

# ASSOCIATES PROGRAM UPDATE

## Fair Chase Welcomes New Assistant Editors



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**This quarter I would like** to welcome a series of new assistant editors who will work with Julie Tripp and myself in putting together this and upcoming copies of *Fair Chase*. The new assistant editors include:

Wini Kessler, Ph.D., will be our conservation editor. Wini's charge will be to solicit and edit "cutting edge" articles on conservation related issues that will be of interest to our Associates. Wini is a professor of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia where she also serves as the Chair of the Forestry Program. Wini is a professional member of the Boone & Crockett Club who brings a wealth of experience and energy to the *Fair Chase* staff. Wini is an ardent hunter who hunted black bear, goose, and mountain goat in British Columbia this year. You will enjoy Wini's article in this issue entitled, "Traditional Use: A Conservation Issue Worth Speaking Out About" on page 34.

Robert H.

Hanson is a regular member of the Boone and Crockett Club and will be responsible for selecting and editing hunting stories from the stories submitted by our Associates. Bob will also be soliciting hunting stories from the owners of trophies submitted for inclusion in the Boone and Crockett Club's Award Programs. Bob is the Senior Vice President,

Corporate Development of Greenstar Telecommunications Inc. Bob has extensive hunting experience and has hunted most species of North American big game. He is also active in many conservation related organizations including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Game Conservation International, to name just a few.

Dale Toweill, Ph.D., will be the assistant editor responsible for the annual special issue of *Fair Chase* which will be published beginning this coming spring. The special issue of *Fair Chase* will be mailed to all Associates in addition to your regular quarterly issues. The special issue will be dedicated to critical hunting and conservation issues with authors selected for their expertise on a specific topic. You will be pleased with the first of the special issue series under Dale's editorship. Dale is currently the Wildlife Program Coordinator with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Dale has hunted throughout most of North America and parts of Africa. Dale is currently a co-author of *Elk of North America: Ecology and Management* with Jack Ward Thomas, the Boone & Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation at the University of Montana, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Dale is also working on a new publication, *The Wild Sheep of North America*, with Dr. Valerius Geist, to be published jointly by the Boone and Crockett Club and the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

### BOONE & CROCKETT WILDLIFE WORKSHOP SLATED FOR JUNE 1998

The 1998 Big Game Awards Program slated for June 12-13, 1998, in Reno, Nevada, will feature the first Boone and

Crockett Wildlife Workshop. This new program will be held concurrently with the 23rd Big Game Awards Program. This program will be organized by the Professional Members of the Boone Crockett Club and co-chaired by Fred Bryant, Ph.D. and Wini Kessler, Ph.D. I have already noted Wini's qualifications for this role. Fred is the Director of the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University. He brings a wealth of experience to this position including university administrative and teaching experience and leadership roles with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Board of Directors, The Wildlife Society and the International Society for Range Management. Fred and Wini and their committee of Professional Members plan to bring you a very interesting series of presentations on topics related to many of the following subjects:

- ▲ Status of our knowledge in the management of big game populations;
- ▲ Biology and/or ecology of big game species;
- ▲ New ideas and provocative theories in big game management;
- ▲ Hunter ethics;
- ▲ New or innovative research applications toward management, e.g. GIS, molecular biology, hormones, and pheromones;
- ▲ Other interesting and exciting subjects of interest to Boone and Crockett Associates.

Speakers and panelists will be noted wildlife professionals in state, federal, private sector and university positions. They will be selected based upon their ability to deliver sound ideas or thought-provoking discussions. Dry, boring lectures on mundane topics will be avoided at all costs.▲▲▲

**Mark your calendars  
now and plan to join us  
for the 23rd Big Game  
Awards Banquet and  
the Boone and Crockett  
Wildlife Workshop  
June 12-13, 1998,  
in Reno, Nevada.**