

TROPHY TALK

24th Big Game Awards Program



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IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT the 24th Awards Program closed on December 31, 2000, and that the Boone and Crockett Club will once again be presenting its medals and certificates at the 24th Awards Program Banquet. The full two day program will take place at Bass Pro Shops, Springfield, Missouri, on June 15-16, 2001.

It seems like only yesterday that we were on the podium at the awards banquet in Reno, Nevada, presenting B&C medallions and certificates to the owners of 101 of the top trophies, including five new World's Records, entered and accepted in the 23rd Awards Program (1995-1997). Actually, those

events, which were the culmination of three years of trophy data collection and recordation, took place nearly three years ago during June 12-13, 1998.

Enough said, however, about the 23rd Awards Program, as we are currently concentrating on the activities planned for the 24th Awards Program. I should start by saying that this event has been the most productive and exciting to date. During 1998-2000 we received score charts for 4,207 North American big game trophies. This is the most ever received for a single three-year Awards Program, as well as a phenomenal increase of 675 (19%) entries over the 3,632 en-

tered in the previous three-year entry period. This is proof for the naysayer that game management is working, and that we may well be participating in some of the finest big game hunting since the herds were devastated by market hunters, settlers, and the railroads during the mid to late 1800s.

Not only is the quantity there, but so is the quality. In the Summer 2000 issue of *Fair Chase*, I mentioned that the 24th Awards Program produced ten potential World's Records. Two of those trophies have since been rejected for various reasons, but we recently accepted a potential new World's Record pronghorn with an entry



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 14

2 – 8 p.m. Pre-registration desk open at Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel (417/864-7333) for attendees arriving early.

JUNE 15

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Events registration desk open at Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel.

12:30 p.m. 24th Awards Program Exhibit closes to the public.

1 – 3 p.m. Press Day at Bass Pro Shops in trophy exhibit. Only trophy owners and working outdoor press with proper credentials will be permitted in the trophy exhibit area. The trophy exhibit will be closed to all others during this time so that press representatives can get their story material.

3 – 5 p.m. Trophy exhibit open to only trophy owners, B&C Associates, B&C Club Members, and guests. Buses to shuttle paid attendees between Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel and Bass Pro Shops. B&C name badges required to get on buses and into exhibit area. Exhibit closed to the general public from 1 – 8:30 p.m.

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Welcoming reception for trophy owners, B&C associates, B&C Club members, and guests in the trophy exhibit area at Bass Pro Shops followed by a buffet dinner (6:30 p.m.).

JUNE 16

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Events registration desk open at Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Buses to shuttle attendees between Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel and Bass Pro Shops. Only individuals with B&C name badges will be permitted on the buses.

9 – 11:30 a.m. Wildlife Workshop.

Noon – 1:30 Special Lifetime Associates Luncheon (By Invitation Only).

1 p.m. Trophy exhibit closes temporarily to remove World's Records for banquet.

2 – 4 p.m. Wildlife Workshop

6 – 11 p.m. 24th Awards Program Reception at the Holiday Inn University Plaza, immediately followed by the 24th Awards Program Banquet. Boone and Crockett Club medals and certificates will be presented following the banquet to owners who sent their trophies to Springfield, Missouri for the 24th Awards Program Final Judging. Some of the more outstanding trophies will be exhibited at dinner.

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BOOK REVIEWS

score of 94-6/8 points. This magnificent animal was taken by Sam Barry on August 24, 2000 in Harney County, Oregon. Sam's story is included in this issue of *Fair Chase* on page 18.

In addition to Sam's pronghorn, there are potential new World's Records for grizzly bear, tule elk (a new category), non-typical Coues' whitetail deer, Alaska-Yukon moose, Rocky Mountain goat, muskox, mountain caribou, and barren ground caribou. Thus, there is a potential for announcing nine new World's Records, and a potential Sagamore Hill Award winner in June.

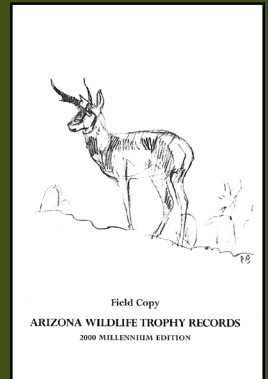
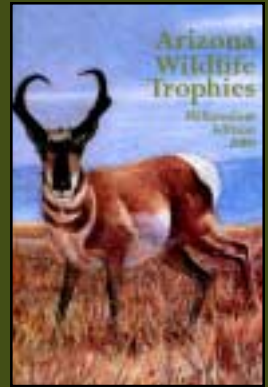
The 24th Awards Program activities begin with the Final Awards Judging of the top five entries in each of the 36 categories of North American big game recognized by the Club. The panel judging, which is by personal invitation only, will take place at Bass Pro Shops during the week of May 1-6, 2001. The Final Awards Program Judging will be open to the outdoor press by appointment only, but closed to the public.

The public display of Award winning trophies will take place from May 9 through June 15, 2001, at Bass Pro Shops, Springfield, Missouri. If you have never seen one of these unique trophy displays, mark your calendar now and plan to attend. You will see approximately 100 of the finest trophies ever taken and recorded by modern day hunters.

The 24th Awards Program Banquet and related activities will culminate with the activities scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16, 2001. We are still working out the final details for that weekend. Once they have been finalized, they will be posted on the Club's web site, which is www.boone-crockett.org. All Associates will receive a personal invitation along with registration forms in the mail by April 27. If you have any questions, please drop me a line at Club headquarters, or give me a call at 406/542-1888, ext. 205. ▲▲▲

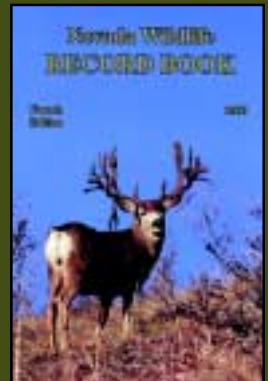
ARIZONA WILDLIFE TROPHIES

The Arizona Wildlife Federation's Millennium Edition of *Arizona Wildlife Trophies* is hot off the press. *Arizona Wildlife Trophies*, which has been published every five years since 1970, is the oldest hard cover records book series published for an individual state. This edition lists 2,744 individual specimens of Arizona big game, including 320 new entries recorded since the last edition, in 14 different categories. This book features a unique gallery of 11 paintings of Arizona big game animals by wildlife artist Paul Bosman. However, the highlight of this book, in my opinion, are separate chapters honoring and dedicated to the life history and contributions of 20 Arizonans who had a profound influence on wildlife resource and hunting in Arizona as well as the United States. Included are chapters on Jack and Eleanor O'Connor, Ben Avery, Aldo Leopold, Zane Gray, Ben Lilly, Bob Householder, the Lee brothers, Theodore Roosevelt (the Boone and Crockett Club's founder and first president), and many others. This very handsome, hard cover book, consisting of 419 pages, is available for \$55 (US), including shipping and handling. To order a copy of *Arizona Wildlife Trophies* for your personal library, please send your check or money order to Arizona Wildlife Trophy Committee, P.O. Box 26008, Phoenix, AZ 85068. (Special Offer: only individuals who purchase a hard cover copy of the Millennium Edition of *Arizona Wildlife Trophies* can obtain a soft cover "Field Copy" of the trophy listings in this book for an additional \$10 (US) each. For more information, the Arizona Wildlife Federation can be reached by calling 602/993-3803).



NEVADA WILDLIFE RECORDS BOOK

The Nevada Wildlife Record Book Committee has captured and documented the successes of wildlife management and hunting in the Silver State in their latest edition of the *Nevada Wildlife Record Book*. This edition is the fourth in a series that began in 1985. In just 15 years the number of trophies listed between the covers of their fine books has increased from a little over 500 in the first edition to 2,100 in the fourth. This edition is, without a doubt, the committee's best work to date. There are many informative and interesting chapters, including the complete story of "The Bulls of 1999," as well as photographs of the seven B&C bulls taken that year. In addition this book contains numerous hunting stories for other species, including a new state record pronghorn that is potentially number two in the Boone and Crockett Club's all-time records book. Included are hundreds of color portrait and field photographs of many of the most outstanding big game animals ever taken in Nevada. Dozens of photographs are in full color. Nationally recognized, Nevada artist Chris Lacey provided all the art work for the book, including two original paintings depicting the state record pronghorn and the new state record typical elk that scores 425-3/8 points. There is a great story titled "The Disease" that offers a humorous account of elk hunters and the sport they enjoy. Chuck Yeager, the first man to break the sound barrier, wrote the forward for the book. The fourth edition is a must for any serious hunter and collector of records books. Only 3,000 copies of this limited edition, hard cover book were printed. The proceeds from book sales are used to assure publication of future editions of the book and to promote ethical hunting practices. To order your copy, mail your check or money order for \$35.00 (US), plus \$5.00 (US) for shipping and handling, to: NEVADA WILDLIFE RECORD BOOK, P. O. Box 1707-FC, Reno, NV 89505.



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