

NEW B&C POLICIES

All trophies entered in B&C go through a very rigorous due-diligence process, which is governed by entry requirements, scoring procedures, and policies. This process ensures that all trophies are correctly scored and that all trophies meet B&C's guidelines and policies.

Chapter 18 of the third edition of the scoring manual, *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies* lists policies in effect up through 2009 when it was published. I suggest you familiarize yourself with these policies if you haven't already done so. You can do so by going to B&C's website and clicking on the **Big Game Records** banner at the top of the home page and then clicking on the heading **General Policies** on the drop down menu.

Since the third edition was published, the Records

Committee has implemented a number of policies that I have discussed in previous Trophy Talk columns. Following are a few recent policies that are immediately effective that I haven't mentioned before, as well as a couple of older ones.

DRONES/UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)

Trophies taken with the use of drones/Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, including scouting, are not eligible for entry in Boone and Crockett Club's Awards Programs.

HANDICAPPED HUNTERS

Trophies taken by qualifying handicapped hunters under circumstances that would otherwise be deemed unfair chase by Boone and Crockett's Entry Affidavit are eligible for entry in B&C's records program on a case-by-case basis and so long as the

trophy was taken in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the country, state/province, and tribal area.

MULTI-ANTLERED CERVIDS

Deer, elk, caribou, and moose with three or more antlers arising from separate pedicels are now eligible for entry in B&C's records program. The lengths of the additional antlers, as well as any points on those antlers, are to be recorded in either the right or left antler abnormal point boxes, whichever is closest to the extra antler(s). If an extra antler is dead center between the two normal antlers, its length can be recorded in the abnormal point boxes for either antler. This policy is retroactive.

B&C has adopted this policy in part so that B&C's and

P&Y's scoring systems can be as similar as possible.

PAINTED BEAR AND CAT SKULLS

All bear and cat skulls entered in the records program must be completely free of paint at the time of measuring. This ensures that precise and correct length and width measurements can be taken and that the skull being measured is real bone. It should be noted that scraping the paint from the points of contact for measuring is an ineligible practice. This policy is not intended to prevent skulls with minor artwork or distinguishing taxidermy marks from being entered.

TROPHY TALK



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BOOK REVIEW

TRANSFER OF TROPHY OWNERSHIP POLICY

Trophies listed in Boone and Crockett Club's records books are frequently bought and sold. When this happens, B&C wants to keep track of the new owner and list him/her in all future records books. In order to transfer ownership of a trophy listed in B&C's records books, the previous or new owner needs to provide B&C in writing with the name and

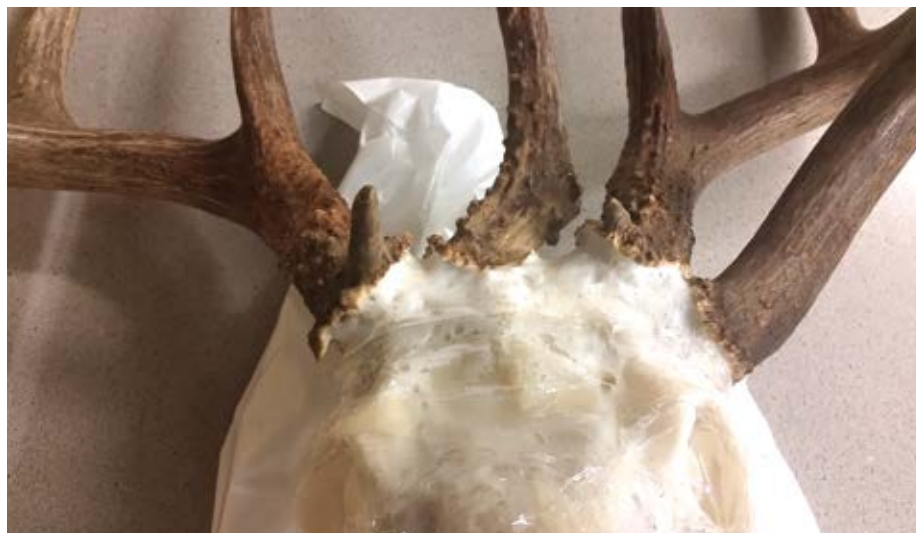
contact information of the new owner, as well as a copy of the bill of sale, letter of sale, auction receipt, etc., before the new owner can be listed in future records books. The transfer of ownership cannot be done with just a phone call.

NEW CATEGORIES PROCEDURE

Contrary to what many people may think, Boone and Crockett Club creates new categories



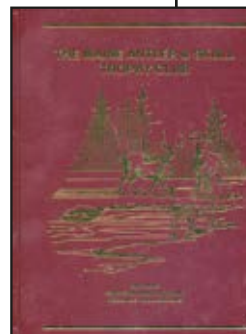
ABOVE: A painted bear skull like this cannot be measured. All bear and cat skulls entered in the records program must be completely free of paint at the time of measuring. **BELOW:** Deer, elk, caribou, and moose with three or more antlers arising from separate pedicels, such as this, are now eligible for entry in B&C's records program.



WISCONSIN TROPHY RECORDS, VOLUME 10

The Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club (WBBC) is proud to announce the release of its most current records book, *Wisconsin Trophy Records, Volume 10*. This 530-page, 8.5x11-inch, soft cover book contains listings of over 19,000 big-game trophies accepted in WBBC's records through 2013. This latest edition is packed with Wisconsin-specific, county-by-county trophy whitetail deer and black

bear, current state records, and top 100 listings for typical and non-typical whitetail deer and black bear. Included are numerous photographs and hunting stories about state record typical and non-typical whitetail deer, black bear, and the state's first wolf entry. The cover and content includes a 100th anniversary celebration of the Jordan Buck, a long-time World's Record and Wisconsin's current state record typical taken with a firearm. Included are nearly 10 detailed pages of the Jordan Buck story, making it one of the best-documented stories ever put together about this historical buck. To order copies go to www.wi-buck-bear.org and order online or print out the order form and mail it with your payment to the WBBC's address. The cost is \$37.95 US per book and includes shipping within the US. Shipping prices may vary for Canadian orders. Prior editions and sets are also available through the WBBC's website.



THE MAINE ANTLER & SKULL TROPHY CLUB, #34/#35

The Maine Antler & Skull Trophy Club's latest records publication includes data and statistics on both the 2011 (#34) and 2012 (#35) hunting seasons. This high-quality, hardcover book, consisting of 355 pages, includes hundreds of current entry trophy photos, scores of hunting tales, dozens of pages of trophy listings of Maine's deer (typical and non-typical), moose, bears, and turkeys, as well as shed antlers. Each category is broken

down by method of harvest. The cost per book, including shipping, for orders within the US is \$35. Credit cards are not acceptable, but you can send a check or money order to: MASTC, 150 Ames Rd, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426. You can email mastc1@gmail.com or call (207)564-7614 for more information about the book.

BOOK REVIEW NOTICE

There are many state, provincial, and private organizations publishing local records books that use Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system with permission of the Club. Since there is no single reference source for these books, and because there are many hunters who collect them, we will review them as time and space permit. Only those books that use the Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system and terminology will be considered for review. Please note that the Boone and Crockett Club cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data contained in these books. Some of the books may include trophies that were not scored by certified Boone and Crockett Club Official Measurers. If there is a question about the status of a trophy listed in any of these books, the Boone and Crockett Club's records books/archives are the final reference source to settle any and all discrepancies.

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from time to time. Since I started working with the records program in 1976, the Club has created six new categories, starting with Roosevelt's elk in 1979. Since then, the Club has created categories for tule elk, non-typical American elk, non-typical Columbia blacktail deer, non-typical Sitka blacktail deer, and Central Canada barren ground caribou. During that same time period the Club has also been asked to create categories for Perry's caribou, wolf, alligators, collared peccaries, and Columbia whitetail deer, and didn't do so.

The Records Committee takes requests to create new categories seriously, as the impact on certain big game populations can be serious and detrimental. When asked by private interests, the Club did not create the Perry's caribou category because of conservation concerns that arose. When B&C contacted

Northwest Territories Department of Environment & Natural Resources about creating a Perry's caribou category, that wildlife agency asked us not to do so because the Perry's caribou population can fluctuate significantly from year to year and undue pressure could be placed on Perry's caribou by increased numbers of hunters trying to take all subspecies of caribou recognized by B&C. Following is B&C's long-standing policy for creating new categories.

CREATION OF NEW CATEGORIES POLICY

New categories are considered by B&C's Records Committee only when the following conditions are met: there are extensive geographical areas where the proposed animals occur; the animals occur in good numbers; suitable boundaries can be drawn; and the game department(s) managing the proposed class

is in favor of setting up such a new category.

OFFICIAL MEASURER RENEWAL

B&C renews appointments of its cadre of Official Measurers every two years, and it is now time to renew for 2015-2016. This tends to be a cumbersome process in the records office, but it is necessary because an estimated 10 percent of people on any mailing list will move or change phone numbers and email addresses every year. The bottom line is that we don't want to lose contact with any Official Measurers as they are the backbone of our records-keeping program. We really appreciate everything that they do to represent B&C.

Thus, Official Measurers should be on the lookout for your renewal notice in the near future if you haven't already received it. Please respond immediately so this process isn't dragged out

for weeks and months without you being renewed. You will receive your notice by email if we have a current email address on file for you. Otherwise you will receive your renewal notice by mail.

OFFICIAL MEASURER EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

We need an email address for every Official Measurer who has one. Official Measurers who receive their renewal notice by mail should know that either we don't have an email address for you, or the one we have is invalid. Please send your current email address to me at wjr@boone-crockett.org. If you don't want your email address made available to the public, just let me know, and I guarantee you that it will remain confidential. ■




Attention Official Measurers: 2015-2016 Renewal Notification *Please Return Immediately!*

Dear Justin,

Richard T. Hale, the Records Committee chairman, Jack Reneau, the Director of Big Game Records, and I would like to thank you for your tireless efforts serving as a Boone and Crockett Club Official Measurer. The two-year renewal period has once again come upon us. We would appreciate your prompt response to this email informing us if you would like to continue as a B&C Official Measurer for 2015-2016. Please reply by March 15, 2015.

If you wish to continue measuring, please reply to this email with an **XX** next to the first line below and verify/update your contact information. If you need to make any changes, please indicate those corrections below with your reply. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and are integral to Boone and Crockett Club's records program remaining the gold standard for North American big game records keeping.

If you prefer, you can simply print this email and send your response to: Boone and Crockett Club, 250 Station Dr., Missoula, MT 59801 or fax to 406-542-0794

____ Yes, I wish to continue service as a Boone and Crockett Club Official Measurer for 2015-2016.

(Note: This entitles you to a free subscription to *Fair Chase* magazine.)

____ Please mark an **XX** here if all information below is correct.

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If you did not receive your renewal notice by email you will get a physical notice in the mail soon.

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