

FROM THE EDITOR



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In this Issue

We have another great slate of articles in this issue of *Fair Chase*. But first, make it your New Year's resolution to attend the 28th Awards Program July 16-20, 2013, at the Reno Ballroom in downtown Reno. You won't regret it! On display will be more than 100 of the finest big game trophies ever taken, and you can visit with the owners of many of those fine animals—we know these proud hunters are always happy to share stories of their great hunts and fabulous memories. If you still have a trophy to be entered, the deadline for the 28th Awards Program is (or was, depending on when you receive this issue of *Fair Chase*) December 31, 2012. See Jack Reneau's "Trophy Talk" column for full details.



SAVE THE DATE!

**BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S
28TH NORTH AMERICAN
BIG GAME AWARDS**
Silver Legacy Resort Casino
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- Boone and Crockett Club
- BIG GAME AWARDS**
- 28th Awards Program
- Youth Recognition Banquet
- Awards Banquet
- Seminars
- Auction
- Other activities

I think we'd all agree that advances in technology have made our lives much easier. When you think about it, technology has been a part of our hunting heritage from the time the first flint-knapped arrow was fashioned to the fine-grained bullets and high-powered rifles in the industry today. But how much is too much? We touch on the issue from both ends of the spectrum—how technology is helping, and perhaps, how it is tilting the scales in the other direction when it comes to fair chase hunting. If you have a smart phone, and you hunt moose in Alberta, Dr. Mark Boyce shares a great new smart phone app he helped set up in Alberta to survey moose hunters on their daily moose sightings. On the other side of the technology issue, you'll want to check out Dan Pedrotti's ethics column, "Too Much Technology, Not Enough Hunting," in which he discusses the balance of technology versus fair chase—how much technology is too much?

Speaking of technology, Jim Heffelfinger begins a series of articles on advances in DNA analysis technology with his article, "Unraveling the DNA of Whitetail/Mule Deer Hybrids."

Two young ladies share their trophy hunting stories—one about a father-daughter lion hunt by Doug and Chrissy Pope, and a youth essay from Melissa Noel who harvested the largest whitetail deer killed by a female in Ohio in 2010-2011.

In her research and education column, Wini Kessler writes about the expansion of deer breeding facilities, some of the legislation that is being introduced, and she discusses her first actions as president of The Wildlife Society (TWS).

A great supporter of the Boone and Crockett Club, Professional Member Gray Thornton, highlights the growth of the Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) from its humble beginnings in 1977, then known as the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, to its phenomenal success today in bringing wild sheep populations back from the brink. One great example is in Oregon, where sheep populations were revived from a population of 25 to well over 4,000—nothing short of a conservation miracle, thanks to state game agency professionals, the WSF and its supporters.

For you rifle buffs, Craig Boddington goes into the history and making of the .338 Magnum and Wayne van Zwoll gives us an in-depth look at Mauser rifles and their history. Ted Holsten shares with us the interesting story of Clarence King—a tale of two men?

Looking forward, Steve Williams updates us about the important issues facing Congress in 2013. He cautions us to pay close attention to the nominees and their agendas for the critical natural resource agencies in the Interior and Agriculture departments.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for reading *Fair Chase* and for all the feedback and help we receive each issue. It is time for me to move on, and I will miss trying to find new topics to create more interest in *Fair Chase* and the Boone and Crockett Club, but the new editor will have some great things to share with all of us. Merry Christmas!

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