

# ASSOCIATES PROGRAM UPDATE

## Thanks and Good Wishes to Daniel A. Poole



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DAN POOLE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SINCE 1952. HE BECAME A BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB PROFESSIONAL MEMBER IN 1966 AND WAS MOVED TO EMERITUS STATUS IN 1993.

Over the past twenty-five years, Dan has been the Boone and Crockett Club's eyes and ears in Washington, D.C. As President of the Wildlife Management Institute he began writing the Capitol Conservation column in the *Associates Newsletter* in August of 1986. Whether he was providing us with insight on what to expect from the Clinton Administration, advising us of the disease threats posed by game

tor of the National Rifle Association. Desiring to slow down a bit, get away from the everyday politics of Washington and enjoy his retirement with his wife Dorothy, Dan has turned his column over to Rollin D. Sparrowe who is the current President of the Wildlife Management Institute. We appreciate Dan's many valuable contributions to the Boone and Crockett Club and wish him many days afield with rod and gun enjoying the wildlife and wild places he has worked so hard to perpetuate, conserve, and protect.

### WELCOME ROLLIN D. SPARROWE!

Rollie Sparrowe has been a Boone and Crockett Club Professional Member since 1991. He is eminently qualified to continue Dan Poole's work with our Capitol Conservation column. Rollie has had a 22 year career in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in research, migratory bird management and administration. Rollie is currently the President of the Wildlife Management Institute

### SOME THOUGHTS ON FAIR CHASE...

It seems as if not a week goes by anymore that I do not have a conversation with someone, somewhere about the concept of fair chase as it relates to hunting. This past month, Boone and Crockett Club members, Dan Pletscher, Ted Vitali, Dr. Red Duke, Jayar Daily and I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on this concept and have attempted to articulate what fair chase is to reporters who are not hunters or are perhaps anti-hunters. Ted Vitali has written a very thoughtful article on fair chase from a theoretical and philosophical perspective. For those of you who do not know Ted, he is the chairman of the philosophy department at Saint Louis University. We will publish this article in two parts beginning with the Spring 1996 issue of *Fair Chase*. It is definitely "food for thought."

We received a very thoughtful and provocative letter from Raymond Sandoval in New Mexico. In his letter Raymond expressed his concerns over the Boone and Crockett Club accepting trophies which are taken on private ranches where the hunter pays a fee to hunt. Raymond believes fair chase should be defined as chase in the public domain, not private reserves. Since the Boone and Crockett Club's Fair Chase Statement precludes trophies taken behind "high fences" my assumptions is that he means trophies taken on any private land or more specifically, private land where a fee is charged to hunters. If we think about this for a bit there are some interesting aspects of this issue. We will continue this discussion in the next issue of *Fair Chase*.



IN 1988, DAN POOLE, LEFT, RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. DAN RECEIVED TWO WILDLIFE BIOLOGY DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY, A BACHELOR'S IN 1950 AND A MASTER'S IN 1952.

farm animals or keeping us abreast of the activities of Congress, his articles have always been timely and on target.

Dan served as President of the Wildlife Management Institute from 1970 to 1987 and chairman of the board from 1987 to his retirement in 1991. During this same period of time Dan has served as chairman of the Natural Resources Council of American and has been a Direc-

which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving management of wildlife and habitats. From his location in Virginia, Rollie will work hard to keep us up to date on the issues and happenings in Washington. His current column gives us all some excellent insight to the perils which face us under the current Congress. I encourage you to read Rollie's column and be informed on these issues.