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Evan Nappen 00:00

I am Evan Nappen, and you are listening to Gun Lawyer. Well, it has been exciting to watch and listen to the Supreme Court arguments on this very, very important case. (New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen) It sure appears that we are going to win. It is just a question of degree. Of course, you never want to count your chickens before they hatch, but I think we are fair enough here to say that it looks good for us. We have discussed the Supreme Court case and its potential impact and ramifications in all seriousness. There has been a lot of saturation of that episode of Supreme Court history. So, I do not really want to get into that today.

Evan Nappen 01:07

I want to have some fun, and you know what? It is hunting season. That's right. I want to tell you some interesting hunting stories. They are stories that are pretty dear to me. I love to get out and hunt. I have been a hunter, target shooter, gun collector, and I am completely immersed in gun culture. But I have always found that my favorite type of hunting is hunting for dangerous game. Game that has some danger. Although it is true that anything out there can harm you. One of the famous stories in Capstick's Death in the Long Grass (A Big Hunter's Adventures in the African Bush by Peter Hathaway Capstick) book where he talks about finding dead Africans that had a little brush buck, a small little brush buck, which had jabbed them in the stomach with the antlers. They were both dead from that little brush buck. So, just a little brush buck can kill you.

Evan Nappen 02:23

But I am talking about kind of known quantities of more dangerous game, and the two hunts I want to tell you about. You will get a kick out of this first one about a boar hunt that I went on where I hunted a wild boar with just a knife. Then the other hunt, one of a number of bear hunts that I have done, was a bear hunt where the bear actually charged me in the blind. So, let's start off here with the wild boar hunt. For this knife hunt, which was very exciting and very different if you have ever hunted with a knife. Hunting and taking game with a knife is a very up close and personal experience. It definitely gets a great adrenaline surge going, and it is interesting how the hunt is done.

Evan Nappen 03:21

This was down in South Carolina, really the deep part of South Carolina, and it was a great lodge down there that was known for knife hunting of wild boar. Being a knife aficionado, I chose my weapon of

choice which was a Randall Model 2. This knife is a double-edged stiletto technically, and it is what Randall refers to as a fighting stiletto. When you look at the laws on stilettos, particularly in Jersey, they are prohibited unless you have a lawful purpose for it, and here I do. I am hunting with it, and I can document my hunting with this double-edged knife. So, it is an eight-inch Model 2, and it has a nice black micarta handle and nickel silver guard and butt cap. It is really balanced and sweet, and I go down there with that Randall. It is quite an adventure because first of all when I get down to South Carolina, it is a whole different culture of course for a Yankee like myself, not used to it. The guides and folks were really nice. We get down there with some other friends on a Friday night, and we are going to hunt on Saturday.

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The guys there said okay, it's Friday night. What do you want to do tonight? I figured I am just going to go to sleep and get up tomorrow and hunt. But they said to me you got two choices. Yeah, man, we got two choices they are telling me. We can go to the Klan meeting, or we can go to the dirt track. And I'm thinking what? So, I said, well, I don't think I want to go to the Klan meeting because most of them are I'm sure in the FBI, so I don't want to go there. But I said how about we do the dirt track? I was hopeful that they were just kidding around with this Yankee. They probably were but anyway, we went to the dirt track. Now let me tell you. I did not know what a dirt track was, and man I learned it was pretty interesting. These 4-wheel drive trucks race around in the dirt and mud. It is very exciting and fun, and I am kind of enjoying that whole dirt track scene. It was great.

Evan Nappen 05:44

But what I did not realize is the next morning when we are going out for the wild boars that we actually ride in one of those dirt track trucks. I was like what? So, we get in that because the hounds are let loose to find the wild boar. They are running, sniffing, and doing their thing, and we are ripping through the woods. So, I am thinking, you know, it might be dangerous hunting wild boar, but I am hopeful to survive the ride. We are ripping, and I am glad that I'm with these guys because if they just left me wherever the hell we were, I would still be there. I have no clue where we ended up. We were ripping through here and there, shooting up this hill, and I am hanging on for dear life. And man, what a ride.

Evan Nappen 06:30

Anyway, we end up where the hounds themselves have gotten a pig bayed. The wild boar is bayed and is about 400 pounds. These hounds have great pedigrees going back to even like you know, Daniel Boone time. They were really great, and once the hounds were on them, they are keeping their distance. Okay man, we are going to go in, and what you do is you work with the dogs to do the knife hunt. The hounds had the pig bayed; so, they could not go anywhere. But the boar was still charging and coming back and charging. The hounds are coming in and backing up. What they have is called a catch dog. The catch dog is an American Bulldog or Pitbull, and it has very strong jaws. They will let that dog go, and it will bite the pig's ear. So, you have 50-to-60-pound dog on the pig's ear. The pig is about 400 plus pounds. Then you and the dog get to take the boar out and you use the knife to do it. This is going to be very exciting. They haven't released the catch dog yet because the hounds just have it bayed. Immediately I see one of the hounds came in too close, and this boar hooked its tooth on the underbelly of the Hound. It split the hound up the middle. Like it unzipped him as if he was wearing a coat. So, the guys came in and they got this hound out who's now split up the middle.

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I am like oh my god, look at that pig's razor-sharp teeth, and it just razored right up the middle. Immediately, these guys are stitching back the dog in the field. I am actually holding the dog up and helping them. The other hounds still have the pig bayed, and all hell's breaking loose. Oh my God, you know this bloody split dog, and then it's like okay, now it's your turn to go in. Great, boy, I was really psyched up at that point. Let me tell you. I am going in, and they release a catch dog. Man that catch dog is fearless. It goes right for the pig. It's like a guided muscle. That is what you call them instead of a guided missile. It gets on the pig's ear. Now at that point, you come in with your knife.

Evan Nappen 09:09

The idea is to keep the dog between you and the boar's head and get around to the side. Then there is a sweet spot on the boar because the boar has this super strong shield. A very tough shield over his shoulder and penetrating that can be extremely difficult. But right past the shield is this sweet spot, and you can push in the knife. It goes in fairly easily, I got to say. Then you have to twist it, and when you do that, you learn the meaning of bleeding like a stuck pig. Oh my god, it just explodes. You stay there until the pig goes down, and it goes down very quickly. Then getting the dog off the pig's ear is still a challenge. The dog does not want to let go. Even when the pig is down, which is actually good. But you could go in there and the dog let go or if the ear were to rip or something, it can get really hairy. But luckily, none of that happened. It was successful, and some of the best, most delicious wild game meat is wild boar. Oh, boy, it was that good. So, of course, we brought home some great wild boar meat. It was really exciting.

Evan Nappen 10:33

It is a whole other experience to knife hunt like that down south, and it was really fun. Also, I learned about boiled peanuts. Boy, I love boiled peanuts. Those are so good. Every place down there, you can buy them anywhere. Good luck trying to buy boiled peanuts in the north. I don't know. It hasn't caught on. Can't get them up here. But I would highly recommend if you want an exciting time, try knife hunting a boar. You will definitely get excited doing that; I can assure you. I also had a .44 Magnum on me in a shoulder rig. Kind of had to balance the shoulder rig. I had the knife on one side and the 44 629 on the other. Because I figured worst case if something would really go bad. The other thing I would highly recommend, and I was glad I had them, are snake chaps. I could not believe how many snakes were down there. Oh my god, there was tons and tons of snakes. So, we were wearing the snake chaps. Plus, if the boar charges you, they will cut you in your legs. That is an area where it can be particularly vulnerable. The snake chaps can protect you from snake bite as well as getting sliced by the pig.

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After we got him, we did pictures. I am looking at the teeth, and I'm like, wow, every time I've seen wild boar teeth, they are white. These teeth were black, very dark. Well, yeah, that's because they are constantly rooting around and they're getting the teeth in there. For the pictures, they actually will clean the teeth to show the teeth better. Oh, I didn't realize that, but you know, they are so dirty that if you get cut, you really have potential for a pretty bad infection. We were watching some videos of some other hunts, and there was a bow hunter who shot the pig and they're pretty smart. He got shot with the arrow, and he charged the bow hunter and sliced him right on the inside of the leg. No problem. So,

remember, if you're bow hunting and you're not using the dog, there's nothing holding that boar back. It was quite an adventure. So, that is the famous boar hunt. One day I think I will go back and do it again. It's a lot of fun. When we come back, I'm going to tell you about the bear that tried to kill me, and I'll tell you another story too. That'll be pretty funny.

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Evan Nappen 15:00

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Evan Nappen 15:40

Before I tell you my bear hunt story, I want to tell you about the dog named Lawyer. This is also about hunting. These two guys like to go hunting, and at least once a year they get out and go bird hunting. They go to this place where they go bird hunting, and they go to rent a dog. So, they go to the kennel to rent a bird dog, and the guy there says Okay, you can I have any dog over here at \$10 for the day, except the dog on the end. That dog's name is Lawyer, and Lawyer is \$100 a day. What do you mean \$100 a day? Why, what's up? Oh, Lawyer is our best, just the best, that's why he is so expensive. We only get out once a year; so, we'll pay the \$100. We want to try Lawyer dog. So, they go out bird hunting with Lawyer dog, and man, the dog is just fantastic. He points, and everyone gets their bag limit. The dog is just top of the line. Fantastic. They come back and say Look, man, we're going to be back. We're going to be back for Lawyer dog next year. He's just the best. You were right, worth every penny.

Evan Nappen 16:54

So, next year rolls around, and the guys come in. We're here for Lawyer dog. We're here for Lawyer dog. We got Lawyer dog, but he's now \$300 a day. \$300? He was \$100. Yeah, but he's even better. How can he be better? He was the best then. Oh, he's even better. You know what? We can't resist because we've been looking forward to going out with Lawyer dog again. He was so great. So, they pay the \$300 and take Lawyer dog out there in the field. Man, they have never experienced anything like it. Not only is that dog doing great and they're getting their limit and everything, but he also actually cleans the bird for them. It's amazing. Dresses out the bird. No dog does that. They were just astounded with the skill and training and amazing experience of Lawyer dog. They're like, this dog is just miraculous. So, hey, we'll see you next year. Next year rolls around, and they come back. Alright, we're here again for Lawyer dog. The owner says Oh, no, no. Lawyer dog is only \$1 a day these days. What do you mean \$1 a day? He is the best. Well, we had a little problem. We had a little accident. What do you mean? What happened? He said, well, I'll tell you. A couple of guys took him out in the field, and one of them accidentally called him Your Honor. Now all the dog does is sit on his ass and bark. So, there you go. That's the inside story on Lawyer dog. I'll tell you what, I've told that joke to judges, and they love it the most. They just laugh and laugh. So, it's a good one.

Evan Nappen 18:31

What I'm going to tell you next is not a joke. It's actually a story about a time I went bear hunting in Canada. I went hunting many times in Canada. Bear hunting is wonderful. We go up to a great Lodge. It's no longer there, but it was fantastic. I have many great memories. But one year I go up there, and they said, hey, we got some new spots. It's up in Deep River, up near Petawawa. Way up there in Ontario. Right on the Ottawa. Across the way is Quebec. It is really beautiful country, just lovely and chock full of bears. We are up there, and you shoot over bait. It is really super active spots. Okay, we got this new place that we haven't hunted before, but it's on the swampy kind of swamp area. It looks really promising. So, a number of guys would come up to this lodge that was really great, about 25 hunters. They had like 25,000 acres, and they drive everybody out to the spots. You'd go to your blind or your tree stand.

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So, they get me out there, and it's nice. I decided this time that I am going to use a crossbow. That would be fun and different. I'll just use a crossbow. We started the first day, and I was out with my crossbow. I had a backup gun - a Marlin 4570 guide gun as backup, but I was going to use a crossbow. I sat the first day and didn't see anything, nothing came in. But that first opening day about half the guys got bears. Except I didn't get any, but the next day in the morning everyone is skinning out the bears. The guys are doing a great job, and everyone's having a grand old time. Unfortunately, the sight on my crossbow, the batteries had gone south. I had been practicing and using it, and I didn't have spares. So, I needed to get into town to get new batteries for the site. It ended up that I never made it to town because we were just having so much fun in the morning time with all the stories and bears and everything. And that is part of the fun of it. All the camaraderie of course, and it's great. So, being that I didn't get a chance to go, I said you know what, I'll just sit in my blind today with my Marlin guide gun. Then I'll get to town, and I'll get the batteries and go back to the crossbow.

Evan Nappen 21:15

Now it's the second day, and I'm at a pretty close ground blind - about 35 yards to the bait, which is close, but it's an archery set. I prefer to be in a ground blind, because I find that I rarely fall off the ground. That's why I don't go on tree stands. So, I'm in my ground blind, and it was fine. It is on a little rise, and I'm on the top of the rise. It kind of had the shooting tunnel going down, you know, a cut down to the bait, but to the left is all kinds of woods. It's like a clearing and then woods about maybe 20 yards in. Then the woods cut back and about and around. So, I'm there, and I'm in a full Rhino bug suit, a camo bug suit and all. I am behind this ground blind with some smaller logs and trees and sticks and such for concealment. I'm there, and I'll tell you what, it is really buggy. Even through the rhino skin, I'm getting bit and you know that was kind of annoying that really a lot of bug bites going on. But it's part of it, you know. I'm sitting there, and suddenly I hear this ridiculously loud crunching. I mean like crunch, crunch, crunch, and I'm thinking some anti-hunting, bunny hugger jerk is going to walk through here just to interrupt a hunt. You know, I'm thinking in Jersey mode here. But no, I'm in the middle of the Petawawa. I'm like wait, who could actually even find this and do that? But why was it so crunchy loud? It's just ridiculous. I'm looking but I don't see anything.

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Suddenly, the woods slightly to the left, just explode. This bear charges right up the rise comes, right at me, right at the blind. He's coming up the hill and I'm barely able to react. I am just standing up from my chair with my rifle in my hand. I can't even get it up to my shoulder, and the bear is right there in front of me. Up on his hind legs, right in front of me, and I'm right across from him. I'm literally feeling his breath and in an instant, I just pull the trigger. Bang, from the hip. And I'll tell you what. I didn't know whether I hit him or what happened. Next thing I know he's rolling down the hill, and I am trying to lever another round into the chamber. I hear him just rolling away and into the woods. Oh my god, I can't believe that. There is blood on me that back sprayed from him on my gun and on me. That's how close this bear was that hit me with this. Needless to say, a major adrenaline dump and everything's nutty. I'm listening, and I hear two what they call death moans because that's what bears will do. But I wasn't sure if those are death moans, or I'm really pissed off moans.

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I decided, you know what? I'm going back up the hill because I could go back up, and I'm going to try to contact the guide. I am on this high rock and just get cell service to call in to the guy to come and get me because of the Petawawa. I could just catch a little bit of signaling. So, I'm going back up the hill and you know the gun is of course ready to go. I'm walking and this chipmunk shoots under the leaves in front of me. I almost blew him away with a 4570 because I'm so hyper. I get up to the top, and I call in. The guy comes down. He's like you got your bear? I think so. But I can't believe it. He goes well, let's track him. Let's go. Well, all right. I bring him right to the blind. This is where was. He charged right here. To the blind? I go, look, and he goes, oh my god. Look at this blood and everything. I go yeah, this is where it went down. He goes oh my god, I have never started to track from the blind. Yeah, he went that away. You can go first. Be my guest.

Evan Nappen 25:52

So, I'm behind him with my gun. We just walk a little bit into the woods, and there he is. It actually had hit him in a real good shot and took him out. He was well over a 600-pound bear. I'll tell you, man, it was literally a hip shot. Suddenly I realized that all the time I spent fooling around hips shooting,

"wasting ammo" hip shooting, to the berm and all that came in very handy. Because it actually hit him and took him out. Man, that was one crazy hunt. And then because it was the first kill on that stand, the tradition was you got to name the stand. When others use it, they would say, hey, what's the name of the stand? So, I had the honor to name the stand. And you know what I named the stand? I named the stand "shitstain" after my underwear. That's right. So, I have that bear in a full mount, stuffed, standing in my living room because that bear got the full mount so I can look at that and say, some days the bear gets you and other days you get the bear. Thank God I got the bear that day. This is Evan Nappen reminding you that gun laws don't protect honest citizens from criminals. They protect criminals from honest citizens.

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