

22ND AWARDS SPONSORSHIP MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

The Boone and Crockett Club wishes to thank Sturm Ruger & Company, Inc., Gander Mountain Inc., and Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas (SCOT) for their generous support of the 22nd Awards events. Orchestrating the 22nd Awards Program is a complicated feat. The partnership the

PAUL WEBSTER PRESENTS THE PLAQUE FOR RUGER TO JACK PARKER, LONG TIME FRIEND OF BILL RUGER.

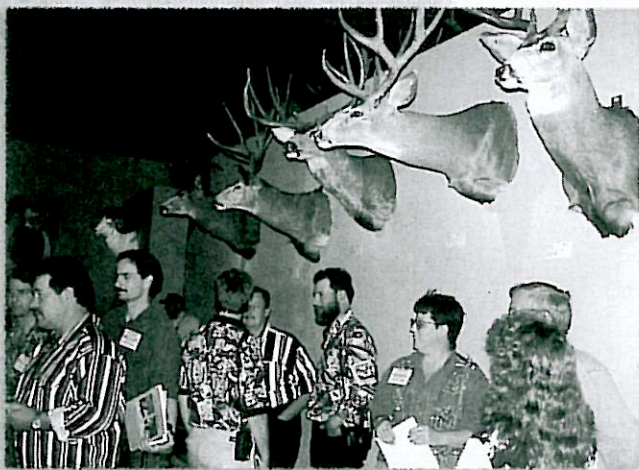


LEFT: RANDY BYERS, CHAIR OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT, PAUL WEBSTER PRESENT THE PLAQUE FOR GANDER MOUNTAIN. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS DAVID CHALFANT.

Club enjoys with the sponsoring organizations enabled organizers to bring a world class event to Dal-

las. The Foundation Night Dinner and Associate Workshops, as well as the Awards Luncheon and Program sponsored by Sturm Ruger & Company, Inc., and Gander Mountain, respectively, would not have been realized without our friends generosity. Finally, the support of SCOT and assistance from the Dallas Museum of Natural History helped the Club create one of the most impressive museum displays in memory. All three sponsoring organizations expressed pride in being able to assist the Boone and Crockett Club in educating sportsmen/women as well as, outdoor enthusiasts about the importance of the Club's programs.

TROPHY OWNERS AND ASSOCIATES ENJOY THE TROPHY DISPLAY AT THE DALLAS MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.



moved it from the 22nd Awards Program, and it will not be listed in future records books.

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF HEADS HORNS DONATIONS

I'm very pleased to report that three of the trophies in Dallas were

donated or loaned to the Club. David L. Onerheim's bighorn sheep, scoring 201-1/8 points and ranking in the all-time top 10, is currently on display with Boone and Crockett

Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. Frank A. Rottman's black bear skull, scoring 22-9/16, as well as Hans Hartwig's grizzly bear, scoring 26-11/16, were also donated to the Club and will be housed at the Club's headquarters in Missoula, Montana.

Photographs and hunting stories of 104 trophies receiving Awards and/or Certificates in Dallas will be featured in Boone and Crockett Club's 22nd Big Game Awards book that will be released this Fall, along with listings of all 3,100 trophies accepted in the 22nd Awards Entry Period.

The quantity and quality of trophies accepted during the last three years and featured in the 22nd Awards

book is nothing short of being phenomenal. The total accepted during 1992-1994 is a 19 percent increase over the 21st Awards Program (1989-91). Further, many trophies sent to Dallas ranked in the all-time top 10 at their entry score, including all six black bears and six bighorn sheep. Many other trophies

place in the top ten for their respective categories. The Club's records-keeping activities continue to be a barometer of the successful conservation efforts of hunters and wildlife managers.

RECORDS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

In conjunction with the 22nd Awards Program, the Boone and Crockett Club's Records Committee held its annual meeting and discussed several items of significance to trophy owners and the hunting public that had been brought to its attention during the last few months. I'd like to mention several of the most important items here, and the remainder will be discussed in the next issue of Fair Chase.

PROXY HUNTING TROPHIES NOT ELIGIBLE

The committee reviewed the acceptability of trophies taken with "proxy hunting licenses" issued by a state, province or tribal council that permit an individual to take an animal for another person. Trophies taken with a "proxy hunting license" are not eligible for entry in the Club's awards programs and/or listing in the records books.

CARIBOU MINIMUMS RAISED

The committee voted to raise the minimum score for Central Canada barren ground caribou, effective at the start of the 24th Awards Entry Period that begins January 1, 1998. The new minimums will be determined at a future committee meeting. In the meantime, the Club is accepting input from anyone who has comments for the committee to consider before setting the new minimums.

The current minimums of 330 and 345 for the Awards and all-time books, respectively, were set low intentionally because no one knew the potential upper limits for the category when it was established. In fact, it was believed there were no trophies from Northwest Territories large enough to make the 400 points necessary for entry into the barren ground caribou category. Since then we've received nine entries that exceed 400 points, including the two trophies mentioned above.