

RECORDS PROGRAM IS REVVING UP

TROPHY TALK



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This quarter, the records department had a busy schedule with two Special Judges Panels and two Official Measurer workshops. The first-ever Special Judges Panel occurred on August 15, 2001, in Missoula, Montana. This panel was convened shortly after the records committee created the Special Judges Panel to promptly verify potential World's Records. Previously, trophy owners had to wait until an Awards Program Judges Panel convened every three years before a World's Record could be declared. This meant those who harvested a trophy at the beginning of an Awards period might have to wait up to three years for verification, which the new Special Judges Panel aimed to address by providing a more timely process.

When a trophy entry score meets or exceeds the current World's Record, the owner can opt for verification through either a Special Judges Panel or an Awards Judges Panel to determine the final score. The purpose of these panels is to verify the

original entry score. A Special Judges Panel consists of a chair and three to four judges—all with extensive knowledge of measuring procedures and policies. The chair is the arbiter for the panel and is also responsible for selecting the measuring team and managing the flow and logistics. Two teams of two Official Measurers independently score the same trophy, and their panel score charts are compared to the entry score chart to ensure adherence to scoring procedures and policies. Any identified mistakes are corrected, potentially resulting in a score change. Since its inception, eleven World's Records have been declared through Special Judges Panels. The inaugural panel in 2001 verified Guinn Crousen's 208-3/8-point bighorn sheep and Vincente Sanchez-Valdepenas' 127-2/8-point musk ox as the first two trophies

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The most recent Special Judges Panels were held to verify two new potential World's Records—one in Missoula, Montana, and the other in Verdi, Nevada. The musk ox panel convened at Boone and Crockett Club's headquarters on March 26, 2024, to evaluate Aron Wark's entry with a score of 131-4/8 points, surpassing the previous record of Alex Therrien's musk ox verified at the 31st Big Game Awards Judges Panel in 2022. The panel comprised Official Measurers Fred King (who participated in the inaugural 2001 panel), Rebecca Spring, Jennifer Schwab, and me, who served as chair. After comparing all score charts, the panel declared Mr. Wark's musk ox the new World's Record at 131-4/8 points.

The next trophy to be panel measured was Timothy Carpenter's Roosevelt's elk. Carpenter chose to convene a Special Judges Panel held in Verdi, Nevada, on April 29, 2024. The panel members included John Capurro, Slade Sanborn, Tim Humes, Jeff Simons, and Victor Clark (chair). With an accepted entry score of 439-7/8 points, the entry exceeded the previous World's Record Roosevelt's elk, which was taken by Rick Bailey, scoring 419-6/8 and declared the World's Record at the 30th Big Game Awards Judges Panel in 2019. After the Special Judges Panel finished measuring Carpenter's

LEFT: The inaugural Special Judges Panel in 2001 verified Guinn Crousen's 208 3/8-point bighorn sheep and Vincente Sanchez-Valdepenas' 127 2/8-point musk ox as the first two trophies through this process. The Official Measurers involved were Fred King, Jack Reneau, Bob Hanson, Stan Rauch, and Randy Byers. **RIGHT:** The Special Judges Panel convened at Boone and Crockett Club's headquarters this year to evaluate Aron Wark's musk ox included Fred King, Rebecca Spring, Jennifer Schwab, and Kyle Lehr, who served as chair.



Roosevelt's elk, they determined the accepted entry score of 439-7/8 points needed to be corrected. With all three score charts considered, the final score for Carpenter's Roosevelt's elk would retain World's Record status with a score of 455-2/8 points.

We also conducted two Official Measurer workshops this spring, a longstanding tradition since the first such workshop was held in 1976 at the Webb Wildlife Center in South Carolina. These workshops provide structured classroom training for measuring all North American big game recognized by the Club, maintaining the standards set at that inaugural event. Traditionally, Boone and Crockett Club and Pope and Young Club conducted separate workshops, but we have combined efforts in recent years. Successful completion now certifies Official Measurers for both clubs.

In April, we held a workshop in Ogden, Utah, in conjunction with the Pope and Young Club's Bowhunters Bash, certifying 21 new Official Measurers. Then in May, we traveled to Minnesota to conduct another workshop, certifying 18 more. These Bowhunters Bash events present an excellent opportunity to socialize with like-minded individuals and support a great organization. We encourage all members to welcome our newest Official Measurers and introduce themselves to those nearby. ■

See the list of new Official Measurers on the next page.

The Special Judges Panel for Timothy Carpenter's Roosevelt's elk, from left to right: Victor Clark, John Capurro, Slade Sanborn, trophy owner Tim Carpenter, Tim Humes and Jeff Simons.



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Aron Wark's musk ox Special Judges Panel



Timothy Carpenter's Roosevelt's elk Special Judges Panel

ATTENTION OFFICIAL MEASURERS:

The 32nd Big Game Awards period closes on December 31, 2024. Any entry received after this date will be entered into the 33rd Big Game Awards program. For trophy entries, here are a few reminders:

- Mailed entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2024.
- Online entries must become a "New Entry" before midnight on December 31, 2024, meaning if there are trophy entries still in "Draft" status in "My Trophies" make sure to advance them to New Entry status.
- Emailed entries must be received before midnight on December 31, 2024. Please send emailed entries to records@boone-crockett.org.
- Entries received after the deadline will still be processed but entered into the 33rd Awards period. Accepted late entries will appear in the *33rd Big Game Awards book*, published in fall 2028. The *32nd Big Game Awards book*, covering 2022-2024, will be released in fall 2025 after the current awards period concludes.

The 32nd Big Game Awards Program will take place in Springfield, Missouri, with the trophy display featured as an exhibit at Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium from May until the end of July 2025. The festivities will kick off with a Welcome Reception on Thursday, July 24, followed by the Jack Steele Parker Generation Next Banquet on Friday, July 25, highlighting youth trophy owners. There will also be events for Official Measurers and members. The program will culminate with the Big Game Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, July 26. The trophy exhibit will remain on display at the Wonders of Wildlife Museum from May through the event's conclusion on July 26.

Official Measurers, members, and all trophy owners are encouraged to join the festivities in Springfield!



WELCOME NEW OFFICIAL MEASURERS



**April 3-7, 2024 — Ogden, Utah
P&Y Bowhunters Bash**

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| Alex Abshire - Washington, WV | Cory Pritchard - Prescott, AZ |
| Jeffrey Simons - Reno, NV | Steven David - Arnaville, LA |
| Andrew Miller - Henderson, NV | Dallin Durfee - Payson, AZ |
| Joey Dianda - Reno, NV | Terry Andersen - Elko, NV |
| Benjamin Elliott - Wellsburg, WV | Daniel H. Clark - Vail, AZ |
| Matt Brown - Grants Pass, OR | Tristan Morris - John Day, OR |
| Chuck Blome - Custer, SD | Brian Curtis - Guymon, OK |
| Kenneth Corrigan - Frenchtown, NJ | Tucker Livengood - Reedsville, WV |
| Connor Bohach - Washoe Valley, NV | Jacob Jones - Oceana, WV |
| Nolan Young - Reno, NV | Taylor Cometto - Sandpoint, ID |
| | Jasper Coutu - Bradford, RI |



**May 15-19, 2024 — Alexandria, Minnesota
P&Y Bowhunters Bash**

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| Cody Johnson - White, GA | Benjamin Tilberg - Arpin, WI |
| David Leon - Sharpsburg, GA | Jeremy Vogel - Eau Claire, WI |
| Josh Adams - St. Ansgar, IA | Jeffrey Sperry - Salem, WV |
| Anthony Scarlin - Redford, MI | Jarred Ehrenberg - Norwood Young America, MN |
| Luke Seedorff - Kalamazoo, MI | Kurtis Vigliaturo - Blaine, MN |
| Trevar Hansen - Valley City, ND | Kristopher Lundell - New Hope, MN |
| Scott Rehak - Williston, ND | Chad Henke - Mineral Point, WI |
| Trenton Kisse - Claremore, OK | Tino Pruneda - Del Rio, TX |
| Jacob Rippey - Henryetta, OK | |
| Kyle Seipp - Dripping Springs, TX | |

B&C SIGN-UP INCENTIVE PROGRAM LEADER BOARD

As of July 15, 2024

CONGRATS TO OUR TOP 10 PRIZE WINNERS!

1. Philip A. Herrnberger - 357
2. Bucky Ihlenfeldt - 202
3. Stanley Zirbel - 196
4. Dale Weddle - 114
5. Ken Witt* - 113
6. Steven Taylor - 109
7. Brett Ross - 73
8. Jerry E. Lunde - 69
9. HP Giger - 48
10. John Bogucki* - 46

*deceased

SEE THE COMPLETE LISTING IN THE COMMUNITIES SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE.



EACH TIME AN OM GETS SOMEONE TO JOIN B&C WE PUT A CREDIT BY THEIR NAME!

HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN

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| 3 Members - | \$25 off any item in the B&C store |
| 5 Members - | Buck Knife |
| 10 Members - | B&C Boyt Sling |
| 25 Members - | OM Wool Vest |
| 50 Members - | SITKA Gear (value up to \$350) |
| 75 Members - | YETI Package (value up to \$500) |
| 100 Members - | Browning Rifle |
| 150 Members - | \$800 Gift Card to Bass Pro Shops/Cabelas |
| 200 Associates - | Vortex Optics Gear (value up to \$1400) |
| 300 Members - | Kenetrek Boot Package (value up to \$1,500) |
| 400 Members - | Browning Rifle (value up to \$1,500) |
| 500 Members - | Hotel & registration plus \$500 travel stipend to the next Awards Banquet |



Would you like to give an Official Measurer credit for your renewal? Let them know when it is your time to renew and they will provide their OMID number to include with your renewal so they will receive credit.