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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

Our chapter is now in charge of our own website. The hope is that being under our own control will make our website more current, dynamic, interesting, and reflective of our members. Check it out and let us know what you think and what you think can make it better. If it doesn't improve we have only ourselves to blame. The new site is www.adirondackcatskillsci.com. The old site was .org. Please make the change.

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

May , 19 at 7 pm Regular meeting will be held at **Christopher's** in **Oneonta**, speaker **Vinnie Migliori,** will talk about his recent hunts for Alaskan Brown Bear and Canadian Wolf hunt.

May 28, 29, 30 The 47th Annual National Lake trout Derby will take place on Seneca Lake. Call C. Morehouse at 315-789-8634 or go to www.laketroutderby.org for details

June 11 (Saturday) at the Oneonta Sportsman's Club from 8 am-3 pm. There will be a Women on Target, Handgun Shooting Sport class covering safety, types of handguns, ammo, care, storage, and shooting **. The cost will be $35**. For more information or to sign up call Joe Strand 607-433-9755

June 16 Regular meeting will be held at **Christopher's** in **Oneonta**, **Kyle Fry** will talk about another great elephant hunt in Botswana.

June 24-26, 2011 — Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) Workshop. This workshop will be held at Silver Bay YMCA on Lake George in the Adirondacks. Forty different classes are being offered at this workshop, including some new ones such as air gun, camp stove cooking, knot tying, build a soda can stove, trail bicycling and plant identification! For more information or to register go to http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/68.html or Contact Kelly Stang 518-402-8862 or kjstang@gw.dec.state.ny.us

July 21 Meeting will be at **6pm**, The July ACSCI meeting and picnic will be held at the new home of Don and Laura DuBois at 981 Preston Hill Road, Earlville. The "meeting" will start about 6:00. Bring a dish to pass and your own drink if you don't like soda. To get there from the North country, get on Route 12B South out of Hamilton. At the South end of Hamilton you'll see the hospital on the right. Turn left on Preston Hill Road at that point and proceed three miles. Our house is on the right. We'll have a sign out by the road. If you're traveling from the South, etc. get on Route 12 in Sherburne. At the North end of Sherburne the road splits. You'll want to bear left on 12B.In the village of Earlville turn right at the one and only traffic light. Just out of town you'll go over a little bridge and then turn left on Earlville Road. After about a mile and a half or so you'll turn left on Preston Hill Road. When you get to the top of the hill you'll see the sign on the left indicating that you've made it.

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

*In an effort to save money, postage, and paper SCI is changing the distribution of the **Safari Times** to the internet. If you would rather still receive a hard copy through the mail, or if after receiving it on line you don't like it, you need to call the membership department at 520-620-1220.*

- *After wasting several opportunities to acquire a Savage Model 99 chambered in 250-3000 I have decided to see if there are any "out there". I would like the chance to have this rifle appreciate in value so I am willing to pay something under $1000. I am not interested in any other calibers. Please let me know if you have or know of such a rifle. Thanks, Phil Stewart. Phone 315-453-7261 or e-mail: juphstew@aol.com*

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

ANOTHER SUCCESS with Youth Day! By Ron Meek

Rockdale Rod and Gun Club was filled with over 100 people on April 9th! What were they doing there? Enjoying our annual A/C SCI Youth Day at Rockdale!

The day was filled with air gun range activity, laser shot fun, fly tying instruction, turkey call use, taxidermy displays, archery action, fishing family activity and ***new this year*** a Sables area with animal identification and a ***popular*** neckerchief give away! As always they ate us out of house and home as a meal was provide by the Rockdale Gun Club for all!

A returning attraction this year was Environmental Conservation Officer, Brett Armstrong and K9 NITRO! What a great demonstration they put on! A special thanks goes out to the ECO's for their added donation to our event to help cover expenses!

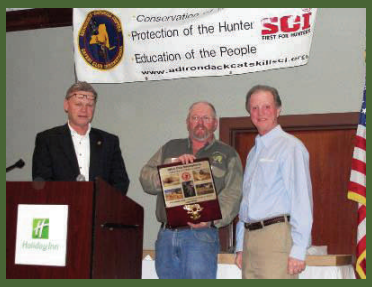
Every youth went home with a lasting memory of a good day spent enjoying the activities offered in the sporting world. Each of them received a nice door prize and two went home with Youth 410 shotguns!

Another win-win is what we as adults received in watch the smiles on each of the youths as they enjoyed quality time with family and friends!

Until next year — ***keep the kids in it!***

Special Thanks for Your Help at Youth Day!

On Laser Shot — NYS 4H Shooting Sports
Air guns — NRA
Archery — Bill Shaw Fund — Rockdale Rod and Gun Club
Sables Neckerchiefs — Sables SCI
Fly Tying — Chenango Valley TU
Turkey Calls — Robin Perry
Taxidermy — Chenango Taxidermy — Warren and Ruth Smith
K-9 — ECO Brett Armstrong and Nitro
Food and Door Prizes — Rockdale Rod and Gun Club and A/C SCI



Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Auctioneer Jerry Leclar, during the live auction, Richard Hazard holding paintings; Frank Zitz, with our honored Military guest and wounded warriors, Justin Clough, Nathan Clough, Steve Valyou, and Bradley Garfield; Richard Hazard and Jim Digristina, awarding Larry Steiner *The Dangerous Game of Africa Award*; Richard Hazard, receives the *Young Hunter of the Year* while dad looks on; Jim Digristina awards Frank Zitz the Chapter Appreciation Award.

We would like to thank all the Donors and all of the volunteers and all of the attendees, for helping make this
13th Annual Fundraiser the biggest and best ever.
We hope to see you next year March 31, 2012.

We would like to thank Debbie, of Gracy Travel Inc. 6865 Camp Bullis Road, Ste B, San Antonio, Texas, 78256. Phone 210 698 2611, toll free 800 299 8558, email debbie@gracytravel.com for her generous support for providing the airfare to send our Wounded Warrior, Bradley Garfield to South Africa this August on a hunt provided by Scott Van Zyl of SS Pro Safari's. We all should consider using Gracy Travel for our future adventure's.

Current Sables Members

Pat Migliori	Veronica Kosich
Judy Lutkowski	Lynn Mayer
Winsley Jerauld	LarrySteiner
Denise LaBarron	Robin Jerauld
Daria Schumacher	Christine Gollin

The first ACSCI Sables Committee meeting was held April 21st, at 6PM,Christopher' Restaurant before the general Chapter meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to brainstorm fundraising ideas, discuss goals, and look for opportunities to educate young and old on the heritage of hunting and conservation. Currently Sables Committee meetings are scheduled at 6PM, prior to the Chapter Meetings. Communication to Sables members through email will also play an import roll in advancing Committee goals. For more information contact Robin Jerauld at 607-643-1978, rjerauld@toast.net.

Sables update:

Saturday April 9th, ACSCI Sables attended the Rockdale Rod & Gun Club Annual Youth Day with their Tracker's Game. Children and youth of all ages (a lot of adults too!) took the 12 Paw challenge to see how many paw prints they could name. Their efforts were rewarded with a colorful bandanna of their choice. It was great fun for all, both sides of the table! Remember, a large part of Sables is educating people of all ages about our heritage to hunt!
So get involved!

Contact Robin Jerauld, 607-643-1978,
rjerauld@toast.net to join.

HORNLOCKED - THREE BIG BUCKS

To a hunter, it's a stomach-tightening, bizarre sight. At the same time, it's a stark example of the potential ferocity and brutality of the whitetail rut. These three Ohio bucks somehow locked antlers while battling near a small creek. When one deer slid into a shallow pool, it sealed the fate for all three, who drowned together, antlers still locked. Steve Hill talked to the men who found and recovered the deer and their combined 400-inches of antler to bring you the story of this sad, almost poetic scene. Find the whole story at: www.fieldandstream.com

Phil Stewart's Texas Trip

Some of us are lucky and, in that department, I excel. It was a very lucky day about 4 years ago when the phone rang and on the other end was my best buddy from college — Bob LaCoe. Bob had retired from the Air Force and settled in Kilgore, Texas. We talked for a long time and then kept in touch by e-mail.

Eventually he invited me down to hunt on a ranch where he helped transport corn to put in feeders for the leases. After the end of deer season we could hunt for exotics and stay at the ranch house. That year (2009) I hunted hard (by Texas standards) and killed a Blackbuck, a Mouflon ram, and an Axis buck. They were all VERY nice. By the way, that was the first time in 51 years that I had seen Bob.

We decided that another trip was in order so I made my plans to fly there in early April 2011. This time it was "tourist time" with some hunting. This was a new experience for me since all my hunting trips before were dedicated to hunting. The ranch is owned by Jim & Rod LaGrone - retired hospital administrators who bought the ranch in 1995 or 1996 as an investment. Neither are hunters. The land in that area (just west of the famous YO Ranch) has appreciated very nicely.

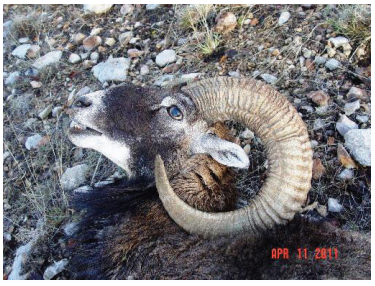
While in Texas I visited the museum (ex hotel) in Fredricksburg that had been in the (Admiral) Nimitiz family for several generations, the East Texas Oil Museum, and the museum that memorializes the 297 students killed in the natural gas explosion in New London, Texas. That event resulted in the law that requires mercaptan being added to natural gas to give it an odor so this could never happen again (it hasn't).

Back at the ranch I continued hunting. The Fallow bucks are in the process of growing new antlers and they grew 2 inches in a matter of 3 days. AMAZING. A very nice Axis buck bedded within 50 yards of where I was hunting but I just observed him as he was about the same size as the one already hanging on my family room wall.

Finally on Saturday (late afternoon) I shot a small Mouflon ram. In the dim light I thought he was much larger. Sunday I again found the band of mature rams and promptly shot over the back of a very nice ram. The ewes all had lambs so, in spite of the population needing culling, I didn't shoot a ewe.

Monday was the last day of my 5-day, exotics only license. I started before dawn at a couple of locations where I had seen Mouflon sheep before. Nothing. Then it was time to walk (fortunately up-wind) toward a blind where I had seen animals previously. Soon I spotted the band of mature rams feeding toward me and I picked out the one I had missed the day before. For all my faults, I usually don't miss an animal two days in a row. This was no exception as I intentionally shot low and killed the ram with 1 shot. (see picture)

I expect Jim Bethune at Wildlife Expressions in Kilgore to have my ram finished by next year. I want to thank Jim in print because he has a ranch near Henderson, TX where he hunts feral pigs. We had seriously thought about spending a day but there has been a drought and the pigs are hiding & not feeding on the ranch. He told us so and saved us a wasted day.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Adirondack-Catskill Chapter — Safari Club International

□ New Member □ Renewal Membership #_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Membership #: _____

□ SCI Dues National $65.00 Chapter $20.00 Total $85.00

□ Adirondack-Catskill Chapter only $20.00
(Life or Current National Members only)

□ "Special" for 2011 $40.00
(For new members only – includes both National and Chapter dues)

□ Check Enclosed (*Make checks payable to*: Adirondack-Catskill SCI)

□ Credit Card: □ VISA □ MC □ AMEX

Card #: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Total Enclosed $_____ US Dollars

Mail Form To: Clifford Barker, Membership Director
26 Medallion Drive
Otego, NY 13825

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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. This is normally a $85 membership.

Together we can make it happen.

Welcome to:

Veronica Kosich—Catskill, NY
Tom Jensen—Saugerties, NY
Jeff Foley—Rome, NY
Ronald Wood—Galway, NY

Adirondack-Catskill SCI Member Trophy Awards Form

(Deadline for Submission is December 1, 2011)

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: _____

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Rules for 2011 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, 2011*.

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