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Winter's Field Notes
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*An Introduction from CEO W. Laird Hamberlin and
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Safari Club International protects the freedom to hunt and promotes sustainable-use wildlife conservation worldwide. Through proactive advocacy, access to content for the outdoors lifestyle, and a network of hunting enthusiasts, SCI advances the interests of the hunting community. SCI's advocacy efforts:

- ***Protect and improve hunting access and education***
- ***Promote science-based wildlife management***
- ***Stop government overreach of wildlife management***
- ***Collaborate with global communities, wildlife authorities, and other stakeholders pursuing wildlife stewardship***
- ***Champion the hunters' lifestyle***

SCI's advocacy work falls into these priorities, as showcased in this quarterly report.

This quarter began was highlighted by monumental success at the annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The Convention supports our advocacy efforts, which have only accelerated in the new year. The expansion of the Capital Campaign, legal victories, international wins, and much more mark significant highlights in advancing sustainable-use conservation. The team's extensive travel this quarter underscores SCI's commitment to engaging our stakeholders locally and worldwide. While we celebrate the wins, we are also doubling down on the issues ahead. All of this is showcased in Winter's Field Notes on the following pages.



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Protect & Improve Hunter Access and Education

Advocating from the Hunters' Embassy: On Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., the Safari Club International Hunters' Embassy is a nexus for the strategic defense of hunting and sustainable-use wildlife conservation. It is home to SCI's international, federal, and state and local government advocacy efforts as well as litigation, conservation and communications operations. Education and social events are hosted here to further the protection and advancement of hunting advocacy and all aspects of the outdoors lifestyle.

Continuing the exciting momentum of the Capital Campaign, SCI is proud to announce new opportunities to support the Safari Club International Hunters' Embassy in Washington, D.C. Spearheaded by the generous donations of Armand and Mary Brachman, this campaign will secure our organization's critical location, expand our advocacy efforts, and safeguard the future of hunting. Learn more and donate here: <https://safariclub.org/huntersembassy/>

This quarter, we have hosted several influential events at the Hunters' Embassy. SCI hosted partners and stakeholders for a conversation with Senator Cindy Hyde Smith of Mississippi. Known as "The Hunt Club", these roundtables offer networking and collaboration and the opportunity to discuss the latest issues facing sportsmen and women with our champions in Congress. Senator Roger Marshall also joined SCI's Hunt Club, meeting our industry partners and hunters to discuss key issues facing the hunting community. SCI hosted another Hunters on the Hill reception, welcoming members of Congress, Congressional staff, industry partners, international dignitaries, and friends of SCI to our DC office to celebrate our hunting heritage. Finally, Dr. Chris Comer, Director of Conservation for the Safari Club International Foundation, led a Lunch and Learn at the Hunters' Embassy on Predator Management for Congressional staff. Similar events are planned each month. Stay tuned for the full schedule!



Battleground Australia: "Battleground Australia," a documentary presented by Get Ducks, SCI, and Field & Game Australia, aired January 24th on the Get Ducks YouTube channel. The film depicts the diverse and healthy populations of waterfowl in Australia and explains how hunters conserve waterfowl on the continent. Waterfowl hunting has been under attack by anti-hunters, and the film seeks to explain the truth behind waterfowl hunting Down Under. SCI also collaborated with Field & Game Australia on advocacy efforts with our grassroots army to defend duck hunting in Australia. Thanks to these efforts, the Victoria duck season remains open in a huge win for hunters! [Watch the film.](#)

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Visiting State Capitols in the East: SCI

Eastern State and Local Liaison Bee Frederick and Regional Representative Larry Steiner visited Albany to attend the New York Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus annual breakfast and meet with many of the Empire State's strong legislative champions. During their time at the Capitol, Frederick and Steiner discussed important issues – including lead ammunition, firearm taxes, trophy import bans, and more – with legislators, their staff, and partner organizations. Frederick similarly attended the annual Keeping Georgia Wild Day in Atlanta at the Capitol, with SCI Director-at-Large Chris Albrecht, and they joined in-state conservation partners in support of hunting and angling in the Peach State.



Frederick also attended the Conservation at the Capitol event in Tallahassee, Florida, celebrating legislators who co-sponsored the Right to Fish and Hunt legislative effort which will be on the November 2024 ballot as constitutional Amendment 2. In addition, Frederick attended the Alabama Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Breakfast with state agency leaders, elected officials, and others in March.

Visiting State Capitols in the West: SCI Western State and Local Liaison Chris Tymeson travelled to Cheyenne, Wyoming to participate in the Camo in the Capitol event. Tymeson met with Fish and Wildlife Department officials, partners and elected officials about hunting access and other issues important to SCI and its members.

Louisiana Federal Court Upholds 2016 Delisting of the State's Black Bear: In late January, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana dismissed a challenge to the removal of Louisiana black bear from the Endangered Species Act list of threatened species. SCI defended the delisting in court and proudly supports this decision, as it further confirms that the black bears are a recovered species that should be managed through sustainable-use conservation. To that end, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is in the final stages of approving a limited black bear hunting season to begin in December 2024 – the first since the 1980s. SCI filed comments with the Department and issued an action alert to members supporting the season. [Read more.](#)

Expanding Sunday Hunting: SCI submitted a letter of support and testified virtually for House Bill 271 in Delaware that would expand Sunday hunting opportunities. The bill subsequently passed both chambers of the legislature and currently awaits the Governor's signature. Additionally, SCI supported the expansion of Sunday hunting in Maryland through the submission of written testimony for House Bill 778, which would allow for the hunting of migratory game birds on Sunday.

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SCI Advocacy in Minnesota: SCI Western State and Local Liaison Chris Tymeson [traveled to Minneapolis](#) in February to attend the Minnesota SCI weekend exposition. Tymeson spoke on a panel addressing hunters' rights and Minnesota wolves, joined by Minnesota Congressional Representatives Pete Stauber and Michelle Fischbach. SCI Ambassadors Pat and Nicole Reeves also participated and spoke about the important role SCI plays advocating for hunters' rights and ensuring youth have access to hunting opportunities and education. The panel addressed hundreds of hunters impacted by the expanding wolf population in Minnesota.



SCI Chapter Member Services Representative Jordan Wisecup welcomed many new members from the panel discussion. SCI Minnesota Chapter President Travis Senenfelder wrote a [letter to the editor](#) in support of wolf delisting and responsible wolf management through hunting.

California Legal Victory Confirmed: In February, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied further review of a decision in favor of SCI's lawsuit, which challenged a California law restricting firearms marketing in a "manner attractive to minors." SCI and its partners at Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation and Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation had already obtained a decision finding this law unconstitutional under the First Amendment. The State of California sought review by the entire court, but the Ninth Circuit denied the state's motion. This case represents a big success for SCI and its Chapters to promote youth hunting and shooting, and to use firearm raffles and other activities to fundraise for their events. [Read more.](#)

Dispelling Lead Ammo Myths: The Baltimore Sun [published an OP-ED](#) by Ben Cassidy responding to former USFWS Director Dan Ashe's commentary on lead ammunition use, debunking Ashe's "scientific" claims and defending the ability to choose to use lead ammo in Maryland. Similarly, Eastern State and Local Liaison Bee Frederick testified in opposition to Maryland Senate Bill 983, which would ban the use of lead ammunition for ALL hunting by the end of 2026. SCI also submitted a [letter of opposition](#) to the bill as well as a [HAAC alert](#). Senate Bill 983 poses a significant threat to physical and economic access for hunters in the state and would also have consequences for conservation funding.

Protecting Hunting in Oregon: SCI filed comments with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office challenging the proposed ballot language for Initiative Petition 28. IP 28 is the third rendition of a petition to add a citizen's initiative to the ballot that would ban hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, and animal agriculture, among other things. It would be slated for the 2026 ballot should the proponents succeed in gathering the requisite number of signatures. IP 13 (a similar broad prohibition) is still active as well for 2024.

Support for Hunting Seasons in Nevada: SCI CEO W. Laird Hamberlin submitted comments in general support of the 2024 Black Bear Season Draft, the 2024 Mountain Lions Season Draft and the proposed Commission Regulation 514, dealing with moose.

Promote Science-Based Wildlife Management

Protecting Mule Deer in California:

SCI issued an action alert requesting California Fish and Wildlife Department Director Bonham deny the application of the Catalina Island Conservancy to eradicate mule deer from the island. Purportedly to protect native plants, the Conservancy has sought a permit to cull all mule deer through aerial gunning. SCI and its California Chapters oppose this proposal and seek an expansion of the hunting program to responsibly manage mule deer on the island. [Read our full release.](#)



SCI Supports FWS Denial of Gray Wolf Listing, Calls for Removal of Gray Wolves from Federal Management:

SCI released a statement in support of the USFWS' decision to deny two petitions to list gray wolves in the Western U.S. under the Endangered Species Act. The Service based this decision on a thorough analysis of the population status and threats facing these wolves, and concluded the wolves—most of which were delisted in 2011 by Congressional action—are not at risk of extinction, now or in the foreseeable future. However, SCI questioned the USFWS' intent to develop a nationwide recovery plan for gray wolves. The species has exceeded recovery goals for over 20 years and should be off the Endangered Species Act lists, not under federal management. [Read more.](#)

Agency Directors Forum: At Convention, SCI held a State Wildlife Agency Director's Forum covering the topic of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Eight state wildlife directors and assistant directors, covering the continent from Alaska to Alabama, attended the forum and addressed questions about CWD detection, containment, research, and more. [Read more here.](#)

Support for Nova Scotia Spring Bear Season: In coordination with SCI's Nova Scotia Chapter, SCI Canada submitted a [letter](#) in support of a proposed pilot spring black bear hunt in Nova Scotia. The letter encourages the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to implement the hunt because the hunt would be sustainable for Nova Scotia's robust black bear population, could assist in mitigating human-wildlife conflict, and decrease prey depredation by bears. The letter also offered the Chapter's assistance with implementing the hunt, however the Department may need.

Support for America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act: On February 29th, Rep. Bruce Westerman, Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, introduced America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act. SCI [supports](#) the bill, with Ben Cassidy saying, "SCI is proud to support Chairman Bruce Westerman's America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act. The time for ESA reform is long overdue, and enabling states to manage their wildlife is critical for American hunting and conservation efforts. We thank Chairman Westerman for his leadership and look forward to this investment in America's wildlife and habitat."

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Grizzly Management in Montana:

SCI CEO W. Laird Hamberlin submitted comments on both the 2023 Draft Grizzly Bear Management Plan and the 2023 Draft Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. SCI's comments supported both plans, but suggested changes to the Grizzly Bear Management Plan.



Support for Sheep Reintroduction:

SCI also requested the Governor of Wyoming support the reintroduction of bighorn sheep in the Sweetwater Rocks in Central Wyoming. Our letter highlights the financial benefits provided by hunting and the interplay between hunting and successful wildlife conservation.

Support for New Opportunities in Maryland and Wisconsin: Legislation to allow for a tundra swan season in Maryland was introduced for the second year in a row, and SCI supported the bill through a formal comment letter. Additionally, SCI spearheaded a coalition letter advocating for a legislative study committee examining sandhill populations and their impacts in Wisconsin.



Kentucky Power Grab Threatens Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources: Despite opposition from all the state and national sportsmen's organizations, Senate Bill 3 advanced in the Bluegrass State. The bill attempts to move the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (DFWR) to the Department of Agriculture and would authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint all members of the DFWR Commission. It's important to note that there is not a single state in the entire country where the wildlife agency is attached to or directly connected to their state department of agriculture. SCI issued a HAAC alert opposing Senate Bill 3 and joined a coalition of national and in-state sportsmen's groups in a group opposition action alert for Senate Bill 3 sent to the legislature. Senate Bill 3 was first approved in the Agriculture Committee and then passed the full Senate by a 20-16 vote.

Stop Government Overreach of Wildlife Management

Another Busy Quarter for Public Comments to Protect Hunting Access: SCI's Legal Advocacy team had another busy quarter submitting comments on proposed federal, state, and international policies that will affect hunting rights and access. Since January 1, the team has submitted 14 unique comments. Among others, SCI questioned the need to forcibly reintroduce of grizzly bears in the Bitterroot Ecosystem in Idaho and Western Montana. Our comment urges the USFWS to allow grizzlies to repopulate the area naturally, and highlights potential negative impacts from translocating grizzly bears into the area. SCI weighed in on the USFWS' interim rule adopted under Section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act for the distinct population segment of the North American wolverine. We emphasized how this interim rule effectively focuses the USFWS' attention on recovering the species, while reducing government regulation and allowing necessary management activities that will not affect the species' long-term conservation. SCI also asked the Bureau of Land Management to reconsider its preferred alternative resource management plan for the Rock Springs area of Wyoming. SCI requested that the Bureau adopt a different alternative, which would advance conservation purposes while implementing a number of actions identified and requested by public comments and cooperating agency input, as well as utilize fewer special area designations and prescriptive actions.

Preventing Unnecessary Taxation in Washington:

HB 2238 was introduced in the 2024 Regular Session of the 68th Legislature and would have imposed an additional 11% sales and use tax on ammunition in Washington State. Like bills that have been introduced in the recent past in California and New York, the bill is a copycat from the anti-hunting and anti-firearm playbook. While hunters of course support the federal excise tax for wildlife conservation, these proposed state taxes do NOT go to wildlife, but to additional bureaucracy. Thanks to the government affairs efforts of SCI and its partners, the bill did not pass.



Avoiding Interference on Colorado's Commission: SCI joined a coalition letter opposing three appointees to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in the confirmation hearing of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. This opposition resulted in two of the three appointments being recommended unfavorably. Ultimately, one appointee withdrew his nomination and two were confirmed by the Senate.

Regulatory Rollback in Texas: SCI Western State and Local Liaison Chris Tymeson travelled to San Antonio during the week of January 17 to assist Texas Trophy Hunters Association CEO Christina Pittman with a joint meeting of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials and TTHA members concerning the topic of Chronic Wasting Disease and management by the agency. During the meeting, discussion resulted in agreement to roll back some regulatory requirements in light of other alternative methods. SCI and TTHA look forward to continuing productive and constructive discussions with the agency.

Collaborate with Global Communities, Wildlife Authorities, and Other Stakeholders Pursuing Wildlife Stewardship



Opposing Trophy Import Bans: SCI routinely advocates against hunting trophy import bans in collaboration with partner organizations, range state governments, and community representatives. In January, [Canada's ban](#) on the import of elephant ivory and rhino horn went into effect, despite a fundamental lack of evidence that the ban will help elephant and rhino conservation. Hunters are now prohibited from importing elephant and rhino hunting trophies into Canada. SCI strongly opposed this ban in comments submitted last year. In France, a proposed import ban for all CITES-listed species ran out of time for further consideration. But SCI expects the bill to be repropose in the future. In Belgium, a ban on import of hunting trophies of certain CITES-listed species has been implemented, after having first been adopted in a March 2022 resolution. In the UK, a renewed effort to ban trophy imports of CITES-listed species passed the House of Commons in late March, despite significant opposition from range nations and affected African communities. The bill will head to the House of Lords, where it did not pass last year. SCI will continue to work against all adopted and proposed import bans.

Elephant Rule in Final Review Before Publication: Hunters and range states may soon see a new rule that could affect elephant imports into the U.S. In January, the USFWS submitted amendments to the African elephant “4(d) Rule” to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for final review before publication. The Office has completed that review, which means the final rule will be published, or sent back for changes. SCI has advocated against the amended rule since it was first proposed. E&E News quoted testimony from Regina Lennox, SCI Litigation Counsel, during a public hearing a year ago: “Congress’ clear intent was to avoid the placing of barriers on the import of sport-hunted trophies from healthy wildlife populations, such as the elephants in southern Africa. This proposal does the opposite.” The proposed amendments will “harm elephant conservation in countries where elephant populations are healthiest.” Publication of the final rule will reveal whether the USFWS heeded these warnings or chose to continue with the unjustified and harmful restrictions.

WILD Act Passes the House! The Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Reauthorization (WILD) Act, which would reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and others through fiscal year 2028, passed the U.S. House. In October, Ben Cassidy testified in support of the WILD Act and community-based conservation efforts. SCI thanks Rep. David Joyce and the U.S. Congress for supporting international wildlife conservation. We look forward to swift passage in the Senate!

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Animal Rights Activists Try to BAN Youth Hunting in South Africa: At a January meeting, a member of the United Nations Committee on Rights of the Child asked representatives of the Republic of South Africa whether the country would criminalize the participation of children in the “horrendous practice” of “trophy hunting,” which the member characterized as damaging to the well-being of children. That exchange was misreported in international press as a youth hunting ban. While no such ban exists, SCI sent a [letter](#) vigorously objecting to the false information provided to the Committee. Our letter points out the many benefits and conservation incentives generated by hunting that directly benefit the well-being of children. Further, research shows that children exposed to the outdoors through hunting and the shooting sports develop better self-esteem and an increased ability to focus, which results in better academic performance and healthier lifestyles. Our letter requests an apology and correction from the Committee, and recognition that the southern African countries who rely on regulated hunting, including South Africa, represent a true conservation success story.



SCI Joins with African Communities in Opposition to NY Trophy Import Bill: New York legislators have resurrected attempts to restrict the legal import of harvested African species from the countries with the largest populations of these animals—and who rely on these species to support their well-managed conservation programs. Senate Bill 3302, the “Big Five African Trophies Act,” would ban the importation, transportation, and possession into the State of six major African species of wildlife: elephant, lion, leopard, black rhinoceros, white rhinoceros, and giraffe. SCI [issued a HAAC](#) in opposition to the bill and, importantly, local African communities who would be most impacted by these emotionally driven decisions voiced strong opposition. [Read more.](#)

USFICA Passes Committee 42-7: The House Foreign Affairs Committee held a markup on several bills, including H.R. 6727, to establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas. This bill creates a public/private funded effort to drive \$1 billion towards international conservation over the next five years. The funds are to be directed to projects that, among other stability requirements, direct the money towards improvement efforts such as sustainable-use hunting conservation. SCI thanks Chairman McCaul for sponsoring this legislation and the full Committee for advancing it to the House floor for a vote.

Champion the Hunters' Lifestyle

SCI Celebrates 2024 Annual Convention in Music City! SCI hosted its 2024 Annual Convention and the Ultimate Sportsmen's Market, celebrating 52 years of protecting the freedom to hunt. This monumental event, held for the second time at Music City Center in Nashville, Tennessee, boasted tens of thousands of visitors from 114 countries. Among other successes, SCI received a proclamation in the Tennessee House of Representatives recognizing and commending our dedication to defending the freedom to hunt and promoting wildlife conservation worldwide, and celebrating our Convention in Nashville. [Watch the video.](#)

The Convention supports our advocacy mission to defend hunting and sustainable-use conservation worldwide. We extend a sincere thank you to all members, exhibitors, and donors for making this possible. We also thank the dignitaries and legislators who champion hunting and conservation issues around the world. This year marked true dedication to hunting advocacy, as showcased in events throughout the week. [Read about them here.](#)



Each year, SCI also confers the highest awards in hunting, advocacy, and conservation on remarkable individuals. From legislators championing our hunting freedoms, to esteemed hunters demonstrating unparalleled accomplishments, and conservationists of the utmost dedication, these awards recognize the best of the best in the hunting community. [Read our full list of recipients here.](#)

We look forward to seeing you all in Nashville next year! Join us at Convention from January 22-25, 2025!

Working with Partners: SCI Western State and Local Liaison Chris Tymeson travelled to St. Louis, Missouri to attend the annual Archery Trade Association meeting. Tymeson then visited Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the National Shooting Sports Foundation's annual SHOT Show, and Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo. Tymeson met with industry members, agency personnel, appointed officials and non-governmental association representatives on the business of SCI. Similarly, SCI CEO Laird Hamberlin and Eastern State and Local Liaison Bee Frederick attended the National Wild Turkey Federation Convention and Sport Show where they were able to meet with state wildlife agencies, national conservation organization partners, SCI members and exhibitors, and others on various hunting-related issues. SCI's EVP of International Government and Public Affairs Ben Cassidy and Bee Frederick attended the International Order of T. Roosevelt annual event in Scottsdale, AZ. During the weekend, Cassidy and Frederick met with IOTR and partners on shared issues of importance, such as the constitutional Right to Fish and Hunt initiative in Florida. Cassidy and Frederick also connected with several SCI leaders, members, exhibitors and supporters.

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Europeans Approve of International Hunting: Earlier this year, SCI and its partners [announced](#) results of a survey commissioned by the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE), SCI, International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC), Dallas Safari Club, Wild Sheep Foundation, Conservation Force, and the International Professional Hunters Association and conducted by YouGov. Critically, the survey shows significant acceptance of international hunting by Europeans.

Growing and Engaging Membership through Sweepstakes: SCI offered a once-in-a-lifetime sweepstakes opportunity when joining, upgrading, or gifting an SCI membership. Michael S. was the lucky winner of the New Zealand fallow deer and red stag hunt with Chris Dorsey and John Scurr Hunting Tours. Stay tuned for future sweepstakes opportunities!

WGH More Than Doubles Attendance at Ladies Mix & Mingle Event During SCI Convention: The second annual Women Go Hunting (WGH) [Mix & Mingle at SCI Convention](#) drew in 500 women to celebrate their contributions to the hunting community. Chaired by Denise Welker, the WGH initiative and Mix & Mingle provides a platform for women of all hunting levels and involvement to network and engage in SCI. With Secretary Aurelia Skipwith Giacometto as guest speaker and other notable women of SCI in attendance, the event underscored the vital role women play in shaping the future of hunting. The WGH [100 Woman Challenge](#) also wrapped up, with women submitting 313 trophy entries to the SCI World Hunting Award Program over a three-month period and raising more than \$11,000. Plans are under way to repeat the challenge in 2024.

SCI at "Die Hohe Jagd & Fischerei" Fair in Salzburg, Austria: For the first time, [SCI participated](#) in the Hohe Jagd (High Hunting) fair, which attracts hunters, outfitters, manufacturers, and many others from Central Europe. The newly created SCI Austrian Chapter was present with a booth and an inaugural gala dinner, both of which were well-attended successes. SCI Austria's involvement at the event underscores their commitment to expanding SCI's footprint in Central Europe, an area pivotal to SCI's mission in Europe and globally. Congratulations and thank you to President Eva Schrittwieser and the new Austrian Chapter!

SCI at Cinegética: President John McLaurin, SCI President-elect Jeff Meyerl, SCI CEO Laird Hamberlin, SCI EVP Mike Rogers, J. Alain Smith, and Raymie Grimm led SCI's delegation to the four-day Cinegética hunting fair in Madrid, Spain, alongside SCI's Iberian Chapter. Last year, SCI and Cinegética [signed a partnership agreement](#) to unite our organizations to advance conservation and the hunting culture.

First For Hunter's Podcast and SCI's Social Media: In the last few months SCI's social media has continued to grow hand in hand with advocacy communications and Convention marketing. SCI's total audience grew to 242,056 a growth of 3.2% across all social media platforms. This was a total follower growth of roughly 7,400+. During this period, SCI social media put out 436 posts that made over 11 million impressions and engaged 246,000+ people. Total video views amassed to 1.3 million. SCI's podcast, The First For Hunters Podcast, has started the new year on a roll with 10 new episodes. Most notably, host Ben Cassidy visited Rep. Bruce Westerman, Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, and recorded an episode that was filmed and posted on SCI's YouTube page. These new filmed podcasts have unlocked a value of content for SCI and its partners on Capitol Hill.



About SCI

Safari Club International (SCI) is the leading defender of the freedom to hunt and supporter of wildlife conservation worldwide. SCI is unique in the scope of our ability to defend and advance our freedom to hunt, mobilizing 146 chapters and an affiliate network representing 7.2 million hunters around the world.

SCI is also the only hunting rights organization with an international advocacy team based in Washington, D.C. and an all-species focus. In the U.S., SCI's fulltime staff of professional advocates speak for hunters at federal and state levels on important issues such as access to hunting on public lands and the authority of states to manage their wildlife.

Through SCI's Hunter Advocacy Action Center (HAAC), SCI educates and activates hunter advocates on issues in their communities and states, as well as nationwide. SCI's chapter networks in Canada and Europe are involved in advocacy on local and global hunting issues, protecting sportsmen's rights to hunt and import trophies. For more than two decades, SCI has been the major defender of hunters in courtrooms throughout the country.

SCI is First for Hunters.