

FROM THE EDITOR



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In this Issue

Welcome to our spring issue of *Fair Chase*. In this issue we welcome our new Club President Ben Wallace's first column, "Defining the Future of our Club." The Boone and Crockett Club is a living reflection of our founders that must

adapt and adjust to the challenging issues of our times. The principals that guided our Club's inception will never change, but to remain an effective group we must and will periodically re-examine ourselves and strategically plan how and what will define our efforts in the future. This process is underway.

In this issue we look at the Roosevelt Wild Life Station established as a memorial in 1919, coming to fruition after Roosevelt's death. It was supported by Theodore Roosevelt and the Boone and Crockett Club, and it is the only memorial bearing our founder's name that was adapted from plans originally approved by Roosevelt while he was alive. This station serves to promote education and research in wildlife conservation. "Science must remain the backbone of our management action" stated that article's distinguished authors.

To this note we begin a three-part series to educate our readers about the Boone

and Crockett University programs. This may be one of the single great accomplishments of the Club in our modern existence. The Boone and Crockett Professorship programs have been or are in the planning stages at prestigious universities in Michigan, Montana, Texas, Oregon, and Oklahoma. This program is responsible "for teaching the students who will become tomorrow's wildlife professionals."

Our wildlife scientists bring to you the difficulties and challenges that face us in a world of travel and resultant contamination. Read about the alien species and how our grazing practices if not done properly may severely affect our wildlife populations. Dr. Kessler discusses the complexity of wildlife cycles as exemplified by the snowshoe hare and the lynx.

We also celebrate the golden anniversary of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Bill Brassard, Jr., lists its great accomplishments. Our hunting and shooting community owes this organization a lot for defending and protecting our heritage.

Finally I would direct you to an article by C.J. Buck. I have always loved to look at knife catalogues but must admit that I have been perplexed by the multitude of blades to choose from. I asked C.J. to give us his insights in "Choosing the Right Blade." No one has the background to do it better. It's just what I need as I plan my fall hunts! Please enjoy this edition of *Fair Chase*. ■

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