

# ASSOCIATES PROGRAM UPDATE

Welcome Leupold & Stevens, Inc. - Corporate Sponsor of This Issue of Fair Chase



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**This issue of Fair Chase** features Leupold & Stevens as our corporate sponsor. In the world of big game hunting the name Leupold has always meant quality...top quality at a reasonable price. Crystal-clear optics coupled with rugged, weather-proof performance have long been the most revered aspects of Leupold scopes, binoculars, and other optics. Behind all of this quality is a guarantee that is second to none.

There are a few things in life which I simply will not loan to anyone...included among these select items are my rifles and shotguns. My father set a high standard for the maintenance of the equipment on our farm and guns were included. He instilled

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in me the idea that taking care of something is an integral part of ownership. I still have my first .22 and it's condition is as good today as it was in 1952 when my brother, Rich, and I received our first rifles for Christmas... Stevens single-shot .22's. Over the years I observed how poorly many different individuals treated their firearms and I simply decided that loaning one's firearms wasn't a good idea if you did not want to get them "dinged."

As with all rules, there comes an occasion where a rule gets broken for whatever reason. For me it was about ten years ago while hunting spring black bear in Idaho's Clearwater Country. I had taken a very nice cinnamon colored black bear on a steep, wet,

slope that was covered with granite boulders and scree. Dave Zang, my friend and hunting partner of twenty years, was with me and helped me skin the bear and bone out the meat. I loaded most of the meat and hide in my backpack and Dave took what remained. Since my load was much heavier than Dave's he offered to carry my rifle as we descended the steep slope. My first thought was to not let Dave carry the rifle. The slope was steep and treacherous and I was carrying a pack that weighed more than 80 pounds. On second thought I decided to let Dave carry my rifle for me. My "no loan" rule also included a "no carry for me" clause but the occasion seemed to justify letting Dave carry the rifle. I gingerly handed him my .300 Weatherby which I had hunted with for 8 years and which had nary a mark on it. The rifle's stock was a beautiful piece of Claro walnut and was topped with a Leupold 3 x 9 scope.

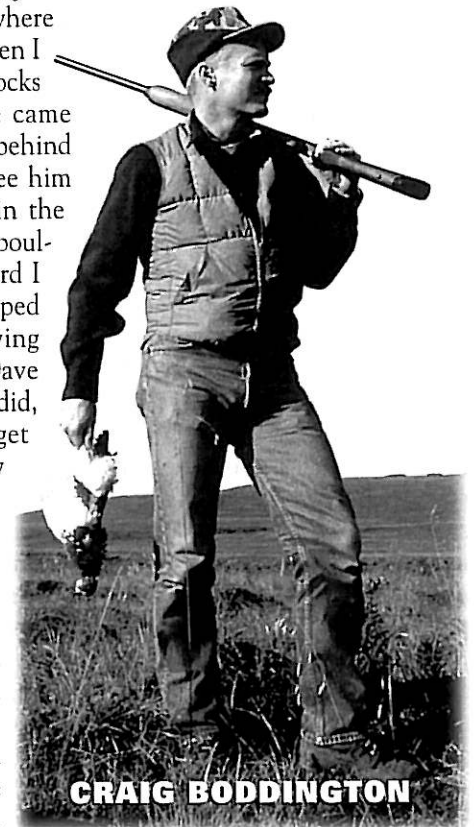
I had not gone twenty paces down the mountain from where I handed Dave the rifle when I heard the sound of rolling rocks and a loud thud as Dave came tumbling down the creek behind me. I turned around to see him lying on top of my .300 in the creek among the granite boulders. Without saying a word I extended a hand and helped Dave to his feet. Knowing how I cherished that rifle Dave probably felt worse than I did, immediately offering to get the rifle "fixed." I simply said, "No Dave. Don't worry about it." How could I ask my good buddy to "fix" my rifle. Meanwhile I worried all the way down the mountain, all the way home, and for some time after I got home.

The scope had taken the brunt of the force of the fall. Although the rifle had

some scratches it was not too difficult to re-cut the checkering and re-finish the "dings" on the stock. The scope was another story. I had to send it back to Leupold.

I called the Leupold factory for shipping instructions and mailed the scope off to Beaverton, Oregon. Within just a week it was back again, looking new again. The cost? I am not sure I recall but I was astonished that it cost so little to repair the scope. I think it was about 25 bucks for shipping and repair. Although I had been a Leupold fan from the "get go", this incident made me one of the true Leupold believers. Since that day I have added quite a number of rifles to my collection and all of them are topped with Leupold scopes with the exception of a Brand X scope that I got on a "good deal" from a well-meaning friend.

I am pleased to welcome Leupold & Stevens as our Fair Chase corporate sponsor.



**CRAIG BODDINGTON**



**WAYNE VAN ZWOLL**

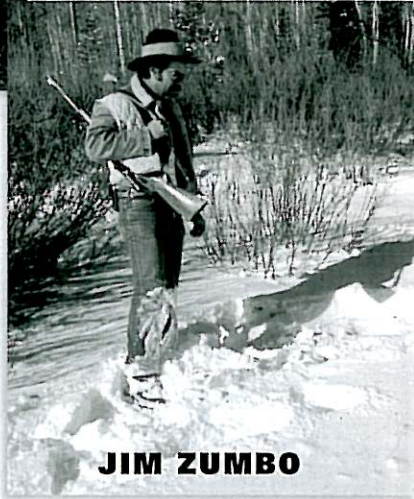
### WELCOME TO WAYNE VAN ZWOLL AND JIM ZUMBO

It seems as if wherever I go more and more people whom I encounter pay me a compliment on our *Fair Chase* magazine. We have tried to make *Fair Chase* different from the other magazines available on the newsstand. From your comments, it appears that we are accomplishing our goals of doing this. One of the most important values which Julie Tripp and I have in common is that we are not content with the last issue being the best issue. We are always looking for ways to improve the "next issue." This attitude is paying off and we appreciate and welcome your feedback. Let us know how you like our *Fair Chase* magazine. I use the term "our" because *Fair Chase* is truly a team effort. Each issue involves Julie's creative approach to the design and layout of *Fair Chase*, the wealth of hunting expertise and great writing of our regular contributors and finally the stories our Associates contribute. These qualities all contribute to our team effort.

Quality publications attract quality writers. People like to be a part of a quality organization. Craig Boddington's wealth of hunting knowledge and his great

writing have been an integral part of *Fair Chase* since the beginning. Craig has set the standard for us and his writing has contributed immensely to the overall editorial quality of *Fair Chase*.

This month we welcome Wayne van Zwoll and Jim Zumbo to our team of contributors. Wayne has made his mark in the



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outdoor writing world as a top notch writer with a wealth of knowledge to offer his readers, especially in the arena of rifles and cartridges but other areas as well. In addition to being a great writer, Wayne is also a scholar and a teacher. While working on his PhD at Utah State University Wayne is teaching college English classes. We are pleased to include Wayne's article on moose rifles and cartridges in this issue. Welcome Wayne!

Jim Zumbo is Hunting Editor of *Outdoor Life* and has been an editor with that magazine since 1978. Jim's writing is well-known in the outdoor publications arena. I have always enjoyed Jim's approach to writing and his ability to spin tales of hunting experiences with levity. You will enjoy Jim's moose hunting article in this issue. I also encourage you to check out Jim's newest book, *To Heck With Moose Hunting*. Welcome Jim!

# B&C CLUB'S LIFETIME ASSOCIATES

In 1994, the Boone and Crockett Club developed a Lifetime Associates Program. Our first Lifetime Associate was George P. Mann of Opelika, Alabama who signed up in April of 1994. Since that time we have had another 25 dedicated hunters join the Lifetime Associates Program.

When you join the Lifetime Associates Program you receive the following items and benefits:

- ▲ Lifetime subscription to *Fair Chase*,
- ▲ A Bob Allen long sleeve shooting shirt, exclusively embroidered for Lifetime Associates,
- ▲ A brown duck-cloth hat with a leather bill,
- ▲ A personalized full-color Lifetime Associate plaque,
- ▲ A wallet identification card and pewter lapel pin,
- ▲ A 20% discount on all Club books and merchandise,
- ▲ A considerable tax deduction for your contribution,
- ▲ Plus special invitation to attend select Club activities.

If you're interested in the Boone and Crockett Club's Lifetime Associates Program please contact our headquarters at 406.542-1888. The cost for the Lifetime Associates Program is \$1,000. We do offer two payment plans other than full payment: 1) four quarterly charges to your credit card of \$250.00; or 2) twelve monthly charges to your credit card of \$83.34.

### Here's a list of our current Lifetime Associates:

1. **George P. Mann** - Opelika, Alabama
2. **James J. Shinnars** - Saginaw, Michigan
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5. **Gary Grant** - Sachse, Texas
6. **George E. Mann** - Opelika, Alabama
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9. **Stephen C. Walker** - Tiburon, California
10. **Ben Cerven** - Northumberland, Pennsylvania
11. **Hanspeter Giger** - Charlotte, North Carolina
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22. **Lonnie Ritchey** - Moreno Valley, California
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26. **Carl L. Absher** - Quarryville, Pennsylvania