

# **2025 DSC Conservation Stage**

# Thursday, January 9, 2025

3:00pm

# Injuries in the Field: Tales from an Army Medic and Avid Outdoorsman

Join DSC Life Member Caleb Causey, Owner and Director of Training for Lone Star Medics and hear tales about injuries he has seen in the field from his days as an Army Medic and since then as an avid outdoorsman.

# Friday, January 10, 2025

11:00am

# American Outdoor News Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation

Chris Aveena with American Outdoor News presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Jim Zumbo. The American Outdoor News Lifetime Achievement Award honors an individual who has dedicated their life to preserve our outdoor lifestyle, traditions and heritage for future generations to enjoy.

#### 1:00pm

# **Blood Origins Screening with Robbie Kroger**

A screening of Blood Origin documentaries 'Lionheart' and 'Hans "Scruff" Vermaak'

### **Robbie Kroger**

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# Saturday, January 11, 2025

#### 11:00am

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A screening of Blood Origin documentaries 'Wire & Water' and 'Kaimanawa'

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Panel Discussion: How Conservation through Responsible Hunting Leads to Sustainable Herds Leaders and experienced hunters discuss topics on the relationship of hunting and conversation and the future of sustainable herds.

### Joel Swan / Owner, Champion Ranch

Joel is the owner and operator of Champion Ranch, an exotic hunting ranch home to over 65 different species ranging from Arabian Oryx to Nile Lechwe to Transcaspian Urial. Located in the geographic center of Texas, the Ranch is over 8,000 acres with a history of conservation success, including repopulation of several species nearly extinct in their native lands. Champion Ranch is a true luxury hunting and all-inclusive resort where the friendships formed, memoriesmade and good times had at the Ranch last a lifetime.

#### **Catherine Semcer / Conservation Ambassador**

Catherine Semcer is a DSC Conservation Ambassador. She is currently pursuing her PhD in biology at the University of Oxford as part of the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU) where her research focuses on the human dimensions of anti-poaching operations in Africa. She is also a research fellow with the African Wildlife Economy Institute at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, Chair of The Wildlife Society's International Wildlife Management Working Group, an active member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Sustainable Use and Livelihoods and Environmental Security and Conflict Law working groups,



and is part of the Marjan Conflict, Biodiversity, and Military Sustainability Study Group at Kings College, London.

Catherine's expertise has been shared in testimony before US House and Senate committees, on panels hosted by forums such as the Brookings Institution and Concordia, in the pages of The Financial Times, New York Times, Smithsonian Magazine, and on programs like Open to Debate, Climate One, Into The Wilderness, and Elevate the Hunt. Her writing has appeared in peer reviewed journals such as Conservation Biology and the International Journal of Environmental Studies as well Game Trails, Sports Afield, the NRA's Hunter's Leadership Forum and The Wall Street Journal.

# Larry Weishuhn / "Mr. Whitetail"

Professional wildlife biologist, outdoor writer, book author, speaker, television show host, radio host, podcaster, artist and always hunter/conservationist, Larry Weishuhn is one of our country's most recognized and respected outdoor personalities. Even though known internationally as "Mr. Whitetail" for his many years of researching, managing, hunting and promoting whitetail deer and their habitat, Larry has hunted and worked with big game species throughout North America, Africa, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and Europe.

Weishuhn has long served as an Ambassador for Dallas Safari Club. He is a Professional Member of the Boone & Crockett Club (one of about a hundred world-wide), and is the primary founder of the Texas Wildlife Association, where he continues to remain very active. He is a life member of Dallas Safari Club, Houston Safari Club, Wyoming One Shot Shooters, National Rifle Association, Wild Sheep Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation and other conservation-based organizations.

In 2007 Larry was inducted into the National Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame. In January 2016 he was presented the prestigious Zeiss Lifetime Achievement Award, which in Zeiss' history has only been awarded two other times. That year he was also inducted into the Muy Grande Hall of Fame. In 2024 he was awarded the American Outdoor News' Lifetime Achievement Award. Weishuhn serves on several Texas Wildlife Association and DSC Committees. He has been "involved with" DSC since 1985.



# TJ Gamble of Brewzle Talks 2024's Best Bourbons & More

One of the world's biggest bourbon influencers gives his thoughts on the best bourbons he's reviewed in 2024 and answers your questions.

Come meet and interact with TJ Gamble from Brewzle - one of the biggest bourbon influencers on Earth with well over 1 million followers on social media and Discord. TJ believes there's nothing better than being at the lake in the summer or around a campfire in the fall with a great pour of bourbon and the company of friends and family. Brewzle is a community who you enjoy great bourbon, laid back evenings, entertaining others with good food and drink. If that sounds great to you, then you'll fit right in with us.

# Sunday, January 12, 2025

#### 11:00am

#### **Panel Discussion: Women of the Outdoors**

Jules McQueen from Carbon TV and Stephanie Gregor from Sisterhood Outdoors talk about their experiences in hunting and breaking barriers by growing the community of women in hunting.

#### Panelists:

Stephanie Gregor / Team Member of Sisterhood Outdoors

Stephanie Gregor is a passionate outdoorswoman, professional photographer, and dedicated hunter education instructor out of Maryland. As a proud team member of Sisterhood Outdoors, Stephanie has made it her mission to inspire and mentor the next generation of hunters, focusing on empowering women interested in the outdoors. She educates new hunters through her work with Sisterhood Outdoors and local mentoring programs in Maryland. She helps to provide them with the knowledge, tools, and confidence they need to succeed in the field. When she's not mentoring, she spends most of her time outdoors between her work and activities with her friends and family. With a deep commitment to fostering a supportive, inclusive hunting community, Stephanie is a passionate advocate for women in the outdoors and continues to inspire others to hunt, fish, and enjoy nature.

#### Jules McQueen / President & CEO of CarbonTV

Julie McQueen is the President and CEO of CarbonTV, the largest and longest running digital network for outdoor video distribution. Her career in the outdoor industry spans nearly 20 years, and she is proud to represent female leadership in media. Jules has produced multiple hit



television shows, is the founder of an outdoor themed sleep and meditation app, and is passionate about supporting conservation groups through her work. She is the host of the hit news show Outdoor Weekly, airing on CarbonTV, and is an avid outdoorswoman who continues to break barriers for women who love the outdoors.

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