

JACK
STEELE
PARKER

GENERATION NEXT

FINAL SCORE	GROSS SCORE	LOCATION	HUNTER	DATE	MEASURER
BLACK BEAR					
21	2/16	Lunenburg Co., VA	Michael C. Stanford	2015	M. Walls
21	1/16	Navajo Co., AZ	Jacob Smitheal	2018	R. Grace
20	13/16	Marshall Co., MN	Morgan J. Burns	2018	R. Dufault
20	8/16	White Mountain Apache Res., AZ	Josh Boyer	2018	R. Grace

TYPICAL WHITETAIL DEER					
171	172	5/8	Boone Co., MO	Cole L. Graves	2018 L. Lueckenhoff

NON-TYPICAL WHITETAIL DEER					
188	195	3/8	Washington Co., TX	Sidney L. Smith	2018 S. Damron
186	3/8	193	Cedar Co., IA	Koby R. Johnston	2007 S. Grabow

BIGHORN SHEEP					
185	6/8	186	5/8	Teton Co., MT	Anita L. Garcia 2018 R. Burtis

The Boone and Crockett Club would like to celebrate young hunters who have embraced the outdoor way of life and embody the spirit of fair chase hunting. The following is a list of the most recent big game trophies accepted into Boone and Crockett Club's 31st Big Game Awards Program, 2019-2021, that have been taken by a youth hunter (16 years or younger). All of the field photos in this section are from entries that are listed in this issue and are shown in **bold orange text**.

This listing represents only those trophies accepted since the Winter 2019 issue of *Fair Chase* was published.



MORGAN J. BURNS



KOBY R. JOHNSTON

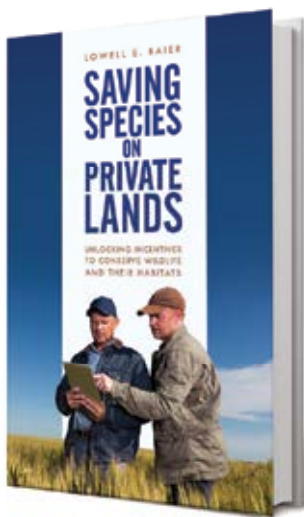


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■ CHASE COPELAND

Chase (12) is my youngest grandson, and he wrote this paper at the beginning of the school year for his middle-school Humanities class in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He received an A. Chase started going to South Texas with me, his older brother and sister (now 18 and 16 respectively) and their dad over Thanksgiving when he was 7, as did the other grandchildren. He started out with a BB gun to learn gun safety and marksmanship. He carried that Daisy Red Ryder with him in the truck and the blinds for two years. He then graduated to a .22 and took his first game, a cottontail rabbit. He now carries a .243 Remington Youth Model and has taken a doe, his first buck and a hog. Along with firearm safety, these special Thanksgiving trips have provided the opportunities to teach them all about habitat, game management, ethics, sportsmanship, respect for the animals, Fair Chase, and of course aging whitetail deer on the hoof.

You won't be surprised to hear that it's my favorite hunt.

Ben Hollingsworth
B&C Past President and Regular Member

Hello Ms. Atack,

My name is Chase Copeland. I am very excited to have you as my Humanities teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. One thing I would personally like to change about the world is people's thoughts about hunters. Hunters don't usually kill animals just for sport or their pelts, antlers, horns, skull, etc. I would like to clarify that in some cases this is true, because we unfortunately have the problem of illegal poaching which is stripping our planet of some of its most sought-after species. These include elephants for their ivory, tigers for their very valuable pelts and parts used for medicinal purposes, and rhinoceroses that are being killed for their much sought-after horns.

The Boone and Crockett Club is a conservation club that supports hunting fairly, through which I have met many great people. My grandfather is a part of this club and he takes my dad, brother, sister and me down to a lease he has in southern Texas to hunt whitetail deer yearly for Thanksgiving. This is a time at which my siblings and I learn a lot about hunting, respect, life and how to wake up at 5:00 a.m. every morning for a hunt. Whenever we are at the shooting range, talking about hunting or the world's first true conservationist, Club's legendary founder, Theodore Roosevelt, my grandfather never ceases to remind us why it is that we hunt.

He always uses this example to explain to us why we hunt, and every time I think about hunting, I think of the example he shared with me that very day. Hunting is a part of conservation, the act of conserving things; in this case, wildlife. I know that I'll never be able to explain this as well as him, but I will do my best. Here it is: Let's say you have a pond, and with that pond you have a herd of deer that consists of 11 does, four 3-year-old spikes, and five mature bucks (4-7 years old). It is the beginning of the rut, which is mating season for deer which begins in late October through early to mid-November. With the new fawns, this herd can very quickly turn from 20 deer to 32-35 deer.

Legally, a hunter (in Texas) can only kill two antlered deer and four antlerless. If you have all of these deer having two to three quarts of water a day plus the fawns and the extra water the mother does would need to produce milk that is almost 70 percent water for her offspring. During the winter, the water may freeze over and during the spring and summer some may evaporate along with the fact that these deer would need more water during the hotter months. When this happens, the deer might not get enough water, and then if you have three does die, the fawns that these does were nursing may not survive so that means that you could have another three to five deer die. When you have humans involved though, the outcome can be quite different. If you harvest two to four of the mature bucks or spikes, the other deer will not run out of water and the fawns will still have their mothers to protect and nourish them.

I know that the deer death with and without humans involved isn't too much of a difference but once you harvest these deer, they carry delicious meat that can be given to people that need it. And then there's also the fact that you can feed the coyotes with the guts and feed the Caracara (local predatory birds) with the carcass. So with this I would like to add that hunting isn't always for bad reasons; but can even help other wildlife survive, with the bonus of feeding people that might not be able to put enough food on the table for their family or themselves. ■



LEFT: Chase and his dad attended the 30th Big Game Awards Banquet in Springfield, Missouri, last August. RIGHT: Chase and his sister at his grandfather's ranch in South Texas.