

FROM THE EDITOR

Celebrating 25 Years



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This edition of *Fair Chase* celebrates the magazine's 25th anniversary. What started out as a newsletter has grown into one of the finest magazines in the outdoor world. Like most successful endeavors, it took a lot

of effort from a host of dedicated individuals to make it happen. Greg Tinsley, our previous editor, played a great part in our recent successes. All of us at the Boone and Crockett Club, in particular those who work at this magazine, owe him a debt of gratitude for his hard work. We look forward to working with him in many other endeavors in our future.

We also would like to welcome our new hunting editor, Kyle Krause. As you may already know *Fair Chase* is divided into three main sections: conservation history, research and education, hunting ethics and big game records. Each area has a designated editor. The real "worker bees" come from the home office in Montana, led by Julie Houk, with immense help from Tony Schoonen, Keith Balfour, Jack Reneau, Justin Spring, and Karlie Slayer.

Fair Chase reflects the personality of our founder, Theodore Roosevelt. Many know Theodore Roosevelt as a great orator of hunting stories and an ardent hunter-conservationist. He practiced and preached "fair chase" the very name we use as our banner for this magazine. But most importantly, Roosevelt was a renowned scientist. In his last scientific report, Roosevelt lectured before the world's leading scientists—at the National Geographic Society in New York and later that year at the Royal Geographic Society in London—describing his scientific expedition deep into the Amazon Rain Forest. Like Roosevelt, *Fair Chase* takes pride in the quality of its scientific reporting. This, I believe, sets us apart from any other outdoor journal.

In this, our start of the next 25 years, we bring to the readers a series of articles from hunting stories that will appear in our next Awards book and the unique perspective of hunting from a non-hunter who learns to love and understand the quest in spite of not taking the quarry herself. The topics in this issue are vast, ranging from an historical look at Tecumseh Sherman to realizing the possible consequences to wildlife when we flush our cat's litter box down the drain. We will hear of the lessons learned when transplanting elk and how their past experiences influence their survival. As usual, we celebrate the trophies taken in the field. This list does

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not serve as boasting rights but enters our records book as a source of scientific data for our professional members and others.

I would particularly like to direct our readership to an article by Dr. Robert Brown concerning a new endangered species—land managers. The Boone and Crockett Club has been noted for sounding the first alarm bells when any of the North American species are in danger. Here Dr.

Brown sounds a slightly different, but equally important, alarm. All of us who have an interest in the conservation movement need to explore how we can attract talent into the field of conservation and land management. This may be as simple as taking our children away from their digital world and out to experience nature. The future of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation may depend on it.

Enjoy this edition—the celebration of our 25th anniversary, and let us know what you think. We are always striving for improvement. Don't be afraid to contribute a hunting story or two as well. It is with appreciation of our readership that we work hard on this magazine. This issue exemplifies the concepts and beliefs of the Boone and Crockett Club that we may enjoy the outdoors, but most importantly, strive to give to our future generations the same experiences that we enjoy in our lifetime. Unless we endeavor to understand how the intricacies of wildlife and humans interplay, we may lose what most of us feel is the very nature of our existence. ■

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