

## New Editor Selected for Fair Chase



**George A. Bettas**  
Executive Director  
Boone and Crockett Club

JANUARY 1994 WAS THE DEBUT OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF *Fair Chase* under my leadership as Chair of the Associates Committee and editor of the magazine. More than a year before we brought Susan Reneau on board to work on the production of the *Boone and Crockett Club News Journal*. Susan brought a wealth of experience to this role as we charted our course through the transition period between the "News Journal" and the launch of "Fair Chase." Long-time Director of Big Game Records, Jack Reneau, and regular contributor to the Club's Associates newsletter since its inception in 1986 was also an important part of this transition, as were many individual Boone and Crockett Associates and Associates Committee members. This first issue also was the debut of Julie Houk as art director, assistant editor, and technical production director. What started as a dream for the three of us has evolved into a great success for the Boone and Crockett Club and its membership.

The winds of change are upon us again as the Boone and Crockett Club moves into the new millennium with a newly revised strategic plan and a corresponding staffing plan. When I moved on to the Executive Director role this past April the hunt began for a new editor of *Fair Chase*. During the Associates Committee meeting this past December in New York, Ms. Debra Bradbury was selected as the new editor of *Fair Chase*. The choice was unanimous as Debra brings to the position a great deal of experience in the outdoor writing and hunting arena. She is currently the editor/publisher of *Blackpowder Hunting*, which she and her late husband, Basil Bradbury, started in 1990.



DEBRA BRADBURY  
WITH A CAPE BUFFALO  
TAKEN ON SAFARI THIS  
PAST SEPTEMBER.

Debra is an accomplished hunter, as well as an excellent writer and businesswoman. She began hunting with her father at the age of 12 while growing up in Denver, Colorado. From targets and .22s she soon began tagging along on deer hunts with employees of her father who was an engineer with Martin Marietta Corporation, now Lockheed Martin Corporation. She shot her first deer when she was 14. From that point Debra started hunting on her own in Colorado for deer and antelope. Her work in the Wyoming oil fields provided more opportunities for hunting. She took her first elk when she was in her 20s.

Debra's late husband, Basil Bradbury was a big influence on her and she learned a great deal from Basil who was an extraordinary hunter/conservationist. Basil was a well-known member of the Boone and Crockett Club and holds the distinction of having the second most individually taken entries (32) in the Boone and Crockett Club's Big Game Awards Program.

As you observe her work as our new editor you will come to appreciate her knowledge of hunting, conservation, and hunting/outdoor ethics. You will also appreciate her positive attitude and contagious energy of one of the most enthusiastic hunters I have had the privilege of knowing. Welcome Debra!

In addition to Debra, our *Fair Chase* team also includes, Managing Editor/Design, Julie Houk, Assistant Editors Keith Balfour, Craig Boddington, Winifred Kessler, and Jack Reneau. Mary Webster is our copy editor. In my role as Executive Director, I will be moving on to some sort of editor emeritus status, and be available to our team as needed.

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