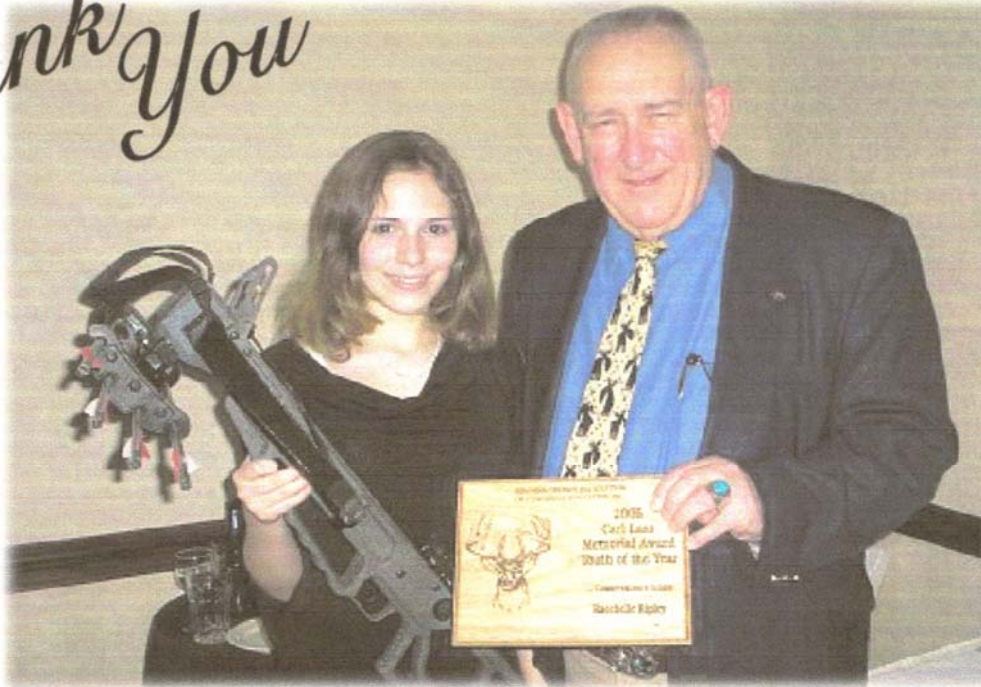


The Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs presented Raechelle Ripley with the prestigious Carl Lass memorial Award at the Federation's annual banquet that honors several Outdoors persons each year for outstanding feats and accomplishments. Ripley was one of those and was elated at the honor

*Following is a Thank You card received from Ripley. [Notice the handwriting]*

*Thank You*



Ripley with Bill Hilts Sr., presenting the award

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs,

I would like to thank you for the honor of being selected as this year's recipient for the Carl Lass Memorial Award for Youth of the Year. I also would like to say a special thank you to Bill Hilts, Sr. for the gift of the crossbow. I look forward to learning how to use the crossbow this summer. The opportunity to attend Camp Rushford Environmental Camp, receiving this award and the crossbow have all been a wonderful experience. I hope you continue to sponsor youths to attend these camps, so they too, can have the opportunities that I have for years to come.

Thank you very much!

*Raechelle Ripley*