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Stanley's Ram Hunt

By Bill Mayer



Stanley Kocyba

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Saturday October 18th was "Stanley Kocyba Day" at Wild West Trophy Hunts in West Edmeston, NY. Planning for this hunt started in August and funding was approved at the September chapter meeting. The hunt would be for a Ram which we later learned was an animal

Stanley said he always

wanted to hunt. Stanley is a 13-year-old diagnosed with pseudo-achondroplasia (a disorder that affects bone growth) and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The day started out cool and rainy but everyone's spirits were high. After coffee, doughnuts, home-



Stanley, his ram and ACSCI well wishers

made apple pie and some photos, we headed out to the preserve.

Cody Mikalunas, our guide for the hunt, provided Stanley with a ride through the preserve to see all the animals. Stanley got to see the Buffalo, Red Stag, Rams and Fallow Deer, which he thought was great. After the ride, we stopped back at the lodge so everyone could



get warmed-up and dried-out. When Stanley said he was ready to go, we were back outside and in the 'buggy & wagon' to start the hunt.

As soon as we found where the rams were, the hunt was on. After a short stalk, Stanley's Icelandic Sheep Ram was spotted at the base of a tree. Stanley got set up and with one perfect shot from his "243", he had his Ram ... and we had one happy 13-year-old on our hands. After hugs, high fives and many photos, we headed back to the lodge for a great lunch prepared by Cindy Mikalunas. *Continued on page 5*



A Message from Larry Steiner, Chapter President

Well, here we are again in what some people think is the best time of the year, myself included. The last of the leaves are falling to the ground, the air is crisp and clean and it's hunting season! I am pleased to hear about several youth hunts that were provided by members of our ACSCI Chapter for our young hunters. You'll read more about them in this edition. Some of us just participated in our chapter's "Disabled Youth Hunt" with

Stanley Kocyba at Wild West Trophy Hunts in West Edmeston, NY . What a day to be with Cody Mikalunas while he guided Stanley on his first ram hunt. Certainly a day to remember!

Folks, it's all about time left. If we are to preserve our right to hunt, we need to encourage our young people to get outdoors. We need to take them hunting. Remember, it's about the time we have left. Pass it on!

Have a safe and successful hunting season,

Larry

Make sure you have at least one of these on your bulletin board!

ADIRONDACK CATSKILL SCI
SCI
 FIRST FOR HUNTERS

ANNUAL RAFFLE
FEBRUARY 1-28, 2015
 Donation: \$25.00 per ticket

Proceeds to help benefit Adirondack Catskill SCI Hunts for Wounded Warriors and Disabled Youth.

Winner based on NYS three digit **evening** lottery numbers. Two chances to win per ticket. Limited to 500 ticket holders. Prizes for each day are listed on the back of this ticket. Prizes to be claimed **within 45 days of end of raffle**. Prizes subject to change based upon availability. Substitutes will be of equal value.

All guns awarded in accordance with all Federal, State and Local firearms laws and background checks. If not passed prize is forfeited.

Winning numbers contact either
 Darryl LaBarron at 607-972-4304
 Larry Steiner at 607-988-6334

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RAFFLE DAILY PRIZES
FEBRUARY 2015

- 1 TC Prohunter FX 50 cal Muzzleloader
- 2 Redhead Aluminum Rifle Case
- 3 \$180.00 CASH
- 4 Browning A Bolt 7 mm Mag
- 5 Range Max Bench Rest
- 6 Bushnell Trophy XLT 10x28 Binocs
- 7 Excaliber Crossbow
- 8 \$180.00 CASH
- 9 Weatherby Vanguard II 257 wthby mag
- 10 Moultrie A5 IR Trail Cam
- 11 Savage 17 Win. Super Mag
- 12 Midland LXT 500 Radius
- 13 \$180.00 CASH
- 14 Weatherby Pump Shotgun 12 Ga
- 15 Wild Game Halo Range Finder
- 16 Ruger American 22-250
- 17 Ameristep Ground Blind
- 18 Tikka Hunter 270 win
- 19 Redfield 3x9 Rifle scope
- 20 Ruger 10-22
- 21 \$180.00 CASH
- 22 TC Venture 280 Rem
- 23 Garmin Etrex GPS
- 24 Big Game Boss HD Tree Stand
- 25 Remington Turkey 870 Express 12 Ga
- 26 \$180.00 CASH
- 27 Ruger American 308
- 28 Browning A Bolt 300 Win Mag

Pick Up Your Tickets from DARYLL LABARON, BILL MAYER, JEFF HAZARD, RICHARD HAZARD or LARRY STEINER

Herb Roes' Namibian Hunt

September 2014

HUNT DETAILS— I acquired this hunt at the Oneonta 2013 ACSCI fundraiser. The hunt was 5 hunting days with Goedehoop Hunting Safaris, Box 82, Aranos, Namibia, Africa. Owner and PH was Johan Moolman at ghgame@afol.com.na, www.goedehoophuntingsafaris.com



The Hunt included trophy fees for Oryx, Springbuck, and Steenbuck or Duiker. Activation of the hunt was September 10 -14, 2014 with fellow hunter, Bob .

Game I harvested- Cheetah, Oryx, Red Hartebeest, Springbuck

Game Bob harvested- Oryx, 2 Springbuck (1 male,1 female),1 Steenbok

Johan Moolman- has 60,000 acres +-or-, 3,000 meat type sheep, 130 head beefers, (a start). He has a crew manufacturing charcoal , and intends to shear his sheep when we leave.

We had three meals per day eaten at the ranch house because it was close to hunting areas. Johan did Kudu, Spring buck and Oryx steaks on a barbie--great! His wife Elfie enjoyed dinner with us each evening as did their youngest when she was home. A nice family.

Accommodations--very good. We did not miss the 100mph long distance rides experienced in South Africa..



Our bags did not arrive in Windhoek when we did, but arrived the following

day. This was OK, as we rented the weapons needed and had no concern about weapons as we traveled the 9 days after the hunt. In fact, the first day out resulted in 2 Oryx,1-Steenbuck and the Cheetah being harvested. Second day produced 2 Springbuck (1 for each of us) and on the third day I harvested the Red Hartebeest. Bob harvested the female Springbuck. He has pictured his 2 Springbuck, working into one creative display.



The Cheetah had been feasting on sheep, so I took the opportunity to be the hunter. Three bushmen trackers were dropped in an active area and 30 minutes later, the Cheetah was flushed and running along a fence line. I had my chance, which was successful. The fence separated Namibia from Botswana. If I want to see the trophy hide, I must return to Namibia as Cheetahs cannot come into the US.

The trackers and skinner are very able people with the butchering area clean and equipped. The trackers (bushmen) had only one wounded animal to follow, which was done successfully. The experience of the involved people made this a very successful hunting adventure.



Brian Carman's Youth Deer Hunt

2014

By Kurt Carman



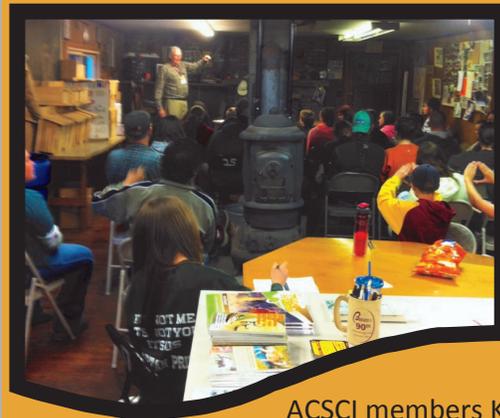
Brian and I had been planning on this hunt for a long time. With the "308" sighted in and him shooting well, we were ready. Day one (Saturday) started off with seeing some deer and nothing came into range for a shot. That afternoon we watched two does at fifty yards for over 15 minutes. Brian said he wanted to hold out for a buck. It was his choice. I was just tagging along to make sure he was safe and took an ethical shot if presented. Day two, we started again at sun-up and hunted hard all day. Saw a lot of deer and two bucks, but way too far for a shot. Day three, we slept a half - hour later than the first two days and decide to try a different place. We pulled up to the field and the corn had not been cut. I sat there pondering what to do. This was his last day of the youth hunt and I wanted to help him as much as I could. We decided to go back up to the farm and when we got out of the car, there was a lone deer way down in the field. We stalked all the way to within 90 yards (the last 40 were on my knees). Brian set up, the buck turned broadside and Brian shot. The buck never took another step and I don't think I have ever seen Brian more happy and proud (I was too !!!). He had just harvested his trophy and he will never forget his first deer.

**Preserve the
Heritage of
Hunting,
Promote
Conservation!**



Join the
**ADIRONDACK-CATSKILL CHAPTER &
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL**
TODAY!!!!!!

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10076 Beartown Road N.
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Applications are on our web site at
<http://www.adirondackcatskillsci.com>



*Hunter
Safety
Training at
Otego Rod
& Gun Club
September
2014*

ACSCI members Kurt Carman and Steve Gruver, along with two other hunter safety instructors, taught a 3-day course for people to be eligible to obtain a hunting license in New York State. They had 22 males and 15 females sign up for the course which ran from Thursday September 17th thru Saturday the 20th, ten hours total. There were 5 participants over the age of 18 and one over the age of 70. It was a great class, very successful for all. We offer a course once a year, usually in September at the Otego Rod and Gun Club. New instructors or anyone interested in volunteering are more than welcome to come lend a hand. *By Kurt Carman*

Stanley's Ram Hunt

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Many thanks to the chapter members who came to the hunt to support Stanley – Larry Steiner, Richard Hazard, Stan Swears, George Franke, Vinny Migliori and Ron Meek. Also, on the hunt were Stanley's father, Stan, and Stanley's Uncle Chris.

We would like to express a very special thanks to **Cody and Cindy Mikalunas**, owners of **Wild West Trophy Hunts** and **ACSCI members**, for everything they did to make this a very memorable day for Stanley. Thanks also go out to **Mike Vickerson, taxidermist and ACSCI member**, who will be mounting Stanley's trophy for him..



Front—Stanley and his father Stan. Back row -Larry Steiner, Stanley's Uncle Chris, Stan Swears, Richard Hazard, Vinny Migliori, Ron Meek, George Franke, and Bill Mayer. **A GREAT DAY FOR ALL!!!**

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



Jim Digristina



Bert Scherer

2014 Winners

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



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SABLES EDUCATION Committee and be
a part of the education legacy!***

A-C SABLES are active in

- Sponsoring Youth and Teachers to the American Wilderness School
- Fund Raising Events and A-C Chapter Support
- Hands-On-Wildlife Box Promotion
- Youth Day Educational Games

Contact Robin Jerauld at
rjerauld@toast.net or 607-643-1978

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.

“Trophy Turkeys Sure are HEAVY PAPA!”

A Story of a Grandson’s First Turkey Hunt.

By Ron Meek



When my grandson was 4, I had trained a new dog for fall turkey hunting. Grandson Evan had been around during the training and was looking forward to his FIRST REAL HUNT!

Well, October 1st came along and there I was with a 6 - month - old green hunting dog and a 4 – year old grandson!

Our cabin at Gobbler’s Roost was our choice and upon arising and having a good breakfast we stepped out onto the porch to start our search for turkeys. The hunting gods shined on us as there was a feeding flock 400 yards away just reentering the woods.

Off to the end of the field we went with Jinger Lou, my young Boytel Spaniel, and Evan in tow! This would be Jinger Lou’s FIRST EVER

BREAK and she was a PRO! Turkeys flying everywhere with even 3 or 4 running past us! What a show!

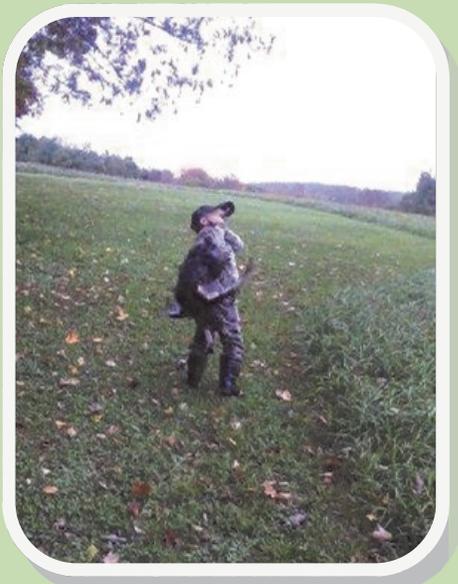
Next was the task of settling down a 4- year -old, a pup, and a GRANDPA for the call back! Perfect spot picked and the call back was on. Fifteen minutes and I hear an answer to my call. I state to Evan that the turkey is right in front of us at about 30 yards! WRONG THING TO DO as he moved to see it! We settle back down and the bird starts working again in about 5 minutes. By this time both Evan and Jinger Lou are TOTALLY focused on the bird and I made the shot!

The only reason Evan was the first to the dead bird was that he WASN’T on a leash like Jinger Lou was!

Evan insisted that he would carry the bird back to the cabin that was about 500 yards away! Now -- This is the Smallest turkey I have ever shot and he was able to carry it over his shoulder!

Then the BEST THING I HAVE EVER HEARD ON A HUNT CAME OUT..... He looks back over his shoulder and says, “ Trophy Turkeys Sure are HEAVY, PAPA!”

“YES THEY ARE!”



A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words. . .



George Franke
Moose - Maine

Larry Steiner
Rocky Mt. Elk - N.M.

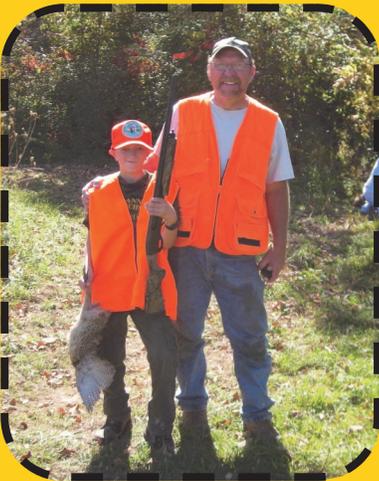


Stan Boots
Roosevelt Elk
Vancouver Island,
B.C.

Goin' to the Birds — A Pheasant Hunt First, for Youth Hunters

By Kurt Carman

We got an invitation to Lynn and Bill Mayer's for the youth pheasant hunt and lunch. We show up and meet up with Jack(the re-



triever) and his handler and some other helpers. After enjoying a great lunch out on the deck, we head out on the hunt and as the first bird flushes, Brian watches it go out of sight. Never fired. Bird two was almost as lucky, but



Brian winged it and

we watched where he landed for a later stalk. Bird three was not lucky at all, as Brian smacked him good. We went over and found bird #2 and Brian proceeded to get that one as well. He had his limit and we cannot thank Bill and the gang enough. Brian really had a great time on his first - ever pheasant hunt.



Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events

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

"**YOUNG HUNTER AWARD**" and "**TROPHY of the YEAR AWARDS**" Applications due.

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. Speaker Jacqueline Friar of SUNY to speak on the "Coyote Research Findings Conducted in NYS".

January 2015 NO CHAPTER MEETING

February 1, 2015

28 Day Raffle Begins, watch the NY three - digit evening lottery numbers for the day's winner. Refer to raffle ticket for rules.

February 4-7, 2015

Safari Club International Convention , Las Vegas Nevada

February 14, 2015

Rockdale Rod & Gun Club - ACSCI 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>

March 19, 2015

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

April 16, 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>

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 the ACSCI website at <http://www.AdirondackCatskillSCI.com>