

THIS FAMILY WE HAVE BUILT

Happy New Year! As I sit in deep South Texas, I am enjoying watching the sunrise and observing the wildlife as they start their day. This view is quite different from the one I had last year during a memorable hunting trip to Tanzania, one of the most exhilarating and historical places in all of Africa. While there, seeing Mount Kilimanjaro at sunrise and the Serengeti plains covered with antelope was life-changing for me. I realized, however, that even in such contrasting places like South Texas and Tanzania, the conservation struggles, dilemmas, and impending threats are similar—even the same in some cases!

These observations caused me to reflect on the role of the Boone and Crockett Club, and other conservation organizations, in continuing to meet the wildlife management challenges of today and tomorrow. I have learned, especially in the last two years, that today's world has little respect for anything but perceived growth, and our task is to ensure that our wildlife resources are protected and can still prosper as the world changes and

evolves. With great pride, I look back at the Club's efforts to embrace these changes and work diligently to make sure that all people, young and old, here and afar, retain the opportunity to hunt, fish, and take pleasure from watching wildlife come alive at dawn—from the South or from across the ocean. We are eager and ready to take on additional challenges as time goes on.

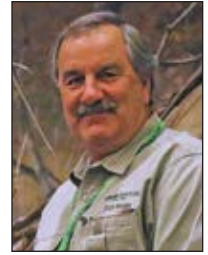
After a year of working in a pandemic and taking extreme precautions to maintain the health of our membership, the Club was finally able to gather safely, and in-person, to acknowledge and celebrate some significant conservation milestones. For example, last summer, our Club celebrated the 20th anniversary of the founding of the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP) in Missoula, Montana. We met with representatives from more than 50 of the nation's top hunting conservation organizations that work together through the AWCP, and we discussed current priorities for the Club and our administration, including conservation funding, infrastructure policy, climate change, and more.

For years, the AWCP has cemented many of these individual organizations'

missions and resources for a cause greater than what any single group can achieve through individual goals. We believe the support of many organizations banding together in managing wildlife resources through effective policy decisions—like that which the AWCP fosters—will be necessary in the years to come.

In December, our Club members convened in New Orleans, Louisiana, to hold the Boone and Crockett Club's 134th Annual Meeting. This was the first time I was able to see my friends—this family we have built—in person since 2018. Through various committee meetings, we heard presentations covering a variety of topics ranging from wildlife disease and hunter recruitment to forest health and conservation policy. At the meeting, the Club announced a formal partnership with the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) through a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Directed by Professional Member, Jeff Crane, it not only mirrors our advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., but also helps strengthen our positioning and messaging with, and among, state and local governments. This MOU signifies a true partnership, and we

FROM THE PRESIDENT



James F. Arnold
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are excited to have a larger supporting role in future collaborations with the CSF.

As time goes on, our responsibility to conserve wildlife and wild spaces will evolve, and we must continue to find ways to partner and build relationships with other people and organizations that align with our mission and goals for the future. We continue to face great challenges, and the professionals in our ranks will certainly be tested in addressing these challenges, which include this pandemic and its effects on wildlife management and conservation—and a changing climate. At the end of the day, it will take all of us to work together to enhance the protection of North American wildlife and wildlands—and beyond. I am proud to say that we will not stop efforts to address these challenges, on all fronts, as they arise.

I pray for you all to have a safe and productive 2022, and God bless America. ■

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "James F. Arnold". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a background of a sunset over a field.

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On December 4, 2021, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), the leading advocate for sportsmen and women in the political arena, and the Boone and Crockett Club (B&C), America's pioneers of conservation, announced a formal partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the Boone and Crockett Club's 134th Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Defining and establishing a recognized partnership between CSF and B&C—at the state, regional and national levels—will benefit each organization by leveraging the unique expertise and resources of the other through collaboration.

Both CSF and B&C are positioned to advance conservation goals that benefit America's sportsmen and women. The establishment of a coordinated working relationship provides an opportunity to combine the power of CSF's sportsmen's caucus infrastructure and expertise with B&C's influential network of conservation professionals and regular members across the country.

Through the partnership, CSF will work closely with B&C to identify and track legislation that affects the conservation of our nation's natural resources. Working together, both organizations will leverage their reach, resources, and expertise to facilitate a strategic path forward on federal, state, and regional policy issues to advance shared goals.

The adoption of the B&C-CSF MOU represents the evolution of a decades-long working relationship between the two organizations that has produced numerous wins for sportsmen and women. Most recently, the two organizations worked successfully in advancing a number of legislative wins including the enactment of the Great American Outdoors Act, establishment of a Hunt Fish 30x30 coalition, passage of an anti-poaching bill in Oregon and the enactment of HB 647, which restructures the costs of Montana non-resident hunting licenses.

"CSF and the Boone and Crockett Club are no strangers to one another having been in the trenches, working together for many years, as we both recognize the immense contributions of America's hunters and anglers to conservation," said CSF president and CEO Jeff Crane. "We are excited to establish a formal partnership to foster and further conservation interests of this nation's great outdoor traditions."

"For decades, the Boone and Crockett Club has worked closely with CSF and shared many successes for hunting and conservation," said B&C Chief Executive Officer Tony A. Schoonen. "With the ongoing challenges to ensure a future for wildlife and wild places, formalizing a partnership that builds on the strengths of both organizations will be a great benefit to our sporting and outdoor community."



CSF and B&C look forward to collaborating in support of a long-term strategy that delivers successful outcomes for conservation. Together, CSF and B&C will continue to identify relevant policy priorities and get those priorities in front of the appropriate agency and legislative bodies in support of our shared hunting and angling heritage.

B&C President Jim Arnold (left) and CSF President/CEO Jeff Crane (right) sign a partnership agreement while B&C CEO Tony Schoonen and B&C Member and CSF Board Chair Simon Roosevelt look on.



THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB ASKS THAT YOU PLEASE THANK OUR TRAILBLAZERS WITH YOUR PATRONAGE.