The SCI Outstanding Professional Hunter Awards honor professional hunters who are acknowledged by both peers and clients to be tops in their field. Until 1993, only one professional hunter per year was presented the award. Starting that year, the award was split into two divisions: North American and International, with award winners selected from nominations submitted by members of the SCI Board of Directors and chapter presidents.

**International Professional Hunter of the Year**

Shane Quinn

Shane Quinn is owner and operator of Alpine Hunting New Zealand.

Shane began hunting as a young boy and he still is an avid hunter. His most recent trophies from Alaska being a black bear, brown bear, grizzly, mountain goat, Sitka blacktail, and Dall sheep.

In 1992, the opportunity to purchase a high country beef farm in the rugged central North Island arose. It turned out to be a Godsend as a natural deer environment and its promise of becoming New Zealand’s foremost habitat.

Shane is a member of the New Zealand Game Estates Association, New Zealand Professional Hunting Guides Association, and SCI (since 1989) and is a Certified SCI Official Measurer -winning the Master Measurement Achievement Award in 2014 for 146 animals measured.

He works with the NZ Department of Conservation with tahr herd management, relocating sambar and rusa and has been involved in wild animal recovery operations since 1992.

**North American Professional Hunter of the Year**

Nathan Olmstead

Nathan Olmstead is an owner of Prophet Muskwa Outfitters in the Yukon, Northern British Columbia, Alberta, and Texas. With over 17 years of guiding, Nathan is able to accommodate a grand slam mountain sheep hunting combination as well as elk, moose, mountain goat, caribou, bear, deer, wolf and wolverine.

Nathan believes that hunting is so much a fiber of his existence as well as our existence as humans. Not only does he make his livelihood by hunting, he attributes much of the character building over his lifetime to the way of life that a professional hunter leads. When Nathan is not guiding and hunting, he dedicates his time and efforts to his family, different conservation and quota platforms, youth hunting programs, and other industry enhancements.

**PROFESSIONAL HUNTER AWARD RECIPIENTS**

- Cotton Gordon, ZMB, TZA, NA (1980)
- Jan Oelofse, Namibia (1981)
- Gerry Poitras, NA (1982)
- Gary Powell, NA (1983)
- Jose Simoes, Sudan (1984)
- Lynn Castle, NA (1985)
- Award rescinded (1986)
- Nasso Srousas, Ethiopia (1987)
- Phil Driver, NA (1988)
- Rick Martin, NA (1989)
- Dick Gunlogson, NA (1990)
- Fred Webb, NA (1991)
- Gary Joll, New Zealand (1992)
- Fernando Saiz, Spain (1993)
- Marion & Mary Scott, NA (1993)
- Award rescinded (1994)
- Sam Fejes, NA (1994)
- Volker Grellmann, Namibia (1995)
- Keith Johnson, NA (1995)
- Gary Vince, NA (1996)
Joe Klutsch, NA (1997)
Gerard Pasanisi, Tanzania (1997)
Jeffrey Lynn Rann, Botswana (1998)
Miles Bradford, NA (1999)
Doug Scandrol, NA (1999)
Peter Swanepeel, Zambia (1999)
Gary Butch King Jr., NA (2000)
Ronnrie Sparrow, Zimbabwe (2000)
Jimmie C. Rosenbruch, NA (2001)
Mike Hodder, New Zealand (2001)
Louis Albert Schreiner, II, NA (2002)
Adya Tundev, Mongolia (2002)
Dave Wiens, NA (2003)
Jim Hunter, New Zealand (2003)
Marcelo Sedri, Argentina (2004)
Laurent Delagrange, NA (2005)
Terry Wilkenson, NA (2006)
Gary Herbert, New Zealand (2006)
Kirk Kelso, NA (2007)
John Abraham, South Africa (2007)
Alisha Rosenbruch-Decker, NA (2008)
Dirk de Bod, Namibia (2008)
Jim Shockey, NA (2009)
Giuseppe Carriozzo, Spain (2009)
Eric Mikkelsen, NA (2010)
Eduardo F. De Araoz, Spain (2010)
Ray Collingwood, NA (2011)
Jason Roussos, Africa (2011)
James Toricio, Jr., NA (2012)
Piere Guerrini, Africa (2012)
Devlin Oestreich, NA (2013)
Antonio Riquera, Africa (2013)
Federico Gellini (2014)
Drake Dawson (2014)
Kaan KaraKyay (2015)
Jack Cassidy (2015)
Shane Quinn (2016)
Nathan Olmstead (2016)

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