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Bavarian Shooting Competition



Annually the Bavaria Chapter conducts a shooting competition for all its members, family and friends. This year it took place in the German-Austrian border town of Unken, where the local hunting and shooting association has built a large shooting range for all calibers and distances and where "THE" highlight is a mountain shooting range at long distances and up the mountain. This particular "Shooting at the Alpine Chamois" range is where the "Annual Chapter Shooting Championship" takes place. This year's winners and recipients of the traditional Bavarian "Shooting Disks" were: First Place, Philipp Ullmann, left; Second Place, Brigitte Schmelzing, third from left; and Third Place, Bernhard Knoebel, right. Bavaria Chapter President Norbert Ullmann, second from left, congratulated them all on their shooting skills and reminded the new "King" that it is a Bavarian tradition to buy the beer for all the Chapter at the subsequent celebration!

King Sancho Award Presented



The SCI Balearic Chapter held its Gala Dinner and Fundraiser outside of the capital city of Palma de Mallorca in a former monastery from the 14th century. During the very well attended dinner, Chapter President, Dr. Miguel Estáde, right, and the Environment Counselor of the Council of Mallorca, Mrs. Catalina Soler Torres, center, handed to Norbert Ullmann, SCI Regional Representative Europe, left, the "King Sancho Award--Balearic Slam" in the Diamond Level, for having achieved, as first applicant, to hunt big and small game in Mallorca, as well as been successful in deep sea fishing. The award consists of a hand-crafted recycled glass dish typical of one of the Mallorcan based traditional Balearic glassfactories.

Castilla y Picos de Europa Chapter



The Castilla Chapter recently held its AGM and elected a new Board of Directors. It also voted on a chapter name change, better reflecting its geographical area of work, namely to "Castilla y Picos de Europa Chapter" (Picos de Europa being a large mountain range in the northern part of the State of "Castilla y León"). SCI Regional Representative Europe, Norbert Ullmann, right, travelled to Madrid to attend a working dinner with the members of the new Board of Directors and presented Chapter President Dr. Eduardo Romero Nieto, left, with a personalized, Schnapp bottle, a liquor that is known to give strength and stamina, two capabilities the new Chapter President will need in his "volunteer job."

Balearian Boc—Celebrating 10 Years As A Big Game Species



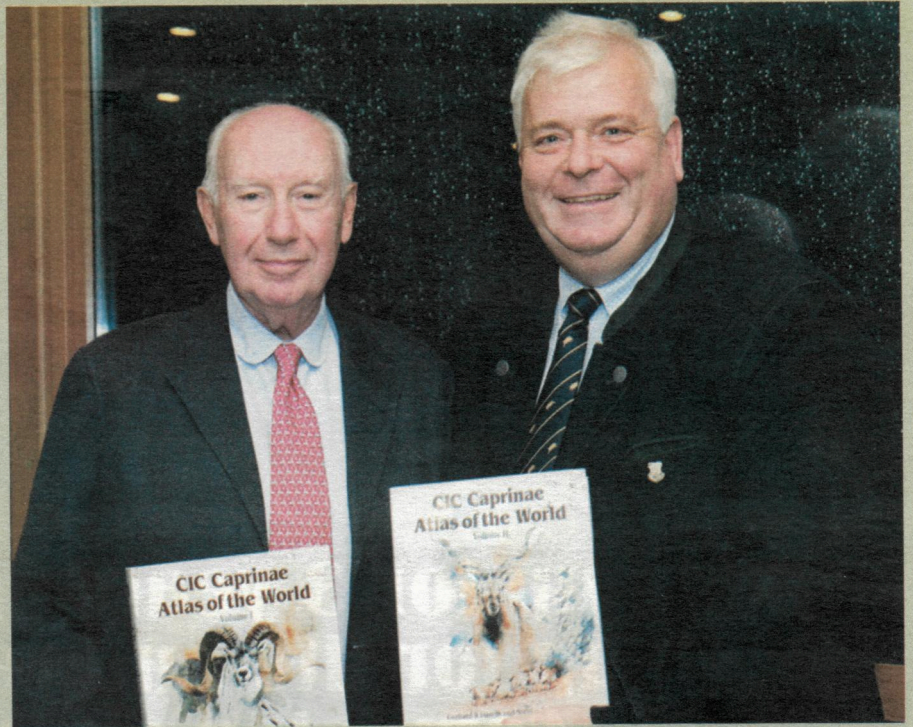
SCI accepted the Balearian wild goat, or boc, as a separate big game European hunting species 10 years ago. Preceding that decision were a number of hard scientific data collecting years in which SCI worked very closely with the Hunting Department of the Government of the Balearian Islands. To celebrate the first decade of international recognition, the Government of the island of Mallorca, with the support of SCI, via the International Affairs & Development Committee, as well as the SCI Balearian Chapter and the "Ullmann Award Foundation," published a book on the history, present and future of this endemic Balearian big game species. The presentation of the book titled "Balearian Boc—Four Millennia of History, Ten Years of Homologation," was celebrated in a public event joined by more than 100 attendees. Shown in the photo are, from right to left: Adolfo Sanz Rueda, Editor; Dr. Miguel Estade, President of the SCI Balearian Chapter; Catalina Soler Torres, Environment Councillor of the Council of Mallorca; Maria Salom Coll, President of the Council of Mallorca; Norbert Ullmann, SCI Regional Representative Europe; Joan Escalas Noceras, Government of Mallorca Island Hunting Director.

Measurer Course in Castilla



The SCI Castilla and Picos de Europa Chapter organized an Official Measurer course and 12 interested persons attended. The course was taught at the Museo de la Fauna Salvaje, in the town of Valdehuelas, Province of León, in northeastern Spain, over a two-day period. Shown in the picture are, from right to left: María Angeles Prieto León, receiving her Diploma for having passed the tests, Dr. Eduardo Romero Nieto, President of the Castilla and Picos de Europa Chapter, and Norbert Ullmann, SCI Regional Representative Europe and Measurer Course Instructor.

Caprinae Atlas Of The World Presentation In Madrid



Former SCI International Director Nicolás Franco, left, wrote a new two-volume book on the “Caprinae species of the world.” It was presented in his native Madrid, Spain, mid-September to a large audience of hunters and media representatives.

Dr. Franco explained that his team and he worked on this book for the past five years and that he hopes it will

fill the gap created by new research and science since the last “big” publication on the wild sheep and goats of the world has been printed.

SCI Representative Europe Norbert Ullmann, right, congratulated Nicolas on the book and wished that the scientific and hunting communities accept it as a further guideline to their daily work.