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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



January 5, 2021

Greetings to all Past Shooters

It goes without saying 2020 is a year we will always remember. The only year since WW II that we have had to cancel the June FooFooRah and the September annual One Shot Hunt. These decisions were not easy for the Hunt Club and I applaud Wade Alexander and the Hunt Club officers for their efforts in balancing safety and the desire to have the event. The Hunt Club has also announced a change to their team application process where women will be welcomed to participate on future team challenges and selectees will be welcomed as future Past Shooters.

As we move into 2021 the office is beginning the longrange planning for 2021 events. While the issues surrounding the Pandemic currently continue to be a disrupter, our hope is this year's events will be able to happen. For planning purposes, the 2021 FooFooRah will be held in Lander, WY 4-7 June. I encourage all Past Shooters as well as members of the 2021 selected teams to join us for a few days of camaraderie, activities, and organization meetings. The office will keep everyone updated on our plans for these events including potential impacts to the schedule if they occur. I ask all Past Shooters to ensure the office has your most current contact information on file, particularly your email address. These updates will also allow for the Directory file to be current for the next printing.

While this has been a challenging year, I want to give a special thanks to Vickie and Gina for staying flexible in keeping all options opened as we moved through Spring, Summer, and early fall. The initial event planning always takes an enormous amount of work and the uncertainties surrounding the potential public health concerns required monitoring, constant follow ups and communication right up to event cancellation. Funding concerns initially added another layer of workload and planning. Rick Enstrom volunteered to lead a Past Shooters Club fund raising effort and with lots of phone calls and cajoling your

contributions to the Club were over whelming and put us in the position to meet all our 2020/21 obligations. Rick and I thank you for your generosity.

I want to thank John Shipper for his last two years serving as President. John had his hands full going through his last year – not what he was expecting. You did great John.

I am pleased to be your President and look forward to continuing the efforts to improve our Club event participation and to support both the Hunt Club and the Water for Wildlife Foundation in their endeavors. Lander is a great host to us, and I look forward to continuing to support the Legacy of the Hunt and our wildlife conservation initiatives.

I will see you in Lander this June and at the September Hunt. Hopefully, we will all have had access to the vaccine by then.

Happy New Year,

Alan Pettersen

President, Past Shooters 2020-2022

One shot hunt club president's greeting



Dear Past Shooters,

The hunt was cancelled last year due to COVID-19. The 2021 One Shot Antelope Hunt will take place regardless this year, as Water for Wildlife Foundation needs all of our support.

There will be some changes coming to this year's Hunt. 2021's Hunt will be altered in a couple different ways. First of all, Sportswomen will be welcome to participate. Second, we are currently working with the Tribal Leaders to alter the victory banquet format to be more in line with today's era.

We are confirming the existing Teams that were selected to participate in the 2020 Hunt. We look forward to a great successful new year!

Thanks,

Darin Hubble

One Shot Antelope Hunt Club President

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From the Desk of the Executive Vice President

Greetings:

Wow, what a year it has been. This past Spring after dabbling with the idea of carrying on as usual, the PS and the Water for Wildlife Foundation boards decided to pull the reigns in and regroup in 2021. Although the Hunt did not proceed, your PS staff, the interns, and the board members found ourselves busy throughout the year.

The Water for Wildlife and Evans/ Dahl museums are substantially complete, with plans being made on how to bring visitors in to learn and support Water for Wildlife, wildlife management, and the history of the One Shot.

Although it was a very political year nationally, the One Shot did not go unnoticed. Both the Legend of the Hunt and women participation were brought into the limelight. The Hunt Club has since made it clear that women will in fact be given equal consideration while selecting team members for the One Shot Hunt. In addition, the Club has been working with the Tribal members to rework the Legend of the Hunt to better fit a more modern era.

Both Vickie and Gina have been working hard to keep revenues flowing in to support our current staffing levels, the intern program, and water projects for 2021. Although programs have continued without exception, some reserves on the Past Shooter side have been drawn down. Your continued generosity is necessary to keep us afloat on into future years

Speaking of Gina and Vickie, please give them your thanks when you see them. They have applied for grants, run an online auction, managed the museum, and continued to run the daily operations of the office. Although there was no Hunt, their work in 2020 enabled the organization to keep on trucking!

Finally, I would like to thank John Shipper and Carl Asbell, your immediate Past Presidents of the Past Shooters and Water for Wildlife respectively. Their volunteer efforts are very much appreciated by the staff and club membership. We now look forward to working with current PS President Alan Patterson and Water for Wildlife President Tim Gist. Thank you all for your time.

Happy New Year,

Scott Harnsberger

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age of your donation. Look for details coming in May 2021 on how to donate to the Museum and Community Outreach & Education.

From the desk of Vickie hutchinson

Dear Past Shooters, Water for Wildlife Supporters and One-Shot Hunt Club Members,

As I reflect on 2020, I am overwhelmed by the accomplishments our organizations have made. We kept the office and museum open and operating without missing a beat and managed to fund these major things:

-\$67,500 paid out for water/habitat projects -\$23,500 paid out for educational scholarships and internships -\$11,400 paid out for Phase 3 museum completion.

All of this can be described in one wordgumption.

Gumption-(noun) definition the <u>ability</u> to <u>decide</u> what is the <u>best</u> thing to do in a <u>particular situation</u>, and to do it with energy and determination; shrewd or spirited initiative and resourcefulness

The first time I heard the word gumption was in this quote- "What qualities are in those who fight their way through triumphantly that are lacking in those who go under? I only know that survivors used to call that quality 'gumption.' So, I wrote about people who had gumption and people who didn't." Margaret Mitchell- Gone with the Wind

However you choose to describe it, the members, officers, and boards of our three organizations have successfully triumphed through a most challenging year and are stronger for it. On behalf of the office I would like to say "thank you" to all who made wise decisions and offered support on many levels. You are the reason our event has stood the test of time and continues to be the most outstanding hunting event in the country.

Moving forward into 2021, I see great enthusiasm surrounding our events and organizations. The office will be transitioning to increased email communication to provide timely information. Please be sure we have a current and correct email address. There are some who do not use email. If you do not use email, contact the office and let us know so we can be sure you receive communications. Our primary way of keeping you apprised of events will be MailChimp. If we have your correct email and you are not receiving our correspondence, there is a great possibility it is going into your "junk" or "spam" folder. To remedy this, add MailChimp to your contact list. Feel free to contact the office if you need assistance.

As a reminder, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, enacted last spring, includes several temporary tax changes helping charities. These include the special \$300 deduction designed especially for people who choose to take the standard deduction, rather than itemizing their deductions.

Under this new change, individual taxpayers can claim an "above-the-line" deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations made to charity during 2020. This means the deduction lowers both adjusted gross income and taxable income – translating into tax savings for those making donations to qualifying tax-exempt organizations such as Water for Wildlife® Foundation. As always, consult with your accounting professional.

In closing, I look forward to Foo Foo Rah (June 4th -6th, 2021) and the 2021 One Shot Antelope Hunt (September 15th-18th, 2021). The office is preparing for a highly anticipated and wonderful time for all. Thank you for everything you have contributed to keep our organizations, events and office moving forward without hesitation .

Viekie Hutchinson

Vickie Hutchinson-Executive Director Past Shooters Club and Water for Wildlife® Foundation **BEGINNING IN 2021** women will participate in the One Shot Antelope Hunt as team members. It has been a journey to this point and Vickie Hutchinson sat down with Margaret Appleby, who has been a part of the hunt since the 1940s, to take a look back.



By Vickie Hutchinson, Executive Director

VOMEN OF THE INE SHOT

PAST SHOOTERS GAZETTE

- Maggie Appleby, right, guided Past Shooters for 32 years beginning in 1965.
- Today she greets New Shooters at the Museum of the American West for the guide draw.
- She still volunteers during the One Shot Hunt wherever needed.

THIS YEAR WOMEN will participate as team members in the One-Shot Antelope Hunt for the first time. Historically, many women have played vital roles in the hunt. This article focuses on the early years of the hunt (late 1940's, 1950's and 1960's). There may be omissions or slight mistakes on dates and other details. These are not intentional and are due to recalling things from long ago by memory.

Fortunately, 85-year-old Mrs. Margaret Appleby is an active member of the Lander community and a great historian on the One-Shot Antelope Hunt. I had the great pleasure of interviewing Mrs. Appleby. When 11-year -old Margaret Appleby attended her first banquet in 1946 at the



Edna Kraus (standing right) managed registration with precision.

Noble Hotel, she remembers being enamored by the famous people there. Mrs. Appleby attended her first few banquets as a girl scout volunteering in many capacities from setting up tables to assisting with food preparation. The first few years she met James Craig, Edgar Bergen, Charley McCarthy and many others. She distinctly remembers, with a smile, James Craig commenting on her many freckles.

Nicknamed "Maggie" or "Sis", she had two uncles well known to early participants in the hunt. Pee Wee McDougall (sheriff at the time) and Pete Spriggs (owner of the former Horseshoe Motel) were both influential in her life. The Horseshoe Motel was shaped in a way that it surrounded her family log home. Mrs. Appleby said, "one day I walked into my house and there was Lauritz Melchoir playing my grandmother's old piano". It left an everlasting impression as the most beautiful music she had ever heard.

Pee Wee McDougal oversaw the Past Shooter guides during the



60's. He received a message from Mr. Harlow Platt saying he wanted a woman guide for the hunt. Of course, Uncle Pee Wee knew Maggie's skills and asked her to guide. The year was 1965 and began a 32 year stretch of Maggie guiding Past Shooters. Through the years, Maggie guided Harlow Platt, Dave Schneider and many others. When asked did they get an antelope, she re-



Knife & note given to Maggie by Harlow Platt.

plied "They never missed getting an antelope regardless of their shooting skill level." She also instructed a few on field dressing their animals. Often other Past Shooter guides would ask her if her group got an antelope and where they were hunting. She would just smile and say "yes they got their antelope" but would not reveal the areas. Through the years Maggie received many thoughtful appreciation gifts from the gentlemen she guided. Mr. Harlow Platt was the founder/owner of Great Western Cutlery and provided beautiful knives for many years, without charge, to the new Hunt Team Members. The most prized gift she received was given to her in 1979. It was one of the engraved hunt knives

building where the hunt banquets were held. The events were seated dinners and FHA (Future Homemakers of America) and FFA (Future Farmers of America) were volunteer helpers. Through the years she met many ladies who added so much to the hunt by graciously hosting events and participating in the parties. There was always a Wednesday evening fish



Daisy Hart, Pat Woods, Jeanette Farlow, Althea Logan and her sister Gayle Armstrong.

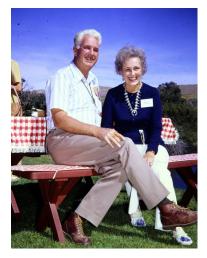
given to the new Hunt Team Members. Attached to it was a note saying, "Sis you earned this, HCP". Although she is quick to state she was not expecting gifts, other memorable gifts included a bottle of Channel #5 perfume from France, a deer skin purse and a Miami Dolphins jacket.

From 1958-1962, Maggie and her husband Jack Appleby managed The American Legion fry where everyone in the Lander Community donated fish they caught. Picnics were also held at many of the surrounding ranches, including the Jack Armstrong Ranch, Brodie Ranch, the Scarlet Ranch, the Norm Christiansen Ranch and the Chapman Ranch to name a few. Typically, local ladies helped plan, prepare and serve the food. Historically, many women have contributed to make the One-Shot Antelope Hunt the great event it was and still is today. A few who Mrs. Appleby remembered are Irene Brodie, Gayle Armstrong, Hattie Evans (founder Harold Evan's wife), Edna Kraus (registered all participants with military precision), Edith Chapman, Gladys McDougal, Erna May Stephenson, Norine Christiansen and the list goes on.

Two women who made a large impact on the hunt were Daisy St. Clair (wife of Hunt Chief Herman St. Clair) and her daughter in law, Sandra St. Clair (wife of Darwin St. Clair). The two ladies were friends to all the participants and provided beautiful, ceremonial pageantry during the event. Pictured is Sandra St. Clair doing the Lord's Prayer in sign language. Both handmade priceless bead work for the One-Shot Antelope Hunt. Some of these



Sandra St. Clair signing the Lord's Prayer in Shoshone Sign Language



Bill and Mary Scarlett

pieces are on display in the museum along with bronze replicas of the One-Shot Antelope Hunt of the four St. Clair family members who were such an important part of the hunt. The **Eastern Shoshone ceremonies** remain a most treasured and unique part of the One-Shot Hunt today.

Mrs. Appleby regrets she was not able to cover all women who and many other things. Mrs. played vital roles in the One Shot. There are just simply too many to name all. Two she remembered for their important roles in the One-Shot Antelope Hunt are Mary Sue Scarlet and Ruby Dahl. "Mary Scarlet was a troduce jewel of a lady and the host of all hostesses" said Mrs. Appleby. She was vital to so many of the social gatherings during the early days. Known for her expert culinary skills, she wrote a book which is also on display in the museum. Ruby Dahl (wife of cofounder Harold Dahl) contributed with her outgoing personality and great communication skills. Mrs. Dahl and others wrote a book titled "Lander One-Shot Antelope Hunt". The



Jack and Gayle Armstrong

book tells the story and history so it will never be forgotten.

These are but a few of the women who played a part in the early years of the hunt. Throughout the years, women have enjoyed hunting, shooting clays, shooting sports, chairing and setting up auctions, fund raising Margaret Appleby will attend the 2021 One Shot Hunt Banquets. If you enjoy historical stories of the One-Shot Antelope Hunt, please take a mo-

ment to inyourself and visit with her. You will be amazed and amused at the great stories she can tell!



Irene and Jack Brodie

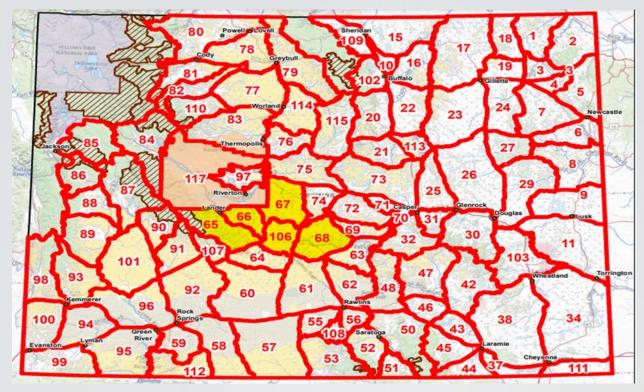


Ruby Dahl signing her book "Lander One Shot Antelope Hunt"



Pictured from left: Margaret Spriggs, Pete Spriggs, Maggie, Roy Rogers, Kathy Ruby, Diane Boche

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW Contributed by Ethan Colovich, Fall Intern YOUR HUNT AREAS?



Area 65 This area encompasses a broad area going Northwest to Southeast, from an extensive area West of Lander to Atlantic City to Sweetwater Station. One of the more trafficked roads goes through Red Canyon, which has a long East facing slope typically inhabited by many pronghorn. In 2019, 182 hunters (Type 1) actively hunted this area, with 144 of them tagging out with a buck antelope (79.1%).

Area 66 Some of the popular hunting places in Area 66 are Colemine Road and Beaver Creek Road. The landscape is more open but broken up by many draws and gulches. There are a few isolated reservoirs which tend to attract wildlife in this arid area. Out of 138 active hunters (Type 1), 125 of them were successful in tagging a buck antelope (90.6%) (2019).

Area 67 There is a lot of open range in Area 67, which extends from near Shoshone on the North end to Sand Draw and Rock Creek Mountain on the South end. Heading south of Shoshone, the terrain remains flat for several miles until you cross Gas Hills Road, which turns into hilly terrain with many gulches, draws, and ravines. There are many paved and dirt roads leading to good hunting areas. This area had 267 active hunters (Type 1) in 2019, with 236 (88.4%) of them tagging out.

Area 68 There are two distinct mountains that are found in Area 68; Green Mountain near the southern border and Granite Mountain running East to West near the middle of the area. While these aren't the easiest to hunt given antelope like flatter terrain, there are a few good options to explore. The area between the two mountains, off Highway 287, is good territory as is Agate Flats on the northern side of Granite Mountain. There were 376 active Type 1 hunters while 308 (~82%) tagged out in the 2019 season.

Area 106 The Sweetwater river runs through the middle of this area which is a sustainable water source for a lot of wild-life, including pronghorn. There is a large network of roads accessible off highway 287 between Sweetwater Station and Jeffery City as well as off Sand Draw Road. Some of these roads include Graham Road and Happy Springs Road. 179 active hunters received Type 1 tags for this area in 2019, with 149 (83.2%) getting a buck.

TWELVE WEEKS

Have you ever wondered what our interns really do? We asked our 2020 Fall intern, Ethan Colovich, to write about his experience as a wildlife biologist intern

Being selected as the Fall Water for Wildlife Intern was a great honor, especially as a recent college graduate who was searching for additional experiences with wildlife focused organizations. Throughout this three-month position, I was able to participate in numerous intriguing activities with both the Wyoming Game and Fish Department as well as The Water for Wildlife Foundation. The Fall here in Wyoming is a very busy time with hunting season in full force and the different divisions of the Game and Fish working hard on various projects before the long winter comes. Fortunately for me, I was able to work with some of the specialists on their respective duties, both out in the field and in the office.

One of the first major field experiences was conducting antelope classifications for hunt areas 65 and 66. This entailed labeling unique groups of pronghorn by age and sex;



fawns, yearlings, does, and bucks. Being an avid antelope hunter in Wyoming for several years, I had plenty of experience glassing fields with binoculars and differentiating wildlife at a distance. I was able to spend four early mornings driving around the region marking antelope with their respective coordinates. The first of these mornings was accompanied by Brady Frude, the Lander Game Warden, who gave me the ins and outs of the classification process. Even with living in Lander for several years, I was able to travel down roads and into areas I had not previously been to which was exciting. A big takeaway I got from this was better learning to manage time to ensure I retrieve the data needed from all the listed routes.

For a change of pace, I left for the Dubois Fish Hatchery to help Brad Hughes, the Hatchery Superintendent, and the hatchery assistants with a few high priority projects. I had only been to this hatchery once, several years ago, on a general tour. I have long been intrigued, however, by the behind-thescenes processes taken to raise and transport these fish. There were thousands of Fall Rainbow Trout that we prepared to be transported, primarily to Boysen Reservoir and regional lakes. To do this, I helped sein the fish using a large net, weighed them in



buckets, then dumped them into the transport truck. I rode with Brad to release a truck load of fish into Trail Lake which was a great experience. After the large fish holding tanks were emptied, we took on arguably the biggest task, pressure washing the grime off each tank to prepare for the next fish.

This Fall internship presented many opportunities to work game check stations as many hunters filled their tags. First, I was assigned to the North Rawlins check station where I worked with Greg Anderson, the seasoned Rawlins Biologist, Rene Schell, and a few University of Wyoming graduate students. Most of the wildlife checked were pronghorn. The checking process included horn measurements (length, circumference àt four different points, and prong length), and

Left: Glassing fields for Antelope classification. Above: Seining fish at Dubois hatchery.



Above: Current Fall Intern, Ethan Colovich and WYG&F Aquatic Biologist, Joanna Harter release a beaver to a new home. Joanna was a 2017 intern. Below: CWD Sampling at Crooks Gap

removing two front teeth for aging purposes. After getting comfortable taking these measurements, I ran the South Rawlins check station by myself. This went really well and I was able to talk with quite a few hunters which was the highlight.

The six-day Green Mountain deer season was another big check station, as it is a priority area for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Jason Hunter, Lander Regional Director and I operated as a mobile check station, covering the Crooks



covering these areas, I was surprised how many out-of-state hunters there were. This just goes to show how far people come to enjoy arguably Wyoming's most prized natural resource, wildlife. Taking CWD samples is something I had only done a time or two before, so working this short season provided me plenty of practice. Working with Jason was a great time, and it strengthened my understanding of how biologists work out in the field.

There were some other unique opportunities this Fall including working on non-game projects. For example, Amy Anderson, Lander Habitat Biologist, and I went to go sample aspens near Atlantic City. Using a circle plot method, we sampled 30 unique plots by categorizing the aspens into different height groups. In addition, we checked to see if each aspen had been browsed by any herbivore. Working with Amy really reinforced my knowledge in sampling while also being taught some new regional flora along the way. Additionally, Joanna Harter, Lander Aquatic Biologist, contacted me to help



Gap and Green Mountain areas. In

release a beaver that was found in a ditch near Crowheart. Having never been close to a beaver, I quickly took the opportunity to do so. The beaver had been at the Game and Fish office for a day or two, so the first task was to load it (unsure if male or female) into a kennel. This was easier said than done, however as this beaver was obviously scared and stubborn. Eventually, we got it loaded and headed to a ranch along the Sweetwater River for the release. In order to give it a head start, we cut some willow branches and set them along the river. It took some time for the beaver to leave the kennel but when it did, it quickly swam upstream and disappeared. This was a great experience to see how landowners and the Wyoming Game and Fish work together.

Not everything was field work. Daryl Lutz lined me out on a GIS project using the ArcMaps program so fence data along Highway 26 near Dubois could be visualized. This stretch of highway has a lot of wildlife collisions so digitizing the data can help understand reasons for this and make better mitigation strategies possible. I had limited experience with ArcGIS but Nyssa Whitman guided me through most of the project and my background in basic was great at explaining the why, not just the how. This project further showed me how applicable GIS can be in a variety of projects.

Working at the Water for Wildlife Foundation showed me a different side of working construction, including drilling and leveling, to make it look professional.

Much of the Woodlands exhibit was put together by the Summer Interns; however, with the help



for the benefit of wildlife. I familiarized myself with many of the past and present projects they had funded, which had a greater variety than I initially thought. As I completed filing some projects and updated the database the organizational aspect of this non-profit became much clearer. Some of the projects Executive Director, Vickie Hutchinson, lined out for me included building a gun display, adding the finishing touches to the Woodlands exhibit, writing a script to tour guests around the museum, and creating short videos for a generous funding donor.

There were several antique guns used in past One-Shot Antelope hunts that had been donated by Past Shooters. I used several of them to create an eye-grabbing display that commemorated many of the deceased past shooters. I used

of Ken Colovich, the exhibit borders, surrounding woodpost fence, and beaver dam modifications were added to make it complete. Since new museum exhibits have been added over the last couple years, Vickie thought an organized tour of the museum would be beneficial to provide guests. I took some of the most interesting facts and information from the Pioneers of Conservation wall, Water for Wildlife projects map, Desert and Woodlands exhibits, and the wildlife wall mounts to create the self-guided tour handout. The Mzuri Foundation, an organization dedicated to wildlife conservation, has been a generous donor to The Water for Wildlife Foundation for many years. As a thank you, I created a few short films emphasizing how important these donations are in funding



Left: Setting up display of antique & rare guns in Museum. Below: Completing woodland display fencing in Museum.

wildlife projects across the West and Midwest. It is great to see organizations collaborate to aid wildlife in many areas.



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Bruce Mountain submitted this photo he titled "One Shot Winner"



Sometimes the party just must go on!



Colorado Guys George Ranta, Stephen Coonts and John Shipper show off Stephen's Antelope



John Shipper, George Ranta and David Shipper enjoying the Wyoming outdoors.



John Shipper & Charlie Grayson catching up at the Cowfish

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