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Please submit articles by
the 18th of the month.
Article and photos submitted
become the property of
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Our Chapter is desperately in need of someone to manage our new website. If anyone has a basic knowledge of how to maintain an already set up website, please call Larry 607-988-6334. All needed codes and passwords are available. Please get involved so our new website can continue to help and inform the chapter members.

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

October 20 meeting at Cold Brook 7pm Speakers will be Richard Hazard and Vinny Migliori reliving their Ontario black bear hunt.

November 17 Meeting in Oneonta. Christophers Restaurant. 7 pm Stan Swears, talking about his Wyoming Mule Deer Hunt.

December 15 Meeting at Cold Brook. 7pm Big Buck Contest Winner will be chosen that night.

January NO MEETING...

Feb 16th meeting to be held at Christopher's in Oneonta, speaker needed.

Fundraiser committee meeting, Tuesday October 4th at Larry's house, dish to pass and all are welcome.

FUNDRAISER 2012, March 31, Holiday inn, Oneonta, NY.

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

•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.

Safari Club International Foundation Testifies In Support of International Wildlife Conservation Funding

For Immediate Release: July 28th, 2011

Washington, DC –Safari Club International Foundation (SCIF) testified today in front of the U.S. House of Representatives Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee in support of H.R. 50, the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2011 which would extend funding for important conservation projects until the year 2016.

“It was an honor to testify before the committee today, and I hope that our message was clear: that these projects are a needed investment for sustainable wildlife conservation,” said Joseph Hosmer, President of SCIF. “Support for international conservation projects is necessary for the continued growth of wildlife populations and stability of rural economies throughout many nations of Africa and Asia.”

As a result of the funding from the U.S. Congress, many grants, matching contributions, and in-kind funds have been donated to these programs from other organizations, host countries, and conservation groups. For example, as a result of the 2009 Congressional appropriation of \$2 million for the African Elephant Conservation Fund, over \$11.2 million in matching funds were received from outside sources and went to fund 33 African elephant projects.

Contact: Nelson Freeman, Media@safariclub.org

ADIRONDACK CATSKILL SABLES WIN MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

The AC Sables Committee won the membership incentive award for the second quarter of the 2011 Membership Drive. AC Sables received a check for \$200.00 which will be used for educating of youth and adults on our heritage to hunt and conservation practices. Contact Robin Jerauld to join AC SABLES, NOW! Let's bring home the third quarter award too!

Robin Jerauld, AC Sables Representative
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New York Educational Funding Request for: *Understanding Black Bears* – A Wildlife Management Classroom Curriculum

OVERVIEW - Today's educational challenge facing New York wildlife agencies and educators is reshaping the misunderstood perceptions of students about the state's growing black bear population.

To fulfill this wildlife education need, a coalition of over 20 agencies, including New York's DEC, non-profits, wildlife educators, and educational media developers spent years and significant investment creating *Understanding Black Bears*, a 29-activity classroom curriculum. This curriculum correlates to national educational standards in science, social studies, language arts, environmental education, math, and expressive arts – while teaching about the scientific and responsible management of New York black bears. The content within this educational curriculum supports the concepts of professional, science-based wildlife management. It equips and empowers students to recognize the differences between fictional media animals and real wild animals. They learn how to make science-based decisions on responsible management of wildlife and how to conduct scientific research to dispel misconceptions about wildlife species - with the focus on black bears.

This monumental wildlife education curriculum is already being funded and distributed free to New Jersey teachers through NJ F&W and their Project WILD Coordinator. It was also recently embraced by New York's DEC bear biologists and the agency's Project WILD Coordinator, and is now ready for distribution to New York teachers. However, because of state education budget cuts, the success of shaping wildlife education perceptions in the next generation of citizen hinges on adequate funding to place these classroom kits into the hands of teachers.

An interesting letter in the *Australian Shooter* Magazine from which I quote:

"If you consider that there has been an average of 160,000 troops in the Iraq theater of operations during the past 22 months, and a total of 2112 deaths, that gives a firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000 soldiers.

"The firearm death rate in Washington, DC is 80.6 per 100,000 for the same period.

That means you are about 25 percent more likely to be shot and killed in the U.S. capital, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the U.S., than you are in Iraq."

Conclusion: The U.S. should pull out of Washington DC.



Sportsman Club SCI Fun Shoot Enjoyed by All

On August 20 Adirondack Catskill SCI held a fun shotgun shoot at the Oneonta Sportsmans Club on a hot sunny day. I don't recall how many shooters we had, but it was somewhere between 3 and 100 and everyone had fun, every shooter broke clay birds, and nobody walked away hungry. Out of the kindness of our hearts, a few of us tried to convince Don Dubois to sell this old gun he brought. It was really old and made by some company named FOX. I believe the bidding went up to \$175 but Don thought he might hold on to it another couple years. As soon as the shooting stopped, Bob Matyas pulled in to join us for Brook's BBQ, throw money at us, and tell stories better than Uncle Remus. You'll have to ask Bob about throwing money, but apparently the Statue of Liberty is on a million dollar bill. Good company makes anything fun.



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A HUNTERS PRAYER

LORD, as I step into the meadows and forests today, let me remember that how I act will determine whether or not I have a successful hunt, not size of my game bag.

GIVE me the insight to appreciate the dignity of the wild animals that I pursue. Help me not to degrade that dignity.

GIVE me patience. Patience to tread the trail carefully, leaving behind no evidence of my having passed, patience to wait for my game knowing that it watches no man's clock, and patience to wait for a clear, clean shot if a shot I am to take.

ALLOW me to fully understand the wonder of this ancient act of hunting. A basic personal challenge that I accept willingly knowing that it is not a test of killing, but an evidence of untethered living that is within both myself and the wilderness I pursue.

AND LORD, even if I should return this evening empty handed, let me know that my memory will be full of all the sights and sounds and smells that I have witnessed, and filled with an appreciation and respect for the wild things I have shared with you today.

AMEN



**ADIRONDACK-CATSKILL CHAPTER SCI
BIG BUCK CONTEST RULES**

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

Revised 9/12/11

- 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 taxidermist who belong to ACSCI

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.

Welcome on Board!!

Ken Kryzak
Bernie Kennett
Tim Edwards

Altamont
Oneida
Sharon Springs

Together we can make it happen.



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: _____

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:*

Vinny and Pat Migliori, 10076 Beartown Rd. N, Ava, NY 13303-2104