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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

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

**News Flash!!!! The July 19th meeting of ACSCI will be held at Richard and Susan Hazards Home at 6pm.** Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and BEVERAGE of your choice. Hazards address is 143 Mill Rd Poland NY.

**This July 21 the Otschodela Council of the Boy Scouts of America will hold a "Shoot for Scouts Clay Target Tournament" at the Crumhorn Rod and Gun Club on Crumhorn Lake Road in Maryland, NY 121160 starting at 8am.** The cost to participate is \$50 and includes a light breakfast and a Brook's BBQ lunch with door prizes and a 100 target tournament featuring trap and sporting clays. Funds raised will benefit scouting programs in Otsego, Schoharie, and Delaware Counties. ASCI should have a presence at this great cause and if we get a sizable team (5 or more) I'll make sure we have a banner displayed so folks know we're out there. Call George 607-432-9063 to be part of the team. Ladies are welcome!!

### NO MEETING in August

**September 20 meeting 7 pm at Christophers in Oneonta.** The speaker will be **Don Schelling** speaking about his recent hunt in Namibia with Thormahlen and Cochran Safaris. The hunt was purchased at our banquet.

**October 18 meeting 7 pm at the American Legion in Cold Brook..**

**November 15 meeting 7 pm at Christophers in Oneonta.**

*The meeting schedule is posted on our website.*

**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](mailto:jjdigristina@yahoo.com)

As we move forward with our **Hunt for Warriors** program we are always interested in finding interested men and women who have been injured serving our country. We also need donations to keep the program viable. Please contact Larry to make a donation or suggest a candidate (607) 988-6334.

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.

If you have an event that would interest outdoorsmen and women in you area, contact George Gollin at 607-432-9063 or [accsinews@yahoo.com](mailto:accsinews@yahoo.com) and we will include it in the next newsletter.

Deadline for all articles is the 18th of even months.



## ACSCI's day on "The Hill"

By Robin Jerauld

While attending the quarterly SCI meeting in D.C. this past May, Larry Steiner and I had the opportunity to attend Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. This event is critical in backing up SCI's presence on the Hill and delivers a strong message to members of Congress: SCI is a pillar in protecting our hunting traditions in Washington, D.C.!

The day started with a briefing session where we received our congressional appointments, and issues to be discussed on the Hill:

H.R. 4089/Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012

ESA Reform

H.R. 1581/S.1087 – Wilderness & Roadless Release Act

Global Conservation Act of 2012

We were then addressed by Senator Jim Risch (R-ID) who welcomed us on behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and Congressman Frank Guinta (R-NH) who discussed his perspective as a freshman congressman.

At the end of the briefing Larry and I teamed up with Mike Clifford, Tri-State Chapter President, and headed for our appointments with Congressman Chris Gibson (R), Congress Women Kathy Hochul (D) and Carolyn Maloney (D), and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D). We were warmly welcomed by Congressman Gibson and were able to have a short visit with him before he had to leave for a vote. His aid finished the meeting and listened carefully to our agenda, he also is an active hunter from New York State.

We then attended a luncheon where 18 legislators gave a few minutes of their time to relate their stance on sportsmen and their issues. The overall trend in their messages was that our focus needed to be in promoting youth to become involved in the shooting sports, hunting and conservation. It's hard for anyone to ignore numbers!

Our day wrapped up by attending our remaining appointments. These meetings became tougher as we were now heading into more "hostile territories" but Mike and Larry did a great job at relaying their own personal experiences as conservationist and hunters. I observed the aids dropping their guard slightly as they listened to actual sportsmen speaking on incidences and experiences they had encountered globally, thoughts and information that these legislative assistants might never had been exposed to otherwise.

Now we all know that our professionally printed information stating SCI's stance on proposed legislation could have well hit the "circular file" when we left the room. But one never knows down the road when just one thought might spark a better understanding to those aids or legislators in the future. SCI's Lobby Day was an excellent opportunity to voice our concerns and opinions to our legislators. After all, it is our duty as citizens to take the time to be heard, whether it is a visit to Washington Legislators or a letter written to our local representatives. As we approach this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, remember that it was originally a small group of individuals that stood up to those that governed them. Your voice counts, let it be heard!

## Youth Turkey Hunt Spring 2012

Another great youth hunt in Sharon Springs. Bill Mayer took Owen McGivney and Neil McGovern out for the Youth Turkey Hunt on April 21st. It was over in less than an hour when Bill called in two jakes and the boys made a double. It was the first turkey for each boy.



L to R: Neil, Bill, Owen



L to R: Owen, Neil

## New Chapter Members

Nicholas Thisse from Lowville, NY.  
And Kim Arch from Stamford, NY

*Welcome Nick, and Kim!*

REMEMBER ... Deadline for all articles  
is the 18th of  
even months. Send us your news!

## Another Great Adventure

by Vinny Migliori

We were scheduled to hunt the last five days of the musk ox season on Victoria Island, Nanuvit, Canada. Flying from Syracuse to Cambridge Bay was easy as going from 60F to -40F.

Victoria Island is remote, barren, very cold, brilliantly white, and home to the Greenland Musk Ox and a small village of Inuit Indians. The natives (Eskimos) were the kindest, most gentle, land loving, family oriented people I have encountered. They relish life, live off the land, and hold the elders in high esteem. I guess that's why Larry and I were treated so well. Since I am slightly older than Larry, I was invited to meet the chief. The chief wanted to present the senior hunter with two wives!! In between bouts of hysterical laughter, accusation of insanity, and much profanity, I graciously declined the offer.

Prior to our arrival the village hunted 850 musk ox for community food. On the first hunting day our guides found two herds, separated out two bulls, then the hunt was on. The bulls were well horned, the pelts were prime, but both bulls were old. Their body (fat) condition was poor due to worn down teeth. The guides would not use the meat other than for dog food. Nevertheless, a dignified ending for two magnificent animals. Back in the village the young musk ox meat tasted better than Alberta beef.

Taking the mature bulls that day was a wise decision because the weather was unpredictable, the cold fueled by gale force winds caused dangerous whiteouts, and extreme negative temperatures. Whenever we went out we were required to pack our sleeping bags which were rated to -60F. On the sled was a tarp and lumber to make a pup tent. If you could not see, you hunkered down until the weather cleared. The Arctic weather was no joke.

One day of the hunt we went small game hunting for arctic hares. They are the largest snowshoe rabbits we ever saw. With two borrowed 22 rifles, my rifle sight was bound by electrical tape; we attempted to fill the sleds with rabbits. The winds were very strong and constantly made precise shots impossible. If you shot at 12 o'clock the 40 grain bullet

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## Review of a PA Hunting Preserve

by Bill Mayer

In May, chapter members Bill Mayer and Richard Mayer traveled to Equinunk PA to check out Adam Hill Hunting Adventures LLC, Twin Spruce Lodge ([www.twinsprucepa.com](http://www.twinsprucepa.com)). Adam and Trisha Hill were exhibitors at this year's ACSCI banquet/fundraiser and had invited the brothers to visit the hunting preserve.

"During the tour of the preserve, we saw Rams and Hogs but couldn't find the Elk. It was a really hot day and Adam said they were probably down in the swamp, an area we couldn't get to with the truck. If you are looking for a nice hog, give Adam Hill a call at 570-224-4191 or cell# 570-229-1357. I saw hogs from piglets to 500 lbs — he has some really nice hogs!! I plan to hunt Elk with Adam this fall."



# NASP comes to Norwich!

By George Franke

Back in February, when I first started writing this column for the *Evening Sun*, I stopped in to see Mike Mayhood at Mayhood's Sporting Goods. I wanted to chat with him about what's new in the neighborhood from the hunting, fishing and trapping perspective.

Mike told me that a new group was forming, called the Bob McNitt Foundation. The goal of which was to privately fund two NASP programs. One for the Norwich Middle School, one for the High School.

So...what the heck is NASP? Well, it's the National Archery in the Schools Program. Designed to teach International style target archery in physical education classes from grade 4 through 12. The core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration, core strengthening physical fitness and self improvement and lots of target shooting!

The Bob McNitt Foundation, ran by Josh Sheldon of Norwich would be collecting donations locally to help fund the program. In this day and age of tough economic times and tight school budgets, private funding would assure the purchase of the NASP curriculum and gear without any undue burden on taxpayers.

I stepped to the plate and called Josh to find out how much he had procured in donations. At the time, it was \$600. He was far from the \$6400 figure needed to pay for the two programs. I told him I'd help secure more funds through the various outdoor organizations I belonged to and was familiar with. I've written grants for several outdoor organizations, so, piece of cake I thought! That was, until my conversation with Middle School Principal Scott Ryan, who informed me that they already made the purchase agreement.

You see, in the grant application process, you procure the grant money first and then set out to buying what you wrote the grant for. So, by the school district jumping the gun, so to

speaking, organizations like the Friends of the NRA, National Wild Turkey Federation, Safari Club International and others were legally unable to accept the request for funds from the Bob McNitt Foundation. Are you following me? Good...

Anyhow, when you deal with the outdoor sports, you find there are many generous people and organizations out there willing to provide financial help when it comes to recruiting and retaining youth with regard to any of the shooting sports. I first contacted Melissa Bailey of the NY DEC. Melissa is the NASP Coordinator in NYS. She is a wealth of information and is the one who trains the teachers to be certified in running this program. Melissa was instrumental in obtaining a grant from NASP in the amount of \$2000, so that left \$4400 to go. So...in my little blue buggy I went. First stop was CANY, The Conservation Alliance of NY ([www.canyus.org](http://www.canyus.org)). I drove to Camillus and asked for a donation. They came through with \$200. Next up, SHOTS, Sports People Helping Others Through Sharing ([www.s-h-o-t-s.com](http://www.s-h-o-t-s.com)). SHOTS is out of Cazenovia, but I met Education Director Charlie Pace at a Sportsman's Show in the Turning Stone Casino. Charlie said his group could probably fund half of one package, or \$1600. and with a handshake, he kept his word.

So with \$2600. to go, I was off to see my good friends of the Adirondack-Catskill Chapter of Safari Club International ([www.adirondackcatskillsci.com](http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com)). I am a life member of both SCI and ACSCI as are quite a few folks around Chenango County. Two such guys, Don Dubois of Poolville, former Superintendent of Schools for Sherburne-Earlville School District and Del Law of Sherburne, retired accountant with Proctor and Gamble had my back when I asked the ACSCI Board of Directors to fund half of one package (\$1600). The Adirondack-Catskill Chapter of SCI is no stranger to the NASP program. In fact about 8 years ago, it entirely funded the NASP program for the Franklin Central School District in Franklin (Delaware County). Back then it was \$2500. That was the 1st NASP program in New

York State, and I'm proud to say I was part of helping secure those funds too. Anyhow, I met in Oneonta with the "southern" members of ACSCI and was asked to present it also to the "northern" members (ACSCI covers an area from Pennsylvania to Canada, Vermont/Mass/Conn borders to US Rte 81). So, a few weeks later I drove to Cold Brook and presented my case. All in favor (ALL), Opposed (NONE). \$1600 more!

Interestingly enough, I contacted The New York Bowhunters, Inc. ([www.newyorkbowhunters.com](http://www.newyorkbowhunters.com)). President Martin Seeley promised me a donation in an email I received from him, but it never showed up. I would have thought that an organization dedicated to bow hunting would have come up big in supporting archery in the schools. Oh well!

With \$3400 in my hand and \$2000 from Melissa's grants, I contacted Josh and he told me the Bob McKnight Foundation had enough to cover the balance of \$1000. The Federated Sportsman's Clubs of Chenango County met with Josh, Scott and myself and there was agreement after the meeting that if needed, the Federation would come up with funds for maintenance and/or replacement of the bows, targets, arrows, etc..

So students in the Middle and High School will have an Olympic-style archery program to look forward to when they go back to school in the fall, thanks in large part to the generosity of sportsmen and women.

Before presenting the 2-week archery course, the teachers undergo an 8-hour NASP Basic Archery Instructor Training Program. In speaking with Scott Ryan, he told me 10 teachers were being certified. So, any problem with a teacher moving out of the district or calling in sick would be waylaid.

As far as the equipment, each program consists of 10 Right Hand Bows, 2 Left Hand Bows, 2 boxes arrows, 5 targets, 1 arrow curtain, 1 repair kit and 1 bow rack.

Students shoot at 80 cm (that's 31 1/2 inches across) bulls-eye targets placed before an arrow curtain in their gymnasium. Equipment used is state-of-the art and designed to fit every student. Thanks to support

from the archery industry, the \$6,000 equipment 'kits' can be purchased by schools for \$3,200.

NASP started in 2002 when Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commissioner, Tom Bennett wanted archery to become a high school sport choice. The KDFWR hosted a Step Outside event to introduce the Kentucky Department of Education to the sport of archery. It was suggested that archery would be a popular sport with students. The Department of Education agreed to help if the program was started as a PE class in middle school. Today NASP is in over 10,000 schools, nationally and internationally and more than 10 MILLION students have gone through the program! Now we can add Norwich to the list...and parents can rest assured that their concerns regarding safety, equipment, practice and competition sites, lack of or inappropriate training have been brought to the forefront and under NASP, these issues are now, nonissues.

Welcome NASP!

for questions or comments on this article, contact george at [george\\_franke@yahoo.com](mailto:george_franke@yahoo.com)

## Wyoming 2011 & Dakota Larry By Larry Steiner

October 2011, I hunted with Wayne and Holli Jones of South Fork Mountain Lodge, Buffalo, Wyoming. [www.southfork-lodge.com](http://www.southfork-lodge.com) . phone 307 267 2609 on the recommendation of Stan Swears who had hunted with them twice before. In fact Stan, his son Ben and Jim Elting were to join me in camp during the hunt. By the time they arrived I had bagged a nice Mule Deer and Antelope on the first day I wished I had brought a smaller caliber rifle to hunt prairie dogs which were numerous. Wayne, Holli and all the staff became my friends and I highly recommend South Fork Mountain Lodge for a great Wyoming Mule Deer and Antelope hunt



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might hit at three o'clock. Every time one of us shot and missed we could not stop laughing. The harder we tried with each round to be successful, mother nature would intervene. We had a ball. Eventually two rabbits became our hairy trophies. After shooting dozens of times, fighting the climate we were victorious. The laughter, enjoyment and the marathon shooting added up to one great day.

The extreme low temperature and brutal winds were

testing us physically, mentally and our weapons and equipment. Extreme cold weather hunting is not for everyone, but for Larry and me it was part of what we do and endure as hunters.

I purchased this hunt at our local banquet in 2011. Our outfitter was Canada North. Their phone number is 905-845-4868 and their web site is [www.canadanorthoutfitting.com](http://www.canadanorthoutfitting.com).



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Adirondack-Catskill Chapter — Safari Club International**

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Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Form To:    Vinny and Pat Migliori  
 10076 Beartown Rd. N  
 Ava, NY 13303-2104

**Sables News – H.O.W. Box goes to summer camp!**  
*By Robin Jerauld*

That's right, our "Hands on Wildlife" Box is headed to Boy Scout Camp Henderson located on beautiful Crumhorn Mountain in Otsego County until mid-August. Program leaders of the camp were enthused at the possibilities the H.O.W. Box offered to supplement their summer programs. They especially like the "hands on feature" the box offers with pelts, skulls, and synthetic "paws" for making prints. They have also invited us to participate in the use of the box at camp this summer, details to be worked out. We are currently working on the placement of the box for fall, and as always if you have any potential candidates contact me at rjerauld@toast.net or at 607-643-1978.

**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 \$40**



**Adirondack-Catskill SCI Member Trophy Awards Form**  
 (Deadline for Submission is December 1)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_    State: \_\_\_\_\_    Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_    Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the Outfitter/Guide: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Hunt: \_\_\_\_\_

Trophy taken with:    \_\_\_ Rifle    \_\_\_ Pistol    \_\_\_ Bow    \_\_\_ Muzzle Loader

Does this trophy complete a SCI Grand Slam?    \_\_\_ No    \_\_\_ Yes (If it completes a SCI Grand Slam, which one: \_\_\_\_\_)

Rate the hunt:    \_\_\_ Best of My Life    \_\_\_ Top 5 Hunts    \_\_\_ Top 10 Hunts

Describe the hunt for this species: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules for 2012 ACSCI Member Trophy Awards**

1. Any animal taken legally worldwide.    2. Photograph must be included.    3. All entries must be completed and received by December 1, 2012\*.

**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 send pictures and this completed form to:*  
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