DSC Advocates in D.C. For Sportsmen

A lot more than gourmet preparations of wild game were on the menu at last month's annual Beast Feast, sponsored by DSC in Washington, D.C. The gathering brought together more than 100 people, the best attendance ever for this event. Held at Bullfeathers, a popular D.C. watering hole, a group of DSC Board members and friends joined a bipartisan group of Members of Congress and their staffs.

This social event is the highlight of several days in D.C., meeting with officials about pro-hunting and conservation legislation. Attending for DSC were Board members Karl Evans (President), Rebecca Evans, Amy Callender, and Lance Phillips, Executive Director Corey Mason, as well as DSC’s Washington advisor Glenn LeMunyon.

“Hunter advocacy is essential to the success of our mission. Without allies in Congress, our hunting heritage might be lost, bit by bit,” said Mason. “Quite simply, DSC is not going to let that happen.”

While at the Capitol, the DSC group met with Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), Reps. Pete Sessions (R-TX), Brian Babin (R-TX), Rob Bishop (R-UT), and Don Young (R-AK). U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan and Dept. of the Interior Senior Deputy Director Benjamin Cassidy also met with the DSC team to discuss international conservation of wildlife. CT

Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas (center) met with, from right, DSC Executive Director Corey Mason, DSC President Karl Evans, DSC-PAC’s Lance Phillips, and DSC’s Washington advisor Glenn LeMunyon.
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Members – New and Old

This month, we have a gathering of the new members who can make it to Dallas for a meet-and-greet with the Board. How many organizations do that? I don't know of many. But DSC does. Why? Because every member is important to us, and because we know that getting involved is often the main reason people join DSC. In the coming year, we will continue to reach out to recruit members, but also to greet and engage new members. Keeping new members and turning them into volunteers or “old” members will make DSC stronger and better.

It is no surprise that most people join because they want to be part of something, or part of a group. How did you become a member? Think back. Was it a long time ago? If you are a Life Member, what prompted you to make the leap? Got a handle on how all that happened? Good, because I’m going to ask all of our members to flip it around. Find someone nearby who is just waiting to join. Do what you can to push them over the edge. Give them a call, invite them to a monthly meeting or a DSC 100 meeting.

If you run into a member you don’t know, introduce yourself. It’s easy to strike up a conversation. Ask: “Been hunting lately? Do you have any hunts booked?”

Is there a member you haven't seen in a while? You can look them up in the membership directory, found online on the Members page of www.biggame.org. Give them a call or write an email. Get in touch and catch up.

The way we grow as an organization is both through the strength of our message and our mission, but also through the strength of our members. We all have a stake in keeping DSC going for years to come, so I encourage you to reach out to members, old and new.

Maybe I’ll see you at the monthly meeting in July or August, the new member event, or the DSC 100 party, Aug 2. I sure hope I do!

Karl Evans, DSC President

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Have you ever thought about doing an unusual hunt? At the 2016 show, I stopped to talk to Shane Black of Canada North Outfitters after looking at his booth pictures of muskox hunting in northern Canada. I thought that a muskox would be a cool trophy so I sat down and talked to Shane about his hunts, which take place near Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Canada. I have hunted in Alberta, Yukon, and British Columbia, but not in Nunavut. He described the hunt as being a cold weather hunt done via snowmobile. “How cold is the average temperature?” He responded, “Negative 15 degrees Fahrenheit.” That’s cold!

He told me that they will provide me a list of clothing to bring, along with renting special Arctic overalls, bib, and mittens. I said, “What the hell!” and gave him a deposit.

Come April 2018, after an extensive search for all the items recommended to bring on the hunt, I headed north. It isn’t easy to get to Cambridge Bay. My job was to get to Edmonton, Alberta, and Shane and his able assistant, Gina, made connecting plane reservations to Cambridge Bay. Upon arriving in the small Inuit community on Victoria Island, the three hunters, including myself, met up with Shane. He took us to the local hotel, where we unpacked and then went to get our licenses and tags. After going over our gear to be sure we had all necessary items, we were given our arctic gear – heavy coat, overalls, and mittens.
After dinner, we were introduced to our guides. My guide was George, who had lost one eye to a bear attack. Not exactly a confidence builder.

The next morning, we packed up our gear and met our guides out front of the hotel. There sat a snowmobile with a rope attached to a wooden box on top of a wooden sled. That box was my seat for travel as we traveled over the frozen ocean to the mainland, some 70-plus miles away.

After seven hours of bouncing around in my sled box, we arrived at a cabin used by the locals for hunting. It was very simple – a four-walled cabin and a diesel burning stove for heat. There were two raised platforms for beds. I shared one platform with another hunter, and the guides shared the other. Nothing fancy, but warm and cozy.

The following morning, after a good breakfast, we climbed aboard our sleds and headed out in search of muskox. After several hours, a group was spotted far away over the frozen expanse.

As we approached, we were able to see several herds spread out over a large area. I was given the first shot, so my guide and I went after the closest group, and the other guide and his hunter went farther away. We were able to locate two good bulls in my group, and after a snowmobile stalk, I shot a huge bull at 150 yards.

Walking up to this animal was eye-opening. They are huge and their bosses and horns remind you of a hairy cape buffalo. Their hair is thick and their hoofs are large. What a majestic seemingly prehistoric animal!

Caping a buffalo in minus 30 degree temperature is a challenge as the blood freezes quickly and as does the animal. Their fat and coat thickness is greater than any of my bears or moose trophies and makes it easy to understand how they stay warm in this frozen environment.

After removing all the meat and the cape, we loaded our muskox on the sled and headed out to join the other successful hunter and his guide, and then back to camp.

After a good dinner and night’s sleep, we headed back to Cambridge Bay. They packed up my horns and cape very safely inside bubble paper, burlap, and duct tape, and I checked my horns and cape as extra luggage on the airplane to bring them easily back home.

This is an unusual hunt and not for everyone, but Shane has made it as easy as possible with his attention to detail and organization, and the trophy is spectacular. I can’t wait to get mine back from the taxidermist! CT
Texas To See Early Dove Opener

South Zone dove hunters will see the earliest opener in seven decades after Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (the appointed governing body for TPWD) approved the hunting regulation changes for 2018-19.

Texas hunters will see several changes this fall, including an early opener for dove season in the South Zone, a mule deer season in Lynn County, experimental mule deer antler restrictions, an increase to the northern pintail bag limit, and a one-week reduction to the spring Eastern turkey season for 2019 in 13 counties.

After re-evaluating a proposal that would permit the use of air guns and arrow guns to take certain game animals, game birds, alligators, and furbearers, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has rescinded the previous rule they adopted in March and has requested staff to modify their recommendations and propose new rules to be considered by the Commission at their next scheduled meeting in August.

Hunting season dates for the 2018-19 seasons can be viewed on the TPWD website. CT

The following modifications and clarifications to the 2018-19 Statewide Hunting Proclamation have been approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

- Open the general dove season in the South Zone on Sept. 14. This is the earliest starting date for the region since 1950.
- Shorten the Eastern spring turkey hunting season in Bowie, Cass, Fannin, Grayson, Jasper, Lamar, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Polk, Red River, and Sabine by one week while retaining the current closing date of May 14. The Commission also approved closing the Eastern turkey season in Upshur and San Augustine counties.
- Open in Lynn County a 9-day buck-only mule deer season with no special archery season.
- Set a 20-inch minimum outside antler spread of the main beams restriction on mule deer bucks in Briscoe, Childress, Cottle, Floyd, Motley, and Hall counties.
- Clarify that deer antler restriction regulations that state in each county where antler restrictions are imposed, a person who takes a buck in violation of antler restrictions is prohibited from subsequently harvesting any buck deer with branched antlers on both main beams in that county during that current deer season.
- Simplify archery regulations by removing requirements for broadhead hunting points to have two cutting edges and a cutting width of 7/8 of an inch. Also removed were the minimum pull requirement of 125 pounds and the minimum crossbow stock length of 25 inches.

Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife
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.**
Data Hunters

DSC supports a new research technique for investigating leopard populations in Africa.

Scientific studies provide the evidence that confirms the sustainability of big game hunting in Africa. However, leopards are a classic case of an important trophy species that is notoriously difficult to survey. As they are largely solitary, nocturnal and elusive animals, reliable population data on leopards is very difficult to obtain.

The pilot program, Data Hunters, headed by Dr. Paula A. White, director of Zambia Lion Project, and her colleague, Dr. Arturo Caso, kicked off in 2017 in select hunting areas of Tanzania and Zambia, and is starting to show some great results.

Data Hunters seeks to address this data gap by using trail cameras, at leopard baits set by professional hunters, as a means to obtain large amounts of data rapidly and at relatively low cost across vast expanses of important leopard habitat, especially hunting areas. The project's first stage requested a subset of operators and PHs to collect photographs at each of their leopard baits throughout the 2017 season, and to provide these photos to Data Hunters along with camera location data at the end of the season. Ultimately, the goal is to assess whether data captured in this way can provide a rapid assessment of leopard population densities and trends in hunting areas.

Results of the 2017 season have been encouraging. Thirteen companies from Tanzania and Zambia participated, and a large amount of data were collected over a relatively short period of time. Plans are underway to continue this effort in the 2018 season, and to calibrate the method by comparing 2017-2018 data with focused field in situ studies proposed for 2019.

Over the years, reliable, cost-effective monitoring has been scarce, which leads many to doubt the role of hunting in wildlife conservation. In addition to providing scientific data at the scale of individual hunting areas, this method may represent a new, relatively inexpensive monitoring system by which countrywide leopard population trends can be documented.

This partnership between Data Hunters and DSC stands as a prime example of the hunting community being proactive in helping ensure that hunting remains sustainable in the long-term. DSC was instrumental in obtaining the generous donation of trail cameras from Cabela's to assist with the pilot season.

For more information please contact Dr. White at paw@carnivoreconservation.com or Dr. Caso at leopardproj@hotmail.com
Phl Phillips comments on his Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, First Place in the 2018 Best of Archery category.

Taking a Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep with my bow has been a lifelong dream. I drew a tag twice previously in my home state of Colorado, but due to very unusual weather conditions (one year during monsoon storms and the other followed a five-year drought), the sheep were not in historic range. In 2017, 16 years later, I was stunned to learn I'd drawn both Colorado sheep and goat archery tags.

I was one of 10 hunters who drew for Unit S12 and one of only two to take a ram. Most hunters whom I spoke with during the season never even saw a ram, but I had the largest bases of any rams ever checked in at this unit. 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

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**35th S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza**

**Date:** Sept. 15, 2018

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

For information about volunteering for this event, contact info@biggame.org, or call the office (972) 980-9800.
Find Your Niche and Volunteer!

Each year, over 500 volunteers come together to create “The Greatest Hunters Convention on the Planet!” Additionally, 150 volunteers work together to provide an amazing day at each S.A.F.E.T.Y. (Shooting, Archery, Field, Excellency, Trials for Youth).

There are several areas for volunteers to get involved, so take a look and let us know what interests you!

**ATTENDEE REGISTRATION:** Thursday through Sunday of convention help staff the Attendee Registration counter to sell Day Pass tickets.

**AUCTION ITEM TRANSPORT:** Collecting all auction items for the evening banquets and silent auction and then transporting them to and from the banquet halls and the convention center. With this committee, you will attend the evening banquets, meet great exhibitors and interact with the winning bidders.

**BAG STUFFING:** Stuff corporate sponsor inserts into the attendee/exhibitor bags during one full day at the DSC office (usually the week after Christmas). Or, spend an hour or two assisting with attendee bag stuffing during convention.

**CONCIERGE:** Set up and staff two Concierge Booths to assist convention attendees. Provide info on nearby restaurants, area attractions, service providers, physicians, etc. Shifts are 3 to 4 committee members who will staff the booth and be available as “Emergency Staffing.” This is a fun and exciting opportunity for energetic folks who are familiar with our convention and/or know our city and its attractions well.

**DONOR APPRECIATION:** Coordinating, completing and executing the delivery of all donor appreciation cards for all silent and live auction items throughout the course of the convention. Volunteers utilize the online auction database to retrieve information for completion of the cards and help distribute donor thank you cards with the winning bidder information. This committee is a huge element of support in thanking and celebrating our donors.

**DSC STORE:** Volunteers sell DSC logo items to attendees, exhibitors & members. No cash register experience is necessary – we just need good will ambassadors!

**EXHIBITOR BREAKFAST GREETER:** Collect breakfast tickets each morning for the exhibitor breakfast hosted at the Omni Hotel. A typical shift is from 7 am – 9 am from Thursday through Sunday.

**EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION:** Register exhibitors and provide information packets. Registration opens Tuesday the week of the convention and is open daily from 8am - 6pm each day. Become well acquainted with the exhibitors and make good, lasting friendships. Volunteers will need to devote a half or full day per shift.

**EXHIBITOR WELCOME:** All about thanking a few exhibitors. We need 120 people on this team, and all you need is about 30 minutes. The best time is early on Thursday or Friday, or even Wednesday. You will have a list of about 10 exhibitors, all in the same area. Introduce yourself, welcome them and thank them for their support.

**HOSPITALITY:** Coffee Carts: Cruise the aisles with a coffee cart offering refreshments to exhibitors and volunteers. Shifts begin about one hour before convention opens each day. Exhibitors love to see the carts!

**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Volunteers plan and organize all aspects of the annual Ladies Luncheon. Through sub-committees, the live and silent auctions are organized, and several raffles, door prizes, favors, table decorations, invitations, donations and sponsorships are administered as well. Great cuisine and wine, short concise meetings and warm camaraderie rule the day. If you can relate, then certainly the Ladies Luncheon committee is for you!

**LIFE MEMBER BREAKFAST:** Assist with set up early Saturday morning by putting out favors, programs, centerpieces and auction items. Committee members should be DSC Life Members.

**MEMBERSHIP BOOTH:** Help recruit and sign up new members. This is a fun way to share your enthusiasm about DSC and to bring new members into the club. Shifts run Thursday through Sunday and are typically three hours.

**MOVE IN/MOVE-OUT (MIMO):** The Move-In process goes from 8am - 6pm on Tuesday before the show opens and will be completed by 6pm on Wednesday. Move-Out begins promptly at 3pm on Sunday and is typically finished by 9pm. Help our Exhibitors unload their trucks and trailers, and move their exhibit materials to their booth location. We do not assist in building booths. There is very little heavy lifting – this is a job that anyone can do. On Sunday, help the Exhibitors pack up. We have a great group of volunteers and have lots of fun.

**RAFFLES:** The Raffles area, located just inside the front entrance, is open during Convention hours Thursday through Saturday 9 am to 6 pm and Sunday 9 am to 2 pm with the final drawing at 2 pm. Volunteers will need to devote one or more three-hour shifts. Duties include assisting raffle ladies with ticket sales and minimal data entry. Volunteers should be familiar with current raffle items to help assist prospective buyers.
SECURITY: Volunteers are goodwill ambassadors. We interface with exhibitors and monitor all convention hall entrances during move in & move out to verify credentials. Some committee members will patrol parking lots during convention hours. This committee works closely with Dallas police officers. Shifts may range from three to six hours.

SILENT AUCTION: Set up tables in the Silent Auction area and display the items prior to opening day. Meet, greet and register anyone wishing to bid, answer questions and direct bidders to the booths of item donors. After the auction closes, money is collected from the winners and their merchandise delivered to them whenever possible. Clean up and straighten the area at the end of each day. Shifts are generally two hours, once per day.

TRAFFIC: The patrolmen of the flow of vehicles into and out of the parking area and loading docks during move in and move out. Make sure the trucks, trailers, and cars filled with the exhibitors’ show items can be lined up and unloaded in an orderly fashion at the proper dock door nearest their booth. Once the exhibitor has reached the dock and is prepared to unload, the Move In/Move Out crews take over.

Primary time slots are from noon on Tuesday and all day on Wednesday. We prefer volunteers to work half day at a time (approximately six-hour shifts) during move in. We coordinate moving out in four hours (which took a day and a half to move in.) We really need help from 3pm to around 9pm on Sunday.

DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. EXTRAVAGANZA: DSC’s premier youth event. Shooting, Archery, Field, Excellency Trials for Youth is for 125 youths 6th – 12th grade from OTF’s Outdoor Adventures program and one parent each to experience firearms safety. We need 150 volunteers to help organize and be instructors (shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzle loader, archery / crossbow and field safety exercise). This year, the date is Sept. 15, 2018.

To volunteer, please contact info@biggame.org, or call (972) 980-9800.

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
Some of you may have seen reports of a lion that was killed outside of Kruger National Park (KNP). In typical fashion, attempts to sensationalize the story and use it as the basis for an attack against hunting have ensued. One initial article claimed that the lion was lured out of the park, may have been a known and named pride lion, and would have returned to the park had he not been killed by an alleged wealthy American hunter.

Such stories, often accepted as fact without any effort to verify accuracy, feed anti-hunters and affect the views of the large segment of non-hunters. Like libelous tweets that are later deleted, the damage is done when the tweet is published, and the damage is never cured by the retraction.

Peter Flack, a name that should be known to everyone who hunts Africa, addressed the latest controversy in a recent letter to the editor of the Daily Maverick, entitled “Kruger Lions: Who really cares about conservation?”

Flack states that “it is abundantly clear from their consistently emotional writings, usually devoid of any scientifically established fact or anything approaching and alternative conservation solution to hunting, that [the author of the article and others like him] do not give a fig for conservation in our country or anywhere else for that matter.”

That is what we are up against: emotion-based, devoid-of-fact propaganda. That is why it is so vitally important to present our side proactively when possible, but reactively swift when necessary. That is why our message must be presented in a way that resonates far beyond the membership. DSC Foundation has shared Flack’s letter on its Facebook page and on DSCF.org.

More information from the Umbabat Private Nature Reserve, rebutting the claims in the initial speculative article, can also be found on the DSCF Facebook page. The report from Umbabat establishes that the hunted lion was not lured from KNP and was not a named pride lion, but rather a lion well past his prime.

It bears repeating – each of you are ambassadors for hunting. If you want to insure that big game hunting continues, in Africa and elsewhere, be ready to defend it with facts and reason.
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Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Dallas

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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@pkghlrs.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

Your booth placement will be sent to you by the end of July or early August. All booth payments are due in full by August 1, 2018 for the 2019 show.

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/.  
We look forward to seeing everyone, Jan. 17-20, 2019 for DSC’s Mogambo – ‘The Greatest Hunters’ Convention on The Planet’™!
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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)

Dove cleaning provided Saturday evening and until noon on Sunday.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
A 50-room block has been reserved at the Whitten Inn at 1625 State Hwy 351 Abilene 79601. A special rate is offered for single or double occupancy. Call 800-588-5050 for reservations and mention Hailey Ranch Hunting Group to receive our reduced rate.
Bobcat Hunt Denied, Mountain Lion Hunt Proposed

In June, the Indiana Natural Resources Commission voted unanimously to withdraw a proposal that would have authorized a bobcat hunting season.

With sightings and road deaths becoming more frequent, many sportsmen pushed for a change in regulations to hunt and trap bobcats. However, the proposed statewide quota, limited open counties, and individual bag limits were not enough to convince the opposition that the hunt would not drive bobcats back on the endangered species list.

Neighboring states Michigan and Kentucky already have seasons and quotas for bobcats, but it looks like another year without one in Indiana.

While one state reverses hunting proposals, another one is taking steps to approve a hunt for the first time since 2014.

Nebraska Game Commission looks to resume mountain lion hunting for the second season in state history. The first hunt was in 2014, but a high number of roadkill in 2015 and lack of research for population numbers has led to delays ever since. The 2019 proposed season would be January to February with a quota of only eight mountain lions and a maximum of four females. CT

Sources: Perry County News and Omaha World-Herald

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In May, DSC Conservation Society (CS) hosted over 200 at Tailwaters Fly Fishing Shop for fellowship, fun, and of course... plenty of crawfish. The eleventh annual Crawfish Fest raised over $7,000 for the Mule Deer Foundation, specifically addressing the need for water for our West Texas herds. Above all else, this day brought our members together with the countless young individuals who have never hunted and want to know more.

As current trends have shown, one of the major concerns for the future of hunting is the steady decline of participants in the sport. License sales continue to drop every year, while the average age of the hunter goes up. It’s no secret: there are fewer young people getting in the woods every year. If we would like to see our sport continue with our future generations, we must address this issue.

DSC is meeting this issue head on with the DSC Conservation Society. Our members aged 23-45 host numerous events throughout the year that promote DSC’s mission with the young professionals of Dallas in hopes that they may join the cause. The Crawfish Fest is one of the many events put on by Conservation Society throughout the year.

We look forward to bringing these individuals back together at other events throughout the year in order to teach them more about the time-honored tradition. If we continue to plant the seeds in our young professionals, maybe the trends in hunting will change for the better. CT

A Special Thank You

Thank you to our sponsors and major donors African Elephant Hair Bracelets, Charlie and Winona Barnes, Bowers Group, Door 4 Entertainment, Karl and Rebecca Evans, L&L Adventures, L&S Hunting Co., Mark Little, Mule Deer Foundation, Abe and Toni Nayfa, Tailwaters, TLT Entertainment, Jim and Suzi Tolson, Rabbit Hole Brewing Co., Rebecca Creek Distillery, Sitka Gear, Stiney’s BBQ, and Xyience Energy Drinks for making this event possible.

A special shout out to our friends and partners Accufire, Delta Waterfowl, Outdoor Pro, Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation, Sportsmen’s Box, Texas Standard and Wildrose Kennels for their support.
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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:

- Membership in DSC
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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.

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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.

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I have recently returned from my 30th trip to Africa. For that trip, I wanted to go back in time and use my old faithful rifles, namely the .30-06 Springfield and an old 7mm Remington Magnum that is so old that it only has a 5-digit serial number. Why do this? Just because I want to, as I’m trying to relive and remember the old days of 30 years ago.

On my very first trip to Africa in 1985, I took a .308 Winchester with a Tasco 4-power scope, and an FN Mauser .375 H&H Magnum. Looking back, I’d say I was slightly under-gunned and probably a bit over-gunned at the same time.

It did not take me long to figure out that the .308 Winchester with simple 165-grain Speer bullets were not made for blue wildebeest. Later in the week, I shot a nice kudu bull with a 180-grain Speer Grand Slam bullet, and that worked much better. In the .375 H&H, I used 300-grain Sierra BT bullets, and found them to be way too hard, as they punched right through several animals without expanding, thus making a couple long chases. My partner was using 300-grain Hornady RN bullets, and those worked like a charm.

As time progressed, I eventually took my .375 H&H after Cape buffalo using Jack Carter’s infamous 300-grain Trophy Bonded Bear Claw bullets. I shot two buffalos on that trip with two shots and was most impressed.

I took the .375 H&H for plains game on several trips after that using a variety of bullets and found that the 270-grain Hornady Spire Point was very effective. It soon became my favorite.

Eventually, I did not use the .375 H&H anymore, as I fell in love with an old pre-64 Model 70 .338 Winchester Magnum. Over the next 25-plus years, that .338 Magnum seldom stayed home. I’ve used a great many bullets in it ranging from simple 200-grain Speer and Hornady soft points to 250 grain Hornady, Speer Grand Slams and Trophy Bonded Bear Claws.

In the past few years, I’ve fallen in love with the new Barnes 210-grain TSX and TTSX bullets, and the new Barnes VorTX ammunition too.

I’ve also taken the .30-06 Springfield to Africa more times than any other gun, and so far have killed game with 24 different bullets ranging from 150-grain Hornady soft points to 220-grain Nosler Partitions. I’ve also used the 7mm Remington Magnum, .270 Winchester, and .300 Winchester many times.

In each caliber I’ve found a favorite load and bullet, and you know what? It really doesn’t matter, as bullet placement is absolutely the most important thing. Regardless of the caliber or bullet, a hole in the lungs is a hole in the lungs, and that will result in a downed animal quite quickly.

This year, just for old times’ sake, I used mostly old reliable 180-grain Hornady Round Nose bullets in the .30-06 Springfield and some of the newest Federal EDGE TLR 175-grain ammunition on the opposite end of the spectrum. Both were very impressive performers both in penetration and knockdown power.

What will I use next year? I’m not quite sure yet, but it depends on where we go and the shooting distance anticipated. Odds are we will go to southern Namibia where the ranges tend to be a bit long, so I may very well get out the old .300 H&H Magnum.
As a service to DSC members, we are happy to offer the Member Bulletin Board. DEADLINE: the 1st day of the month prior to the issue date. Example: April 1 is the deadline for the May Camp Talk. Please keep your information brief and send via email or an attachment to ads@biggame.org. No placeholders by phone. All ads will run for three months at no charge to DSC members. If your item sells, please notify the DSC office for removal. If you wish to continue the ad, please send your request to ads@biggame.org. No commercial ads. Buy and sell at your own risk. All sales should be conducted in compliance with federal, state and local laws. Thanks! ~DSC Staff

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