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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

Our chapter is now in charge of our own website. The hope is that being under our own control will make our website more current, dynamic, interesting, and reflective of our members. Check it out and let us know what you think and what you think can make it better. If it doesn't improve we have only ourselves to blame. The new site is www.adirondackcatskillsci.com. The old site was .org. Please make the change.

If anyone has an item to donate for the next SCI Banquet please call Larry Steiner to make arrangements. (607) 988-6334

Save-the-Date: Annual Fund Raising Dinner: April 2, 2011 at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta, NY.

The 2010 Winner of the ACSCI New York Big Buck Contest that was held at the Chapter December meeting in Cold Brook, was **Dan DuBois** with his **120 SCI Score Buck** taken in the Poolville area. Congratulations Dan.

The 2011 Sportsmen & Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day is **Tuesday, January 25** from **9 am - 1 pm** at the **State Legislative Office Building** on South Swan & State Streets in Albany. It is free and open to the public. The Keynote speaker will be the NRA's **Wayne LaPierre**. Call 518-455-5073 or E-mail kolbb@assembly.state.ny.us for more details.

The February 17th Chapter meeting held at **Christopher's in Oneonta**. The speaker will be Chapter member **Del Law**, about his moose hunt in New Foundland. *All Chapter meetings start at 7 pm unless noted otherwise.* **Board of Directors meeting at 5pm will precede the regular meeting.**

The March 17th Chapter meeting will be held at the **American Legion Cold Brook**. **Daryl Labarron** will be the speaker talking about his bear hunts in New Brunswick.

The Big East Camping and Outdoor Show will be **April 1, 2 & 3** at the **Turning Stone Resort & Casino** in Verona. **Friday is from 2-8 and Sunday is from 10-4.** *Saturday's times won't be listed because you had better be at our banquet at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta.*

SCI Youth Day will be held at the **Rockdale Rod & Gun Club April 9 starting at 9 am.** Call Ron at 607-373-3009 or E-mail at ronandkathy@roadrunner.com

The April 21 Chapter meeting will be held at **Christopher's in Oneonta**. **David Dye** will talk about his Black Bear hunt in British Columbia.

The Chapter is looking for next years Young Hunter and a teacher to send to AWLS. Keep your eyes peeled for the next qualified candidate. Please contact Jim Digristina's at 315-735-1775 or e-mail jjdigristina@yahoo.com

We are always looking for speakers for our regular meetings. If you have an experience to share please call Larry at 607-988-6334 to get on our schedule.

If you have an event that would interest outdoorsmen and women in you area, contact George Gollin at 607-432-9063 or acscinews@yahoo.com and we will include it in the next newsletter. Deadline for all articles is the 18th of even months.

**Don't forget the ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
APRIL 2nd at Holiday Inn, Oneonta**

A Kudu Hat Trick — That's A Lot of Bull!

by Steve Wells

Three members of SCI, Mike Ruella, Jim Ross and myself traveled to Namibia for a week at the end of July to hunt with J.B. Safaris. This was Mike and Jim's second time in Africa and it was my first. The trip from JFK in NY took 35 hours to arrive at our final destination in Northern Namibia. It was a long trip and that is the only negative comment we can make. Jan Breedts and his wife Lynelle, owners of J.B. Safaris were the most gracious hosts from the time Jan picked us up at the airport until we were dropped off. The accommodations were great



and the food was superb. We stayed at Jan's brother's cattle ranch and he had two very nice cottages for our sleeping accommodations. Jan provided all of us with Professional Hunters for 1 on 1 hunts. All three PH's really knew their trade. Finding game and discussing African wildlife was their stock and trade, plus they could track as well as the Bushmen on the ranch that handled the many tasks of safari life.

A typical day started at 6:30 a.m. with eggs, meat, cereal, toast, coffee and juice. Pile into the trucks and off to hunt the morning. Back at around noon for a hot lunch, usually with a salad. Take a nap for an hour or so then back out to hunt at 3:00 p.m. Hunt until dark, then it was back to the house for drinks, stories, jokes and some outdoor grilling of various meats, beef, lamb, kudu, eland depending on the day. Then it is off to bed around 10:00 p.m. to get ready to start it all over again tomorrow. A real tough life!

The hunting is through thick low brush, maybe 4-10 feet high with occasional small trees scattered about. The cover looks very similar to the scrub country in south Texas. Shots were often close and through brush but occasional long shots

do present. The PH's like the .375 with heavy bullets to punch through the brush but we used .338 Win Mags and a 30 06 with scirrocco and partition bullets and had no problems.

Expect to do plenty of walking as the standard procedure is to ride in the truck until a fresh track is spotted and then follow it into the scrub until you can close the distance for a shot. That's the way I took my 36" eland. Another approach is to sit at a watering hole in a ground blind or tree box stand similar to our whitetail deer hunting in the east. I stalked to a box stand climbed in and shot my 48' kudu within 5 minutes on the afternoon of my first day. Mike shot his 54" kudu from the same stand later in the week and Jim nailed his 47" kudu while stalking to another water hole.

We did very well for the week with 3 kudu, 2 warthogs, 2 blue wildebeest, an eland, duiker, steenbok, hartebeest, impala, springbok and even some bird hunting. This was a terrific trip thanks to a terrific outfitter, J.B. Safaris and a great purchase from the Adirondack Catskill SCI Chapter Fundraiser Dinner.

Many years ago ACSCI provided a grant to build a footbridge in the Utica Marsh. I've never heard anything of it in the many years I have belonged to ACSCI.

Anyhow, here is a blurb from the November 2010 Region 6 DEC Highlights that I received today. It concerns access to the Utica Marsh that some might be interested in.

— George Franke

Utica Marsh WMA

Due to the condition and age of a critical access bridge, vehicle access to the Utica Marsh Wildlife Management Area will end as of November 26, 2010. The Barnes Avenue bridge was "red" flagged by NYSDOT back in October. Replacement costs and constraints of the area are limiting options for local government to build a new bridge or develop another road access at this time. There are several private landowners and businesses, along with NYSDEC, DOT, and NYS Canal Corporation that utilize Barnes Avenue. Opportunities to buyout businesses and landowners are being explored at this writing. Until an alternative access is identified, the only legal access to the WMA will be along the NYS Canal Corporation's Hike-Bike Way along the Barge Canal. That is foot access only.

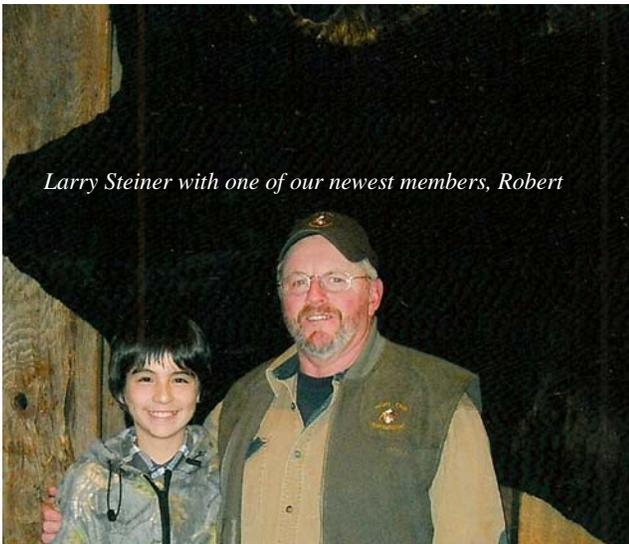
Great Quote!

A Deer Hunting Story...even if you don't care about hunting...Gotta Love Ted!

Ted Nugent, rock star and avid bow hunter from Michigan, was being interviewed by a liberal journalist, an animal rights activist. The discussion came around to deer hunting. The journalist asked, 'What do you think is the last thought in the head of a deer before you shoot him? Is it, 'Are you my friend?' or is it 'Are you the one who killed my brother?'

Nugent replied, 'Deer aren't capable of that kind of thinking. All they care about is, what am I going to eat next, who am I going to screw next, and can I run fast enough to get away. They are very much like the Democrats in Congress.'

The interview ended.



Larry Steiner with one of our newest members, Robert

Members can access our new website with:
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New Members Welcome

William Bright, East Meadow, NY

Jerry LeClar, Oxford, NY

Robert Brown, Mohawk, NY

The World's Largest Army. America's Hunters?

The state of Wisconsin has gone an entire deer hunting season without someone getting killed. That's great. There were over 600,000 hunters. Allow me to re-state that number. Over the last two months, the eighth largest army in the world - more men under arms than Iran; more than France and Germany combined - deployed to the woods of a single American state to help keep the deer menace at bay. But that pales in comparison to the 750,000 who are in the woods of Pennsylvania this week. Michigan 's 700,000 hunters have now returned home. Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia , and it is literally the case that the hunters of those four states alone would comprise the largest army in the world. America will forever be safe from foreign invasion of troops with that kind of home-grown firepower.

Hunting - it's not just a way to fill the freezer. It's a matter of national security!

Wounded Warriors, Donors to Date January 2011

Here's the list of Wounded Warrior donors. If your name is not on the list a quick call to Larry can fix that 607-988-6334

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Adirondack-Catskill Chapter — Safari Club International

New Member Renewal Membership # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Membership #: _____

SCI Dues National \$65.00 Chapter \$20.00 Total \$85.00

Adirondack-Catskill Chapter only \$20.00
(Life or Current National Members only)

"Special" for 2011 \$40.00
(For new members only – includes both National and Chapter dues)

Check Enclosed (Make checks payable to: Adirondack-Catskill SCI)

Credit Card: VISA MC AMEX

Card #: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ US Dollars

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26 Medallion Drive
Otego, NY 13825

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Wanted: New Members

We encourage existing members to bring potential new members to our meetings and events. **New members** can join for the first year at \$40. This is normally a \$85 membership.

Together we can make it happen.

Welcome to our recent guests

Jennifer Fleming — Smyrna, NY
Kyle King — New Berlin, NY
Mike Adams — Afton, NY
Fred Vanderburgh — Van Etten, NY



Adirondack-Catskill SCI Member Trophy Awards Form

(Deadline for Submission is December 1, 2011)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Animal: _____

Where Taken: _____

Who was the Outfitter/Guide: _____

Method of Hunt: _____

Trophy taken with: ___ Rifle ___ Pistol ___ Bow ___ Muzzle Loader

Does this trophy complete a SCI Grand Slam? ___ No ___ Yes (If it completes a SCI Grand Slam, which one: _____)

Rate the hunt: ___ Best of My Life ___ Top 5 Hunts ___ Top 10 Hunts

Describe the hunt for this species: _____

Rules for 2011 ACSCI Member Trophy Awards

1. Any animal taken legally worldwide.
2. Photograph must be included.
3. All entries must be completed and received by December 1, 2011*.

Trophy Awards Categories:

Best of North America (First, Second, Third) / Best of the World (except North America) (First, Second, Third) / Grand Slams

Judging Criteria: Animal Taken Type of Hunt Method of Hunt Completion of a Goal

**Please send pictures and this completed form to:*

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