2021 Convention Moves to Feb. 11-14

The 2021 DSC Convention has been moved from January to February 11-14, 2021. We hope this change will provide the very best opportunity for a wildly successful and enjoyable Convention for both our attendees and exhibitor partners.

Acknowledging the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainties on travel and event industries, this decision comes after numerous discussions and input from exhibitors, partners and sponsors to find the best date.

With the change in date, several deadlines for exhibitors and attendees may change, so check the website and your DSC emails for the latest information. As of press time, the hotel room block has not yet opened. The announcement will come in email around the beginning of September.

The Weatherby Foundation International Gala, in association with DSC Convention & Sporting Expo, is now February 10, 2021. As such, please mark your calendars and make plans to join us in Dallas on February 11-14, 2021 to celebrate our hunting heritage and all things outdoors. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating a new year!
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I am a glass half-full person, but the past few months have definitely strained that philosophy! We have waded through the cancellations of events both locally and internationally. Unfortunately, given the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Texas, we will probably see more events canceled over the next couple of months. Our DSC members, exhibitors, sponsors and like-minded organizations have all been greatly affected monetarily and mentally by this crisis. I have a good friend who recently lost his wife to COVID-19. Your outlook on a crisis changes completely when someone you know is personally affected.

I strongly believe that there is light at the end of the tunnel. We must keep moving forward. DSC has been doing just that. Our CARE Program launched with great success, supporting anti-poaching efforts throughout Africa. Between DSC and DSF, we have been able to support outfitters in nine countries, protected nearly 23 million acres of land, and funded the retention and hiring of 440 anti-poaching employees. The amount of money that our generous members have given for this effort has been heartwarming. Your hard-earned money that you have donated is flowing out to the outfitters and is making a huge difference! Please keep it coming. We need to continue to support those who are on the frontline protecting the wildlife.

By the time you read this article, you should have received via email, a video outlining the updates to our Policy and Procedures Manual. This has been a long process, but the committee of volunteers that have put forth these recommendations have done an outstanding job. Once you see what changes have been made, I know you will be as proud of them as we are.

Finally, the planning for our Reflections Convention is moving at full speed, even with all the uncertainties. We have moved the date of our convention to February 11-14, 2021. This will hopefully allow enough time for some, if not all, the restrictions that we are seeing here and abroad to relax. We have had a great response from our exhibitors and partners. Given the current economic crisis, you would think that auction donations would be suffering. Not so! The support and response from our exhibitors and partners. Given the current economic crisis, you would think that auction donations would be suffering. Not so! The support that we are receiving from our partners through auction donations is inspirational.

I cannot wait until we are able to meet in person. I know we all miss catching up with our fellow hunters and conservationists. We will see you soon.

Mark R. Little, DSC President

Good news! The Great American Outdoors Act passed in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 22. The legislation will now go to the President for signature. Thank you to everyone who has contacted their representatives and been part of the voice for sportsmen and sportswomen. The essential funding that this bill provides will have a tremendous impact on our wildlife and public lands across the nation.
Who Really Makes Conservation Work?

BY RICHARD T. CHEATHAM, DSC FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July marked the five-year anniversary of the Cecil the Lion controversy. Years later, anti-hunting organizations continue to profit off the hysteria, even after almost every misrepresentation about the events of July 2015 has been refuted and discredited. Social media campaigns that call for hunting bans owe their existence to the falsehoods birthed by the hunting of a lion that only a handful of people had heard of before July 2015.

Who has, during these past five years, protected lion habitat? Who has managed for proper numbers of prey species? Who has funded and carried out vital anti-poaching efforts? Who has funded human wildlife conflict mitigation measures? Who created the ground-breaking lion aging policy to insure minimal impact from the hunting of immature lions? Who is funding predator surveys and studies across lion and leopard range states in Africa?

Who? Hunters. Hunters have done all the above.

We recently saw the re-emergence of an ongoing battle between the New Zealand Department of Conservation and hunting operators in New Zealand over a controversial tahr control plan that would have a devastating impact on tahr, tahr hunting, guides and operators and citizens who derive indirect benefit from tahr hunting. Who stepped up to protect the population of this magnificent and iconic game animal? Who won the first battle in this ongoing fight for the Himalayan tahr? Hunters. The New Zealand Tahr Foundation led the charge. Hunting operators in New Zealand and citizens of the country rallied, along with organizations like DSC and the DSC Foundation, to shine the light on the ill-conceived tahr culling plan.

Who funds anti-poaching and community support in the remote territory of Pakistan that the Astor markhor calls home? The recovery of markhor populations in Pakistan is one of the greatest conservation success stories in the last 50 years. No one pays $100,000 for the chance to take a photograph of a markhor in this rugged area. But who does pay $100,000 for the opportunity to hunt a markhor, with the understanding that 80 percent is distributed for anti-poaching and community benefit? Who facilitated the system that allows for the influx on those dollars that protect markhor and all other wildlife in the region and provide critical money to pay for basic human necessities for the region’s inhabitants? Hunters.

The need for funding to continue these efforts has never been greater. Never. This need does not care about current world conditions or economic challenges. The need is not abated by quarantines, lockdowns or travel restrictions – it feeds off of them.

And so we ask, again, for your financial support. We ask knowing that everyday the news is full of compelling calls for charitable donations, but we ask anyway because we know how desperately needed support for conservation is. CT

If you share this passion, if you recognize the dire circumstances that impact wildlife, if you want to protect hunting now and for the future, we ask two things of you: make a donation today and make a planned giving donation to evidence your hunting legacy. You can learn how to do both at www.dscf.org.

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A tracking collar – funded by hunting revenue – is fitted on a cow elephant for a monitoring initiative.
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Recommendations for Conservation to White House

DALLAS SAFARI CLUB, along with all the American Wildlife Conservation Partners, presents “Wildlife for the 21st Century: Volume VI,” a document of recommendations for the next White House Administration and the next two Congresses. Adoption of the recommendations will improve federal agencies’ stewardship of U.S. fish, wildlife, and habitats and enhance access to federal lands and waters for outdoor recreation. A prominent theme throughout the publication underscores the need for federal agencies to support the goals and objectives of state fish and wildlife agencies in federal decision-making.

In addition to the advice for the nation’s leaders, the document also offers several useful facts for anyone to have on hand to educate those who are unfamiliar with the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation:

- Last year alone:
  - $673 million generated by the Pittman-Robertson Fund, from hunting and recreational shooting-related excise taxes
  - $896 million generated from hunting licenses
  - $748 million generated from fishing licenses
  - $649 million generated by Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux Fund, from fishing and boating-related excise taxes (Source: Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation)
- Since 1939, state fish and wildlife agencies have received over $65.1 billion from sportsmen and sportswomen (Source: Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation)
- 15.7 million Americans hunted and 49.4 million people fished in 2018 (Source: Outdoor Recreation Foundation)
- 60 percent of funding for state fish and wildlife agencies is paid for by sportsmen and sportswomen
- $44 billion in direct spending to the economy by hunting and target shooters, supporting 854,000 jobs (Source: National Shooting Sports Foundation)
- $971.5 million to state fish and wildlife agencies in FY2020 for Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Programs – $22.9 billion in the history of the programs. (Source: Department of The Interior)

These recommendations represent a general agreement of the partners, and each partner organization reserves the right to establish independent positions on any issue herein for the next four years. CT
Important Dates
BY TATIANE UPTON, DSC EXHIBITS MANAGER

CURRENT EXHIBITORS

Thank you for being part of DSC’s 2021 Reflections. The convention has moved to a new date, February 11-14, 2021 with move-in dates on February 9-10. Booth placements are way underway and should be 100 percent completed by early September. An email will be sent to all exhibitors with your booth number and a link to the floorplan. Please be sure to check your other spam/junk folders. If you have not received an email from Tatiane@biggame.org by the end of September, please contact her at your earliest convenience. As a reminder, all booth balances are due in full by September 1.

Freeman, Connections Housing and A2Z Personify are the only authorized providers for DSC. If you are contacted by any other company, know that they are scammers. They do not have authorized access to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center.

Freeman will email you by late October 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. (Any other freight and service company will only be able to drop freight at the loading dock. Once it arrives, 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.

Please be aware of companies with hotel and attendees list scams posing as official representatives of DSC. We do not provide/sell attendees data list.

PROSPECTIVE EXHIBITORS

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 credit card information is required to be on the waiting list. DSC staff does not take applications over the phone and will not have the ability to “guesstimate” the availability of booth space.

For more information, visit the DSC website at biggame.org.
We look forward to seeing everyone, February 11-14, 2021 for DSC’s Reflections.
Challenge: Take Someone New Fishing This Summer

BY CRYSTAL ALLISON, DSC EVENTS MANAGER

Last summer we hosted DSC’s first-ever Kid Fish to get young families outdoors. We aren’t able to make that event happen the way we wanted to this year, but that’s no reason to stay inside! Below are some resources we hope you find useful planning your own Kid Fish. Check regulations in your area before you go – especially regarding face coverings and social distancing.

Tip: When in doubt, a friendly call to your local game warden will help you make plans.

WHO: You and your family! Maybe your neighbors or nieces and nephews haven’t tried fishing yet. Grandkids? Those are perfect fishing buddies!

WHAT: For beginners, use a closed face spincast rod and reel (youth models run about $20), with a bobber, lead-free sinker, and a circle hook. For fresh water, 6-10 pound test line is great. Hot dogs or live worms (you can buy these at local bait shops, some sporting goods stores like Academy, or even a gas station), needle nose pliers, line clipper (nail clippers work well), net to help land your catch, measuring tape, and an ice chest. First aid kit, sunscreen, bug spray, drinking water, and of course, snacks for you and the kids.

Tip: Wash your hands before baiting your hook. Sunscreen will keep the fish away.

WHEN: Any time you have an hour or two to spare! We recommend first thing in the morning before it gets too hot.

WHERE: Why not start by checking out a state park near you. They usually list the regulations clearly online. Texas state parks are great – they don’t require you to purchase a license to fish from shore! Texas state parks currently require reservations and prepayment. City and county parks are frequently fishing-friendly. Texas residents can check out Neighborhood Fishin’ with TPWD for stocked lakes that are well maintained.

Tip: License fees support healthy fish populations and habitats. Youth ages 16 and under don’t need a license in the state of Texas, but the adult with them does.

Remember to practice #ResponsibleRecreation – and send us your photos. We love to see DSC members engaging the next generation of outdoorspeople! CT
Bill Springfield, Longtime DSC 100 Volunteer

Former board member and longtime DSC member William Robert “Bill” Springfield passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in Kerrville, Texas at age 83. Bill and his late wife Nola were indispensable volunteers throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, serving across various committees wherever they were needed. Not to mention, Bill also served as a Vice President from 1993-1994 and was on the Board of Directors from 1995-1998.

Bill was born on July 14, 1936 in Oklahoma City and spent his childhood in the Lakewood area of Dallas. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and immediately joined the Marine Corps. After completing his military service, Bill enrolled at the University of North Texas. He soon met and married Nola Jo Staley. He went on to graduate from SMU School of Law and practiced law in the area for 30 years. Bill, a 32nd degree Mason, loved baseball, Texas Longhorn Football, fishing and hunting. He served in various board positions in the DSC, Dallas Ecological Foundation and the Dallas Gun Club.

Bill is preceded in death by wife Nola Springfield who passed away in January of this year. He is survived by his daughter Gretchen Ann Rose and husband Hal, as well as grandchildren Staley Anne Rose and William Paterson Rose.

Hook ’em Horns! CT
POSTPONED
S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza

DATE: Postponed to 2021 – Date To Be Determined
LOCATION: Greystone Castle, near Mingus Texas

Due to an abundance of caution, and in collaboration with Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation (OTF), DSC will be postponing this year’s S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza to 2021. This decision was made with the health and well-being of students, parents and volunteers in mind. We are currently working with OTF to explore potential alternatives that can support their students this year – stay tuned for additional information regarding 2020 support activities if arranged. If you have any questions, please contact Nate Watson at nate@biggame.org or at the DSC office at 972-980-9800. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you in 2021 at the S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza. CT
C-2 Murray Rifle Shell Holder
Belt type with heavy duty elastic loops. We use only US made industrial grade elastic, and the loops are double nylon stitched (sides and bottom) to insure cartridge retention and soft point protection. Leather loops optional. Available in most calibers 25.06 through 577 Nitro. Also available with classic leather loops.

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

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C-3 Murray Rifle Shell Holder
Belt type with full leather enclosure, 7 round capacity with heavy duty elastic retention loops, rattle proof, soft point protection, fits one row of cartridges flat against your belt. Fully nylon stitched, available in most cartridge sizes. Some African calibers are limited to 6 rounds.

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A-1 Murray Quick Set Sling $75
Try it and you'll want one for all your rifles. Made from one continuous cut of saddle leather with a uniquely designed blued metal friction slide, it can be instantly set to any length and secured. No hooks or laces to adjust. A three-way latigo knot secures the slide and swivels eliminating any screws that could mar your stock. Lightweight, strong, and no bulk. Comes ready to use with US made swivels installed. Available with either blue, stainless steel, or "mil-spec" swivels.

Black add $10
With US mil spec swivels add $10
Long Model for rifles with barrel band swivels add $10

A1-AR15 Quick Set Sling $90 (For rifles with fixed swivels)

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

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C-3C Murray Buttstock Shell Holder
Lace-up type designed for straight stockled rifles, 8 elastic loops, nylon stitched on a rich saddle tan leather, quick access and available in cartridge sizes from 270 through 577 Nitro*. Available in left- or right-handed version.

$75

S-2 Murray Ultimate Saddle Scabbard
Designed for maximum protection of your big game rifle, this case is made from the very finest saddle leather and completely encases the gun. Lined with an exclusive man-made sheepskin that is breathable and non-reactive to gun oil, it will protect the gun blue as well as the stock finish. This scabbard will conveniently fit inside most hard cases for travel. A detachable leather grip enables this scabbard to be used as a rugged year-round gun case.

S-2 designed for scoped (up to 44 mm) rifles $695
S-2A designed for scoped (up to 56 mm) rifles $750
Dove Hunt at the Hailey Ranch near Abilene
September 4 & 5, 2020
Open to all Members and Non-Members

Price: Adult Hunter $210 | Youth (12-17) $110 | Non Hunter $95

Includes: Friday afternoon hunting and Saturday morning hunting, meals, live entertainment
Friday evening, dove cleaning and non-alcoholic beverages.

To register, contact the DSC office at 972-980-9800 or crystal@biggame.org

HUNT AGENDA

Friday, September 4
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)

Saturday, September 5
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 Friday evening and until noon on Saturday.

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.
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Member and Chapter Services
In Good Hands

This month, Camp Talk managed to get Nate Watson, DSC’s membership and volunteer services coordinator, and Carson Keys, the Chapter management and development coordinator, to sit still long enough to get some straight answers. The profile shows both exuberance and a depth of knowledge about hunting.

**What are some of your most significant job duties?**

**Nate Watson (NW):** As the Membership and Volunteer Coordinator, my goal is to cultivate opportunities for our members to be informed conservationists and active contributors in the organization. The relationships that I build through interacting with our members and volunteers are one of the most rewarding parts of the job. Whether it’s over the phone or in person, I get to listen to member stories and discuss hunting seven days a week. Having the opportunity to invite others into our mission is what makes me love my job.

**Carson Keys (CK):** My most significant duties include supporting our current chapters’ activities such as fundraisers and member activities. Many of these duties require considerable time and travel commitments. New chapter development is the most challenging aspect of my job, but also the most enjoyable. Our all-volunteer chapter system carries the mission of conservation, education, and advocacy to their communities and beyond.

**What are some of the most pressing issues you are working with right now?**

**NW:** Due to COVID-19, the hunting world has been put on “pause.” Operators around the world are struggling to keep their doors open because of travel restrictions. Funding for anti-poaching efforts are being reduced, quotas and seasons are being adjusted and the hunting industry has taken a hit. Joining DSC is just one way to support conservation during this time. I am looking forward to being able to have events in the near future and spend time with our members!

**CK:** Like most, my most recent challenges stem from COVID-19. Most of our chapters hold their annual banquets or galas from February through May – aka Banquet Season. Travel and gathering restrictions kicked into effect right around mid-March. Thus, several chapters have had to make the extremely difficult call to cancel their annual banquets. The challenge, then, becomes how we can continue to influence conservation, education, and advocacy with a smaller, more streamlined budget.

**What is your background? Did you grow up hunting and shooting?**

**NW:** I grew up in the land of green chile and hot air balloons (New Mexico). The Land of Enchantment is one of the most underrated hunting states, and I hope it stays that way. Growing up chasing mule deer, elk, pronghorn, ibex, aoudad and other animals with my dad and brother turned me into a hunter at an early age. Western hunting provided plenty of adventure and love for wild places and the animals that call these landscape home.

I attended college at Kansas State University where I studied Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management with the current DSC Chapter

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“Nate and Carson have been significant and strategic additions to DSC. Both possess a strong sense of customer service and have made DSC stronger.”

— Corey Mason, DSC Executive Director
Coordinator, Carson Keys. During those four years, I formed an unhealthy obsession with turkey hunting and met a girl who had bird dogs. I spent my off time in Wyoming working at a ranch guiding everything from fly fishing trips to mountain bike excursions. I ended up graduating in four years, marrying the girl with the bird dogs and making my way to Texas soon after to take the job with DSC.

CK: I grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska where I cut my teeth hunting, fishing, and learning bush craft. I was also obsessed with sports at the time and played on four varsity sports teams throughout high school, with many of the seasons overlapping. This love for sports coupled with my father’s multiple deployments to Afghanistan forced a hiatus from hunting. Less than a month after graduating high school, I was in basic training for the U.S. Army. After some perseverance and sweat equity, I found myself as the sole medic for a sniper section where I met some incredible individuals and really developed a love of precision shooting.

As Nate mentioned, I wound up at Kansas State. Nate and I became friends and quickly discovered we shared the same passion for wild places and wild things, and 50-cent taco nights.

Do you have a dream hunt or dream trip you would like to take?

NW: Hunting sheep with a bow is the pinnacle for me. Spending time in the wild country that sheep live in has the makings of a great adventure. I apply for sheep tags across the states and hope to have my name called one of these days.

This year, I was fortunate enough to draw a New Mexico archery pronghorn and elk tag in August and September. This fall and winter I will be chasing muleys and pheasants in Western Kansas with friends and my brothers-in-law. When I am not hunting, I hope to be taking Carson’s money on the sporting clay course.

CK: My absolute dream hunt is a Dall sheep in the mountains of Alaska. I was not wise enough to take advantage of the opportunities I had as an Alaska resident, so I get to pay the hefty price tag. Sheep are the pinnacle of North American hunting and being able to chase them in my home state of Alaska would be the cherry on top. Second in line, and arguably more crazy, is my goal to hunt a giant Kodiak brown bear with my bow someday (after I have a really good life insurance policy that covers bear mauling). CT
Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA) proudly announces the launch of the NAPHA Conservation Pin. This pin is a symbol of our continued support of conservation in all its facets. By supporting this initiative, you too can become a valuable link in the conservation chain.

To honor and celebrate 46 years of NAPHA’s conservation endeavors and the promotion of sustainable utilization, NAPHA has undertaken this initiative to raise funds to advance and sustain Namibian conservation.

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Orders can be placed with info@napha.com.na and payment can be made at www.napha-namibia.com.
The critical question is: how does hunting affect a species conservation status? There are many examples where well-managed, sustainable hunting programs have contributed to the recovery of threatened species such as markhor (*Capra falconeri Jerdoni* [Suleiman]) in the Torghar region of Pakistan, black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) in Namibia, and lion (*Pantera leo*) in Bubye Valley Conservancy, Zimbabwe. These examples also underscore that while a species can be classified as 'threatened' globally, they can still thrive as a species locally.

The underlying threats to hunted species tend to be – according to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species – habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict, poaching, drought, prey base declines, illegal capture and trade, and unregulated tourism.¹

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*For more information, contact the DSC office, (972) 980-9800, or email Nate Watson, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator at nate@biggame.org.*
Capstick Award Nominations Open

The Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award Committee has opened nominations. 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.

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.

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 by August 25. Please include as much background on your nominee as you deem appropriate. 

Colin Caruthers Young Hunter Award

Do you know a DSC youth member who has been on two international hunts or four major North American hunts outside of their resident state? That youth might be eligible for the Colin Caruthers Young Hunter Award.

The Colin Caruthers Young Hunter Award honors DSC’s youth members for significant hunting and community accomplishments.

The award consists of two portions: hunting and civic participation. The civic participation portion includes accomplishments such as National Merit Scholar, Eagle Scout, top quarter of class academically, Student Council involvement, Varsity Band and member of other conservation organizations.

The DSC Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award (OHAA) Committee established the Award criteria for this award. Originally the award was presented as the “Loving Cup” by Tommy and Patricia Caruthers in February 1991.

The deadline to apply is August 25, 2020.

Please send nominations and inquiries to karrie@biggame.org.
Nominate an Outfitter Today

Have you met an exceptional outfitter or professional hunter that deserves some recognition?

Send in your nominations now for DSC’s Outfitter of the Year Award. This award is given to recognize outfitters who go above and beyond to support sustainable use, provide exceptional support to DSC and enhance the hunter’s ability to equitably enjoy nature’s resources.

Any DSC member in good standing may nominate an outfitter by sending in a letter of recommendation to DSC Headquarters or karrie@biggame.org by September 30. The official 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 at the office 972-980-9800.

Consideration of candidates will be based on the following criteria:
- Membership in DSC
- Exhibitor of DSC Annual Convention
- Promotion of women and youth in the outdoors
- Contributes and donates to DSC
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Opening day of spring turkey is my second-favorite hunting day of the year. Fortunately here in Texas, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to hunt, fish and otherwise enjoy the great outdoors, though doing so in a way to avoid spread of COVID-19. I was determined to hunt, even though I looked terrible and felt worse.

“I didn’t know you were that stove-up,” Ken observed as I eased painfully from my truck. We hadn’t seen much of each other since the shelter-in-place admonition had come down. Evidently, my texts had not conveyed reality. We had taken separate trucks to the lease to maintain the recommended social distancing. We would hunt separately for the same reason.

No, I did not have COVID-19, but the disease had shut down my gym. I could not take my usual anti-inflammatory meds due to a broken bone in my foot (don’t ask), leaving me stiff along my entire spine, with regular low back muscle spasms that, shall we say, affected mobility. In addition, as I slowly gathered my kit, I discovered that I had failed to throw in my muck boots. I had never thought about turkey hunting in black high-top tennis shoes, but it looked like I was going to.

Due to my condition, Ken graciously dropped me off only a few yards from my area. I found a spot to set up, placed decoys, and painfully eased into place. Thankfully the brush was tall enough to conceal my tennis shoes. In spite of it all, I was excited. I had earned confidence in my two calls and my general location and was carrying a “new to me” gun for its first foray after game.

I have always used shotguns for spring turkey hunting and endorse them. This time I carried an old bolt action rifle in .22 Hornet. When I first acquire a gun, I research the cartridge and usually attempt to develop a handload for it. Multiple sources praised the .22 Hornet as excellent for turkey and short-range varmint hunting. I topped it with a period-correct Weaver K-4, and the load I developed was quite accurate. The 35 grain Hornady V-Max and Hodgdon’s Lil’ Gun paired beautifully the first trip to the range. I decided to limit my shots at turkey to 50 yards, my maximum range with my 3.5-inch chambered Beretta Onyx.

I had roosted the turkeys 300 yards behind where I set up, as there was no way to get closer. When they left the roost, two routes would lead toward Ken, one to me, and one away from both of us. I settled in to await their tree gobbles, and to hope at least one gobbler would head my way. My excitement mounted when three gobblers announced their presence.

My plan was for the gobblers to fly down into the field, service the hens that had roosted with them, then have at least one march down the tree line in the open to me, and present a suitable target. Like most plans, this one changed repeatedly. The gobblers flew down and herded hens for a while. Then one moved off the opposite direction, and two began to slowly amble in my direction in response to my calls. Sorry, Ken.

However, they stayed behind the tree line the entire time. I never saw them until they had passed me – now ahead of me to my left. I first saw glimpses of them at 85 yards in a clearing revealed by a break in the tree line, evidently a preferred strutting area. Now the work began – they were where they wanted to be and expected the “hen” to come to them, while I needed them so fired up at least one decided to come to me. Finally, they presented. It was beautiful as they moved slowly closer, going into strut every few steps. I had gone to a seated firing position while concealed and waited for them to cross into my sight picture. Interestingly, the fine crosshairs of the scope were more difficult to place than a bead would have been. At the shot, the gobbler staggered, turned and slowly headed for brush nearby. My second shot was too far back to anchor him, but slowed him further and he just made it to the edge of the brush. The second gobbler ran ahead and then stopped. I waited until the second gobbler moved off before getting up (it took three tries) to claim my prize. The initial shot was 45 yards, and the little Hornet had done its job well.

Ken came up to check on me, then got his truck to help load my gear. I look a little stiff in the pictures and the black tennis shoes sure look out of place, but I can still call, and I can still shoot, and a nice gobbler was mine. Take that COVID-19. CT
DSC Partners with Ashby Bowhunting Foundation

DSC and the Ashby Bowhunting Foundation signed a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), formalizing their partnership in an effort to increase awareness of both organizations and share knowledge that will benefit the future of conservation and bowhunting.

This partnership provides the opportunity to engage bowhunters and provide them with the information needed to be successful and ethical in the field. DSC looks forward to growing this partnership with the Ashby Bowhunting Foundation, an exemplary industry leader in bowhunting research and ethics.

**Are you an avid bowhunter?**

Ashby Bowhunting Foundation invites any bowhunter worldwide to be nominated for the Dr. Ed Ashby Bowhunting Award. Criteria for the award (weighted equally) is as follows:

1. Personal history of ethical hunting practices and use of appropriate equipment
2. Participation in bowhunter education and/or efforts to forward ethical bowhunting practices and equipment through government agencies
3. Active participation in hunting-related conservation organizations
4. The animals hunted

Candidates with the highest overall score among qualified entries may be declared the winner of the award. Email rob@ashbybowhunting.org.

The Bowhunting Award is a lifetime achievement award named in honor of Dr. Ed Ashby, whose contribution to the ethics of bowhunting span nearly three decades on arrow performance and broadhead lethality. In 1981, Dr. Ashby assisted in a bowhunting research study commissioned by the government of South Africa to determine if African game could be ethically and humanely harvested with a bow and arrow. Four years later, Dr. Ashby and his team published what has come to be known as the “Natal Study.” In 1986, based on the findings of the Natal Study, the South African government legalized bowhunting. After South Africa, other sub-Saharan countries followed suit. Upon completion of the Natal Study, Dr. Ashby continued his arrow and broadhead penetration research for nearly three decades. His research has led to empirical findings in arrow lethality, revealing the 650-grain heavy bone threshold, the 19 percent FOC (Forward of Center) threshold, and the effectiveness of single bevel broadheads on breaking bone as well as increasing soft tissue damage. Dr. Ashby’s testing is the closest thing to the scientific method as is possible under the testing conditions. 

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**FIREARMS & AMMO**

**Weatherby Rifle for Sale:** Mark V, 375 H&H Mag. New in box, never fired, wood stock. Asking $1,200. Text Bill @ 214-232-2806. August

**McMillan Heritage 375 H&H Mag for sale:** Very little use, includes 12 boxes factory Hornady Dangerous Game Series ammo. Asking $4,800. Email te.detrick@gmail.com for pictures or questions. July

**High End Rifle Scopes for Sale:** 1) Leupold variable power Gold Ring (12-40x60mm) spotting scope. Includes a tripod stand & a vehicle-window attachment clamp. Asking: $400. 2) Leupold; VX-R; 4-12X50; 30mm tube diameter. Comes w/ "Quick Detach" scope rings made in Germany. Asking: $750. 3) Swarovski; Z3; 3w-10X42; 1-inch tube diameter. Comes w/ Leupold "Quick Release" scope rings. Asking: $750. 4) Swarovski; Habicht; 1.5-6X42; 30mm tube diameter. Comes with Leupold "Quick Release" scope rings. Asking: $750. 5) Two Boyt Harness leather scope carriers. Will accept most any length rifle scope. Asking: $25 each. Contact Lloyd at cdrusn4100@yahoo.com. August

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**Reloading bullets for sale:** Die Sets: 300 Wby, 270 Wby, 22-250, 8mm $25 each; 155 Handload 300 Wby rounds $50. 80 Handload 270 Wby rounds $25; 820 Hornady Factory 22-250 rounds $250; 100 Handload 22-250 rounds $25; 400 Handload 223 rounds $100. Contact John Mowrey 210-244-3566. June

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**Hunters Seeking Deer Lease:** Experienced, ethical game-managing hunters seek 2 spots on deer/turkey lease for 2020-2021 season. Looking for 1-3 hrs west of Ft. Worth, but flexible. Contact Danny at dsouder3@gmail.com or 214-394-5250. June

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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 placements 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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