

TROPHY TALK



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Boone and Crockett Club's 28th Awards Program

Boone and Crockett Club is pleased to announce its 28th Awards Program will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada, July 2013. A schedule of the highlights of this exciting program is included below.

The 28th Awards Program trophy display, which will feature over 100 of the finest big game trophies ever taken and recorded by B&C, will be open to the public at the Reno Ballroom in downtown Reno July 16-20, 2013. The trophy owners themselves will receive coveted B&C Medallions and certificates at an Awards Banquet on Saturday, July 20th.

The Awards Programs are unique opportunities for hunters such as you and me

to view these exceptional trophies and to personally visit with the hunters who took them. They can share their hunting stories on where and how they got "the big one" and perhaps you can gain tips that will enable you to take a B&C trophy in the future.

One of the star attractions in the trophy display will be Troy Sheldon's new World's Record Rocky Mountain goat. Not only did Troy's billy replace the previous World's Records (two-way tie), but it crushed

BELOW: Troy Sheldon's new World's Record Rocky Mountain goat will be on display this year.



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BIG GAME AWARDS

Awards Banquet, and related activities.

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S 28TH NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME AWARDS

Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Reno Nevada

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Dec. 28, 2012 - Early invitations sent to owners of accepted trophies falling in B&C's All-time top-10 for each category, and/or the top two or three trophies accepted in each category in the 28th Awards Program inviting them to send their trophy to the 28th Awards Program, Reno, Nevada, for Judging, Display, Awards Banquet, and related activities.

Dec. 31, 2012 - Official close of the 28th Awards Program Entry Period (2010-2012).

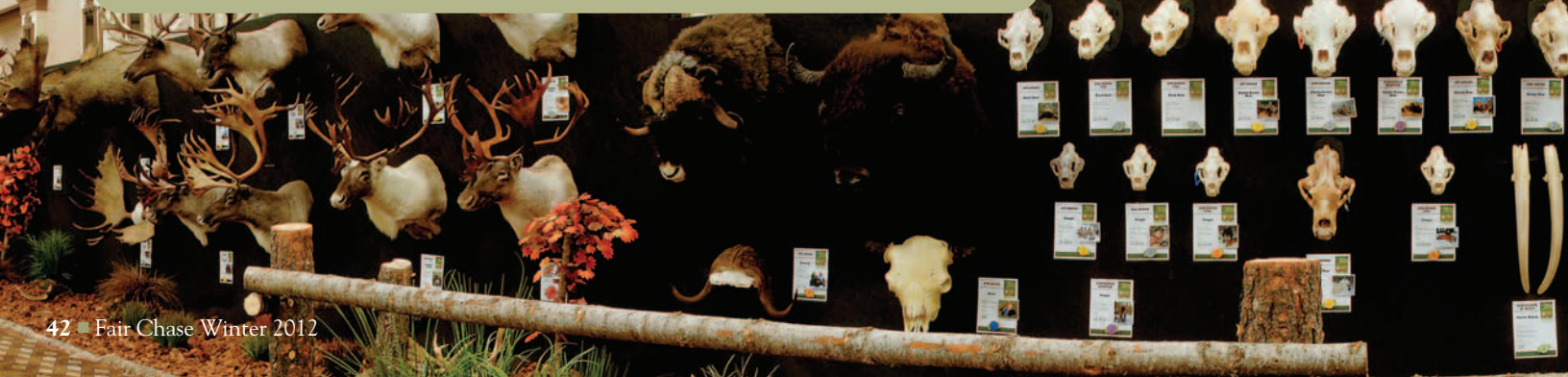
January 25, 2013 - Invitations sent to remaining trophy owners with trophies accepted after the close of the 28th Awards Program on December 31, 2012, inviting them to send their trophy to the 28th Awards Program location for Judging, Display, Awards Banquet, and related activities.

March 6-18 - Receipt period at Cabela's stores for invited trophies being shipped free-of-charge via Cabela's to Reno, Nevada.

April 8-29 - Receipt period for invited trophies at B&C's warehouse in Reno, Nevada. Trophies not being shipped via Cabela's must arrive at B&C's warehouse in Reno during this time period in order to be eligible for the 28th Awards Program Final Judging.

Apr. 30-May 4 - 28th Awards Program Final Judging: re-measurement and certification of invited trophies for possible award at the 28th Awards Program Banquet on July 20th.

July 16-20, 2013 - 28th Awards Program, seminars, auction, Youth Recognition Banquet, Awards Banquet, and related activities at the Reno Ballroom in downtown Reno.



them by six-eighths of an inch. We won't know all the trophies that will be in Reno until much later, but examples of the quality of trophies you can expect to see are shown below, which is a portion of the 27th Awards Program Trophy display held in Reno in 2010.

In addition to this breathtaking trophy display and the Big Game Awards Banquet, there will be other events of special interest to attendees, including seminars on topics of special interest to hunters by the experts—Craig Boddington, Wayne van Zwoll, and Scott Bestful, Field and Steam's whitetail editor. There will also be an auction of a limited number of select, premium hunts by top outfitters in North America. Another highlight will be B&C's second Youth Recognition Program, where we expect to recognize 50 or more youths under 17 years old who have taken a B&C qualifying trophy with a display of their trophies and a Youth Recognition Banquet.

Boone and Crockett Club's Awards Program Banquets, which are premier events in the hunting community, are conducted every three years. The purpose is to recognize the finest trophies ever taken, and celebrate the successes of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. If you have never attended one of B&C's Awards Programs, please mark your calendar and plan to attend. I have attended 11 Awards Programs since 1977, and I can assure you that the 28th Awards will be an event you will never forget. Additional details will be given in an upcoming issue of *Fair Chase* as they unfold.

Two Important Deadlines

Depending on when you receive this issue of *Fair Chase*, the deadline for entering a trophy in Boone and Crockett Club's 28th Awards Program is/was December 31, 2012,

which means score charts must have been postmarked to B&C no later than this date to be eligible for listing in Boone and Crockett Club's 28th Big Game Awards book to be published next October. Score charts postmarked after this date will be entries in B&C's 29th Awards Program that closes December 31, 2015.

The records office will process 28th Awards Program entries postmarked by the deadline date as quickly as possible. Trophy owners whose files are incomplete will be mailed a request for the missing entry materials and will have until March 18, 2013, to postmark those materials to B&C. Trophies for which we don't receive these requested materials postmarked by this date will be moved into the 29th Awards while we await their entry materials.

Trophy Entry Fee Remains at \$40

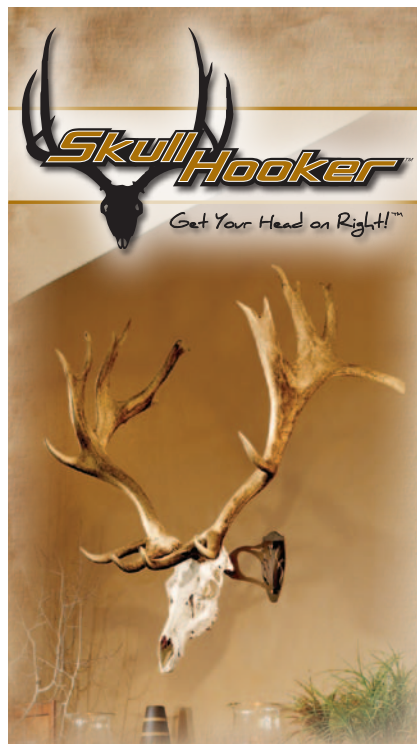
At a recent meeting in New York, the Records Committee rescinded its plan to raise the trophy entry fee to \$50 starting January 1, 2013, that I announced in a previous Trophy Talk column. Thus, the entry fee will remain at \$40 for the foreseeable future.

No Workshops until Spring 2014

Please note that here are no measurer training workshops scheduled until May 2014, except for one that we will be conducting for the Missouri Department of Conservation during June 2013. This is because records program staff will be immersed in the 28th Awards Program and the 28th Awards Program records book next year. ■

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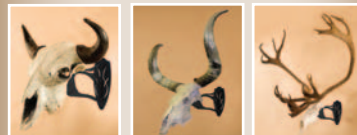
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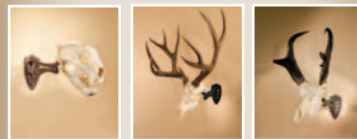
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