

# FROM THE EDITOR



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It certainly was never my thing. Personally, I am a devout disciple of the Jack Ward Thomas school of “the stalk is everything, the shot is nothing”. I guess it became obvious to me when my hunting buddies and acquaintances finally quit talking about those ridiculously long distances and went back to comparing notes on closing the distance. Even bragging as to whose shot was the shortest! Those stories invariably include the revelation of senses triggered from within never before experienced. There is something mystical in regards to the combination of the rut, dirt, urine, adrenaline, near-success, and near-failure flowing through both hunter and hunted separated by a few short paces.

*“My B&C stalk, an above-the-Arctic Circle moose at 33 yards. Just the two of us. Me and the moose nearly the same age; me, just smart enough to get myself killed, him, the monarch of the Sheenjeck relegated to a non-god by the two cows nearby and the waning days of autumn. Thirty-two years later, the whole crazy affair still seems like just last season.”*

To celebrate this return to the basics, Mr. Chuck Adams, B&C Professional Member and bowhunter extraordinaire, returns to the pages of *Fair Chase* with “Up Close and Personal.” Designed to entertain and educate, Chuck’s recurring contribution will celebrate the thrill of the stalk. If you are unfamiliar with Chuck Adams, research is mandatory. As a second-generation career outdoor writer (Jack O’Connor was the first generation), Chuck has spent a lifetime defining successful hunting. Chuck is the consummate role model having forged his successes from hard work, sacrifice, commitment to excellence, and an entrepreneurial spirit. In many ways—as the first person to harvest all the North American species with bow and arrow—he has redefined hunting. His legend is built upon an unwavering commitment to fair chase hunting.

If you fancy yourself an outdoor writer of the next generation, the crossbar is set way high. Successful hunting can accept failure. It does not accept behavior outside the definition of fair chase. Jack and Chuck have blazed the trail. Who is next? ■

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