

SPRING CHANGES

FROM THE EDITOR



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Spring is finally here. The days are longer, the sun is shining, and it's an especially exciting time for us at Boone and Crockett Club headquarters. We've experienced numerous staff changes lately, and now that the dust is finally starting to settle, I'll tell you what some of those changes mean for *Fair Chase* magazine.

For starters, I was named your new editor-in-chief. I've been at the Club for 14 years, and have been the managing editor of *Fair Chase* since 2013. Assisting me in this role is our new managing editor, P.J. DelHomme, who's been in the writing business for the past 25 years.

You're not going to see any drastic changes in the magazine, but you will see one change that we hope you will like. Starting with this issue, we're going to dedicate much of one issue to a specific theme. For instance, we're taking a deep dive into bears for this spring issue. We've got an assortment of articles focused on bears, including a bear hunt by regular contributor Wayne van Zwoll, as well as an article about Club members in Wisconsin working to help raise money for bear research and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Jonathan Mawdsley's piece gets into bear taxonomy

with early Boone and Crockett member Clinton Hart Merriam, and Club president James Cummins reminds us of the origins of fair chase and the Teddy Bear with President Roosevelt's famous Mississippi bear hunt.

We understand that not everyone is into bears, which is why we've included a number of stories and departments that don't even mention bears. For instance, writer Mike Stolt is a retired Air Force fighter pilot who took up writing later in life. His story, "Free Falling," is about a shared bond between hunters we meet afield, especially those out there chasing elk with stick and string. Plus, we have Craig Boddington's traveling hunter series and plenty of photos of recent entries.

We do have one more small addition that we'd like your help with. Frankly, we want to know what you think. Do you have a question about content? Do you want to see more articles about (insert your topic or species here)? Then tell us. And if you have a hunting story to tell, then we'd love to consider printing it. Drop us a line at editor@boone-crockett.org. ■

ASK THE FAIR CHASE EDITOR

Have a question about content? Ask us.

Want to see more articles about your favorite topic? Tell us.

Drop us a line at editor@boone-crockett.org and see what questions get answered in the next issue of *Fair Chase*.

