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## ACSCI Update - by Don DuBois

We've had some great presentations at our monthly ASCSI meetings. Mark Vencak reported on his safari with Steyn Caracal in South Africa. Please note the pictures of Mark and Jeanene in this issue. Mitch Hooker and Cody Cye gave an excellent report on their experiences at the American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson Wyoming.

Larry received a letter from Senator Joseph Griffo. In the letter Sen. Griffo outlined the anti gun/ant hunter legislation he is opposed to and encourages "all of us who support the outdoor sports enthusiasts to continue to remain vigilant".

At the December ACSCI meeting Keith Kanclarz won the door prize. In addition to scoring entries at the annual Big Buck Contest, Keith is a Charter Member and a taxidermist donor at our annual banquet. Carl Pepi is the new member of the year. Carl is also a banquet donor and purchased a full page ad in the banquet program. Our Sponsor member is George Frank. Anyone who follows the workings of our Chapter is well aware of the time and energy George dedicates to ACSCI. Del Law received our attendance prize. In addition to his regular attendance at our monthly meetings, Del serves as our Banquet Committee accountant. (Del just had hip replacement surgery and is laid up for awhile. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Del. It would be a sad day if I had to fill in for you on your scheduled moose hunt.)

## Special Announcements

**January- No regular meeting** (Hope some of you can make it to the convention in Reno.)

**January 5** — Banquet Planning Committee Meeting at Larry's house at 6 pm

**January 12** — Sportsman's Day in Albany.

**February 18** — Our meeting at Christopher's in Oneonta will feature Steph Swanapole. Steph has been a long time supporter of our Chapter and has successfully taken a number of ACSCI members on safari.

**March 27** — ACSCI Fundraiser- Holiday Inn in Oneonta.



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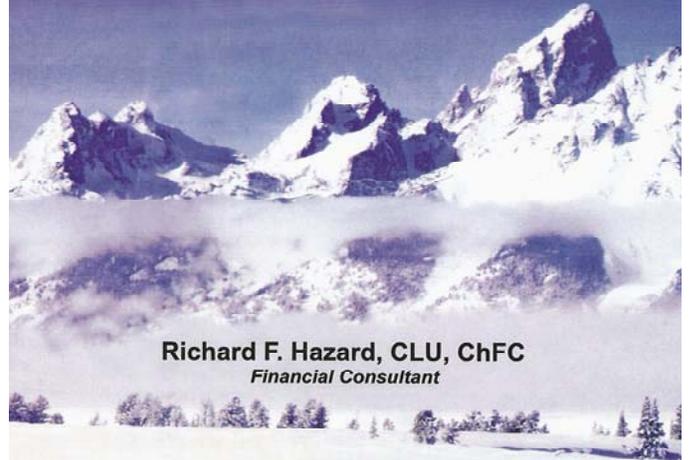
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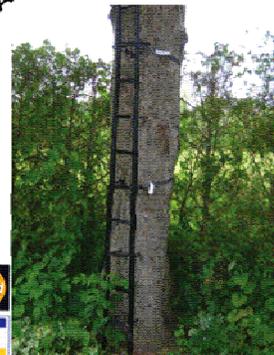
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# News and Views from the Norwich Woods...

by George Franke

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at the ACSCI Booth that day.

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*Below: Congratulations to our Big Buck Contest Winners. Pictured are Gary Bourgeois with his first place buck which scored at 150 7/8, Mitch Hunter with a ten point 114 5/8 inch buck, Perry Piacinto with his 109 3/8 inch eight point, and Lee Crowther with his 106 1/8 inch ten point. Thanks, also, to Keith Kanclarz for scoring this years trophies.*

## Big Buck Contest Winners



## Elephant Hunt

by Tony Denison

Early in October Tony Denison returned to Africa for an elephant hunt, again with Nhoru Safaris. He hunted with his PH's Gordon Stark and Philip Reed. Tony hunted with his Ruger 77 in 458. The load he used was 75 grains of accurate 2230 and a Barnes solid 450 grain with a speed of 2263 fps. The hunt was made in the Chirisa Safari area in Zimbabwe. Three or four days into the hunt the trackers found three nice bull tracks. They picked them up early, at daylight, and jumped them around 8 o'clock. We



then returned to the truck, to give the elephants a chance to calm down. At about 10:30 AM they all went back, to where they had left the elephants, and the trackers went to work again. After walking all afternoon, in 100 degree weather, the trackers finally heard the elephants around 4:30 PM. They entire group had to circle around the animals to keep the wind in their favor and finally saw them just before 5 o'clock. They were hunting in very heavy mopani bush, so to get a clear shot they had to get very, very close. They had gone about 10 yards, trying to get a clear brain shot, when one of the elephants lifted his trunk and was aware that something was not quite right. The group had discussed what they would do in case of different senarios, but they were sure, due to the density of the bush, that they would only get one shot. So if they could not get a shot in the brain, or heart and lung, or a spine shot, they would have to let the animals go. The elephants wheeled so the only shot Tony had was to the spine. The animal dropped immediately into a sitting position. He then walked around the elephant and put two rounds into the brain. Looking at his watch, it was just 5 o'clock. They checked their GPS and saw they were about five miles from the truck, so they decided not to try to get any photos that day because it was already getting dark. They got out to the truck when it was pitch black and drove back to camp. They were up at 4:30 AM the next morning, had breakfast and started back to where the truck was parked the night before. They brought with them seven additional skinners, because they had to cut a road into the elephant five miles. They got to the elephant at about 3:30 in the afternoon. They cleared the area in order to take photos and then the skinners started their long task. The group got back to camp at 9:30 that night. That ended a fantastic and successful elephant hunt.

The next day Tony decided to shoot a big kudu, if they found one. Although they saw plenty, they did not find one in the 55+ inch range. So they passed those up.

Tony had planned after the hunt to visit Victory Falls. So the next day Tony and Gordon left camp and drove six hours to the falls. They had a very nice lunch at the Victory Falls Inn and then called it a day. The following day they walked up to the head of the falls where there is a large bronze statue of Dr. Stanley Livingston. They proceeded on, taking photos along the way, for approximately a mile. They spent to rest of the day touring the Victory Falls area.

The next day Gordon Stark introduced Tony to a friend of his in Botswana. He gave them a personal tour through Chobi National Park by car and boat. The following day Tony had to get back to Bulawayo for his flight home. What a fantastic way to finish a safari!! He's looking forward to the next one.

If anyone would like more information about hunting with Nhoru Safaris, you can contact Tony at 315-655-3517.

# Story

by Herb Rose

It was mid-September when Larry, David (a friend) and I flew to South Africa. We were picked up by the S&S ProSafaris folks.

Larry went to the camp because he wanted to start his hunt for cats in the Limpopo region.

Dave and I went in another direction, driven and guided by Peter, who is the older brother of the outfitter. Our purpose was to tour some of the 2.5 million acres in the Kruger National Park. We saw the major animals, less the leopard, plus a great number of plains game and lesser animals including wild dogs that had apparently just finished feeding. Pups are pups whether wild or domesticated. After staying in and out of the park, we left for the outfitter's ranch.

Mountains to the rear of the ranch house made the view fabulous and the stay great.

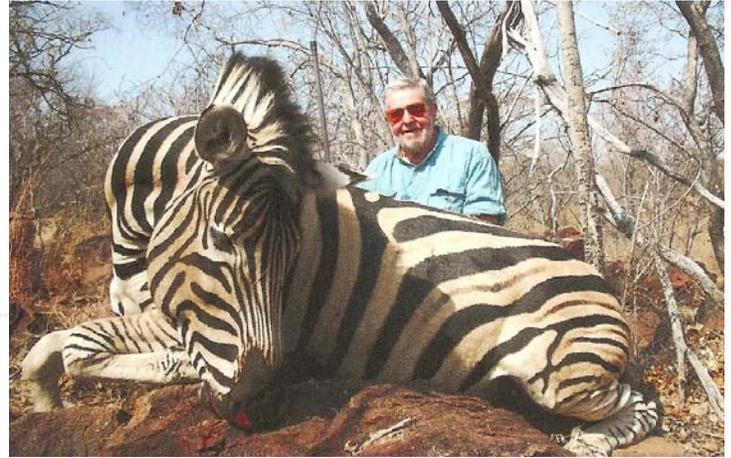
The last 30 miles to the ranch was dirt road and we traveled mostly at 75-80 mph. They have a lot of space and travel fast.

We witnessed the procedures for hunting hippos with Larry. This roly-poly animal kills more people than any other in Africa (other than man!).

I used a 300 ultra-mag with 200-grain bullets and provide pictures of all one-shot kills. Heck of a caliber when shots are placed correctly.

- One – Blue wildebeest
- One – Zebra
- One – impala
- One - blesbuck

Many opportunities presented themselves while in the blind waiting for warthogs to show up.



I shot more animals than I told my wife I was going to kill. Once over there the opportunities are hard to resist.

Weather was great. It was right before summer and the rainy season; therefore, we had no bug problem.

Food was local game, prepared deliciously by the outfitter's wife

The accommodations were more than adequate.

Pricing was more than fair because there were fewer hunters and travelers this year.

Airfare was better than 50% off the normal price.

Trophies are not here yet (my wife doesn't care!)

A good time was had by all.



## **Africa Maximum Safari**

by **Don DuBois**

In our previous newsletter I described the first week of a two week hunt and photo safari with Africa Maximum Safaris. At the conclusion of our week long hunt, my wife, Laura, Sid and Bonnie Westcott, and I packed our bags and set out on a one week photo safari. Although I usually take a few pictures on a hunt, the photo safari was a new experience for all of us. Each photo safari is planned well in advance by Jacque Senekal and his wife, Natalie. Many options are available to the traveling tourist including visits to a cultural village, a hot air balloon safari, national parks, the Pilanesberg Game Reserve, a lion park visit, as well as golfing and the resort of Sun City. The four of us decided to tour the Cradle of Life and Starkfontein caves and Kruger National Park. Leaving camp we traveled to Limpopo, over nighting in Tzaneen. After touring the Northern section of Kruger, we spent the night at Letaba Camp and then headed South. The accommodations were wonderful! The restaurants' were fantastic!

Traveling to Graskop, we viewed the Drakensberg escarpment of the Lowveld, drove through Blyde River Canyon, and spent the night in Dullstroom before heading on to Johannesburg. (I particularly liked Dullstroom, "a drinking town with a fishing problem".)

The photo safari with Africa Maximum was a wonderful experience. The wildlife, the scenery, and the stops at little towns and villages for a cup of coffee and some shopping topped off our trip to South Africa. I'll get our pictures organized and show them at a future ACSCI meeting. Many thanks to Jacque and Natalie for their guidance and attention to detail. I highly recommend them to you if you are planning a hunting safari, a photo safari, or both. They can be reached at PO box 94, Swartuggens 2835, South Africa.

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*Tom Williams, our ACSCI Montana Connection and donor to our banquet/banquets, recently sent us a picture of his 4X4 mule deer. Tom indicates he saw the buck over a half mile away through his spotting scope and managed to "catch up to him". Congratulations, Tom*

Hi guys,

I thought the members would like to see what the Young Hunter of the Year, Mitchell Hooker has been up to so far this season.

He has taken a couple of antlerless deer in bow season (yeah, he shoots them wearing Johnson wools, not camo) and one big buck on opening day of the southerntier season. Mitch has taken video and trail cam pictures of this buck all summer; he really worked for him. You will see that he took him with a model 700 which just happens to be the rifle he won in our fall raffle! It is a 30-06 and he has really gotten good with it.



The day Larry called to make arrangements for us to pick up the rifle Mitch couldn't go because this buck had bedded within sixty yards of him, pinning down in his tree stand. He put in 7 1/2 hours in the stand waiting for a shot with his bow but it wasn't to be that day. The old buck wasn't so lucky November 21st.

Happy Hunting, Pat Hooker



Jeanene Higbie and her Gemsbuck

Mark Vencak with his Kudu

