



Adirondack-Catskill Chapter Safari Club International News

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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

July 21 Meeting will be at 6pm, use Dons direction and a dish to pass...The July ACSCI meeting will be 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.

Otschodela Council Boy Scouts of America will again have their **Shoot for Scouts Clay Target Tournament on July 23** at the **Crumhorn Rod and Gun Club**, Crumhorn Lake Road, Maryland, NY 12116 from **8am-4pm** including a Brook's BBQ lunch, awards, and door prizes. Cost is \$50 for the day. Call Tom Wright days 607-432-6491 or Don Nickerson evenings 607-638-9258 for further information and to register. It would be great for our Chapter to have a presence at this event to support scouting.

August 18 Meeting at Cold Brook. American Legion Hall. 7pm Speaker will be **Don Wicksell** talking about his Alaska float hunt for moose.

September 15 meeting in Oneonta. Christophers Restaurant. 7pm Kyle Frye will show a video of his Botswana elephant hunt.

Leatherstocking Friends of NRA Banquet will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 5pm** at the **Oneonta Holiday Inn**. Save the date and support our second amendment rights. For more information and reservations call George at 607-432-9063.

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

November 17 Meeting in Oneonta. Christophers Restaurant. 7 pm TBA

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

We are taking donations to fill a Blue Bag for an upcoming **August Africa Safari by Jeff and Rachel Trojan**. Our chapter will also pick up any additional shipping charges. Call Larry to make your donation at 607-988-6334 or Robin Jerauld at 607-988-6875.

We have reserved the **Oneonta Sportsman's Club in Oneonta for a day of Shotgun games, food, relaxation and fun on Saturday, August 20 starting at 10 am**. The cost will be \$17 per person for drinks and snacks all day long, and a Brook's chicken and ribs lunch. Shooting available that day will be trap and skeet at \$3 per round, and Five Stand at \$5.50 per round. Ladies only squads will be set up if requested. Kids over twelve welcome to shoot but must be accompanied by an adult. Informal instruction available for beginners. Pay for what you shoot and bring your own ammo. Please bring a guest to introduce to our chapter. Call George 607-432-9063 for information or to reserve your spot.

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 accsinews@yahoo.com and we will include it in the next newsletter. Deadline for all articles is the 18th of even months.



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photos and articles to:

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Please submit articles by
the 18th of the month.

Article and photos submitted
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Winners of the New Zealand Hunt Rod and Linda Brown of Hillsdale, NY

My best friend is a Kiwi, a New Zealander. My wife and I have always wanted to visit and at the same time do a hunt for red stag and fallow deer. Well on a visit to Frank Zitz, my wife Linda and I were informed of a Adirondack Catskill SCI'S 2010

Annual fundraiser dinner where hunts are auctioned off - so we signed up. At the dinner we were lucky enough to win the bid on a New Zealand hunt for 2 red stag, 5 days and nights - all inclusive for the phenomenal amount of \$200.00. So it was on !

We arrived in Hamilton, New Zealand on Wednesday 3/30 and were picked up by outfitter/guide Mat Hall on following day. Once we arrived at the Munguni Lodge in the Waitomo region of the North Island we were immediately impressed with the accommodations. The lodge has a wind turbine and solar panels for electricity and collects water from the roofs - totally self sufficient. We settled in, got acquainted with Sharon the cook, sighted in the borrowed rifles - Sako .308 and Tika .280, got dressed in some field gear and headed out to look for some animals. Once we saw the quality of animal I decided to upgrade and get a fallow deer instead of a red stag. No sense having two red stags on the wall.

Up at 6:00 am the next morning we ate breakfast and headed out. The weather was absolutely beautiful which was helpful in spotting animals and putting on some stalks. After hiking up and down the terrain - be in shape, suggest a lot of multiple level stair running - we located a chocolate fallow deer. We spent several hours trying to get in position but I was never comfortable with the shot so we passed and

went back to the lodge for lunch. The animals normally bed down for several hours so we took the opportunity to go to an annual 'running of the sheep' and street festival - a little local color. Later that afternoon we got Linda on a red stag. She got in position and shot but it was a clean miss. We tried to get onto a few more stags but it wasn't to be so we headed back to a delicious dinner once it got dark.



The following morning, 60 degrees and sunny, we headed out although sore from yesterday's walkabout and immediately spotted a shooter 300 inch red stag. As we were hiking and stalking to get in range I spotted a fawn colored fallow that was laying in the shadows. It was a monster. After a consult with the outfitter we decided to hang where we were and wait for it to get up and start moving. We weren't disappointed. Once it stood we were at a 140 yards and ready. I shot and the .280 did what it was meant to. The fallow walked about 10 yards, turned, stumbled and was down. Success ! After taking care of the animal we were back at the lodge enjoying lunch - never a disappointment. Having a few hours to kill while the animals weren't moving we went to the famous Glow Worm Caves in Waitomo a tourist attraction that was well worth it.

That afternoon we went out to get Linda a red stag. Again up and down the terrain, spotting and stalking what seemed to be miles. The animals roaring the whole time. We headed toward the roar and located the stag and the stalk was on.

It was starting to get late and we thought that tomorrow was going to have to be the day because the stag we were stalking went over the ridge and out of sight. We started getting packed up to go when right behind the original stag an even nicer stag that we couldn't see came up onto the ridge. Linda got back into position, got onto the stag, steady as a rock and shot - 240 yards - one shot, her first big game animal. The stag went down and out of sight. The outfitter and I saw that it was a good hit but off we went to confirm. The stag had rolled down the hillside about 30 yards to a flat - it was beautiful animal. We took some pictures, dressed the animal and got it back to the lodge in the dark. A wonderful day of hunting.



The next day it rained on and off so we hung out at the lodge. Mat has other animals to hunt had we had the money and time but we elected to just enjoy what we had accomplished and visit some of his local friends, take pictures and just relax.

Turkey Talk...



Larry Steiner receiving corn and soybeans for distribution to hunters and farmers to plant for habitat and food for wildlife. Enough seed was distributed to plant 500 acres. Many Deer, Turkeys and other wildlife will benefit from this ACSCI Conservation project for the third year in a row. Thanks also go to Stan Swears and Bob Burkhardt for helping to unload the seed.



Del Law



*Jeff and Rachel Trojan:
Jeff; double beard 10", 1" spurs
Rachel's; 9" beard, 3/4" spurs.*

Got this "Red Head" at five minutes before noon today. 22 lbs., 9 inch beard, 1 in. spurs. I worked him in the field for 2 hours. He wasn't very interested in my decoy. Eventually, 2 hens paraded him toward me. As he got closer, he took some steps toward my decoy. At 45 yards, in full strut, I couldn't resist the temptation to "take a picture" of him with my 12 guage.

Bill Mayer — Adirondack-Catskill SCI

Last fall, Bruce Clapper and I traveled to Tioga Ranch in Pennsylvania for an elk hunt. We arrived at the 1700 acre ranch in the afternoon and met our guide. The next morning, I harvested a bull elk and Bruce got one that afternoon. Bruce's elk scored 343 and mine scored 383. Tioga Ranch is high fenced but you do have to hunt to get your animal. They do not surrender easily. Everyone at the ranch was great to work with, and trust me, you will not go hungry. The food was excellent. We are planning to return to Tioga Ranch next fall to hunt their beautiful fallow deer.



Adirondack – Catskill Sables

If you couldn't make the Sables meeting on June 16th, here is what you missed!

- One of the priorities is to gain access and eventually own our own "Hands on Wildlife" (H.O.W.) education box(s). We are currently working on the schedule for the education box. We are also currently working on the funding for this box! Any persons knowing of any educators/school systems who would find this beneficial tool useful, contact Robin. Any persons, who would make a monetary contribution to AC SCI's education program, please note the contact information below. Remember most school budgets are tight and for a school to have use of this box would be a great benefit for students of all ages.
- AC SABLES are looking for silent/live auction donations for the 2012 AC- SCI Chapter Banquet, March 31st. Get your donated items to us by September 20th, to be eligible for the Oktoberfest Donors picnic.
- AC SABLES is organizing an A-C Chapter Blue Bag to be taken to South Africa by Jeff Trojan and his daughter Rachel. You will be receiving more information on this soon, since the bag contents need to be to us by July 25th.
- Next scheduled Sables Meeting will be on September 15th, 2011, but until then, the emails will be flying!

Questions? Contact:

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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!

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Here is a photo of last years "Big Buck" winner taken by Dan DuBois behind his brother Don's barn in Madison County. The taxidermy was by Randy Stewart, owner of Clingerman's Taxidermy in North Rose 315-587-2259.

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

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.

Our newest members.

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| Jerry Bartleson | David Kuhn | Kenneth Titus |
| Joseph Ervolino | Erika Labuda | Rachel Trojan |
| Robert Gavin | John Manship | Gerald Wright |
| Thomas Getzke | Sarah Neff | John Yacono |
| Tom King | Bruce Randall | Max Zimmerman |
| John Kelly | Jason Sautter | James Cobb |
| Tjaat Kruger | Jim Smith | Tim Furner |



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