

FROM THE EDITOR



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A Final Note from the Editor

This spring issue of *Fair Chase* will be my last as editor-in-chief. It has been a great pleasure to serve as editor for *Fair Chase* magazine. This is truly a magazine that represents the voice of the Boone and Crockett Club. During my

tenure, I have become friends with many of the conservation scientists, outdoor writers, and sponsors who make this magazine possible. What has impressed me most is the deep respect the Boone and Crockett Club is given throughout our political and scientific communities. This comes through integrity and tradition.

By nature, the Boone and Crockett Club is a conservative organization. However, if we look deeper, this club attempts to mold conservation policy and ethics in a world that is rapidly expanding—much of which threatens the natural beauty and existence of our wildlife and its habitat. In fact, the very foundation of this club was born out of a radical notion that modern civilization can coexist with nature. The divergence that occurred—that we need not practice preservation but strongly strive to scientifically practice conservation—means we can have the best of both worlds: a modern society that utilizes our natural resources and that is guided by science. In the end, we protect North America's natural beauty—our landscapes and the creatures that inhabit them. So far it has been very successful, but it is an evolving process with mountainous challenges.

Howard Monsour (left) and Kyle Krause at the 27th Awards in Reno, in 2010.

This edition of *Fair Chase* magazine exemplified this concept. In "Capitol Comments," Steven Williams explains how the Pittman-Robertson Act has played an important role in funding our conservation efforts. Tarla Peterson in the B&C Professors' Corner presents an interesting concept in how to challenge illegal hunting. If one wants to understand the political aura that surrounds our governmental institutions, Ron Regan's article is a must-read, much as Dr. Jack Ward Thomas' two-part series was in our last two editions.

In this issue, we continue our youth essay contest. Also, Daniel A. Pedrotti Jr. begins a series of thought-provoking discussions and the ethics surrounding hunting. I believe this will become one of the best sounding boards of some of the more controversial issues we face today. Wayne van Zwoll follows his superb article on the Winchester Model 70 with a review of the Remington 700. I suspect if you ask any hunter what is his best rifle, 99 percent of the answers will include one of these two magnificent firearms.

Finally, before I say farewell, I want to introduce the new editor Kyle Krause. Each editor is given the latitude to develop the magazine, and we all add our personal touch! Kyle is a successful businessman. This may serve as a welcome break since the last two editors have been physicians. Kyle is intimately involved in our records committee. Most importantly, he is a much better hunter than I.

Thanks to all of you who have supported me during my tenure. It has been most enjoyable working with you. I will cherish these years for the rest of my life. ■



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