

# FROM THE EDITOR



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*Lucky Americans! Fortunate people! In other lands as little as an empty shotgun shell in the house would land you in jail—or worse... The bearing of arms is a potent symbol of freedom... The North American Model*

*of Wildlife Conservation, one of the great cultural gifts of North Americans to global culture, could never have developed without the right of citizens to bear arms.*

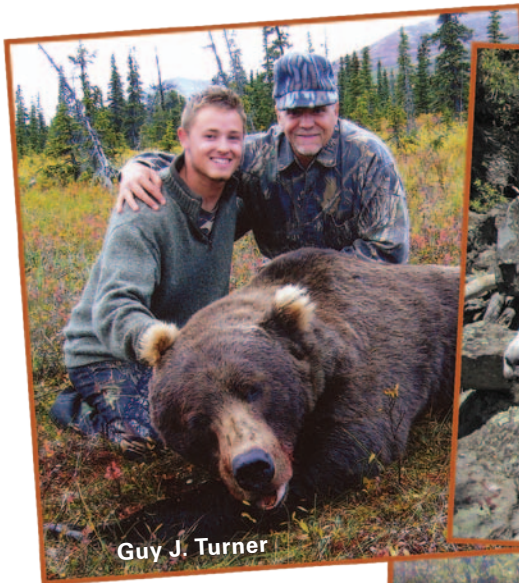
These words come from Dr. Valerius Geist's article "Reflections on Wildlife and the 2nd Amendment." Read this article once, twice, and then a third time to savor each word and each paragraph's meaning. There are very few irreplaceable brilliant minds in this world. Val is one of them. Research his work, study his writings and observations. Enjoy, as a B&C Associate, your proximity and access to the excitement Val brings to our world.

Dr. Geist's article expands on the Boone and Crockett Club's 2nd Amendment position statement recently conceived and released. Please appreciate its significance to the hunter-conservationist. Gun control goes so much farther than my liberal brethren perceive.

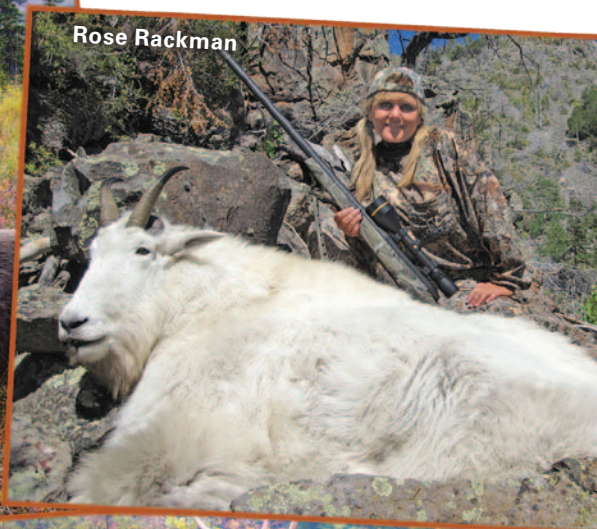
Please enjoy the information on the upcoming B&C 28th Awards Program in Reno, Nevada. The Awards celebrate some amazing critters, some skilled (and lucky) hunters, and affords the opportunity to recreate with like-minded hunters such as you. Awards that I attended in years past allowed me to meet legends within the Club (such as Val) that have just plain and simple made me a better person.

Hunting stories, records information, science, conservation, it is all here, as the Boone and Crockett Club continues its legacy of thought leadership. ■

**These trophies will be on display at the 28th Big Game Awards program this July in Reno.**



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