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WISCONSIN CHAPTER REPORT

by Dean LePoidevin, Chapter President



Welcome to the New Year— and to another exciting season of hunting, fishing, and conservation! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to new adventures in the months ahead, including our 49th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser this coming February.



The Wisconsin Chapter of SCI will host two full days of hunting and fishing excitement at the Brookfield Conference Center on Friday and Saturday, February 13–14, 2026.

- Friday: Doors open at 3:30 pm, with dinner served at 7:30 pm, featuring a delicious BBQ buffet.

- Saturday morning and afternoon: The exhibit hall is open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and is free to the public.

- Saturday evening: Doors open at 4:00 pm, with dinner at 7:30 pm, followed by a live auction.

Plan your next hunting adventure! Meet guides, outfitters, fellow hunting enthusiasts, taxidermists, wildlife artists, and sporting equipment specialists. Enjoy live auctions featuring hunts, fishing trips, tropical vacations, outdoor equipment, wildlife art, and many other outstanding items.

- Winners announced: 1:00 pm

Bring your Valentine for a special celebration on Saturday night! All couples attending the evening dinner will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing to win a free trip.

Tickets for Friday and Saturday evening activities and dinners may be purchased at www.sciwi.org or <https://sciregistration.com/>. Dinner seating is general admission. Select event sponsors and those purchasing a table of ten may reserve seating for members of their party.

It is not too late to register for our January member meeting at Alioto's in Wauwatosa, on Thursday, January 15, 2026. Join international hunters Jeff Belongia, Harry Mattox, and Dan Gorecki for a presentation of their hunting adventures in New Zealand. See www.sciwi.org for details and tickets. Reception at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, followed by our speakers.

The SCI WI Chapter officers and board members wish you a safe, successful, and prosperous New Year!




2025 YOUTH HUNTER WINNERS.

Saturday activities include access to a wide variety of exhibits and outfitters, an afternoon live auction, and a Special Youth Hunter Event. Area hunters under 18 are invited to bring their 2025 whitetail rack (or a photo) to be entered into a prize drawing.

- Youth registration: 10:00 am – noon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

3:30-11PM **\$65** Silent hunt auctions, live auction items offering hunts, fishing trips, tropical vacations, outdoor equipment, wildlife art and many other outstanding items. Gun Boards & Raffles galore.

7:30PM **FRIDAY EVENING DINNER** BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10AM-1PM **FREE TROPHY SCORING**
Get your Wisconsin big game scored. Bring in a Wisconsin Whitetail deer mount or antlers, or your bear head, to be scored by a SCI Master Scorer in conjunction with Buck & Bear Club.

APPEARING BOTH DAYS
Melissa Bachman - is an American hunter, producer, and host of hunting television programs, currently of the cable television program Winchester Deadly Passion on the Sportsman Channel, Pursuit Channel, and Wild TV.



1:30PM **FREE LIVE AFTERNOON AUCTION** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

4-11PM **\$85** Silent hunt auctions, live auction items offering hunts, fishing trips, tropical vacations, outdoor equipment, wildlife art and many other outstanding items. Gun Boards & Raffles Galore.

Special Valentine's Day Celebration Saturday Night - attendees can win a free trip!

7:30PM **SATURDAY EVENING DINNER** BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

Friday Night \$65 per person Saturday Evening \$85 per person
GENERAL SEATING: RESERVED DINNER SEATS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORS AND TABLES OF TEN ONLY.
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