

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many B&C Associates Had Successful Seasons

Please send your letters to us at Boone and Crockett Club, 250 Station Drive, Missoula, MT 59801. You can also send your letters via e-mail to bcclub@montana.com. We welcome a lively exchange of ideas and suggestions. Associates are encouraged to send their hunting and trophy room stories along with photographs. We try to publish as many letters as possible. Letters are published as written but may be edited for brevity.

ASSOCIATES AND MEMBERS

I'm now an Associate of the Boone and Crockett Club and have been for approximately 10 years. How can I become a regular member?

Randy Ulmer
Cave Creek, Arizona

This is a question that is asked quite often. Below is reprint of an Editor's Note from the Spring 1995 issue of *Fair Chase* that may offer some understanding:

"When the Boone and Crockett Club was founded in 1887 its constitution provided that the 'Club should not consist of more than one hundred regular members, and of such associate and honorary members as may be elected by the Executive Committee.' This small

membership and the organizational values that fostered its quiet, behind-the-scenes approach to supporting wildlife conservation issues became the "trademark" of the Boone and Crockett Club. The types of membership in the Club remained essentially the same until 1986. At that time the term "professional member" [previously associate member] was developed. The term professional member seemed to more appropriately describe the wildlife professionals who participated side by side with the regular members in doing the work of the Club. The term "honorary life member" is a term used to refer to regular members for their distinguished service to the Club. The term "emeritus member" is used to refer to both regular and

professional members who have served the Club for many years and who have chosen to go to a less active status."

"The Associates Program was begun in 1986 in order to involve more persons who were interested in the Club and in furthering the work of the Club. Placing a big game animal in the Awards Program is not a criteria for any of the categories of membership in the Club."

The Club's By Laws state, "In keeping with the desire of Theodore Roosevelt and the Club's other founders, there shall be no more than one hundred Regular Members of the Club." Regular Club members are invited into the Club by current members as vacancies arise.

Winners of the 1997 Associates Drive

We'd like to thank all the Associates who participated in the Boone and Crockett Club's 1997 Associates Drive, as well as our three sponsors, Sturm, Ruger & Company Inc., Leupold & Stevens and Mossy Oak Brand Camo.

The following individuals were drawn as winners. If your name is on the list and you have not been contacted, please call our office immediately.

Ruger Mark II .300 Win. Mag Rifle

1. Gary Gemmel
2. Larry S. Hicks
3. Daniel D. Leonard
4. Keith D. Anderson
5. T. Allan Good

Leupold Vari-X II 3-9x40mm rifle scope

1. Bill Swartwout
2. Virgil Churchill
3. Steve Van Quill

Mossy Oak camouflage outfits

1. Ronald Le Beaumont
2. Marvin Shepard

ASSOCIATES IN THE FIELD



B&C Associate, Dwight Israelsen, sent in this photo of his hunting partner, Bruce Kidman with a buck they took last year in Nevada. Dwight's brother, John, is an Official Measurer for the Boone and Crockett Club.