



Legacy

Houston Safari Club presents
Worldwide Hunting Expo
January 17-19, 2008

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

EXPO HOURS

Thursday 2 pm - 7 pm · Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

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Attend Houston Safari Club's 2008 Hunting Expo 'Legacy'

Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend the Houston Safari Club's annual Worldwide Hunting Expo, titled "Legacy," Jan. 17-19, 2008 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. The event will feature more than 200 outfitters, guide services and outdoor activity vendors. In addition to its numerous exhibits, the expo will feature live auctions, a silent auction, door prizes, exquisite food and live musical entertainment. Anyone interested in networking with internationally renowned experts and other outdoor enthusiasts can attend. Tickets are available for \$10 for daily admission.

The exhibition will open to the public at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17. Don't miss opening day and a chance to enter to win the following prizes: a South African hunt, rifle and binoculars.

Our show continues Friday, capped by our evening banquet, which typically draws the largest crowd of the convention. That night, friends from around the world will rejoin for a banquet featuring live and silent auction items and live music by Sharon Montgomery & Patrick Brennan. Special thanks to Strike Construction and Gander Mountain for sponsoring this year's silent auction.

Begin Saturday morning at the Gazelle "Memories" lunch-



eon. This luncheon should be well-attended by ladies and gents alike and will feature both live and silent auction items with excellent buys to be had. Also attend for a chance to win fabulous door prizes. Thanks again to our Gazelle sponsors, SHE Safari, Sporting International, Garrett

Trucking, McCorvey Sheet Metal and Indianhead Ranch. An awards presentation and formal dinner will follow the Saturday exhibition, along with a live auction. The HSC Auction Committee has once again organized an amazing array of auction items featuring art, firearms (including

two President's rifles) and the fishing and hunting trips of a lifetime. Mac Haik Ford, Capital Farm Credit and S&B Engineers and Constructors, LTD. are proud sponsors of this year's convention. Along with our convention sponsorships, HSC also offers corporate sponsor-

ships which provide funding for: College scholarships for students majoring in wildlife management, range science and conservation. Cooperative projects with Ducks Unlimited, The Rocky

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday—January 17th

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| 2:00pm—7:00pm | Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens | Exhibit Hall |
| 7:30pm—9:30 pm | Convention Kick-Off Party | Orvis |

Friday—January 18th

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| 10:00am—6:00pm | Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens | Exhibit Hall |
| 6:00pm—10:30pm | Exhibitor Appreciation Dinner Banquet, Live Auction and Silent Auction | Waterway Ballroom |

Saturday—January 19th

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9:00am—5:00pm | Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens | Exhibit Hall |
| 10:30am—1:00pm | Gazelles "Memories" Luncheon | Waterway Ballroom |
| 5:00 pm | Show and Hall Closes to Public | Exhibit Hall |
| 5:00pm—6:00pm | Cocktail Hour | Exhibit Hall |
| 6:00pm—11:00pm | Live Auction and Banquet | Waterway Ballroom |



Convention Door Prizes and Raffle Items

Must be present to win

Thursday, Jan. 17
2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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3:30 p.m. — Drawing for Zeiss Conquest 8x30 binoculars

5:00 p.m. — Drawing for rifle donated by Hill Country Rifle Co.

6:30 p.m. — Drawing for a 5-day South African hunt, including trophy fees for one springbok, blesbok and one blue or black wildebeest. Donated by Johan and Annari Potgieter of Savanna Hunting Safaris www.africanhunting.co.za.

Friday, Jan. 18
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

5:30 p.m. — Drawing for a 7-day South African safari for one hunter and one non-hunter. Trophies include two impala, two warthog, one blesbok and one blue wildebeest. Donated by Garry Kelly of Bonwa Phala Safaris www.gksafaris.co.za.

Do not have to be present to win

For more details and to sign up for these great prizes, visit the HSC membership booth located in the center of the exhibit hall.

Fabulous raffle items will be on display throughout our entire show. Purchase one raffle ticket for \$20 or six for \$100 from any of the lovely ladies walking the floor or from our raffle booth located right inside the entrance of the exhibit hall.

Raffle items include: 40x50-inches framed giclee titled "Denizen of the Mist" by Daniel Smith; sheared beaver jacket with fox trim donated by Furs by Robert; GAMO Varmint Air rifle donated by Gamo; deer feeder, 400-gallon capacity, donated by South Texas Tripod and Deer Feeders; and much more.

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Exhibitors and floor plan

Exhibitors and auction items as of press time

| Exhibitor | Booth |
|--|---------------------|
| Adventure Photo Books by Al Ruscelli | 8A |
| Africa Hunting Safaris | 316 & 318 |
| African Classic Safaris | 814 |
| African Elephant Hair Bracelets | 602 |
| African Hunter Magazines | 215 |
| Alaska's Bearclaw Lodge | 913 |
| Anderdon Ranch | 623 |
| Anzac Wilderness Outfitters | 7 |
| Ashleigh George Designer Jewelry | 8 |
| Astra Hunting Farm | 117 |
| Aussie Gear | 120 |
| Aventura Jewelry | 208 |
| B & H Outdoors | 6 |
| Bear Paw Guide & Outfitters | 908 |
| Beauchamp Knives and Stamasus Knife Work | 103 |
| Beaulieus Trophy Caribou Hunts | 9 |
| Bill Wiseman & Co., Inc. | 303 |
| Blaauwkrantz Safaris - Rudman Family | 905 |
| Bonwa Phala Safaris - Garry Kelly | 616 |
| Bucks Forever | 719 |
| Bush Africa Safaris | 914 & 916 |
| Capital Farm Credit | 700 |
| Carlton Evans Handmade Knives | 10 |
| Cazatur - Spain | 206 |
| Cheetah Safaris/Sable Safaris | 519 & 520 |
| CJ's Treasures | 1 |
| Club Faune | 909 & 911 |
| Conroe Taxidermy | 503, 505 & 507 |
| Coral Sea Safaris | 214 |
| Costa Rica East & West | 5 |
| Cotton Mesa Trophy Whitetail | 400 & 402 |
| Deborah Vaughn Designs | 900 |
| Detail Co. Adventures | 517 & 610 |
| Didimala Safaris | 202 |
| Eagle Pass Lodge | 223 |
| Eurogun Imports, Inc. | 813 |
| Federico Gellini-Tanzania Safaris | 809 |
| Fishtail Ranch | 108 |
| Four Seasons Safaris NZ | 713 |
| Frosch International Travel | 406 |
| FTW Outfitters, LLC | 823, 824 & 922 |
| Gift Wave | 302 |
| Giuseppe Carrizosa - Spain | 403 |
| Global Adventure Outfitters | 901 & 903 |
| Great Grey Outfitters Ltd. | 706 & 708 |
| Great Spanish Hunts | 622 |
| Greg Pennicott Safaris | 224 |
| Gsellis Whitetail Refuge | 416 |
| Hartland Whitetails | 4 |
| Heartland Wildlife Ranches | 917, 919, 921 & 923 |
| Hill Country Rifle Co. | 907 |
| Hill Creek Lodge | 322 |
| Holstein Hunting Safaris | 222 |
| Houston Bad Boy Buggies & The Hacienda Ranch | 100 & 102 |
| Hunt Trip Spain | 812 |
| Hunter Interests Inc./Buckbrush Outfitters | 800 |



Auction

Friday Night Banquet

| Company/Outfitter | Description | Value |
|---|---|--------|
| Kalahari Safari | 5-day hunt for Kalahari oryx and springbuck in Namibia | 3,500 |
| Hill Creek Lodge | 3-day whitetail hunt, one hunter and non-hunter | 2,500 |
| Nagelhout & Company | Texas mesquite coffee table with turquoise inlay | 3,200 |
| Carter's Country | Browning A-Bolt Stalker .325 WSM | 750 |
| Louis Venter Safaris | 7-day "Small Cats of Africa" hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter | 6,000 |
| Bucks Forever Ranch | 3-day elk, whitetail and bison hunt for one hunter in Canada | 4,000 |
| CAZATUR, Spain | 5-day hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter in Spain. Includes trophy fees for two of the following: Spanish ibex; Spanish red deer, mouflon, roe deer, chamois and fallow deer | 4,925 |
| Jeffrey R. Farmer | "Boss" original acrylic painting on canvas. 24x48 inches framed | 6,300 |
| Mabelingwane Safaris/Game Trackers Africa | 7-day plains game safari for two hunters in South Africa. Includes trophy fees for one gemsbuck, one impala, one warthog and one steenbuck | 7,700 |
| Lone Star Outfitters | 5-day elk hunt for one hunter in Colorado | 6,500 |
| Thormahlen & Cochran Safaris | 7-day safari for two hunters in Namibia. Includes \$1500 trophy fee credit per hunter. | 9,650 |
| Masterpiece Investments | "Cantankerous" bronze | 18,500 |
| South American Adventure Safaris | 5-day for brown brocket deer and capybara for one hunter and one non-hunter in Argentina | 5,400 |
| Rann Safaris/777 Ranch/Safari South | 3-day hunt for two hunters in Hondo, Texas. Includes \$5000 toward trophy fee | 5,000 |
| Hunting Ventures, Inc. | 6-day hunt for one hunter and one observer at the beautiful Didimala Ranch. Trophy fees include one gemsbuck, blue or black wildbeest, one springbuck, one blesbuck and one warthog | 5,900 |
| Four Seasons Safaris New Zealand | Hunter's choice New Zealand safari for two hunters for four days. \$1000 credit per hunter towards one of the following: red stag, elk, fallow, tahr or chamois | 5,000 |
| Tres Chic Furs | Tigress cape with fox trim | 2,000 |
| Kevin Downer/Sporting Consultants | 3-day roe deer hunt for one hunter | 3,000 |
| Matlabas Game Hunters | 7-day compound bow hunt for plains game by one hunter and one non-hunter in the Bushveldt region, Limpopo province, South Africa. Includes trophy fees for one impala and one warthog | 4,000 |
| MG Hunting | 2-day dove hunt for four hunters in Argentina | 4,650 |
| Lochow Lake Management | A two-acre lake stocking | 3,500 |
| EUROHUNTS | 7-days credit of daily rate for big game hunting in Spain — 1x1 guide for hunter and non-hunter companion | 5,075 |
| San Chicago Camp | Texas nilgai antelope hunt for two hunters and two non-hunters in Texas | 3,500 |

Gazelle "Memories" Luncheon

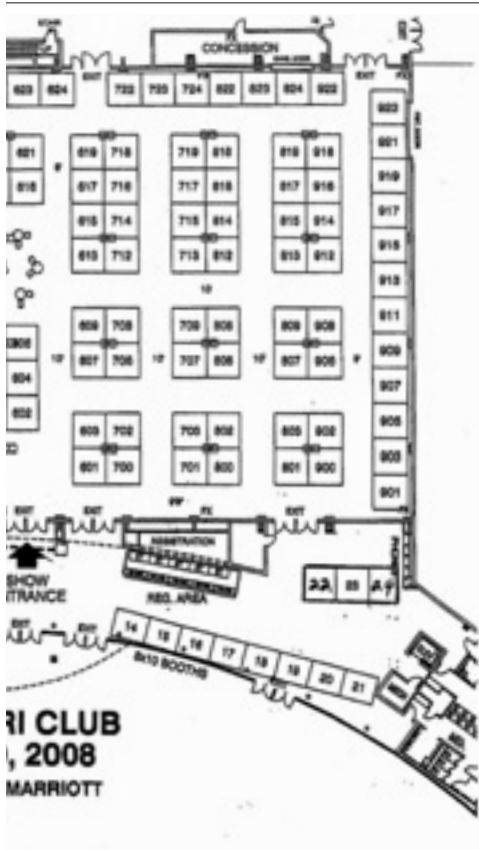
| Company/Outfitter | Description | Value |
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| African Elephant Hair Bracelets | A 14KT gold vermeil necklace and earring set | 1,500 |
| Indianhead Ranch | \$2,000 hunt credit to be used at the Indianhead Ranch | 2,000 |
| Giuseppe Carrizosa — Spain | 5-days of hunting and tourism for one hunter and one non-hunter in Spain | 4,900 |
| The Arnoldo Rodriguez Company | 2-day dove hunt for two hunters at Lago Escondido at Lake Guerrero in Mexico with Arnoldo Rodriguez. Includes airfare | 3,400 |
| Terry Lee | 9"x12" "Grizzly at the Watering Hole" original oil painting | 1,200 |
| W.F. Mans | 4-day hunt for two hunters or one hunter and one non-hunter in Namibia. Includes trophy fees for one gemsbuck and one springbuck | 3,000 |
| Deborah Vaughn Jewelry Designs | Fresh water stick pearl necklace with faceted laboratoire brochettes and earring set | 625 |
| Greg Pennicott Safaris | 5-day water buffalo hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter in Australia | 7,000 |
| Top-Fight Hunting Preserve, Inc. | 12-day upland bird hunt for four hunters | 800 |
| Sporting International & East Cape Hunters | 7-day 1x1 + 1 plains game safari in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Includes trophy fees for one kudu, one impala, one springbok and one mt. reedbuck | 6,180 |
| Carter's Country | Browning A-Bolt Stalker .25 WSM | 770 |
| Ryan Perry | 20"x30" framed lioness giclee "Eyes of the African Queen" | 800 |
| Flying A Ranch | 2-day axis buck and mouflon or Texas dalli hunt in Bandera, Texas | 3,000 |
| The Mark and Ruthie Herfort Family | 14KT white gold ladies heart-shaped pendant with pave' set diamonds | 3,650 |
| Conroe Taxidermy | Trophy room cleaning | |
| Indianhead Ranch | Mink stole | 800 |
| Wendy Barnhart | Botox party for 10 ladies at the Barnhart residence | 5,000 |
| Beaulieus Trophy Hunts 2005 Ltd. | 5-day black bear hunt in Newfoundland | 4,000 |
| Wendy Barnhart & Shawna Van Ness | Weekend getaway in Matagorda Beach at the Van Ness and Barnhart homes | Priceless |
| Dos Angeles Ranch | 3-day quail hunt for four ladies at Dos Angeles Ranch | 8,000 |
| Becky Simpson | Trio of homemade pies | Priceless |
| SHE Safari | Complete safari line — size and choice of buyer | 600 |
| Sleeperwoods, LLC | Sante Fe picnic table set | 3,500 |
| Gazelle "Memories" Committee | Wine refrigerator and 20 hand-picked bottles of wine donated by your Gazelle "Memories" Committee | Priceless |

Saturday Night Banquet

| Company/Outfitter | Description | Value |
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| Rancho Caracol | 3-day/4-night mourning dove hunt | 3,190 |
| Hunting Ventures, Inc. | 6-day hunt for one hunter and one observer at the beautiful Didimala Ranch. Trophy fees include a gemsbuck, blue or black wildbeest, springbuck, blesbuck, warthog | 5,900 |

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| Hunting Consortium, Ltd. | 607 & 609 | Savanna Hunting Safaris | 101 |
| Hunting Ventures, Inc. | 113 & 115 | Scrimshaw by Terry Christian | 718 |
| Indianhead Ranch | 603 | SHE Safari, LLC | 312 & 314 |
| Inflight Outfitters | 723 | Sleeperwoods, LLC | 22, 23 & 24 |
| Into Africa Hunting Adventures | 715 | Sondeis Imports Inc. | 11, 12 & 13 |
| Johan Calitz Safaris | 612 | South Texas TriPods and Feeders.com | 116 |
| Johan Pieterse Safaris | 217 | SportEar | 709 |
| Joshua Creek Ranch | 405 | Sporting International Inc. | 613 & 615 |
| Kalahari Safari | 213 | Stormberg Elangeni Safaris | 802 |
| KDF, Inc. | 300 | Stukel's Upland Adventures | 219 |
| Keerweder Hunting Safaris | 902 | Sueno del Mar - Belize | 521 |
| Kingham Safaris Australia | 109 | Swanepoel & Scandrol Safaris | 502, 504 & 506 |
| Kiwi Safaris New Zealand | 209 | Tam Safaris | 306 & 308 |
| Klawerberg - Namibia | 106 | Team Murphy Realty, LLC | 523 |
| Lategan Safaris | 525 | Thaba Mmoyo Safaris | 707 |
| Leaf River Lodge | 107 | The Global Sportsman/HKK Safaris | 418 |
| Legendary Adventures, Inc. | 412 & 414 | Thormahlen & Cochran Safaris | 422 & 423 |
| Leota's | 313 | Threeways Safaris | 518 |
| Leupold | 201 | Top-Flight Hunting Preserve Inc. | 621 |
| Lilly Porter Fine Jewelry | 301 | Tres Chic Furs | 16 & 17 |
| Lochow Lake Management | 915 | Tri-State Taxidermy/Save Valley Safaris | 122, 123 & 124 |
| Lone Star Outfitters | 315 | Trophy Elk Outfitters | 524 |
| Long Grass Outfitters LLC | 712 | Tropic Star Lodge of Panama | 112 & 114 |
| Louis Venter Safaris | 714 | Unico Hunting Safaris | 624 |
| Lyon Safaris/African Odyssey | 822 | Universal Safaris/Trophy Hunters Africa | 918 |
| Mabelingwane Safaris | 815 | W.C. Russell Moccasin Co. | 701 & 703 |
| Madubula Safaris | 604 & 606 | W.F. Mans Safaris | 906 |
| Mark Kyriacou Big Game Safaris | 203 | Walden & Bork | 803 |
| Masterpiece Investments | 307 & 309 | Wanganui Safaris | 319 |
| Matlabas Game Hunters | 317 | Warthog Sharpeners - USA | 722 |
| McDonald Safaris | 119 | Webb Hammond Knives and Jewelry | 716 |
| McMillan Fine Art Gallery and Studio | 207 | Wildman Lake & Cinder River Lodges | 408 |
| MG Arms Inc. | 601 | Woods & Water Taxidermy | 808 |
| Miombo Safaris Ltd. | 614 | Woods Outfitting, Inc. | 818 |
| Nagelout & Company | 18, 19, 20 & 21 | Zuka Safaris Africa | 817 & 819 |
| New Zealand Wildlife Safaris | 806 | | |
| Northern Zululand Safaris | 407 | | |
| Northsask Frontier Adventures Ltd. | 324 | | |
| Orpa Hunting Farm/Namibian Safari Hunts (Namibia) | 816 | | |
| Otjandaua Hunting Safaris | 724 | | |
| Otinjike Hunting Ranch, Namibia | 323 | | |
| Outdoor Visions | 807 | | |
| Painted Adventures | 419 | | |
| Passport Health | 2 | | |
| Paul Tadlock | 702 | | |
| Peter Blackwell Wildlife Art | 14 & 15 | | |
| Pierre Van Tonder Safaris | 216 & 218 | | |
| Pro Safaris Africa | 212 | | |
| Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa | 6A | | |
| Rainstar Ranch, L.P. | 4A & 5A | | |
| Rancho Caracol | 912 | | |
| Rann Safaris/Safari South and 777 Ranch | 417 & 516 | | |
| Reveille Hunting Ranch | 620 | | |
| Rio Bonito Ranch | 3 | | |
| Ron Sweeten Bronzes | 801 | | |
| Ryan Perry | 617 & 619 | | |
| Safari Nordik | 522 | | |
| Sally Maxwell | 717 | | |
| Saltwater Taxidermy | 110 | | |



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| Northern Frontier Adventures Ltd. | 3-day estate elk hunt for one hunter in Canada | 4,900 | northsask@sasktel.net |
| Amazon Tours, Inc. | 6-day fishing trip for peacock bass in Brazil | 4,950 | brenda@amazonstours.com |
| Kingham Safaris Australia | 3-day javan rusa stag hunt for one hunter in Australia | 3,000 | webby@caliph.net.au |
| Giuseppe Carrizosa - Spain | 5-days of hunting and tourism for one hunter and one non-hunter in Spain | 4,900 | giusepecarrizosa@gmail.com |
| Madubula Safaris | 7-day hunt for two hunters in South Africa | 7,524 | madubula@mweb.co.za |
| Didimala Safaris | 3-day hunt for two hunters and two non-hunters in Namibia. Includes credit of \$750 per hunter towards trophy fees | 8,450 | didimala@mweb.com.na |
| FTW Outfitters | 4-day SAAM (Sportsman's All-weather All-terrain Marksmanship) instruction for two hunters | 6,000 | info@ftwoutfitters.com |
| Ryan Perry | 24"x36" original framed oil painting "Mara River Elephants" | 6,500 | animalsart@aol.com |
| Heartland Wildlife Ranches | 3-day elk hunt for one hunter in Missouri | 5,500 | info@heartland-wildlife.com |
| Northern Zululand Safaris | 10-day South African myala, impala, warthog and blue wildebeest hunt for one hunter | 8,500 | mkuzesal@mweb.co.za |
| New Zealand Wildlife Safaris | 3-day red stag hunt for one hunter in New Zealand | 6,420 | tperson@xtra.co.nz |
| Ron Sweeten Bronzes | Greater kudu bronze | 9,500 | sweetenbronze@people.pc.com |
| KDF, Inc. | .375 H&H, Blaser Model R93 | | kdfinc@hotmail.com |
| Anzac Wilderness Outfitters | 6-day hunt for one hunter for moose, black bear and wolf in Canada | 12,500 | anzac@rapidnet.com |
| S & S Safaris | 7-day plains game safari for two hunters in South Africa. Includes trophy fees for two animals | 11,786 | pierrce@icon.co.za |
| Conroe Taxidermy | Custom pedestal | 3,000 | conroetaxidermy@sbcglobal.net |
| Anuritay Ranch | 10-day wingshooting and big game hunting for four hunters in Argentina. Includes trophy fees for four wild boar | 20,000 | anuritay@yabiru.com.ar |
| Sporting International & Matupula Hunters | 14-day 1x1 leopard and plains game safari in Zimbabwe | 12,532 | sport@sportinginternational.com |
| Kobus Moller Studios, LLC | "In Defiance" original oil on canvas | 16,500 | conchout@swbell.net |
| Double D Ranch | Wing shooting and black bass fishing at the Double D Ranch | 26,000 | bmaronge@eprod.com |
| Southern Cross Safaris | 12-day safari for one hunter and one non-hunter in South Africa | 13,697 | southern-cross@intekom.co.za |
| Masterpiece Investments | Trophy fees include one black wildebeest, one impala, one springbuck and one mt. reedbuck | | |
| KDF, Inc. | "Sovereign Reign" bronze | 32,000 | selvaggia@aol.com |
| Timberghost, Enterprise Products and Craig Biggio | 500 Nitro Double Rifle, Blaser Model S2 | 28,000 | kdfinc@hotmail.com |
| Lategan Safaris | Celebrity hunt with Craig Biggio | 28,000 | |
| Wildman Lake & Cinder River Lodges | 10-day plains game hunt for two hunters and two non-hunters in South Africa's Eastern Cape. Includes \$1000 trophy fee credit per hunter | 14,000 | eldre@xsinet.co.za |
| Kiwi Safaris New Zealand | 7-day/7-night all-inclusive bird hunting and sport fishing week for two persons at Wildman Lake Lodge on the remote Alaska Peninsula | 9,800 | hunt@wildmanlodge.com |
| Hunt Trip Spain | 5-day bull tahr hunt for one hunter in New Zealand | 6,450 | mike@kiwisafaris.co.nz |
| Thormahlen & Cochran Safaris | 5-day Spanish hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter | 4,820 | contact@huntripspain.com |
| Federico Gellini - Tanzania Safaris | 7-day safari for two hunters in South Africa. Includes \$1500 trophy fee credit per hunter | 9,650 | peter@afriatrophyhunting.com |
| The Mark and Ruthie Herfort Family | \$10,000 credit towards a full bag, 21-day safari for one hunter and one non-hunter | 10,000 | rsjarrett@sbcglobal.net |
| Into Africa Hunting Adventures | 14KT yellow gold and sterling silver HSC belt buckle | Priceless | mpolco5@aol.com |
| Peter Blackwell Wildlife Art | 7-day gemsbok hunt for two hunters in Namibia | 7,015 | ellewee@mweb.com.na |
| Bush Africa Safaris | Original oil painting "Leopard Walking" | 3,000 | blackash@friconline.co.ke |
| Wanganui Safaris | 10-day South African plains game hunt for two hunters. Includes \$1500 trophy fee credit per hunter | 10,800 | bushasaf@lanic.net |
| Tropic Star Lodge | 4-day red stag hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter in New Zealand | 3,800 | wsafaris@xtra.co.nz |
| MG Hunting | 3-day/4-night deep sea fishing trip (black, blue & striped marlin, roosterfish, yellow fin tuna and pacific sailfish) for two anglers in Panama | 7,000 | rwerking@aol.com |
| Great Spanish Hunts | 5-day red stag hunt for one hunter in Argentina | 7,000 | mg@mghunting.com |
| Unico Hunting Safaris | 5-day red deer hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter in Spain | 8,750 | ignacio@greatspanishhunts.com |
| Cotton Mesa | South African 10-day plains game safari for two hunters. Includes trophy fees for one blue wildebeest, one blesbuck and one warthog | 10,700 | christo@unicohunting.co.za |
| Cristina Speer | 3-day trophy whitetail hunt | 2,500 | info@cottonmesa.com |
| Johan Calitz Safaris | "Girl From Mali" acrylic painting | 5,000 | |
| Carter's Country | Custom-made safari in Northern Botswana | 7,500 | jachunt@mweb.co.za |
| Bonwa Phala Safaris | CZ 550 American Safari Magnum 458 LOTT | 1,099 | |
| Indianhead Ranch | \$5000 credit toward a 12-day safari in South Africa | 5,000 | garykelly@iscal.co.za |
| Banovich Studios | \$4,000 hunt credit to be used at Indianhead Ranch | 4,000 | info@indianheadranch.com |
| Hartland Whitetails | "Giant Eland" 20"x30" conte sketch | 5,200 | banovich@qwest.net |
| Leaf-River Lodge | 5-day whitetail hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter | 3,000 | aj@hartlanddeer.com |
| Tam Safaris | 7-day hunt for one hunter in Northern Quebec | 4,795 | carboui@globetrotter.net |
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Blaser Model S2 showing double triggers, wood and metal work.



Elephant emblem on outside of gun case.

The President's Rifles — Yes, *Two*

By LARRY LEBLANC

The Houston Safari Club has once again taken a giant step upward with the top auction items for our annual convention, "Legacy," in 2008.

President Sally Swiedom has followed the tradition established for a number of years by commissioning the creation of a custom gun as a major auction offering, the proceeds of which go toward conservation, environmental projects, sportsmen's rights and scholarships.

This year, however, we are going a step better. Sally has commissioned Phil Koehne of KDF Incorporated — an

internationally renowned custom gun maker and inventor of the KDF Muzzle Break — to create a "his and hers" pair of rifles to be offered as prime auction items.

She explained the reasoning behind this decision: Men often do not buy themselves the really big rifles, because a .375 Holland and Holland is likely to prove more useful. Women, in turn, often do not get their own .375 H&H because they use their husbands' rifles. So the idea is that this special set offers each of the parties the opportunity to get what they may have been wanting.

Sally selected two different Blaser rifle models for the set. The gentle-

man's rifle is the epitome of the traditionally designed big game safari rifles of history: the Blaser Model S2 Safari Rifle, double-barrel, in the caliber .500 Nitro Express. The lady's rifle is the unique Blaser Model R93 bolt-action rifle in the long established safari caliber of .375 H&H.

Both rifles were made in Germany by Blaser, but all of the engraving, fitting, wood choice, and custom finishing that make each one-of-a-kind were done at the direction of Phil Koehne and his staff at KDF in Seguin.

KDF was started in 1971, when it was known as Kleinguenther Distinctive Firearms. It was soon rec-

ognized worldwide for quality craftsmanship. In 1978 Phil Koehne purchased KDF from Kleinguenther, and he has continued to build upon the excellence established by the original owner.

At the time I visited KDF, both HSC rifles were still incomplete but well on their way. The unique woodwork utilizes the finest Turkish walnut, and both rifles have matching wood, engraving and finish, with matching grip caps of steel inlaid with a gold Houston Safari Club logo elephant. The engraving and inlay are by Terry This

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According to the bylaws of the Houston Safari Club, we "conserve and preserve the wild game species of the world, their habitat and the sport of hunting." A primary means of accomplishing this goal involves the financial grants that our club makes to numerous conservation groups and outdoor education programs.

The Houston Safari Club and the American Conservation & Education Society have donated approximately \$2.4 million to worthwhile outdoor projects and student scholarships. These funds have come from the generous donations of convention and scholarship sponsors and the net proceeds of our annual convention.

In the last 18 months alone, the HSC Grants Committee has approved and funded over \$178,000 in grants for hunters' rights, youth, education and conservation projects and an additional \$140,000 in scholarships for students currently involved in the study of Wildlife Management and/or Range Management.

Some examples of groups receiving HSC grants:

African Professional Hunters Association — organization which safeguards the interests of safari hunters in Africa through ethical and safe hunting practices.

Conservation Force — lobbying group that maintains a proactive worldwide hunting network for expert legal and wildlife management support services.

Hunters for the Hungry — a unit of the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies that donates hundreds of thousands of pounds of wild game meat through cooperation with

meat processors, hunters, landowners and food assistance providers.

Operation Game Thief — support of Texas' wildlife crime-stoppers program.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Elkhorn Ranch — HSC's participation in the acquisition and restoration of President Theodore Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch for the public.

Students for the Second Amendment — youth group committed to instilling in students a love of country, a commitment to the rule of law and an understanding of the rights and obligations of citizens.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo — annual expo that educates the public about the interrelationship between hunting and wildlife conservation.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation — support of the Texas Game Warden's Training Center.

U. S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation — work of defense and advancement of sportsmen's rights in the states, before Congress and in the electoral process to ensure the continuation of hunting and outdoor sports.

Wonders of Wildlife — museum involved in educating, informing and entertaining people concerning the value of fish and wildlife, helping them appreciate our heritage of hunting and fishing, and motivating their personal involvement in the conservation of our outdoor resources.

We would like to thank the many supporters of our organization who make it possible to achieve our goals.



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Mountain Elk Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Teachers Outdoor Leadership School.

And other organizations such as Operation Orphans, the Boy Scouts of America and many Texas 4-H clubs.

The Houston Safari Club, which was founded in 1972, is a non-profit volunteer organization that has raised more than \$2.4 million during the past 35 years to contribute to wildlife conservation, sport hunting, and hunter rights. In partnership with its sister organization, the American Conservation and Education Society, many worthy national and international causes, and many Texas projects have benefited from HSC grants

and scholarships given to more than 100 students from seven colleges here in Texas.

Mark this date on your calendar and come join the approximately 900 HSC members as they celebrate the positive impact that concerned sport hunters provide for wildlife populations worldwide. You can become a member of HSC, participate in its fund-raising activities, and/or register for the 2008 Expo, "Legacy," by calling the HSC office at 713-623-8844 or log on to the Web site at www.houston-safariclub.org. Whether you want to just walk through the expo and admire all the exhibits or want to attend some of the world-class fund-raising events, HSC's "Worldwide Hunting Expo" will be an exciting adventure for you and your family.

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of Harper, Texas — a frequent contributor to our custom guns for auction over the years.

The double rifle will be delivered in an elephant hide case with an engraved metal elephant on the outside. The case is designed so that the rifle can be carried or stored when broken down.

The bolt-action rifle, the ladies' model, was about 85-percent finished at the time of writing. As noted, it is a Blaser Model R93 chambered in .375 H&H. The engraving is unequalled by any I have seen in many years of being involved in writing about hunting and firearms.

The stocks and forearms of both models are made of flawless walnut and have superb grain pattern and color. The finishing is immaculate. Beautiful, matching wood on both the Model R2 double barrel and the bolt action Model R93 is the work of stock-maker John Valicek, an associate of KDF, and a skilled craftsman whose work has also been in our auctions before.

The Blaser bolt-action system is unlike any I have ever before seen, with its unique straight-pull bolt action providing faster second and third shots if needed. When repeating shots, the body movement is minimized and performance is therefore much faster and smoother than with any conventional action, allowing more time to aim and re-aim for subsequent shots. The bolt handle ball is wood, matching the stock. The rifle also has a unique system of cocking and un-cocking that is positive, easy and safe.

The distinct bolt-to-barrel relationship provides a solid, one-piece interlocking system that defies compromise. The bolt and barrel become a single unit when locked together, eliminating the need for the complete action to



Blaser Model R93, showing engraving on right side of action and matching stock with wooden bolt knob.

bear the extreme amount of stress of large-caliber centerfire cartridges.

Conventional locking lugs on bolt-action centerfire designs have the bolts locking into the action, which holds the bolt face against the cartridge case to hold the unit together. The bolt on such actions is a separate entity held against the cartridge by the locking lugs, tightly forcing the bolt against the action and cartridge face. This is downright primitive when compared to the Blaser action.

With the Model R93, one can change the rifle from right-handed to left-handed use simply by changing the bolt assembly, which can be accomplished in seconds; this is another of the features not routinely available in the world of conventional big game actions.

But there's more. Changing the caliber is the simplest I have seen and cannot be done with conventional big game bolt-action rifles. With the Model

93, using the wrench supplied, you remove two screw fasteners that hold the stock to the barrel, and bingo — the barrel and caliber can be instantly changed. The barrel can be removed, another barrel of a different caliber with scope mounted to the additional barrel can be installed, and the rifle will be ready to shoot and is completely sighted in.

Each barrel-and-scope combination can be sighted in independently of the other barrels and calibers, facilitating the rapid caliber change. The barrel has special machined scope mounting areas where the Swarovski scope is attached to the rifle.

The magazine can accommodate numerous calibers, but depending on the caliber, the magazine and bolt also may need to be changed. The rifle will be delivered and auctioned set up for .375 H&H, but with the addition of

three bolts and a selected number of barrels, the winning bidder can choose a new custom rifle capable of handling the .222 Remington through the caliber range up to and including the .416 Remington.

The engraving and metal work are unique, with hunting and animal scenes on the larger areas of the action and distinctive patterns on the trigger guard and other small and intricate areas of the metal parts.

The case for the ladies model is custom-made for the R93 by Americase and made specifically for this special President's Rifle. The inside of the case will be embroidered with "Houston Safari Club President's Rifle 2008."

The winning bidders for these unique rifles will own a pair of firearms that will be the envy of hunters and gun collectors around the world.

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