FROM THE EDITOR

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Beating the Odds

A great number of you are busily preparing your equipment and physical condition for your fall and winter hunts. As the seasons get closer, your anticipation builds and visions of trophy animals fill your dreams. How about letting the rest of us share in your dreams? One of the most satisfying aspects of a successful hunting experience is to replay the hunt for your friends and others who also value and appreciate the challenge of collecting a special trophy. We have started a new section in *Fair Chase* titled "Beating the Odds" (beginning on page 20). It includes stories from regular guys and gals like us who were fortunate enough to take an animal that went in the records books. It isn't written as told to a professional writer, it is written by the hunter, in his own words. Learn from their hunting experiences on how and where they took their trophy animal and see photos of their success.

A Most Unlikely Hunt

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If you have taken a records-book animal in the past, think about sharing your experience with the rest us. Sit down at your computer and pretend the screen is your best hunting buddy and start hitting the keyboard as you tell him all about your hunt. We need all the information we can get describing the hunt. How did you pick where you were going to hunt? Was it in your own back lot or did you spend months studying the records books and maps picking where you went? If you went with an outfitter, how did you select him? What went into preparing for your hunt? How did you feel when you first saw your trophy? Remember, we can always shorten the data you send us, but we sure can't invent any to go with your story. Write far more than you think we could ever use, and it probably will get used.

One day when you are sitting down having a look at your new *Fair Chase* magazine, take the time to notice the changes we have made since we conducted the Reader's Survey almost two years ago. All of the columns have been cut down to one page to make more room for hunting articles — something many of you requested. In the past year we have run a new variety of articles including one on bird hunting in Nevada, a spring turkey hunt, an archery article, and an old-time hunting story. This is all in response to comments you made on your surveys. We are striving to produce the kind of magazine that appeals to the many interests of the Boone and Crockett Club members. Please take a moment to let us know if these are the types of changes you wanted to see. Tell us what you don't like and want to see changed, but also take a moment to let us know what you do like.

Good luck to all of you during the fall hunting seasons and please be safe. ■

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