



Adirondack-Catskill Chapter Safari Club International News

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and outdoorspeople of America"*

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Otego/Unadilla Youth Day 2015 *By Kurt Carman*



We started the day off with technical issues on the laser shot and the so-so weather looked like rain. But as the morning progressed everything fell into place and the kids started to arrive.

By lunchtime we had a pretty good number of kids enjoying fishing, shooting bows, or



playing games. Even the parents were having a great time!

We all enjoyed a great lunch and then watched the DEC K-9 demonstration with "Shamey" (he is amazing)! The day ended with the raffle drawings. The kids were ecstatic winning some great prizes, which included 2 guns.



The smiles on the winners faces were priceless. This was our first year doing a combined effort with the Unadilla Rod and Gun Club. It turned out great even though we had some conflicting events. We are meeting soon to reserve a date for next year to hopefully avoid the same conflicts. Total attendance was forty-four, as well as one or two parents with



each youth. Next year we will make it bigger and better!! Thanks to all who helped and/or donated prizes and food.



This was a great joint effort of Adirondack-Catskill SCI, A-C Sables Education, Otego Rod & Gun Club and the Unadilla Rod & Gun Club. Thanks again to everyone that helped make this happen!

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*A Message from
Larry Steiner,
Chapter President*

Greetings,

I would like to make everyone aware of New York Senate Bill 4686 which is designed to take even more of the NYS Sportsmen and Sportswomen's freedoms away. The bill would completely ban the IMPORT, POSSESSION, SALE and TRANSPORTATION of African lion, leopard, elephant and rhino, as well as other foreign game including pheasants of all species, European Red Deer, Fallow Deer and Roebuck, and other species not native to NYS. This includes their mounts and other dead body parts or food products. The Bill was presented to the NYS Senate on April 7th 2015 and PASSED the Senate on June 17th by a 33 to 30 vote. It was next sent to the Assembly who sent it back to the Senate due to lack of a companion bill according to Senator James Seward who voted NO to this bill.

This bill is dead for this session, however it will be back and I urge all of you to contact your Senators and Assemblymen now and make them aware of this dangerous anti-hunting bill. We cannot stand by and let New York State take away any more of our freedoms! Let our voices be heard!

Furthermore I am very saddened by the loss of my friend, fellow hunter and ACSCI Chapter member John Wagner, who passed away June 21st. I will surely miss his sense of humor but mostly his friendship. It was an honor and privilege to know him.



Safari Club International (SCI) opposes New York state Senate Bill 4686, *Foreign Game*. This bill would completely ban the import, possession, sale and transportation of five African species (African lion, elephant, leopard, white and black rhinoceroses) in New York. Although, the supporters of this bill claim that the legislation is intended to protect specific wildlife species in Africa, they cannot explain exactly how such legislation would positively impact these African game species. In fact, passage of such a law would *undermine* species conservation, adversely affect sportsmen and women throughout New York, and deprive many African people of their livelihoods.

SB 4686 also targets hunters who use New York as an entry port. If hunters cannot import their trophies, they will be discouraged from hunting in Africa and will stop bringing important revenue into the countries in which they hunt. African countries and local communities will lose out on the much needed revenue that stimulates their rural economies and provides funding for wildlife and habitat conservation efforts. Without the money brought in by hunters, the countries, communities, and professional hunting businesses will lack the funds needed to hire and outfit anti-poaching patrols.

1. Trophy Hunting Helps African Conservation

- Trophy hunting gives value to wildlife and creates financial incentives to promote and retain wildlife as a land use over vast areas.
- It is estimated that trophy hunting generates gross revenues of at least \$200 million per year in sub-Saharan Africa (Hunting is permitted in 23 sub-Saharan African countries).
- The Zimbabwe *Community Areas Management Program for Indigenous Resources* (CAMPFIRE), which runs wildlife management and anti-poaching programs for 12.7% of the entire country, receives 70% of its revenue from legal hunting.

2. Professional Hunters and Operators Reduce Poaching

- Safari operators conduct anti-poaching patrols to protect the wildlife they depend on.
- In Save Valley Conservancy in south eastern Zimbabwe, revenue from hunting generates employment for approximately 150 anti-poaching game scouts.

3. Trophy Hunting Is Sustainable

- Trophy hunting has facilitated the recovery of bontebok, black wildebeest, and cape mountain zebra by providing financial incentives for reintroductions. The recovery of southern white rhinoceros populations was accelerated by incentives from trophy hunting.
- Trophy hunting generates revenues in areas where alternatives such as photo safaris may not be viable (e.g. Chad and Ethiopia). Hunting also generates more income per client than ecotourism.

4. Animal "Protection" Groups Are Doing Little to Protect African Species

- The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), its affiliate Humane Society International (HSI), the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and Born Free USA collectively raise \$170 million yet only about 1 penny of every dollar goes to sub-Saharan Africa.
- The American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP) awards HSUS a "C-minus" grade, finding the group spends up to half its budget on overhead, and awards "C-plus," "C," and "D" grades to PETA, Born Free USA, and IFAW, respectively, for their wasteful spending practices.

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2015 CHENANGO CO. YOUTH TURKEY HUNT *By George Franke*

Throughout the winter of 2014 and spring of 2015, ECO Brett Armstrong and I worked on the planning and procurement of goods for the Youth Turkey Hunt.

On April 18th the hunt had come to fruition with the start of "Safety Day". Twenty mentors would meet at 9am for a meeting followed by eight youth and their parents at 10am. ECO Armstrong would introduce the mentors to the youth and begin the day with a presentation on the wild turkey, the background of the hunt and the laws and regulations to be followed.

Mentor Ron Meeks would then present a display of calls and discuss their use.

Following lunch provided by Roma Pizzeria of Oxford, the youth were taken one at a time to the range to demonstrate their shooting/safety skills. While individual youth were shooting, others were treated to making pot calls with Jaret Paul of Beard Bustin' Calls. This was a new venture this year, allowing the shooting to take place while the calls were being

made. I think it turned out well!

After the shots were taken, calls were made and youth were outfitted with head nets, gloves, owl hooters, box calls, push pin calls, and pot calls. They were teamed up with their mentors for the following Saturday's hunt.

Saturday, April 25th came not without some surprises. Several youth backed out of the hunt, but we were able to fill the spots with youth who hunted with us last year (and were successful). Nate Rossman, Hunter Burch, Cooper Patrick and Tyler Dietzen each took a jake.



Nate Rossman and Seth Wessels were successful in bagging toms the first day, while Cooper Patrick and Tyler Dietzen each took a jake.

The following day another dropped out, so we hunted with two. One successful hunter, Houston Edwards scored on a tom.

The 2015 Youth Turkey Hunt was quite successful, considering our first year we had five youth and no birds! The second year we had six youth and three birds. In 2015 we had seven youth and harvested five birds!

I would like to thank Heading Due North for revamping our banner. Mayhood's Sporting Goods for their donation of head nets, gloves and protective eyewear. Iroquois Sportsman Club for use of the facilities on April 18th, 25th and 26th. Smith Taxidermy of Preston for their donation of turkey tail mounts, Adirondack-Catskill SCI and Sables Education Committee as well as the Environmental Conservation Officer Association for their monetary donations. The Federation of Sportsman's Clubs of Chenango County for their generous monetary donation. Quaker Boy Calls and Jaret Paul of Beard Bustin' Calls for their donation of turkey calls. Roma Pizza of Oxford, and of course the mentors for their time and effort in teaching the youth about turkey hunting. Without these donations of time, money and products this hunt would not have taken place.

Perhaps in 2016 we'll do 100%!

*Adirondack-Catskill SCI was saddened by the loss of
A-C Chapter Member and SCI Life Member
John Wagner on June 21st, 2015.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and their
family. An article on John will appear in a later issue.*

Congratulations LARRY STEINER
2015 Inductee to the
NEW YORK STATE OUTDOORSMEN HALL
OF FAME, INC.



**Well
Deserved
Larry!**

LAST CALL ! Don't Miss Out!!! Buy your Tickets Today!!

Adirondack-Catskill Chapter of Safari Club International

5 GUN RAFFLE

Proceeds for ACSCI Hunts for Wounded Veterans Program

Donation: \$5.00 Each 3 for \$10.00 7 for \$20.00

Drawing: July 16, 2015 at ACSCI Chapter Meeting

See reverse side for prizes • Need not be present to win

Tickets can Be Purchased from:

Richard Hazard (315) 798-4103

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***Drawing to take place at the
A-C SCI Picnic
Don & Laura Dubois
July 16, 2015
(See Ad Below)***

PRIZES FOR 5 GUN RAFFLE

1. Browning A Bolt 7mm Rem Mag
2. Beretta Tikka 270 WIN
3. T.C. Triumph 50 Cal Muzzleloader
4. Henry Golden Boy 22 LR
5. Remington 870 Express Turkey Gun 12 ga

Prizes subject to change based upon availability. Substitutes will be of equal value.
All guns awarded in accordance with Federal, State and Local firearms laws and background checks.
Failure to pass NICS background check will result in forfeiture of prize.

**If you missed the
June Picnic at
Migliori's, catch
the July Picnic at
Dubois'**



Editor's Note*
Yes there were
women there,
they must be
working!

**July 16, 2015
Laura & Don Dubois
5:30 PM**

**Bring a dish to pass & beverage.
FIVE GUN RAFFLE DRAWING!
(See directions on calendar, page 8)**

Adirondack-Catskill SCI Welcomes Our New Members



**James Garrison
Arthur Meyer**

***SCI National Membership Dues are
\$35.00 per year. Adirondack-Catskill
Chapter Dues remain at the low price
of \$20 a year.***

Support the grassroots of SCI

***Contact Vinny Migliori
Membership Director today!
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A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words. . . .



By Wendy Swears

Stan and I went on an exciting 5-day hunt on the South Island of New Zealand. Stan hunted for a Red Stag with Wilderness Quest during the last week of March. The location of the hunt was a temperate rain forest on the west side of the island, very near where *Lord of the Rings* was filmed. It was extraordinarily beautiful and green. The hunt was pretty much vertical hiking right up the side of a mountain. We stayed in a new cabin that was along a clear turquoise stream. The hunt was at the peak of the roar which was just incredible to hear. Stan will present photos and video of this hunt at the September meeting in Oneonta .



Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events

July 16, 2015

5:30pm **A-C Chapter Picnic at Laura & Don Dubois'**. Bring a dish to pass and beverage. **Five Gun Raffle to be drawn!!!!**

981 Preston Hill Rd, Earlville, NY 13332 315-691-2341

No August 2015 Chapter Meeting

September 17, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting, Christopher's, Oneonta, NY.** Speakers Stan & Wendy Swears will speak on their New Zealand hunt.

October 15, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at American Legion, Cold Brook, NY.**

Speaker TBA or check the web site at

<http://www.AdirondackCatskillSCI.com>

November 19, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting, Christopher's, Oneonta, NY.**

Speaker for the evening will be Don Schelling on his Montana elk hunt.

December 17, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at American Legion, Cold Brook, NY.**

NYS BIG BUCK CONTEST and voting for **TROPHY of the YEAR.**

No January 2016 Chapter Meeting

February 3-6, 2016

Safari Club International Convention, Las Vegas Nevada



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

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*Support A-C SCI
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Events! Bring a
friend, neighbor, or hunting
buddy to the next meeting!*

