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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

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

February 16 Meeting at Christopher's in Oneonta will feature **Phil Stewart's** talk on his successful Estate Elk Hunt. **Second Speaker, Adriaan Venter** of Majestic Safaris, South Africa, presented by **Stan Swears**.

March 15 Meeting at the American Legion in Cold Brook will feature **Dick and Jeff Hazard, Vinny Migliori, George Gollin, and Larry Steiner** recounting their trip to Saskatchewan for Whitetails.

2012 Youth Day will be April 14 at the Rockdale Rod and Gun Club. Contact Ron Meeks for details [607-373-3009](tel:607-373-3009)

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.

Upcoming Sportsman's and Gun Shows

New York Sportsmans Expo Jan 27-29 NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse www.newyorksportsmansexpo.com

Central New York Sportsmans Show Feb. 4 at the Kallet Civic Center in Onieda 9 am to 4 pm
www.holycrossacademy.com

Eastern Sports and Outdoors Show Feb 4-12 State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg Pa
www.easternsportshow.com

Adirondack Outdoorsman Show Feb 18-19 Johnstown Moose Club www.adkshow.com

Great OutdoorFamily Expo March 23-25 at the Fairgrounds YMCA in Watertown www.greatoutdoorexpo.com

Big East Camping and Outdoor Sports Show March 30-April 1 at Turning Stone Casino in Verona

Syracuse Gun Show April 21-22 NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse call Sandra 607-748-1010 www.bigeastshows.com



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SUGATS-UAN (Saskatchewan- Land of Fast Flowing Water) by George Gollin

This past November a group of five ACSCI members, Larry Steiner, Dick and Jeff Hazard, Vinny Migliori, and I, embarked on a hunting adventure in far northern Saskatchewan. Our primary quarry was whitetail deer, really big whitetail deer. We hunted First Nation Red Pheasant land which is Cree Indian property, and therefore the deal was you could hunt anything you cared to hunt including black bear, moose, mule deer, elk and I believe caribou. The only thing you were required to shoot if you saw them were wolves, and most of us saw and heard wolves during the course of the hunt. The most prevalent animal we saw and the animal we were seeking was the whitetail deer.

Why would a person travel 3000 miles and spend several thousand dollars to hunt an animal that many of us can shoot off our back porch? It is true some things about our hunt were similar to hunting in various parts of New York. The deer there were the same wary critters we hunt here, and the mature bucks were hesitant about their every move. Like home, we saw blue jays, ravens, and Canadian jays, and their red squirrels were just as annoying as ours. Unlike home, they had magpies. Also unlike home, once you were dropped off at your stand, you heard nothing manmade. No trucks backing up, no noon whistles, no dogs barking, no church bells ringing, no vehicles of any kind and no shots from other hunters. If you were quiet, all you heard was whatever nature was dishing out. You could hear a bird's wings flap as it flew by, you could hear deer grunt and bleat, and you could hear wolves as they prowled around you. Very cool stuff! Unlike home, their deer herd was very much in balance. I saw almost exactly as many bucks as does, and the age structure was even across the spectrum. The country was vast as anything you'll find in North America, and in order to bring their deer in, the Cree choose stand sites carefully, and they use bait to pull the deer in. Now about these deer. . . They were big, I mean really big. They spend their lives running from wolves and fighting unthinkably cold winters. Being big is the only way they have a chance. The deer we took went from around 275 pounds up to 375 pounds and they



George Gollin with the first buck of the week.

get bigger yet!

Our trip from Saskatoon started on the wrong foot. The Crees are not punctual people at all and we were picked up about five hours late wondering if they would show up at all. Once we arrived at camp we also realized that the place didn't meet the descriptions on a few levels. No power, no water, and therefore no showers, hot or otherwise. This was not in the brochure! The good news is as soon as we walked in we met our guides Eddie and Conrad who worked hard to make our hunt great and were humorous characters at the end of the day to make our down time enjoyable too. Eddie was the ring leader, and he took a shine to Larry right away. We sat around the kitchen table while Eddie would serenade Larry in some funny and disturbing ways making the whole group double over in laughter. Larry doesn't know this, but Eddie's name for him was Sap-Oh-Stayagun, the one who shoots right through. I'm not sure why, but it made Eddie laugh every time he told me. The food was OK and plentiful, but mostly the company was first rate. Lots of laughter, good stories, and Eddie's weird songs.

Now on to the hunt. Our first day out allowed us to get settled and get our bearings. Nobody saw anything tremendous so no deer were taken, but we all saw deer. On the second day Eddie decided to move me to another stand. The weather was comfortable that day, around freezing. The deer were moving in my area big time. I saw my first wolf but had no shot. I passed on deer I would die for at home. Around 1pm a ten point came to the bait station. After looking him over I could think of no reason not to harvest him. My big problem was getting my heart rate down so I could see through my scope! By the third time I tried to settle down I was able to get the job done. My shot was around 150 yards and he dropped right where he stood deader than Elvis. While waiting for Eddie to pick me up the wolves were howling in the distance and getting closer and closer. I thought for sure I was going to get a shot at one as their howls seemed really close, surely coming to eat my deer, and as luck would have it, Eddie showed up just a little too early. My wolf hunt was over! This was the first time in recorded history a Cree was too early! The next day the temperature dropped significantly making sitting in the stand more of a challenge. After waiting all day, Larry saw a set of



Larry Steiner's buck...

antlers coming into the bait as daylight was fading. Without a lot of time to evaluate the deer, Larry knew it was big and he was right. Larry's monster buck had 13 points on a 375 pound frame! Wednesday was colder yet and it was Dick's turn to score. The first part of the day was slow with no big bucks seen. Dick spotted his nine point holding at the edge of "the bush" and Dick's shot was true, anchoring the third deer for our group. Later that same day two guys from North Dakota also filled their tags. Thursday was still cold with light snow. Vinny saw two wolves about 300 yards off at 11 am and took a shot but could find no sign of a hit. Vinny saw his trophy shortly after his wolf encounter and dropped his excellent nine point at 11:30. This left Jeff our last group member to fill a tag. Jeff hunted as hard as anyone could. He and Conrad had developed a bond through the week and Conrad really took care of where he set Jeff up and coached Jeff each evening to ensure a positive outcome. Jeff saw quite a few deer. Probably more doe than the rest of us, but he wasn't going to settle for what he saw, and Mr. Big never showed up. Jeff's perseverance and great attitude from beginning to end through long hours in -27 cold made it clear that he possesses a true hunter's frame of mind and reverence for his quarry, and his outdoor surroundings. His experience was enjoyed with or without a kill and there will be a next time for Jeff. These attributes made Jeff a great guy to spend a week with and get to know.

One last thought of the trip deals with logistics. This trip could have been a disaster if we didn't have a really great travel agent. Ours was a very exclusive agent. In fact if you don't know their number I can't give it to you. Pat Migliori of Migliori Northern Tours made all the arrangements and set out an itinerary so simple and so complete that even we could follow it from first day to last. Pat Migliori will always be an angel of mercy in my mind for her work behind the scenes and her only payment was ten days of peace and quiet. Thanks a million Pat.

All in all, this was a great group of guys, hunting in an incredible land that was on one hand stark, forbidding and harsh and on the other hand vast, beautiful and teeming with wildlife and adventure. Add to this the colorful Cree characters who call this place home and that explains why we travelled 3000 miles to shoot a whitetail. Kis-Kaye-Tum, I will remember, and Natacotan-Asumna, I will come back.



Richard Hazard's buck...



Sitting around the kitchen after a long day in the bush.



Vinny Migliori wrapped up the week with a fine nine point.



Forty one points in a week, must be Saskatchewan.

South Africa Safari By Rachel Trojan

When I first made the decision to travel to South Africa with my father for a ten day hunting Safari I have to admit I was very nervous but also very excited! As the date we were leaving, August 15th, approached my anticipation and nerves built up more and more. This was sure to be the most memorable and most educational trip of my life and I'm so thankful my father and his friend Ken were by my side.

Once settled in at SS Pro Safaris, we got right to work sighting in our firearms, my dad and I were using a Remington 270 and Ken was using a Remington 7 millimeter. Early the next morning we headed into the field, by the end of the first day my dad, Ken, and I each harvested our own beautiful mature Impala rams, Ken and I also each took an impressive Blue Wildebeest. The second day we continued by Ken harvesting a large Kudu bull and Gemsbok and my father taking a Blesbok. Day three, Ken was able to harvest a young male Warthog while sitting by a watering hole. The highlight of this day (and highlight of the whole week for myself and my father) was when I spotted and dropped my very own Kudu bull, talk about one proud father- daughter moment!!

The fourth day we traveled about an hour to the Limpopo River. With my 1300 Winchester Black Shadow 12 gauge we were able to try our luck with African birds. Ken took 2 Guinea Hens and 1 Pheasant, my dad and I each took 2 Franklins. That night my dad harvested a big Bushbuck and a Spring Hare. The fifth day my dad harvested one of my personal favorite African animals, a large male Baboon. That night my dad took 2 large male Porcupines and Ken took a mature Bushbuck. The sixth day Ken harvested something he had wanted the whole trip, an Egyptian Goose. After this relaxing morning in the field we traveled to a local school to present generous donations from ACSCI which included; about 100 pounds of school supplies, candy, tooth brushes, etc. along with the meat from my Impala. The children sang songs and danced for us. The joy on their faces when I gave them each some candy was priceless and very humbling. That night my dad was able to harvest a large Civet.

On the seventh morning my dad harvested his own large male Warthog. In the afternoon Ken harvest a mature male Nyala,

one of the most breath taking animals in Africa. That night I harvested a Steinbuck. The eighth and last day hunting I was able to harvest a Diker which was the last African animal we would be taking before heading to the airport to get on our 16 hour flight home!! The people, land, and animals were beautiful and breath taking- pictures don't do them justice. The memories of the smile on my dad's face when I spotted the Kudu, to the smiles on the kids faces at the school when receiving the candy, won't be forgotten. I will cherish this trip forever. I have my parents, Ken Kryzak, 4-H shooting sports, SS Pro safaris, and ACSCI to thank for all their support in making this opportunity possible and enjoyable for me!!!

Sincerely,
Rachel Trojan



Adirondack - Catskill Chapter of Safari Club International Banquet and Fundraiser

Holiday Inn, Rte. 23 Oneonta, NY - Saturday, March 31, 2012
\$40 per person includes dinner, live auction and all events

Registration - 12:00 pm Vendors & Displays - 12:00 pm – 6:00pm Live Auction - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

DINNER – 6:30pm Choice of Lemon Chicken, Salmon or Beef Teres Filet
(indicate choice on form below)

EARLY BIRD BONUS SPECIAL- PACK #1

BUY 10 RAFFLE TICKETS AT \$10 each (\$100) RECEIVE 10 ADDITIONAL TICKETS

EARLY BIRD BONUS SPECIAL- PACK #2

BUY 15 RAFFLE TICKETS AT \$10 each (\$150) RECEIVE 20 ADDITIONAL TICKETS

BONUS SPECIALS

Good for Whitetail, Predator, Big Bore, Sables and Youth Table Raffles
SEND MONEY WITH RESERVATION – PICKUP TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

LARRY STEINER (607) 988-6334, E-MAIL STEINERSCI@STNY.RR.COM
OR RICHARD HAZARD at (315) 798-4103

For Hunt Auction Items, check out our website at www.adirondackcatskillsci.com

For Room Reservations call Holiday Inn, Oneonta, NY at 607-433-2250
Mention SCI when calling to obtain special room rate.

Please fill in the name, address and phone number of yourself and all your guests below. List additional guests on a separate sheet of paper. This information is needed for the auction and your account.
Tables seat 8 people. Please notify us of any special seating arrangements.

Return the bottom portion with your payment by March 21, 2012 to qualify for the early bird specials.



Pre-Registration Required - NO Tickets will be available at the door.

Banquet Reservations _____ @ \$40	\$ _____
Early Bird Ticket Pack #1 _____ @ \$100	\$ _____
Early Bird Ticket Pack #2 _____ @ \$150	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____	City _____
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____	Phone _____

_____ Pack #1 _____ Pack #2	_____ Pack #1 _____ Pack #2	_____ Pack #1 _____ Pack #2
_____ Chicken or _____ Beef	_____ Chicken or _____ Beef	_____ Chicken or _____ Beef
_____ Salmon	_____ Salmon	_____ Salmon

(over)

A/C-SCI YOUTH DAY @ ROCKDALE R&G CLUB WHO BENEFITS?

WE ALL DO!

For the Last Decade Rockdale Rod and Gun Club has Co-Hosted a Youth Day with either the NWTF or Adirondack/Catskill SCI Chapter. It is hard to say WHO benefits the most -- The Kids or the Adults! I think it's a Draw! All I know is that we have a Great time and would like you all to join us this year.

Date: April 14, 2012

Time: 9AM - 2PM

Cost: FREE

Events: Laser Shot

Air Guns

Archery

Fishing

K-9's

Game calls

Fly Tying

Taxidermy



FUN and FOOD!

INCLUDE in FREE: DOOR PRIZES and LUNCH!

We always have some EXTRA Good stuff with a Raffle for ALL to participate in!

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Saturday, March 31, 2012



**Return this portion with your payment to:
Adirondack-Catskill SCI, c/o Larry Steiner, P.O. Box 466, Otego, NY 13825**

Payment Method

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Check or Money Order payable to Adirondack-Catskill SCI

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



Mike Vickerson was in charge of measuring entries of the Big Buck contest.



Mike Vickerson's Adirondack buck edged out Jim Digristina's Southern Tier buck. Lee Crowther's buck came in third place. The event was held at the December meeting in Cold Brook

Welcome New Member!

Together we can make it happen.

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 2012 \$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
1007 Beartown Rd. N
Ava, NY 13303-2104

<i>NEW</i>	<i>Kevin Sanger</i>	<i>New Hartford, N.Y.</i>
<i>NEW</i>	<i>Dan Southwick</i>	<i>Ava, N.Y.</i>
<i>NEW</i>	<i>John Klepey</i>	<i>Gloversville, N.Y.</i>
<i>NEW</i>	<i>Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>Watervliet, N.Y.</i>
<i>NEW</i>	<i>Thomas Beckman</i>	<i>Bay Shore, N.Y.</i>
<i>NEW</i>	<i>Ron Bender</i>	<i>Schoharie, N.Y.</i>
<i>RENEW</i>	<i>Ron Preski</i>	<i>Poland, N.Y.</i>
<i>LIFE</i>	<i>Richard Wilson</i>	<i>Putnam Station, N.Y.</i>

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



Adirondack-Catskill SCI Member Trophy Awards Form

(Deadline for Submission is December 1)

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 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 1st.

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