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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

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

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

November 18 SCI Meeting will be at Christopher's in Oneonta at 7 pm. The speakers will be Stan Swears and Larry Steiner talking about their lion hunts with Scott Van Zyl of SS Pro Safaris

December 16 SCI Meeting will be at Coldbrook American Legion at 7 pm. Featured speaker will be Pat Hooker talking about his Bow Hunt for Elk in Colorado. The Chapter Big Buck Contest will be held.

There will be no meeting in January

New York State Arms Collectors Gun Show will be held at the Oneonta Holiday Inn on Nov. 7 from 9-3. For more information call Sandy Ackerman Klinger 607-748-1010

Bark at the Moon Coyote Club will hold a predator calling seminar at the Bass Pro Shops in Auburn on January 9 at 7 pm. For information call 585-223-5324

Adirondack Catskill SCI is currently running a thirty day raffle starting January 1 through the entire month of January. Money raised allows us to carry out the programs the chapter wants to support to promote and sustain our hunting/ outdoors heritage. Contact Daryl 607-972-4304 or Larry 607-988-6334 to buy your tickets or get tickets to sell. Don't delay, buy'em today.

Leather stocking FNRA Dinner was once again a successful endeavor. Nearly \$11,000 profit was made to be used for programs to promote Sportsman Clubs, Wildlife, and youth outdoors activities both locally and on a national level. If you were there, thank you, and if you weren't plan on next years event on September 17, 2011. Call George Gollin 607-432-9063 to get involved.

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

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.

Articles for the next newsletter should be sent to
George Gollin at acscinews@yahoo.com no
later than Dec. 18 for the Jan/Feb Newsletter.



Richard Hazard and his 2010
Adirondack Whitetail...

Mitchell Hooker, the Adirondack-Catskill Chapter's Young Hunter of the Year in 2009, has been named Safari Club International & Cabela's Young Hunter of the Year and will travel to Reno, Nevada with his family in January to accept his award at the 2011 SCI Annual Hunters Convention. In his letter of recommendation for the national award, Adirondack-Catskill Chapter member James Digristina wrote, "Mitchell is intelligent, hard working and inspirational....a young man that has a love for the outdoors and is involved in its conservation...the type of person that typifies what we all hope to be, he is truly a remarkable young man." Following is Mitchell's essay submitted with the letter of nomination for the national award.



My name is **Mitchell Hooker**, I am 17 and I live in central New York. I have been very fortunate in having been raised in a family that loves the outdoors, believes in conservation and management, and has taught me to be an ethical hunter. I also recognize how lucky I have been to grow up with close to 400 acres of land that I can hunt on and explore. The values I have learned - hard work, respect for the game I hunt, and resource management - I will pass on and model for other hunters.

I love to be outdoors and enjoy traveling. My family and I went to Zimbabwe, with Andy Kockett as our PH, to hunt plains game when I was 13. My first big game animal was a Kudu taken with a .257 Roberts. I also took a nice Impala and I took a Guinea fowl with my bow. In 2008 we went to Colorado on an elk hunt. I took a mule deer buck the very first day. My mother and I also captured a mountain lion on video. My passion for hunting, however, started at home where I love to hunt big and small game. I have been very lucky to fill my tags most of the time. Last year I filled one of those tags with a skewbald six pointer with my bow, which was my first whitetail buck ever. Skewbalds are very uncommon, only 1 in 5,000 deer have this genetic disorder. I also took an eight point during gun season, and opening day of rifle season 2009, I took a ten point, which took second in the annual big buck contest for our local SCI chapter. Harvesting the 10 point was especially satisfying as I had captured this buck on cam trackers, followed his pattern of movement, and set up ground blinds and stands.

I enjoy just as much, if not more than harvesting the animal, the year round scouting, shed hunting, using cam trackers, and monitoring the health of our turkey and deer populations. I belong to hunting organizations dedicated to wildlife conservation, including SCI, RMEF, and Ducks Unlimited. I worked the fund-raising banquet in September 2010 for the RMEF Leatherstocking chapter. As a young hunter, I take seriously my role in helping DEC monitor wildlife populations. I have done several turkey surveys for DEC. I have also been involved in the legislative process, writing Governor Paterson to encourage him to sign the legislation to lower the hunting age for big game with a gun to 14.

As Young Hunter of the Year for Safari Club International, Adirondack-Catskill Chapter, I spent a week in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in 2009. I very much appreciate the national chapter's support of young hunters and my local chapter's support in naming me Young Hunter of the Year and sending me to Jackson Hole. The local chapter's members have been great role models for me and I appreciate their guidance.

I'm dedicated to passing on my love of hunting and the values my parents and other hunters have taught me. I am committed to working to protect the heritage this country was founded on.

Mitchell is a senior at Mount Markham High School in West Winfield and will attend Paul Smith's College next fall in the Environmental Science Program. Parents Patrick and Karen Hooker thank SCI Adirondack-Catskill Chapter for its commitment to the future of hunting by doing so much for the upcoming generation of young hunters. Mitchell would not have had this opportunity were it not for the local chapter. You've had a positive and lasting impact on this young man.

Colorado Elk

by Pat Hooker

Karen, Mitchell and Patrick Hooker went after elk in Colorado at the end of August during bow season and had a great trip. It was a do it yourself hunt in an area they were somewhat familiar with. With over the counter either sex tags they were hoping just to fill the freezer at home but it turned out to be a great week in more ways than one.



They packed all their gear in (two trips) on game carts (Pat says if you're thinking of buying one go right to the Super Mag from Cabela's, nothing smaller) and set up camp. They were there for eight days so owning a full sized wall tent, kitchen outfit, cots and cylinder stove really made for a home away from home; temperatures dipped into the 20's most nights.

The bulls were bugling and everyone saw elk everyday with several animals in range of each hunter during the course of the trip. Hunting is hunting so being in range doesn't mean you have a shot. One morning Pat was dogging a herd up out of a drainage when something spooked them from above and the whole herd came running back down hill with elk passing by on both sides only a few yards away. Some cow calls got most of them to stop but at angles/positions that he dared not take with his recurve bow. Another day he stalked to within 40 yards of a bedded herd bull only to get blown out and see his large 4th points banging through the dark timber away.

Two days later in the same drainage Pat got another look at those long 4ths as he put his hands on them to pull the dead bull's antlers from a tangle of aspen, the bull had fallen that morning to his 160 grain, 2 blade Zwickey. It was an amazing and lucky hunt. The herd was seen a mile or so away but headed to him and he was able to intercept them in a creek bottom; they all filed by at 20 yards and after shaking off the worst case of buck fever in 20 years. Pat got his bull.

Later, when the three of them returned for the meat, it was pointedly noted by both Mitch and Karen that this was the worst possible and -far- from-camp spot it could have been, to which all he could do was sheepishly shrug and thank them for their help....family sure is great.

In the end it was a safe and fun week with a lot of animals on video and one other that will easily qualify for the Pope and Young club records in the cooler. It was really great for these three family members to slow down the pace of life and enjoy the beauty of Colorado.

NEWS

Thank you very much for the continuing support from the ACSCI chapter with your annual donation of \$1,000.00 to the NRA Foundation Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Endowment. I am sending the check and letter on to Dave Messics to process for the Foundation. That makes # 11, hard to believe how time goes by but we do have a lot of people we have helped and many programs that have come to fruition over the years thanks to our partnerships, mutual interests and initiatives. My best to the chapter!

Shooting for the Future,

Jay R
NRA Senior Field Rep
Proud to be a long time ACSCI member!

Lincoln Leads Charge To Stop Ban On Lead Ammunition And Lead Fishing Tackle

“Washington — U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, today introduced legislation to protect the use of lead in the manufacturing of ammunition and fishing tackle. Lincoln’s bill would exempt lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle from being banned under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Toxic Substances Control Act. ‘Banning lead ammunition and fishing tackle would significantly drive up manufacturing costs, directly hurting the thousands of Arkansans who enjoy hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting. This ban would also be a blow to more than 20,000 Arkansans who depend on fishing tackle and ammunition manufacturing for their livelihoods,’ said Lincoln. ‘My bill simply clarifies that the components used in manufacturing shells, cartridges, and fishing tackle are exempt from EPA regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Taking this simple step will provide certainty to these critical industries and prevent EPA and activist litigators from dragging this issue out through the courts for years.’” (Source: Senate Agriculture Committee Press Release) Read the full article at <http://bit.ly/ds7ct0>.

SCI Appeals Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Ruling

On Oct. 1, 2010, SCI filed a Notice of Appeal of the Montana federal district court’s ruling against the delisting of Montana and Idaho’s wolves. SCI will take their appeal of the ruling to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. SCI is joined in the appeal by the National Rifle Association of America. Also filing appeals are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Idaho, State of Montana and several other sportsman’s groups that participated in defense of the delisting in the district court case.

A Question to SCI members

What do you think of New York allowing the use of cross bows during the firearms deer season in 2011, and should cross bows be allowed during archery season. Send your answers to acscinews@yahoo.com and find out what fellow members think in the Jan/Feb issue

Greetings ACSCI members and families,

My name is Robin Jerauld and I am organizing a Sables Committee within the Adirondack-Catskill Chapter of SCI. Sables has been a part of Safari Club International since 1984, when a group of ladies attending the SCI Convention, banded together to help SCI save the Granite Ranch, current home of the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS). Our own chapter has sponsored 12 teachers through this program along with numerous “Young Hunter Award” recipients and one young women through the “Becoming an Outdoor Women” (BOW) program.

The Sables Vision Statement is clear; to be the premier source of balanced and accurate information to educate the public on the value of hunting and conservation in continuing our outdoor heritage for future generations. We all know the importance of educating the public, dissipating myths and rumors” often purported by popular media and activist groups, and just plain straightening out the misinformed.

I am inviting you to become a part of this critical support group whether you are an avid hunter or an avid supporter of hunting, all are welcome women and men alike. We are in the early stages of planning our 2011 agenda and welcome your input. For more information please feel free to call me evenings at 607-988-6875, days 607-643-1978 or email to rjerauld@toast.net. I look forward and welcome our conversations.

Best Regards,
Robin Jerauld

Arrested SA poaching gang linked to Minister Kembo Mohadi

By Tererai Karimakwenda
22nd September 2010

Dawie Groenewald, owner of the notorious Out of Africa Adventure Safaris company and his wife, Sariette, were arrested on Monday in South Africa, for allegedly being the masterminds behind an illegal rhino poaching gang. Nine other people, including veterinarians and hunters, were also arrested for poaching.

The gang appeared before a magistrate in South Africa on Wednesday, which is ironically also the day declared International Rhino Day by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The case was postponed until April 11th, 2011, after Groenewald reportedly posted bail of about one million rand, with the others paying less.

Out of Africa has been linked to top officials in Mugabe's party, particularly the Home Affairs Minister Kembo Mohadi. The company became notorious during the height of the farm invasions when they arranged hunting safaris on farms stolen by ZANU PF officials. Out of Africa was subsequently banned from entering the country in September 2004 by the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority.

Sources told us that Minister Mohadi was responsible for facilitating the release of South African poachers when they were arrested in Zimbabwe.

But this time Groenewald and his partners have been arrested by South African authorities. Their ability to pay so much money in bail and the postponement till next year only raises further questions as to the extent of their connections to government officials in both countries.

Our sources, who chose to remain anonymous, told us that Mohadi interfered in a case last year that involved a well known South African poacher named Johan Roos. They said Roos, who lives in Musina, was captured inside Zimbabwe after a shoot out in the Buby River Conservancy, where one guard was killed and another seriously injured. Roos was detained in the police cells in Beitbridge for two nights, but was suddenly released under unclear circumstances.

Raoul du Toit, director of the Lowveld Rhino Trust a partnership of key stakeholders, confirmed that Roos had indeed been arrested in August 2009. He explained that Roos was named in numerous other poaching cases as the guy who supplied weaponry, firearms and ammunition, and that it was through him that poachers had traded their rhino horns.

As to why Roos was released du Toit responded: "He was caught and released on grounds that can only be called dubious. But it's like so many of these other cases. That syndicate has clearly infiltrated the officials responsible for holding him. It should come as no surprise that this was at Beitbridge, which to be absolutely honest is as a cesspool of corruption."

Beitbridge falls under Minister Mohadi's jurisdiction as a member of parliament.

Wounded Warriors, Donors to Date October 2010

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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Here is the list of A/C SCI member taxidermists. If you enter the *Big Buck Contest* one of these folks must be the taxidermist if you win (paid for by the Chapter), and they would also gladly mount anything you care to hang on a wall. Give them a call.

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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 \$30. This is normally a \$75 membership. Our goal is 20 new members before January 1, 2011..

Together we can make it happen.

Welcome to:

Jennifer Fleming — Smyrna, NY

Kyle King — New Berlin, NY

Mike Adams — Afton, NY

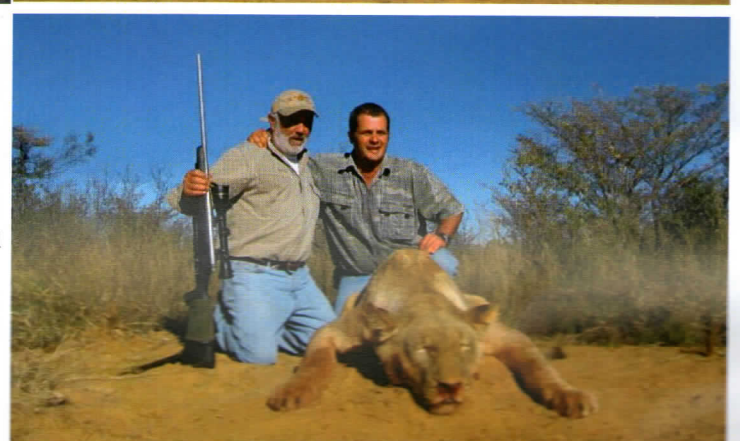
Fred Vanderburgh — Van Etten, NY



SS Pro Safaris

by Larry Steiner

Some of the highlights of our trip to South Africa were to see the excitement of Stan and Sal while they were explaining the hunt for their Lioness. We did not hunt over bait. The Lion hunt was done on foot, looking for tracks, then it was spot and stalk. We spotted my Lion stalking some Zebra, when we interrupted him he climbed into a tree and waited for us, luckily we spotted him from 75 yards out and I got a shot from there with my Sako Finnbear, 375 H&H Mag, which I have carried on two African trips since Stan encouraged me to get it out of the safe and use it. Stan also provided the 270 Barnes ammo I used. What a exciting hunt for a dangerous cat. This was my 6th trip to Africa and only the second time I saw a Black Mamba, only this time it was too close..6 feet away. Luckily for us he slithered away from us or else I would not be here to write this story. Another great moment was when we were heading back to the Lodge and we spotted the biggest Eland I have ever seen. One bullet to the shoulder and it was on the ground. Stan and Sal were great hunting buddies and we are looking forward to our next Hunting adventure together. That's what it is all about. Feel free to contact any one of us for info on Scott Van Zyl and SS Pro Safaris.



Bear Hunt

George Franke

Far from being the biggest bear in the world, Maine seems to grow them small, but it grows lots of them. I hunted with Edgar Lugdon of Lugdon Lodge, Eagle Lake Maine. I met Ed at the Syracuse Sports Show 5 years ago and got him to donate a hunt to the Adirondack-Catskill Chapter of SCI every year. Last banquet I was the winning bidder.

It's a 14 hours drive from Norwich to Eagle Lake. All highway! It was certainly worth the trip! We had 7 hunters in camp. The first night out



three bear were harvested, the biggest being 180. The second night out I took mine, which weighted 120 and a fellow from Pennsylvania took another. A third hunter wounded one which was never recovered after 2 days of searching.

The third night out 3 of the 4 hunters had opportunities and passed for a variety of reasons.

The fourth evening out two bears were seen, but only after legal shooting times. I left the 5th morning and so I have no idea if they harvested any more. I'll give Ed a call on Sunday.

This was the 2nd week of the season. The first week 17 hunters seen 50 bear and harvested 9. Some hunters were looking for huge bear, some missed, some just plain didn't shoot for one reason or another.

Anyhow, anyone interested in a bear hunt next fall, gimme a shout and I'll fill you in on lots more details.