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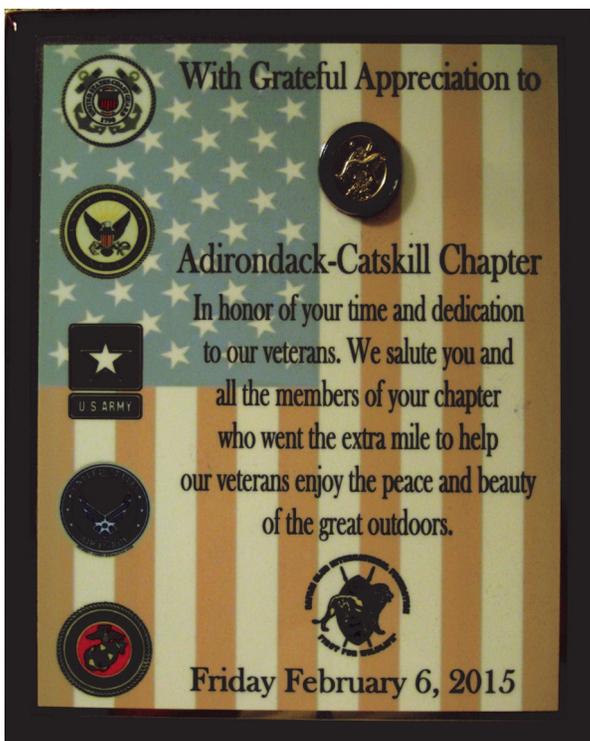
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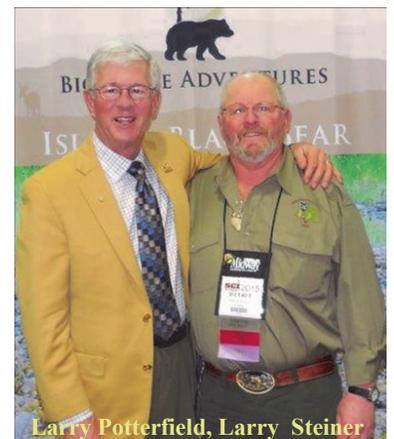
## *A Message from Larry Steiner, Chapter President*

Another successful SCI National Convention has passed and Robin and I were proud to be part of it. The trip out to Vegas was delayed for us due to the storm on Sunday and Monday. We finally left Albany Wednesday morning arriving late afternoon. We missed the first day of the convention, costing me precious time on the floor making donation contacts, but were able to sit with Sables National President and ACSCI members Veronica and Martin Kosich at the evening banquets.



There were many highlights too numerous to mention so I will touch on a few. At the Board of Directors meeting Thursday a **new membership promotion** was unveiled with **lower membership price options**. You can read more about this on page 6 of the newsletter. At the convention I sought out Craig Boddington who autographed his book "Elephant", which I had brought along on the trip. I also met Larry Potterfield of Midway USA. After congratulating him on being the first recipient of the "Beretta Conservation Award" we discussed different events of the Adirondack-Catskill Chapter. I accepted an award (pictured left) on behalf of our Chapter at the Veterans breakfast honoring our work with Hunts for Wounded Warriors projects.

At the Sables luncheon ACSCI Sables Rep and Sables National Secretary Robin Jerauld was presented with a Desert Eagle 1911C 45 caliber pistol. The "Eagle" was the first prize for the "STARS" Chapter Sables Committee Contest. Thanks to Robin for her leadership and to



our Sables Education Committee for their work in education! ACSCI Sables will use this pistol to raise funds for future education projects.

I also met up with A-C chapter members Herb Rose and Don Schelling, as well as Bill Burton, who is A-C SCI's new Field Rep. Bill will be working at our **A-C Chapter's 17<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, Oneonta NY**. Just as the National Convention is the major fundraiser for SCI, our chapter fundraiser is the major money maker for A-C SCI. Projects funded by our efforts include hunts for disabled youth, as well as hunts for wounded warriors and our sponsorships of educators and youth to the American Wilderness Leadership School, Jackson Hole, Wyoming. I want to thank all of the volunteers who organize our annual fundraiser. Their time, energy, and donations are the building blocks to advance our cause. It is **TEAM WORK** that makes us succeed. Together and **only** working together we will be able to beat the "Anti's" and preserve hunting and conservation for our future generations. If you can donate any item for our cause let me know ASAP. **See you on April 11<sup>th</sup>!**

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## FRANKE'S WAY

By George Franke

### MAINE BEAR HUNT UPDATE -

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water, the Humane Society of the United States, (HSUS) has indicated in a brief that it will again sue the State of

Maine to stop the bear hunt. As part of the discussions about the pending litigation, an attorney for HSUS, Rachel Wertheimer, advised the court that they will again put the question on the 2016 ballot, and will be filing the initial paperwork soon. .

**SCOPE LOBBY DAY** - March 3rd is SCOPE's Lobby Day in Albany. Some of the issues facing gun owners that will be addressed are SAFE STORAGE, MICROSTAMPING, INSURANCE, SAFE ACT DEFUNDING and PISTOL LICENSE REGISTRATION. Citizen lobbyists will be meeting with their state senators and assembly members and/or staff, between 10am and 2pm.

**NY CROSSBOW COALITION** - NYCC is continuing to pursue the expansion of Crossbow acceptance. The first priority is to see that the crossbow classification is changed to require the use of an Archery Privilege.

Second, we need to work to eliminate the 200lb max draw weight.

Third, youth should not be prohibited from using a crossbow during the Youth Hunt, when they are permitted to use firearms.

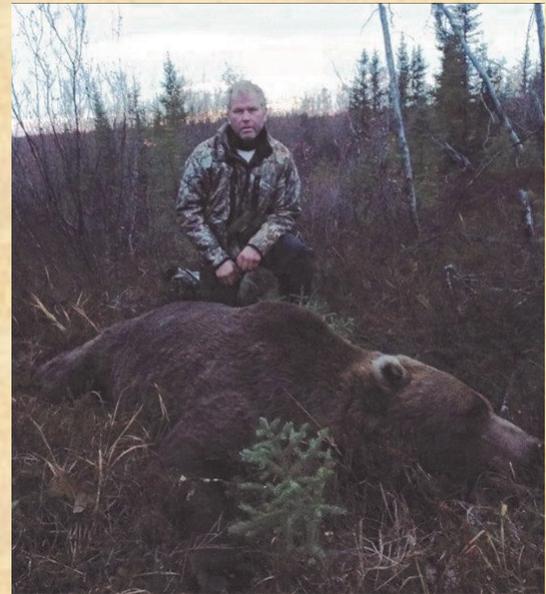
Additionally, we need to enlist the help of those from Suffolk and Westchester counties to bring them up to par with the remainder of the state. This will require hunters from these areas to request that discrimination against them be reversed, allowing them to utilize crossbows as permitted in the remainder of the state.

Lastly, the **DRAFT FISHER MANAGEMENT PLAN** is out for public review and comment through March 21. The draft plan describes the goals, objectives and strategies that will guide DEC's actions and decisions related to management of fisher populations in New York over the next ten years (2015-2025). The [draft management plan](#) is available on the DEC website. Remember, comment period on the draft plan runs through March 21, 2015. Comments may be submitted in writing to: NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife, Fisher Management Plan, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754 or by e-mail to [wildlife@dec.ny.gov](mailto:wildlife@dec.ny.gov) (type "Fisher Plan" in the subject line).

# *A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words. . . .*



## *Alaskan Bear & Moose* By Frank Zitz



 Announcing  
Safari Club International's  
**Hunters'**  
*Banquet & Auction*

*Don't Forget the Date!!*

**Adirondack - Catskill Chapter of SCI  
17th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser  
Saturday April 11, 2015**

*Call Larry Steiner at 607-988-6334 for Reservations*

# WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

By Ron Meek



What does the future hold? If you go by our Youth Day on February 14th, it looks pretty good!

We just held our annual Adirondack-Catskill SCI Youth Day at Rockdale and as always, had a ball! We have our best results with a mid-winter event and bill it as a “Cure for Cabin Fever”.

Rockdale R&G Club, A-C SCI, NRA members and others all donate their time, food and talents to this event and make it a real success! The usual events are: Air guns, Archery, Taxidermy, Fly Tying, Laser Shot, Turkey Calls, Ice Fishing, Archery/ Crossbow and interactive educational games provided by the A-C Sables.



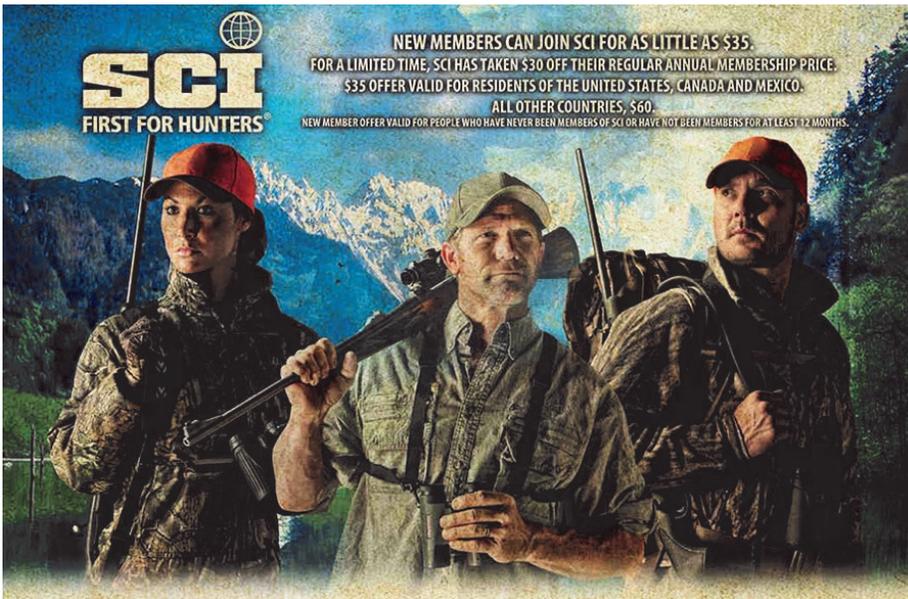
We always include a K-9 Demonstration and our favorite was there this year. ECO Bret Armstrong and his new K-9 Phoenix, gave a great demo. The best thing about Bret and his dogs is the fact that while they are a working pair, they are a total family, and it shows!

Over the years we have noticed that the youths are very well behaved. They pay great attention as we try to instill a love for the outdoors and what is available in the sporting world for them. The adults that accompany them are always impressed with the way we provide the kids with an opportunity to use our equipment and share our passions.

We are always impressed by the "Thank You's!" we receive and this year there was a special moment that illustrated a level of understanding similar to ours. We gave away a couple of youth guns and one of the winners really impressed me. As I was handing the Action-Cleared gun to him I asked him what he should do now. He said, "I should ask you if the gun is safe and check it myself!" Then the best came from him, "When I hand it back to you, YOU should do the same!"

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT!!!!





## SCI Announces Introductory Member Offer, New Option for Renewing Members

Safari Club International leadership is pleased to announce its New Member Campaign for 2015. New members can join SCI for just \$35\*.

SCI President Craig Kauffman said, "This campaign is the culmination of months of data research and member feedback. We have listened to our members and chapter leaders and believe this campaign will pay tremendous dividends for the programs of SCI."

These new members will enjoy every benefit of joining SCI, including 7 issues of Safari Magazine, 12 issues of Safari Times, access to the SCI Online Record Book, the ability to purchase SCI Convention tickets, access to the Hunter Assistance Hotline powered by Global Rescue and much more.

"I'm a deer and turkey hunter from Pennsylvania", said Kauffman, "I realized a long time ago when I attended my first SCI Convention, that if you're a hunter, you need to belong to SCI. The organization does more to protect the hunting rights of hunters all over the world than any other group. This is in addition to all the conservation work they fund and the education they provide. I encourage all hunters to join SCI and help protect the hunting rights and wildlife for future generations."

Now is the perfect time to invite your friends and family to experience SCI for the first time. This is a limited time offer, so please encourage them to help protect the freedom to hunt by joining today.

SCI is also offering a new renewal option for current members. Current members can continue to receive all of their printed publications and all other member benefits at the current rate of \$65 per year, or \$150 for three years. If they would rather have their publications delivered electronically instead of through the mail, they can renew for just \$35 per year, or \$90 for three years.

These offers are available now online at [www.safariclub.org](http://www.safariclub.org) as well as at participating SCI Chapter fundraisers. For immediate assistance or further clarification, people can call the SCI Member Services Department at [1-520-620-1220](tel:1-520-620-1220).

Safari Club International is the leader in protecting the freedom to hunt and promoting wildlife conservation worldwide and is looking forward to welcoming tens of thousands of new members in 2015 to help fulfill that mission.

\*The \$35 introductory price is valid for residents of the United States, Canada and Mexico; all other countries \$60 to cover additional postage fees.

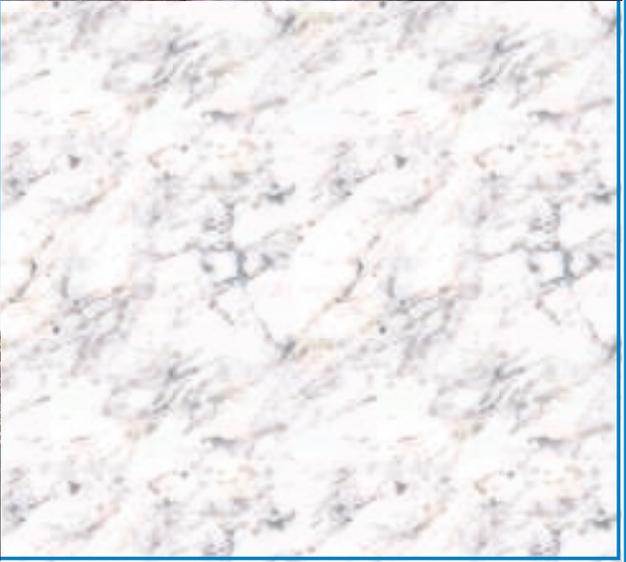
*Adirondack– Catskill Chapter Membership remains at the low price of \$20 a year, or \$200 for a Life Time A-C Chapter Membership! Support the grassroots of SCI!*



*A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words. . . .*



**Tom Williams**  
A-C SCI member of Billings, Montana  
**Mexican Hunt for  
Coues Deer and Javalina**



## *Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events*

### March 19, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at American Legion, Cold Brook, NY.**  
Speaker will address The New York State Envirothon, and Richard Hazard will talk on "Hunt Mishaps".

### March 24, 2015

**2015 Banquet Committee Meeting** at Larry Steiner's, 5:30pm, dish to pass.

### March 27-29, 2015

**24th Annual Big Camping & Outdoor Sports Show, Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, NY.** Contact George Franke to work at the A-C SCI booth at [george\\_franke@yahoo.com](mailto:george_franke@yahoo.com)

### April 11, 2015

**Adirondack-Catskill SCI Chapter Banquet/Fundraiser at the Holiday Inn, Oneonta, NY.**

### April 16, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY.** Speakers will be Harry Beninati and Bill DeClue on Water Fowl & White Tails in Missouri.

### May 21, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at American Legion, Cold Brook, NY.** Speaker to be announced or check the web site at <http://www.AdirondackCatskillSCI.com>

### June 14, 2015

1pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting Fun Event at Pat & Vinny Miglioris'.** Bring a dish to pass and beverage. 10063 Beartown Rd. North, Ava, NY 13303. Phone 315-827-4239

### July 2015

To be announced **A-C Chapter Picnic and Shooting Day** for the whole family

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 guest speaker schedule by visiting

<http://www.AdirondackCatskillSCI.com>

**ADIRONDACK-CATSKILL  
SCI**

*Welcomes New Members*



**Cindy Mikalunas  
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