

Interview with Sheila Burnham March 23, 2006

Sheila Burnham of Madison, Mississippi is the first-ever female recipient of Safari Club International's Pathfinder Award, which honors physically challenged hunters. In a wheelchair since a 1992 accident, Burnham took to the sport post-injury.

“Several friends and I went hunting this past fall in Luverne, Alabama. I decided that I wanted to sit on the ground in a ground blind and hunt deer like I normally turkey hunt.

I needed to sit on a cushion because wheelchair bound people risk having a skin breakdown if they don't sit on cushioned support. I have a very expensive cushion in my wheelchair that costs several hundred dollars, and I didn't want to put it on the wet ground. Thankfully I had another and better option. Several weeks prior, David Robinson, president of Hunt Comfort Cushions, had sent me the Ultimate Hunt Comfort Cushion, which is designed with the wheelchair-bound hunter in mind. The cushion is remarkable. Thanks to the gel in the middle, it feels great, and the water-resistant material makes it perfect for ground hunting.

That wide, thick cushion was just what I needed for my ground hunt that day. It's wide enough so that I could sit there and use my pruning shears to clear a shooting lane without rolling off the cushion. After I prepared my hunting setup, I sat perfectly still for four hours and only had to shift once, which is pretty much unheard of. After four hours of remaining very patient, a nice buck walked out into the green field right in front of me. Because I was able to sit so still, he didn't see me. I made a successful shot that day much in thanks to my Hunt Comfort Cushion. It really gave me the advantage I needed to sit still for a long period of time.

When it comes to other cushions, there is no comparison. Hunt Comfort is far better than any other hunting cushion I've ever sat on. In fact, I'm so impressed with it that I took it with me to a conference, where as a keynote speaker, I presented it to the audience as a low-cost option for a great wheelchair cushion. We in the disabled community need more affordable options when it comes to items that improve our level of comfort. I'm glad I discovered this Ultimate Hunt Comfort Cushion.”