Botswana Ban Study Shows Benefits of Hunting

A n article recently published in *South African Geographic Journal* examines the Botswana hunting ban in 2014. Did the banning of safari hunting have any effects on rural livelihoods and efforts to achieve wildlife conservation in Northern Botswana? The short answer? The ban was bad for humans and animals both.

There are significant findings that show how detrimental bans on hunting are. They lead to a reduction of all the benefits hunting provides, from income and jobs to social services and game meat resources, which previously came to communities at no charge. Imagine a government policy that takes away jobs, income and food from the table!

As the study reveals in Botswana’s case, the shift from hunting to photo safaris had some major detrimental effects: 1) Negative attitudes toward wildlife conservation (“what are those animals good for?”). 2) An increase of poaching in northern Botswana. 3) Game meat resources, usually provided to local communities for free by the hunting operators, were drastically reduced or became non-existent. 4) Land use was lost as many former hunting areas were not viable as photo safari destinations.

What has played out across Africa is happening in Botswana – wildlife conservation is only sustainable when hunting plays a central role.

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**UPCOMING Meetings**

USD 35 per person, $45 day of event and for walk-ins

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Much of the news and chat on social media these days is negative, spite-filled and just plain cranky. There are things it is important to know and hear about, but after a while, it gets old. Very old.

So then, when it comes time for hunters to promote our mission and our message – that hunting is a proud tradition, that it helps pay for conservation, that it is a fun and positive thing to do as a pastime – it makes sense that we deliver that message in a positive way. It doesn’t take a lot of research for us to know that being upbeat and positive is more attractive, more convincing. It will get the point across faster and easier than being contentious.

Around the hunting industry, there has been the urge to attack back when the anti-hunters go on the attack. Of course, we should stand up for our tradition and our legacy, but let’s do so in a positive way. Leave ‘em laughing; leave ‘em wanting to know why we love hunting so very much.

In days past, we had hunting pictures on our desks, in our wallets, and we showed them along with the kids and grandkids. We put heads on the wall, too. But the entire world didn’t have access to them. Non-hunters got to know us first. Maybe the same rule of thumb goes for social media – be aware of your audience and the messages you are sending. Be proud of your accomplishments, be positive about the benefits of hunting, and attract people into the hunting world.

The same goes when you see another hunter’s photos – focus on the animal, the experience, the scenery. There might be negative comments from others, but it is best to overlook them. Admire the photo and the hunt, congratulate the hunter, ask about the location, the outfitter. Keep it light. Show your pride in the sport. Because it really is a lot of fun!

We have a S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event coming up and a series of DSC 100 recruitment events, in addition to a line-up of terrific monthly meetings. We have hit our stride and are marching toward the show, Jan. 17-20, 2019 – a bit later this year. Buckle in, show up, volunteer, and bring your friends. Because we really do have a lot of fun!

Karl Evans, DSC President
So, what’s the alternative to a ban?

The study’s geographer, Joseph E. Mbaiwa, suggests that such policy shifts should consider all aspects of the social economy, not just polarizing debates, and should be firmly rooted in community decision making.

Mbaiwa writes, “Community-based approaches are based on the principle that for wildlife to survive local people must be able to profit from and manage the animals living around them as a form of land use, taking the initiative in conserving the resource out of their own economic interest.”

Without considering this human factor, wildlife will be perceived negatively and more as a liability than an asset. When that happens, the wildlife is pushed out, culled or removed in favor of more valued economies, such as farming or cattle raising.

“Individuals who receive more direct benefits from the tourism industry have more positive attitudes towards tourists and tourism development.... Initiatives should be developed to assist in improving the socio-economic lives of local people and this would in the long run create a more supportive environment for tourism and conservation and ensure their sustainability.”

Perhaps the most telling commentary in this study is this: “There is no scientific study that has so far proved that safari hunting in Botswana was carried out in unsustainable basis to warrant a ban in 2014. Conversely, there is evidence that safari hunting in Botswana was regulated particularly through the quota system to promote sustainability.”

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To read the full article, check out the DSC News Center.

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**Location:** Greystone Castle, near Mingus, Texas

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**Why the ban in the first place?**

The Botswana government was heavily influenced by data from Elephant Without Borders, a conservation group in Botswana, that claimed many species were in danger of “local extinction” with numbers falling below sustainability, due to poaching, human encroachment, drought, fire and hunting tourism. The study found that, overall, species were declining by 66% – kudu, wildebeest, tsessebe, giraffe, warthog, ostrich – in the game-rich northern areas.

Later, these data were discredited as being little more than a snapshot, rather than a long-term study. Still, the ban was set in motion and all hunting in Botswana ceased in 2014.

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Secretary Zinke writes:

There is no greater American tradition than fireworks on the Fourth of July. This year, as I watched the fireworks over our nation’s capital, under the illumination of the rockets’ red glare, I could not fail to notice the many monuments that are in need of repair. Our monuments, battlefields, parks, and public lands are our nation’s greatest treasures, and now is the moment to invest in ensuring their future.

America’s National Park System is the envy of the world; it is a collection of 417 park units like Yosemite and Yellowstone, representing America’s best idea. Our parks tell the story of our nation, ranging from the origins of the American conservation ethic, to our sacred battlefields, to the Civil Rights Movement. Quite frankly, our American park system represents our American values.

Last year, our parks had 330 million visitors, with more visitors expected this year. Unfortunately, our park system has been neglected and is in need of rebuilding. We are loving our parks to death. The backlog of critical maintenance and repairs in the National Park Service stands at $11.6 billion and until recently, addressing the backlog seemed to be out of our reach.

But nothing is truly out of reach for America. We are, after all, the nation that pioneered the West, won both World Wars, and put a man on the moon. Our ability to preserve the splendor and beauty of our National Park System should be a slam dunk.

A bipartisan bill that is now before the Senate would achieve this worthy goal. Thanks to the efforts of leaders like Sens. Rob Portman (R-OH), Lamar Alexander (R-TN.), Mark Warner (D-VA), Angus King (I-ME), and many others, the bill has momentum as others join to show their commitment to our public lands. I commend every senator involved in this effort for recognizing that preserving our parks is not a Republican or Democrat issue – it is an American issue.

I would like to thank President Trump for his leadership throughout the process. In the president’s 2019 budget request to Congress, he proposed the largest investment in public lands infrastructure in American history. The president is a builder, and his commitment to American infrastructure has provided the path to get us to this point.

The deteriorating state of many of the roads, bridges, trails, visitor centers, and restrooms across the National Park System should be unacceptable to every American. Americans love the outdoors – it is no surprise that recreation in the United States is an $887 billion industry (and growing). Every American deserves a park system that is “for the benefit and enjoyment of the people,” as the words above the Roosevelt Arch above Yellowstone National Park proclaim.

The president and I support the bill before Congress. In the spirit of July 4, fixing and repairing our National Park System will preserve a uniquely American institution for generations to come.
Good News for Saltwater Anglers

On July 11, the U.S. House of Representatives, led by Rep. Don Young (R-AK), passed a bipartisan bill on marine fisheries law that includes input from the recreational fishing industry for the first time. The bill aims to increase fishing access and conservation efforts by incorporating modern management approaches, science and technology to guide future decisions.

However, before it goes into effect, it will still need to pass in the Senate.

This bill, H.R. 200, included recreational saltwater fishing priorities through the Modern Fish Act, or the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017, that was included by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 13, 2017.

This journey for the recreational fishing industry to be heard has been fought long and hard for the last several years.

In 2014, the Commission on Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Management presented “A Vision for Managing America’s Saltwater Recreational Fisheries” to federal policy holders. It identified the main priorities of the recreational fishing and boating community. Among other actions, they called for:

- A national policy for recreational fishing
- A revised approach to saltwater recreational fisheries management that promotes both conservation and access
- Allocation of marine fisheries for the greatest benefit to the nation
- Reasonable latitude in stock rebuilding timelines
- A process for cooperative management
- Managing for the forage base

The Commission is also referred to as the Morris-Deal Commission for co-chairs Johnny Morris, founder and CEO of Bass Pro Shops, and Scott Deal, president of Maverick Boat Group.

Many of these recommendations are included in H.R. 200. This legislation addresses many of the challenges faced by recreational anglers, including allowing alternative management tools for recreational fishing, reexamining fisheries allocations and improving recreational data collection. 

Source:
Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation and The Commission on Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Management
The Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award Committee has opened nominations for individuals or organizations who meet the criteria of this most prestigious award. Each year the Capstick Award honors and recognizes an individual or organization whose achievements reveal a sustained and significant contribution to the conservation of wildlife and habitat. Each winner will have demonstrated a long-term commitment to our hunting heritage by pursuing those conservation efforts for the benefit of future generations.

The Capstick Award honors the memory of a great man whose writings captured the essence of his love of the hunt and his respect for and understanding of wildlife and wild lands. The award is intended to fulfill Mr. Capstick’s lifelong desire to promote a hunting legacy and ensure the conservation of our wildlife resources.

If you know of an individual or organization that is worthy of this award, please submit your nominations for the Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award to info@biggame.org. Please include as much background on your nominee as you deem appropriate. **All nominations should be RECEIVED by August 25.**
Incoming Chapter President Takes Black Bear

Date: May 26-31  
Hunter: Andrew L. Whaley  
Outfitter: Glacier Guides, Inc.  
Guides: Zach Decker and Alisha Rosenbruch-Decker  
Area Hunted: Southeast Alaska  
Cost: $10,000  
Species: Coastal Black Bear  
Method of Take: Rifle  
Difficulty of Hunt: Medium  
Quality of Hunt: Best Ever  
Overall Satisfaction: Outstanding quality of guide, camp, and amenities. Would recommend hunt to a friend and will be a return customer.  
Comments: Saw plenty of wildlife while in company of wonderful people. The facilities were great, and the guides took care of every hunter. Very safe and fun.

Excellent Kuiu Island Black Bear Hunt

Date: June 3-8, 2018  
Hunter: Keith W. Babb  
Outfitter: Parker Guide Service  
Booking Agent: Sporting International  
Guide: Bret Bohn  
Area Hunted: Kuiu Island, Southeast Alaska  
Cost: $9,000  
Species: Black Bear  
Size of Animals: Large  
Method of Take: Rifle  
Difficulty of Hunt: Easy  
Quality of Hunt: Good  
Overall Satisfaction: Excellent in every way, would recommend this hunt to a friend.  
Comments: Beautiful country, hard-working guide, excellent accommodations on 80-foot yacht, abundant game.
DSC Member Trophy Awards

Linda Donaho comments on her Reeves Muntjac, First Place in the 2018 Best of Europe Category

I got my muntjac at sunset on the second day of a two-day hunt in the Woodland Forests of Bedfordshire, England. It was late and had begun to rain. The guide, Kevin, decided to give calling one more chance. As soon as he called, the muntjac answered.

“Where?” All I saw was green and red-brown ferns. There was no movement: not even an ear or tail. He told me the muntjac was right in front of me at 60 yards. He asked if I saw the red-ginger color in the ferns. “That’s where I’m aiming.”

“Shoot.”

And then, I finally saw my muntjac as he jumped out of the ferns and fell over dead. We were both stunned and excited. He said it was the best taken in three years. CT

2019 Member Trophy Awards

DSC is pleased to celebrate the experience and the joy of hunting by presenting awards to its members once a year. As judged by a panel of expert volunteers, prizes are awarded for the best trophies by region, size and species, with special categories for archery, youth and ladies.

To enter, contestants must provide the following:

- Completed Member Trophy Awards Form for each animal entered, available on the DSC website under “Awards” from the home page.
- A field photo, preferably digital, of you with your trophy
- $30 entry fee for each animal entered by Dec. 15; final deadline Dec. 29 (with late fee).
- A score sheet for each animal entered
- B&C scores are admissible for North American game. Field photos of you and your trophy will be displayed at the convention, and winners will be awarded at an upcoming monthly meeting and listed in a subsequent issue of Camp Talk.

Complete rules and forms can be found online at www.biggame.org. For more information, call (972) 980-9800 or email karrie@biggame.org

DSC 100 VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Photo Deadline for Game Trails October 1, 2018

Are you a DSC 100 volunteer? Do you plan to volunteer for our Mogambo Convention in 2019 and/or the S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza?

Each year, we display photos of the DSC 100 volunteers in the Convention issue of Game Trails, with a brief caption, your name and committee(s). This special section serves to thank those who give countless hours to help make our Club the best! Whether you volunteer for one or 100 hours, we want your photo.

Email a formal portrait or a snapshot, as a high resolution JPG to info@biggame.org. Please include your name, committee(s) and a short caption (less than 10 words).

Call 972-980-9800 for more information. CT
Trophy Pictures – To Post or Not To Post
BY RICHARD T. CHEATHAM, DSC FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Few topics get hunters (and non-hunters) riled up to foaming-at-the-mouth status as fast as the subject of trophy pictures.

As hunters, we can all agree, I think, that trophy pictures done respectfully are perfectly fine and are great lasting reminders of the hunting experience. We can also agree that some will never accept that any trophy pictures are ever done respectfully. And finally, there is a large segment of the non-hunting population that does not object to pictures that show respect for the quarry. Yes, respect in this context is subjective, but most rational hunters know the difference between an acceptable picture and one that should not be shared publicly.

Recognizing that the public image of hunting is important, the Namibia Ministry of Environment and Tourism recently proposed rules that punish the use of trophy pictures by Namibian professional hunters – any trophy pictures – on social media. The announcement of the proposed rules predictably, and justifiably, caused an uproar in the hunting community, and the Namibia Professional Hunting Association, exercising the excellent leadership we have come to expect and appreciate, stepped in to work with the MET on common sense revisions to the proposed rules. The results of that cooperative effort will be announced at a later date.

Whether everyone wants to accept it or not, we are all ambassadors for hunting. Our sport will be judged by many by the images we put forward. Actions and/or images that evidence a lack of respect for the animals we hunt can cause potentially irreparable damage. Knowing that, why would anyone post an obviously unacceptable picture that they know will offend? Simply because it is their right? God knows, we all have a given right to be jackasses if we choose, but in light of the current attacks on hunting, isn’t it possible to recognize that the harm you may cause isn’t worth it if it impacts your right to hunt, and of generations to come?

I will continue to take and share hunting photos and I encourage everyone to do the same. If you have any doubts about the best way to capture and present an image properly, ask any reputable professional hunter – they know, and they have an obvious vested interest in promoting and protecting the image of hunting. Be the ambassador that hunting needs you to be.

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Sunday Hunting Expands in Delaware

New bill addresses deer herd’s agricultural damage

In mid-July, Delaware Governor John Carney expanded hunting opportunities in the state by eliminating restrictions on private land deer hunting on Sundays.

The law, Senate Bill 198, also increases hunting on public lands by granting the Delaware Department of Natural Recourses and Environmental Control (DNREC) authority to regulate additional Sunday hunting opportunities on public lands throughout the state.

In 2016, the strict Sunday hunting restrictions were lifted, and specific Sundays were designated for hunting on private and DNREC-regulated public lands. However, it only allotted certain Sundays that fell in muzzleloader and shotgun deer hunting seasons. The new bill expands the law to include select archery Sundays as well.

Besides expanding hunting opportunities, the new bill also looks to address the damage deer herds have inflicted on Delaware farms. Gov. Carney is focused on eliminating some of these costly consequences to protect farms and preserve hunting heritage. CT

Source: Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation
The July monthly meeting put a fresh spin on the usual meeting format. With a sizzling 30 percent off sale in the DSC Store, and a food truck providing delicious hot sandwiches, the members gathered at DSC Headquarters to enjoy fellowship with each other on a scorching July evening. Three new Life Members were pinned, and many told tales of recent African adventures.
C-2 Murray Rifle Shell Holder
Belt type with heavy duty elastic loops. We use only US made industrial grade elastic, and the loops are double nylon stitched (sides and bottom) to insure cartridge retention and soft point protection. Leather loops optional. Available in most calibers 25.06 through 577 Nitro. Also available with classic leather loops.

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C-3B Murray Rifle Shell Holder
Belt type with pre-formed leather loops, nylon stitched, rattle proof, silent opening with brass stud, saddle tan oiled finish, soft point protection, very compact.

Available in 7 round standard cartridge (243 through 416 Remington mag, 5 round short mag, and 5 round African cartridge).

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S-4 Murray Deluxe Rifle Case $695
This is a one-piece, conventional carrying case made for a lifetime of use. Offering the double tough protection of heavy saddle leather and lined with man-made sheepskin that is breathable and non-reactive to gun oil. This case will carry your rifle in style and safety. Featuring hinged grips that wrap all the way around the case, cradling the rifle, a full length YKK brass zipper, and double-extra reinforced end cap that protects the muzzle even if the case is dropped. Be assured you have the best in the industry in this spectacular gun case.

C-3C Murray Buttstock Shell Holder
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Many Thanks to Ben Kimmel

After 11 years of service to DSC, Events Manager Ben Kimmel has decided to leave the DSC staff to assume a leadership role in his family's business, effective August 10.

Ben came on board in August 2007. We already knew him through Alford Media and his assistance with our monthly meeting AV. Soon after, he became a DSC employee and has been wearing many hats ever since. It was not uncommon to see him on a tall ladder in the Pavilion, on the dock taking deliveries, or wheeling a cart full of volunteer snacks out of Sam's Club. At the show, Ben could be seen driving a pallet jack, coordinating speakers for seminars and stage events, setting up time-lapse cameras – you name it!

Ben is a true jack of all trades, and in 11 years, has made many lifelong friends with people from around the world.

Kimmel is a DSC Life Member and plans to continue to participate. We will miss having him here to step in and assist as he always has, but we wish him great success in his new career endeavor. CT
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A new legislative effort offers the opportunity to protect fish and wildlife and their habitats in Texas, and the entire nation.

On July 17, Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA), or Bill S. 3223, was introduced by Sen. James Risch (R-ID) with cosponsors Sens. Joe Manchin (D-WV), Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND). Through this initiative, Texas would be eligible for $63 million to conserve over 1,300 fish and wildlife species designated as Species of Greatest Concern.

Many dedicated individuals and groups have been working to get RAWA passed. In fact, this is a companion bill to H.R. 4647, or legislation that covers the same initiative as one in the House of Representatives.

RAWA was previously introduced in the House of Representatives by Reps. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) and Debbie Dingell (D-MI) in December 2017 and was heard by the House Committee on Natural Resources in February. This bipartisan bill currently has 79 cosponsors, including seven Texans: Reps. Kay Granger, Pete Sessions, Gene Green, Beto O’ Rourke, Henry Cuellar, Filemon Vela, and Michael C. Burgess.

DSC has joined the Texas Alliance For America’s Fish and Wildlife as a coalition member to support efforts like RAWA that promote active, sustainable conservation strategies for Texas fish and wildlife and their habitats. To learn more about RAWA and what you can do to help the initiative, check out the Texas Alliance website at www.txwildlifealliance.org.

Source: Texas Alliance For America’s Fish and Wildlife
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**Hotel Reservation Reminder**

At press time, the hotel block for the DSC show still has plenty of availability (though the Omni is sold out for Thursday through Saturday nights). Hotel reservations for the 2019 Mogambo Convention & Sporting Expo can be made by going to: www.biggame.org/hotel-reservations-2019. Choose either EXHIBITOR or ATTENDEE links. (There is no difference in the availability of rooms – this is simply a way for DSC to track attendance.)

Should you have any questions with online reservations or need personal assistance please contact Connections Housing at **404-842-0000** or toll free at **1-855-687-3725**. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time. You can also send an email with questions or specific requests to DSC@connectionshousing.com.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any contact regarding your hotel reservation will be from DSC Staff or from Connections Housing staff. The emails will be from [name]@biggame.org, groupcampaigns@pkghlrrs.com, Dallas Safari Club Housing dsc@connectionshousing.com or [name]@connectionshousing.com.

* DSC has contracted with Connections Housing for assistance in securing hotel reservations for the 2019 Convention and Annual Sporting Expo. There are NO other DSC authorized room agents or providers. If you are contacted by any such alleged hotel room provider or agent, please contact Kamille Martin at info@biggame.org and forward to Kamille a copy of any written solicitation you receive. If you reserve a room through any company other than DSC Connections Housing, you will not be in the DSC room block, and DSC will not be able to assist with any issues that may arise.

**Important Reminder for Exhibitors**

**CURRENT EXHIBITORS**

Booth placements are in process at this time and take between 8-10 weeks to complete. Once they are complete, all exhibitors will receive an email with their booth assignment and the updated 2019 floor plan. As a reminder, all booth balances are due in full by August 1.

As a reminder, **Freeman is the only authorized provider for DSC**. You will receive an email in mid-September with a link to their services, and this link will be posted on our Convention web page as well.

Freeman will **never** contact you via phone to offer their services. If any other company contacts you, they do not have authorized access to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Any other freight and service company will only be able to drop freight at the loading dock. Freeman staff can deliver it to your booth but must charge you for their service. This results in **double charges** for exhibitors. DSC is unable to assist exhibitors in disputing these charges.

**PROSPECTIVE EXHIBITORS**

At press time, the show is sold out, and there are no booth spaces available. If you are already on our waiting list, your information is in our database and is carried over from year to year. If DSC can offer you a booth, due to a last-minute cancellation, you will be contacted. The selections are made based on information that was provided on your application.

If you are not on the waiting list and wish to be considered, it is best to visit the website and fill out the application. Go to: https://www.biggame.org/convention/exhibitor-information/exhibitor-application/. Be sure to represent your business fully and in its best light on the application itself. No charges are required to be on the waiting list, but DSC cannot consider anyone who has not submitted the appropriate forms in full. Because the Convention department is assisting current exhibitors and donors, the staff will not be able to take applications over the phone and will not have the ability to “guesstimate” the availability of booth space.

*For more information, visit [https://www.biggame.org/convention/](https://www.biggame.org/convention/).
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HUNT AGENDA
Saturday, September 1
3:00 to 4:00 pm – Hunter registration
4:00 pm – Safety Overview, hunter placement for the afternoon hunt
Post Hunt – Approx 8:30 pm BBQ dinner & Bluegrass band – soft drinks
provided (BYOB for adult beverages after the guns are put away)

Sunday, September 2
5:30 to 6:00 am – Coffee at pavilion
6:00 am – Hunter placement in the field
9:00 am to noon – Brunch at pavilion (Breakfast burritos)
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Bear Hunt Backlash, from Northern Sweden to Western U.S.

As the brown bear population continues to grow in Sweden, so does the number of available hunting permits. Administration in Jämtland, a north-west Swedish province, increased permits from 70 last year to 100 this year in hopes of easing the effects of bears on local reindeer. The impact of their predator-prey relationship is still being researched.

The brown bear population is estimated at 850 in Jämtland, exceeding both the conservation goal of 600 and the governmental-appointed target of 500-800 bears. Sweden’s brown bear hunt has been conducted each year since 1943, but criticisms of the annual hunt continue.

The Swedish Species Information Centre, a department of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, cites that hunting brought the bear back to extinction risk. They listed the species as threatened in their directory in 2015. The list describes one in five animal species in Sweden as endangered.

But bear hunt backlash is making headlines 5,000 miles to the west of Sweden as well. Critics have continued opposing Wyoming’s comeback grizzly hunt ever since the Yellowstone population was delisted in 2017.

Protestors are rounding up support to apply for permits with no intention of hunting the animals. They are vowing to take cameras, not guns on the adventure if selected. The Wyoming Department of Fish and Game says it is legal for anyone to apply for the hunting tags, so there is nothing they can do to stop the protest.

Wyoming has not seen a grizzly hunt in 44 years. Read more about the journey from endangered bears to proposed 2018 hunting season on DSC News Center.

Sources: The Local Sweden and Wyoming News Exchange

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Annual Wine Pairing Dinner

One of the traditions at DSC is the annual wine pairing dinner, at Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House. This year, 52 people attended and enjoyed fine food, wine and friends. In a private dining room, the group enjoyed sampling various wines with the gourmet offerings but also mixed and mingled with members new and old. Our thanks to Chamberlain's! See you next year? CT
The Weatherby Foundation has announced the 2018 winner of their prestigious Weatherby Award. Jim Shockey will be honored at the gala banquet and auction Jan. 16, 2019, in Dallas at the Omni Hotel, on the eve of the DSC Convention and Sporting Expo, Jan. 17-20, 2019.

Jim Shockey – Canadian outdoor writer, a professional big game outfitter and television producer and host for many hunting shows – has been described in Outdoor Life as “the most accomplished big-game hunter of the modern era, having taken arguably the most free-range big game species by any living hunter.” Shockey is the producer and host of Jim Shockey’s Hunting Adventures and Jim Shockey’s UNCHARTED on Outdoor Channel and Jim Shockey’s The Professionals on Outdoor Channel and Sportsman Channel. His daughter, Eva Shockey, joins him as co-host on Jim Shockey’s Hunting Adventures.

Among the many accolades for his hunting achievements that have put Shockey in the forefront of hunting and conservation, Shockey also received the Conklin Award in 2016, which recognizes the world’s greatest active hunter who pursues game in the most difficult terrain and conditions while abiding by the highest standards of ethics and fair chase.

Shockey has been married to Louise, who was an actress, since the 1980s, and the couple has two children – Branlin and Eva – both of whom have joined Shockey in his hunting and entertainment business.

For more information about this award and attending the banquet, please visit www.weatherbyfoundation.com.
Bill Quimby, Writer and Publisher

DSC would like to note the passing of one of the old guard outdoor writers. Bill Quimby, born 1936, passed away June 20, 2018, at home with his family around him. As the editor of SCI’s Safari magazine for many years, Quimby helped to bring stories from C.J. McElroy, Dick Cabela and Jimmie Rosenbruch, among countless others, to the printed page. In addition to his role as outdoor editor for the Tucson Citizen newspaper, Quimby wrote many books, newspaper columns and magazine articles, and was well-liked by a loyal online readership of hunters and outdoorsmen. Additionally, Quimby hunted for 60 years, taking 60 types of animals in 12 countries, and notably all 10 of Arizona’s indigenous game animals. He is survived by Jean, his wife, and a loving family.

Kamchatka - Best For BIG Bears

Spring 2018 was the 25th anniversary year for “Russ Smith – Hunting Worldwide” arranging, accompanying, and guiding hunters for trophy brown bears on Kamchatka Peninsula which is in the Far East of Russia. It was only fitting that it was one of the best. Not only was spring 2018 one of the best for success, but it was also the best for the quality of trophies taken. For those hunting Kamchatka with “Russ Smith – Hunting Worldwide” it seems to keep getting better each year for big bears.

Once again, Russ and Irina Smith accompanied their hunters, all the way to camps and in the field. They report having a great group of sportsmen, as well as one super sportslady, to share this adventure. Their personal service is always essential in making this hunt run as smoothly as possible. This hunt is not as easy logistically to arrange as some other hunts that “Russ Smith – Hunting Worldwide” offers, due to varied requirements including visas, travel with firearms, rifle permits, camp coordination and shipment of trophies back to the U.S. As one well experienced international hunter said “Russ and Irina put together the best organized hunt adventure I have ever been on. Thank you and I look forward to booking another hunt through you.” – George Straw, CO.

Clients of “Russ Smith – Hunting Worldwide” have always enjoyed 100% success on Kamchatka. Spring 2018 was no exception. The 17 hunters including 6 DSC members, all took bears, with 9 hunters taking second bears and 2 hunters taking third bears. Of the 32 total trophies, the average was well over 9 foot square, with several reaching and surpassing the magic 10 foot mark.

“Russ Smith – Hunting Worldwide” has exclusive camps in some of the best areas in a very remote far northern region of the peninsula. The permanent camps accommodate 4 hunters, and are warm and comfortable, with beds, and plenty of good food. Each hunter has at least one guide, and often more.

Russ Smith has been accompanying and guiding hunters to Kamchatka, Russia since it first opened to international hunters in the early 1990’s. He and Irina once again plan to accompany one group of hunters in spring of 2019. They will be glad to share their stories and expertise at 1-800-650-HUNT or Hatari@RS-HuntingWorldwide.com. Many references are also available on request.
Nominate an Outfitter Today

Know an exceptional outfitter or professional hunter that deserves some recognition?

Send in your nominations for DSC’s Outfitter of the Year Award, presented by the Ladies’ Luncheon. This award is given to promote and recognize significant efforts of outfitters that provide exceptional support to DSC and enhance the hunter or angler’s ability to equitably enjoy nature’s resources.

Any DSC member in good standing may nominate an outfitter by sending in the nomination form to DSC Headquarters or karrie@biggame.org by September 30. The form can be found on the Awards page of www.biggame.org.

For more details or for questions, please visit the Outfitter of the Year Award Page or contact Karrie Kolesar, Awards Coordinator, at karrie@biggame.org.

Consideration of candidates will be based on the following criteria:

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Summer is a time to do many things, such as skeet and trap shooting, or sharpening your skills for fall upland game at sporting clays. A great many hunters are now thinking of their upcoming trips for this fall. Some have drawn that coveted permit for sheep, goat or moose.

One thing to remember, though, is that you are testing loads and guns for the hunt in colder weather during the summer. What will the temperature be when you go hunting, and what will the altitude be? How much difference does all this make?

Factory loads are loaded to perform satisfactorily for even the most terrible hot or frigid days in the field, but some powders are a lot more temperature sensitive than others. Some calibers are more temperamental than others at any temperature. Reloading is not any different as you just must consider the anticipated temperatures.

One hunter may be going to Mexico or Namibia where there are 90-degree temperatures, and another might be taking the same ammo to an area that has snow on the ground. Both expect the ammo to perform.

Two powder manufacturers have really put a lot of effort into producing powders that are not particularly sensitive to temperature changes. Hodgdon calls their powder “Extreme,” and tests show that most of their powders do not react much differently at 30 or 90 degrees. Alliant Powders, known as the Reloder series, has an excellent reputation of being very stable. In fact, Reloder 15 was just awarded a huge Government contract for 7.62 ammo, solely because it was the least temperature sensitive.

I have found the Hodgdon’s Extreme powders to be very stable under a wide variety of temperatures and conditions. It is important when loading for hot weather that you don't get any excessively pressured or hard to extract cases. If you do, then cut back a couple grains of powder, regardless of what kind it is.

Another factor that will give you fits is the change in elevation. Depending on where you live, you very well could be zeroing in your guns at 600 to 1,000 feet of elevation and be hunting 5,000 to 10,000 feet. It seems every time I zero my guns in 2 to 3 inches high at 100 yards for a 200-225 yard zero, I end up having to lower my point of impact when I arrive at the hunting camp. I normally will always shoot a couple rounds to be sure the airlines have not destroyed things enroute and sure enough - 3 to 4 inches high at 100 yards.

I now zero my guns only 1 inch high at home, and then I am about right at hunting camp. This is not only for North America, but much of South Africa which can be 4,000 to 6,000 feet, like in Johannesburg, and as high as 7,000 in the Eastern Cape.

So when you are reloading, take into account the temperature on those days you are shooting. Don't get caught working up a load at 50 degrees and end up using it at 90 degrees. You may very well have a problem. Luckily, about any load you work up at 80 or 90 degrees F, will be just fine at cooler temperatures usually encountered while hunting North America.

It matters not if you reload or buy your ammo, pay attention to the elevation where you live vs. the elevation where you will hunt, so that you do not shoot over everything.

While you are thinking about that hunt, is there anything that needs repair? Do it NOW. Don’t wait until two weeks before you leave, and then try and get anything done. CT

Terry can be reached by writing to tblauwkamp@superior-sales.com.
DSC Photography Contest

Photography is one of the best ways to show others the values and necessity of hunting and wildlife management. This year’s Photography Contest is open to DSC members of all ages. Entries are accepted as long as photography is not part of your profession. Qualifying entries received in time will be shown in slideshows during the January 2019 convention.

There are six categories for which you can apply with your photos:

- Wildlife
- Landscape
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Other
- Mobile Device

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E-mail photos and forms to: 
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Final deadline is January 31, 2019

Submission forms are on the DSC website:
www.biggame.org/awards/photography-competition/

- Photos must be made during this year.
- Entries must be made by the photographers themselves, rather than by the photo subjects.
- Each photo must be a maximum of 8mb, 300dpi.
- Entries must be submitted by e-mail only.
  - Please save the image as CategoryFirstnameLastname (Example: LandscapeJohnDoe1 or LandscapeJohnDoe2 or OtherSuzySmith1).
  - Subject line should read, PHOTO CONTEST

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Sept 20   Monthly Meeting – Larry Weishuhn
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