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***Jay Link Recipient of the 2019
Safari Club International
Hunter of the Year Award***



Jay has been hunting locally and internationally since childhood. His passion for the outdoors has taken him to all corners of the Earth on hunting and fishing adventures. He has been fortunate to have been nominated for over 400 trophies in the record books and received the SCI World Hunting Award Ring and recently won the 2019 Conklin Award. He is proud to say he is a Hunter Legacy 100 Member, life member of Safari Club International, National Rifle Association, OVIS/Grand Slam, Wild Sheep Foundation, Wisconsin Bear Hunters, Boone & Crocket, Ducks Unlimited, National Trappers, Whitetails Unlimited, AOPHA, Seaplane Pilots, International Professional Hunters Association and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. In 2017 he was awarded the Prestigious Pantheon Award, presented by both the Grand Slam Club/Ovis and Safari Club



International, is extremely difficult to accomplish, taking most recipients a lifetime to meet all the requirements before being inducted. Jay Link was the eleventh individual, of which he is the youngest recipient of this prestigious award. An individual must have a Grand Slam of North American Wild Sheep; a Capra World Slam Super 30 of the world's wild goats; an Ovis World Slam Super 30 of the world's mountain sheep; and the Super Slam of 29 North American Big Game. They must also obtain the SCI's top objective award, which is the World Conservation and Hunting Award.

A father of four children, two beautiful daughters and two spirited young boys, family is important to Jay. Each of his children have had the opportunity to travel with and hunt with Jay. Each of them nearly as passionate about hunting and conservation as Jay. The old saying, a family that hunts together, stays together has never been more true when it comes to the values that Jay has instilled in his family. Jay will tell you that some of his most memorable hunting trips have been those hunting trips with his children where their success in the field was more important than any trophy he may harvest.



Jay is the owner of Link's Wild Safaris, a leader in the International hunting and fishing consulting field. Providing a "boots-on-the-ground" approach to outfitter evaluations – experience needed to ensure that clients are going to the finest hunting and fishing adventures available today.



The International Hunting Award was established in 1984 to honor the great hunters of the world. Those hunters who have achieved excellence in the field, have hunted extensively and are actively hunting at the time of selection as possible candidates. Selection is based solely on specific and well-defined hunting achievements, numbers and quality of trophies entered into the SCI Record Book, number of countries hunted, total number of hunts taken and levels of entries that qualify for World Hunting Awards. Candidates are ethical hunters who have demonstrated this with years of hunting experience throughout the world. All candidates must complete the Diamond level the Mountain Game of the World, Animals of Africa and Animals of North America.