



Adirondack-Catskill Chapter Safari Club International News

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ACSCI Youth Safari Wish Hunt 2016

By Bill Mayer



The ACSCI Youth Safari Wish Hunt is one of the Chapters Humanitarian programs. Applications can be submitted by any youth 12 to 17 years of age who has completed a hunter safety course. Preference is given to a youth who has a medical or physical disability. This year, 17-year-old Eoin Brady was selected for a hunt sponsored by the chapter. Eoin was diagnosed with diabetes when he was 7 and diagnosed at 13 with Celiac Disease. Eoin is a high school senior from Yonkers who loves hunting, playing his guitar and basketball. He looks forward to weekends when he and his family travel upstate and he can spend time enjoying the outdoors. Saturday October 22nd dawned with pouring rain. But this wasn't going to be just another rainy fall day, this was the day of Eoin Brady's Safari Wish hunt. We got on the road before dawn with the hope that the rain would let up by the time we arrived in West Edmeston later that morning. When we arrived at the lodge, Eoin met his hosts for the day, Cody and Cindy Mikalunas, owners of Wild West Trophy Hunts. Accompanying

Eoin were his parents, John and Finola Brady, his brother Ben, family friend Tim Edwards, ACSCI members Bill and Lynn Mayer, and ACSCI President Larry Steiner. Before the hunt began, Cody took us for a ride to look for the different game animals living on the 160 acre preserve. After about an hour, we returned to the Lodge to warm up and dry out in front of the fire. It was a chance to sample the homemade apple pie with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. Cody reviewed safety rules and provided Eoin with final instructions for the hunt. When Eoin was ready, we geared up and headed out. After a short ride, we located a group of Rams and saw Eoin's intended trophy, a Jacob's 4-Horned Ram. Cody, Eoin, his dad and brother, then headed out on foot to make the stalk while the rest of us stayed back and watched. They closed to within 75 yards of the Rams and waited for Eoin's Ram to present a clear shot. When the Ram finally cleared from the rest of the group, Eoin was ready and he made a perfect heart shot. The Ram was down. It was time for hugs, handshakes and photos. Eoin was one happy hunter! He had spent the past month thinking about this day and had been mentally completing preparations for the hunt in addition to worrying about what gear he would need. He hadn't slept at all the night before because he was so excited and filled with anticipation. Eoin had now successfully accomplished his intended task and harvested his trophy. We loaded up Eoin's Ram and headed back to the lodge. It was time to relax and enjoy the hot lunch Cindy had prepared for us.

When we arrived back home later that afternoon, we met up with the Brady's Taxidermist, Ron Bender of Ron's Taxidermy in Schoharie NY. Ron caped out the Ram in preparation for completing Eoin's trophy mount. The next day, Eoin and I processed the meat for the freezer. Now Eoin's hunt was complete from field to table!

Many thanks to Cody and Cindy Mikalunas at Wild West Trophy Hunts for all they do to help ACSCI provide youth with an exciting hunting experience. With the support of ACSCI members, we hope to continue the Safari Wish Hunt program for years to come. The Safari Wish Hunt program information and youth application can be downloaded from the Chapter's website, or contact Bill Mayer at SWH@adirondackcatskillsci.com.



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A Message from Larry Steiner Chapter President

Fall is in the air and hunting season is upon us. As we take to the field and woods please keep in mind our young people and possibly take a youth hunting, maybe for the first time.

Also think about our Chapter and how you may be able to help make it better and grow in membership. One way is to invite your hunting friends to come to our meetings and encourage them to join SCI and our ACSCI Chapter. Another way could be to share your experiences in the field with others by writing a short article and submit pictures for our newsletter, even perhaps put on a short program at one of our meetings. Another way could be to join and participate in one of the ACSCI Committees including the fundraiser committee.

Please contact any officer or director for more information and to get involved in our Chapter. There are people out there who would like to take away our hunting privileges! Working together we can insure these rights for us and younger generations to come. Remember, SCI is FIRST FOR HUNTERS.

Thank you for your support and have a safe and successful hunting season.

Larry

Adirondack-Catskill SCI Welcomes New Members

*Adolf Schaefer Jr
Paul Elia
Bonnie Scelzo
Eugene Hardy
Mitchell Hooker*

*Chris Jones
Shane Manna
Glen Maranga
David Moore*

New Sables Education Members

*Peg Kunkler
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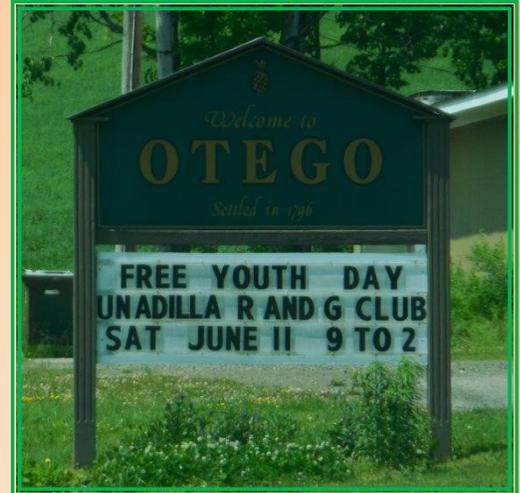
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Chapter Dues remain at the low price
of \$20 a year.*

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Unadilla Youth Day

This year was yet another successful running of the ACSCI-Unadilla Rod & Gun Club's Youth Day. The event drew quite a few "first timers" as well as youth that had enjoyed previous years. Kids have the opportunity to shoot cross and compound bows, air rifles and an indoor laser shot game. A beautiful pond provides the chance for fishing and indoor educational games are provided as well. Each event is supervised by qualified instructors who stress safety, conservation and sportsmanship. Everyone had an awesome time and enjoyed a great lunch including yogurt donated by Chobani of Edmeston, New York. Next on the program were two special demonstrations, one from Max Zimmerman and his red tail hawk and NYS DEC officer Keith Illes and his K-9 partner "Shamey". The day ended with the drawing of two pellet rifles and many other prizes. Thanks to the Unadilla R & G Club for partnering with AC-SCI as we look forward to an exciting event next year as well.



Redmond Deer Farm

By Jeff and Richard Hazard

Recently Jeff Hazard and I had the opportunity to take a tour of Redmond's Red Deer farm in Holland Patent, NY. The farm is owned and operated by ACSCI chapter members Fred and Marie Anken, and is situated at the base of Starr Hill, the highest point in Oneida County.



At present, the Anken's herd is made up of approximately 225 head of deer, of which 70-75 are stags. After returning to upstate New York from Connecticut where they ran a custom woodworking business, Marie and Fred opened the farm on nearly 250 acres in 2013. Farming is not new to the Ankens as they both grew up on local dairy farms. Farming is in their blood.

Although the Ankens are currently raising stock for the commercial meat market, they are also involved in breeding and the sale of antlers and velvet to the pet supply industry. Since our visit took place in early September, the stags were just coming out of their velvet and were showing some signs of pre-rut activity. Frequently, the stags would pair off and start to size one another up and engage in some light sparring. Fred said that he would be taking off their antlers within a short time to prevent injuries to both the stags and themselves. During the rut fights can become quite violent and stags have been known to kill each other. Of special interest to Jeff and I was a stag named "Bullwinkle". This is the Anken's main breeder stag, and at 5 years old he weighs an impressive 650 pounds and has a total antler length of over 400 inches. Bullwinkle is a prime example of Redmond's proud, strong stag lineage, with bloodlines tracing all the way back to some of the most established herds from all over the world. This testament is also evidenced in one of Bullwinkle's offspring - a young stag that boasts over 72 points as a yearling. It is safe to say the tradition of trophy stags is alive and well within this bloodline.

Redmond's Red Deer Farm is unique in that it boasts a 60' x 2800' grass runway with choice approaches from both ends.

Fred, a licensed pilot and plane owner, built the runway on the property to allow fly-in hunts for clients from both near and far. With this in mind, the Ankens are looking to open the farm up to hunting opportunities. While hunting will be limited at first, they look to greatly expand their operation in the years to come. Along with the ability to provide for fly-in hunting, some other key features of Redmond Red Deer hunts will include quality bed and breakfast accommodations for all guests, featuring home-cooked meals and exceptional lodging. In addition, there is 7000 acres of prime NY State land adjacent to the Ankens, offering trophy white tail deer, turkey, goose and black bear hunting for those looking to enjoy the thrill of all the natural game that New York State has to offer. For anyone who is interested in more information, please contact Fred or Marie Anken at: redmondsdeer@gmail.com. 315 865 8670



A picture is worth a thousand words



Patrick Lewis and Larry Steiner
Water Fowl Hunt, Saskatchewan, Canada
September 2016



Jeff Hazard
Black Bear, Adirondacks
October 2016



Larry Steiner
Rocky Mountain Elk, New Mexico
October 2016

SUNY Cobleskill Wildlife Festival

by Bill Mayer

Saturday April 30th was the annual SUNY Cobleskill Wildlife Festival held at Center Park in Cobleskill NY. The festival attracts families and students from Schoharie and surrounding counties. The event is free, and offers the community a chance to learn about SUNY's wildlife studies program, participate in a fishing derby, attend presentations about wildlife and participate in hands-on activities. There are also food and craft vendors along with musicians that add to the festival atmosphere.

This year, our chapter was invited to setup a booth and represent the Safari Club International organization. It was a sunny spring day and the festival attracted a lot of people throughout the day. The ACSCI booth was managed by chapter members Bill and Lynn Mayer, President Larry Steiner and youth volunteer, Ben Brady.

We sold tickets for the September raffle, handed out flyers for our youth day activities, and spoke with visitors about the ACSCI Hunts for Wounded Veterans program. We met several families who were very interested in programs that would introduce their children to gun safety, the shooting sports, and hunting. Our presence at the festival helped to attract new attendees to the June youth day event we sponsored at Unadilla R&G Club.

The SUNY Cobleskill students who planned and managed the festival were very appreciative of our participation at the event. We plan to participate again next year and hope the festival occurs on a sunny Saturday.



Green Raffle Drawing Winners



Christiana Havens: 1st prize: Browning A-Bolt Rifle drawn at the September Chapter meeting.

Other winners were:

Mark Snashall: TC Bone Collector Muzzleloader

Johnny McGivney: Henry Golden Boy

Ken Harris: Parker Thunderhawk Cross-bow

ACSCI Big Buck Contest Rules

- Hunter must be an ACSCI member in good standing prior to the start of NYS hunting season (Oct 1st)
- Existing ACSCI members must have their Adirondack-Catskill chapter dues and SCI national dues paid in full prior to October 1st
- The deer entered in the contest must be taken in New York State
- The deer must be legally taken and tagged by the hunter
- The tag must remain with the antlers
- The contest ends at the December chapter meeting when the current year's Big Buck Contest winner is determined. Only deer legally taken by an ACSCI member during the current hunting season up to the December meeting date are considered eligible for the contest.
- Antlers are scored at the December meeting. The highest score, using SCI scoring rules, will determine the winner.
- The winner of the Big Buck Contest will get a shoulder mount of the deer
- completed by a taxidermist who is an ACSCI member.



Adirondack-Catskill SCI Member Trophy Awards Form

Deadline is the December 15th Chapter Meeting

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Type of Animal _____

Where Taken _____

Outfitter/Guide _____

Method of Hunt _____

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

Does this trophy complete an SCI Grand Slam? ___ No ___ Yes

- If Yes, which one? _____

Rate the hunt ___ Best of my Life ___ Top 5 Hunts ___ Top 10 Hunts

Describe the hunt for this species _____

Rules for ACSCI Member Trophy Awards

1. Any animal taken legally worldwide
2. Photograph must be submitted with completed form
3. All entries must be completed and received by December 15

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 mail photos and completed form to: Jim Degristina 11369 Cosby Manor Road Utica, NY 13502

ACSCI Meeting & Event Schedule

December 15, 2016 7pm Chapter Meeting at American Legion, Cold Brook, NY. Big Buck Contest and voting for Trophy of the Year awards. Rules for award programs are posted on chapter website.

January 7, 2017 No Chapter Meeting

February 1-4, 2017 Safari Club International Convention, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NE

February 16, 2017 7pm Chapter Meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY. Speakers: Patrick Lewis and Larry Steiner, Saskatchewan Duck and Goose Hunt

February 18, 2017 AC-SCI & Rockdale R&G Youth Day, 9am – 2pm, Rockdale Rod & Gun Club, Mt. Upton, NY. Contact Ron Meek for more information 607-371-1974

March 16, 2017 7pm Chapter Meeting at American Legion, Cold Brook, NY

March 24, 25, 26, 2017 AC-SCI Membership Booth at the Big East Outdoor Expo, Turning Stone Casino. Contact George Gollin 607-432-2953

April 1, 2017 19th Annual AS-SCI Banquet and Fundraiser, Oneonta, NY. Contact Larry Steiner for more information 607-988-6334

April 20, 2017 7pm Chapter Meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY. Speakers: Don and Laura DuBoise, Wyoming Mule Deer and Antelope Hunt.

May 18, 2017 7pm Chapter Meeting at American Legion, Cold Brook, NY

June 10, 2017 AC-SCI & Unadilla R&G Youth Day, 9am – 2pm, Unadilla Rod & Gun Club, Unadilla, NY. Contact Kurt Carman for more information 607-988-2621

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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>