



## SAFARI WISH HUNT PROGRAM

Several years ago, the Chapter granted a Safari Wish Hunt to Brett Lewis who has Tourette's Syndrome and wanted to take a bear. He had to struggle to where the dogs had treed his bear, but he made a perfect shot, taking a fine bear. He was so moved by the experience that he wrote the Chapter a three-page letter of thanks. In 2010, the Chapter granted a Safari Wish Hunt to Troy Thomas who has cerebral palsey and required a walker or wheelchair. Troy was turning 17 and was determined to take a wild turkey. Many Chapter members assisted in making Troy's hunt a memorable one. First, they took Troy on a pheasant hunt at Big Valley Pheasant Ranch owned by Dean Vasilakis. Tom Marinovich and Scott Borg set out the birds. Troy proved to be a good shot and got most of the birds. Mike Morgan arranged for Troy to hunt on private property owned by Kevin Butler. Guided by Marc Anderson, Troy took a big jake just after first light. A picture of Troy pheasant hunting was made into a national poster by SCI World Headquarters. The Chapter would like to thank everyone involved for making Troy's birthday a most memorable one. Everyone mentioned was a Chapter member.



In the picture on the left, Marc Anderson, left, and Troy's father Tim, right, help Troy show off his turkey. In the picture on the right, Troy poses with his pheasants.