

FROM THE PRESIDENT



C. Robert Palmer
PRESIDENT
Boone and Crockett Club

Maintaining the Gold Standard of Ethics

The 26th Awards are “in the book.” Each of the participants will continue to be rewarded with the knowledge and recognition that they have achieved the pinnacle of big-game hunting under the exacting conditions of Fair Chase, as defined by Boone and Crockett Club.

Unfortunately, the concept of what gives pleasure and what is legal is sometimes in conflict with our concept of Fair Chase. And that is bad, for those of us who love the chase and for the big-game animals we pursue.

Our goal is to promote the rich hunting heritage of our country, and to do so we must all encourage and teach all hunters to always follow the “Fair Chase Ethic” in the field. No one ever said it would be easy, yet by following the “Fair Chase Ethic” there is tremendous personal satisfaction, and at the end of day, what could be more important?

We of the Boone and Crockett Club maintain the gold standard of big-game hunting ethics under the exacting conditions of Fair Chase! There are no exceptions.

A little known fact is that Jack O'Connor wrote politically charged articles under a pen name. *Gun Digest* in 1968 contained an article by a “Bill Ryan” (actually Jack) titled, “How K. R. Bolz Won the Famous Krautbauer Trophy.” (This article is reprinted in *The Best of Jack O'Connor*). Mr. Bolz was a fictional character who represented all that was bad in hunting. In short, the article is a very funny satire on those hunters who engage in hunting for their own glorification at the expense of the concept of Fair Chase—a practice Jack felt was all too common at the time, and which continues to make headlines today.

I hope the message is clear. We of the Boone and Crockett Club maintain the gold standard of big-game hunting ethics under the

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Sincerely, Bob Palmer

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