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Oliver North – The NRA President gave an inspirational speech at the Jan. 19, Saturday night banquet.

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**Success by the Numbers**

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Monthly Meetings are $35 per person, $45 day of event and for walk-ins.
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One feature of our convention, characteristic of the club in general, is that we welcome all comers. The public can attend. Pay for a day pass and come enjoy the show! I know of one anti-hunter who asked a lot of questions at our membership booth, and then decided to come into the show and check us out. That is refreshing as most antis don't even bother to learn – they just react to the misinformation about hunting.

Our day traffic was up considerably, which we now measure by the tickets in the bucket. Comparing the tickets last year with those dropped in the bucket during this show, we are up about 30%! That's amazing!

At the show, we had quite a few new members – 360 by preliminary reckoning. Some 65 became Life Members, people who made the jump to a lifelong commitment. But what about those who upgraded? There were 19 of those who started out as a one-year or two-year member. Why do you think they upgraded? They kicked the tires and decided it was worth their time and talent. Maybe they volunteered for a couple of years and felt a calling.

I always want to know why people join DSC. Maybe it was a friend who told them, “You’ve gotta join!” Those people are listed in the sponsor column in the New Member listing in each issue of Camp Talk. Bravo to those sponsors who encourage new members!

We appreciate all of our members, and we encourage every single one of them to find a way to make a difference. We invite your active participation in the club – whether it is once a year at our show, every month at our events and activities around North Texas, or in the chapters’ areas.

There are many paths to becoming a member. However you became a member, we are grateful. This is a great organization.

I'm signing off as the club President (again), and I want to thank all of the board, the staff, the volunteers and the members who make the hours of flights, phone calls, meetings and dealings for DSC worth all the effort. What we have is unique. There are other groups that share our mission and our vision, but not a single organization out there has what DSC has – and that is all of you united in purpose and in the DSC mission. Thank you, again, for fighting for what’s important. My hat’s off to you all.
A special thank you to our corporate sponsors of the 2019 DSC Convention for their generosity and support of our mission.

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Convention Chairs Charlie and Winona Barnes said, “What happened here at Mogambo wasn’t about what we did, but rather what that formidable team called the DSC 100 did. We are grateful to be a part of it. There were so many special stories about volunteers going above and beyond, of staff doing the impossible, of the hotel and convention center taking care of our fantastic guests and exhibitors. All we can say is a huge thank you for this opportunity.”

DSC President Karl Evans said, “I shouldn’t be surprised, but this year’s Convention was another example of what a dedicated and passionate group of volunteers, exhibitors and corporate sponsors can accomplish together. I am both humbled and proud to be part of this organization that does so much to serve and advance the hunting industry.”

In addition to the exhibit hall activity, a number of important meetings with industry and government officials took place, among them the inaugural meeting of the DSC Conservation Advisory Board. This new group is charged with the mission of providing subject matter expertise with both regional and global perspectives on needed research, program development and advocacy. The CAB will advise and assist the DSC Board and Grants Committee on domestic and international conservation issues to ensure that DSC’s mission fulfillment is focused most appropriately.

DSC Executive Director Corey Mason said, “When we say the world comes to Dallas, it’s true. We've had officials and notable conservationists from around the world sit down to discuss important matters and to cooperate on developing policies that conserve wildlife worldwide.”

Mason continued, “DSC is well underway with the planning the 2020 show. The theme is Heritage, and we will improve and upgrade all the success we created at Mogambo. We cannot wait to invite the hunting world again to Dallas.” CT
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You may have seen the news reports about a gentleman from North Texas, who recently purchased a markhor hunt in Pakistan, and harvested a great ram. DSC Life Member Bryan Harlan did a nice job of explaining the hunt, and setting out the benefits that his hunt provided. Approximately 80 percent of the money he paid goes to the community where the animal was shot. The rest of it goes to protect and conserve markhors and other Pakistani wildlife in general.

Nothing about this story can be legitimately used (key word – legitimately) to controvert or dispute the conservation and community benefits that flow directly from an uncommon and highly-regulated markhor hunt.

One would think that a positive story such of this would be well received by the public. It is, after all, a window into a remarkable conservation success story, one in which DSC played a role.

In some areas, the reporting was arguably free of bias. Apparently, many outlets simply took a wire report, changed a few words and claimed it as their own work – there are too many consistently used phrases for there to be any other reasonable explanation. It doesn't excuse the furtherance of the bias in the original work, but it helps to understand its apparent acceptance as truth.

The bigger story on this news coverage is the subtle, but clearly intentionally efforts to debase and demean international hunting – even in a story that simply cannot be interpreted any way other than as a perfect example of the value of international hunting. For example, the headline of the story that ran in the Dallas Morning News reads, “Dallas banking executive paid $110,000 to hunt down rare mountain goat in Pakistan.”

Hunt down? Who describes a hunt for wildlife like that? Furthermore, that writer states that “hunting wild Astore markhors is illegal in Pakistan but the government allows trophy hunting for a fee.” If the government allows it, it isn't illegal.

The Fox News version of the story dripped with judgment, claiming that “the high price of the hunting permit hides Pakistan's way of preserving the rare species and promoting tourism.” How does the cost of a permit hide anything? Could it be that the media's unfamiliarity with the system used in Pakistan (and Tajikistan and dozens of other countries) stems more from laziness, disinterest or an unwillingness to tell a story that might actually shed positive light on international hunting?

These versions of a positive hunting news remind us of what we are up against. We must hone, tell, refine and repeat our message. Then we must do it again and again and again. DSC and DSC Foundation understand the need for compelling, accurate and relevant messages that tell the story of the benefits of hunting. What's more, we understand the urgency of that need.

Join us, add your thoughts, and support our efforts by donating to our campaign. Go to www.dscf.org to see how you can contribute.
PA Hunting Expands
The Sunday hunting ban in Pennsylvania was lifted last month. The state's Game and Fish Committee approved a bill on Feb. 6 to permit regulated hunting on Sundays. For now, all Sundays are open, but Pennsylvania Game Commission could set limitations if needed. This comes after another decision to begin firearms deer season on the Saturday after Thanksgiving instead of the Monday.

CT Senate Takes on Bear Hunting, Again
For the third year in a row, Connecticut Sen. Craig A. Miner (R-Litchfield) has introduced a bill to establish a black bear hunt in Connecticut. All across the state, and in Miner's district especially, bear sightings and interactions have increased. The bill calls for a permitted hunt solely on private property in Litchfield county. Last year the General Assembly's Environment Committee voted against the bill, and in 2017, the Judiciary Committee rejected the bill after another Senator tried to amend the bill to deny trophy importation from Africa.

NJ Robot Deer Bust Poachers
Okay, so it isn't a real robot deer, but the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife planted a life-sized stuffed whitetail, dubbed “Robo Deer,” to catch law breakers. Robo Deer was instrumental in nabbing three would-be poachers in December. List of illegal activities included: hunt by aid of motor vehicle, hunting with aid of lights, deer hunting after hours, shooting across a highway, loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, uncased firearm in a motor vehicle, and careless discharge of a firearm.

Sources: Citizens Voice, Sportsmen's Alliance, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
East TX Teacher Receives Educator of the Year Award

BY DAVID PRICE, PAST CHAIR OF OUTDOORS TOMORROW FOUNDATION

The Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation (OTF) is proud to announce the selection of Van Bowen, a 31-year career teacher, from Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as the Outdoor Adventures Educator of the Year for 2018. Bowen was selected because of his passion for teaching the 7th and 8th grade students at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School and for making the Outdoor Adventures (OA) program come alive in his classes.

His school principal, Dr. Jeff Turner, nominated him for the award, saying that Mr. Bowen helped create the program five years ago, and praised how Bowen welcomed students who were not traditional outdoor adventurists.

An innovator, Bowen uses his 31 years of teaching experience to incorporate the OA curriculum into a program that motivates and energizes his students. His classes are made up of 63 percent Hispanic students and 52 percent female students, offering the OA program to segments sometimes overlooked by other activity courses.

Bowen has doubled the number of classes taught during the last five years, filling each class to capacity. He teaches his students to fish and how to track game animals on his school's campus. He also uses the school's campus to teach camping skills, survival techniques, trapping, wildlife identification and outdoor cooking. As part of the hunter safety class, he teaches firearm safety. In the past five years, he has taught 325 OA students – 300 of those students successfully completed the Texas Hunter Education Certification while 297 earned the Texas Boater Safety Certification.

In his own estimation Mr. Bowen believes that one of the most important things his students take away from his OA course is increased self-confidence. He believes that when a student catches their first fish, shoots a bow for the first time or cooks a meal outdoors on a camping trip those events are transformative events for each student.

Additionally, Bowen has brought his students to the DSC Convention each year to take part in the Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience (YWCE).

Congratulations Mr. Van Bowen for having such a wonderful impact on the lives of your students and on your community, and for being named the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation’s Educator of the Year for 2018. CT
The Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award (OHAA) deadline is May 15, 2019. The complete application must be received by the DSC office by this date.

The full list of selection criteria can be viewed on pages 54-56 in the 2018-2019 Resource Guide, or online on the OHAA award page on biggame.org. Please be aware of the most recent changes for 2019, which include: an increase in percentage of trophies taken while a DSC member (60%) and Life Member requirement.

Please also note two clarifications that have been made since the printing of the Resource Guide:

1.) For the Oxen/Buffalo of the world criteria, the East African Savanna Buffalo is listed as a distinct species.

2.) Only one water buffalo from the South Pacific, South America, or Africa will count towards the count to ten. Additional buffalos can be counted once the first ten have been reached.

A completed application includes the signed Fair Chase and Hunting Ethics affidavit and organized list of the animals taken, along with:

1.) Location taken
2.) Date taken
3.) Name of guide and outfitter, if applicable
4.) Field photo of hunter with animal
5.) Official scoresheet completed by an official measurer

For questions, please contact Chair Wilson Stout or reach Awards Coordinator Karrie Kolesar at the DSC office, 972-980-9800.

The OHAA is given solely for outstanding achievements in the finite area of big game hunting and is the highest honor DSC can bestow.
DSC Auction Brings Funds to BC Hunting Defense

DSC is eager to support Ron Fleming and the other BC outfitters who have been negatively affected by the BC government’s unjustified closing of the grizzly hunt.

On Jan. 19, DSC auctioned a BC grizzly bear hide that is wet-tanned and ready for taxidermy. Additionally, a six (6) day black bear hunt with Driftwood Valley Outfitters Ltd. in British Columbia is part of this package. All of the proceeds from this auction package will be sent directly to support the class action against the BC government. At the auction, excitement buzzed as the package sold at twice the value.

Further, those who would like to directly contribute to the BC outfitters legal defense fund can send contributions to Conservation Force at www.conervationforce.org. Stipulate the project “BC grizzly lawsuit.” Conservation Force can also be reached at 504-837-1233 or 3240 S. I-10 Service Road W, Suite 200; Metairie, Louisiana; 70001-6911 USA.

2019 OTF’s Rendezvous of the Guardians Banquet

BY DAVID PRICE, PAST CHAIR OF OUTDOORS TOMORROW FOUNDATION

The Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation’s (OTF) Fourth Annual Rendezvous of the Guardians (ROTG) banquet and auction will be held on April 3, 2019 at the Westin Galleria in Dallas, Texas. There will be a pre-banquet cocktail hour during which guests will be able to visit with old friends, meet new friends, circulate among the silent auction items and support OTF’s education and conservation mission.

Then, join the ROTG festivities and be entertained by acclaimed radio host Big Billy Kinder, the master of ceremonies. A gourmet meal will be served followed by a surprise guest speaker and a spirited live auction. The auction will feature a wide assortment of hunting and fishing trips, original artwork, jewelry, guns, sporting equipment and other top shelf items. There will be several items up for raffle at the conclusion of the auction so be sure to buy plenty of raffle tickets.

On April 4, 2019 the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation will host the Second Annual Outdoor Adventures Cup Sporting Clays Shoot at the Dallas Gun Club. The Title Sponsor for the Outdoor Adventures Cup is Park Cities Quail. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available for the event (please contact Sean McLelland at sean@gootf.com). Shooting team slots are still available for individuals as well as shooting teams for the event. Individual shooting slots are available at $300 per shooter. OTF also needs volunteers to man the individual shooting stations and to help set up the course. After the shooting event there will be a live auction, live band and a spirited social event. All profits from the event will be used to fund the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation’s mission.
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C-3B Murray Rifle Shell Holder
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December 19, 2018

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Thank you, too, for working with Cheryl to deliver the gift cards to the Farm. She is most grateful for you!

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Staff Milestone

DSC Director of Publications Jay Cox (center) received a token of appreciation for her 10 year work anniversary. The glass figurine reads: “In recognition of 10 years of dedicated service to DSC. Your efforts have elevated DSC’s presence, mission and image and educated thousands in sustainable use and conservation. Thank you and good work!”

Joining are News Editor and Awards Coordinator Karrie Kolesar (left) and DSC Executive Director Corey Mason.

Cox with nilgai in South Texas, 2017
Beginners: Don’t Sell Yourself Short

BY KARRIE KOLESAR, DSC NEWS EDITOR/AWARDS COORDINATOR

“Never! No really, not even once.”

I had never been hunting and still have only been shooting a handful of times, but Lone Star Outdoor News Foundation offered to take me and Kamille Martin, DSC Convention Events and Corporate Sponsor Coordinator, out on our first hunt on a ranch out in Throckmorton County, Texas to hunt deer.

As the opportunity for my first hunting trip was coming together this past January, a few of the guides asked me about my experience. I explicitly remember throwing up my hands with a strong insistence that I had no hunting experience whatsoever, I mean seriously, no experience. None. Zero.

I was adamant about communicating my lack of experience because of something I noticed during a shooting clinic last year. The instructor asked all the beginners to get together, so he could go over some logistics. But as we went around talking in the beginner group, I heard many people saying things like, “oh yeah, it’s been years since I’ve gone shooting.” I thought that needing a few refreshers did not make you a beginner. I literally only held a gun by myself one time. Now that’s a beginner.

As the group started lining up, the other “beginners” picked up the guns and started aiming for practice. While their stances needed some adjusting and they missed a few targets, I was sitting in awe. I was still thinking about step one: picking up the gun. I remember being so proud of myself for just getting in proper position.

The first time I even saw a gun being fired was at the 2017 Big Bore Shoot, a few months after I started working for DSC. Before the afternoon ended, it was also my first time holding and shooting a gun. Karl Evans thankfully had a smaller caliber rifle with a suppressor, and didn’t mind staying after the event to show me. Let’s face it, those big bore rifles can be intimidating, especially for my first time.

Karl’s gun was heavier than I thought it would be. Karl gave me a few pointers about position, and I asked “like this?” after every little movement. Then, he said I was ready to shoot. I think I asked him, “Really? I can pull the trigger now?” repeatedly. I couldn’t believe that I was ready to shoot after just a few minutes. I finally did it. Hey, I really could do it!

I grew up on the coast of New Jersey. We did not have guns in the house, and no one I knew had one. We were not against people having them. We just never talked about it, and honestly, I never really thought about it.

When the DSC staff went shooting at a pistol range last year, the co-workers and range officers helping me would always say, “Now adjust until it’s comfortable.” And I would just think, “None of this is comfortable! I am a tense, awkward pipe cleaner! With a gun in my hand!”

Fast forward to the Lone Star Outdoor News group taking me hunting: they asked about my experience, so I said that I was a beginner, meaning zero, absolutely no, hunting experience. I was not exaggerating.

In hindsight, I now realize, I did not give myself enough credit. True, I was (and still am) a hunting and firearm novice, but once I was in the field, I realized that I had a lot of experience that counted in this situation. I had a lot of outdoor experience, and some of the information the guides shared, I actually knew!

There were many hours of hiking and camping, not to mention all the hours I clocked as a field geology major in undergrad. I already knew the critical need to be prepared in the field and the respect for coexisting with wilderness during outdoor recreation. Except for the random times – when I would be three miles into a thickly wooded trail by myself in a grey sweatshirt and think, wait is it hunting season? – I never really thought about hunting. Instead, I was learning valuable outdoor skills that now I discovered would benefit me as a sportswoman.

Early mornings were not a problem as I have gotten up early to start long hikes before the heat gets too intense. Watching for wildlife on a trail and adjusting my noise level or path allowed me to watch them in their natural state. Worrying about the right gear was based on my experience, not because I had no clue. In fact, I had been in outdoor situations when the temperature changes from a warm mid-afternoon to a freezing cold night where I wished I had an extra pair of dry wool socks or an extra layer when the temperature changed. My concerns were based in experience, and not those of a pure novice.

It is important to realize that hunting novices come in all shapes and from varied backgrounds. Someone who is completely new to firearms might already love the outdoors, and someone hunting novices might already have strong shooting skills that are just a little rusty. Novices, give yourself some credit, you’ve got this! And for those of you working with novices, help them remember that not all hunting skills are developed with a rifle in your hand.

Although we hardly saw any deer the whole weekend this past January, I will definitely be out there again soon. I hear turkey season is just around the corner.
DSC Welcomes Wounded Warriors

DSC is honored to assist Wounded Warrior Project in bringing injured service members, their families, and caregivers to our Convention. Supporting our service members in this way is the least we can do for their unparalleled dedication and sacrifices for our country. CT

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North Dakota Biologist Wins Literary Award

DSC’s Dave Baxter Literary Award is presented annually to an amateur writer with a compelling story that has been published in Game Trails or Camp Talk in the past year. This year’s finalists were:

**Gary Christensen**
* A Rhino That Saved an Orphanage – Spring Game Trails

**Michelle Flugel**
* My Solo Shiras Moose – Convention Game Trails

**Ken Heard**
* High Mountain Hunt for Tahr – Convention Game Trails

**Raj S. Paul**
* From General To General: The Story Of A Rifle – Convention Game Trails

**Karen Seginak**
* Natural Causes – December Camp Talk

The competition was tight this year, with all the top articles within just a few points of each other. The judges had a tough decision! In the end, Karen Seginak’s *Natural Causes* was named the winner, which remained a secret until it was announced on stage at the Jan. 17 banquet during DSC’s annual Convention.

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**About the winner – Karen Seginak**

“I obtained my B.S. in Zoology from Colorado State University and my M.S. in Zoology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I’ve since then worked as a wildlife biologist since 1990, and my passion is being out in the field, engaged entirely in firsthand observations, monitoring and research. I fell in love with the prairie pothole country of the Dakotas, and now call North Dakota home. I purchased and live on an acreage enrolled in conservation and wetland easements that I enjoy managing for wildlife. Despite being a latecomer to the hunting scene, only having begun hunting when I reached my thirties, I am an avid hunter both here domestically and internationally, enjoying hunting via a wide variety of methods from archery to hunting with hounds to most everything in between.”

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**Excerpt from the Winning Article**

*I think very, very few people have ever been present when a wild animal dies of “natural” causes…. But on a post-storm summer evening in a fairly remote area of central Montana, I had the unique privilege of witnessing the moment of death for a pronghorn buck.*

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Raffles Hit All-Time High

With James Jeanes, Raffles Chair, at the helm, raffle ticket sales during the Annual Convention finally exceeded an elusive goal: $300,000. Jeanes is eager to convey a special thank you and congratulations to all those who have volunteered, worked, or supported the raffles over the years to hit this milestone for the DSC mission.

"Working on this project for about 200 hours a year, plus all the work of staff and volunteers year-round, makes this such a satisfying accomplishment," says Jeanes. As the Raffles Chair for about 15 years, Jeanes has seen all the ups and downs that have happened along the way. When he first started in Raffles, there were only about five raffle items, compared to 29 in this year’s line-up.

Jeanes remembers attending one of his first DSC Conventions in 2003 or 2004, where he bought a lot of raffle tickets – so many that then-Volunteer Coordinator Dixie Yeatts called him up and said that he should join DSC and get involved.

Already heavily involved in youth outreach with Ducks Unlimited, it was not long before Jeanes found a spot among the DSC 100. When the previous Raffles Chair mentioned stepping down, taking the lead of Raffles fell right in his lap. Jeanes brought his business mind and has been setting goals for the Raffles team ever since.

After all the hard work, his favorite part is when he gets to call all the winners and hear their stories and reactions. Jeanes says, "Just like all the volunteers and staff involved, the winners come from all different places and backgrounds. Although just a small portion of the Convention floor, the efforts and results are huge. Thank you to all volunteers, the Convention co-chairs, Lori Stanford and the DSC staff, and Julie Freeman and her team. The Raffles couldn't happen without all of your support."

James isn't all work and raffles, though. He is a big Oscar-nominated movie buff. Come to an event and ask him about it!

Stay tuned for updates on how to volunteer for Raffles or any other DSC 100 committees.
Rifle Reloading Techniques to Make Better Shotshells

BY TERRY BLAUWKAMP

With spring just around the corner, it’s time to think about skeet, trap or sporting clay shooting again and reloading lots of shells, too.

Normally, reloading shotgun shells is quite simple, as we just set up the equipment to drop the shot, and put in the proper bushing to drop x-amount of grains of a particular powder along with the appropriate wad. We pay little, if any, attention to the shot weight, other than to use the specified bar or bushing size.

We should weigh the powder charge just to be sure it is what it’s supposed to be, but how often do any of us weigh the shot to see if it really is correct? Answer... not often enough.

Let’s just assume we are going to load 1 oz. of #9 shot in a 12-gauge hull. Thinking like a rifle reloader, we know that there are 7,000 grains in a pound, divided by 16oz. per pound = 437.5 grains per ounce, so this is what your shot bar should be dropping.

I did this with my machine, and it dropped 428 grains, or just a bit short of an ounce. I don’t think 10-12 pellets of #9 shot is all that big a deal in a 12 gauge, and doubt the skeet bird will know the difference.

So much for my skeet loads, but I also want to load 1 oz. of #8-1/2 shot for 16-yard trap shooting. Now the fun has started, as I weighed the shot being dropped, and it was only 400 grains, or more like 7/8 oz. of shot. Hmmm, I wonder why? Maybe it could be that the pellets are slightly larger, and there is more air space between the pellets (that are dropped by volume.)

So now I’m thinking like a rifle reloader again, and I opened another bag of #8-1/2 shot, but from a different manufacturer. Sort of like a box of 180-grain bullets from two different makers. I had never paid any attention to who makes the shot, #8-1/2 is #8-1/2 shot, and it does not matter what the markings on the bag are: shot is shot.

The surprise came when I weighed the shot being dropped from the new bag as they weighed 433 grains, or just 2-3 pellets shy of 1 oz.

When I took a real hard look at the pellets from the original bag, they looked dull and poorly polished, and even seemed to be uneven in size as compared to the second bag I opened. I then got a sample of another brand of shot and it weighed 425 grains. Now I sure wish I had a couple more bags of shot from different manufacturers to compare apples to apples.

I continued further, wanting to see what my 1-1/8 oz. bar was dropping. I took the original bag of #8-1/2 shot and it dropped 460 grains (approximately 1-1/16 oz.), which is heavier, but still short of 1-1/8 oz., which would be 492 grains.

I then found another 1-1/8 oz. bar in my archives and tried it with shot from the new bag, and it was perfect at 491 grains. When I started to load some shells with this full 491-grain load, I soon found I had another dilemma, and that was case capacity with different powders.

One nice thing about reloading rifle shells, is that if the case is not totally full, so what? Just seat the bullet and go about your shooting. If it’s a bit too full and the powder comes up into the neck of the case, same thing, compress it a bit when seating the bullet, and it goes bang.

But shotgun shells have a different problem, as every manufacturer’s case and style has a different internal capacity; so figuring out the shot and powder volume, the wad one has to use in order to get a nice crimp that is neither dished in and shallow, or smashed in and trying to pop open with internal pressure, may require a bit of trial and error.

I’ve found that 700X powder is quite dense and takes up the least amount of space, and Red Dot takes up just a little bit more space, and does not seem to be a problem.

Now when I tried to load some 3-dram Green Dot loads for handicap trap shooting, I found that it takes up quite a bit more space, and if I try to use the bar that drops the full 491 grains of shot, I can only load it in Federal Top Gun shells and get a suitable crimp. If I changed bars and dropped only 460 grains of shot, then the AA hull will work, as does a Remington STS.

Thank goodness I had large assortment of 1-1/8 oz. and 1 oz. wads to choose from, and soon I found a combination that worked.

So if you can’t get the crimp you want, try a different wad until you find the right one.

One thing is for sure, just like bullet placement with rifles, it does not really matter how much shot you have in the shell. If you shoot behind it, it is a “lost” bird. CT
Congratulations from DSC to David Bernhardt for his nomination as Secretary of the Interior. This position is of great importance to DSC and the entire hunting industry. Bernhardt, current Acting Secretary of the Interior, was a speaker at the 2018 DSC Convention. DSC supports this nomination and looks forward to a successful confirmation and a close working relationship with the Acting Secretary.

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