

LETTERS & PHOTOS

Associates in the Field

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.

QUALITY IS STILL BETTER THAN QUANTITY

The enclosed is a picture from my first caribou hunt and the bull I harvested while hunting September 1995, near Amichinatwayach Lake, Quebec. This was a fly-in drop camp that was unguided which made it additionally exciting despite the mixture of wind, rain and snow that lasted the better part of six days. How bad was the weather? Consider that after we took the enclosed picture and before we could skin the animal we had to sit behind a large rock for a half hour as a driving mixture of snow and rain drove in on us sideways.

Despite the weather, and only seeing 25 animals the entire hunt, my partner, Buck Schmidt, from Wabasha, Minnesota, and I managed to harvest two nice bulls while hunting together on the second day. The enclosed picture was the lead bull of twelve in one group. Buck and I had spotted him over a mile away while swimming across the lake while the other eleven watched. As the rest followed we took off hoping to intercept. The extreme rock outcroppings and talus made the going slow and treacherous. We would periodically glass to keep track of their position only to be amazed at what ease they could cover the same type of terrain. As luck would have it, they aided in our pursuit by changing directions towards us. The wind was in our favor and we got into position as they swam towards us and the peninsula. I'll never forget the sight of them gathering on the peninsula in a mass, only to see awesome antlers every-

where. To me, they all looked good but I held off to find the leader we saw swimming. When he stepped away I was able to get



a shot that took him at about 75 yards. Buck also, collected a fine bull from this same group.

The bull scored 435 Boone and Crockett points and should hopefully place him officially in the top ten All-Time. This confirms to me that quality is still better than quantity, when I consider we did not see anywhere near the numbers others might usually see on such a hunt. I'd like to thank Buck for giving me a hand and being there to share the moment, neither of us will forget. And our friends, Kurt and Whitey for sharing their fantastic lake trout meal as we shared stories in a warm dry tent.

B&C Associate,
Thomas R. Conrardy

FAMILY AFFAIR

In the Spring '96 *Fair Chase*, you printed a photo of my son, Virgil and his first Coues' deer. We greatly appreciated that! Well, Virgil is a lucky fellow and drew one of the ten antelope tags in Cochise County this year. He killed this beautiful buck on the first day of the

season after we glassed nearly 20 different bucks in an earlier scouting trip and the day before the season. The buck scored 76 points and is from the first good fawn crop (1990) of a group of Chihuahuan pronghorn transplanted into this area in southeast Cochise County in 1988. The ranchers in this area are terrific range managers and we managed to get within 80 yards unseen in the tall grass. Virgil turned 16 on October 1, so this was a heck of a birthday. He is more fun to hunt with



than you can imagine.

We get to hunt Coues' deer the end of this month. We try to hit a different mountain range each year.

Thanks again and keep up the good work. We love the *Fair Chase* each quarter.

B&C Associate,
Dan Robinett

PATIENCE AND SELF DISCIPLINE

I found it very fitting that you included the article, "Oregon's Open Country Mule Deer" in the Summer '96 issue along with the conclusion of "Why Fair Chase?" The Reverend Vitali's philosophical opinions were nicely balanced with Mr. Shaffeld's day by day account of the mule deer hunt with Bill Monson. It appears that the hunt involved great patience and self-discipline, two

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virtues that enhance Fair Chase ethics. I truly enjoyed the story and can appreciate the hard work required by the two hunters in order to reach their goal of obtaining that magnificent trophy buck.

B&C Associate,
Rob Chiappone

ONE FOR THE BOOK

Enclosed is a photo I would like you to consider for your B&C Photo Gallery. I shot this billy in



TIME OUT TO HUNT

Enclosed is a photo of a caribou that I took on the Alaska Peninsula in September of 1995. He grossed at 413 points and netted 398-6/8 points.

B&C Official Measurer,
Lonnie Ritchey

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Please find enclosed three photos for your gallery and readers. The grizzly was taken by me with my son along. It scored 25-12/16 points and was taken near Morice River in 1994. It was over 9 feet long. The photos of the antelope are of myself and fellow hunter from Edmonton, Clarence (left). Both scored over 80 points. They were taken near Milk River, Alberta in the fall of 1995.

Thank you for the excellent publication of *Fair Chase* and I hope you can use them.

B&C Associate,
E.T. Wiggins



Idaho in 1994 and it scored 48-4/8 points and was included in the 22nd Awards Program for 1992-1994. I look forward to seeing this in a future issue of *Fair Chase*. Your magazine is great and I read it cover to cover! Keep up the good work.

B&C Associate,
David G. Paullin



ABOVE: B&C LIFETIME ASSOCIATE, REMO PIZZAGALLI, LEFT, AND GUIDE, SEAN LINGL, NEAR GOLD RING, BRITISH COLUMBIA. HIS ROOSEVELT'S ELK SCORED APPROXIMATELY 280 POINTS. REMO HOPES THAT THE ELK WILL SCORE OVER THE 275 POINT MINIMUM AFTER THE 60-DAY DRYING PERIOD.

BELOW: B&C OFFICIAL MEASURER, CURTIS S. CHASTAIN, LEFT, WITH A STONE'S SHEEP TAKEN WITH SCOOP LAKE OUTFITTERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ATTENTION ASSOCIATES

We'd like to see how B&C Associates fared this hunting season. Send in field photos of you and your hunting partners today for consideration in future issues of *Fair Chase*.

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