

ASSOCIATES PROGRAM UPDATE

Lifetime Associate Number One - George P. Mann



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ABOUT A YEAR AGO I RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM ASSOCIATES WHO WERE INTERESTED IN MORE THAN A ONE-YEAR OR TWO-YEAR ENROLLMENT IN THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB ASSOCIATES PROGRAM, IN FACT, THEY WERE INTERESTED IN BECOMING LIFETIME ASSOCIATES. THIS WINTER THE CLUB DEVELOPED A PROGRAM FOR LIFETIME ASSOCIATES AND THE FIRST PERSON IN LINE WAS MR. GEORGE P. MANN OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA. CONSIDERING MR. MANN'S LIFELONG INVOLVEMENT IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND THE SPORT OF HUNTING, IT IS NO SURPRISE TO THOSE WHO KNOW HIM THAT HE IS THE FIRST BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB LIFETIME ASSOCIATE.

George P. Mann is an Alabama native and is the President and Chairman of the Board of Opelika Welding, Machine, & Supply, Inc. which is a metal fabricating firm that fabricates just about anything from chair frames for a local firm to transformers for General Electric.

George has been a lifelong hunter and conservationist. Mr. B.J. Armistead Sr. started George whitetail hunting

on his home place in Jefferson, Alabama, in 1950, when George was ten years old. Since then George has taken big game trophies from throughout North America, mostly with a bow and arrow. His wife, Lucretia Yoe Mann, and his children, Sandra, Luanne, and George, all share his enthusiasm for hunting. Lucretia was the only woman in the state of Alabama to be named among the top 10 turkey hunters in the state this year. She was the only one of the ten hunters who took a turkey with a bow and arrow.

George has been honored by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation as the "Conservationist of the Year" on two different occasions. George is described as "a conservationist at heart" who takes great interest in promoting the teaching of young people about wildlife, hunting and conservation. Using his company's property as a teaching laboratory, George has tutored 186 first time hunters in the taking of their first deer. These

hunters have ranged in age from 6 years to 84 years! George recently noted, "My life has been enriched greatly

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It is indeed fitting that George P. Mann is our first Boone and Crockett Club Lifetime Associate!

Associate subscriptions are available for one year/\$25, two year/\$45, five year/\$100, or Lifetime/\$1,000. For more information about the Boone and Crockett Club Associate Program contact Club Headquarters at: 250 Stations Drive, Missoula, MT 59801, or call 406.542-1888.

GEORGE P. MANN TOOK THIS WHITETAIL IN JANUARY 1994 NEAR OPELIKA, ALABAMA. THIS BUCK IS A DESCENDANT OF THE 13 WHITETAILS THE STATE OF ALABAMA ALLOWED GEORGE TO TRAP AT MR. B.J. ARMISTEAD'S PLACE ON THE TOMBIGEE RIVER NEAR JEFFERSON, ALABAMA, AND TRANSPLANT ON THE OPELIKA, ALABAMA, PROPERTY WHERE GEORGE NOW HUNTS. THE DEER SCORES 163-4/8 POINTS.

