



## President's Message

First I would like to introduce myself. I am Kris Killorn, owner of Insty Prints in Belgrade, and the proud President of the Southwest Montana SCI Chapter. I was born and raised in Montana, attended College in Wyoming. I have spent most of my life in the hunting industry as well as a hunter myself. I have served on the SWMT SCI board for 2 years now and have help out in previous years, and look forward to serving as your President.

Enough about me. I would like to talk about what I see is the most pressing issues that face us as sportsman today. Currently I-177 is on the ballot. Many outdoor groups, including SCI, are opposing the incentive. You may ask "Why?". The reason is simple. First, the environmental group, and posing sportsman's groups attack smaller groups first with the overall goal of taking down of the outdoorsman. Here is a scenario, they take away trapping on public and state lands, now the FWP is faced with all the trapping as well for predator control, which means they need more funding, which raises license which leads to less hunters in the field. Also they could stay under funded with their new endeavor, which leads to more predators, less game, less hunters. They way I see it, there is no way to vote for the incentive I-177. So in November be sure to

**VOTE NO ON I-177**



As far as the Chapter News goes, the Board of Directors, just finished with our Board Retreat, and a lot of good ideas. So be looking for the invite to a members Christmas Party. Also set your calendar for our next banquet, April 29th, 2017 at the Commons.

Thank you for your time and  
**GOOD HUNTING .**

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## 2016 Season Dates

These dates are provided only as a general reference. Check current regulations for specific dates. Visit our website @ <http://fwp.mt.gov>

**2016 Big Game Seasons**

Antelope  
900 series ..... Aug 15–Nov 13  
archery ..... Sept 3–Oct 7  
general ..... Oct 8–Nov 13

Bighorn Sheep  
archery ..... Sept 3–Sept 14  
general ..... Sept 15–Nov 27

Bison ..... Nov 15–Feb 15, 2017

Black bear  
spring ..... Apr 15–Varies (May 31–June 15)  
fall archery ..... Sept 3–Sept 14  
fall ..... Sept 15–Nov 27

Deer & Elk  
archery ..... Sept 3–Oct 16  
youth, deer only, two-day hunt ..... Oct 20–Oct 21  
general ..... Oct 22–Nov 27  
backcountry – HD's 150, 151, 280, 316\*  
archery ..... Sept 3–Sept 14  
general ..... Sept 15–Nov 27

Elk Shoulder Seasons –  
Should occur before and after the archery and general seasons. Check website for details.

Moose ..... Sept 15–Nov 27

Mountain Goat ..... Sept 15–Nov 27

Mountain Lion  
archery ..... Sept 3–Oct 16  
fall ..... Oct 22–Nov 27  
winter ..... Dec 1–Apr 14, 2017

**2016 Wolf Seasons**  
Dates will be adopted in July, 2016

\* HD 316 does not have an Archery Only Season

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**2016 Upland Game Birds Seasons**

Mountain Grouse ..... Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017

Partridge ..... Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017

Pheasant ..... Oct 8–Jan 1, 2017

Sage Grouse ..... Sept 1–Sept 30

Sharp-tailed Grouse ..... Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017

Turkey  
spring ..... Apr 9–May 15  
fall ..... Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017

**2016 Montana Fishing Seasons**

Lakes ..... Open entire year

Rivers\*\* and streams  
3rd Saturday in May - Nov, 30

\*\*some rivers are open entire year – check the fishing regulations

**2016 Montana Furbearer Seasons**  
For general reference only.  
2016 dates adopted in July, 2016.

Trapping District 1, 2 & 3

Beaver ..... Nov 1 - April 15, 2017

Bobcat ..... Dec 1 - Feb 15, 2017\*

Trapping Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7

Beaver ..... Sept 1 - May 31, 2017

Bobcat ..... Dec 1 - March 1, 2017\*

Portion of Trapping District 6

Swift Fox ..... Nov 1 - March 1, 2017\*

Fisher, Marten, Wolverine (where open) ..... Dec 1 - Feb 15, 2017\*

Mink, Muskrat, Otter ..... Nov 1 - April 15, 2017\*

\* May close earlier when the quota is reached.

**2016 Application/Purchase Deadlines**

**Big Game**

Antelope ..... June 1

Bighorn Sheep ..... May 2

Bison ..... May 2

Black Bear  
spring ..... Apr 14\*

fall ..... Aug 31\*

Deer & Elk  
special permits ..... Mar 15

special licenses ..... June 1

Moose ..... May 2

Mountain Goat ..... May 2

Mountain Lion  
general license ..... Aug 31\*

special limited entry ..... Aug 11\*

Super Tags  
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat and Mountain Lion ..... June 30

\*see species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.

**Upland Game, Migratory and Webless.**

**Migratory Birds**

Crane ..... July 28

Swan ..... Sept 1

Turkey  
spring ..... March 3

fall ..... July 28

**Turn In Poachers – 1-800-847-6668**

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<b>Region 3</b> 1400 South 19th Ave Bozeman, MT 59718 406-994-4042	<b>Region 6</b> 1 Airport Rd Glasgow, MT 59230 406-228-3700
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## First Things First By Jay Williamson

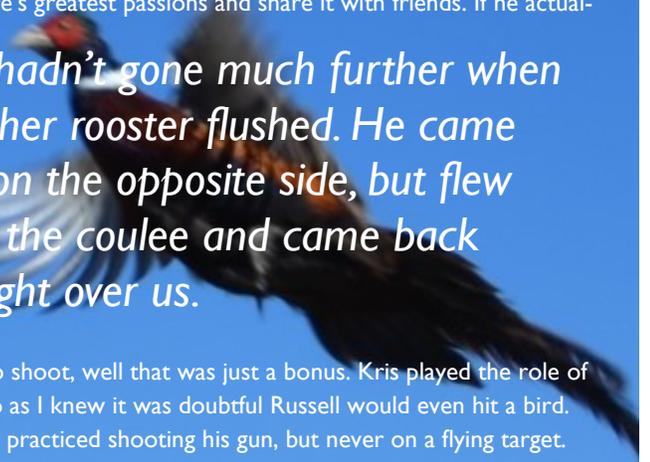
We all have firsts in our life and most you never forget; your first love, your first kiss, or holding your child for the first time. Those are the fun ones. You try to forget others like your first broken heart. I'm not sure when I became a hunter, for me, it is just something I've always been. No one in my family really

hunted seriously, but my father would occasionally hunt birds. I somehow always was a hunter; my finger was destined for the trigger much like some were meant to play a particular sport. The first articles I remember reading for myself were *Field & Stream*, bringing them home from my elementary school library. I wonder if elementary schools still have those today, probably not? Reading was important to my parents, so my mother bought me subscriptions to *Field & Stream* and *Outdoor Life* because I would read them from cover to cover the day they would arrive in the mail. She didn't really care what I read so long as I was reading. It is amazing how many of those articles I still remember today. I lived vicariously through the adventures of Jack O'Conner and dreamed of one day hunting in Africa never really expecting it to happen. I remember the first thing I ever shot, a starling. They were a pest, nesting inside the eaves of our home. I shot it with a hand-me-down BB gun from my older brother. It was broken and I had to hold the end of the barrel to keep the BBs from running out, but I was very proud of my first kill even as a very young child. I remember what I considered to be my first game animal, a morning dove. They were very hard to get within range of that same BB gun. I remember the stalk to this day. It was the first thing I was able to shoot and actually eat. There have been many more hunting firsts that I cherish. Those memories and experiences are a part of who we are as hunters. I'm neither the greatest hunter nor the greatest shot by any means, but each first gives us a new experience and a new memory and helps us to hone our craft. I vividly remember my first deer, my first bull elk, and my first buck with a bow. Now that I'm a father my favorite memories are firsts with my son. His first pheasant hunt was purchased at our local SCI banquet & auction. It was donated by Rocky Mountain Roosters in Livingston and I can highly recommend them. They have a great facility, were very accommodating, and it is a beautiful place to spend a day wing shooting. We were joined on this first by our chapter president, Kris Killorn and his nephew, Russell, my son, had his .410 single shot and I had little expectation of him bringing

home a bird to be honest. My goal for the day was twofold: First and most importantly was to have a safe trip. I've tried to drill into my son the importance of gun safety, but the practice we had done at home and on the range still has to be demonstrated in the field. Second was to spend time with my son and pass along one of my life's greatest passions and share it with friends. If he actual-

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ly got to shoot, well that was just a bonus. Kris played the role of clean up as I knew it was doubtful Russell would even hit a bird. We had practiced shooting his gun, but never on a flying target. As we walked along the edge of a coulee the dogs worked the trees below us and it wasn't long until they found the first bird, it flushed and I watched in anticipation of how my son would react. It caught him by surprise and I had to remind him to cock the hammer on his gun, this bird was safe. That didn't matter; he handled the gun safely and didn't get too rattled in the excitement. I couldn't have been more proud to be quite honest because that is what every mentor wants to see. We hadn't gone much further when another rooster flushed. He came out on the opposite side, but flew over the coulee and came back straight over us. This is a difficult shot to say the least, but Russell cocked his gun, shouldered it and found his target. I was completely surprised when he fired that the bird actually reacted to the shot. He didn't fold him in midair, but he had definitely hit him and Kris performed his job perfectly. Russell had his first bird, albeit with a little help. That didn't matter to Russell; his brown eyes gleamed with pride as he examined one of God's most beautiful creatures. We took pictures and exchanged high fives, because firsts are important and I didn't want to forget this one. The rest of the afternoon went perfectly. I watched my son handle his gun safely from start to finish and I watched his confidence grow. He talked the rest of the day about getting to eat his bird and I congratulated him on providing food for his family. He beamed with pride as did his father. We cleaned his bird, keeping most all the feathers, Russ excitedly telling me how he intended to use them to tie a fly, or put on his hat, or hang in his room. I can tell you he hasn't forgotten this first and I had to buy the same hunt this year at our auction again. I'm not sure who is looking forward to it more, me or him.





## **BOARD MEMBER RETREAT REPORT**

*On August 11, 2016 your new board of directors met at Wheat Montana in Three Forks for a long, all day session to plan for the future of the Southwest Montana Safari Club International Chapter. The board meeting was attended by most of the board members and a get to know you session started off the session with questions like, tell us something about yourself that we don't know, what is your great accomplishment in life, what's the one thing your most afraid of, this gave us the opportunity to get to know each other in a new light.*

*The results of the fund raiser were reviewed and previous board meeting minutes were approved. New business and future plans were discussed how to make our club grow and improve. A complete review of the By-laws to change or no change to make us in compliance with the National bylaws.*

*Then financial reports were reviewed and new budgets were set for the coming year. This requires planning where to spend our profits from our fundraiser. We wanted to spend some in our own community and of course fund programs to send Montana teachers to AWALS school in Wyoming again next year and of course to fund the stoppage of the new trapping bill that will be on our ballot this coming November.*

*Committee chairs were set and overviews for future programs for the coming year. Banquet discussions for future dates and improvements we can make to make our fundraiser better and more profitable*

*Meeting was adjourned to the Trap range at Logan where harassment was the normal with a lot of fun and a few broken clays.*

*It was a productive day and should make a difference in the future of our club and the future of hunting as we protect the rights of hunters.*

## **THANK YOU LETTER FROM SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

**ON BEHALF OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE SOUTHWEST MONTANA CHAPTER GENEROUS GIFT OF 1350.00 TO BENEFIT AWLS, RECEIVED ON JUNE 21, 2016. YOUR COMMITMENT TO SCI FOUNDATION'S MISSION OF FUNDING AND DIRECTING PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO WILD LIFE CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION IS APPRECIATED.**

**PRESERVING THE TRADITION OF HUNTING THROUGH VIBRANT PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU. SCI FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP APPRECIATED YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS TO FUND OUR WORK.**

**IF THE STAFF OR THE BOARD MEMBERS EVER MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU PLEASE REACH OUT TO US WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. WE VALUE OUR DONORS INPUT AND CHERISH YOUR SUPPORT.**

**SINCERELY,**

**KIMBERLY BYERS  
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2016 **Christmas Party**  
 Land of Magic Steakhouse  
 11060 Front Street  
 Logan, MT  
 6:30 pm bar opens, 7 pm Steak Dinner  
 80.00 per couple, 40.00 single

APRIL 29, 2017 **FUND RAISER**  
 FEBRUARY 24, 2018 **FUND RAISER**



**Southwest  
 Montana  
 Chapter**



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
 HELPING OUT WITH ANY OF OUR  
 PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE YEARS PLEASE  
 CONTACT ONE OF THE BOARD MEM-  
 BERS AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP US  
 MAKE OUR CHAPTER BETTER AND  
 HELP IMPROVE SOUTHWEST MONTANA**

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## Have a Story to Tell?

**We will even help you write it for  
 our website and newsletter. You  
 can reach our newsletter editor at  
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VOTE  
**NO**  
 ON I-177

IT'S BAD FOR WILDLIFE,  
 BAD FOR RANCHERS,  
**AND BAD FOR MONTANA**

Montana's heritage of hunting and trapping is the most effective way to control dangerous predators, prevent disease and protect wildlife and livestock from an exploding wolf population!

**ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS** want to dictate how Montana manages its wildlife.

**VOTE NO ON I-177**  
 IT'S BAD FOR MONTANA

- I-177 will harm wildlife, cost cattle and sheep ranchers and taxpayers. It's dangerous for pets and people too!
- I-177 bans effective methods for controlling wolves, coyotes, and other predators to protect Montana's elk, moose and deer populations, as well as livestock.
- Roughly 40% of Montana's wolf harvest is taken by trapping, nearly half on public lands. Without trapping, wolf numbers will continue to skyrocket.
- I-177 will cost taxpayers at least \$422,000 annually for the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks to pay government contractors to poison problem wildlife.
- Local and city governments will likely have to spend millions more to control problem pests in city parks.

