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Seeing Spots

On the evening of October 12, 2001, we arrived at the ranch and found ourselves amongst one of the most awesome electrical and rain storms one could imagine. However, the five inches of rain that had already fallen did not interrupt the smell of steaks on the grill. After eating, we played some pool and discussed our game plan for the morning. The next morning we slipped and slid our way to the honey hole with Johnny and Jillian's name on it. Johnny and Jillian Johnson were the lucky bidders on the trophy axis hunt donated by Eric Walsh in the 2001 Sportsmen's Club banquet.

As the sun rose on the hunting blind, the bodies of numerous animals could be seen, however none of the animals appeared to have the large white spots which distinguishes the exotic axis deer. Instead, there were only whitetails, sika and blackbuck. After sitting for a while and watching the various species of game, we decided to get in the jeep and start scouting for Axis, safari style. As we were driving through one of the picturesque canyons on the 2000+ acre ranch, we saw spots up on our left. We stopped the jeep, bailed out and proceeded up the hill after the herd of Axis. We saw at least 3 mature bucks in the 30" range, but as we approached the area where they were seen, all we could see were small bucks and does. Since the bucks had vanished, Johnny decided to take a doe and assist in the management program on the ranch. After about an hour, we returned to the same area in search of the axis. We were able to spot another group of axis in a similar area, and proceeded to stalk them. For the next hour we pushed them over three different ridges, until we were able to catch them walking up the fourth ridge.

This group only contained one of the mature, majestic bucks, and he stood out amidst the young bucks and does. We were able to close the distance between us and the buck to approximately 130 yards. As Johnny's 11 year old daughter, Jillian, found a firm rest, we whistled to stop the buck's gait. As the buck hesitated, Jillian made a perfect shot on the massive buck and he only traveled 20 yards before he laid to rest. As we approached this majestic animal, he seemed to grow. After extensive celebrations and pictures we measured the buck's main beam at 31.5 inches. A true record in anybody's book. Jillian did not know she was going to have the opportunity to take such a fine

specimen and we did not know we were going to be able to guide such a fine, fast shooting, young lady.

After celebrating, we returned to camp and prepared for the evening hunt. That evening, Johnny and Jillian sat on the edge of a field/landing strip which was very popular with the exotic animals. Again, that evening, Johnny was able to assist in the management program and take a nice axis cull buck.

After enjoying an evening of grilled quail and side dishes and exchanging hunting stories, we climbed into bed. The next morning we drove around the ranch and viewed the various species of game on the ranch. We saw many more axis, and were lucky enough to see a grey fox, two bobcats, feral hogs, elk, fallow, blackbuck and white-tail. About midday, we returned to camp, ate some lunch, packed our bags and made our journey to the game processing plant.

Being part of this adventure with Johnny and his wonderful 11 year old daughter is an experience that is burned in our mind and we know it is one, on which Jillian and her father will always look back and cherish.

Chris Baker and Eric Walsh



Catch Some of This Year's Great Auction Items



Alaskan Fishing Extravaganza

Once again, you'll get a chance at bidding on one of the most exciting salmon and rainbow trout fishing trips in the world. This year the Sportsmen's Club received another generous donation from Kvichak Lodge to auction off an Alaskan fishing trip for Pacific salmon and huge rainbow trout. Operated and owned by Fort Worth's very own Patrick McDowell (NAI/Stoneleigh, Huff, Brous & McDowell) and his brother, Mike, the Kvichak Lodge, located on the Kvichak River just below Lake Illiamna, is a breathtaking place and the best place in the world to catch double digit rainbows. The auction package is for two anglers, seven days lodging, and fishing. Mike will be on hand to answer any questions. Choose from several dates and type of "game fish" to plan your trip. This trip must be taken by September 2002.



Amazon River Peacock Bass from Emu Outfitters

Picture yourself floating down the Amazon River in central Brazil surrounded by the pristine jungle while fishing for giant Peacock Bass. Bait casting, and fly fishing tackle work well with stiff rods and a stout line is a necessity. The world record Peacock Bass, 27 lbs. was caught with us in January of 1995. Accommodations are furnished on our 82 ft. mother boat allowing you to fish a different stretch of the Amazon River by "Nitro" Bass boats each day. Trips are available from August through April. Come try the greatest new fishery in the western hemisphere and do it first-class. This seven-day guided fishing trip is for one person.

South Texas Trophy Whitetail Deer Hunt

The Sportsmen's Club feels extremely fortunate to have for the first time this incredible hunt donated for a live auction item. The trip, for either one or two people, is the opportunity to hunt for a record class whitetail and one cull buck on a managed 4,200 acre ranch near Cotulla, Texas. Bucks in the 180-190 range have been taken off of this and neighboring ranches within the past three years.

The trip is for three full days of hunting and three nights with lodging. It must be taken from the beginning of the 2002 deer season through December 20, 2002. It also includes hog and javalina hunting.

South Africa Mixed Bird Hunt

Yes, you read correctly. South Africa Bird Hunt! This hunting trip takes place on a ranch approximately 60 km from Johannesburg. Two people will have the opportunity to hunt Dove, Sand Grouse, Francolin, Ducks and Geese.

The hunters will be accompanied by a PH and bird boys. Accommodations will be meals and lodging at the lodge located on the ranch. This trip is a bird hunter's dream-come-true and one that must be taken by any serious wing shooter!

2002 Banquet Door Prizes

CHILD

Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License
Donated by Thompson & Knight Foundation

ADULT

Steyr / Mannlicher Pro-Hunter
.243 Caliber Rifle with Scope

Forty-Fifth Annual Game Dinner

Ridglea Country Club
Thursday, February 28, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Guest Speaker: Jay Novacek

- Plan Early -

Contact Grady Kane for advance table purchases
Phone: 817-267-5531 or Fax: 817-283-4670

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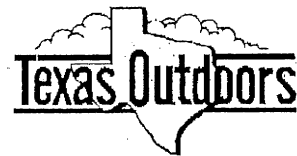
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Texas Wild!

Financial assistance to support youth education

Lena Pope Home

Financial assistance to cover costs associated with camping and camping trips

Parker Country Law Enforcement

Financial assistance to cover costs associated with their annual youth deer hunt and spring fishing trip

Outdoor for Kids

Financial assistance to cover costs associated with a one-day fishing trip for ± 70 inner-city youth

Kid Fish

Title Sponsor for three events held annually in Tarrant and Parker counties

Quail Unlimited (Cross Timbers Chapter)

Donation of a lifetime hunting and fishing license to be given to a youth under the age of 17.

Camp Fire Girls

Financial assistance to cover costs associated with archery range at Camp El Tesoro

Wild Turkey Federation (Tarrant County Chapter)

Donation of a lifetime hunting and fishing license to be given to a youth under the age of 17.

Texas Wildlife Association

Financial assistance to cover costs to begin youth hunting programs in North Texas

Texas Parks & Wildlife

Purchase and donation of night vision glasses to game wardens.

Adopt-A-Fisherman

Financial assistance to cover costs associated with this annual youth fishing program at Possum Kingdom lake

Whiz Bang

Financial assistance to cover costs with this annual event held by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation.

Camp John Marc

Stocking and management of Lake near Morgan, Texas, used throughout the summer by campers who have been afflicted by one of several types of illnesses and/or diseases.

Operation Orphans

Financial assistance to cover costs with the operation of Camp Gene Ashby.

Parks & Wildlife Foundation of Texas

Ducks Unlimited (Fort Worth Chapter)

Donation of a lifetime hunting and fishing license to be given to a youth under the age of 17.

Texas Pythian Home

Donation of fishing and camping equipment

Happy Hill Farm

Donation of fishing equipment

Zoo Ball

Donation of a lifetime hunting and fishing license to be given to a youth under the age of 17.

Camp Carter

Fishing, archery and shooting range supplies

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Title sponsor of 2001 sporting clay shoot

Texas Wildlife Society

Scholarships for youth to attend this one week-camp sponsored by TAMU

Bob White Brigade

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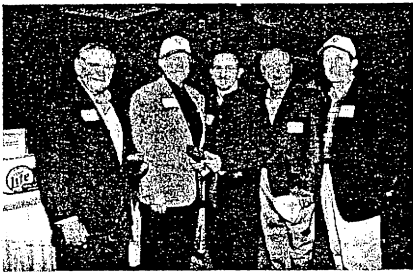
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