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ACSCI Hunts for Wounded Warrior Committee News



This letter was received from retired Sgt. Arthur Meyer, after he and Sgt. John Dusek went on a Maine bear hunt Memorial Day weekend sponsored by Adirondack-Catskill SCI

Hello Larry,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you, life has a way of throwing curve balls when your expecting a fast ball. I had such a wonderful time on the bear hunt in Maine! The guide was awesome! We had to leave early from the hunt due to some issues of a personal nature with John Dusek, but this is life. We had bad weather the first two days of the hunt so not much was happening those days. When the weather broke, I had the best two days of my life on stand! The first good night I had what sounded like heavy construction going on just a few hundred yards from my stand, it turned out to be a bear scuffle with



Sgt. Arthur Meyer

one of the bears coming within twenty yards of my stand, I couldn't see him as the vegetation was rather thick. But he sat there for two hours barking and clicking his teeth at the other bear that was roaring off and on back at him! The guide had to come all the way down to the stand as the bear was still right there when it was time to leave. The next day was even more intense! I had a 400 pound bear circle my stand three times letting out the most blood curdling roars over and over, my heart was pounding as if I were back in Afghanistan! Right before this bear walked out to the bait barrel, I heard little bitty roars - cubs. Then out walked this gorgeous long haired beauty standing perfectly broadside for me not 30 yards away!

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Sgt. John Dusek



Message from Larry Steiner, Chapter President:

A very special thanks go out to Lynn Mayer for producing two newsletters and Robin Jerauld for also producing two newsletters, after Christine of Colgate University was no longer able to do so. Lynn and Robin took on this responsibility over and above their respective work loads they already perform for the Chapter. In order for the newsletter to continue, the Chapter is looking for a volunteer to compose future newsletters. Please contact me if you are interested and we will help you get started. Members should be checking the Chapter web site routinely for updated announcements and meeting dates/locations. I hope everyone is having a great summer and are looking forward and planning for this fall's hunting season.

Best Regards and Good Hunting!

Larry

A-C SCI Hunts for Wounded Warriors Committee Report

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Realizing she was a wet sow with cubs, I would not engage. Although legal to shoot, an immoral shot it would have been. She had come out for my mother in laws blueberry pie that I placed on the barrel before getting in to my stand. Unfortunately she did not get that pie, a boar started to roar and move in on the stand forcing mom and her babies to safely retreat back in to the Maine wilderness. Unfortunately for me, this boar didn't show himself to me either, he roared over and over again sending chills with every noise! I had never been so excited in a hunting situation! I consider myself blessed to have had this opportunity. This would not have been possible for me to have ever done on my own as I am on a fixed disabled income, and this being the one trophy I want more than anything else, I am eternally grateful to the S.C.I. for the opportunity at this hunt of a lifetime! I only wish I could have harvested one of these trophy animals, but this experience will glow in my heart for the rest of my life as one of the best hunting trips ever! Thanks again to all who made this possible. If there is anything else I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

W. Arthur Meyer

U.S. Army retired



*We would like to recognize these current generous donations to the
A-C SCI Hunts for Wounded Warriors*



- ◆ Cliff & Grace Barker - \$100.00
- ◆ Lynn & Bill Mayer - \$100.00 worth of knives for future A-C SCI "Hunts for Wounded Warrior" fundraising.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!!!!

June 2014 Chapter Meeting Features “Mountainview Preserve”



If you weren't at the Chapter meeting in Oneonta June 19th, you missed a great program on hunting birds over dogs put on by the folks from Mountainview Preserve from Schenevus, New York. Frank & Vinny Cavalieri started the program with a PowerPoint talk and then took it to the parking lot where Frank demonstrated

and explained some of the training techniques using “Misty” one of their hunting dogs. The Cavalieri's are set up to accommodate wounded veteran hunters as well, so this may be a possible venue for future A-C SCI “Hunts for Wounded Warrior” projects.



CONGRATULATIONS to the NORWICH School **National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)**. Six Norwich students placed in the top ten at Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky this spring!!!!

If you are interested in seeing a **National Archery in the School Program** in your school system contact one of the Chapter officers. Adirondack-Catskill SCI is interested in partnering with like minded organizations to promote youth programming in the shooting sports.



Join the Adirondack- Catskill Chapter of SCI Today!

Applications are on our web site at

<http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>

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The following article was submitted by George Franke, A-C Sci Legislative reporter—it appeared in the June 18, 2014 edition of Cato Press. Permission to reprint was given by John Glaser, Media Relations Manager of the Cato Institute.

June 18, 2014 11:10AM

When Washington Prefers to Punish Ivory Owners Rather Than Save Elephants

By [Doug Bandow](#)

The Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking met last week as the administration prepares to turn millions of Americans into criminals and destroy billions of dollars in property. The policy is driven by ideology and actually would kill more elephants.

Most ivory in America is legal and its sale does not endanger wildlife today. Before the international ban of 1989, millions of objects made of ivory or accented by small amounts of ivory entered the United States.

To fight poaching the government could *fight poaching*. That is, target those illegally killing elephants and selling illicit ivory. Instead, the government has decided to penalize those trading in legal older ivory. Alas, **doing so won't protect any elephants.**

In February, the Fish and Wildlife Service took what it described as “our first step to implement a nearly complete ban on commercial elephant ivory trade.” The agency plans to prohibit the sale of even antique ivory if **the owner cannot “demonstrate” the age with “documented evidence.”** Since 17th century carvers did not provide certificates of authenticity, virtually no ivory owner has such documentation, which Washington never before required.

The argument for the rule is that it would make life easier for FWS. But it **wouldn't help stop poaching.**

First, until politics changed the policy this year, FWS successfully targeted real criminals. For instance, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species reported a high level of effective enforcement in America. In a 2008 study, elephant researcher Daniel Stiles and conservationist Esmond Martin concluded: **“The USA has a good record for [ivory] seizures.”**

Second, the fact the law may be difficult to enforce is no excuse for treating those who followed the law and played by the rules as criminals. Dealers and collectors learn the difference between newer and older ivories.

Third, illicit ivory accounts for just a few percent of ivories sold in America. Multiplying the number of illegal objects subject to seizure would make it far harder to stop *the limited trade in new ivories that endangers elephants*. Merging the illegal and legal markets would encourage illicit sales. In a new study for the Ivory Education Institute, economist Brendan Moyle argued that legal ivories help restrain prices for illegal items. Moreover, desperate collectors would be tempted to turn to those on the other side of the law. FWS would have to shift resources away from poachers.

Fourth, Americans are not driving the demand for poached ivory. In September 2012 FWS admitted: **“we do not believe that there is a significant illegal ivory trade into this country.”** Stiles, an African elephant specialist, concluded in March: **“Most of the ivory sold in the U.S. is legal recycled ivory or genuine antiques.”** Moyle similarly noted: **“The size of the U.S. ivory market is a reflection of its historical size and not current poaching levels.”**

China is by far the largest market for illegal ivory. Some prohibitionists contend that punishing Americans would lead China to act against poaching. **However, Beijing won't harm its own people because the U.S. government treats U.S. antique collectors and dealers like criminals.** The real agenda of some activists is not to save elephants. They believe anyone possessing ivory *deserves to lose the item's value.* Yet an 18th century ivory cane is an object, neither moral nor immoral. There is nothing wrong with buying it, whatever its nature centuries ago. Moreover, some ivory was obtained from elephants which died naturally or were culled—killed because the habitat would not support them.

[Punishing Ivory Owners Rather Than Saving Elephants: When Ideologues Take Over the Regulatory State](#), **“the administration's assault on the rule of law should scare even those who do not own any ivory.”** FWS would essentially steal people's property at the behest of activist ideologues by changing a few words in the Federal Register.

Americans should work together to save elephants with policies that **actually address the problem and which respect people's basic constitutional rights and liberties.** The proposed ivory ban fails on all these counts.

It's never too early to start thinking A-C SCI Banquet Fundraiser!!

Dear Adirondack- Catskill Chapter,

Life member #1, Robert Matyas is very happy with the delicious meal served at the Adirondack- Catskill Safari Club International Fundraiser, by the Holiday Inn at Oneonta this March. I attended several other fundraisers and none could come close to this meal! My new bride Lois and I just returned from Argentina where they served beef all week. The steaks could not compare with what the Holiday Inn served us. This meal will bring back people and I recommend that we have the same meal served at our next fundraiser. The picture tells it all! The chef did an excellent job.

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Banquet Committee meetings will be starting this fall. If you are new to the chapter, this is a great way to get involved, meet members and contribute to the goals of the chapter. All are welcome, SEE YOU THERE!!! Watch the website or contact any Director or Officer for more details!

THANKS RON!!



Chapter thanks go to Ron Meek for donating a Weatherby Shot Gun to the New

York Conservation Officers Association Summer Auction in the name of Adirondack-Catskill SCI

If you have a hunt planned for Africa consider taking a BLUE BAG



Contact any officer or director for more information!

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492 North Knight Rd
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August 2, 2014

Registration 8:30 a.m.
Safety Talk 9:15 a.m.
Shoot Starts 9:30 a.m.

Awards Banquet to Follow Featuring Local Barbeque - - Lewis Class Scoring with Prizes

Event Format
Sporting Clays - Shooters will shoot 100 Targets

For more information contact: Paul Brody – evenings at 518-432-3141 or
Tom Wright – daytime at 607-432-6491
Thomas.wright@scouting.org



Sunset Farm Sporting Clays

Volunteers needed for OTEGO YOUTH DAY

August 23, 2014

9am– 2-pm

Otego Rod & Gun Club
FISHING - AIR GUNS - CROSS
BOW -COMPOUND BOW-
LASER SHOT
TURKEY CALLING
K-9 DEMONSTRATION
GAMES

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL
A PRIZE FOR ALL YOUTH

Contact Kurt Carman
607-988-2621



*Don't miss out! Join Adirondack-Catskill's
SABLES EDUCATION Committee and be
a part of the education legacy!*

A-C SABLES are active in

- Sponsoring Youth and Teachers to the American Wilderness School
- Fund Raising Events and A-C Chapter Support
- Hands-On-Wildlife Box Promotion
- Youth Day Educational Games

Contact Robin Jerauld at
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

March-July, 2014

FIVE GUN RAFFLE tickets on Sale - Turn your tickets and money into Daryl, Bill or Larry. Drawing will be at the July 17th Summer Picnic at The Hazard's. You may bring your ticket stubs and money that evening.

July 17, 2014

ACSCI Chapter Picnic at the Richard & Sue Hazard Home –143 Mill Rd. Poland, NY. All welcome, arrive between 5-6, Bring a dish to pass, and a beverage of your choice. *FIVE GUN RAFFLE DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE*

July 28—30, 2014

New York Conservation Officers Association (NYCOA) Annual Summer Convention—Hunter New York

August 2, 2014

Boy Scout Shoot 2014, Sunset Farms Sporting Clays, Duanesburg, NY

George Gollin is organizing a team to represent ACSCI at this event.

Contact George (607-432-9063 / ggollin@stny.rr.com) to register or obtain more information.

NO AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING

August 23, 2014

Youth Day at the Otego Rod & Gun Club, Otego NY. Event runs from 9AM-2PM. Fishing, air gun range, laser shot, cross and compound bow, K-9 demonstration, games. Lunch is Provided (free) and prizes for all youth.

Contact Kurt Carman (607-988-2621/motoxdad5@stny.rr.com).

September 18, 2014

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY .** Speaker to be announced. Watch our Website at www.adirondackcatskillsci.com.

October 4th,2014

Tower Shoot to benefit Veterans of 9-1-1, and Catholic Charities Veterans. Shoot starts at 9AM, Mountainview Preserve, Schenevus, NY. Contact 607-638-9509 or 631-793-7643 or visit www.mountainviewpreserve.com

Guests are always welcome at the monthly chapter meetings.

We encourage members to bring hunting partners and potential new members to our meetings and events. Bring your spouse, son, daughter or other youth to a meeting or event. Keep informed about chapter activities and the guest speaker schedule for meetings

2014 ACSCI Meeting Schedule - Meetings begin at 7pm

Location: Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY

September 18

November 20

Location: American Legion, Cold Brook, NY

July 17 - ACSCI Picnic
(see calendar above for time and location)

October 16

December 18

No chapter meetings in January and August

We are seeking guest speakers for chapter meetings. The membership is interested in hearing about your hunting trip or projects related to conservation and hunting. If you would like to present at a meeting or recommend a guest speaker, contact Larry Steiner at steinersci@stny.rr.com or 607-988-6334 to schedule the date.

ACSCI Website: <http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>