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INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

Two types of “trophies” exist in the elite circles of high-priced trophy hunting.

There are the animals themselves—which, once killed, are skinned, stuffed and mounted in the hunter’s home “trophy room.”

Many of the animals killed by elite hunters are endangered or threatened species and protected by federal law or international treaty.¹ The trophy hunting industry has expended substantial resources pressuring the federal government and range countries (including years of litigation) to ensure that permits are routinely granted for the export and import of trophies to and from countries around the globe.

The other type of trophies are the copious awards, certificates and killing contests sponsored by various hunting organizations—none more prominent or powerful than **Safari Club International** (SCI), which uses an incredibly detailed online record book to determine eligibility for its many “Grand Slam” and “Inner Circle” prizes, themselves prerequisites for even higher honors in SCI’s awards hierarchy.

This report focuses on winners of SCI’s highest honor—the **World Hunting Award**, called the “Super Bowl-ring of hunting” (the award itself is, indeed, a ring)—to demonstrate the lengths to which zealous trophy hunters will go to both bring home their hunted prey as “trophies,” and achieve the multitude of hunting prizes, available for everything from killing a certain number of animals on a given continent, to using “alternative methods,” such as a handgun or bow-and-arrow.

The research depended primarily on SCI’s own records database, which is available online to anyone who pays the organization’s modest membership fee. The research also relied heavily on federal permit applications, court documents and news archives.

The research was prompted by the July 2015 killing of **Cecil the Lion**, who was a well-researched animal wearing a collar when he was killed in Zimbabwe by an arrow-flinging Minnesota dentist, **Walter Palmer**.

Though Palmer’s other kills are no longer part of SCI’s record book—his SCI membership was suspended after the lion killing due to allegations that his killing of

¹ The U.S. Endangered Species Act lists species as either Threatened or Endangered and generally requires permits for the import of trophies of listed species. See <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/>. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is an international treaty that lists species by level of threat (Appendix I, II, or III) and has requirements for export and import permits. See <https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is an international scientific body that maintains a Red List of species by level of threat (i.e., Least Concern, Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, Extinct in the Wild, Extinct). See <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>.

Cecil violated Zimbabwe law²—Palmer is listed as winning one of SCI’s “Continental Awards” for North American hunting.

There is also a “cached” version of an undated hunting entry for a white rhino also killed by Palmer. The entry includes a photo of Palmer—bow-and-arrow by his side—leaning next to the felled rhino.

This report also includes tallies of the literally thousands of “Big Five” animals killed by SCI hunters in Africa—including more than 2,000 lions and nearly 800 elephants.

² This was not Walter Palmer’s first suspect kill. In 2008, he was sentenced to one-year probation, and fined nearly \$3,000, after unlawfully killing a black bear in Wisconsin, and lying about it to federal wildlife officials. [[U.S.A. v. Palmer](#)]

WHY IT MATTERS

- ❖ **Trophy hunting is contributing to the decline of some of the world’s most iconic and ecologically essential species.** Animals regarded as among the most noble and majestic in the animal kingdom—lions, elephants, leopards—are the very ones most sought after by trophy hunters. Governments around the world have, for decades, worked in concert to protect these species for future generations—efforts that are being undermined by a hunting culture that romanticizes the killing of rare and endangered animals. Trophy hunting is driving the extinction of lions and other threatened species.
- ❖ **Walter Palmer, the Minnesota dentist who killed Cecil the Lion, is just a small part of an international “trophy hunting” obsession, fixated on awards and mounting kills.** Hunters like Palmer compete for awards based on the species they kill. Palmer, for instance, had already won a “continental” award for killing a dozen animals in North America. With his lion kill—and a previous rhino hunt—he had 40 percent of an African “grand slam” award (which also requires the killing of an African elephant, a leopard and a Cape buffalo). Many trophy hunters will not pay the hefty price tag associated with international hunts and safaris if they cannot take the stuffed carcass home as a “trophy” to display.
- ❖ **These are not weekend deer hunters.** Safari Club International members routinely pay tens of thousands of dollars—if not hundreds of thousands—for exotic hunting trips, where they “collect” some of the planet’s most threatened species including rhinos, cheetahs, leopards, lions, and African elephants. SCI members were part of a federal court battle over the right to import trophies of the straight-horned Markhor, a mountain goat found in the remote tribal regions of Pakistan which at the time was classified by USFWS as endangered and of which fewer than 6,000 animals exist in the wild today. SCI members routinely stalk argali sheep in Mongolia, pumas in Argentina, bears in eastern Russia and muskox in Greenland.
- ❖ **Trophy hunters will do anything to make a kill.** They will kill captive-bred, tame lions confined in a small area. They will lure a wild lion out of a National Park at night, spotlight them, and shoot them at point blank range.
- ❖ **Safari Club International’s own meticulous record keeping dispels any doubts that, for them, hunting is about competition—not conservation.** Entries often include macabre photos of the dead animals, with its head propped up on a stick or mound to accentuate the skull or horns, and the hunter smiling proudly next to the carcass with his or her weapon. Animals are sorted and ranked based on size, as well as by “MOK”—method of kill.
- ❖ **SCI’s “trophy hunting” obsession also includes actual trophies.** Hunters record their kills to gain eligibility for SCI “grand slam” and “inner circle” awards. One coveted prize—the World Hunting Award—is known as the “Super Bowl ring of hunting.”
- ❖ **SCI members have killed tens of thousands of animals over the years, including those on the brink of extinction.** The group’s own record book reveals members have

killed some 2,000 lions, 1,800 leopards, nearly 800 elephants and 93 black rhinos (which the IUCN lists as “critically endangered”). SCI records go back over a century—one of the early entries records a Teddy Roosevelt rhino hunt.

- ❖ **Congress and Federal Agencies have the power to stop this “trophy madness.”**
The importation of many of the species favored by SCI hunters is regulated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which must determine whether “trophy” imports from foreign hunting trips comport with federal and international law. There is currently before Congress a bill³ that would allow hunters to bring back trophies of polar bears they killed but did not import the trophies of before the species was declared “threatened” by USFWS in 2008. If Congress and the administration take steps to block the importation of trophies of threatened and endangered species, the demand to hunt these animals will also decline.

³ H.R. 327, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska)

BIG FIVE: THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS KILLED BY SCI MEMBERS

SCI members have killed, literally, thousands of African animals grouped into hunting's so-called "Big Five."

- Safari Club International members have killed thousands of animals of species belonging to Africa's "Big Five" over the past 60 years, documenting the hunts in SCI's record book, often with photos
- SCI members have killed 2,007 African lions
- SCI members have killed 791 elephants in Africa
- SCI members have killed 572 rhinos in Africa, including 93 IUCN "critically endangered" black rhinos
- SCI members have registered 1,888 kills of the African leopard, listed as endangered or threatened in Africa, depending on the country, under the Endangered Species Act
- SCI members have killed 3,238 Cape buffalo, the most prevalent of the "Big Five"

WHAT ARE THE BIG FIVE? The "Big Five" refers to Africa's five most-coveted game animals: lion, elephant, rhinos, leopard, and Cape buffalo.

Lion (2,007 Kills)

- **1959-2015: Safari Club International Members Have Recorded More Than 2,000 Lion Kills.** Since the first club's first recorded lion kill in 1959, Safari Club International members have registered 2,007 lion kills in Africa—511 listed in South Africa and Namibia, and 1,496 elsewhere in the continent. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

Species Name ▲	Continent	Bronze Minimum	Silver Minimum	Gold Minimum	Bronze (Bow) Minimum	Silver (Bow) Minimum	Gold (Bow) Minimum	Book Entries
African Lion	Africa	23"	23 14/16"	24 12/16"	22 8/16"	0"	22 14/16"	1,496
African Lion (South Africa & Namibia)	Africa	23"	24 11/16"	25 14/16"	20"	23 1/16"	25 2/16"	511

LION TROPHY PHOTOS



Dr. Ivan Rusilko, April, 11, 2015 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)



Karen D. Spielbusch, October 5, 2014 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)



Arthur S. Newcombe, June 4, 2013 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)



Victor John Haag, October 28, 2014 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)



John K. Henderson, May 23, 2014 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)



Jonathan Thompson, July 27, 2013 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

African Elephant (791 Kills)

- **1955-2015: In Sixty Years Of Hunting, Safari Club International Members Have Killed Nearly 800 Elephants.** Since 1955, SCI members have submitted 791 record-book entries for elephants in Africa—including 15 Forest Elephants, considered a separate species by SCI. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

ID	Species Name ▲	Continent	Bronze Minimum	Silver Minimum	Gold Minimum	Bronze (Bow) Minimum	Silver (Bow) Minimum	Gold (Bow) Minimum	Book Entries
F054	African Elephant	Africa	90	112 1/2	136 1/2	60	0	60	776
F235	Forest Elephant	Africa	0	0	18	0	0	0	15

ELEPHANT TROPHY PHOTOS

Many SCI record book entries include photos too...



Ricardo Longoria, Aug 28, 2013. Source: [SCI Record Book](#)



H. Bradley Martin, June 13, 2012 Source: [SCI Record Book](#)



Don Ingram, April, 13, 2012 Source: [SCI Record Book](#)



Stan E. Christiansen, March 12, 2012 Source: [SCI Record Book](#)



Butch Meilinger, April, 8, 2011 Source: [SCI Record Book](#)

Rhino (572 Kills)

- 1955-2015: Safari Club International Members Have Killed More Than 570 Rhinoceros, Including Scores Of “Critically Endangered” Black Rhino.**
 Since 1955, SCI members have registered 572 rhino kills: 479 Southern white rhinoceros (listed as threatened due to similarity of appearance by USFWS), and 93 black rhino, which are listed as “critically endangered” by the IUCN. [[SCI Online Record Book](#) / IUCN Red List, [Ceratotherium simum simum](#) and [Diceros bicornis](#)]

F200	Southern White Rhinoceros	Africa	70"	81 5/8"	88 2/8"	63"	0"	69 3/8"	479
F199	Black Rhinoceros	Africa	56"	64 1/8"	69 7/8"	50"	0"	62 5/8"	93

BLACK RHINO TROPHY PHOTOS



Alexander Smuzikov, April 24, 2012 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)



Gregory S. Williamson, October 7, 2006 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

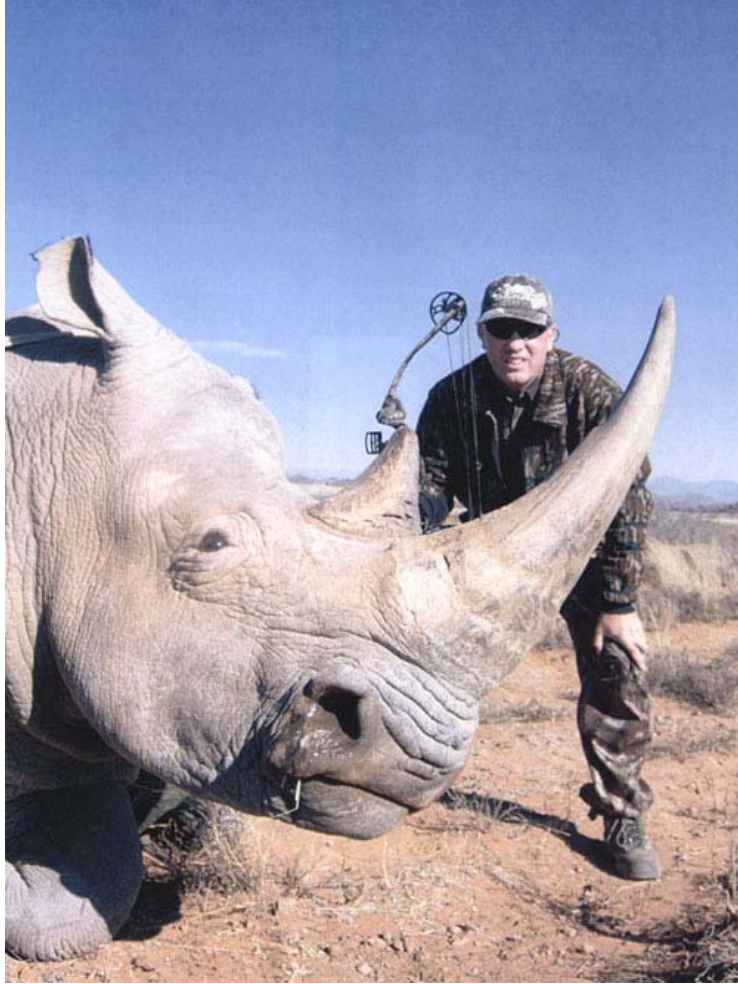


Joseph J. Hand, July 10, 1971 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

WHITE RHINO TROPHY PHOTOS



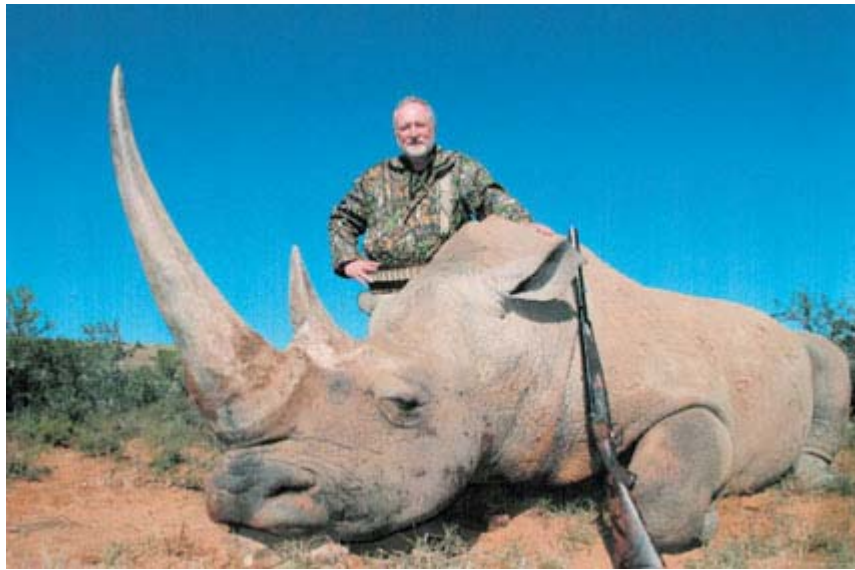
Denise E. Welker, March 15, 2014 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)



Stephen L. Coale, August 12, 2008 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Carey Metz, April 1, 2012 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Martin Christensen, May 21, 2009 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Tom Dyer, April 1, 2009 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Roger W. Norman, July 2, 2006 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Norton A. Colvin Jr., July 4, 2007 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)




Enrico Catelli, March 2012 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)

African Leopard (1,888 Kills)

- **1970-2015: In 45 Years Of Hunting Leopards In Africa, SCI Members Have Registered Nearly 1,900 Kills.** Safari Club International members have registered 1,888 African leopard kills since 1970. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

- The African Leopard Is Listed Under the Endangered Species Act As Endangered or Threatened Depending on the African Country. [[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)]

ID	Species Name ▼	Continent	Bronze Minimum	Silver Minimum	Gold Minimum	Bronze (Bow) Minimum	Silver (Bow) Minimum	Gold (Bow) Minimum	Book Entries
F076	  African Leopard	Africa	14"	15 2/16"	16"	12"	13 8/16"	14 12/16"	1,888

LEOPARD TROPHY PHOTOS



Alexey Sivachev, April 4, 2015 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Manuel Fajin, April 26, 2015 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Stan E. Christiansen, July 6, 2014 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



David Tofte, May 23, 2014 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Mike Christianson, August 27, 2003 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Rodney A. Klein, November 2011 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Phillip Hoisington, April 2009 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)

Cape Buffalo (3,238 Kills)

- **1950-2015: Safari Club International Members Have Registered More Than 3,200 Cape Buffalo Kills Since 1950.** In 65 years of hunting, Safari Club International members have registered 3,238 Cape buffalo kills in the organization's record book. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

ID	Species Name ▲	Continent	Bronze Minimum	Silver Minimum	Gold Minimum	Bronze (Bow) Minimum	Silver (Bow) Minimum	Gold (Bow) Minimum	Book Entries
F028	 Cape or Southern Buffalo	Africa	101"	106 1/8"	112 4/8"	90"	98 6/8"	106 7/8"	3,238

CAPE BUFFALO TROPHY PHOTOS



Victor E. Zeni, October 2, 2014 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Doug Watt, August 25, 2014 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Tom Mortang, October 14, 2010 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)



Ken Sardegna, May 28, 2014 [Source: SCI Online Record Book](#)

GRAND SLAMS, INNER CIRCLES AND SCI'S "SUPER BOWL RING OF HUNTING"

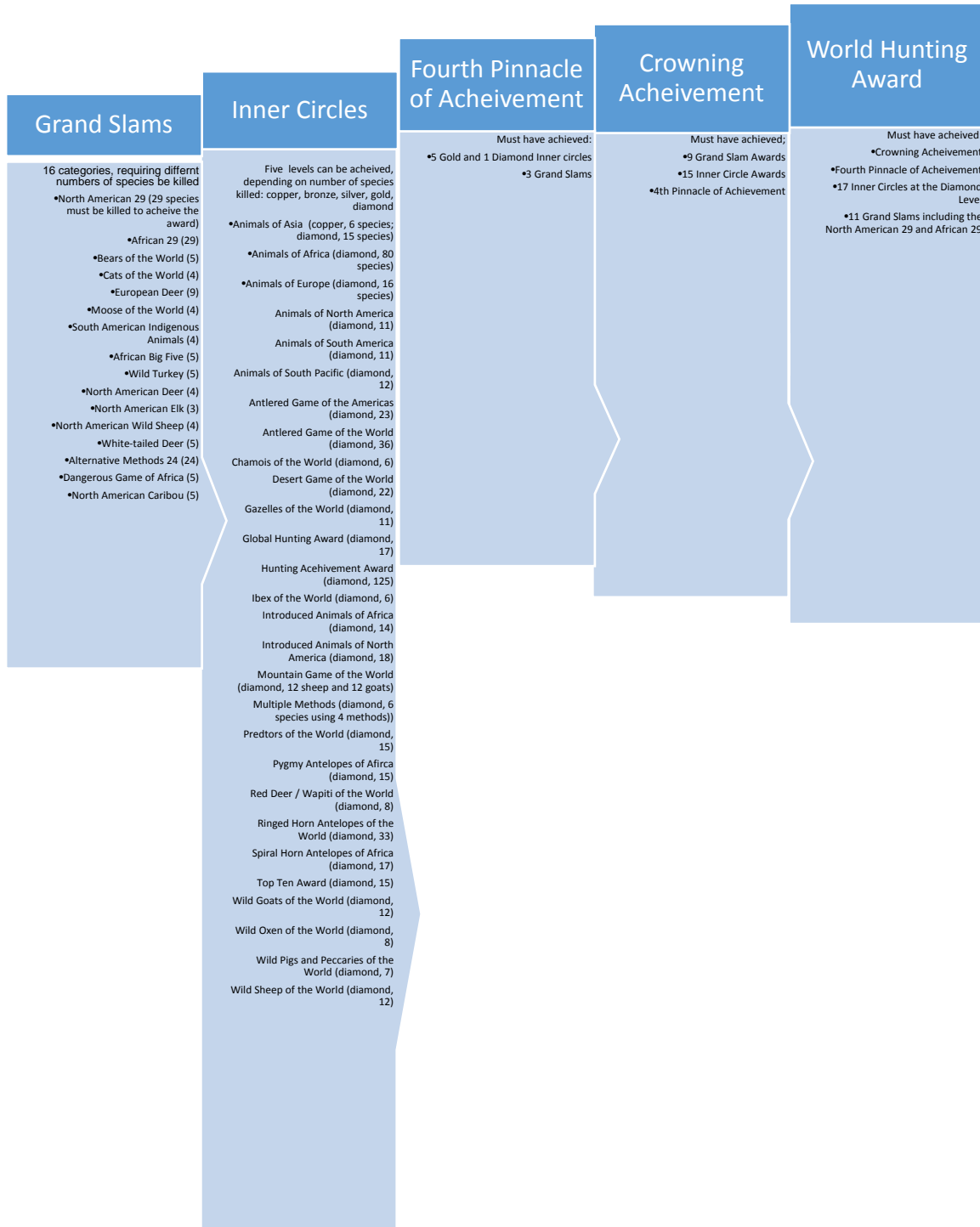
The hunting prizes awarded by Safari Club International—"grand slams" and rings representing the "premier honor" in hunting—sound like they are sports awards.

- Safari Club International issues hunting awards in dozens of categories, many of which celebrate killing the most species in the most far-flung places
- Elite members qualify for the club's most prestigious honor—the World Hunting Award, a diamond-encrusted ring dubbed the "Super Bowl-ring of hunting"
- "Grand Slams" reward hunters for killing multiple species of bears, big cats and moose across the globe—a Bears of the World Grand Slam requires a hunter to kill five different bear species from around the globe
- Some species on Grand Slam lists are protected by federal law as endangered species, while others are considered by the IUCN to be vulnerable or even "extinct in the wild"—the Big Cats Grand Slam includes the cheetah, an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act
- "Inner Circle" awards recognize various hunting achievements, such as killing animals with a handgun, killing animals on each continent and getting the most entries into SCI record book
- Other Inner Circle awards target desert animals, mountain species, predators, ringed-horn antelope, spiral-horned antelope and wild pigs
- Each kill is recorded in SCI's online record book, which sorts animals by score—often a skull or horn measurement—and "method of kill"

SCI Award Categories

SCI Offers its Members the Opportunity to Compete with One Another to Achieve Awards in Various Categories. Each award level requires achievement of awards at lower categories so that the highest award that can be received, the World Hunting Award, requires the hunter to have achieved awards in thirty lower award categories. Qualifying achievements for the World Hunting Award requires that recipients have

killed dozens—if not hundreds—of animals, as indeed many ring winners have. Most, if not all, SCI awards are for lifetime achievement—meaning they have an unlimited time to fulfill their hunting checklist. [[World Hunting Award Rings, SCI](#)]



SCI Record Book

- **Each Hunt Is Entered Into SCI’s Online Record Book, Which Ranks the Animals Based on Size and Categorizes them by Method of Kill.** Animals are scored—usually based on the size of their skulls, tusks, antlers or horns—and sorted by “method of kill”—rifle, arrow, crossbow, muzzle-loaded firearm, handgun or harpoon. SCI members can search record book for species, location, hunter or guide. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
 - Hunters Pay \$35 to Enter Kill In Record Book, or \$80 To Include a “Medallion.” “[T]he Record Book processing fee is \$35.00 per entry. Most members choose to purchase the medallion plaque when they submit their entry. If the medallion plaque is purchased at the same time as the entry, then the total fee is \$80.00. If the medallion plaque is purchase separately, the cost is \$55.00. Mail your completed entry forms to Safari Club International, 4800 West Gates Pass Rd, Tucson, AZ 85745.” [[Safari Club International](#)]

World Hunting Award Ring



The World Hunting Award Ring. Image taken from website of the "[Preserve the Tradition Museum](#)," started by Minnesota hunter Steve Slack, who won award in 2004

- **Safari Club International’s World Hunting Award Ring—Made Of Gold, Onyx and Diamond—“Represents The Premier Honor In The World Of Hunting,” and Has Been Given to Fewer than 100 Hunters Since 1995.** “A custom-crafted ring made of 14-karat white or yellow gold, onyx and 21 point diamonds with six stones are presented to each participant. These rings represent the premier honor in the world of hunting ... To date 94 people have been awarded this honor.” [[World Hunting Award Rings, SCI](#)]
- **Recipients of the World Hunting Award Ring Must Have Killed Animals on Multiple Continents, Won Several SCI “Grand Slams.”** “SCI members must

have achieved and purchased 11 SCI Grand Slams, including the North American 29 and the Africa 29. 17 SCI Inner Circles at the Diamond level and the Fourth Pinnacle of Achievement and the Crowning of Achievement.” [\[World Hunting Award Rings, SCI\]](#)

“SUPER BOWL RING OF HUNTING”

- Minnesota Hunter Steve Slack—Who Won SCI’s World Hunting Award in 2004—Calls it “The Super Bowl Ring Of Hunting.”** “The award is not unlike the process to become an Eagle Scout. Rigid requirements and goals similar to merit badges must be met. S.C.I. calls these achievements Grand Slams, Inner Circles, Pinnacle of Achievement, and Crowning Achievement. Reaching these goals culminates in receiving ‘The World Hunting Award.’ The award is in the form of a ring known as the Super Bowl Ring of Hunting.” [\[Preserve the Tradition Museum\]](#)
- Winners of World Hunting Award Are Given “Super Bowl-style” Ring at SCI’s Annual Conference.** “The World Hunting Award is the highest award in the SCI World Hunting Awards program. A Super Bowl-style gold and gemstone ring is presented to each recipient at the SCI Annual Convention in Reno Nevada.” [\[Preserve the Tradition Museum\]](#)

NOTE: Preserve the Tradition Museum in Dalton, Minn. is a non-profit “museum” founded by hunter Steve Slack (World Hunting Award, 2004) displaying the stuffed mounts of the animals he and family members have killed. [\[Preserve the Tradition Museum\]](#)

North America and African “Grand Slams”

WHAT IS A GRAND SLAM? In hunting lingo, a “grand slam” is an award that requires a hunter to have killed a certain number of animals from a specific list. One popular grand slam is the North American Wild Sheep grand slam, which requires winners to have killed four types of North American wild sheep.

Grand Slam North American Wild Sheep			
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES		MUST BE FREE RANGE	
Minimum 4, Bow 4			
	Score or photo		Score or photo
<input type="checkbox"/> Dall sheep	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> North Baja Desert bighorn sheep*	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone sheep	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican Desert bighorn sheep*	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain or California bighorn sheep	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> South Baja Desert bighorn sheep*	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson Desert bighorn sheep*	_____
<small>*Only one sub-species allowed</small>			

- **Safari Club International World Hunting Award Recipients Must Have Completed “Grand Slams” In North America and Africa.** The African and North American “Grand Slam” awards require winners to have killed at least 29 species on each continent. [[World Hunting Award Rings, SCI](#)]:

NORTH AMERICAN 29

- **Grand Slam North American 29.** Winners must have killed 29 of the following animals, including at least three sheep [[Grand Slam North American 29, SCI](#)]:

<input type="checkbox"/> Jaguar*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Desert bighorn sheep**	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Islands caribou	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cougar (or puma, or mtn. lion)	_____	- North Baja	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain caribou	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan brown bear	_____	- Desert bighorn sheep	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Quebec-Labrador caribou	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Grizzly bear (common or b.g.)	_____	- South Baja	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodland caribou	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Polar bear	_____	- Nelson	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain mule deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Continental (Inland) black bear	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pronghorn	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Desert mule deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal (Pacific) black bear	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain elk	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Columbia black-tailed deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray wolf	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Roosevelt elk	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sitka black-tailed deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic walrus	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tule elk	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> White-tailed deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> American bison	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska-Yukon moose	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Coues white-tailed deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Muskox (b.g. or Greenland)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Canada moose	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> American alligator	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> American mountain goat	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Canada moose	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dall sheep	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Shiras moose	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone sheep	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska-Yukon b.g. caribou	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Rky Mtn or CA bighorn sheep	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Canada b.g. caribou	_____		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Walrus	_____		

*Dated or Record Book entry before 1972
The jaguar is not required but can be substituted for another category.

**Only one sub-species allowed

- **Some Of The Species on SCI’s “North American 29” Grand Slam Are Protected by Federal Law.** The gray wolf is still listed as “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act throughout much of its range; the polar bear is listed as “threatened” under the Act; and walruses and polar bears are protected by the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act. [[ESA Species Profile for Gray Wolf /Marine Mammal Protection Act](#)]

AFRICAN 29

- **Grand Slam African 29.** Winners must have killed 29 of the following, including three of the African “Big Five.” (Lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, rhino). [[Grand Slam African 29, SCI](#)]

<input type="checkbox"/> African lion _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nyala (mtn. or common) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reedbuck (or rhebok) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bush duiker _____
<input type="checkbox"/> African leopard _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sitatunga _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildebeest _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest duiker _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Small cats _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bushbuck _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hartebeest _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nubian ibex _____
<input type="checkbox"/> African elephant _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sable antelope _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Damalisc _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Aoudad _____
<input type="checkbox"/> African rhinoceros* _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Roan antelope _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Impala _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hippopotamus _____
<input type="checkbox"/> African buffalo _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Oryx/gemsbok _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gazelle _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild pig _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Eland _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterbuck _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Springbok _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nile crocodile** _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bongo _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Lechwe _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pygmy antelope _____	*May be darted
<input type="checkbox"/> Kudu (greater or lesser) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Kob (or puku) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Dik-dik _____	**can be substituted for another on list

- Many species in the African 29 are protected by Federal law. The African leopard is listed as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, depending on the African country; the African elephant is listed as threatened under the Act; and African rhinos are listed as either endangered or threatened under the Act depending on the species.

Other Grand Slams that Qualify for World Hunting Ring

- **In Addition to North American 29 and African 29 “Grand Slams,” SCI World Hunting Recipients Must Fulfill at Least Nine Other Safari Club “Grand Slams.”** Including the African and North American “Grand Slams,” Safari Club International members can achieve 16 “Grand Slam” awards for global hunting. [[Safari Club International, 2015 Awards](#)]

BEARS OF THE WORLD

- **Grand Slam Bears of the World.** Hunters must kill five of the following bears, or four if they are hunting with bow and arrow. [[Bears of the World Grand Slam, SCI](#)]

<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska brown bear _____	Score or photo _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Continental (Inland) black bear _____	Score or photo _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Siberian brown bear _____	Score or photo _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Common grizzly bear _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal (Pacific) black bear _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Kamchatka brown bear _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Barren ground grizzly bear _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian brown bear (Europe) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Amur brown bear _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Polar bear _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian brown bear (Asia) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mideastern brown bear _____	_____

Many species in the Bears of the World are protected by federal law. The grizzly bear and polar bear, for instance, are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

CATS OF THE WORLD

- **Grand Slam Cats of the World.** Winner must kill at least four of the species listed, three if hunting by bow and arrow. [[Cats of the World Grand Slam, SCI](#)]

<input type="checkbox"/> African lion _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Jaguar** _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Serval, caracal, African golden cat or bobcat*** _____
<input type="checkbox"/> African leopard _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cougar (or puma, or mtn. lion) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> African cheetah* _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Lynx (Canada or Eurasian) _____	*From Namibia, South Africa, or Zimbabwe under CITES quota
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildcat (Africa, Asia or Europe) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Wildcat _____	**Darted, or under certain conditions
		***Only one species will count

- Many species in the Cats of the World are protected by federal law. The African leopard is listed as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, depending on the African country; and the African cheetah and jaguar are listed as endangered under the Act.

EUROPEAN DEER SLAM

- **Grand Slam European Deer.** Winners must kill at least nine of listed species, four if using bow and arrow. [[European Deer Slam, SCI](#)]

<input type="checkbox"/> European red deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> European fallow deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Père David deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Iberian red deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> European roe deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reeves muntjac	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Scottish red deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Siberian roe deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Water deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> English red deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Moose	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Barasingha	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> White red deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reindeer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Manchurian sika deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wapiti (or maral)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Axis deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese sika deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> White-tailed deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hog deer	_____		

- **At Least One Species on “European Deer Slam” List —Père David’s Deer—Is Considered by IUCN to be “Extinct In The Wild.”** “This species is listed as Extinct in the Wild, as all remaining individuals are under captive management.” [[IUCN Red List, *Elaphurus davidianus*](#)]
- **The Barasingha (Swamp Deer)—Also On “European Deer Slam” List—Is Listed as Endangered by USFWS.** The “estimated population lies between 3,500 and 5,100 animals (not all of which will be mature individuals) and outside several key populations the protection status is not secure.” [[IUCN Red List, *Rucervus duvaucelii*](#)]
- **Hog Deer—Also On “European Deer Slam List”—Is Considered by IUCN to be “Endangered” and Threatened By Hunting.** “The current most appropriate category for Hog Deer is Endangered ... Hog Deer is threatened by hunting and by habitat loss and degradation...” [[IUCN Red List, *Axis porcinus*](#)]

NOTE: While the award is the “European Deer Slam,” some of the species appear to be from Asia.

MOOSE OF THE WORLD

- **Grand Slam Moose of the World.** Winners of the “Grand Slam Moose of the World,” must kill at least four of the listed species, three if using bow and arrow. [[Moose of the World Grand Slam, SCI](#)]

<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska-Yukon moose	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Shiras moose	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yakutia moose	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Canada moose	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> European moose (Europe)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chukotka moose	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Canada moose	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> European moose (Asia)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Amur moose	_____

SOUTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS ANIMALS

- **Grand Slam Indigenous Animals of South America.** Winners of the South American Grand Slam must kill at least four of the listed species, three if using a bow and arrow. [[Indigenous Animals of South America Grand Slam, SCI](#)]

<input type="checkbox"/> S. Am. white-tailed deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-Brown brocket deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Capybara	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> White-lipped peccary	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Red brocket deer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> S.A. Mountain white-tailed deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cougar (or puma, or mtn. lion)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Collared peccary	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> S.A. Coastal white-tailed deer	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Spectacled Caiman	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Grey-Brown Brocket Deer	_____		

- **At Least One Species on South American Grand Slam List—The White-Lipped Peccary—Is Listed By IUCN as “Vulnerable,” in Part Because of Hunting.** “This species is considered Vulnerable under criteria A2bcde+3bcde due to an ongoing population reduction estimated to be close to 30% in the past three generations (18 years) due to habitat loss, illegal hunting, competition with livestock, and epidemics.” [[IUCN Red List, *Tayassu pecari*](#)]

OTHER SCI GRAND SLAMS

There are “grand slams” for turkey, deer and elk. There’s even an “alternative methods” award where winners must have killed eight species with a handgun...

- **The Other SCI Grand Slam Awards Are** [[Safari Club International, 2015 Awards](#)]:
 - **African Big Five Grand Slam.** Winners must kill all of the “Big Five” game animals in Africa—elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard. [[African Five Grand Slam, SCI](#)]
 - **Alternative Methods 24 Grand Slam.** Winners must kill 24 animals with “alternative methods” other than a rifle: eight species from a muzzle-loaded firearm; eight species with a handgun; and eight species with a crossbow/bow and arrow. [[Alternative Methods 24 Grand Slam, SCI](#)]
 - **Dangerous Game Of Africa Grand Slam.** Five “dangerous” African species, including up to four of the “Big Five”—lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino (may be darted)—and at least one hippopotamus or Nile crocodile. [[Dangerous Game Grand Slam, SCI](#)]

- **North American Caribou Grand Slam.** Five of six species of North American caribou (three if using bow and arrow). [[North American Caribou Grand Slam, SCI](#)]
- **North American Deer Grand Slam.** Four of seven North American deer species (three if using bow and arrow). [[North American Deer Grand Slam, SCI](#)]
- **North American Elk Grand Slam.** Killing three species of elk: a Rocky Mountain elk, a Roosevelt elk, and a tule elk. [[North American Elk Grand Slam, SCI](#)]
- **North American Wild Sheep Grand Slam.** Killing four of seven listed species of wild sheep, including several types of “bighorn” sheep. [[North American Wild Sheep Grand Slam, SCI](#)]
- **White-tailed Deer Grand Slam.** Killing five species of white-tailed deer from around the globe (Four if using bow and arrow). [[White-tailed Deer Grand Slam, SCI](#)]
- **Wild Turkey Grand Slam.** Killing five species of wild turkey, three if using bow and arrow. [[Wild Turkey Grand Slam, SCI](#)]

Inner Circles

In addition to 11 “grand slam” awards, winners of SCI’s World Hunting Award ring must have achieved 17 “Inner Circles:”

WHAT’S AN INNER CIRCLE AWARD? An Inner Circle is like a Grand Slam except the criteria includes a much longer list of species. The “Animals of Asia” Inner Circle Award, for instance, lists dozen of species, from brown bears and reindeer to wapiti and argali. Hunters can attain five levels—copper, bronze, silver, gold and diamond—depending on how many species in each Inner Circle list are killed. A diamond-level Animals of Asia Inner Circles requires 15 species on the list killed; a, copper, only six.

- **World Hunting Award Winners Must Achieve 17 “Inner Circles” at The “Diamond Level.”** [[World Hunting Award Rings, SCI](#)]
- **SCI’s Inner Circle Awards.** Safari Club International gives out Inner Circle awards for species killed in the following categories [[Safari Club International, 2015 Awards](#)]:
 - **Animals of Africa:** Includes big cats, hyenas, wildebeests, antelope, impalas and “thick-skinned game.” Kill 80 species for diamond level. [[Animals of Africa Inner Circle, SCI](#)]

- **Animals of Asia:** Includes lynx, reindeer, brown bears, wapiti, ibex, urial and argali. Kill 15 species for diamond level. [[Animals of Asia Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Animals of Europe:** Includes feral goat, hog deer, gray wolf, European bison and water buffalo. Kill 16 species for diamond level. [[Animals of Europe Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Animals of North America:** Includes gray wolf, wolverine, walrus, bighorn sheep, caribou, moose and alligator. Kill 32 species for diamond level. [[Animals of North America Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Animals of South America:** Includes peccary, capybara, feral boar and blackbuck. Kill 11 species for diamond level. [[Animals of South America Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Animals of South Pacific:** Includes Himalayan tahr, feral ox, Arapawa sheep and chamois. Kill 12 for diamond level. [[Animals of South Pacific Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Antlered Game of the Americas:** Includes several species of moose, elk, deer and caribou. Kill 23 for diamond level. [[Antlered Game of the Americas Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Antlered Game of the World:** Includes moose, elk, deer and wapiti from around the globe. Kill 36 for diamond level. [[Antlered Game of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Chamois of the World:** Includes ten different species of chamois (a goat-antelope); diamond-level winners must kill six. [[Chamois of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Desert Game of the World:** Includes sheep, gazelle and ibex from across the globe. Kill 22 species for diamond level. [[Desert Game of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Gazelles of the World:** Three dozen species of gazelle; kill 11 for diamond level. [[Gazelles of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Global Hunting Award:** Tracks kills on each continent. Diamond-level winners have killed as many as 17 different animals in Africa, 13 in North

America, 4 in South America, 6 in Europe, 6 in Asia and the 4 in the South Pacific. [[Global Hunting Award Inner Circle, SCI](#)]

- **Hunting Achievement Award:** Tracks total number of entries into SCI record book; 125 needed for diamond level. [[Hunting Achievement Award Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Ibex of the World:** Sixteen species of ibex; diamond level must kill six. [[Ibex of the World Inner Circle World, SCI](#)]
- **Introduced Animals of Africa:** More than 20 animals in Africa living outside their natural range; Diamond level must kill 14. [[Introduced Animals of Africa Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Introduced Animals of North America:** Animals such as the endangered addax and Scimitar-horned oryx, stocked on “canned” hunting ranches in Texas. Diamond level must kill 18. [[Introduced Animals of North America Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Mountain Game of the World:** 90 types of wild sheep and goat; diamond level must kill total of 24 species, twelve sheep and twelve goat [[Mountain Game of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Multiple Methods:** Tracks variety of weapons used. Diamond-level winners must have killed six species with a handgun, six species with a rifle/shotgun, six species with a muzzle-loaded firearm and six species with a bow/crossbow. [[Multiple Methods Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Predators of the World:** Includes lion, leopard, cheetah, bears, serval, coyote and gray wolf. Diamond-level winners must kill 15 species. [[Predators of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Pygmy Antelopes of Africa:** Lists three dozen small African antelope. Diamond-level winners must kill 15. [[Pygmy Antelopes of Africa Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Red Deer/Wapiti of the World:** Deer and wapiti from around the world; diamond winner must kill eight. [[Red Deer / Wapiti of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Ringed Horn Antelopes of Africa:** Includes impalas, springbok, hartebeests, oryx and gerenuks. Diamond winner must kill 33. [[Ringed Horn Antelopes of Africa Inner Circle, SCI](#)]

- **Spiral-horned Antelopes of Africa:** Diamond winner must kill animals of 17 species from nine different groups of African spiral-horned antelope, including kudu, giant eland, bushbuck and Mountain nyala. [[Spiral-horned Antelopes of Africa Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Top Ten Award:** Tracks the number of Top 10 entries in SCI's record book. Diamond-level winners have 15 or more. [[Top Ten Award Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Wild Goats of the World:** Diamond-level winners must kill a dozen of ibex, tur, chamois, markhor and other wild goats from around the world. [[Wild Goats of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Wild Oxen of the World:** Diamond-level winners must kill eight of the listed species of buffalo, bison, oxen and takin. [[Wild Oxen of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Wild Pigs and Peccaries of the World:** Diamond-level winners must kill seven of the listed species of warthog, wild boar and peccary. [[Wild Pigs and Peccaries of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]
- **Wild Sheep of the World:** Includes Marco Polo argali, Yakutia snow sheep, Afghan urial and Iberian mouflon. Diamond-level winners must kill a dozen. [[Wild Sheep of the World Inner Circle, SCI](#)]

Continental Awards

- **Safari Club International Offers “Continental Awards” for Killing Animals in Each of Five Continents and the South Pacific.** The awards are acquired by meeting a kill list for Africa, Asia, North America, South America, Europe and the South Pacific.
 - **African 15.** Winners can either kill animals of 12 African species, plus one of the African “Big Five”—lion, leopard, elephant, cape buffalo and rhino—or 15 species not including one of the Big Five. [[African 15, SCI](#)]
 - **Asia 8.** Requires killing animals of eight Asian species “from their native habitat.” [[Asia 8, SCI](#)]
 - **European 12.** Requires killing animals of a dozen European species, including sheep, bear, wolf and wildcat. [[European 12, SCI](#)]

- **North American 12.** Requires killing animals of a dozen “free range” animals in natural habitat, including “one bear, one mule deer, one white-tailed deer, one caribou, one moose, one elk.” [[North American 12, SCI](#)]
- **South American 8.** Requires killing animals of eight species from a list including puma, boar, water buffalo and ibex. [[South American 8, SCI](#)]
- **South Pacific 8.** Requires killing animals of eight species from a list that includes feral ox, sambar, hog deer and banteng. [[South Pacific 8, SCI](#)]

WALTER PALMER

- Walter Palmer—killer of Cecil the lion—won a “North American 12” award from SCI in 2012 which required him to kill 12 animals of 41 species, including one bear, one mule deer, one white-tailed deer, one caribou, one moose, and one elk.
- The black bear that Palmer killed illegally in Wisconsin may have helped Palmer attain North American hunting award
- By killing a lion and a rhino, Palmer was 40 percent on the way to winning SCI’s “Big Five” Grand Slam
- Palmer’s name has been stricken from SCI record book—his membership in the hunting club has been suspended pending an investigation into Cecil’s death—but an archive entry of arhino kill made by Palmer remains visible

North American 12 Award

- **2010: Walter Palmer—Who Killed Cecil the Lion in Zimbabwe—Won SCI’s “North American 12” Continental Award For Bow Hunting.** Palmer also used a bow to kill Cecil the lion in July 2015. [[North American 12 Recipients, SCI](#)]
 - **2006: Black Bear—Which Palmer Illegally Killed in Wisconsin in 2006 —Would Have Helped Palmer Qualify For “North American 12” Award.** The black bear is listed one of the animals listed that hunters can kill to reach the dozen needed for the North American Continental Award. “ [[North American 12, SCI](#)]
 - **2008: Palmer Plead Guilty to Making False Statements to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Agents About Killing Bear Outside Of Permit Zone.** “Palmer had a permit to hunt bears within a certain area near ... But on September 1, 2006, he was part of a group of people who killed a black bear 40 miles outside this permitted zone, according to the court documents from April 2008.” [[NBC News, 7/29/15](#) / [U.S.A. v Walter J. Palmer](#)]

North American 12 Award Recipients

Gary D. Young (2010)
NORTH AMERICAN 12 (BOW)
SCI Continental Award
 Billy Ellis III (2013)
 Tom Miranda (2014)
Grand Slam
 Gary Bogner (2014)
 R. Dale Drilling (2011)
 Dennis Dunn (2010)
 Roy Durbin (2015)
 John Garr (2010)
 George Harms (2010)
 Paul E. Korn (2010)
 Ricardo Longoria (2010)
 William Nelson (2011)
 Archie Nesbitt (2010)
Walter Palmer (2010)
 Harold Bank III (2010)
 Byron Sadler (2010)
 Ken Sardegna (2012)
 Michael J. Spence (2010)

NOTE: The North American and African Continental Awards were, until 2012, considered “Grand Slams” by SCI. Anyone who achieved the Continental Awards before then—as Palmer did—could consider it a Grand Slam, for purposes of achieving other hunting achievement awards, such as the World Hunting Award.

PALMER’S RECORDS WIPED—BUT ARCHIVED RHINO ENTRY REMAINS

- **Walter Palmer—Whose Membership Was Suspended By Safari Club International—No Longer Appears in SCI Record Book.** Walter Palmer’s name does not appear in SCI’s Online Record Book; the organization says it suspended his membership after he killed Cecil. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
 - **2015:** Palmer’s SCI Members Has Been Suspended Pending A “Full And Thorough Investigation” Into Cecil The Lion’s Death. “Safari Club International is suspending the membership of the Minnesota hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe and wants a ‘full and thorough investigation’ into the lion’s death. [Associated Press, 7/30/15](#)]

BUT...

- **An Archived Entry From SCI’s Record Book Shows Palmer with a White Rhino He Killed with a Bow and Arrow.** The undated entry—like Palmer’s other kills, apparently—has been removed from SCI’s Online Record Book. However, a “cached” version remains available through Google. [[SCI Online Record, Google Cache](#)]

- **With at Least 40 Percent Of The Big Five, Was Palmer Aiming for One of SCI's Bow-And-Arrow Grand Slams?** By killing a rhino and lion with a bow-and-arrow, Palmer had killed two of the five African "Big Five." Killing all five with a bow would have put him in elite company—though many SCI members have won the "Big Five" Grand Slam, only 20 have done it with a bow. [[African Big Five Grand Slam Recipients, SCI](#)]

Record Book Photo(s)
Book Record Details

Species:	F200 - Southern White Rhinoceros		
Member Name:	Walter Palmer		
Score:	101 4/8	Overall Rank:	15
Method:	Bow & Arrow	Method Rank:	2

Photo(s)



Archived record book entry for Walter Palmer's white rhino kill. Source: SCI Online Record Book (Google Cache)

EXAMPLES OF EXCESS: WORLD HUNTING AWARD RING WINNERS

While many Safari Club International members have stalked prey around the globe, the winners of SCI's most-heralded prize—the World Hunting Award, commemorated with a ring featuring gold, diamond and onyx—represent the group's "one percent."

These prolific trophy hunters have spent decades and hundreds of thousands of dollars—if not millions—cultivating their "collection" of kills. Their prey has included some of the globe's most cherished species, including many that are threatened or endangered: rhinos, cheetahs, leopards, polar bears, and rare mountain goats.

One filed a federal lawsuit against his \$100,000 African hunting safari failed when it to yield "adequate" video footage of his kills. Another ring-wearer has personally killed at least 18 lions.

Examining just some of the World Hunting Award winners—and their hunting exploits—offers a telling glimpse into the depths of "trophy madness" and the extreme-hunting culture propagated by Safari Club International.

RENEE SNIDER (ELK GROVE, CALIF.)

Snider has hunted hundreds of species around the globe, including cheetah and polar bear.

- Renee Snider has over 300 kills in the SCI Record Book, including five elephants, five leopards, two lions and two gray wolves
- Husband made fortune in auto dealerships
- Won “grand slams” for hunting mountain goat and sheep, and special award for killing South Pacific game animals
- Snider killed an endangered cheetah in Namibia, then sought permit to import trophy
- Snider killed a polar bear, which is now mounted and stuffed in her California mansion
- Used connections at California college to get special permission from Tanzanian wildlife officials to “complete” East African hunting collection

Hometown: Elk Grove, Calif.

Occupation: Husband made fortune selling cars

World Hunting Award Ring: 2014

Number of SCI Record Book Entries: 308



*Renee Snider, with a sable antelope she shot in 2006 in Tanzania.
Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)*

Husband Made Fortune Selling Cars

- **Renee Snider—Recipient of SCI World Hunting Award—Married Wealthy Auto Dealer.** “Paul Snider made his fortune selling automobiles, an endeavor he began decades ago on his uncle's used car lot in Turlock. Snider eventually

opened a Volkswagen dealership on Madison Avenue in Sacramento in 1965, growing his brand to include seven dealers and 22 smaller franchises.”

[[Sacramento Bee, 7/11/13](#)]

Hunted Nearly 400 Different Species On Six Continents

- **Snider Has Hunted 390 Species on Six Continents—Says Hunting “Enriches Her Life.”** “She has hunted all six continents and collected over 390 species. Hunting enriches her life. Her fondest memories are those while hunting with her husband and joined by her father, sometimes her mother, brother, sister, uncles, nephews and cousins for over 35 years. [[World Hunting Award Rings, SCI](#)]
- **Snider Won SCI’s World Hunting Award In 2014.** [[World Hunting Award Rings, SCI](#)]

“TRIPLE-SLAMMER,” GOLDEN MALEK

- **Renee Snider Has Traveled to Africa Nearly 20 Times, Earned “Golden Malek” for Killing Big Game Animals in South Pacific.** “Renee has been to Africa 19 times. She has killed the Big 5. ... Renee is the first woman to achieve the Golden Malek Award in its 21 year history. The Golden Malek is an award given for taking all the big game animals of the South Pacific, free range.” [[Safari Club International, Sacramento Chapter](#)]
- **Some Awards—Like the “Golden Malek,” Which Recognizes South Pacific Hunting—Are Given by Groups Other than SCI.** “[T]he Malek family has created an additional award to be presented for extraordinary achievement to any hunter who has taken all 14 species of South Pacific big game ... The Malek Award trophy incorporates a spectacular bronze around its base which was exclusively designed and sculpted by the world renowned sculpture and artist, Lorenzo Ghiglieri, from Portland, Oregon.” [[Malek Award](#)]
- **Snider Is a “Triple Slammer,” Winning Awards for Hunting Sheep in North America and Abroad.** “She is a triple slammer: North American Grand Slam, World Slam of Sheep and a Capra Slam which is mountain hunting for goats and ibex.” [[Safari Club International, Sacramento Chapter](#)]

Over 300 SCI Record Book Entries

- **Renee Snider Has 308 Entries in SCI Record Book, Representing Species Across the Globe.** Snider’s first entry—an ibex killed in Spain—was submitted in April 1984. Her most recent—a mouflon killed in Croatia—was submitted in December 2012. [[SCI Online Record Book, Renee Snider](#)]

- **Species Killed by Renee Snider Include** [[SCI Online Record Book, Renee Snider](#)] (number of registered kills in parentheses):
 - ❖ African Elephant (3)
 - ❖ African Leopard (5)
 - ❖ African Lion (2)
 - ❖ Cape Buffalo (5)
 - ❖ Chinese blue sheep (3)
 - ❖ Hippopotamus (3)
 - ❖ Gray wolf (2)
 - ❖ Himalayan Tahr (2)
 - ❖ Marco Polo argali (2)
 - ❖ Polar bear
 - ❖ Alaska Brown Bear (2)
 - ❖ American Bison
 - ❖ Oribi (4)
 - ❖ East African Bushbuck (4)

Killed Endangered Cheetah, Sought Trophy Import Permit

- **2000: Renee Snider Killed a Cheetah—on the USFWS Endangered List for Decades—in Namibia.** Snider shot the cheetah in October 2000, on the Mount Etjo Safari Lodge in Namibia. She used a rifle. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

Book Record Information			
Member Name:	Renee Snider	Score:	13 4/16"
Species Name:	African Cheetah	Date Taken:	10/2000
Location:	Namibia, Mount Etjo	Method of Kill:	Rifle
Hunting Company:	Oelofse Hunting Safaris	Top Ten Date:	
Guide:	Vaughan Fulton	Overall Rank:	21
Form:	15	Highest Overall Rank:	17
Medallion:	SILVER	Method Rank:	21
Certified:	Yes	Highest Method Rank:	17
Score Sheet			
	Length of Skull	8 2/16"	Width of Skull
			5 2/16"



Renee Snider with cheetah shot in Namibia. Above photo is the SCI Record Book entry. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#).

- **Cheetah Are Considered Endangered Throughout their Range by the USFWS.** The cheetah was on the first list of endangered species established pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. [[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)]

TROPHY PERMIT

- **2005: Renee Snider Sought Permit to Import Trophy of Cheetah Killed in Namibia Back into U.S.** “The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one female cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) taken in Namibia, for the purpose of the enhancement of the survival of the species.” [[Federal Register, 2/11/05](#)]

NOTE: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service did not issue an import permit for Snider’s cheetah trophy. In order for USFWS to issue an import permit for an endangered species, the applicant must demonstrate that the import would “enhance” the survival of the species, and hunters often try to meet this standard by claiming that the money they paid for the hunt will be used for conservation efforts.

SCI HAS LONG SOUGHT TO LOOSEN CHEETAH PROTECTIONS

Safari Club International has for years pushed, unsuccessfully, to downgrade the ESA protection status of cheetah in an attempt to make trophy importation easier for hunters...

- **1995: Safari Club International Unsuccessfully Petitioned to Downgrade Cheetah’s Status from “Endangered” to “Threatened,” Hoping to Make it Easier to Import Hunting Trophies.** The petition was submitted on behalf of the Republic of Namibia and Safari Club International. The petition argued that a

threatened classification would allow issuance of special regulations, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, authorizing the importation of sport-hunted trophies of cheetah into the United States. The effort was unsuccessful, and cheetahs remain endangered under the ESA. [[Federal Register, 3/19/96](#)]

- **Safari Club International Believed that if Cheetah Were Downgraded, American Hunters Would Spend “Substantial Sums Of Money” to Hunt Cheetahs.** “Sportsmen from the United States then would be willing to spend substantial sums of money to hunt cheetah in Namibia, thereby providing a financial stimulus to landowners in that country.” [[Federal Register, 3/19/96](#)]

Imported Polar Bear Trophy From Canada



Renee Snider with slain polar bear. Source: [Weatherby Foundation](#)

- **1999: Shot Polar Bear in Canada’s Resolute Bay, Received “Gold” Medallion for SCI Record Entry Book.** The polar bear Snider shot in 1999 ranked 22nd among similar kills, and was categorized with a “gold medallion” for size in the SCI record book. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

Book Record Information			
Member Name:	Renee Snider	Score:	26 1/16"
Species Name:	Polar Bear (dogsled)	Date Taken:	05/1999
Location:	Nunavut, Resolute Bay	Method of Kill:	Rifle
Hunting Company:	Canada North Outfitting	Top Ten Date:	
Guide:	Jobie Issigatok	Overall Rank:	22
Form:	15	Highest Overall Rank:	22
Medallion:	GOLD	Method Rank:	22
Certified:	Yes	Highest Method Rank:	22
Score Sheet			
Length of Skull	16 11/16"	Width of Skull	9 6/16"

- **1999: Snider Sought a Permit to Import Her Polar Bear “Trophy” from Canada.** “The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound.” [[Federal Register, 5/7/99](#)]

NOTE: Permit was sought before polar bears were designated as “threatened” under ESA in 2008, halting import of trophies under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Prior to that, hunters could import trophies only from certain approved polar bear populations in Canada. [[FWS News Release, 12/4/03](#)]

- **2013: Polar Bear—Which Snider Claims to Have Shot on Artic Ice—Is Now Stuffed and on Display in her Northern California Mansion.** “Like other large homes on their narrow tree-lined street in rural Elk Grove, the Sniders’ estate is surrounded by a gate ... Inside the home, which the Sniders have owned for about 20 years, dozens of mounted animals are on display ... There's the polar bear she shot in a sea of ice inside the Arctic Circle, where the temperature was 55 degrees below zero.” [[Sacramento Bee, 7/11/13](#)]

Import Permit for Straight-Horned Markhor

- **March 2014: Renee Snider Applied for a Trophy Import Permit for a Straight-Horned Markhor, a Pakistani Mountain Goat that at the Time Was Listed by USFWS as Endangered.** “The following applicants each request a permit to import a sport- hunted trophy of one male straight-horned markhor (*Capra falconeri jerdoni*) taken from the wild in the Torghar region of Pakistan, for the purpose of enhancement for the survival of the species.” [[Federal Register, 3/14/14](#)]
 - **August 2014: FWS Granted the Straight-Horned Markhor Permits for Snider and Other Hunters.** [[Federal Register, 8/15/14](#)]
- **Straight-Horned Markhor Lives in Remote Regions Of Pakistan, but Has Been “Extirpated” in Neighboring Afghanistan.** “Today, the straight-horned markhor occurs in small, scattered populations in the mountains of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, Pakistan. Although the Service has found reports that this subspecies survives in Afghanistan, the agency believes it has likely been extirpated.” [[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Markhor FAQs](#)]
- **2014: Under Pressure from Hunters, FWS Downgraded Straight-Horned Markhor from Endangered to Threatened, Set Up “Special Rule” to Allow Trophy-Imports from Torghar Hills Region of Pakistan.** “We are also finalizing a rule under section 4(d) of the Act that allows the import of sport-hunted straight-horned markhor trophies under certain conditions.” [[Federal Register, 10/7/14](#)]

Received University’s Help to Fulfill Hunting Wish List

Renee Snider and husband sought college president’s help to complete “their East African collection” in Tanzania...

- 2007: Renee Snider and Husband Offered \$2.4 Million Gift to Sacramento State University—Then Asked for Help Filling African Hunting Wish List.** “Sacramento State helped a prominent local couple get permission to hunt dozens of exotic animals in Tanzania as part of the university’s drive for a now-abandoned natural history museum. The couple were prepared to donate \$2.4 million toward the effort, as well as their vast menagerie of animal specimens collected in hunts around the world.” [[Sacramento Bee, 9/18/2007](#)]
- 2007: College President Wrote to Tanzanian Official, Seeking Special Permission for Sniders to Hunt 84 Animals Not Covered Under Hunting License.** “Armed with letters signed by university President Alexander Gonzalez, Sacramento auto dealer Paul Snider and his wife, Renee, went to Tanzania twice to hunt spotted serval cats, dark-faced vervet monkeys and 82 other species the university said would enhance its museum. The Sniders needed special permission to hunt the listed animals because they were not covered under a standard Tanzanian hunting license. Three of the species were nearing or at high risk for extinction, according to the World Conservation Union, an international coalition of nations and nonprofit groups.” [[Sacramento Bee, 9/18/2007](#)]
- President of Sacramento State—Where Snider Had Offered \$2.4 Million Donation—Wrote Tanzanian Wildlife Director Seeking Special Permission for Snider to Hunt Vulnerable Species.** “In a 2004 letter to Emmanuel Severre, director of Wildlife in the Ministry of Natural Resources in Tanzania, [Sacramento State President Alexander] Gonzalez requested that local couple Paul and Renee Snider be issued special licenses to hunt animals not covered under the standard Tanzanian license. Some of the requested animals are currently listed as critically endangered, with others, like the white-rumped vulture, classified as having an extremely high-risk of extinction, according to the Species Survival Commission's red list.” [[The State Hornet, 9/27/07](#)]
- 2007: Sniders Went on Two Hunting Expeditions to Tanzania, Using Letters from University to “Complete Their East African Collection.”** “Using Gonzalez’s letters as authorization, the Sniders traveled to Tanzania twice with the purpose of hunting red-listed African animals to complete their East African collection. [[The State Hornet, 9/27/07](#)]

MUSEUM SCRAPPED

- After Uproar, Snider and Husband Scrapped Plans to Fund Museum Displaying Their Hunting Trophies.** “Paul and Renee Snider, philanthropists with an extensive collection of mounted animals they hunted from several continents, proposed building Sacramento’s first museum of natural history seven years ago on the California State University, Sacramento, campus. But

after an uproar from university faculty and hunting ethics advocates ... the couple abandoned the project..." [[Sacramento Bee, 2/18/14](#)]

ALAN AND BARBARA SACKMAN (SANDS POINT, N.Y.)

The husband-wife team have more than 500 entries combined in SCI record book

- The husband-wife team of Barbara and Alan Sackman have a combined 584 entries in the Safari Club International Record Book
- The Sackmans kill list includes several IUCN near threatened and vulnerable species, some of which are on SCI's "Grand Slam" and "Inner Circle" lists
- Barbara Sackman qualified for the diamond-level of the "Animals of Africa" Inner Circle award a year after killing a critically endangered black rhino in South Africa
- Couple sued the government to bring home trophy of straight-horned markhor from Pakistan
- The Sackmans—who made their fortune in real estate—were once sued by New York State Attorney General for using "violence" to evict poor and disabled tenants

Hometown: Sands Point, N.Y.

Occupation: Real Estate

World Hunting Award Ring: Both received ring in 2003

SCI Record Book Entries: 284 for Alan, 298 for Barbara



Alan Sackman with an African wild cat killed in Ethiopia in 2009.

Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#). Barbara Sackman with a Eurasian lynx taken in Estonia in 2012. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#).

- **Husband and Wife Hunting Team Have 582 Combined Entries in SCI Record Book.** Alan Sackman listed 284 kills since 1980; his wife Barbara lists 298 since 1984. [SCI Online Record Book, [Barbara Sackman/Alan Sackman](#)]

- **Species Killed by Alan Sackman Include:** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)] (number of registered kills in parentheses):

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| ❖ African Elephant | ❖ Mongolian Gazelle |
| ❖ African Leopard (2) | ❖ Polar Bear |
| ❖ African Lion | ❖ Royal Antelope |
| ❖ Central African Bongo | ❖ Siberian Ibex (2) |
| ❖ Continental Black Bear (2) | ❖ Tibetan Gazelle |
| ❖ Gray Wolf | ❖ Water Buffalo (3) |
| ❖ Marco Polo Argali (2) | |

- **Species Killed by Barbara Sackman Include:** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)] (number of registered kills in parentheses):

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ❖ African Lion | ❖ Nile Crocodile |
| ❖ African Leopard | ❖ Polar bear |
| ❖ American Alligator | ❖ Royal antelope (2) |
| ❖ Hippopotamus (2) | ❖ Southern White Rhinoceros |
| ❖ Gobi Argali | ❖ Tibetan gazelle |
| ❖ Gray Wolf | ❖ Water buffalo (3) |
| ❖ Marco Polo Argali | ❖ Yakutia snow sheep |
| ❖ Mongolian Gazelle | |

Vulnerable and Endangered Species Killed by Sackmans

Species killed by the Sackmans include those that are IUCN vulnerable or endangered...

WHITE-LIPPED PECCARY

- **Barbara Sackman Killed a White-Lipped Peccary—IUCN Vulnerable Throughout its Range—in Argentina.** Sackman killed the South American hog on a hunt in Argentina in 2000. She used a rifle. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
- **White-Lipped Peccary Are Listed as IUCN “Vulnerable” Due to Habitat Loss and Hunting.** “This species is considered Vulnerable ... due to an ongoing population reduction estimated to be close to 30% in the past three generations (18 years) due to habitat loss, illegal hunting, competition with livestock, and epidemics.” [[IUCN Red List, *Tayassu pecari*](#)]

- **“Vulnerable” White-Lipped Peccary Is Listed on SCI’s South American “Grand Slam,” Which Barbara Sackman Won in 2005.** [[South American Indigenous Animals Grand Slam, SCI](#) / [South American Grand Slam Recipients](#)]

BLACK RHINOCEROS

- **Barbara Sackman Killed a IUCN “Critically Endangered” Black Rhino in South Africa in 2011.** Barbara Sackman killed the rhino with a rifle in August 2011. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

Book Record Information			
Member Name:	Barbara Sackman	Score:	75 2/8"
Species Name:	Black Rhinoceros	Date Taken:	08/2011
Location:	R.S.A., Cradock	Method of Kill:	Rifle
Hunting Company:	Tam Safaris	Top Ten Date:	
Guide:	Steven Tam	Overall Rank:	16
Form:	8	Highest Overall Rank:	14
Medallion:	GOLD	Method Rank:	15
Certified:	No	Highest Method Rank:	13



Barbara Sackman with black rhino killed in South Africa in 2011. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#).

Black Rhino Is Listed as “Critically Endangered.” “Listed as Critically Endangered as the population of Black Rhino has declined by an estimated 97.6% since 1960 with numbers bottoming out at 2,410 in 1995, mainly as a result of poaching.” [[IUCN Red List, Diceros bicornis](#)]

- **Barbara Sackman Won SCI’s “Animals of Africa” Inner Circle Award a Year After Killing Black Rhino.** Sackman achieved the diamond-level of SCI’s “Animals of Africa” award in 2002, a year after killing black rhino. The rhino is listed among the qualifying species for the award. [[Animals of Africa Inner Circle, SCI / Animals of Africa Recipients](#)]

Straight-Horned Markhor

- **Both Barbara and Alan Sackman Sued U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Allow Importation of Trophy Of Straight-Horned Markhor Killed in Pakistan.** Both Sackmans “lawfully took a straight-horned markhor in March 2008” in the Torghar Hills region of Pakistan, according to the lawsuit. [[Conservation Force, et al v. Salazar, et al, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia](#)]
- **Sackman Lawsuit Says Straight-Markhor Hunts Can Be Sold For \$45,000—But Could Be Worth Three Times as Much if Trophies Were Allowed to Be Brought Home.** “While other subspecies of markhor that are importable are marketed to American hunters for \$150,000 per hunt, straight-homed markhor hunts can only be sold for \$45,000, if at all.” [[Conservation Force, et al v. Salazar, et al, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia](#)]
- **Sackmans Shot Their Markhor in Special Zone in Torghar Hills, Where Only Wealthy Hunters—Not Locals—Are Permitted to Shoot the Animals.** “The TCP [Torghar Conservation Project] is a legitimate private conservation program whereby local tribal peoples are appointed to enforce a total ban on all hunting by locals, the military, and outsiders.” [[Conservation Force, et al v. Salazar, et al, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia](#)]
- **Sackmans and Fellow Hunters Eventually Won Markhor Fight, with FWS Downlisting Straight-Horned Markhors, Allowing Trophy Permits from Torghar Hills.** Federal officials downlisted straight-horned markhor from endangered to threatened, and approved “special rule” allowing trophy imports from Torghar Mountains. [[Federal Register, 10/7/14](#)]
- **Pakistan Issues a Dozen Trophy Permits a Year for the Straight-Horned Markhor.** “The 10th meeting of the Conference of Parties to CITES in 1997 passed a resolution (Conf. 10.15) allowing for an annual export quota of six Markhor trophies from Pakistan’s community-based hunting management areas to states parties to CITES. CITES increased the annual export quota to 12 in 2002...” [[IUCN Red List, Capra falconeri](#)]

WHY IT MATTERS: Few things could epitomize the zeal of trophy hunters to “collect” exotic species than the fight over the straight-horned markhor. These wealthy hunters

are willing to pay tens of thousands of dollars—if not hundreds of thousands—to be one of a dozen hunters each year to traverse the remote hills of Pakistan to kill an imperiled mountain goat species few people outside of elite hunting circles even knew existed. What’s more, is that Safari Club members successfully pressured the FWS to not only downlist the straight-horned markhor—from endangered to threatened, despite clear threats to the subspecies in much of its range—but create a “special rule” allowing trophy imports from a special hunting reserve.

Sued by State Attorney General for “Violence” in Evicting Tenants

The Sackmans may not be any kinder to people than they are to animals...

- **1984: The Sackmans—Who Made Their Fortune in Real Estate—Were Sued by New York Attorney General for Using “Violence” to Evict Poor and Disabled Tenants.** “The suit says, in essence, that Mr. Sackman and his group, after purchasing the single-room-occupancy Hamilton Hotel, at 315 West 99th Street, proceeded to empty the building of its 50 remaining tenants, almost all of them poor people living on disability benefits or public assistance, by illegal methods, including physical violence. Some became homeless.” [[New York Times, 10/23/1984](#)]
- **Both Alan Sackman and His Wife Were Named in Lawsuit Targeting “Egregious” Tenant Abuses.** “The lawsuit against him and his wife and his colleagues is the first action of its kind taken by the Attorney General, who has jurisdiction because his office must approve all cooperative conversion plans. The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the case, Lawrence Albrecht, said that this case had been chosen as the ground-breaker ‘because the facts were so egregious.’” [[New York Times, 10/23/1984](#)]
 - **Alan Sackman Is Still Listed as Chairman of Sackman Enterprises, a Manhattan Real Estate Development Firm.** “Building on his experience as a mortgage banker, Alan Sackman began developing real estate in 1969. His keen eye and exceptional understanding of the market led him to specialize in historic brownstones on Manhattan’s Upper West Side — properties that remain a cornerstone of the Sackman portfolio. ... Over the years, Alan has successfully formed partnerships with banks and private investors, and completed more than \$500 million in real estate transactions.” [[Sackman Enterprises](#)]

RALPH MARCUM (COLUMBIANA, ALA.)

A federal judge once chastised Marcum for paying a “princely sum” to hunt elephant in Zambia, where corruption has undermined conservation efforts

- Ralph Marcum filed a federal lawsuit seeking to import an elephant trophy from Zambia, where corruption has overtaken programs intended for conservation
- Marcum has registered over 160 kills in Safari Club International’s Record Book
- Marcum sought a permit to import the trophy of a bontebok, a South African antelope that is endangered under the Endangered Species Act and is faced with extinction
- The U.S. Department of Justice found Marcum’s company violated federal law after refusing to hire a veteran who was re-enlisting in the military

Hometown: Columbiana, Ala.

Occupation: Electrical contractor

World Hunting Award Ring: 2013

SCI Record Book Entries: 167



Ralph Marcum hoists a cougar he killed in Texas in 2005. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#).

Over 160 Recorded Kills, 22 African Safaris

- **Between 1997 and 2012, Ralph Marcum Recorded 167 Kills in SCI’s Record Book.** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
- **Marcum Has Been on Nearly Two Dozen African Safaris and More Than 100 Big Game Hunts.** “He has now been on 22 African Safaris and a total of 116 big game hunts in North America and around the world.” [[World Hunting Award Rings, 2013, SCI](#)]

- **Species Killed by Ralph Marcum Include** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)] (number of registered kills in parentheses)
 - ❖ African Leopard
 - ❖ African Elephant
 - ❖ African Lion
 - ❖ American Mountain Goat
 - ❖ California Big Horn Sheep
 - ❖ Hippopotamus (2)
 - ❖ Feral goat (4)
 - ❖ Fringe-eared Oryx
 - ❖ Hawaiian Black Sheep
 - ❖ Ssesse Islands Sitatunga
 - ❖ Uganda kob
 - ❖ West African Savanna Buffalo
 - ❖ Zambezi Sitatunga

- **“Grand Slams” Won By Marcum Include** [[Safari Club International](#)]:
 - ❖ Wild Turkey Slam
 - ❖ South American Slam of Indigenous Animals
 - ❖ European Deer Slam
 - ❖ Elk of North America Grand Slam
 - ❖ White-tailed Deer Grand Slam
 - ❖ African 29 Grand Slam
 - ❖ Cats of the World Grand Slam
 - ❖ Grand Slam of North American Deer
 - ❖ Dangerous Game of Africa Grand Slam
 - ❖ African Big Five Grand Slam

Filed Lawsuit to Bring Back Elephant Trophy from Zambia

- **2009: World Hunting Award Winner Ralph Marcum Filed Federal Lawsuit to Import Trophy of Elephant Killed in Zambia—Where Corruption Has Undermined Conservation Efforts.** “Plaintiff Ralph M. Marcum is a U.S. citizen who took an elephant on a licensed, regulated hunt in Zambia in September 2005. The hunt was part of the elephant conservation strategy of Zambia and part of a *de minimis* quota of 20 elephant the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) had established for the whole country that year. Ralph filed his trophy import permit application with the USF&WS’s Division of Management Authority on June 16, 2005 (PRT US106973/9).” [[Marcum v. Salazar, Complaint, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia](#)]
 - **2009: Suit Doesn’t Say How Much Marcum Paid for Hunt—But Co-Plaintiff Paid a \$30,000 Trophy Fee to Kill Elephant in Zambia.** “Plaintiff Earl Slusser is a U.S. citizen that took an elephant in Zambia on July 18, 2005 and applied for a trophy import permit. His elephant was taken that year in a licensed, regulated hunt as part of that country’s elephant conservation strategy. 50% of his \$30,000 trophy fee went to the local village people in a conservation strategy to increase tolerance of

conflicts with the elephant.” [[Marcum v. Salazar, Complaint, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia](#)]

- **2011: Federal Judge in Marcum’s Case Noted Widespread Abuse of Trophy Fees by Zambian Officials.** “This abuse of permit fees caused the European Union to cease its funding of ZAWA. These problems continued until at least November of 2006 when, in response to an inquiry from FWS, a local scientist in Zambia relayed that he was ‘Aware of numerous stories, all quite true, of internal corruption by field officers ... I cannot over-emphasize how bad it is.’” [[Marcum v. Salazar, Memorandum Opinion, U.S. District Court For The District Of Columbia](#)]
- **2011: Judge in Elephant Trophy Lawsuit Noted Marcum Paid “A Princely Sum for the Opportunity to Shoot African Elephants in Zambia.”** “Plaintiffs paid a princely sum for the opportunity to shoot African elephants in Zambia and then they wanted to import the animals’ corpses back to the United States. The trouble is that plaintiffs’ attempts at post-mortem importation run up against some complex law.” [[Marcum v. Salazar, Memorandum Opinion, U.S. District Court For The District Of Columbia](#)]

“WASTE OF JUDICIAL RESOURCES”

- **2012 Marcum Appealed District Court Order Upholding USFWS Denial of Permit to Import Elephant Trophy—Appellate Court Called the Case a “Waste of Judicial Resources.** “The parties’ failure to advise the District Court of Appellants’ pending administrative appeal was inexcusable, and it has caused an extraordinary ‘waste of judicial resources.’” [[U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Opinion No. 11-5303](#)]

TROPHY HUNTING BAN IN ZAMBIA

- **2013: Citing Corruption in Programs Intended for Conservation, Zambia Suspended Trophy Hunting.** “Botswana and Zambia, two premier wildlife destinations, recently banned all trophy hunting within a few months of each other. This move heralds a major shift in thinking about how Africa’s wildlife resources will be managed in the future. Why did they do this? In short: Corruption fueling unsustainable hunting and poaching that threatens species survival.” [[National Geographic, 1/22/13](#)]

NOTE: The ban on trophy hunting in Zambia was lifted the following year.

IN OTHER WORDS: In order for trophy hunters to obtain import permits for endangered species and some threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, they must demonstrate that their actions enhance the survival of the species. Trophy hunters

routinely argue that the trophy fees they pay constitute enhancement, even though these fees are often mishandled by corrupt officials and are not actually spent on conservation.

Bontebok Trophy

- **2001: Marcum Sought Trophy Import Permit of Bontebok, a South African Antelope Listed as Endangered by USFWS.** “The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.” [[Federal Register, 11/30/01](#)]
 - **SCI Record Books Shows Marcum Killed a Bontebok in South Africa In March 2001.** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
- **Bontebok Is Listed as “Endangered” by U.S. and Was Pushed to the Brink of Extinction Due to Hunting and Habitat Loss.** “The bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) is an antelope that historically occurred in the Western Cape of the Republic of South Africa. It became nearly extinct from overhunting and loss of habitat due to expanding agricultural needs ... The bontebok is listed as endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA).” [[FWS, Bontebok Fact Sheet](#)]

Violated Veterans’ Employment Act

While Marcum carries a gun on his hunts, he hasn’t necessarily been kind to those who carry a gun to defend the nation...

- **2006: U.S. Department of Justice Found that Marcum’s Company—Marcum Electric—Violated Federal Law by Refusing to Hire a Veteran Re-Enlisting In Military.** “DOJ determined that Marcum Electric had violated USERRA [Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act] by failing to employ Mr. Stallings because he indicated to Marcum Electric that [he] was in the process of reenlisting in the military.” [[Settlement Agreement Between Marcum Electric, Inc. and Fritz J. Stallings](#)]
- **2006: Justice Department Ordered Ralph Marcum’s Company to Pay \$3,200 to Veteran Who Was Denied Employment After Planning to Re-Enlist.** “Upon Mr. Stallings’ execution of the attached release (Exhibit A), Marcum Electric shall pay Mr. Stallings check the sum of three thousand two hundred (\$3200.00) dollars. [[Settlement Agreement Between Marcum Electric, Inc. and Fritz J. Stallings](#)]

FOUNDER, PRESIDENT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Marcum Founded His Electrical Contracting Company —Marcum Electric, Inc. — in 1994. Marcum’s Alabama company, Marcum Electric, Inc. was founded in 1994 “to provide electrical contracting services,” according to corporation filings. He is currently listed as the company’s president. [[Alabama Secretary of State](#)]

BRIAN K. MORTZ (FENTON, MICH.)

Paid \$108,000 for an African safari—then sued the outfitter because he didn't get his trophies.

- World Hunting Award Winner Brian K. Mortz has “collected” more than 250 species on 26 countries
- Winner of 18 Safari Club “Inner Circle” Awards and 16 “Grand Slams”
- Mortz’s kill include several IUCN “vulnerable” species, including a white rhino and a type of gazelle wiped out of half its former range in Tanzania, where Mortz killed two of them
- Paid \$108,000 for African hunting safari —then sued outfitter for not getting trophies to add to his “significant” collection and not getting “adequate” video footage of Mortz killing animals
- Hunting guide used by Mortz later indicted for illegal rhino kills, selling horns on black market

Hometown: Fenton, Mich.

Occupation: Mechanical contractor

World Hunting Award Ring: 2014

SCI Record Book Entries: 80



Brian Mortz holds up an African civet he killed in Tanzania in 2011. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#).

Has “Collected” More Than 250 Species in 26 Countries

- **2014: Brian Mortz Won SCI’s World Hunting Award After He “Collected” More Than 250 Species, Winning 18 “Inner Circles” and 16 “Grand Slams.”**
“He has 18 Inner Circles at the Diamond Level, 16 Grand Slams, and has

collected more than 250 species. ... His passion for worldwide hunting has taken him to five continents and 26 countries.” [\[World Hunting Award Rings, 2014, SCI\]](#)

- **SCI Online Record Book Shows 80 Entries for Mortz.** [\[SCI Online Record Book\]](#)

“Vulnerable” Species Killed by Mortz

- **World Hunting Ring Award Winner Brian Mortz Has Killed Several “Vulnerable” Species, Including** [\[SCI Online Record Book\]](#):

NUBIAN IBEX

- **Nubian Ibex.** Mortz killed a Nubian ibex on a hunting ranch in Nebraska in 2000. [\[SCI Online Record Book\]](#)
 - **Nubian Ibex Listed as “Vulnerable” and Has Been Wiped Out in Some Countries Due to Hunting And Habitat Loss.** “This species is listed as Vulnerable ... The Nubian Ibex is extinct in Syria, and in Lebanon due to large scale habitat destruction and abuse of hunting regulations.” [\[IUCN Red List, *Capra nubiana*\]](#)

THOMSON’S GAZELLE



Mortz with Thomson's gazelle killed in Tanzania in 2011. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

- **Thomson’s Gazelle.** Mortz killed two Thomson’s gazelle in Tanzania in 2011. [\[SCI Online Record Book\]](#)
 - **Thomson’s Gazelle Is Listed by IUCN as “Near Threatened,” Bordering on “Vulnerable.”** “However, it is estimated that the decline over the last 3 generations (18 years) has reached 25%, and is very possibly higher, bringing the species very close to qualifying for Vulnerable...” [\[IUCN Red List, *Gazella thomsonii*\]](#)

- **Thomson’s Gazelle Has Been Wiped Out of Half of its Former Range in Tanzania, Where Mortz Hunted It.** “In Tanzania, the species occupies about half of its former range in Acacia savannas and grasslands in the north.” [[IUCN Red List, *Gazella thomsonii*](#)]

WHITE RHINO

Book Record Information					
Member Name:	Brian K. Mortz	Score:	86 2/8"		
Species Name:	Southern White Rhinoceros	Date Taken:	05/2003		
Location:	R.S.A., Limpopo	Method of Kill:	Rifle		
Hunting Company:	Out of Africa	Top Ten Date:			
Guide:		Overall Rank:	105		
Form:	8	Highest Overall Rank:	81		
Medallion:	SILVER	Method Rank:	100		
Certified:	Yes	Highest Method Rank:	77		
Score Sheet					
	Left	Right		Left	Right
Length of Horn	23 2/8"	10"	Circumference of Horn	28 7/8"	24 1/8"

- **Southern White Rhinoceros.** Mortz killed a southern white rhino in South Africa’s Limpopo province in 2003. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
- **Southern White Rhino Is Listed as “Threatened” Under the Endangered Species Act Because of Similarity to Other Rhino Species.** “[D]ifferentiating between the horns and other products made from the southern white rhino and the endangered Javan, Sumatran, Indian, black, and northern white rhino is difficult for law enforcement to determine without genetic testing, decreasing their ability to enforce and further the provisions and policies of the Act.” [[Federal Register, 5/20/14](#)]

Sought Trophy Import Permit for Endangered Bontebok

- **2010: World Hunting Award Winner Brian Mortz Sought Trophy Import Permit from FWS for Endangered Bontebok.** “The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.” [[Federal Register, 10/25/10](#)]
- **Bontebok Are Listed as “Endangered” Under U.S. Endangered Species Act.** [[FWS, Bontebok Fact Sheet](#)]

WHY BONTEBOK? The stuffed head-mount of a bontebok—with their white-patch faces and distinct protruding horns—offers a trophy room the quintessential flavor of the African savanna. That is why they are a favorite of hunters and were driven to the brink of extinction.

Paid \$108,000 for African Safari—Then Sued Outfitter for Not Getting Trophies

Mortz filed a federal lawsuit seeking a refund from an outfitter who, Mortz said, did not adequately collect hunting trophies for his \$108,000 safari trip...

14. In 2005 Plaintiff took the safari with OOA and as planned hunted and killed numerous wild game for the purpose of having the animals prepared for food consumption and, more significantly, for Plaintiff's significant wild game trophy collection.

15. For this fourteen (14) day safari and trophy fees Plaintiff paid OOA approximately One Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (\$108,550.00) Dollars.

19. That the primary purpose of Plaintiff's safari with OOA was to bring trophies for Plaintiff's significant collection.

20. OOA, despite Plaintiff's significant payment for such trophies has failed as of the date of this Complaint to deliver this merchandise as contracted for.

Source: Mortz v. Out of Africa, U.S. District Court, District of Eastern Michigan

- **2005: Brian Mortz Paid \$108,000 for Two-Week African Safari So He Could Add to His “Significant Wild Game Trophy Collection.”** “In 2005 Plaintiff took the safari ... and as planned hunted and killed wild game for the purpose of having the animals prepared for food consumption and, more significantly, for Plaintiff's significant wild game trophy collection. For this fourteen day safari and trophy fees Plaintiff paid approximately One Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$108,550.00) dollars.” [[Mortz v. Out of Africa, U.S. District Court, District of Eastern Michigan](#)]
- **2005: Mortz Sued Safari Outfitter—a Company Named “Out Of Africa”—for Not Securing Hunting Trophies to Add to His “Significant Collection.”** “That the primary purpose of Plaintiff's safari with OOA was to bring trophies for Plaintiff's significant collection ... despite Plaintiffs significant payment for such trophies has failed as of the date of this Complaint to deliver this merchandise as

contracted for.” [[Mortz v. Out of Africa, U.S. District Court, District of Eastern Michigan](#)]

- **2005: Mortz’s Lawsuit Also Claimed that African Safari Outfitter Did Not Get “Adequate” Video Footage of Mortz Killing Animals.** “Although [Out of Africa] did provide food and lodging as contracted for, OOA failed to provide the videographer contracted for and as such the videographer which was assigned to the Plaintiff’s hunt failed to obtain adequate footage for the Plaintiff’s videotape for which the Plaintiff paid.” [[Mortz v. Out of Africa, U.S. District Court, District of Eastern Michigan](#)]
- **2006: Mortz Was Awarded \$214,000 Judgement Against Safari Outfitter— Which Could Not Be Located to Serve Court Papers.** The court awarded Mortz a \$214,350 judgment, issued in “default” because the hunting company, Out of Africa, could not be located to serve court papers. [[Judgement, Mortz v. Out of Africa, U.S. District Court, District of Eastern Michigan](#)]

OUTFITTER LATER INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL RHINO KILLS, SMUGGLING HORNS

- **2014: Outfitter Used by Mortz Later Indicted for Illegal Rhino Kills and Selling Horns on Black Market.** “U.S. authorities today announced the indictment of the alleged kingpin of a South African rhino poaching and trafficking syndicate, Dawie Groenewald, and his brother, Janneman, and their company Out of Africa Adventurous Safaris on multiple charges, including conspiracy, money laundering, and wildlife crime.” [[National Geographic, 10/25/14](#)]
- **2014: Outfitter Used by Mortz “Duped” Hunters Into Killing Rhinos, Then Sold Horns on Black Markets.** “According to the 18-count indictment, between 2005 and 2010 the Groenewald brothers duped nine American hunters at their ranch into illegally shooting rhinos. The brothers would then cut off the horns and sell them on the black market in Asia.” [[National Geographic, 10/25/14](#)]
- **2014: Hunting Guides Indicted for Illegal Rhino Kills Catered to SCI Members and Donated to Local Chapters.** “The Groenewalds and their safari company solicited American hunters at large regional sportsmen’s shows, including Safari Club International conventions. They also donated hunts to local chapters of Safari Club International in Kansas City, Missouri, and a National Rifle Association convention in Louisville, Kentucky. [[National Geographic, 10/25/14](#)]

Mechanical Contractor

- **Mortz Is the Owner of a Mechanical Contracting Firm in Fenton, Mich.** Mortz is listed as the owner of Mechanical Services, LLC on the company’s website. [[Mechanical Services, LLC](#)]

IN OTHER WORDS: Big game hunter Brian Mortz paid more than \$100,000 for an African safari—but then sued the outfitter because he didn’t get enough trophies, or “adequate” video footage of his kills. The brothers who run that outfitter—Out of Africa Adventurous Safaris—were later indicted by the U.S. government for getting hunters to illegally kill rhinos, and selling the horns on the black market.

MATT WARD (SANTA MONICA, CALIF.)

FWS agents seized an illegal lion trophy Ward attempted to import from Zambia.

- Matt Ward Has Nearly 170 Safari Club International Record Book entries, and “grand slam” awards for killing bears, big cats and deer from around the globe
- Ward’s hunting exploits have included hunting for muskox in Greenland, and bison in Hawaii
- FWS agents confiscated lion trophy shot by Ward after discovering improper “after-the-fact” permit issued by Zambia, where wildlife officials are notorious for corruption
- Paid \$60,000 to kill lion, which he called a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience—although Ward had killed another lion in Tanzania a few years earlier

Hometown: Santa Monica, Calif.

Occupation: Financial advisor

World Hunting Award: 2009

SCI Record Book Entries: 169



Matt Ward kneels over a savanna buffalo he shot in 2007 in the African nation of Benin. Source: SCI: Online Record

Nearly 170 SCI Record Book Entries

- **World Hunting Award Ring Winner Matt Ward Accumulated Nearly 170 SCI Record Book Entries in Eight Years.** From January 2001 to December 2008, Ward registered 169 Safari Club International record book entries, an average of over 21 a year. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
- **Species Killed By Ward Include** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)] (number of registered kills in parentheses)
 - ❖ African Leopard (2)
 - ❖ African Lion
 - ❖ Bontebok
 - ❖ Cape Eland (3)
 - ❖ Hippopotamus (2)
 - ❖ Nile Crocodile
 - ❖ Polar Bear
 - ❖ Southern Mountain Reedbuck (4)

- ❖ Thomson's Gazelle
- ❖ Ronda Ibex
- ❖ Steenbok (4)

- ❖ Puma (2)
- ❖ Southern Impala (3)

GRAND SLAMS

- **SCI "Grand Slams" Won By Matt Ward** [[Safari Club International](#)]
 - ❖ European Deer Slam
 - ❖ South American Slam of Indigenous Animals
 - ❖ White-tailed Deer Slam
 - ❖ Bears of the World Grand Slam
 - ❖ Elk of North America Grand Slam
 - ❖ North American Grand Slam
 - ❖ Africa 29 Grand Slam
 - ❖ Cats of the World Grand Slam
 - ❖ North American Deer Grand Slam
 - ❖ Dangerous Game of Africa Grand Slam
 - ❖ Africa Big Five Grand Slam
 - ❖ North American Caribou Grand Slam

BISON IN HAWAII, MUSKOX IN GREENLAND

- **Ward's Hunting Exploits Include Shooting Muskox in Greenland and Bison in Hawaii.** Ward shot a muskox in Greenland in 2008; and an America bison in Hawaii in 2005. [SCI Online Record Book, [Oct. 2008](#) and [Jan. 2005](#).]



Matt Ward with a muskox he shot in Greenland in 2008 Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

FWS Agents Seized Illegal Lion Trophy

Matt Ward paid \$60,000 to shoot a lion in Zambia, but the trophy was seized at the airport because it lacked the proper permits...



*Matt Ward with lion killed in Zambia. In 2008, FWS agents confiscated trophy at Los Angeles International Airport.
Source: [U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)*

WARD LION TIMELINE

- **August 2007:** Ward killed lion during hunting safari in Zambia [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]
- **June 2008:** Federal wildlife officials seized lion trophy at LAX [U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California]
- **July 2009:** U.S. government files forfeiture lawsuit for possession of lion trophy [U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California]

SEIZED AT AIRPORT

- **2008: Lion Trophy that Ward Brought Back from Zambia Without Proper Permits Was Seized at Los Angeles International Airport by FWS Agents.** “On or about May 16, 2008, Ward imported, or caused to be imported, the defendant Wildlife Specimen from Zambia into the United States. Upon importation, ward did not have or otherwise present for the defendant Wildlife Specimen a valid export permit from the country of origin or a re-export certificate from the country of re-export. [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(*Panthera leo*\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]

- **2008: Ward’s Permit to Export the Lion Trophy from Zambia Wasn’t Issued Until After the Lion Arrived in the U.S.** “The Retrospective CITES Export Permit had been issued by the CITES Management Authority for the Republic of Zambia on May 22, 2008, almost a week after the date on which the Shipment was imported into the United States on May 16, 2008. [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(*Panthera leo*\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]
- **2008: Ward’s Lion Trophy Was Seized at Los Angeles Airport After FWS Agents Discovered Export Permit Had Been Issued “After The Fact.”** “Specifically, FWS determined that the Retrospective CITES Export Permit had been issued after the fact of import ... Consequently, FWS seized the defendant Wildlife Specimen on June 12, 2008 for violations of the ESA and its implementing regulations.” [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(*Panthera leo*\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]

“MERELY ... A CLERICAL ERROR”

- **2008: Ward Said that His Lion Trophy Export Permit—Issued Only After Lion Arrived in U.S. —“Merely Contained a Clerical Error.”** “The lion was accompanied by an original export permit from Zambia that merely contained a clerical error. The Zambia CITES Management Authority admitted to and apologized for committing the error.” [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(*Panthera leo*\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]
 - **2008: Zambia’s Wildlife Agency Was so Corrupt Country Was Forced to Temporarily Suspend Trophy Hunting.** “The primary reason for the suspension was alleged corruption in awarding hunting concessions and not ‘animal ethics’, although Sylvia Masebo, Zambia’s tourism minister (at the time), acknowledged declines in lions and leopards.” [[National Geographic, 9/16/14](#)]

WARD ALSO HUNTED HIPPOS, CROCS

- **2008: Ward’s Lion Was Packed Along with Trophies from Ten Other Species, Including Two Dozen Hippo Teeth and Two Crocodiles.** In addition to the confiscated lion, shipping documents included in the court case show Ward brought back from his Zambian safari trophies from ten other species, including the skull and skin of two crocodiles, and 24 hippopotamus teeth. [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(*Panthera leo*\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]

CUSTOMER		Invoice Date	
Name	Matt Ward	22/Apr/08	
Address	1334 3rd Street	Received	15/11/07
	Promonada Suite 301, Santa Monica	Delivery	APRIL, 2008
Country	CA 90401, U.S.A.	FOB	Loaded on aircraft
Telephone			

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
2	Crocodile skull, bellyskin, fullskin - preperation charge	130.00	\$260.00
1	Eland skull, fullskin - preperation charge	100.00	\$100.00
1	Sable skull, fullskin - preperation charge	100.00	\$100.00
1	C.Wildebeest skull, fullskin - preperation charge	75.00	\$75.00
2	Hippo 24 tusks - preperation charge	95.00	\$190.00
1	Warthog cape, tuskes - preperation charge	50.00	\$50.00
1	Side striped Jackal skull, fullskin - preperation charge	50.00	\$50.00
1	Reedbuck skull, fullskin - preperation charge	50.00	\$50.00
1	Bushbuck skull, fullskin - preperation charge	50.00	\$50.00
1	Tsessebe skull, fullskin - preperation charge	75.00	\$75.00
1	Lion skull, fullskin - preperation charge	130.00	\$130.00
1	Crating, packing, Export documentation, Vet clearance	70.00	\$70.00
	airport delivery and local forwarding charges to		
	loaded on aircraft		

Freight bill from Matt Ward's Zambian safari. Source: [U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion Trophy](#)

PAID \$60,000 TO KILL LION

- **2008: World Hunting Award Winner Matt Ward Paid \$60,000 to Kill Lion that Was Shipped to U.S. Without Proper Permits.** “The trophy in issue has immeasurable subjective value to Matt Ward, and additionally the cost of its acquisition was approximately \$60,000.00.” [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(Panthera leo\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]

COULD “NEVER REPLACE” LION TROPHY

- **2008: Ward Say He “Paid Dearly” for Lion Trophy and “Can Never Replace It.”** “I have paid dearly for this African lion trophy and can never replace it.” [[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(Panthera leo\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California](#)]

SAYS KILL WAS “ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME” FEAT — BUT WARD KILLED LION THREE YEARS EARLIER

- **2008: Called Lion Hunt a “Once-In-A-Lifetime Achievement for Me” — Although He Actually Killed Another Lion Two Years Earlier.** In court documents describing his 2007 lion kill in Zambia, Ward said “Acquisition of the

African lion trophy is a once-in-a-lifetime achievement for me.” However, in 2005, he killed another lion, in Tanzania, according to SCI’s record book.” [\[U.S.A. v. One Sport-Hunted African Lion \(*Panthera leo*\) Trophy, U.S. Court, Central District of California / SCI Online Record Book\]](#)

Ward said in court documents that his lion hunt was "once-in-a-lifetime" feat...

1. In August 2007, I safari-hunted in Zambia and legally acquired 13 hunting trophies, including the African lion (*Panthera leo*) in issue, which was the most important trophy acquisition to me on that expedition.

Acquisition of the African lion trophy is a once-in-a-lifetime achievement for me.

...but he actually killed another lion in Tanzania years earlier

Book Record Information			
Member Name:	Matt Ward	Score:	23 1/16"
Species Name:	African Lion	Date Taken:	08/2005
Location:	Tanzania, Kilwa	Method of Kill:	Rifle
Hunting Company:	Jerome Latrice	Top Ten Date:	
Guide:		Overall Rank:	70
Form:	15	Highest Overall Rank:	66
Medallion:	BRONZE	Method Rank:	70
Certified:	Yes	Highest Method Rank:	66

Managing Director of Firm Founded By Financier Peter Schiff

- **Hunter Matt Ward Is Managing Director Oof Euro Pacific Capital, a Brokerage Firm Started by Wall Street Financier Peter Schiff.** “Some of the leading wealth management firms in the U.S. were wooing Matt to come and join them but he decided that Euro Pacific was where he could provide his clients with the best possible solution in today’s tumultuous markets. He has quickly become a key player on the Euro Pacific team and is part of the group responsible for setting the overall direction of the firm.” [\[Euro Pacific Capital, Inc.\]](#)

- **Ward Started His Career at Lehman Bros. with Wall Street Financier Peter Schiff.** “Matt started his career at Lehman Brothers working alongside Peter Schiff in the late eighties/early nineties. From there he went on to work with some of the top investment banking companies in the country, including Sutro & Company and Merrill Lynch.” [[Euro Pacific Capital, Inc.](#)]

STEVEN E. CHANCELLOR (EVANSVILLE, IND.)

Chancellor, a prominent GOP fundraiser, has registered 18 lion kills in the SCI record book.

- Steven Chancellor has registered 482 kills in Safari Club International's Record Book
- Chancellor has killed six elephants, two rhinos, 18 lions and 13 leopards, all in Africa
- In South America, Chancellor has killed five Argentinean pumas —with a handgun
- Attempted to use political clout to lift lion-hunting ban in Botswana, where he has killed at least 22 big cats

Hometown: Evansville, Ind.

Occupation: Chairman of American Patriot Group, whose subsidiary provides meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) to U.S. military

World Hunting Award: 1999

SCI Record Book Entries: 482



Chancellor kneels beside a brown nyena he killed in South Africa in 2007. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

Nearly 500 SCI Record Book Entries

- **World Hunting Award Winner Steven Chancellor Has Registered Nearly 500 Kills in 28 Years of Hunting.** Between 1980 and 2008, Chancellor registered 482 entries in the Safari Club International record book. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
- **Species Killed by Chancellor Include** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]: (number of registered kills in parentheses)

- ❖ African Elephant (6)
- ❖ Blue Wildebeest (11)
- ❖ Cape Buffalo (7)
- ❖ Gray Wolf (4)
- ❖ Red Lechwe (10)
- ❖ Reindeer (4)
- ❖ Rocky Mountain Elk (5)
- ❖ South African Springbok (3)
- ❖ Southern Greater Kudu (7)
- ❖ Southern Impala (7)
- ❖ Southern White Rhinoceros (2)
- ❖ Thomson's Gazelle (4)
- ❖ Tsessebe (10)
- ❖ Warthog (8)
- ❖ Water Buffalo (5)

Chancellor Has Killed 18 Lions, 13 Leopards

Book Record Information			
Member Name:	Steven E. Chancellor	Score:	27"
Species Name:	African Lion	Date Taken:	04/1997
Location:	Botswana, Chobe	Method of Kill:	Rifle
Hunting Company:	Rann Safaris "Africa"	Top Ten Date:	05-24-1999
Guide:		Overall Rank:	8
Form:	15	Highest Overall Rank:	2
Medallion:	GOLD	Method Rank:	8
Certified:	Yes	Highest Method Rank:	2



Steven Chancellor (black cap, jacket) stands over a lion he killed in Botswana in 1997. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

18 LION KILLS

- **World Hunting Award Ring Winner Steve Chancellor Has Killed 18 African Lions Since 1983.** Chancellor has registered 18 lions kills in SCI's Record Book since 1983, with kills in Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia and Tanzania. [[SCI Online Record](#)]

	Species	Member	Taken ▲	Location
🔍	African Lion (South Africa & Namibia)	Steven E. Chancellor	07/1983	R.S.A., Vryburg
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	09/1985	Tanzania, Runqwa
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	08/1986	Zambia, Luanqwa
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1994	Botswana, Linyanti Delta
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1995	Botswana, Chobe
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1997	Botswana, Chobe
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1998	Botswana, Okavango
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1999	Botswana, Chobe
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	10/1999	Zambia, Zambezi
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	10/1999	Zambia, Zambezi
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	09/2000	Botswana, Okavango
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	09/2000	Botswana, Okavango
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	09/2004	Tanzania, Moyowosi
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	09/2004	Tanzania, Moyowosi
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	08/2006	Botswana, Kalahari Desert
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	08/2006	Botswana, Kalahari Desert
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	08/2006	Botswana, Kalahari Desert
🔍	African Lion	Steven E. Chancellor	04/2007	Botswana, Chobe

KILLED 13 LEOPARDS



Steven Chancellor with a leopard he killed in Botswana in 1997. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

- **Steven Chancellor Has Killed more than a Dozen African Leopards.** Chancellor registered 13 leopard kills in SCI's Record Book between 1982 and 2001. Eleven were shot in Botswana, one in Zambia, one in South Africa. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

◀ Previous Records 1-13 of 13

	Species	Member	Taken ▼	Location
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	04/2001	Botswana, Maun
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	09/2000	Botswana, Okavango
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1999	Botswana, Okavango
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1999	Botswana, Chobe
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1998	Botswana, Kalahari
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1997	Botswana, Okavango
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1996	Botswana, Chobe
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	09/1995	Botswana, Kalahari
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	04/1995	Botswana, Kalahari
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	05/1994	Botswana, Linyanti Delta
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	07/1989	Botswana, Kalahari Desert
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	08/1986	Zambia, Luangwa
	African Leopard	Steven E. Chancellor	06/1982	R.S.A., Letaba

Has Killed Five South American Pumas — With A Handgun

- **Steven Chancellor Chose an “Alternative Method”—A Handgun—to Kill Five South American Pumas.** SCI's record books show Chancellor used a handgun as his “method of kill” for hunting pumas in Argentina between 1999 and 2002. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]



Chancellor, handgun holstered at his side, at an Argentinian puma hunt in 2000. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#).

Made Hundreds of Millions Selling Coal

- **1999: Peabody Energy Paid \$150 Million for Stake in Steven Chancellor’s Company, Black Beauty Coal.** “The Peabody Group, the world’s largest coal company, has acquired an additional 38.3 percent share of the Black Beauty Coal Company for about \$150 million, giving it 81.7 percent of the company.” [\[New York Times, 2/17/99\]](#)
 - **2003: Peabody Paid Another \$90 Million to Purchase Remaining 18 Percent of Chancellor’s Company, Black Beauty Coal.** “Peabody Energy has purchased the remaining 18 percent of Black Beauty Coal Co. for about \$90 million ... Key management and staff will remain at Black Beauty’s office in Evansville, Ind., Peabody officials said. Steven E. Chancellor will remain as chairman. [\[Associated Press, 4/8/03\]](#)

Used Political Influence in Attempt to Lift Lion-Hunting Ban in Botswana

- **2001: Attempted to Use Political Influence—including Letters From Both First President Bush and His Vice President, Dan Quayle—to Lift Lion-Hunting Ban in Botswana.** “Steven E. Chancellor, an Indiana coal magnate and major Bush administration supporter, has lobbied the government of Botswana to lift a recent ban on lion hunting, adding muscle to his efforts with high-powered letters of recommendation from former President George Bush, former Vice President Dan Quayle and Persian Gulf war hero Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.” [\[Chicago Tribune, 5/13/01\]](#)
- **Chancellor Invoked His Friendship with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, a Hunting Buddy, in Hopes of Lifting Botswana’s Lion Ban.** “Chancellor protested the ban and urged Botswana’s president ‘to reconsider that decision,’ said a senior Botswana official, quoting from a flurry of correspondence from American pro-hunting lobbyists. In one letter, Chancellor invoked his friendship with Quayle and Schwarzkopf, whom he has led on tours of Botswana, the official said. [\[Chicago Tribune, 5/13/01\]](#)
- **Chancellor, a Member Of George W. Bush’s Presidential Transition Team, Says He Didn’t “Pressure” Botswana, Only Offered Guidance.** “‘The press makes it sound as if powerful Americans are putting pressure on the Botswana government to change the ban,’ said Chancellor, who was part of President George W. Bush’s transition team. ‘Nobody wants that. We simply want to help them establish wise conservation, a long-term path.’” [\[Chicago Tribune, 5/13/01\]](#)
 - **Chancellor Is a Prominent GOP Fundraiser Whose Friends Include Former President George H.W. Bush and U.S. House Speaker John Boehner.** “Most recently, Chancellor held a fundraiser for Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential candidate. ... He has held fundraisers for the Republican National Committee, the House and Senate Republican

Committees... He is also a friend of former President George H.W. Bush, former Vice President Dan Quayle ... Speaker of the House John Boehner, Governor Mike Pence, former Governor Mitch Daniels, and now-deceased Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf." [[Evansville Living Magazine, May/June 2013](#)]

22 BIG CAT KILLS IN BOTSWANA

- **Chancellor Has Killed 22 Big Cats—11 Lions, 11 Leopards—in Botswana Since 1989.** Chancellor resumed his lion-hunting in Botswana after the 2001 ban was lifted several years later. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

THOMAS J. HAMMOND (OAKLAND TOWNSHIP, MICH.)

Hammond has killed 13 lions, 11 elephants, and more than three dozen Cape buffalo.

- Thomas J. Hammond received hunting's Conklin Award for "simply amazing" African kill list: 13 lions, 11 elephants, five leopards and more than 36 Cape buffalo
- Nearly 450 Safari Club International record book entries
- Claims to have killed more European species than "any other hunter in history"
- Sought trophy import for endangered cheetah, which he killed in Namibia
- Kicked locals off his 70,000-acre private hunting preserve in Oregon — which he visits "a few times a year"
- Bank he founded paid \$133 million to settle mortgage fraud charges that occurred during Hammond's tenure

Hometown: Oakland Township, Mich.

Occupation: Founded Flagstar Bank, leading mortgage lending and service company

World Hunting Award Ring: 2009

SCI Record Book Entries: 443



Thomas Hammond with a caiman he shot in South America in 2009. Source: [SCI Online Record Book](#)

More Than 400 Entries in SCI Record Book

- **With More Than 44 Years of Killing Animals, World Hunting Award Winner Thomas J. Hammond Has Registered Nearly 450 Kills in SCI Record Book.** Between 1970 and 2014, Hammond has registered 443 entries in Safari Club International's Record Book. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]
- **Species Killed by Thomas Hammond Include** [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]: (number of registered kills in parentheses)
 - ❖ African Civet (5)
 - ❖ African Elephant (10)
 - ❖ African Leopard (3)
 - ❖ African Lion (8)
 - ❖ Cape Buffalo (16)
 - ❖ Hippopotamus (4)
 - ❖ Lichtenstein Hartebeest (8)
 - ❖ Nyasa Wildebeest (4)
 - ❖ Southern White Rhino
 - ❖ Spotted Hyena (5)

“Simply Amazing” African Kill List: Thirteen Lions, Almost a Dozen Elephants

Thomas Hammond claims his hunting exploits go beyond even the kills registered in SCI's record book...

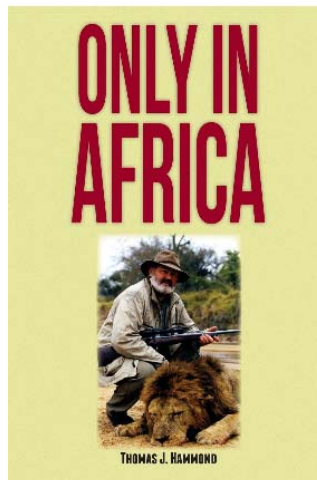
- **2011: The Conklin Foundation, a Hunting Organization Which Gave Its Annual Award to Hammond In 2011, Claims His African Kill List Is “Simply Amazing”: 13 Lions, Eleven Elephants and More Than Three Dozen Cape Buffalo.** “Tom’s list of big game animals from Africa is simply amazing. He has taken the Big Five with thirteen lions, eleven elephants, five leopards, and more than three dozen Cape buffalo.” [[Conklin Foundation](#)]
- **Three Brown Bears, a Black Bear and Numerous Elk “Now Reside In Tom’s Trophy Room.”** “Along the way, Tom has harvested all of the huntable species in North America with several duplicates. Numerous elk, whitetail, blacktail, and mule deer, black bear, moose, caribou, and three brown bears now reside in Tom’s trophy room.” [[Conklin Foundation](#)]
- **Conklin Award Winner Thomas Hammond Has Taken Three Dozen African Safaris in Ten Countries.** “Tom has taken thirty-six different African safaris in ten countries. He has hunted Tanzania on thirteen occasions, the Central African Republic and Zimbabwe four times each, Zambia, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Cameroon twice each.” [[Conklin Foundation](#)]
 - **Conklin Award—Named In Memory of Hunter Jim Conklin—Recognizes Hunters Who Have Killed “Toughest to Take Species.”** “The Conklin Award is for the active hunter who pursues wild game, under

fair chase conditions, and in the most challenging habitats the world has to offer. The record book was squeezed, wringing out the easier species along with many of the non-indigenous, leaving only the toughest to take species to qualify for The Conklin Award.” [[Conklin Foundation](#)]

SCI ISN'T THE ONLY HUNTING GROUP HANDING OUT AWARDS: Although Safari Club International has the most extensive awards system, several private foundations give out their own individual hunting awards, usually named in memory of another prolific trophy hunter. In addition to the Conklin Award and the “Golden Malek,” the Weatherby Award—named for Roy Weatherby, founder of a firearms manufacturer that bears his name—is another prominent hunting award.

Killed More Species in Europe Than “Any Other Hunter in History”

- **2012: In Self-Published Hunting Memoir “Only In Africa,” Hammond Claims to Have Killed 150 Different African Species and More Species in Europe Than “Any Other Hunter in History.** “In his lifetime, he accumulated 314 different species, 38 more than any other winner in 55 years of the Award. He has harvested more different species in Europe than any other hunter in history and has harvested 150 different African species.” [[“About The Author,” Only In Africa](#)]



Hammond's self-published hunting memoir. Source: [Amazon.com](#)

Killed Endangered Cheetah; Sought Trophy Import Permit

- **April 2008: Hammond Applied for Trophy Import Permit for Cheetah Killed in Namibia.** “The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) taken in Namibia, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.” [[Federal Register, 4/23/08](#)]
- **Cheetah Were on the First List of Animals Protected by U.S. Endangered Species Act, and Have Been Listed as Endangered Ever Since.** The U.S. government has classified the cheetah as “endangered” since 1970. [[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)]

2012: Hammond Killed Endangered Cheetah in Namibia in 2012, According to SCI Record Book. [[SCI Online Record Book](#)]

Book Record Information			
Member Name:	Thomas J. Hammond	Score:	11 8/16"
Species Name:	African Cheetah	Date Taken:	05/2012
Location:	Namibia	Method of Kill:	Rifle
Hunting Company:	Omujeve Safaris	Top Ten Date:	
Guide:	Jhon Kotze	Overall Rank:	42
Form:	15	Highest Overall Rank:	39
Medallion:	BRONZE	Method Rank:	42
Certified:	No	Highest Method Rank:	39

NOTE: It's unclear why Hammond applied for the cheetah permit in 2008, but didn't, according to SCI records, kill the animal until 2012.

Bought 70,000 Acres in Oregon—Then Kicked Out Hunters

Talk about hypocrisy: Hammond bought a huge portion of a rural Oregon forest, then kicked out all the locals who had enjoyed hunting and swimming on the land...

- **2004: Thomas J. Hammond Bought 70,000 Acres of Oregon Forest—Then Kicked Out Hunters and Swimmers Who Had Enjoyed the Land for Years.** “A Michigan investment banker who has become one of Oregon’s largest landowners has infuriated his new neighbors, cutting off public access to national forests, hunting sites and swimming holes long frequented by rural residents ... Wheeler County residents watched their new neighbor put up ‘No Trespassing’ signs on fence posts and trees warning people to stay off his 70,000 acres.” [[Associated Press, 2/2/04](#)]
- **2004: Thomas Hammond Founded Michigan-Based Flagstar Bancorp, and His Family’s Share in the Company Was Worth More Than a Half-Billion Dollars at One POint.** “Hammond, the 60-year-old chairman and founder of Flagstar Bancorp, shares stock in the company with his family, valued at more

than a half-billion dollars. That dwarfs the financial resources of Wheeler County, where he has purchased a large chunk of land.” [[Associated Press, 2/2/04](#)]

- **2014: Flagstar Is One of the Nation’s Largest Mortgage Lending and Mortgage Service Companies, Responsible for Billions of Dollars in Loans a Year.** “Flagstar is the 17th-largest U.S. mortgage servicer, collecting payments on \$72.6 billion in loans as of June 30, according to trade publication Inside Mortgage Finance. The company was the 9th-largest U.S. mortgage lender in the first half of the year, making roughly \$18.9 billion in new loans.” [[Wall Street Journal, 9/29/14](#)]
- **2004: Thomas Hammond Refused to Allow Emergency Radio Equipment or Well Wire (to Provide Potable Water) to Run Through His Land.** “He has refused to give the county access to 9-1-1 radio equipment on his land. The county offered to buy the 2-acre parcel, but Hammond declined ... In May, Hammond also denied the county access to his property to string electric wire needed for a well pump at the county’s Bear Hollow Park campground. The campground has no potable water, parks manager Susan Snyder said.” [[Associated Press, 2/2/04](#)]
- **2004: Hammond Eventually Agreed to Allow County to Keep Emergency Radio Equipment on His Land... after Threat of Eminent Domain.** “As for Hammond, he agreed to let the county keep its 9-1-1 radio equipment on a piece of his land ... When he then threatened to evict the county from land on his ranch where the county has 9-1-1 emergency radio equipment, the county followed with a lawsuit that threatened to take that property under eminent domain.” [[Associated Press, 7/28/04](#)]
- **2004: Hammond Shut Off His 70,000 Acres to Local Campers and Hunters; Only Visits the Land “a Few Times a Year to Hunt on His Property with Friends and Family.”** “Hammond runs beef cattle on most of his land, according to officials in Baker, Malheur, Harney, Grant and Wheeler counties. He visits the state a few times a year to hunt on his property with friends and family.” [[Associated Press, 2/2/04](#)]

IN OTHER WORDS: Hammond is a champion of hunting— but only if you’re wealthy enough to afford three dozen African safaris or buy 70,000 acres of Oregon forest.

Hammond’s Bank Paid \$133 Million Fraud Settlement

- **2012: Hammond’s Bank Paid Justice Department \$133 Million to Settle Mortgage Fraud Claims that Occurred While Hammond Was Head of the Bank.** “The U.S. government announced Friday that it had reached a \$133-

million settlement with Troy-based Flagstar Bank that resolves a civil fraud lawsuit accusing the bank of fraudulent mortgage lending practices.” [[Detroit Free Press, 2/25/12](#)]

- **2012: Justice Department Says Hammond’s Bank “Put Profit Ahead of Responsibility” in Churning Out Mortgage Loans to Unqualified Borrowers.** “The lawsuit ‘is another stark example of how certain lenders put profit ahead of responsibility by recklessly churning out mortgage loans without regard to the risk that those loans would default or the significant consequences for the individual homeowners who would inevitably default on their loans,’ Preet Bharara, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, said in a statement Friday.” [[Detroit Free Press, 2/25/12](#)]
 - **Justice Department Said Flagstar Had Been Improperly Approving Mortgage Loans Since January 2002.** “In the lawsuit, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development had accused Flagstar of improperly approving residential home mortgage loans since January 2002.” [[Detroit Free Press, 2/28/12](#)]
 - **Hammond Ran Flagstar Bank Until His Retirement In 2009.** “Flagstar Bank’s founder and longtime chairman has decided to retire. Thomas J. Hammond has stepped down as chairman of the board at both Flagstar Bancorp Inc. and Flagstar Bank FSB and has resigned from the boards of directors of both institutions effective immediately. Flagstar Bancorp is the holding company for Flagstar Bank.” [[Oakland Press, 10/24/09](#)]