

# CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Conservation Efforts a Triumph

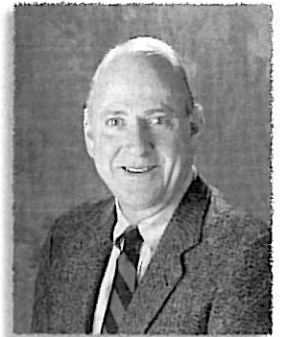
DALLAS, TEXAS WAS THE LOCATION OF BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S 22ND TRIENNIAL AWARDS FOR NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME AND THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING. THE THREE-DAY EVENT WAS HELD ON JUNE 8, 9, AND 10. OVER 228 BOONE AND CROCKETT ASSOCIATES AND TROPHY OWNERS ATTENDED THE PUBLIC VIEW-

particularly noteworthy in light of the fact that at the turn of the century, Teddy Roosevelt and the other founding members of our Club were very concerned that big game hunting, as it was known at that time, was destined to disappear. Roosevelt and other Club members set up the National Collection of Heads and Horns

professional wildlife biologists, and the hunting public, have done an incredible job.

Congratulations to the Awards recipients, and thanks to all of the Boone and Crockett Associates who came to Dallas and made this such a successful event.

Prior to the 22nd Triennial Awards, a lot of hard work went into measuring the trophies. The panel consisted of nine measurers and three consultants. The chairman was Jack Graham of Edmonton, Alberta. The other two consultants were Club members, Randy Byers of Idaho, current Chair of the Records of North American Big Game Committee, and Dr. Phil Wright of Montana, former Chair of the Records Committee and a retired professor of zoology at the University of Montana. As one of the measurers of the Judges Panel, I was truly impressed with the expertise and thoroughness that each team of measurers exhibited. Each trophy was measured at least twice, and several were measured three times, by teams by two or three official measurers with



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LEFT: BILLIE ELLIS RECITES HIS COWBOY POETRY TO THE GUESTS AT THE FOUNDATION NIGHT DINNER ON FRIDAY.



ING OF 100 INVITED TROPHIES AT THE DALLAS MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. THE FUNCTIONS FOR ASSOCIATES ALSO INCLUDED A FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER, THE WONDERFUL SATURDAY 22ND AWARDS PROGRAM LUNCHEON, AND SEVERAL CLINICS RANGING FROM SCORING TO BEAR HUNTING. IT WAS A GREAT EVENT, AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED ENJOYED THEMSELVES IMMENSELY.

The Friday night dinner program, which I had the pleasure of emceeding, featured entertainer Billy Ellis, who gave us rambling and hilarious takes of southern hunting experiences in his deep Louisiana drawl.

On Saturday, the long-awaited and much anticipated 22nd Awards Lunch took place. Former Boone and Crockett President, well-known surgeon and television personality Dr. James "Red" Duke, served as Master of Ceremonies. A total of 105 awards were given and 59 of those were handed out to recipients who were in Dallas to accept them. Three trophies set new World's Records.

The quality of the trophies recognized in Dallas, and in past Boone and Crockett Awards ceremonies, is

so that their children and grandchildren would have a chance to go to a museum of natural history and see an American elk, a bighorn sheep, and other big game animals as they were before they became extinct. It is clear from the trophies we are seeing today that the conservation principles instituted during the past 100 years have worked, and the individuals responsible for the stewardship and conservation of big game, including but not limited to private landowners, state and federal agencies,



LEFT: TED HOLSTEN, CHAIR OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELPS GIB LEWIS, REGULAR MEMBER, AUCTION ITEMS AT THE FOUNDATION NIGHT DINNER.

ABOVE: HELPING GIB KEEP TRACK OF THE HIGHEST BIDDERS IS ERNIE DAVIS FROM TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE.



REGULAR MEMBER, BOB MARCOTTE, DISCUSSES THE NEW B&C BOOKS AND MERCHANDISE WITH GUESTS AT THE FOUNDATION NIGHT DINNER RECEPTION.

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our three consultants participating. Total agreement was reached on each and every trophy, and I was truly proud to be a member of this dedicated group.

Arrangements for the Awards Program and the Club's Annual Meeting were made by Tommy Caruthers, Vice-President of Hunting Ethics for the Boone and Crockett Club, and his wife, Pat. These two worked for many months in advance of the Awards event in Dallas to be sure that all arrangements had been covered and that everything transpired on schedule. We thank them for their diligent and thorough efforts.

The Publications Committee of the Boone and Crockett Club has been extremely busy the past few months. Several new books are now available for sale and will be on the market soon.

We are publishing a second book by Prentiss Gray based on unpublished journals of his travels in Africa in the early part of this century. Prentiss Gray was one of the great hunters of his time. He also took magnificent pictures on all his trips and his style of writing makes for wonderfully easy reading. Prentiss Gray's son, Sherman Gray, who is the former Treasurer of the Boone and Crockett Club, made his father's journals available to be published seventy years after they were written. We are truly indebted to Sherm for his generosity.

The first Prentiss Gray book, From the Peace to the Fraser, was pub-



lished last year and was based on his unpublished hunting journals of his travels in North America. Both of the Gray books should be on your "must read" list.

Prentiss Gray also was the author of the first Boone and Crockett Club Record Book published in 1932. This book has become a classic to all big game book collectors and its value has gone from under \$10.00 when originally published, to over \$2500.00 today. Reprints are available to Boone and Crockett Associates for \$63.95 (Regular price - \$79.95). As Associates of the Boone and Crockett Club, you have a wonderful opportunity to purchase all of the new Club publications at a very, very attractive price.

A new Records of North American Whitetail Deer, 3rd Edition, will be out soon in a trade edition and in a limited trilogy which includes the first two Records of North American Whitetail Deer books. As you all

know, the whitetail is the most hunted animal in North America. The magnificent new World's Record Hanson whitetail, which broke the standing whitetail record which had been in place for over seventy-five years, will be included in the new book.

The Club will publish the Proceedings of the 22nd Triennial Big Game Awards Program that was held in Dallas. This book titled, Boone and Crockett Club's 22nd Big Game Awards,

will be available this October.

The Boone and Crockett Club has been active on other fronts, too. The Club's Summit Conservation Center, located in Missoula, Montana, is now in the throws of extensive interior remodeling. We would love to have you stop by and see some impressive examples of North American Big Game trophies, and to look at our two attractive conference rooms that have been beautifully appointed with Guy Coheleach original oil paintings of big game animals.

In the very near future, the Club hopes to display firearms that have belonged to former Boone and Crockett Club members at the Summit Conservation Center in Missoula. Included will be guns owned by Teddy Roosevelt. Stop by - we'd love to show you around. Our headquarters building is easy to find; it's in downtown Missoula on the south bank of the Clark Fork River. It can easily be seen from any of the bridges spanning the river within the city. Just look for the towers.

If you are in western Montana, we invite you to take some time and stop at the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch west of Dupuyer, Montana. There you will see the sustainable development and wildlife conservation programs instituted by the Boone and Crockett professor at the University of Montana. Our Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch Manager, Bobby Peebles, is very knowledgeable about the studies and research going on at the ranch and would be happy to show you around.



## THE MISSION

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB TO PROMOTE THE GUARDIANSHIP AND PROVIDENT MANAGEMENT OF BIG GAME AND ASSOCIATED WILDLIFE IN NORTH AMERICA AND TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF FAIR CHASE AND SPORTSMANSHIP IN ALL ASPECTS OF BIG GAME HUNTING, IN ORDER THAT THIS RESOURCE OF ALL THE PEOPLE MAY SURVIVE AND PROSPER IN ITS NATURAL HABITATS. CONSISTENT WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, THE CLUB SUPPORTS THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF OUR WILDLIFE HERITAGE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT BY THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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