

# ASSOCIATES PROGRAM UPDATE

## Special Workshops for Associates at Dallas



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THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S 22ND BIG GAME AWARDS SCHEDULED FOR THIS COMING JUNE IN DALLAS, TEXAS, WILL HAVE A FEW NEW TWISTS WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO B&C ASSOCIATES. UNIQUE TO THIS AWARDS PROGRAM WILL BE A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR ASSOCIATES.

Horace Gore, a wildlife biologist from Austin, Texas, who has worked in positions ranging from Game Chief in Oklahoma to Branch Chief and White-tail Deer Program Coordinator with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will present a special seminar on "Texas Whitetails." Horace will discuss the overall trophy management for whitetails in Texas and will address a variety of aspects related to scoring of whitetails. Horace promises to show us some footage of some of the biggest bucks ever captured on film!

Charlie "Ernie" Davis of Cotulla, Texas has been often referred to as "Texas' Premier Pronghorn Hunter." In addition to being a wildlife biologist and an enthusiastic student of the pronghorn, Ernie has taken more trophy pronghorn than anyone else in Texas, if not the world. Ernie will present a seminar on "Pronghorn - where and how to find trophy bucks." As is the case with Horace, Ernie is a staunch supporter of the principles of fair chase and is a great example of the hunter/conservationist in America today.

Jay Gates will present a series of seminars on the deer species other than whitetail. Jay has authored numerous articles on hunting the various species of deer including whitetail, blacktail, mule deer and Coues' deer. Jay's seminars will be particularly interesting to the novice trophy deer hunter as well as the veteran.

In addition to these three well-known speakers we are working on two additional individuals who will add breadth and interest to the Associates' Seminar portion of the 22nd Awards Program. If you have not received your formal invitation to join us in Dallas, I would like to extend to you a hearty welcome. I will be looking forward to seeing you all in Dallas!

### LIFETIME ASSOCIATE James "Jake" Shinnners

I am a native Michigander, going on almost fifty years. During my early teens I developed a keen interest in the out-of-doors. During those years, much of my earnings from part-time jobs were spent on tents, camping equipment and outdoor books on tracking, guns, hunting, Indian lore and the like. I am amazed now when I look back at some of the jacket prices of those old Jack O'Connor and Leonard L. LaRue books.

As an avid fly fisherman and hunter I have had the good fortune to enjoy both sports in many of the provinces of Canada, Mexico and the United States, including the states of Michigan, Georgia, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska. I have a lifetime of wonderful memories from these sojourns.

To me, it is the totality of the experience - from anticipation to consummation, that counts.

Over the years, I have been very active in numerous outdoor clubs and organizations. Currently, I am a member of Big Creek Lodge, a long time hunting and fishing camp originally established in 1925 in the Northern Michigan AuSable River watershed.

I am also a Board Member of the Hartley Outdoor Education Center Foundation of St. Charles, Michigan. Our three hundred acre overnight facility is visited by over ten thousand students and teachers each year (three exciting days per trip), to learn from skilled naturalists about nature, natural history and the inter-relationship between man and his world. For many of the city children, the

future stewards of our world, this is their first exposure to the out-of-doors.

Recently, I was re-appointed as the William B. Mershon Chapter representative to the Michigan State Council of Trout Unlimited, having formerly served as President of this two hundred and fifty member chapter. The William B. Mershon Chapter, named after a notable naturalist and author, was the seminal chapter in the formation of National Trout Unlimited.

I have been aware of the Boone and Crockett Club for many years and its impressive history and accomplishments. My son and I had the good fortune of spending some time with Steve Adams (former Club President) on a float trip on the Selway River in Idaho a few years back. That experience solidified my belief that the Boone and Crockett Club is truly a quality organization. At Steve's invitation, I decided to sign up.

The Mission Statement for the Boone and Crockett Club says it all for me, with a particular emphasis on the part concerning maintenance of the highest standards of fair chase and sportsmanship in all aspects of big game hunting... so as to preserve this heritage for future generations of mankind.

I am proud to be a Lifetime Associate of the Club.

