



DOUBLE HEADER PROGRAM

To help us celebrate the first month since April with an R in it - the start of cooler weather, new hunting seasons and fine fall fishing – AWWC has two speakers telling us about their recent successful hunting adventures - one in Argentina and one in New Zealand.

At the September luncheon, Doug DuBois will recap his trip to Argentina with Larry Najvar and Rick Prekup on a mixed-bag bird hunt. They were scheduled to hunt doves, ducks and perdiz, but the perdiz got rained out, so they focused on ducks and doves. You read about the trip in the July *Game Bag*, so now comes more details.

Following Doug's talk, Rick Prekup will take the mic and tell about a New Zealand hunt that was billed as a three-day hunt for red stag with a crossbow, but was transformed into a helicopter hunt for Himalayan tahr. We're not told whether he used a crossbow out of a helicopter over the Himalayan Hump for a tahr, so you'll just have to come to the luncheon to find out. Rick did say New Zealand is a beautiful country and he may go back some day.

For some who may not know Doug, he's no stranger to AWWC, having been Sportsman of the Year and AWWC President. He currently serves as AWWC's Chief Huntmaster and coordinates the annual January Super Hunt in Gillespie County for AWWC and the Texas Youth Hunting Program. He has hunted Texas and Africa.



Doug DuBois

Rick grew up fishing with a cane pole and bowhunting cottontails in Pennsylvania and got a free trip to Austin. After discharge from the Air Force, he stayed here. He is an AWWC board member, has led several AWWC fishing trips and helped in various youth and wounded warrior hunts and lives in Horseshoe Bay.



Rick Prekup

Both these trips were purchased at the AWWC fall banquet benefitting the McBride Conservation Foundation.

Monthly Luncheon
Wed., Sept. 4th • 11:30 a.m.
Ben Hur Shrine Center
Blue Room
7811 Rockwood Lane
Speakers: Doug DuBois
and Rick Prekup

President's Message



Photo by John Jefferson

I don't know why, but everything seems to taste better in the mountains. Coffee at sunrise, a cool drink of water while hiking at 10,000', a good glass of red wine with a steak, and some fine bourbon to salute the sunset. John Muir said it best when he wrote to his sister, "The mountains are calling and I must go." You see this quote often on coffee mugs, T shirts, magnets, and other tourist items. The whole quote from Mr. Muir is: "The mountains are calling and I must go and I will work on while I can, studying incessantly." Muir was constantly observing and learning, and these are lessons we can all choose.

I have been in the mountains since July 2, and it has been a learning experience and a pleasure. I had never been to Montana, and I spent a month there; will go back again. I had no idea how much agriculture plays a part in this state. From the eastern plains to the western edge, there are farmers and ranchers planting and harvesting crops, tilling the soil and raising cattle. There are horses galore! Timber and tourism also play a big part. I saw my first grizzly and took in all the sights of Glacier National Park. There is stunning scenery in Glacier and many other parts of this wonderful state.

I spent some time at the Charles Russell home and gallery in Great Falls, MT on my way to Wyoming. Russell was a very talented artist, but he might have been unknown

but for his wife. She became his business manager and did an incredible job promoting and selling his art. Quite a couple. And if you find your way to Great Falls, take a half day to tour the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. It puts in perspective all of the challenges the Corps of Discovery faced in navigating over 7,000 miles across the vast, unknown western part of our country.

Did you know there is a world class chocolatier in the small town of Meeteetse, Wyoming? This town has a population of 335 hardy souls and is the middle of ranching country in the middle of nowhere, Wyoming. A Meeteetse native started this business and it has taken off. He sells chocolates worldwide. In Meeteetse, of all places. He doesn't ship until cooler weather, but his web site is <https://meeteetsechocolatier.com/>. I had 6 of his truffles and wish I had bought 20. There will be an order placed in October when the weather cools!

I am now in the Rio Grande National Forest above Creede, CO. The elevation at camp is 9,300' and every morning the thermometer reads between 32 and 37! Daytime highs are usually 74-78 here, a little warmer in Creede. Creede is a charming old mining town that now has its renaissance as a tourist haven. If you find yourself in south central Colorado, take the drive to Creede. One day it rained most of the day in the forest and it never got above 55! I have seen elk, mulies, a black bear sow and two cubs, a few whitetail, and lots of birds! And so far I have managed to harvest some edible mushrooms in the forest.

Our Club has arranged for some good hunting trips and some top notch Dove hunts. See pages 3 and 12 of the *Game Bag*. And our AWWC members Doug DuBois and Rick Precup will tell us about their recent hunts in Argentina and New Zealand.

I hope you have a successful hunting season and continue to learn as you grow. Stay safe and shoot straight!

Steve Fenoglio, AWWC President



The Game Bag AWWC Monthly Newsletter

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Game Bag Submissions

Members' photos, hunting and fishing stories, activity announcements, ads, and calendar items should be in the editor's hands by the 15th of each month prior to the month of publication. Send your material to: jj@johnjefferson.com or call (512) 219-1199.

State Rep Reviews Legislation

At the August luncheon, State Representative John Cyrier, from Lockhart, reviewed recent legislation affecting sportsmen and urged support for Constitutional Amendment Proposal Number 5 which guarantees that sales tax revenue from purchases of sporting goods goes to TPWD for state park maintenance. That had been the legislative intent when the tax was initiated, but subsequently it was sidetracked to cover other State shortfalls. Many young hunters shoot their first deer or catch their first fish in state parks.

McBride Grant Apps Deadline Sept. 15

To apply for a McBride Foundation grant, an application must be received by Sept. 15. The application should be in writing, state the amount requested, identify the applicant, and state how the grant proceeds will be used. It doesn't need to be a long, formal grant application. Mail applications to Joe Bob Everett, 1907 Cypress Creek Rd., #103, Cedar Park, Texas 78613. For information, call (512) 657-3615.

AWWC Opening Day Dove Hunt

It's actually Sept. 1 & 2 at Steele Zinser's Salado Creek Ranch. 2nd day is \$50. For details, contact cliffhall3@gmail.com.

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Kansas Pheasant Hunt Booked - Nov. 15-17

We have booked a two-day pheasant hunt with Ringneck Ranch in Tipton Ks. We will arrive for dinner on Friday November 15 and start hunting about 8 am Saturday the 16 & 17. We will have lunch & hunt again in the afternoon. The price of \$575 per day includes 6 pheasant per day. Go to the website to check it out. I spoke with the owner for about an hour last week. We also have an opportunity for passing shots at prairie chickens in the afternoon. (I will be taking advantage of this.) So, total price for two days is \$1150 with no airfare because it is within driving distance. Deposit will be \$500 per person. I reserved 8 spots for AWWC. No money now. You can call me at 512-241-0049 (office) or 512-699-3093 (cell) with questions. Email Larry. Najvar@gmail.com. Speak up as I must give her numbers next week. After we firm up the numbers, we will collect deposits.



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Other Hunt Possibilities

AWWC members: Let me know which hunts you are interested in. If we have enough hunters, I will line up dates, prices and deposit info. Most of these hunts run about \$275 per day with some \$250 and \$300 per day quotes, depending on the outfitter.

1. Duck hunts in East Texas just like the last few years. We have already reserved Jan. 4 & 5 as well as the following weekend, Jan. 11 & 12.



2. Duck hunts in Port Lavaca. This is an inland hunt with varied species. (not just redheads like in Rockport.) I hunted snow geese with this outfitter and was impressed.

3. Ducks and geese in Jennings, LA with Doug's outfitters. I want to hunt them the first period as they have ducks sooner than Texas.



4. Sandhill cranes. We have used Panhandles Best but I'm impressed with Muddy Waters out of Wichita Falls. They had 3 guides for a group of 11 hunters. Dates will probably range from mid-November thru January, around Lubbock or the Panhandle.



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5. Snow goose conservation hunt around Port Lavaca around February 1. Bag limit is 20/ day, with unlimited possession limit!

6. Hidden lakes European style pheasant hunt. They release 500 birds, one at a time. You shoot from one station and rotate after each 50 birds. I shot 6 boxes of shells last hunt. The birds are high, fast, very challenging. Price is \$540 (including tip). Last hunt of the season is Saturday, March 16. Let me know if you are interested as they tend to book up quickly.



Any suggestions for hunts or outfitters that you would like to investigate?? We want to do this early, so we get the best availability. Also, do you want to hunt only on weekends or are you available during the week? larry.najvar@gmail.com office 512-241-0049 cell 512 699-3093

Larry Najvar, Chief Warden for Hunting

McGraw Completes Bow Sheep Slam

AWWC has had a handful of hunters complete the Grand Slam of North American Wild Sheep - a desert bighorn, a rocky mountain bighorn, a Stone sheep and a Dall ram. They accomplished this with physical stamina and precision rifle marksmanship. Alan McGraw, AWWC's 2019 Sportsman of the Year, is the first AWWC member to do so with a bow and stealthy stalking in Canada's Northwest Territories.

Alan dashed off a note on 8-15 saying he had gotten his Dall sheep to complete his Slam. His short note ended saying, "Hardest thing I've ever done physically!" (Editor's Note: Even harder than when he had to take off his boots and crawl silently in sock feet to get close enough for a shot on Elephant Mountain? Read on.)

The next day, he wrote about the agony: "It had more to do with the recovery/pack-out than the actual hunt." Even so, the first day's five-hour climb up a steep, rocky mountain was hardly a stroll in the park. But when they got to the top and spotted the ram, the wind was wrong. Remember – he was shooting an easily wind-blown arrow.

The next morning, they began a six-hour climb up a steeper mountain. They found the ram and Alan worked through some cliffs behind the mutton and made a 61-yard shot. The wounded ram ran down the mountain into a deep, rocky gorge. They finished skinning and quartering about 5 p.m. and started climbing out.



Alan McGraw & Dall Sheep

"Because of the steepness and rugged terrain," Alan wrote, "I literally had to crawl out on my hands and knees carrying the head/horns and full skin." Then it started to rain, and a windstorm came up. McGraw has hunted in the mountains before; he had rain gear. But it was under the sheep in his pack and there was no way on that steep climb to take the pack off and put it back on. All he could do was suck it up and keep climbing.

They finally got back to camp at 1:45 a.m., totally exhausted, wet and cold.

He ended the allegory by saying, "I'd do it all again tomorrow. OK, maybe not tomorrow, but perhaps next week." SALUD!



California (Rocky Mountain)



Desert Bighorn (Texas)



Fannin (Stone)

AWWC/Winter Kennels Snake Avoidance Clinic

Text and photos by John Jefferson

On a hot Saturday morning on August 10, a merry band of AWWC folks met in the shade at AWWC member Dave Kerbow's Catfish Parlour restaurant parking lot, including event coordinator Joe Hello, AWWC president Spence Collins, Al Lagenour, Doug DuBois, Steele Zinser Mary Anne Hartman. We soon welcomed Kay and Cory Winter from Winter Kennels and their three venomous friends. Soon after, the dog pack arrived. It got crowded for a while since we had suggested folks come early. It was a hundred that day. The Winter ladies treated 15 dogs for the first time and gave 14 a "booster shot". To test the results, a couple of dogmeisters tried to drag their pooches back to the snake. Didn't work. Either the dog owners weren't strong enough or the dogs had experienced enough togetherness with the snakes to last a good while. They just couldn't be dragged back to the snake. That's what we like to see. Hope they remember it. In case you couldn't make it to Catfish Parlour, they'll conduct another avoidance at their ranch north of Burnet from 8-12 on August 31. 222 County Road 203, Burnet, Texas 78611. 512-565-1788.



We waived the flag. We'll see how it helped membership.



The Winter ladies are both adept at handling snakes and dogs. This is Cory moving a snake.



The Westminster Dog Show had nothing on us when it came to beautiful dogs. Mary Anne had to take a picture or two. So did Al, though not pictured. All dogs had to be on leashes, and all were fitted for an electronic collar.



No, these were not rubber snakes.



Once they have seen, heard and smelled the snakes and received a slight charge, they want no more of snakes.



New member, Drew Scriven, from the U.K., completes the registration release as Kay equips his beautiful Lab.



The Winter Kennels brought a rattler, a copperhead (pictured) and a cottonmouth (utilized, but not pictured).

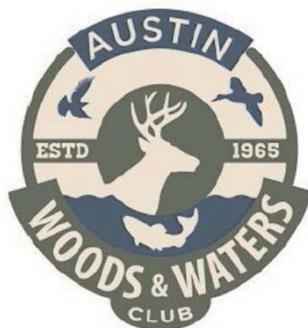


The snake is barely visible to the camera, but the dog sure knows where it is! That's Corey Gaskill with his acrobatic dog getting jolted.



Thanks again to David Kerbow for allowing us to use his parking lot and providing us water.

The following pages are for members' use in helping the Board of Directors prepare for the McBride Conservation Fund Fall Banquet coming up on Oct. 24. The banquet begins at 6:00 p.m. on that Thursday evening at Texas Disposal Systems Pavilion at 11508 Carl Rd, Buda, TX. Please help AWWC obtain sponsorships, donations of merchandise of any type from hunting and fishing equipment to dining certificates – anything you might want to receive. Be creative. We also need volunteers to help us set up that Thursday afternoon at TDS. This is a great way to meet AWWC officers and board members and get to be known. That's a good way to find out about hunting and fishing opportunities that don't make it into the *Game Bag*, too. For information or to volunteer, contact Spence Collins: 512-789-0909.



Austin Woods and Waters Club Fall Banquet Thursday, October 24th, 2019 Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) – Creedmoor, TX

The Austin Woods and Waters Club's ("AWWC") annual banquet will be Thursday, October 24th in the Texas Disposal Systems Event Hall at the Exotic Game Reserve, 11508 Carl Road, Creedmoor, Texas 78610. Established in 1965, AWWC is the longest-standing hunting and fishing club in this area.

The primary beneficiary of the net proceeds of this event is the McBride Conservation Fund Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, which grants money to outdoor conservation organizations, many of which are involved in passing the hunting and fishing heritage onto the next generation. Grants totaling over \$625,000 have been awarded over the years. Last year 18 recipients were awarded grants. The McBride Foundation has been providing grant funding since 1992 for worthy causes.

This autumn rendezvous of the hunting and fishing community includes a fine dinner, an opportunity to give something back to the future of hunting and fishing, a chance to purchase great sporting items and hunts not available elsewhere, and an occasion to share rich outdoor experiences with friends, and make some new ones.

Auction items last year ranged from a seven-day African plains game hunt, an Argentine dove hunt, a Texas turkey hunt, Laguna Madre Bay and Lake Buchanan fishing trips, a Texas whitetail deer hunt, plus enviable firearms and sporting equipment, and many more trips. Raffle items and door prizes ensured that every attendee has a chance to win. We plan on a great line up this year as well.

The doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:45 pm. Preliminary tickets: tables are \$1,200 each (8) and individual tickets are \$125 with couple's tickets at \$200.

For more information or tickets contact Spence Collins - 512-789-0909, spence@matexas.com or Steve Fenoglio 512-914-4007. Tickets can also be purchased online at: www.austinwoodsandwaters.org.

Please make checks payable to "McBride Conservation Fund".

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AWWC CALENDAR

- Sept. 1 AWWC dove hunt-Salado Creek Ranch. See p. 3.
- Sept. 4 AWWC Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
Ben Hur Shrine Center
7811 Rockwood Lane
Speakers: Rick Prekup on New Zealand tahr hunting
Doug DuBois on Argentine dove hunting
- Sept. 13 & 20 AWWC South Texas dove hunts. Sold Out!
- Sept. 15 Deadline for McBride grant applications. Page 3
- Oct. 2 AWWC Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
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Speaker: TBA
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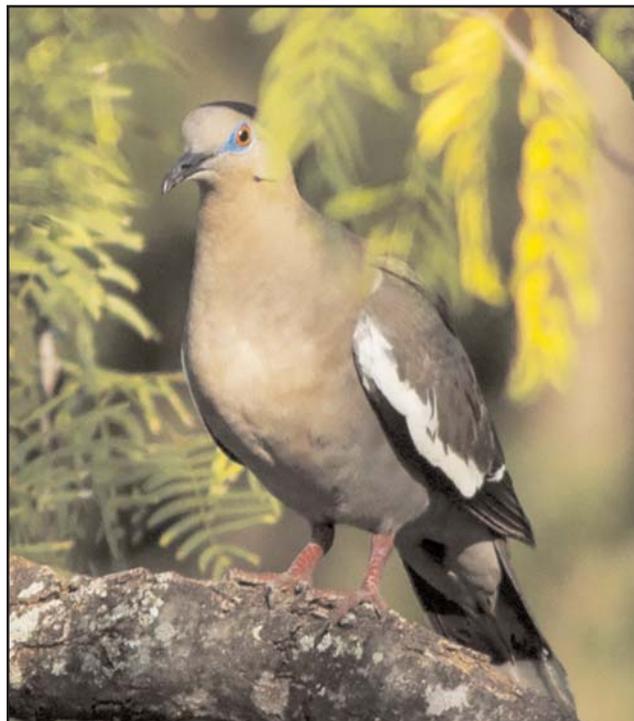


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See calendar and page 3 for AWWC dove hunts