

# Since 1887

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*Theodore Roosevelt*

*Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay  
Long Island, N.Y.*

## 133-YEAR SNAPSHOT: BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB 1887-2020

As the Boone and Crockett Club's history liaison one of my tasks is to maintain the Club's historical documents and archives. This is quite a daunting task given the amount of work the Club has accomplished in the last 133 years.

In the past, B&C Regular Member and previous history liaison Leonard H. Wurman wrote a series for *Fair Chase* highlighting the stories and accomplishments of past Club Members. It becomes more understandable that the Boone and Crockett Club has accomplished so much considering the influence and ambition of our membership. We also produced a series that was featured from the Fall 2014 issue of *Fair Chase* until the Spring 2016 issue called *Milestones in Conservation*. This series celebrated the anniversaries of the passage of laws, the establishment of institutions, and the designation of wildlands, which exist today in large part because of the extensive efforts of the Club and its dedicated membership.

The Club is always looking forward to remaining on the forefront of the ever changing landscape of conservation and hunting. I would like to take a moment in the next few issues of *Fair Chase* to look back at how far we have come. ■

*Kendall Hoxsey Onysko*

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Boone and Crockett Club to promote the conservation and management of wildlife, especially big game, and its habitat, to preserve and encourage hunting and to maintain the highest ethical standards of fair chase and sportsmanship in North America.

*Grinnell Geo Bird*

- Oldest wildlife conservation organization in North America, founded in 1887 by Theodore Roosevelt and George Bird Grinnell.
- Initiator and champion of the first National Parks, including Yellowstone, Glacier, Denali, and Grand Canyon.
- Initiator and champion of the first legislation for wildlife, including the Timberland Reserve Bill, Yellowstone Protection Act, Lacey Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Alaskan Game Laws
- Champion of the earliest science-based wildlife management efforts and legislation, including the National Wildlife Refuge System Act, and the creation of the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units
- Champion of the first legislations funding wildlife conservation, including the Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson), and the Federal Duck Stamp Act
- Pioneered and established the principles of responsible, ethical, and sustainable use hunting known as Fair Chase
- Created the first big game scoring and data collection system to objectively measure and evaluate species and population health and habitat quality to improve state and federal wildlife polices and management
- Initiator and champion of all of the principle federal land management agencies, including the US Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Spawned and supported key wildlife conservation organizations, including the New York Zoological Society (1895), National Audubon Society (1905), Wildlife Management Institute (1911), National Wildlife Federation (1937), Ducks Unlimited (1937), and American Wildlife Conservation Partners (2000)

Read more about George Bird Grinnell on page 52.

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