

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send your letters to us at Boone and Crockett Club, Old Milwaukee Depot, 250 Station Drive, Missoula, MT 59801. We welcome a lively exchange of ideas and suggestions. Associates are encouraged to send their hunting and trophy room stories along with photographs. If you have questions, please call the editors at 406.542-1888. We try to publish as many letters as possible. Letters are published as written but may be edited for brevity.

## THE DE-BAIT CONTINUES

My letter is in response to "No Bait or Hounds."

Our early ancestors used dogs to bay game then used clubs to harvest the animal. Dogs were a tool used as a means to harvest game. In later years we developed high powered rifles that will shoot six and seven hundred yards, and added high powered scopes as a tool to harvest game. We also stopped foot travel as a means to get to the game. We came up with new tools to get us there such as horses and automobiles.

Now if we are going to eliminate dogs as a tool to harvest game be it lions, bears, or game birds what other tool should we eliminate? Should we go back to clubs and foot travel?

I feel by one group of hunters going against the other is just what the anti-hunters want. Some sportsmen seem to think if I don't bow hunt, or run hounds, bait, or trap no one else should do it either. We should respect each individual sport.

Thank you,  
Mary Hershberger

If the term "Fair Chase" is somehow a measure of hunting effort, of countless days spent afield, of only occasionally a glimmer of success in the vast darkness of failure and frustration, of intimate relationships with land and weather and animals, then hunting with hounds is the ultimate "Fair Chase."

And I think Theodore Roosevelt would agree.

Respectfully,  
Fred Peters, D.D.S.

EDITOR'S NOTE: LOOK FOR "POINT/COUNTERPOINT" IN THE SPRING 1995 ISSUE OF FAIR CHASE WHERE WE WILL ADDRESS BOTH SIDES OF THE BAIT AND HOUNDS CONTROVERSY.

## TWO MAIN BEAMS GOING DOWN

When you look at the picture of my deer it will be clear to you that the main beams on both sides curl

downward instead of up and out. When I took my deer to the "Deer and Turkey Expo" in Columbus, Ohio, in March of 1994 the Editor of "North American Whitetail" Mr. Gordon Whittington, took pictures of my deer and also took some of my pictures I had taken of my deer from the right and left side views. I asked him, "Have you ever seen a deer where both main beams curl downward?"

He said, "I have seen deer where one side will curl downward and the other is normal or almost normal, but I have never seen or heard of one like yours."

Mr. Whittington is checking his records and with anyone else who may know if another deer like mine has ever been shot.

Thank you for your time,  
Mr. Ed Page

## PRONGHORN PRAISE

All of the stories in *Fair Chase* are great but the one on aging antelope was especially great.

Keep up the great work.  
Thanks,  
Jerrell Coburn

EDITOR'S NOTE: DR. PHILIP L. WRIGHT'S COLUMN, MIXED BAG, FEATURES INFORMATION ON AGING BIG GAME ANIMALS AND RELATED TOPICS. THIS ISSUE BEGINS A TWO PART SERIES ON SHEEP.

## 22ND BIG GAME AWARDS PROGRAM

I have just noticed after picking up my last *Fair Chase* magazine and re-reading it for the uncountable number of times, that I have not received my Fall issue as of yet.

I would also like more information on the 22nd Big Game Awards Program in Dallas, Texas. I also notice after looking at the typical whitetail deer class that over 1/3 of all trophies in that class in 1993

came from my home state of Illinois.  
Proud Illinoisan  
Larry A. Riebke

EDITOR'S NOTE: YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING 22ND BIG GAME AWARDS PROGRAM IN DALLAS, TEXAS ON PAGE 9 OF THIS ISSUE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A MAILING INVITING ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATES LATER THIS SPRING.

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