on March 13, 2002 for his many contributions and efforts to conservation and the world of hunting. Gary was the first bow hunter to hunt the former Soviet Union and take a Russian Kamchatka brown bear, Russian saiga antelope, Chukotka moose, Sika stag and a Marco Polo argali sheep. Gary continues to introduce and educate people all over the world to archery hunting and

the importance of hunting. In 1995, Gary earned the Safari Club International World Bow Hunters Hall-of-Honor Award for exhibiting the highest degree of integrity, success in the field and lifetime contribution to the past and future growth of bow hunting and archery. Gary deeply believes that wildlife is a renewable resource and that hunting plays an important role in its management. Gary has used his travel opportunities to inform people about SCI/SCIF and its programs and help build the Hunter Legacy 100 fund program.



**Ken Wilson**

Ken Wilson's first big game hunt was for a Dall sheep in Alaska at the age of 40. Four months later he hunted a desert bighorn in Mexico, and six months after that he shot the Big Four in Tanzania. That led to 30 more years of worldwide hunting, with most of his hunts filmed for Sportsmen on Film. Ken formed the Alamo Chapter of SCI

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in 1994 and served as its president for six years. At the same time, he started putting on Sensory Safaris for the handicapped children of the Texas Lions Camp. He just completed his 20th year in that endeavor.



**George Harms**

George would like to thank his wife, Ruth, and his family for their understanding and support with his hunting obsession that all started in New Jersey hunting rabbits with his father, brother and grandfather at the age of eight. His passion for hunting has been passed on to his three children and their spouses, as well as six out of his eight grandchildren. George loves spending time with his family and includes them on many of his hunting and fishing trips.

At present, George has completed 95 excursions to 24 different countries on six continents. Out of the 242 total entries, he has had 29 top ten entries, with 18 still standing. In addition, he has had eight #1 entries, with six still standing. Other achievements include the Archery Super Slam of North American Big Game, 700 Club, 650 Archery Club, Diamond Level of Animals of Africa, and the African Big Five with a bow.



**Leon Munyan**

Leon Munyan joined SCI in 1997 at the behest of his best friend, Ben Seegmiller. Leon had hunted since he was a small child, but a busy schedule limited his hunting in later years. In 2001, he became committed to the SCI Record Book and Awards program; the Inner Circles and Slams Awards seemed a perfect way to make hunting challenging again. Leon started hunting with handguns, crossbow and muzzleloader exclusively. During the next 13 years, he achieved all the Diamond Inner Circles and the Slams Awards to complete the WHCA. Leon has Diamond levels for Africa, Wild Sheep, Wild Goat, and Mountain Game with handgun. He has 175 species with a handgun in the Record Book, more than any hunter, with 181 top 10 separate species by weapon category, including 124 #1 and #2 species entries. Munyan's wife Kathy, supports his six months per year hunting schedule. Both his daughters, Káthee and Danell are hunters with one using a handgun and one using a bow. Leon is the past president of the award winning Phoenix Chapter of SCI.



**Jay E. Link**

Hunting locally and internationally has been a way of life since early childhood for Jay. Northwestern Wisconsin is where Jay learned to hunt, and where he started the SCI Lake Superior Chapter. After graduating University of Wisconsin in Business, Jay co-founded the Link Groups of beef jerky companies.

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**John Kemhadjian**

John began hunting small game birds and California costal deer and graduated to big High Sierra mule deer in the early 1960s and '70s. In

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Arnold Alward (2006)  
 William D. Backman Jr. (2006)  
 L. Irvin Barnhart (2006)  
 Jerry Bofferding (2006)  
 Jim Boulton (2006)  
 Steven E. Chancellor (2006)  
 John L. Estes (2006)  
 Tony Gioffre (2006)  
 Gary R. Ingersoll (2006)  
 Alan Sackman (2006)  
 Barbara Sackman (2006)  
 Andrew A. Samuels Jr. (2006)  
 Dr. M. Gomez Sequeira (2006)  
 Mike Simpson (2006)  
 Hubert Thummler (2006)  
 Gerald L. Warnock MD (2006)  
 Dr. R. Douglas Yajko (2006)

Edward D. Yates (2006)  
 Jesus Yuren (2006)  
 Ron Bartels (2007)  
 Charles "Chuck" Bazy (2007)  
 Albert A. Cheramie (2007)  
 Kenneth L. Barr (2008)  
 Ralph S. Cunningham (2008)  
 Federico Sada (2008)  
 Archie Nesbitt (2009) (B)  
 Roger Card (2009)  
 Matt Matthews (2009)  
 Page Mays (2009)  
 Thomas J. Hammond (2010)  
 Larry Higgins (2010)  
 Byron Sadler (2010) (B)  
 Ben L. Seegmiller (2010)  
 Van C. Bethancourt Jr. (2011)

David Tuttle (2011)  
 Dennis Anderson (2012)  
 Dennis Campbell (2012)  
 Roman A. DeVille (2012)  
 Jim Shockey (2012)  
 J. Alain Smith (2012)  
 Rex Baker (2013)  
 Hossein Golabchi (2013)  
 Ricardo Longoria (2013) (B)  
 Arturo J. Gutierrez (2013)  
 Bradford T. Black MD (2014)  
 George Harms (2014)  
 John Kemhadjian (2014)  
 Jay E. Link (2014)  
 Leon J. Munyan (2014)  
 Ken Wilson (2014)  
 Gary Bogner (2014) (B)