

Nashville, TN 2023

Seminar Schedule

Nashville, TN • February 22 - 25, 2023

(Current as of 10/24/2022)

Meeting/Event

Location

Time

Tue, 02/21/2023

Master Measuring Seminar

Music City Center

208 A

7:00AM

Wed, 02/22/2023

Chapter Leadership - legal and Financial Training & Compliance

Music City Center

204

10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Your First African Safari

Music City Center

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11:00AM - 1:00PM

Are you planning for your first African Safari? Craig Boddington is an expert in planning safaris and managing the day-to-day operations during Safaris. If so, this panel discussion is for you! Safari Planning from experts! Advantages of using an agent; Travel, trophy care and shipment, taxidermy. What can you expect from your Professional Hunter and Outfitter, and what should they expect from you? Tips on the equipment you should bring and packing tips. Guns, loads, and shooting tips. And so much more to help you plan for your first African safari!

Wildlife and Property Management thru Food Plots

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Hunting African Buffalo

Music City Center

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1:30PM - 3:00PM

Veteran journalist and African hunter Craig Boddington on his favorite game and favorite subject: Hunting Cape Buffalo! Best places today, what to look for, what to expect, shooting and shot placement, trophy judgment, and expectations. How Buffalo has changed today. And why now is the right time to plan that dream Buffalo Safari.

Travel with Firearms

Music City Center

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3:30PM - 5:00PM

Join Robert Keagy as he shares his knowledge and wisdom of traveling nationally and internationally with firearms. Every Hunter has a favorite firearm, a favorite load, scope, or other feature that makes a particular firearm (or firearms) special. The challenge of traveling with firearms is slowly growing, but resources are available to even the playing field. This is one area where being an informed consumer is crucial. The importance of clear communication with your guide, resorting to the SCI travel database, checking your airline's terms of carriage, and ticketing, whether to employ professional assistance and meet-and-greet services and requirements to return to the United States with your firearms all will be covered and discussed by a panel of seasoned experts and travel Professionals.

Thu, 02/23/2023

Improving Your Target and Wing shooting

Music City Center

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AB

9:00AM - 10:00AM

This is a must-attend Seminar; join this family affair as Gil, Vicki, and Brain Ash, teach us how to improve your shooting, whether you are shooting clay targets or wing shooting, and answer any questions anyone has.

Hunting Big Game with Air Guns

Music City Center

208 B

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Airguns are the new rage and for a good reason. They're not as loud, they're a shorter-range weapon, and they're deadly. The modern airgun is not Little Ralphie's Red Ryder. The .50 calibers are real guns. More and more states are legalizing them for big game hunting. I'll cover the power sources for the three most popular types of airguns and which one you'll want to use for hunting. We'll also cover what pellets to use. Choosing the proper pellet is just as important as selecting the appropriate ammo for your big game rifle. The Air Sabre is also popular. It is an airgun that shoots arrows.

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Giant Bull Elk Secrets from the Pros - Dan Adler	Music City Center	208 B	12:00PM -	1:00PM
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For many hunters, the bugle of a fired-up, rutting bull elk is the sweetest sound in the woods! In this seminar, we welcome back SCI Life Member & USAF Veteran Captain Dan Adler, owner of Diamond Outfitters. Dan is also an SCI Hunter of the Year award winner and co-host of The Best of the West TV. Dan has guided over 700 successful elk hunts and will share top strategies, secrets, and tips for both early and late seasons! So get there early; this was standing room only last year!

Bows, Arrows, and Broadheads	Music City Center	206 AB	12:30PM -	1:30PM
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Dave Holt, archery coach, author, and former Technical Editor for Bowhunter magazine has bowhunted for over 60 years. He has spent 14 years "on the ground time" bowhunting in southern Africa. Combined with his many years of worldwide bowhunting and involvement with African culling projects, he may have shot more animals with archery equipment than anyone.

His pictorial seminar will help you improve your bow-shooting skills, understand bows and choose the best bowhunting equipment for your personal needs. This tutorial will also explain broadheads, arrows, arrow weight, and how to match your equipment to the animals you hunt.

Learn the truth, advance your bowhunting knowledge and receive a free gift for attending.

Safaris for women: what, why and how - plus travel tips	Music City Center	201 AB	1:30PM -	2:30PM
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Reloading With Hornady	Music City Center	208 B	2:00PM -	4:00PM
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Ben Syring Will cover the process of single stage cartridge reloading with instruction on how to utilize the tools required. Will also discuss precision and accuracy as it pertains to reloading.

SCI Record Book Archery Milestones	Music City Center	206 AB	2:00PM -	3:00PM
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Well-known Bowhunters and TV Personality Tom Meranda shares his insight into the SCI Record Book milestones and a path forward for the Archer interested in Completing the SCI World Hunting Award Ring.

Duck Season Somewhere - World wide duck Hunting	Music City Center	204	3:00PM -	4:00PM
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Fri, 02/24/2023				
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Advanced Chapter Fundraising	Music City Center	201 B	9:00AM -	12:00PM
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Many Chapters know that governance, accounting and SCI compliance are important, but don't know where to start. This workshop will give you a toolkit of checklists, guides and practical advice from Kendis Muscheid, Esq. and Brenda Blunt, CPA, to not only evaluate compliance in your Chapter, but actually put the structures in place to ensure your Chapter can confidentially focus on mission rather than worry about regulators. Compliance made simple!

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Greg McHale's Top 7 Mountain Hunting Tips	Music City Center	204	9:30AM -	10:30AM
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Come join Greg as he walks the audience through his top mountain hunting tips to make you a better and more effective backpack hunter. His top 7 tips will make the audience more capable and prepared for their next mountain hunt. Greg will also show a teardown of his multi-day backpack to show how to effectively cut down on weight and pack your backpack for efficiency.

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Cartel Indicators - Identifying Danger Signs Throughout America's Wildlands	Music City Center	208 B	11:00AM -	12:00PM
<p>In the Cartel Indicators - Identifying Danger Signs Throughout America's Wildlands seminar, Nares exposes the warning signs of cartel-run trespass marijuana grow sites throughout America's pristine public and private hunting lands. Attendees will learn to recognize trespass grow site indicators in and around trail systems, including camouflaged water-diverting irrigation pipes, anti-personnel booby traps, hidden bags of food, growing and camping supplies, hidden encampments, cartel patron saint shrines, fertilizers, insecticides, rodenticides, and other poisons and will be briefed on steps to take when identifying a trespass grow site, get out of the danger area safely and reporting protocol following.</p>				
Knife Sharpening and Choosing the Proper Knife	Music City Center	204	1:00PM -	2:00PM
<p>I always say, 100% of the outdoorsmen use a knife and yet I bet less than 5% can sharpen one. Come to this seminar and we'll help demystify the concept on how to sharpen a knife. I teach Knife seminars from Texas to Alaska. Of equal importance is which knife to carry. There are a lot of weird knife designs on the market. In our outdoor world we can use 5 different designs. I'll teach you which design to look for to handle each outdoor task that you'll encounter. I've tested knives for most of the major knife companies and helped design a few as well. Not all knives are created equal!</p>				
Acute Angling - Fishing in the Amazon	Music City Center	201 B	2:00PM -	3:00PM
<p>Join Dr. Paul Reiss as he presents an overview of the Amazon; its biogeographical history; its unique aquatic biodiversity; and its remarkable fishes, followed by a detailed analysis of the giant Amazon peacock bass (<i>Cichla temensis</i>). Anglers learn about its life cycle, the most productive tactics and techniques, and how to get there to catch them. Dr. Paul Reiss is an experienced Amazon guide with a Ph.D. in Neotropical (Amazon) Ichthyology. A doctorate has built his understanding of fish behavior, while a lifetime of angling has honed his fishing knowledge.</p>				
Hair Raising Adventures in the Land of the Bear!	Music City Center	204	2:30PM -	4:00PM
<p>My talk will encompass nearly three decades of hunting and outfitting in the "Land Of The Bear," the nickname given to Russia because 2/3 of all the brown bears in the world live there! I'll start with the fear and trepidation of traveling to what President Reagan called the "Evil Empire." During my first year there in 1991, it was still the Soviet Union. Because the Russians didn't know if I was really a hunter or a CIA agent, I was shadowed everywhere I went those first few years by the KGB! I'll tell stories about bear encounters, bear attacks, and bear hunting. Lots of spine-tingling stories! I was the world's No. 1 brown bear outfitter for over 20 years. We once had over 60 bears in the top 100 listed in the SCI Record Book. Hopefully, we will be back there chasing bears again soon! I'll also talk about what's going on there right now and what my outfitters think about it!</p>				
Hunting Coues Deer: Chasing the Gray Ghost of the Desert	Music City Center	201 A	3:00PM -	4:00PM
<p>Jack O'Connor considered Coues whitetail deer "the most difficult of all deer to kill." However, hunting a Coues deer today is the epitome of a classic western big game hunt. SCI is proud to welcome back USAF Veteran Captain and SCI Hunter of the Year award winner Dan Adler, owner of Diamond Outfitters & co-host of The Best of the West, to share with us the tips and tactics that have led his clients to a nearly 100% harvest rate on these wary, and beautiful deer.</p>				
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Glassing for Big Game	Music City Center	208 B	9:00AM -	10:00AM
<p>Join Tom Claycomb as he explores how learning to properly glass will open up a whole new world for you. Yes, you need good glass, but no longer do you need to spend the family inheritance to buy optics from the Big 3. There are a lot of quality binoculars and spotting scopes on the market at an affordable prices. But you do need to learn how to properly glass and have a system, or you will miss out on seeing a lot of the animals. Every hunt, I'm shocked when I follow my own advice and notice how much more game I see.</p>				
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Calling & Decoying Big Game	Music City Center	206 AB	10:30AM -	11:30AM

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This Seminar covers various big game across the country and highlights effective ways to bring the animals close using multiple calls. Everything is backed with incredible video to match what is being discussed, and a wide variety of animals are covered, including Deer, Elk, Bear, alligators, coyotes, and everything in between.

Hidden War - Reclaiming America's Wildlands from the Drug Cartels

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208 B

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In the "Hidden War" seminar, retired Lt. John Nores Jr. (co-founder of California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's spec ops Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET), gives an updated overview of the MET's fight to stop international drug trafficking organizations (DTO's) from destroying our nation's wildlife resources. Nores covers evolving cartel crime trends, including the cartel's use of EPA-banned poisons affecting our wildlife and waterway resources and MET's use of advanced K9s to combat these threats while also addressing regulated cannabis laws and their effects on our wildlife resources. Finally, in the "Cartel Indicators" seminar, Nores exposes the warning signs of cartel trespassing cannabis grow sites throughout America's pristine public & private hunting lands. Attendees will learn to recognize trespass grow site indicators, steps to take when finding a grow & getting out of the danger area safely.

Long Range Hunting and Ethics with The Best of the West TV Guys

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Have you ever had to take a shot at an animal over 200 yards? Have you ever used a range finder? Have you ever adjusted your shot at a trophy for the wind? Well, then, you are a long-range shooter! Long-range rifle system technology has forever changed the way many hunters operate. SCI welcomes back life-member USAF Veteran Captain & "Expert Marksman" Dan Adler. Dan is a co-host of The Best of the West TV and an SCI Hunter of the Year Award Recipient. Join Dan for a "hands-on" demonstration of the training, tips, tactics, and techniques required to be an expert hunter at ranges "Beyond Belief."

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Mature Mule Deer Patterning, Hunting and Winning!

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Join Dan Adler as he discusses where that wary 'ol buck is. I want to hunt the oldest buck on the mountain! In this seminar, SCI Hunter of the Year Award winner and Veteran USAF Captain Dan Adler shares with us the tips and tactics from pre-season scouting to pre-rut, peak-rut, and post-rut tactics to consistently find and hunt the older class mule deer. Dan also owns Diamond Outfitters and co-hosts The Best of the West TV. This seminar is a do-not-miss!