

# END OF THE 32ND AWARDS PERIOD CHECKLIST

And just like that, we've reached the last issue of *Fair Chase* before the close of our 32nd Big Game Awards period. Besides planning for the holidays, our Official Measurers should know an important deadline. The new Official Measurers highlighted in this issue should also have this on their minds. For the others, this will be a refresher from three years ago: The curtain will close on our 32nd Big Game Awards period on December 31, 2024. To be considered for this awards period, all entries must be postmarked by December 31, or all entries submitted electronically must be done by 11:59 PM on December 31. There are no exceptions to this deadline. Worry not, entries that do not make it before the deadline will be entered into our 33rd Big Game Awards period which, will run from 2025-2027.

## DRYING PERIOD

Please keep in mind that for an animal to be officially measured for entry into the awards program, it has to dry at a habitable room temperature for 60 consecutive days. If the antlers, horns, tusks, or skull is frozen, left outside, in an unheated garage, boiled, or degreased, then the drying period is reset. If the animal was harvested on November 1, 2024, and immediately kept at a habitable room temperature for 60 consecutive days, it could potentially be measured on December 31, 2024. If, that is, it is measured after the time of kill. For instance, a white-tail could be shot at 8 a.m. on November 1, and the drying period started as soon as it was brought to a habitable room temperature, such as 8:45 a.m. It would be eligible to be measured after 8:45 a.m. on December 31st and either postmarked that day or submitted electronically and still

be eligible for entry into the 32nd Big Game Awards.

## AWARDS PROGRAM PROCESS

After harvesting a big game animal, the work truly begins. Similarly, once the awards period closes, the real work begins. In the records department, we identify all trophies that rank in the top of their categories and all youth trophies. Then, we send out invitations for the 32nd Big Game Awards program. The first events to take place for the awards are our Judges Panel and Media Summit. The Judges Panel comprises around a dozen judges and a half dozen consultants. The panel's goal is to confirm all entry scores of the top trophies.

Occasionally, scoring policies or procedures are missed, which results in an adjustment to the final score. However, the majority are confirmed with the entry score. The judges are chosen

## TROPHY TALK



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from throughout North America to ensure that we have Official Measurers familiar with measuring all categories recognized. The consultants are usually Official Measurers who have attended previous Judges Panels to bring some continuity to the event and provide guidance on how certain situations were handled in the past. The Judges Panel typically lasts three to four days.

The Media Summit at the 32nd Big Game Awards is an event concurrent with the Judges Panel. The goal is to increase earned media and exposure for our Big Game Awards. Media professionals are invited to attend the summit and learn about the Boone and Crockett Club and scoring. Speakers are



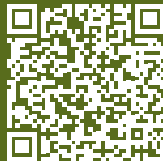
## AWARDS PROGRAM VS. COMPETITION

Originally, our awards periods were called competitions and held every year to judge the “best” trophies. The winners were chosen solely at the discretion of those on the Judges Panel. There was no systematic way to evaluate each trophy; it was qualitative over quantitative. In 1950, the transition began to judge trophies based on the current measuring system, and awards were given to the trophies based on the final score. The verbiage slowly changed from competitions to awards, where the biggest trophies are recognized. They also went from being held annually to bi-annually to tri-annually, where they remain today. We still have Judges Panels at the end of every awards period, and the panels are tasked with verifying all the accepted entry scores of the top-end trophies in attendance.

brought in to speak about the Club, and they are presented with a backstage pass to the Judges Panel. The 32nd Big Game Awards Judges Panel and Media Summit is scheduled for April 2025.

Once all the trophy scores are verified, they are displayed within Johny Morris’ Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium in Springfield, Missouri. We are honored to be able to have an exhibit within a top-notch museum. If you’ve never been, I highly recommend it. The trophies will be displayed from the beginning of May until our event in July.

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32ND BIG GAME AWARDS



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As of October 4, 2024

## CONGRATS TO OUR TOP 10 PRIZE WINNERS!

1. Philip A. Herrnberger - 370
2. Stanley Zirbel - 204
3. Bucky Ihlenfeldt - 202
4. Dale Weddle - 130
5. Steven Taylor - 124
6. Ken Witt\* - 113
7. Brett C. Ross - 73
8. Jerry E. Lunde - 69
9. Hanspeter Giger - 48
10. John Bogucki\* - 46

\*deceased

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- 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.

## RECORDS UPDATE

The records department has been busy conducting Official Measurer workshops. In June, we traveled to our brethren in the north. We were invited by Henry Kelsey Big Game Records, an ancillary body of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, to train those in the province to measure all categories of big game recognized by the Boone and Crockett Club. Alberta and Manitoba sent some representatives as well. The courses were held over a two-week span between Regina and Yorkton. A special thanks to Official Measurers Pat McKenzie and Heath Dreger for their hospitality. Being a lifelong hockey fan, it was a treat to experience the Stanley Cup finals in Canada. Overall, we trained 48 new Official Measurers.

Thanks to an invitation from the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, we instructed some of their staff on the measuring techniques of North American big game. They were very gracious, and we even got a tour of some of their management areas to see some elk, a favorite for me. There are now 22 new Official Measurers in West Virginia.

Please welcome all these new Official Measurers. If you are an Official Measurer who lives nearby don't hesitate to introduce yourselves. ■

Want to Become an  
Official Measurer?



Fill out the Official  
Measurer Application!



### June 15 - 19, 2024 — Regina, Saskatchewan

Chelsea M. Jaeger – Barrhead, AB | Darcy John Van Sprundel – Redvers, SK | Jarret T. Johnson – Dodsland, SK | Kristofer A. J. Skelly – Beaumont, AB | Chester Dodgson – Grimshaw, AB | Clifford G. Wowdzia – Vegreville, AB | Daniel R. "Dan" Grunert – Indian Head, SK | Dylan M.W. Kuschak – Ituna, SK | Ian G. Peters – Lloydminster, SK | Jeff S. Heck – Battleford, SK | Leonard E. Davis – Ponoka, AB | Raymond J. Melom – Grande Prairie, AB | Mr. Scott W. Soyka – Yarbo, SK | Steven D. Little – Biggar, SK | Stu K. Christensen – Shaunavon, SK | Terrance W. "Terry" Brew – Clive, AB | Terry A. Holmstrom – Tisdale, SK | Tyler G. Allemand – Shaunavon, SK | Wade S. Lund – Minton, SK | Ray John Abt – Ponoka, AB



### June 21 - 25, 2024 — Yorktown, Saskatchewan

Catherine Lockert – Canora, SK | Jody Ruszkowski – Saskatoon, SK | Tyson Harris – Stockholm, SK | Jeffrey Jansen – Swift Current, SK | Tyson Ryhorchuk – Regina, SK | Jason Splett – Brandon, MB | Travis Poletz – Perdue, SK | Dylan Kirzinger – Leroy, SK | Tony Antoniadis – Saskatoon, SK | Devan Petruk – Rhein, SK | Rob Ziola – Saskatoon, SK | David Keyowski – Foam Lake, SK | Riley Eiffert – Rhein, SK | Daryl Quesnel – Martensville, SK | Rick Liske – Roblin, MB | Darby Bryant – Broadview, SK | Reg Closson – Stockholm, SK | Cole Blomme – Shaunavon, SK | Michael Foy – Lake Lenore, SK | Christopher Garland – Tisdale, SK | Karl Zimmer – Sherwood Park, AB | Carroll Brownridge – Arcola, SK | Johnathon Geisel – Lampman, SK | Brennan Twerdoclib – Norquay, SK | Brendon LaBatte – Radville, SK | Bowman Bryant – Broadview, SK



### July 8 - 12, 2024 — Logan, West Virginia

Dakota Allen – Alma, WV | Dylan Allen – French Creek, WV | James Fedder – Marlinton, WV | Travis Flanagan – Romney, WV | Nicholas Glotfelty – Huntington, WV | Damian Hawkins – Simon, WV | Brian Kain – Franklin, WV | Logan Klingler – Morgantown, WV | Ryan Leedom – Farmington, WV | Craig McDougal – Phillippi, WV | Heath Miles – Frazier's Bottom, WV | Trevor Moore – French Creek, WV | Kylie Oliver – Danville, WV | Justin Phillips – Roanoke, WV | Mark Richardson – Forest Hill, WV | Jonathan Samples – Ellamore, WV | Russell Shepherd – Elkins, WV | Thomas Stark – Purgitsville, WV | Corey Tucker – Branchland, WV | Tyler Turner – Elizabeth, WV | Zachary Wesner – Cairo, WV | Jacob Wimmer – Joppa, WV