

THEN AND NOW

I grew up in the 1980s and '90s, which sometimes seem like a lifetime ago. Phones had cords and didn't fit in your pocket. To find a book in the library, you used the card catalog. If you wanted to find a place to hunt or hike, you asked someone older than you or borrowed a paper map. Times have changed.

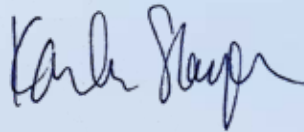
Maps of any place in the world fit in the palm of your hand. The outside world can always find you, a blessing and a curse. I'm glad I knew a time before too much technology because it has changed the world, including the things we love, like hunting.

This fall, we've chosen to dedicate an entire issue of *Fair Chase* to the theme of "Hunting: Then and Now." We invited our members to share their personal stories and photos, capturing moments from the past and present. While the gear may have evolved, the heart of hunting remains in the memories we create. You can find more of these personal stories and photos on page 44.

A few of our professional members also contributed to this issue on hunting then and now. Jodi Stemler discusses technology in hunting, which includes some well-known voices from the industry and the Club. If you're curious on the Club's stance regarding tech in hunting, turn to page 26. Outdoor

writer Andrew McKean goes back to the origins of a scoring system that even predates the Club's system in his article "The Origins of Keeping Score." And Jonathan Mawdsley takes us all the way back to Deuteronomy in his article "The Evolution of Game Management." We have several other stories in this issue that follow the same theme, and we hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed the trip down memory lane.

When I think back on my youth, I miss how simple life could be sometimes. It was more peaceful, and I think we can find that peace again if we avoid distractions, even if for short moments of time. This fall, I invite you to experiment by leaving your phone in the truck for a morning hunt, just like in the old days. I promise that you will feel like you've stepped back in time. The birds will sing louder, the sunrise will take forever, and you won't forget a moment of it. ■



FROM THE EDITOR



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MISSED SENDING IN PHOTOS AND STORIES FOR THIS ISSUE?

We're still interested. We're looking for photos of hunters from yesterday and today. For example, do you have a photo of grandpa with a deer from 1950 and a photo of grandpa hunting with his grandson more recently?

Please email us at editor@boone-crockett.org to submit your photos.

This is my granddaughter, Penelope, inspecting a large Alaska brown bear with me at the end of bear season.

– Phil Shoemaker, master guide

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