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Please submit articles by the 18th of the month. Article and photos submitted become the property of Adirondack-Catskill SCI.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

July 18 meeting in Cold Brook American Legion at 7 pm. Speaker is Vinny Migliori, Hippo Hunt X2. Special guests at the meeting will be **Nancy Lee Gysin** rep for **Comre Safaris** and assistant
PH Warrick on his tour of America.

2014 SCI Fundraiser will be April 5 at the Holiday Inn. Save the date!!

September 19 meeting will be at Larry Steiner's home at 24 Church St. in Otego. Larry will be the speaker and the topic will be his Hippo x2 safari. Bring a dish to pass. **Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm.**

October 17 meeting at 7 pm in Cold Brook. Jimmy D., Kevin Sanger and Jim Cobb will talk about their South African Safari. (see story in this issue)

November 21 meeting at 7 pm at Christopher's Restaurant in Oneonta. Speaker TBA

December 19 meeting at 7 pm in Cold Brook. Speaker will be David Hartman talking about antler restrictions " yearling buck protection". This will also be our ***yearly Big Buck Contest***. See rules in this issue.

The meeting schedule is posted on our website.

Vinny Migliori is taking orders for SCI hats and Shirts. Hats are $15 and shirts are $40 deposit and a balance to be determined. Contact Vinny at ih1486@ymail.com for info or orders.

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

As we move forward with our **Hunt for Warriors** program we are always searching for 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.

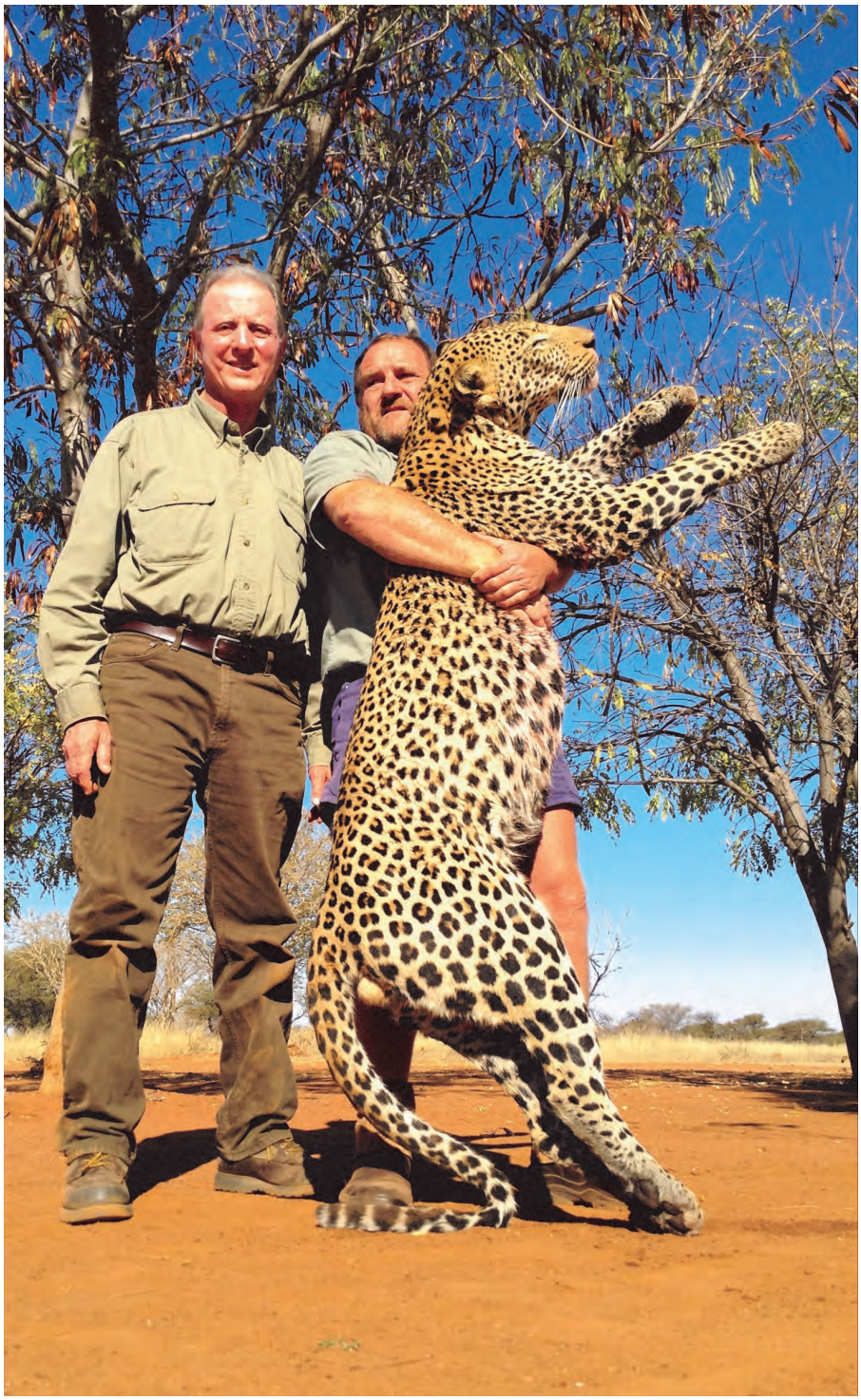
If you have an event that would interest outdoorsmen and women in you area, contact George Gollin at 607-432-9063 or acscinews@yahoo.com and we will include it in the next newsletter.

Looking for a hunting partner for a 10 day Edmonton, Alberta deer/moose hunt. Will drive and share expenses. Third week of November, 2013. Call James Tomaski for details 518-798-1919.

Otego Youth Day is set for September 21. Call Kurt Carman at 607-988-2621 for details.

The Perfect Safari

By James Digristina



Growing up in Central New York, I never dreamed of one day going to Africa, let alone hunting and taking its Big Five and Dangerous Six. Thanks to ACSCI, Dick Hazard, Anthony Despirto and Larry Steiner this became a reality.

On June 29, 2013 I made my 5th safari to South Africa with Stef Swanepoel of Numzaam Safaris. I would be traveling with a group of 10 friends. The goal on this trip would be Leopard. After traveling for nearly 45 hours from Syracuse NY we arrived at safari camp at 10 P.M.

The next day would involve looking for tracks, setting baits, cutting shooting lanes and shooting my rifle to check its zero. On the third morning we received word that a leopard had hit one of our baits some distance away.

We loaded up the truck with impala bait, blind, along with other necessities, and were on our way. By 12 noon we were on site. We put a new bait into the tree, built a blind 75 yds. away, cut shooting lanes, and by 2 P.M. we were in our blind. Leopard hunting requires hours of sitting in a blind, being completely quiet, no movements and no bathroom breaks. Sunset was at 5:30 P.M., it was complete darkness by 6 P.M. and 40 degrees F by 8 P.M. We sat all night. Early the next morning at 1 A.M., still in the blind,I felt two taps on my shoulder. The meaning of the taps on the shoulder was that a leopard was on-bait, get into your gun. I did and the light went on, the biggest most beautiful leopard you would ever want to see was standing over my impala bait. I had a half second to find and identify my target, another half second to make the shot. At the shot the leopard jumped 4 feet in the air and lunged out of the tree into the ravine below. We listened, heard two grunts and then silence. My PH shakes my hand and says it looks like a Scotch and cigar tonight. In disbelief we walked over and recovered my leopard less than 30 yds. from where I had shot him. A beautiful big male leopard with a huge head and a weight my PH estimated at 200 lbs.

We took some pictures, loaded up the leopard and returned to camp at 4 A.M. With no sleep, running on pure adrenalin we took more pictures, I cleaned up and by 5 P.M. I was sitting with a Scotch (my son Lee had given me for Father's Day), and a cigar watching the African sun go down and reflecting on the perfect day. In the next few days I took a beautiful sable on a great hunt and a very nice nyala.

All in all we 11 central NY hunters had taken 42 animals without wounding a single one, not bad for a bunch of Whitetail hunters.

SCI Members visit a BSA Camp

By Robin S. Jerauld, PAS, CCA

It doesn't seem fair that we get to spend a day shooting clay birds AND it helps kids by improving the Henderson Scout Camp and other scouting programs, but that's exactly what we did. It's like eating ice cream to lose weight! Our numbers of SCI participants was a little disappointing but we each had the fun of three men so it all worked out. Come enjoy the fun with us next year some time in July. Read the upcoming newsletters for details.

NEW MEMBERS

Dane Austin
Gary Donovan
Nancy Lee Gysin
Christiaan Liebenberg

Adirondack - Catskill Chapter of Safari Club International Membership Application

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal for Membership # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If this is a new member application, please enter the name and membership number of the sponsor.

The Cabela's Membership Drive Campaign begins July 1, 2013:

- A current member will be awarded a $25 Cabela's Gift Certificate for sponsoring a new member.
- For any new 3 year membership purchased, the new member will receive a $50 Cabela's Gift Certificate.

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Membership Number _____

SCI Dues

☐ 1 Year Membership: $85.00 (includes $65.00 National 1yr & $20.00 Chapter 1 yr)

☐ 3 Year Membership: $210.00 (includes $150 National 3yr & $60.00 Chapter 3yr)

☐ 1 year Chapter Dues for National Members Only: $20.00

☐ Chapter Life Membership for National Life Members Only: $200.00

Payment Method

☐ Check Enclosed (*Make check payable to*: Adirondack-Catskill SCI)

☐ Credit Card ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Total Enclosed $ _____ US Dollars

Mail completed form with payment to: Vincent Migliori, Membership Director
10076 Beartown Road N.
Ava, NY 13303-2104

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WANTED:

New Members

We encourage existing members to bring potential new members to our meetings and events.

See Membership Form to the left, it is also online.

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 SCI 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 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

Adirondack-Catskill SCI Member Trophy Awards Form

(Deadline for Submission is December 1)

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State: _____ ip:_____

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: _____

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Rules for 2013 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, 2013*.

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:

James Digristina, 11369 Cosby Manor Road, Utica NY, 13502-7703