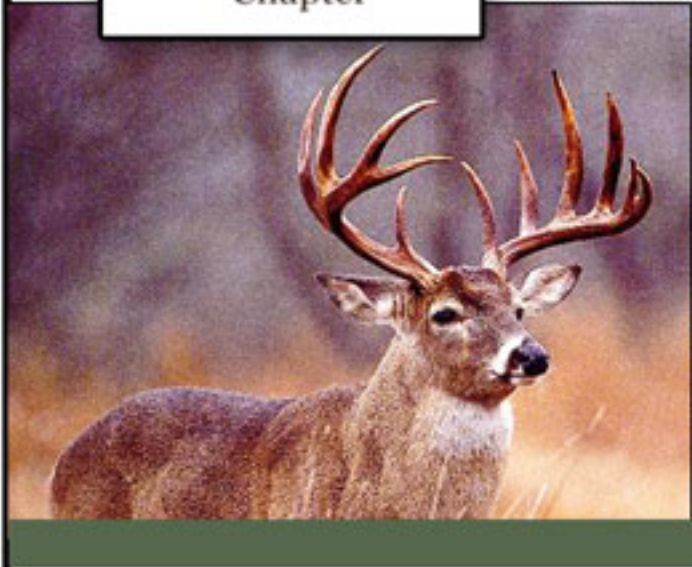




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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING *February 21, 2013*

Houston Inn
4026 South State Rt 42
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
6pm "Happy Hour"
7pm Dinner/Meeting

CHAPTER FUNDRAISER *April 27, 2013*

Get your tickets by April 18th to be entered into a special Early Bird drawing!

MARCH MEETING

Members Gun Swap:
bring your items to swap,
buy and sell!
Now SWOC-SCI ON:



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Member Gun Swap!

Bring your guns, ammo, hunting gear and any other stuff you'd like to sell, buy or trade to the **March Meeting**. if you have an item that you can't bring to the meeting-bring photos! This is a chance to trade-up or side-ways...however you want to look at it!

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

New member Gun Drawing for the Weatherby Vanguard in 30-06...come see who wins it!



President's Message

Hello all,
Spring is on it's way. It will soon be time to call-in those gobblers. Spring is also the season for Sporting Banquets. Please join us again this year for another fabulous event to benefit the Southwest Ohio-SCI Chapter. We will be at a new location this year: The Elements Conference and Events Centre in Sharonville, Ohio. Be sure to check out all of the details on our website. I look forward to greeting you all there. See you at the meeting,

President-Tom Thomas

Special Guest Speaker

Matt Case of Weatherby & Leupold will be our guest speaker this month. Join us in appreciation for their on-going support of this club.



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Member Spotlights

Existing Member Spotlight-Carl Bitter



Carl started hunting around the age of 10 years old in Blue Ash, Ohio where there were only 5 or 6 houses along a mile long road. By 14 he owned his first single shot 410, model 66 .22 rifle and a Whizzer motorbike. He also hunted with a Model 140 Crossman air rifle and when not hunting he enjoyed fishing.

Carl has hunted big game like deer, elk, antelope and wild boar since the 60's but his love for hunting is found in birds. His bird hunts include pheasants, turkeys, geese, ducks, sharp-tail, blue and rough grouse and a variety of different quail species. He has hunted in over 18 states and really enjoys Idaho's Snake Canyon where you can hunt 5 different species of birds. He also favors Arizona because you can hunt the Gambel quail and the Merriam's Quail at higher elevations.

With most of his bird hunts, he uses a Charles Daly Over and under in 12 gauge, a 20 gauge 870 and an Ithaca side-by-side 20 gauge. Carl has enjoyed the challenge of training and hunting with dogs over the last 40 years including a beagle-mix, Brittanys and shorthairs. Carl is also big into Prairie Dog Hunting out west where he may go through a thousand rounds in 22-250 and .223. This vice and others require lots of reloading-keeping Carl busy. Carl is often accompanied by his wife, Judy on these hunting excursions.(married 49 years!) They enjoy spending their vacations on hunting trips.

Carl has been shooting trap for the last 20 years at Fairfield and Middletown Sporting Clubs. Years ago he also shot at the Grand Nationals. In addition to SCI, Carl belongs to Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Grouse Society, 3 Gun Clubs and is a Life Endowment Member of the NRA.



Members Only Forum

We recently just added a forum to our website for members to post information about hunt reports, hunts wanted, hunting items for sale including firearms, etc. This is a member only area: **username: sci**
password: whitetail (Note that the username and password are not capitalized)

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New Member Spotlight-Rich Baird

Richard grew up in central Ohio hunting rabbits, pheasant and squirrel and later started hunting deer when he move to southern Ohio. Later Rich started going out west to Wyoming with a coworker to hunt mule deer and antelope. Rich has hunted in about 8 or more states, three Canadian provinces and South Africa. Rich's career has been in corrections and recently tour bus operator. He competes in handgun metallic silhouette shooting (IHMSA) using specialty bolt action pistols in calibers includ: 22 Hornet, 260 Remington, 270 Max.



In Canada Rich had to use a rifle for his hunting of moose and wolf but other than that Rich hunts exclusively with pistol to include his trip to South Africa and his recent bison hunt in South Dakota in which he used a Smith & Wesson 500. Rich's favorite hunt was in Canada for his moose and wolf. The wolf pack just came off a moose kill when he shot his wolf which had moose hide in its mouth. Rich got his wolf full mounted. He has completed the Copper status for SCI record book by taking Moose, Caribou, White Tail, Mule Deer, Black Bear and Elk and his working toward's bronze. Rich enjoys hunting from the challenge of trying to defeat the animal's defenses: eyes, ears and nose. Hunting with his hand loads makes it that much more special. He enjoys out monthly meetings because it is an opportunity to talk hunting and shooting with those who have the same interest.

**Please re-read Rich's story-some content was deleted in the last newsletter-thank you!*

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