



# Adirondack-Catskill Chapter Safari Club International News

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# YOUTH DAY

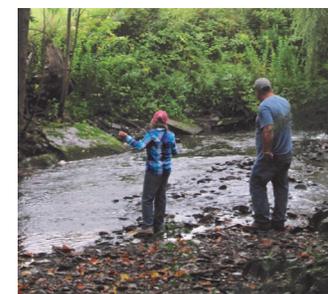
## At Otego Rod & Gun Club

So here it is, our 3rd annual youth day and everything was set. We had great events, games, food, a DEC K-9 demonstration, and....rain. But it didn't dampen the spirits of all the attendees that showed up. Not only one, but two youths won a shotgun/ rifle combo ( the second made possible by Bill Mayer who won the raffle drawing and donated it back for another youth). So congrats go out to Ricky



Brennan and Michael

Gravelin on winning the guns. We also gave every youth that attended a fantastic door prize as well.



The food was great as always with Steiner's burgers and hotdogs, corn on the cob, watermelon and other desserts. Many thanks go out to all the people that made it happen, without them, it would not be possible to do this great event for free for the youths and their parents. We had a nice donation from the Conservation Officers Fund, and our own A-C Sables Education committee picked up the balance offsetting the costs that are associated with hosting this event.

Down the road we are looking at joining forces with the Unadilla and Otego Gun Clubs, as well as our A-C SCI Chapter to host a combined communities event. Unadilla has a great facility where we can do live shooting and trap, a pond for the kids to fish in, plus inside facilities if the weather turns bad. So lets look forward to next year and make this an outstanding event.



Kurt Carman  
Otego Rod and Gun Club-President  
Adirondack-Catskill Chapter of SCI-Vice President



## 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 our younger generations to come. Remember, SCI is FIRST FOR HUNTERS.

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

## HUNTING IN LONGLAC, ONTARIO By VINNY MIGLIORI

It was the third week of August, 2014 and the bear hunt was "game on." The location was Longlac, Ontario and the weather was uncomfortably warm. Just sitting in a tree stand, only needing a T-shirt was not enough relief to combat the heat. After two days the winds took over and made the temperature more tolerant.

Even with all this climate, the bears were fat and the fur not rubbed. The bears taken were edible and beautiful.

Putting time in the stand, following all the basis of scent control and movement were the key ingredients in seeing a bear. But the bears have their own rules and always don't cooperate.

The blue jays, gray jays, red squirrels were constantly stealing and fighting over the bait of peaches and nuts. All their annoying antics made you feel like going squirrel hunting. It was on day four of five at 6pm that all the noise, chattering and bickering stopped. Everything became quiet, very quiet. This put me on high alert. Within a few seconds the bear appeared approximately 50 yards away. One shot anchored the bruin. The hunt was over. He was a handsome boar. Harvesting him was anti-climatic to the entire week.

This bear camp was clean and comfortable. The food was more than plentiful and delicious. Maybe our female chef cooked in the army because she really put the food out.

The other hunters from Texas, PA, NY, Tenn. and Wisconsin were present. Their comradeship, fellowship, humor and hunting passion filled every moment. Not a harsh word was spoken among the group.

The lake fishing was another plus; the walleye fishing was on fire resulting in great dining.

This bear and fishing trip was thru a very frequent donator to our fundraiser. Larry and I have previously booked hunts with Bob. Check out his website for all the hunting opportunities:

Bob McConnell  
Horseshoe Outfitter  
[www.hhunts.com](http://www.hhunts.com)



# ZAMBIA LIFTS BAN ON HUNTING

August 21, 2104, Washington D.C. - Today, Zambian Tourism and Arts Minister, Jean Kapata, announced that the ban on hunting, which was enacted in January 2013, has been lifted. Safari Club International (SCI) and SCI Foundation maintained that the ban was counter-productive to the conservation needs of Zambia, and today's decision should be heralded as a win for sustainable-use conservation.

"SCI and SCI Foundation commend Minister Kapata on his decision," said SCI Foundation Joe Hosmer. "Like most range states, Zambia relies on hunting revenue for most of their conservation funding, so maintaining sustainable hunting is crucial to their wildlife's survival."

When the ban was initiated in January 2013, SCI and SCI Foundation immediately met with the Zambian government officials educating them on the commitment of the hunting community to sustainable use conservation. These meetings set the course for today's policy reversal.

Though cat hunting is still banned, the lifting of the ban is in response to Zambia's attempt to diversify its economy. Copper currently monopolizes two-thirds of its foreign exchange earnings and the government hopes that reintroducing regulated hunting across the country will stimulate its economy and encourage conservation of its wildlife.

"Regulated, sustainable hunting gives additional value to wildlife and ensures that governments dedicate the necessary resources toward wildlife management," SCI President Craig Kauffman said. "Zambia is a country with diverse and plentiful wildlife populations. Lifting the ban will produce multiple opportunities for Zambia to capitalize on this resource and provide sustainable, healthy populations for years to come. "

Zambia has stated that the ban on cat hunting will remain in effect until a survey onwith this information. The ZLP is conducting genetic and demographic research to assess the current status of lions, lion population numbers is complete. Currently SCI Foundation is funding a Zambia Lion Project (ZLP) to assist and to develop and promote practices that ensure the long- term sustainability and health of Zambia's lion populations. These best practices for wildlife management will be discussed at this year's African Wildlife Consultative Forum (AWCF) as they are crucial in ensuring sustainable hunting is possible.

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Conservation!**



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TODAY!!!!!!**

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Applications are on our web site at

<http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>



## Victory In Michigan As Scientific Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act Becomes Law

August 27, 2014, Washington, D.C. – Safari Club International (SCI) congratulates the Michigan House of Representatives for their bipartisan effort passing the citizen-initiated *Scientific Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act* (SFWCA) today. With today's vote the SFWCA becomes law.

“SCI would like to thank the House members for their bipartisan support in protecting science based conservation in the state today by supporting SFWCA,” said Merle Shepard, Past President of SCI and Michigan resident. “In addition to the elected officials who support scientific wildlife management, SCI would like to thank the Michigan Bear Hunters Association, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Upper Peninsula Whitetails, Inc. of Marquette County, Upper Peninsula Whitetails, Inc., Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, National Rifle Association, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. The sportsmen's community truly came together in support of SFWCA and to take a stand against HSUS's constant ballot box bullying.”

Out-of-state anti-hunting groups, led by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), have launched two referendum drives in Michigan seeking to overrule Michigan's wildlife biologists on game management decisions. With their deep pockets, they know that once they get on a statewide ballot, it's just a matter of spending millions of dollars in misleading advertising. They are currently trying the same strategy in Maine, just as they tried it here in 1996 and in 2006. SFWCA puts an end to the constant referendums and campaigning for proper wildlife management and replaces it with proper scientific management of wildlife.

The Scientific Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act:

- Ensures that decisions affecting the taking of fish and game are made using principles of sound scientific fish and wildlife management;
- Provides for free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for active members of the military, and;
- Provides appropriations for fisheries management activities within Michigan necessary for rapid response, prevention, control and/or elimination of aquatic invasive species, including Asian carp.

“We are proud of every Safari Club International Member who volunteered their time to ensure the final passage of the Scientific Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act this week as it became law,” concluded SCI President Craig Kauffman.

# Labor Day Bird Hunt

By Larry Steiner



Labor Day weekend turned out to be a great weekend spent with family and friends and great BBQ on Saturday . Sunday Morning Patrick Lewis, David McLaren, Tygher Jerauld and myself went to the Oneonta Rod and Gun Club for a day of trap and shotgun shooting, we thought! We started out with a round of trap and then the rains came. We finally had to abort our day of shooting since the rain never let up and



Tygher had to travel back to Hull, MA. Then a surprise couple showed up, Bob and Lois Matyas were returning from a bear hunt in Canada and stayed the night, which meant more BBQ, only this time homemade pizza on the grill. Monday morning found Bob , Patrick and myself off to the **Mountain View Preserve and Kennels in Schenevus, NY** to hunt pheasants. If you recall the preserve entertained the Chapter members at our June meeting in Oneonta. We had a great morning hunting and watching two great dogs work the field with their owner Frank Cavalieri. **Frank has offered a discount to any ACSCI Chapter members who want to hunt the preserve and he has extended his offer to help out with hunts we organize for our wounded veterans and youth. Frank's phone number is 607-638-9509.**

L to R Bob Matyas, Patrick Lewis, and Larry Steiner

## Adirondack-Catskill SCI Member Chapter Trophy Award Forms Deadline December 1st



Jim Digristina

Bert Scherer



2014 Winners

For Applications go to the web site at <http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>  
or  
contact Jim Digristina at  
318-735-1775

## ADIRONDACK-CATSKILL CHAPTER SCI BIG BUCK CONTEST RULES

- 1) The deer entered in the contest must be taken in New York State.
- 2) The deer must be legally taken and tagged.
- 3) The tag must remain with the antlers.
- 4) To enter your deer, you must be an Adirondack-Catskill member prior to the hunting season.
- 5) Existing members must have their dues paid in full prior to hunting season.
- 6) The contest ends at the December meeting. Deer taken after that date are not eligible for the contest.
- 7) The highest score, using the SCI scoring rules will determine the winner.
- 8) The winner of the BIG BUCK CONTEST, gets a shoulder mount of the deer by one of the taxidermists who belongs to ACSCI.



# GET CHARGED!!!

*For the 2015*  
**Adirondack-Catskill  
Banquet/Fundraiser**



## First Meeting September 22nd, 5:30pm



*Pictures By  
Dominick Aiello*





**YOU'VE GONE ON THE HUNT,  
NOW SHARE THE EXPERIENCE  
WITH THE CHAPTER!!**

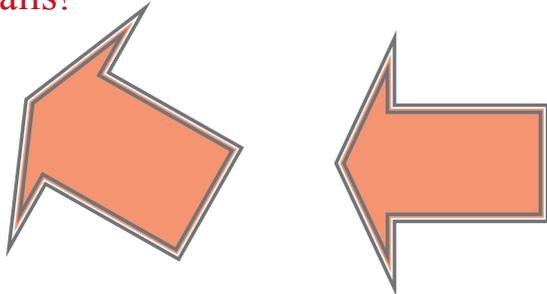


*We are seeking guest speakers for chapter meetings. The membership is interested in hearing about your hunting trip or projects related to conservation and hunting. If you would like to present at a meeting or recommend a guest contact Larry Steiner at [steinersci@stny.rr.com](mailto:steinersci@stny.rr.com) or 607-988-6334 to schedule the date.*



**ACSCI Website: <http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>**

The first Banquet Committee meeting will be September 22nd at Larry Steiner's. The meeting will start at 5:30pm with a dish to pass dinner. This is a great way to get involved meet members and contribute to the goals of the chapter. All are welcome, SEE YOU THERE!!! Watch the website or contact any Director or Officer for more details!



If you have a hunt planned for Africa consider taking a BLUE BAG

Contact any officer or director for more information!

# Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events

## September 18, 2014

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY** . Speaker: Vinny Migliori on his Ontario Bear Hunt.

## September 22, 2014

5:30pm **A-C SCI Chapter Banquet Committee Meeting**. Larry Steiner's 24 Church St. Otego, NY . Bring a dish to pass. Contact Larry at 607-988-6334

## September 27, 2014

**Conservation Alliance of New York (CANY) Banquet, Holiday Inn, Oneonta, NY**. Doors open at 5pm. Call Ron Martini at 607-432-5945 for information.

## October 4th, 2014

**Tower Shoot to benefit Veterans of 9-1-1, and Catholic Charities Veterans**. Shoot starts at 9AM, Mountainview Preserve, Schenevus, NY. Contact 607-638-9509 or 631-793-7643 or visit [www.mountainviewpreserve.com](http://www.mountainviewpreserve.com)

## October 16, 2014

7pm **ACSCI Chapter meeting at the American Legion, Cold Brook, NY**. Speaker: Bob Beck –The AWLS experience and the Black River Outdoor Education Program, Inc.

## November 20, 2014

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY** . Speaker: Tim Foster of the Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation, "The State of the Eastern Elk Herd".

## December 1, 2014

Applications due for the "**YOUNG HUNTER AWARD**" and "**TROPHY of the YEAR AWARDS**" Applications can be found on the web site at <http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>

## December 18, 2014

7pm **ACSCI Chapter meeting at the American Legion, Cold Brook, NY**. Scoring of the "Big Buck Contest" and member voting for the "Trophies of the Year Awards."

## January 2015 NO CHAPTER MEETING

## February 4-7, 2015

**Safari Club International Convention** , Las Vegas Nevada

## February 14, 2015

**Rockdale Rod & Gun Club - A-C SCI Youth Day, Rockdale, NY**. Contact Ron Meek at 607-371-1974

## February 19, 2015

7pm **ACSCI Chapter Meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, Oneonta, NY** . Speaker to be announced or check the web site at <http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>

## April 11, 2015

**Adirondack-Catskill SCI Chapter Banquet/Fundraiser at the Holiday Inn, Oneonta, NY**. Contact any Chapter officer for more information.

**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 the guest speaker schedule for meetings by**