DSC Expo Continues Upward Trend, Affirms Conservation Goals

At the conclusion of the 2018 DSC Convention and Expo, all signs point to another successful “Greatest Hunters’ Convention on the Planet.” Attendance was robust, potentially 5,000 over last year, and the auction dollar amounts exceeded expectations by an impressive margin – potentially more than a quarter of $1 million over budget. These funds will be channeled into the grants programs operated by DSC and DSC Foundation. More details to follow once the post-convention reports are finished.

“It was a great show, thanks to our volunteers, exhibitors, the DSC staff and all that attended,” said DSC President Craig Nyhus. “It was awe-inspiring to see so many hunters, dignitaries and distinguished conservationists from all over the world all join as part of the DSC family.”

Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt

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On behalf of DSC, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of the volunteers who helped with the 2018 convention Legacy. Their tireless efforts are a huge part of the reason our convention is the “Greatest Hunters’ Convention on the Planet.”

The DSC staff also must be thanked. After dedicating much of the year to preparation, the convention is where they shine, keeping things rolling from daybreak until well into the night.

We must not forget our generous and devoted exhibitors. In addition to the time and expense of getting to Dallas from all over the world, their donations provide a significant part of the monies raised at the convention.

Finally, thanks to all who attended the convention and banquets, who used their hard-earned money to keep the exhibitors returning by booking trips and buying items, who bought silent and live auction items, and who purchased raffle tickets in the hope of taking home a big prize.

We couldn't do it without all of you.

Now, it’s our job to be good stewards of the money raised at the convention, and especially to provide grants to worthy and reputable causes that support the mission of DSC. Rest assured, we will work tirelessly to do that.

Thanks again!

Craig Nyhus, DSC President

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Exhibitors were greeted with chilly temps outside, but inside the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in downtown Dallas, they were warmed by the usual Texas hospitality of DSC’s volunteer army, the “DSC 100” (so called for giving 100 percent). Over 900 exhibitors displayed everything from fine guns to lodge-style furnishings, luxurious furs and jewelry, ranch real estate and off-road vehicles – and everything in between, all for the international hunters and outdoorsmen and women.

On Saturday night, U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt spoke to a packed crowd at the gala and thanked everyone for their support of America’s wild places and wildlife management policies now in effect under Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke’s leadership. A particularly touching moment came when the Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award was dedicated to its founder, Dr. Bob Speegle, the 92-year-old, still-active hunter who has been a part of DSC since the very beginning of the club.

On Friday, media interest in the application for an import permit provided a chance for DSC to shed light on how hunting supports conservation, and how the selective hunting of black rhinos in Namibia is actually benefitting the recovery of this endangered species in the wild. CT
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Dallas Safari Club Position on Captive Bred Lion Hunting

Few animals in Africa, or anywhere, are as iconic as the African lion. As hunters we understand the benefits of lion hunting. Dallas Safari Club has stated, and firmly believes, that in the fight to save lions, hunters are their best allies.

In January 2013, Dallas Safari Club announced its definition of the ideal huntable male lion. In May 2013, an international assembly of conservationists representing 84 different countries adopted the African lion hunting policy modeled after that of Dallas Safari Club. That policy is supported by extensive scientific research that shows, clearly, that hunting older male lions has no negative effect on populations.

In South Africa, captive bred lion hunting is legal. Several professional hunting associations and hunting conservation organizations have commented on the negative impact that captive bred lion hunting has on them and the hunting community in general. We recognize the value of ranching for wildlife. However, to date there is no evidence or scientific research to suggest that captive bred lion hunting contributes to the conservation of wild lion. Under current conditions, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service does not permit the import of captive bred lion trophies from South Africa.

Dallas Safari Club has a responsibility to support and encourage ethical hunting practices, even where ethical practices do not align with what is legally permitted – a principle that helps to define Dallas Safari Club. We have given careful consideration to the arguments and rationale of those who support the practice and those who oppose it – arguments made by respected members of the hunting community on both sides of the issue.

After a thorough analysis and deliberation, the Board of Dallas Safari Club has concluded that the practice of captive bred lion hunting is not a practice that is in keeping with its values of ethical and fair chase hunting. Therefore, Dallas Safari Club does not support the practice of captive bred lion hunting.
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I am excited to report that Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently conducted a successful translocation of desert bighorn sheep in early December. Approximately 82 sheep were captured on Elephant Mountain WMA and ultimately released on Black Gap WMA.

All sheep were equipped with the latest satellite tracking collars. Each sheep’s health state was closely monitored, while samples of blood, nasal, hair, fecal and tonsil swab were taken for analysis. I want to compliment the entire TPWD Trans-Pecos crew for their professionalism, enthusiasm and an all-around smoothly run event.

Several wildlife organizations, as well as two different film crews, contributed to making this a success. Look for updates in the future on how the sheep are doing in their new home.

Next, planning is underway for the TBS Work Project. This year’s project will be returning to Black Gap WMA. Sleeping accommodations are sparse, so be prepared to camp. There are full cooking facilities, so you can look forward to good food as always. We are tentatively, as in tentatively, looking at the first weekend in March, being March 3-5. Look for confirmation of the date to come soon.

Finally, please note on your calendar that our annual TBS Roundup will be held in Austin on June 15-16, 2018. Registration information will be available soon. We anticipate a tremendous event with our Friday night party at the Warren Galleries (an absolute must-see) and the Saturday night gala at the Hyatt on Lady Bird Lake (or Town Lake, if you’re old like me). CT
A group of DSC members recently hunted sandhill cranes west of Wichita Falls, Texas in early December. An exceptional hunting day with outfitter Muddy Water, 11 shooters took 33 cranes (limit 3 birds per hunter) in about two and a half hours. CT

DSC members in photo, left to right, David Harrell; Bob Harper; Joseph Barbknecht; a friend; Ravin Reddy, and Ivan Van Harve.
DSC Supports Administration’s Decision to Modify Utah National Monuments

In late 2017, the announcement from The White House and the Department of the Interior involving modifications to national monuments – Bears Ears and other massive set-asides – will both continue to protect objects of significance and important wildlife habitat but also will prioritize public use and access. DSC believes the hunting community should be aware of the significance of these rulings and the effect they will have on hunter-funded conservation.

In an order last September, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke expanded hunting and fishing on national monuments demonstrating the administration’s active support of hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation on public lands.

By establishing the national monument system, Teddy Roosevelt intended for the status as monument to be pro-conservation, and ultimately, this review of monument status does not dilute those intentions.

The background material provided by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior debunks some of the misinformation floating around the hunting and outdoor community. The antiquities in these monuments will still be on protected land, the process to determine what federal land does and does not qualify for protected status is still valid, and the overreach of federal power will be put in check.

In a recent article in Game Trails, DSC’s quarterly magazine, Terry L. Anderson, DSC’s consulting editor and senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, examined the larger issues arising from this review of monument status. He discussed which organizations are truly pro-conservation; which decisions will be in the best interest of hunting and thus, hunter-funded conservation through Pittman-Robertson and similar fees; and how to spot the groups that might talk the talk but don’t pass the litmus test. We encourage interested stakeholders to read the article entitled “Strange Bedfellows in Hunt Camp?” which was published on DSC NewsCenter in December and in the Convention issue of Game Trails.

Facts at a glance:
• Bears Ears was originally designated in 2016 to encompass nearly 1.5 million acres, including a patchwork of federal, state and private land. The national monument will be modified to two units encompassing a total of 228,784 acres of land.
• Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument will be modified from 1.9 million acres to three units encompassing a combined 1,006,341 acres – larger than the state of Rhode Island.
• Presidents have modified the boundaries to remove lands from monuments 18 times in the past. The most significant reduction occurred in 1915 when President Woodrow Wilson halved Mount Olympus National Monument, which is now a national park.
• The Antiquities Act requires that objects be of historic or scientific interest, that the area reserved to protect the objects be the smallest area compatible and that monuments be designated on federal land only. Since 1996, several national monuments designations have gone beyond the intent of the Antiquities Act to limit protected areas to the smallest area compatible, and now encompass millions of acres.
• The Trump administration plans to work to put in place new land management policies to protect objects while prioritizing public access, facilitating infrastructure development and allowing traditional uses of the land. This will increase economic growth and prosperity, especially in rural communities, by allowing grazing, commercial fishing, logging, and in some cases, mineral development.
• Improving and developing infrastructure will help the American people experience public lands that have been made inaccessible due to past overreach.
During the Convention, Sporting Classics honored DSC with the 2018 Sporting Heritage Award. Rifles Columnist Ron Spomer presented the award to DSC Executive Director Corey Mason and DSC President Craig Nyhus in person as an appreciation of all the work DSC does for conservation and education around the world. Spomer thanked DSC for the dedication to keep both wildlife and hunters on the land.

This is the 18th year Sporting Classics has acknowledged the achievements and perseverance of different engineers, outfitters, craftsmen, and innovators. Previous winners include Wildlife Management Institute and New Mexico’s Jicarilla Apache Nation. Sporting Classics presents its Awards of Excellence annually to those setting high standards for the future of sporting lives through their actions or products. The nominees were submitted by Sporting Classics’ senior and contributing editors, then finalized by the Sporting Classics staff. CT
Back to Business Around the States

In early January, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department began the fourth year of collaring moose to study their lifespan and productivity. Surrounding states Maine and Vermont will also coordinate in the efforts to understand what factors affect population growth in the area. Within the first few years of study, scientists have linked the rise in tick infestation to the observed decline in moose population. However, the moose populations are still generally healthy. The 2018 moose hunt will take place October 20-28, 2018 by permit only. Applications are available now.

In California, the Department of Fish and Wildlife increased penalties for poaching. The fine for illegally taking a state-defined mature, trophy animal has increased almost five times the previous fine. Boone & Crockett Club recently announced its support of this endeavor, along with the conclusion of their recent research project evaluating the restitution programs for poaching in every state. Details of the study are highly anticipated.

Conservation officers deal with some unique encounters with people and wildlife. Texas’ Game Warden Field Notes reported a dead Mule Deer strapped to the roof of a car driving down the highway. Upon inspection, it was illegally tagged as a whitetail. The warden distinguished the mule deer from a white-tailed deer by the branching antlers. Besides being tagged incorrectly, the mule deer had been taken out of season. The deer and rifle were both seized by law enforcement. CT

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BY RICHARD T. CHEATHAM, DSC FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

DSC and DSC Foundation are pleased to announce the winner of the We Hunt For Life Hunt of a Lifetime contest. Before we do though, let us acknowledge all who entered. The entries were incredible – better than we could have ever expected. Watch for releases of the cream of the crop in the coming weeks. The giveaway is one component of the We Hunt for Life campaign to educate the public regarding sustainable use hunting and its role in enhancing wildlife populations and habitat throughout the world. Learn more about the campaign and the efforts of DSC Foundation at www.dscf.org.

The winner of the contest is Derrick T. Miller. Congratulations Derrick!

“I hunt for life means: that I endeavor to fulfill childhood fantasies and adult daydreams cultivated by the writings of Roosevelt, O’Connor, and Boddington. That I get to seek out and share the wild places of the world with my wife, searching for adventure, sustenance, and stories to be shared around dinner tables and campfires with family and friends just as our ancestors have since wooly mammoths roamed. And, most importantly, in every mosquito-infested swamp, cold, windy, and fogged-in ridgeline, failed stalk, successful harvest, and moment of speechless wonderment, I have reaped the rewards of patience, compassion, strength, and self-reliance; ultimately molding me into a better son, husband, conservationist, and human being.”

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Beautifully said, Derrick’s sentiments will surely resonate with every hunter who reads them. We look forward to reporting on Derrick’s trip.

DSC and DSC Foundation wish to acknowledge the people and companies behind the incredible donation. DSC and DSC Foundation thank Hartzview Hunting Safaris (Ruan Van Greuning), Trophy Solutions Africa (Johan van der Merwe), Spherical Freight (Denise Crichon), Travel with Guns (Steve Turner), Air2000 Hunters’ Support Services (Anne Gaines-Burrill) and Wildlife Images Taxidermy (Randy Brown) for making this donation truly the “hunt of a lifetime”.

To all who participated, THANK YOU very much for sharing your story. You are the ambassadors who will, when called upon, carry the flag in the fight to protect big game hunting. The future of our hunting heritage depends on you and your willingness to tell the world what hunting means to you. CT

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President/CFO

The choir from Happy Hill Farm visited the DSC offices during the Christmas season, and sang carols for the staff and volunteers.
Despite a wealth of scientific evidence to the contrary, British Columbia moved to ban all grizzly hunting in the province, effective immediately in December. The reason for the ban appears to be the government’s “consultation” with “many British Columbians” who have declared the hunt “is not in line with their values,” according to a BC government news release.

The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC) has issued a statement decrying this decision. “It is truly disappointing that we throw history and science out the window for some urban votes,” said Michael Schneider, president of the GOABC. “We expect our government to make informed decisions based on the best facts and science. Emotional decisions are not good for anyone.” (www.goabc.org)

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DSC announces its newly established affiliate chapter, DSC Wyoming. The group joins the growing chapter affiliate program, bringing the total number of chapters to nine. The program connects conservation groups without geographical ties to DSC to share in achieving the club’s vision of a society that values wildlife, engages in its conservation, and understands and supports the role of well-regulated hunting in the sustainable use of wild resources.

“We are thrilled to welcome new affiliates who share our commitment to protecting hunter’s rights and conservation of wildlife,” said DSC Executive Director Corey Mason. “The vast natural resources of a state such as Wyoming will lend itself to conservation, education and advocacy projects for this new chapter. We wish them all the best as they represent DSC in their state.”

The new chapter has an initial membership of more than 30 members. DSC Wyoming will allow sportsmen and women the opportunity to network, socialize and put dollars into needed projects and initiatives. DSC Wyoming joins more than 6,000 DSC members worldwide.

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Just before the Convention, Tanzania safari operators and hunters got good news from ministry officials. With DSC’s convention just days away, outfitters from Tanzania were concerned that the proposed cancellation and auction of hunting blocks in their country would result in customers being reluctant to book hunting trips in 2018, due to the uncertainty created.

DSC’s President Craig Nyhus and Executive Director Corey Mason wrote to Tanzania’s Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, the Hon. Hamisi Kigwangalla, on Dec. 22, requesting that the pending auction process, originally scheduled for early 2018, not impact hunts already scheduled, or to be scheduled in 2018. They indicated in the statement that postponement would maximize hunting tourism dollars while the hunting block auction process is being planned.

As a response to DSC’s request, a meeting was held on Dec. 28 in Tanzania. The Minister announced that existing leaseholders will be protected in 2018, and hunts in Tanzania may be booked and taken, including hunts already book in past years and scheduled for 2018.

Nyhus said, “DSC supports the President’s plan for a qualified and transparent auction process to safeguard Tanzania’s wildlife heritage and promote sustainable use tourism.” He continued, “We are grateful to the Honorable Minister, Permanent Secretary, Director of Wildlife and their team in the Tanzania Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism for taking this quick and decisive action. With just days to go for the kickoff of the hunting industry’s convention season, the current Tanzanian outfitters will be able to conduct business without fear of losing their ability to honor their customers’ trips.”

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Primer Seating Revisited

By Terry Blauwkamp

Just recently, I came across some nice Federal once-fired cases at the range that appeared to be for SWAT or Military use, which had a crimped-in primer. They also did not say .30-06 on the case head, but were stamped 30-M1 and FC 10.

Also at the range, I found over 100 empty Hornady .308 Winchester cases in nice tactical boxes. These too seem to have crimped in primers. I reamed and swaged out the crimps, and upon seating a new CCI primer, noticed that it went in really tight. I measured the diameter of the pocket and it was .2095 to .210 so I then tried a Remington 9-1/2 primer and found that it went in much easier.

I checked the diameter of both primers and found that the CCI’s were .2105 to .2106 and the Remingtons were right at .210 to .2102 and that little bit helped seat them easier. Not that I could not have used the CCI’s, but I just hate the possibility of crushing a primer mixture upon seating and then getting an ignition problem.

But wait just a minute. Don’t seat that primer in that pocket without cleaning it out first. (Here come the progressive machine owners on the run.) They cannot clean the pockets because the cases are in the turret during loading. If you can’t clean them, then you just don’t do it.

For my hunting loads though, I want a clean pocket and most likely would not be using a progressive machine anyway. The reason I want a clean pocket is so that the primer will seat neatly and firmly with no residue or crud under it. We want the best job possible because if that primer does not go off when it is supposed to, we have a major oops.

When seating the primer, whether a large rifle or small pistol, the rules are the same: Seat it to the bottom of the pocket firmly, but do not crush it. Be sure that it is below the surface of the case by anywhere from .001 to .003 and...
never allow a primer to be above level of the case. If you do, you will have to crush it down when closing the action, and it may or may not go off when the firing pin hits it. This is because the firing pin will expend most of its energy pushing the primer to the bottom of the pocket and then it will not have enough energy left to cause it to go off.

Many folks also use a Primer Pocket Reamer from Wilson or Sinclair as it cuts the primer pocket flat and uniformly deep. This seems to help in uniform seating and then produces more uniform ignition. Most reloaders will have a Primer Pocket Brush to just clean out the residue.

I have found that my Dremel with the little brush is perfect to really clean out the pockets. Just a light touch and it is polished clean.

You can’t take primer pockets and seating for granted because if you have a problem with your primers, you have a real problem.

Recently, I did some testing to see just how much improper seating will affect groups and velocity. I loaded up some ammo for the 7-08 Remington, .300 Winchester Magnum and the .338 Winchester Magnum.

In the 7-08 Remington, I used standard Remington 9-1/2 primers and seated some slightly “high,” and some .003 deep as described above with 154-grain Hornady Round Nose Bullets and IMR 3031 powder.

In the .300 Winchester Magnum I used Federal 210 Primers with IMR 4831 powder and 180-grain Hornady bullets, again seating some “high” and some properly at .003 deep.

The .338 Winchester Magnum was with loaded with CCI 250 primers with H4350 powder and 225-grain Speer Boat Tail bullets, again with some a bit “high” and some .003 deep.

As you can see, I used completely different powders and primers to get a cross section of performance. To make a long story short, it made a difference.

In all three guns, the “high” primers gave a larger extreme velocity spread than the properly seated ones did, while groups were about the same. Maybe if I were to shoot 100 rounds of each, more of a difference would start to show up.

All this is not to say you can haphazardly seat your primers, but I’d make sure I had them flush or below for sole reason of safety. I just don’t like the idea of closing the bolt on a “high” primer.

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