



LSA Quarterly

Mozambique!



In this issue, LSA Director Jay Hunt travels to the famed Coutada 11 in the Zambezi River Delta of Mozambique to hunt with several pistols.

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2018 Annual Meeting of Members and Elections

Please join us for our 2018 Annual Meeting of LSA Members and Election of the Board of Directors.

Each year, the members of the LSA meet to discuss relevant business and vote on one third of the members of the LSA Board of Directors, each of whom are elected for a three-year term. The Officers of the corporation are selected by the Directors and serve for one year. Two Alternate Directors are also elected for one-year terms.

Current Board

Officers

President: Daniel E. Zelenka, II (term expires 2019)

Vice-President: Paul Angrisano (term expires 2019)

Secretary: Paul J. Prokop (term expires 2018)

Treasurer: Jay D. Hunt, III (term expires 2018)

Directors

Bill Biossat (term expires 2018)

Clifford Grount (term expires 2020)

Gordon Hutchinson (term expires 2020)

Barret Kendrick (term expires 2019)

Ronald "Buck" Kliebert (term expires 2018)

John K. Laws (term expires 2019)

Gerald "Jerry" Liuzza (term expires 2020)

Joseph "Jay" Meynier (term expires 2019)

George Petras (term expires 2020)

Daniel Plunkett (term expires 2020)

Theophile "Ted" Torres (term expires 2018)

Dwayne Vidrine (first Alternate Director term expires 2018)

John Grout (second Alternate Director term expires 2018)

We invite any member in good standing who has been a member of the LSA for the two years immediately prior to the election to run for the Board of Directors. (From the LSA By-Laws, Article V. Section 8, "To be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors a person must have been a member of the LSA for the two (2) years immediately prior to election."

The Annual Meeting will be held at Gonzales Cabela's upstairs meeting rooms.

2200 W. Cabela's Pkwy
Gonzales, LA 70737



Sunday, February 18, 2018

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Dues Increase March 1, 2018

After 9 years at \$10, rising costs have forced the LSA to increase our dues. The Directors voted unanimously to increase the LSA dues to be effective March 1, 2018.

In March 2009, the LSA took the unprecedented action of lowering membership dues from \$25 to \$10. We were able to do that because we stopped all use of US Mail and went completely digital in our communication with our members.

However, after nine years of having the lowest dues for a state association in the US, we have made the difficult decision to increase dues.

On March 1, 2018, the cost of Annual Membership in the LSA will increase from \$10 per year to \$15 per year. We have left the cost for Junior Membership (<21 years old) at \$5 per year.

	Current	New
Annual	\$10	\$15
Life	\$200	\$300
Junior	\$5	\$5
Club	\$25	\$40
Club Life	\$250	\$400

If you would like to join or renew before the rate increase in March, please visit our website.

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

The by-laws of the LSA were last amended January 20, 1991, well before the modern age of electronic communication. The Officers and Directors of the LSA will propose a number of amendments to the by-laws at the Annual Meeting of Members and Elections. The members in good standing will vote to approve or disapprove these changes.

Article XIII of the LSA by-laws describes the procedure for amending the by laws. "These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members entitled to vote present at any Annual Meeting of the Association duly called and regularly held, notice of such proposed changes having been sent in writing to the members entitled to vote thereon not less than thirty days before such meeting"

Proposed Amendments

1 Article III, Section 2(a) currently reads, "Individual membership shall be open to all citizens or residents of the United States who are of good repute and are members of the National Rifle Association, who subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association, and who meet the specific requirements for the type of membership for which application is made."

Proposed: "Individual membership shall be open to all citizens or residents of the United States who are of good repute ~~and are members of the National Rifle Association~~, who subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association, and who meet the specific requirements for the type of membership for which application is made.

Discussion: The NRA no longer requires membership for members of States Associations and this requirement is unenforceable by the LSA.

2 Article III, Section 2(b)(ii) currently reads, "Junior Annual Membership shall be open to any person who has not yet achieved his twentieth birthday and who otherwise meets the qualifications for membership. Such members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote."

Proposed: "Junior Annual Membership shall be open to any person who has not yet achieved his ~~twentieth~~-twenty-first birthday and who otherwise meets the qualifications for membership. Such members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote.

Discussion: This is in line with the junior shooting rules, which allow a person to compete as a junior at 20 years of age prior to the year the individual becomes 21-years-old.

3 Article III, Section 3 outlining Organizational Memberships (clubs) currently reads, "Organizational Membership shall be open to all organized and operating clubs, associations, or other non-profit corporations which have five or more members subscribing to the purposes and objectives of the Association, which make application and tender the required dues, and which are approved for membership by the Board of Directors. Such membership shall be for a period of one year and is renewable upon application at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall issue an appropriate certificate of membership to each Organization Member"

Proposed: Organizational Membership shall be open to all organized and operating clubs, associations, or other non-profit corporations which **that** have five or more members subscribing to the purposes and objectives of the Association, ~~which~~ **that** make application and tender the required dues, and ~~which~~ **that** are approved for membership by the Board of Directors. Such membership shall be for a period of one year and is renewable upon application at the discretion of the Board of Directors. **The Club Life membership will be for the life of the club.** The Secretary shall issue an appropriate certificate of membership to each Organization Member."

Discussion: We have Club Life Members currently.

Article IV, Section 1 currently reads, “On the third Sunday of January of each year the Association shall conduct a meeting for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The exact date, time and place of this meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Not less than 10 day's notice of this meeting, specifying the date, time and place of meeting, shall be provided to all members of the Association by first class mail. If this meeting cannot be held due to an act of God, or otherwise, it shall be held at the earliest convenient time, at the discretion of the President.”

Proposed: “~~On the third Sunday of January of each year~~ **No earlier than January 1 and no later than February 28,** the Association shall conduct a meeting for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The exact date, time and place of this meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Not less than 10 day's notice of this meeting, specifying the date, time and place of meeting, shall be provided to all members of the Association ~~by first class mail~~. If this meeting cannot be held due to an act of God, or otherwise, it shall be held at the earliest convenient time, at the discretion of the President.”

Discussion: Having flexibility in the date of the meeting ensures that as many sitting Directors can attend the meeting. The requirement for the use of first class mail predates email, Facebook, websites, and other electronic communication and costs the LSA a large sum of money and time.

Mozambique!

It all started with a phone call. “Jay, this is Will. Are you still interested in hunting Cape Buffalo with a pistol?” Will is my friend and professional hunter (PH) Will Fawcett of Numzaan Safaris in Thabazimbi, Limpopo, R.S.A. I had hunted with Will in 2014 in Limpopo and had told him that one of my bucket list items was to take a Cape Buffalo with a pistol.

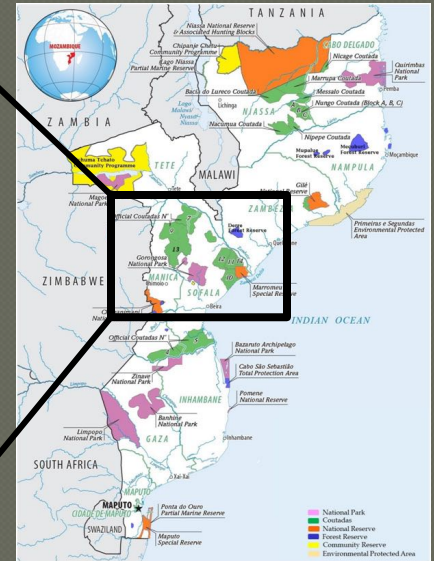


The call was in late 2014, but I told Will that I had spent all my money with him and that it would be a few years before I could consider hunting Africa again. As it turned out, Will and I planned the trip at the Safari Club International (SCI) 2016 Annual Convention in Las Vegas setting the date for the hunt in July 2017.

After a lot of work, the plan came together: fly from New Orleans to Johannesburg and then to Beira, Mozambique, hunt in Coutada 11 of the Zambezi River Delta for 14 days, then fly back to Johannesburg and drive down to the Free State to hunt for four days, then drive all the way back to Limpopo to finish off the hunt. With apologies to the great Scottish poet Robert Burns, *the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley*. And, my plans did *gang aft agley* (go awry), but in a very good way. But more on that later.

Coutada 11 rests along the Zambezi river and is home to approximately 80,000 Cape Buffalo. Will had made an agreement with Mark Haldane who operates Zambeze Delta Safaris to send hunters to ZDS to hunt those buffalo; however, Will had never hunted with ZDS and he wanted to make sure that he was sending his clients to a top-notch operation. I would be

the Guinea pig and Will would accompany me as a friend (and as it would turn out, a very useful second PH.



The Cape Buffalo is known as The Black Death and the most dangerous game animal in Africa. Although the Hippopotamus (and almost certainly the Crocodile) kill more people than the Cape Buffalo, the Cape Buffalo is very hard on hunters who don't show him the proper respect. Wounded buffalo go on the offensive and have been known to play dead or use ambush tactics to take out an unwary hunter. I knew if I was going to use a pistol, I needed to be a stone cold killer with it.

I already owned a Freedom Arms Model 83 in .454 Casull, and thought that this revolver should be more than adequate for Cape Buffalo. Given that I was at the SCI convention and Hornady Manufacturing, Inc. was also



at the convention, I visited their booth and spoke to them about my plan. They said that the .454 Casull was plenty to take a Cape Buffalo, and advised the use of their 300 Gr. XTP-MAG bullet. Frankly, I was surprised by their recommendation, assuming instead that they would recommend using a solid or at the very least a soft point bullet. But, they insisted the XTP-MAG was the

the right bullet. They also strongly warned me to never fire the standard XTP out of the .454 Casull, as the jacket is not strong enough to withstand the rifle-like pressures generated by full power Casull loads. Apparently there have plenty of instances where the standard XTP has caused a pistol in .454 Casull to fail. This is why Hornady produces the XTP-MAG.

As soon as I got home from the SCI convention, I sent my model 83 off to J.D. Jones at SSK Industries and asked him to Magnaport the barrel, attach a T'SOB scope base, and to fine tune the trigger. My thinking was that I was going to need to shoot that pistol a lot before the safari, and Magnaporting it would make practice less traumatic and also make follow-up second shots on buffalo easier given less muzzle flip. Also, the T'SOB scope mount comes standard with three rings to anchor the pistol scope for zero chance of scope movement, even with brutal full-power Casull recoil. I went with the tried and true Bushnell Elite 3200 2-6X LER scope. Unfortunately, Bushnell now longer produces this scope, so I buy everyone of them I can find.

The next step was to work up a load. Even though the folks at Hornady had assured me the XTP-MAG would easily penetrate the width of a Cape Buffalo, I didn't want to be caught with my pants down if the bullet failed to perform as advertised, so I also ordered 340 Gr. LFNGC bullets from



I lurched up and looked at Mbogo and Mbogo looked at me. He was fifty to sixty yards off, his head low, his eyes staring right down my soul. He looked at me as if he hated my guts. He looked as if I had despoiled his fiancée', murdered his mother, and burned down his house. He looked at me as if I owed him money. I never saw such malevolence in the eyes of any animal or human being, before or since.

Robert Ruark: *"Suicide Made Easy"*

Beartooth Bullets. This bullet has an overall length of 0.865" and a meplat diameter of 0.320" ensuring straight penetration with devastating damage. I felt confident that I could challenge a frontal charge of an enraged bull using this bullet with a good chance of taking him out with a carefully placed shot.

As it turned out, working up loads for these two bullets was easy. With the 300 Gr. XTP-MAG, 30.0 Gr. H110 over a CCI-450 primer in new Starline brass (C.O.A.L. = 1.754") yielded 1610 FPS. For the 340 Gr.

LFNGC bullet, 28.8 Gr. H110 over a CCI-450 primer in new Starline brass (C.O.A.L. = 1.770") yielded 1590 FPS. The two rounds shot reasonably close to the same point of aim (at least close enough to challenge a charging bull).

In addition to fantastic Cape Buffalo hunting, Coutada 11 is also the home to many species of small antelope comprising the "Tiny Ten." Because I hoped to use a pistol to collect the Tiny Ten (another bucket list item), I also brought along my Dan Wesson model 15-2 in .357 Magnum topped with a Trijicon MRC red dot scope. The load for this pistol was the 158 Gr. Oregon Trail Laser-Cast 158 Gr. RNFP bullet over 15.0 Gr. 2400 with CCI-550 primers in

Winchester cases for 1370 FPS. This proved to be a highly effective combination on small antelope.



Shown from left to right, .454 Casull with the Hornady 300 Gr. XTP-MAG, .454 Casull with the Beartooth 340 Gr. LFNGC, and .357 Magnum with 158 Gr. RNFP.



After a 16-hour flight from Atlanta to Johannesburg, a flight from Johannesburg to Beira, and a charter flight from Beira to Ngazi Camp, 4:00 AM came early on the first morning of hunting. But, I was here to hunt buffalo, and the buffalo were deep in the swamp, which meant it would take us several hours to reach them in the tracked vehicles used by DZS to go where no wheeled vehicle could possibly go.

As the sun rose on an overcast, cold morning, we crossed mile after mile of mosquito infested soggy swamp land interspersed with tributaries of the Zambezi River, thick with papyrus, crocodiles and hippopotamus. My PH with ZDS, Poen Van Zyl had prepared me for the hunt. "Expect to walk for several thousand meters, then to walk hunched over for several hundred meters. We'll try not to crawl on our hands and knees too far, but a couple of hundred meters is typical." Great. I'm paying for this? Poen, did I mention I'm old?

The grass in the swamp can be very tall, and the buffalo tend to stay in the tall stuff. Luckily, one can zero in on the buffalo by watching the egrets track along with the herds. Typically, the herds contain 600 or so buffalo, but they are amazingly difficult to find on the 200 square miles of swamp found in Coutada 11. As luck would have it, Poen found a herd very quickly. We dismounted the vehicle, grabbed our gear, and set off at a brisk walk through ankle-deep muck. I had loaded my revolver with two XTP-MAG bullets followed by three cast solid points.

As we walked along, Poen and his tracker Gotchi (pronounced goat-chee and meaning piglet in Zulu) got about 30 yards ahead of me, and the ever faithful Will who walked slowly with "the old man." Poen stopped suddenly, and when he turned his face to me, his eyes were as wide as saucers. He motioned for me to hunch over and to close the distance quickly.

By the time I reached him, the shooting sticks were up. "Do you see the bull?"

"Yes. He is in front of the two cows."

"Take him!" Poen bleated like a cow and the bull turned to look.

My mind was racing. I thought to myself, *"Really? Is it going to be this easy?"* I cocked the hammer and carefully found the left shoulder of the bull. The recoil slammed the pistol back into my palm as the bull complained and spun through 180°.

Poen calmly said, "Shoot him again."

Again, I found the right shoulder and launched a 300 Gr. pill into him. He dropped in his tracks, mortally wounded, but full of spite and the type of hate you cannot know until you see the eyes of a Cape Buffalo boring into your very soul.

Now on the ground, he spun 180° again and crawled into tall grass a few yards in front of him. But we were already upon him and I put a 340 Gr. solid into him to pay the insurance. It was 10:00 AM on July 4, 2017, I had checked a box on my bucket list.



All three bullets were recovered from the bull. The two XTP-MAGs had traversed the bull and were just under the skin on the off shoulder. The LFNGC bullet was found in the chest cavity about 5-feet from where it entered the bull.

For those so inclined, he was taken at 18°38'36"S x 35°47'18"E right on the edge of the Marromeu National Reserve. He measured 74 4/8" tip-to-tip across the boss, 13 6/8" for the left boss, 14 1/8" for the right boss, for a total SCI score of 102 3/8" for a Bronze Medal Cape Buffalo.



The rest of my time in Mozambique was focused on hunting plains game, although the call of the swamp siren was too much for me to bear, and I did indulge in one more Cape Buffalo hunt that involved us crossing rivers chest deep in water, walking hunched over for many hundreds of meters, and crawling for an eternity to end up face-to-face less than 50 yards from a herd of 500-600 Cape Buffalo with nothing but tall grass between us.



This Natal Red Duiker scored SCI 11 5/16" for a Gold Medal and the new No. 6 with a handgun.



This very impressive Livingstone Suni is the new Overall No. 17 and the new No. 5 with a handgun, scoring 12 7/16"



This Common Oribi was taken with a Remington XP 100 in .284 Winchester. This is the same pistol taken to R.S.A in 2014.



The Blue Duiker is the smallest of the Tiny Ten,. He scored SCI 6 13/16" for a Silver Medal and the new No. 5 with a handgun.



This Klipspringer was taken in Limpopo, R.S.A. after leaving Mozambique. He scored 13 2/16 for an SCI Silver Medal and No. 10 with a handgun.



This Steenbok was taken by a very difficult shot at night in a sunflower field at over 100 yards. He scored 11 4/16" for an SCI Bronze Medal.



This old Common Nyala scored 74 1/8" for an SCI Gold Medal and is the new No. 6 with a handgun.



The Lichtenstein Hartebeest scored 61 6/8" for a Silver Medal and the new No. 7 with a handgun.



This Common Reedbuck taken in the Zambezi flood plain scored 25 4/8 for an SCI Silver Medal an the new No. 14 with a handgun.



This Chobe Bushbuck scored 41 7/8" for an SCI Gold Medal and the new No. 7 with a handgun.



Although much wider than the first buffalo, this one did not score as well because it had smaller bosses. Total score was 98 6/8" with a witch of 41 3/8"



Smiles all around, including the Warthog! Pictured are Poen Van Zyl, the author, Will Fawcett, Gotchi, and assistant tracker, Knickknacks.

2017 M1 Garand Raffle

All Proceeds Support Junior Shooting Programs in Louisiana

Previous Years' Totals

2010: \$3793

2011: \$5021

2012: \$4359

2013: \$4276

2014: \$1839

2015: \$978

2016: \$1998

2017: \$1574



Donations are \$1.00 per Chance!

The 2017 Winner was Eliska Plunkett of Mandeville, Louisiana
The 2018 Winner could be...YOU!



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Louisiana Shooting Association

c/o Jay D. Hunt, Treasurer

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Slidell, LA 70461

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Winner need not be present at drawing to win

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