DSC: Positive Elephant Finding Best Decision For Conservation, Anti-Poaching

DSC applauds the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announcement regarding a positive enhancement finding for elephants in the countries of Zambia and Zimbabwe. The positive enhancement standard is strict, and requires that the Service find “that the [animal] is taken as part of a well-managed conservation program that contributes to the long-term survival of the species.”

Because this decision is based on sound scientific data, not on emotion or politics, the role of legal, regulated sport hunting is shown to be vital in the conservation of wildlife worldwide. Additionally, where there is hunting, anti-poaching programs are the strongest.

Increased anti-poaching efforts across Africa – including K-9 units, motorcycle, aircraft patrols and drone use – have been funded by hunter revenue directly or by hunting organizations’ grants and programs. For example, DSC Foundation has disbursed considerable funds in the past five years in the fight against poaching – including grants to Zambezi Delta Safaris, needed equipment for patrols, training for game scouts at the Southern Africa Wildlife College and others.

DSC Executive Director Corey Mason said, “It is gratifying that the Dept. of Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are taking bold steps for wildlife conservation. When hunter dollars flow into local economies, wildlife retains value – poaching goes down as well as retaliatory killings of nuisance wildlife. Additionally, this finding will allow hunters to import legally taken trophies again.”

Mason said, “This great news from Washington, D.C. follows a similar enhancement finding for lion recently. It is clear that Secretary Zinke, USFWS Deputy Director Greg Sheehan and the current Administration are pro-conservation.”

“Hunting is indeed a vital component in the equation of science, policy and common sense that creates the best possible scenario for wildlife, and this administration completely understands that connection,” said DSC President Craig Nyhus.

Nyhus added, “DSC remains committed to its mission to promote conservation, to educate the public on the benefits of hunting, and to advocate for hunters worldwide. We will continue to work with our government officials to see that hunter-generated revenue supports conservation, and to open up communication for international governments to incorporate these principles into their management plans.”

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Time to Celebrate!

Sitting at the Annual General Meeting of the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa (PHASA), the conversations with outfitters, other conservation groups and experts from around the world indicate a heightened level of concern.

One African country will start the process toward new leadership. Another will struggle through new or revised processes in awarding hunting concessions. In the U.S., a few tweets and politics threaten to undermine years of established science.

Right after the New Year, people from all over the world will make the trip to Dallas for the DSC annual convention. Tens of thousands of attendees, many from states and countries other than our own “country,” Texas, also will make the trek to Dallas.

We’ll meet old friends, talk about and book our future plans, and simply walk the halls and revel in the tremendous opportunities and incredible art and products available to us.

Let’s come together and do what we are all good at. Celebrate and have fun! DSC will continue its hard work to protect what we know is best — not for the hunter or outfitter, that is a side benefit — but for the wild animals.

Let’s celebrate how sustainable use hunting works, how it serves to allow wild animals to thrive, habitat for wild animals to increase and control of the poachers who seek to steal the resource from the world, can continue.

And, most of all, let’s have fun doing it!

Craig Nyhus, DSC President

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What do fierce fishes, Cape buffalo, Coues deer, field medicine, Cuba, and food plots all have in common? They are topics for seminars at the upcoming *Legacy* Convention. Check the list below and look for the show program from Lone Star Outdoor News for more information.

Also returning are perennial favorites such as Ivan Carter, Dr. James Kroll aka “Dr. Deer,” Craig Boddington and Kevin Robertson aka “Doctari.”

As of press time, seminar topics are as follows:

- **Hunting Buffalo**  
  Presented by Craig Boddington

- **African Tips for Trips**  
  Presented by Terry Blauwkamp & Ann Gaines-Burrill from Air 2000 Hunters’ Support

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  Presented by Vicki and Gil Ash

- **Fierce Fishes of the Amazon**  
  Presented by Paul Reiss

- **Visiting the Forbidden Island of Cuba**  
  Presented by Filippo Invernizzi

- **Reloading**  
  Presented by Hornady (several sessions)

- **Cape Buffalo Hunting**  
  Presented by J. Alain Smith, Weatherby Award Winner, Conklin Award Winner

- **Hunting Coues Deer**  
  Presented by Dan Adler

- **Managing Wildlife & Property Through Food Plots**  
  Presented by Paul Cwiklinski

- **Increase the Chances You Come Back Alive After Your Next Hunt**  
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- **Knowing the Right Way to Skin and Prep Your Trophy Can Make a Big Difference in Ensuring the Best Mount Possible**  
  Presented by Jonas Brothers Studios of New York

- **Sustainably Managing The Trophy Quality Of Sport Hunted Southern Buffalo Populations**  
  Presented By Kevin Robertson

- **Field Medicine For Hunters**  
  Presented by Caleb Causey

- **First Time Safari – What To Do Before, During and After Your Hunt**  
  Presented by Michael Coppersmith of Coppersmith Global Logistics

- **Lethal Compassion: Defend Hunting Better by Analyzing the Minds and Motives of the Anti-Hunter**  
  Presented by Michael Sabbeth

- **Designing and Building your Trophy Room**  
  Presented by Tom Julian And Sons

- **Arrow and Broadhead Set-Ups for Bone Breaking & Complete Penetration**  
  Presented by Todd Smith

- **Freedom First Financial Seminar**  
  Presented by 1st National Reserve

- **Understanding The African Elephant and The Controversy Surrounding Its Management**  
  Presented by Kevin Robertson

- **Hunting Giant Bull Elk of the Southwest**  
  Presented by Dan Adler

- **Travel For Hunters and Experiences for All**  
  Presented by Steve Turner of TWG. TRAVEL

- **How To Sharpen Your Knife and Glassing for Big Game**  
  Presented by Tom Claycomb III

- **Long Range Hunting and Ethics with The Best of the West**  
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For 23 consecutive years now, DSC has offered its Hunters for the Hungry program, with funds from the annual DSC convention supporting the costs of processing donated deer harvests. Hunters may bring legally tagged, field-dressed deer to participating processors, who then receive reimbursement for both processing and transportation of the meat to those in need.

In surveys, the number one concern for non-hunters about hunting is whether or not the meat is consumed. DSC’s Hunters for the Hungry, in cooperation with Feeding Texas, is getting the word out that indeed it is! A grant from DSC provides assistance to this statewide non-profit organization.

As one processor says, “it definitely requires a little extra effort and energy on our part, but it is such a benefit to the local community that we keep on doing it.”

Nationally, venison donation programs provide 11 million meals each year for needy families.

Ask any of the processors in the program (see right) for details. During white-tailed deer season, DSC encourages hunters to donate some or all of their harvest to this worthwhile cause.

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Size of Animals: Large
Number of Animals: Abundant
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A Good Year

BY RICHARD T. CHEATHAM, DSC FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

For hunters, 2017 has been a year of more good news than bad and more gains than losses. While that trend should continue into 2018, we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent. Opposition to the hunter conservationist ideal that recognizes hunting as a vital tool in wildlife management is brewing at home and internationally. Rather than focus on that negative, let’s reflect on our successes and take a few minutes to appreciate them.

✈️ We have seen the appointment of a hunter as the Secretary of the Interior. Secretary Zinke has added Deputy Director Greg Sheehan and the Administration has nominated Susan Combs, former Texas Comptroller, as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget – both of whom personally understand the issues facing hunters and support our right to hunt.

✈️ The Secretary is awaiting confirmation of his choice for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director – another solid pick for the hunting community.

✈️ Secretary Zinke has announced and implemented several initiatives to open federal lands or expand existing opportunities to hunt on federal lands.

✈️ The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has begun to implement new standards for importation of certain trophies from southern and eastern Africa. Those standards address a dire need for clarity and serve to recognize the value of regulated hunting of the species affected.

✈️ We are seeing a heightened interest in countries around the world in increasing the international hunting aspect of their tourism economy – great new for hunters and wildlife.

✈️ DSC’s We Hunt For Life campaign has commenced and is already having a significant impact. The campaign is designed to educate hunters and non-hunters alike on the indisputable and far-reaching benefits of big game hunting. The campaign is absolutely critical to the protection of our rights as outdoorsmen and women.

✈️ At the same time that the We Hunt for Life campaign is progressing, other organizations have embarked on similar initiatives. Ours is a shared and common goal and the more the message is disseminated, the better off hunters will be.

A major shift in the way hunting is viewed is coming. At year’s end, let’s toast the victories and analyze the failures. Let’s give our all for another successful DSC Convention. Then let’s roll up our sleeves and fight for hunting in 2018. CT

See more about how you can win a hunt of a lifetime through this campaign on page 26.
It’s important to interview and vet carefully, not because there are bad operators, but because not every hunt is perfect for every hunter. You know your tastes, preferences and abilities. Make sure you communicate those and ask questions to ensure a good fit. Good communication is also important for those abilities and skills for which your PH might be able to act as a mentor. Every time you hunt, you should be open to improving and learning.

DSC maintains a code of ethics and standards for hunt operators within its membership. Any outfit exhibiting at the DSC show is a member in good standing. Here are five tips to help pick the right one.

1. Shop Wisely – Never book a hunt based solely on what an outfitter, guide or booking agent tells you. If you have an established relationship with an agent or operator, that’s one thing. But don’t plunk down thousands of dollars based on a brochure, alluring talk, and sincerity. Make decisions based on informed research, and trust your gut. If it’s too good to be true, it probably is!

2. License Confirmation – Check to make sure your guide or outfitter is legal. For example, only a Zimbabwean registered PH (professional hunter) or safari operator can conduct hunts in Zimbabwe – no freelancers from outside may guide. Contact the wildlife department in the area you plan to hunt and ask how to check on your outfitter’s status. Some states require formal licensing. Others require registration or membership in an association. Ask if there are any complaints on file against your operator.
Select the Right Outfitter

3. Member Status – Seriously consider an operator who is a member of the local professional hunters association. These groups have stated codes of ethics and conduct by which their members must abide. While these groups may not be able to take legal action against violators, they can provide you with some recourse if anything goes awry. Several African PH associations exhibit at the DSC convention, so you might be able to talk to someone at the show who knows the reputation of your prospective outfitter. Even a PH just starting his career has had to apprentice with someone.

4. References – Always ask operators for references and make sure you call them. Get references for the last three to five years, including last hunting season. This will give you a sense of the operator’s performance over a long period, as well as a recent snapshot on what to expect. Ask for references that were successful on their hunts and some who were not. If an unsuccessful hunter still recommends an operator, that’s a good sign.

5. Get Specific – Ask specific questions and do not accept general or ambiguous responses. If a reference says the guides are great, ask what makes them great. Ask about their personality in camp, skill at spotting, understanding of a bowhunter’s special needs, and the ability to adapt to a client’s capabilities. If they say there’s plenty of game, ask about the actual numbers, species, quality animals, access, shot distances, etc. If they say the terrain is easy, do they mean it’s easy for a fit 30-something or easy for a 70-year-old with two knee replacements? Get specifics. Watch for conflicting information from references and the outfitter.

Even the most experienced hunter can walk into a bad situation if these precautions are glossed over, due to overconfidence and time constraints. One of the benefits of an organization such as DSC is that there is much to learn from others’ experiences – good or bad. DSC publishes the positive hunt reports, and tracks its exhibitors and excursion operators to make sure they remain in good standing with their customers and local authorities. If you are not feeling confident about an outfitter at any point in the process, stop and check yourself before getting caught up in “buck fever.”

A fellow hunter learned some hard lessons recently, and wrote in to share the following warnings with DSC after his encounter with fraud and even violence on an African hunt.

1. Ask for multiple references when selecting a guide, outfitter or professional hunter;
2. Insist on seeing copies of all necessary professional licenses and contracts before arrival for your hunt;
3. Beware of sub-contracted services and contractually insist on sign-off on any contracts for tasks not handled directly by the outfitter;
4. Insist on seeing proof of deposit and payment to vendors before departure;
5. Beware of relinquishing custody of your firearm in a foreign nation;
6. When you are faced with a bad business situation that turns potentially violent, do everything in your power to remove yourself and report the incident to the authorities. No hunt, camera footage or relationship is worth being the victim of violence.

DSC released this original three-part series in 2013.

Thanks to The Hunting Report (www.huntingreport.com) for information used in this series.
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 2018 convention.

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

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- 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).
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Remember, judging is based on the quality (impact, composition, and lighting) of your photo, not the quality of the animal. Please submit respectful photos. CT

For more information, call Karrie (972) 980-9800 or email karrie@biggame.org.
DSC Supports EPA Action To Rescind Pebble Veto Due To New Mine Plan

DSC agrees with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) settlement with the Pebble Partnership that rescinds its 2014 “Proposed Determination.” This step will not guarantee or prejudge a particular outcome, but allows the operator of the mine to present a plan to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and undergo a rigorous environmental, economic and social impact review process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) — an action afforded to all other extractive resource projects in the United States.

On October 12, 2017, the Pebble Project introduced a new and smaller mine plan with enhanced environmental safeguards. This plan is smaller in scope, and its footprint and operating plan is very different from any of the previously discussed proposals.

“Pebble listened to the concerns of groups like ours, and we appreciate it. So will the wildlife and the environment,” said DSC President Craig Nyhus. “The project should be able to be presented without a preemptive determination against it, but as DSC pointed out in its Open Letter sent in May, the potential impacts to wildlife and local economies should be closely examined when considering this or similar projects in the future.”

According to Pebble, the plan improves the safeguards for the tailings impoundment and it will not have waste rock piles. There will be no cyanide plant at the site or any mine facilities in the Upper Talarik Drainage. The mine proposes to benefit the local communities by producing low-cost power for the region and providing revenue sharing for local Alaskan native communities.

Since 1972, DSC has been the gathering point for hunters, conservationists and wildlife enthusiasts, and an essential part of its mission is to conserve wildlife and wilderness lands. The Bristol Bay watershed is an area of exceptional ecological value with salmon fisheries unrivaled anywhere in North America. DSC is committed to the principles of the Clean Water Act, NEPA and the Endangered Species Act — as well as the right to due process.

DSC is not opposed to mining, and believes that mining and clean water can coexist. DSC also understands that mining in America must meet some of the most stringent environmental requirements in the world. In Alaska, mining helps promote diverse economic opportunities for Alaska natives and rural communities, like the Red Dog mine owned by the NANA Corporation (an Alaskan native owned corporation). In addition, DSC also realizes that the U.S. needs to develop its own strategic minerals as opposed to being reliant on foreign countries for such products.

DSC agrees that it is only fair that the Pebble Project be able to present its new mine plan to prove they can operate it safely under federal and state laws and regulations. The EPA’s “Proposed Determination” to preemptively block Pebble from the NEPA permit evaluation process was based on analysis of information that is no longer relevant or accurate. Thus, one cannot fairly base what is essentially a pre-permit veto determination on that data.

As DSC said in its statement on May 22, 2017, the organization urges that the potential impacts to wildlife and local economies be closely scrutinized. DSC urges policymakers to ensure laws and regulations fairly treat all applicants for federal permits and that the EPA or any federal agency should not pre-determine an outcome when there is a well-established statutory process, like NEPA.
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Since 2003, Alexander hunted with such speed that few can imagine, let alone match. Alexander did a lot of hunting in Africa. He went on 31 full safaris in 11 countries in Africa, taking 117 different species. He has hunted 54 times in Asia, taking 69 different species. In addition to the countless hunting trips he has done in Russia, he also went four times to Mongolia, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, three times to Turkey and Tajikistan, and twice to Armenia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Iran.

During that 14-year period, Alexander hunted (worldwide) with amazing zeal and vitality. He has completed his Super Slam of North America Big Game. To achieve it, he made two unsuccessful trips for Roosevelt elk in 2015 and only on the third time in 2016 did he get it. He hunted North America 29 times and harvested most indigenous species and 18 introduced species.

Alexander has taken 33 different mountain sheep in the world and 33 different species of wild goats. All of this was within 14 years!

Egorov hunted for all major and hard-to-obtain animals from Europe, South America and the South Pacific, and has hunted in 45 countries on all continents, often appearing to be the first Russian trophy hunter there. In total, he obtained over 350 different hunting trophies from around the world, more than 50 of which are in SCI’s Top 10 to this day.

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DSC’s Trailing the Hunter’s Moon – Blake Barnett, Larry Weishuhn and possibly special guests.

Friday
12:00 to 1:30
Meet the Game Wardens of Discovery Channel’s “North Woods Law” and “Lone Star Law”

2:00 to 3:30
Meet the Outdoor Legends – Scheduled to appear: Jim Shockey, Jim Zumbo, Craig Boddington, Ron Spomer, Larry Weishuhn and possibly others

4:00 to 5:00
Kylie Rae Harris, Recording Artist

Saturday
11:00 to 12:00
Meet the Extreme Huntresses

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3:00 to 4:00
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Sunday
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**FC Dallas Shootout**

DSC sponsored a team at the FC Dallas Texas Shootout benefiting the Rob Harper Memorial Fund. Rob was son of DSC Past President Bob Harper. The 2018 team included from (left to right) Charlie Barnes, John Patterson, Mark Little, and John Eads, all on the DSC Board of Directors.

2019 DSC Treasurer John Eads (left) and Director/Convention Chair Charlie Barnes (right)

**Heartland DSC**

Heartland DSC participated in a Veteran’s Day Parade in Council Bluffs, Iowa with 11 kids, 7 adults, a bass boat, a carp shooting boat and a 4 wheeler. Some of the kids threw bobbers and plastic fishing lures to the crowd, while others handed out DSC flyers.

**Life Member Appointed to OGT Board**

In September, DSC Life Member Marty Markl was appointed as a new Board member of the Operation Game Thief (OGT) Committee by Texas Parks and Wildlife Executive Director Carter Smith.

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Celebrate the Joys of Hunting

DSC is pleased to celebrate the experience and joys of hunting by presenting awards to its members once a year. Make sure you get your entries in, the deadline is quickly approaching.

To enter, contestants must provide the following:

- Completed Member Trophy Awards Form, available on the website
- An official scoresheet (B&C for North American, P&Y for bow, or SCI)
- Field Photo
- $30 entry fee (subject to late fee after Dec. 15 deadline)

DSC looks forward to celebrating members’ memorable hunts this year. The photos of the entries will be displayed at convention if submitted early enough. CT

*Subject to late fee
**Tis the Season: North American Hunt Recap**

Many hunting seasons remain open or are set to open soon. In the meantime, here’s a look at some of the records that have already been set across North America.

**Arkansas**

As the alligator population continues to grow in Arkansas, more permits are being offered. Hunters harvested a record 94 alligators this season, but none of them broke the state’s record size of 13 feet 10 inches.

**New Brunswick, Canada**

Moose hunters in New Brunswick also experienced a record-breaking year. In total, 3,801 moose were harvested, exceeding last year’s numbers by more than 360. The success rate for hunters this season was over 80 percent.

**New Hampshire**

The 2017 moose season in New Hampshire ended with hunters taking a total of 37 moose according to preliminary numbers from Fish and Game Department Moose Biologist Kristine Rines. That’s a 68.5 percent success rate for the season.

**New Jersey**

During the October portion of the controversial bear hunt in New Jersey, only 241 bears were taken, compared to the 636 of last year’s harvest. The hunt resumes for the second portion in December. With the current Democrat Governor Candidate leading polls, some hunters fear this might be the last hunt season for a while. Results of the second portion will not be determined until mid-December.

**Tennessee**

Hunters in Tennessee took eight bull elks in October, setting a record single-season harvest. Both the number of permits and the length of hunts were increased for the 2017 season. CT

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Wisconsin Takes Bold Step, Lowers Minimum Hunting Age

Children of any age can now participate in mentored hunts in Wisconsin since Governor Scott Walker removed the minimum hunting age requirement.

In November, he signed a bill right in time for the deer hunt. The previous law required a child to be at least 10 years old to hunt with a mentor.

While this new law follows similar ones in 34 other states, fierce backlash from the public erupted as a result of the bill.

The requirement of an adult mentor with proper hunter education to accompany the youth allows for proper teaching and learning about hunting, not an excuse for "toddlers to run around with guns," as some critics have worried.

Minimum age requirement debates aside, hunters everywhere can support the excitement of a new hunter's first harvest. A hunter of any age!

In Maine, an 80-year-old grandmother took her first deer on her second day of hunting.

After some target practice, this first-time shooter learned quickly and was ecstatic to get out in the field on opening day.

Terry Labbe shared the excitement of her first harvest with her son who helped her shake off the few missed opportunities on day one to come back and shoot a 61-pound buck 30 yards away.

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• A personal hunting photo taken by the entrant
• 1-3 sentences of what “I Hunt for Life” means to you
• Be sure to include #wehuntforlife in your post

Entries can be submitted November 28, 2017 – January 8, 2018 via the DSC Facebook page and your Instagram account. Each entry post must be public and include all three items listed above.

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SC is pleased to announce DSC Life Member Cooper Ribman, of Dallas, Texas, as the 2018 recipient of the Colin Caruthers Young Hunter Award. This award honors young hunters who have met a very strict set of criteria for hunting and academic achievement as well as community service and leadership. The award is named for the son of Tommy and Pat Caruthers, longtime DSC Life Members who have been integral to the development of outdoor education programs for DSC.

This honor will be bestowed on Cooper at the DSC annual convention, Legacy, on Friday night, Jan. 5, 2018, at the gala banquet. This event will be held in the Omni Hotel in downtown Dallas. Following the awards ceremony, there will be a live auction to raise funds for the DSC mission.

Currently a freshman in high school, Cooper has already established himself as an exceptional hunter and conservationist. Cooper began hunting at age eight with his grandfather and has since been on many hunts with him and the rest of the family in North America, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Spain. These opportunities have led him to great hunting accomplishments, most notably a brown bear, desert bighorn sheep, elephant, and lion.

Cooper also worked with his brother Tucker, one of the 2016 Colin Caruthers Young Hunter Award winners, on the Hwange Conservation Project to support wildlife during the dry season in Zimbabwe. The Ribman brothers raised funds and coordinated efforts to build and install a solar/diesel pump for a pan well in Hwange National Park.

Cooper is a Life Member of DSC, NRA and SCI; he is a Boone & Crockett Life Associate Member and a member of both Purple Martin Conservation Association and Texas Rifle Association.

Cooper's accomplishments continue outside the hunting world as well. He is an Eagle Scout, an athlete, and a writer. Congratulations to this outstanding young hunter! CT
Shotgun Shell Primers

I’m quite sure that this is a subject that seldom, if ever is discussed, as usually it is only the rifle reloaders that seem to be concerned.

This primer interest came about recently, as we shoot Skeet & Trap up here in Michigan in a “Winter League.” This was to be my 44th consecutive season, and I have tried about every powder, shot, primer, and wad combination over the years.

Many of us tend to look at the price of things a bit too often, and this past, winter we started using foreign-made primers rather than our usual American manufactured ones because we could save a few dollars per thousand.

As we soon found out, saving those few dollars was not worth it, as we had far too many “bloopers” or hang-fires and odd-sounding shells, indicative of poor ignition.

This was especially true in the 20- and 28-gauge shells as one uses slower burning powders like Alliant’s 20-28 & Unique, and Winchester 572 ball powder than what we normally use in the 12-gauge like Red Dot or 700-X.

A lot of our shooting takes place in conditions well below freezing. We did several tests to see just how much difference it made in performance.

We rounded up every brand of primer we could find, and were surprised just how many there were out there. As we got to looking in the various powder manuals, we noticed that changing primers gives different results, but couple that with different wads, and everything is compounded.

Changing wads would change pounds per square inch (psi) by 1,500 pounds, which is not a big deal to rifle shooters who are dealing with 50-55,000 psi, but 1,500 psi in a shotgun shell with normally a 11,000 to 12,000 maximum psi is a 15 percent increase.

We tried to keep all the shells “warm” by taking them from a warm environment at home, and transported in the car where the normal temperatures are above freezing. We then took them into the club house and kept them above freezing until we put them in our pocket and headed on the field.

Under these conditions, it did not seem to matter what primer was used (regardless of gauge or powder) all the shells fired as they should, or would under summer conditions.

The real fun started when we found that sometimes shells would be left in the truck of the car overnight and then taken to the range. These shells would then have been subjected to below freezing temperatures for at least 12 hours.

Under these freezing conditions, we found that the 12-gauge loads using 700X powder always seemed to work just fine regardless of the primer. The 20- and 28-gauge loads using foreign primers had far too many odd sounding and poor performing shells, but when we switched to American manufactured primers in the 20- and 28-gauges, our blooper troubles went away.

We only tested normal trap and skeet loads, and did not get into magnum or steel shot reloading. I’m sure that using 32-35 grains of “slow” powder would really get interesting in cold weather.

Another thing one must take into consideration is that our American primers are all called 209, meaning they are .209 diameter. We also found that some of the foreign primers were a bit larger in diameter. This is not a real problem as the primers fit nice and tight, but once you use them and expand the primer pocket in the shell, you can’t reload that shell again with American 209 primers as it will fall out.

Remember this, follow the powder manuals precisely, as they tell you exactly what to expect using a given primer and what wad. I’m often asked if I could choose any primer, I’d flip a coin, and go with either Federal or CCI as they seem to fit all the various brand of shells well and never seem to ever have any ignition problems.

Earlier I mentioned testing shot and wad combinations. In my experience, I have found that once the temperatures get below freezing, going up a size of shot breaks the birds better. Why? Those little pellets (spheres) slow down more rapidly as the air is colder and denser.

In the 12-gauge for skeet, I switch to 8-1/2 size shot rather than 9 and for 16-yard trap, I switch from 8-1/2 to 8 or even 7-1/2. If I do switch to 7-1/2, I also switch to 1-1/8 ounce loads rather than my favorite 1 ounce load. By upping the shot weight with larger shot, I maintain pellet count. In the 20 and 28-gauge 8-1/2 is as big as I would go, in order to maintain pellet count. In the .410 bore, one is pretty much limited to 9 again because if you go with larger shot, pellet count goes way down.

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