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Spotlight: Wild Moose Chase

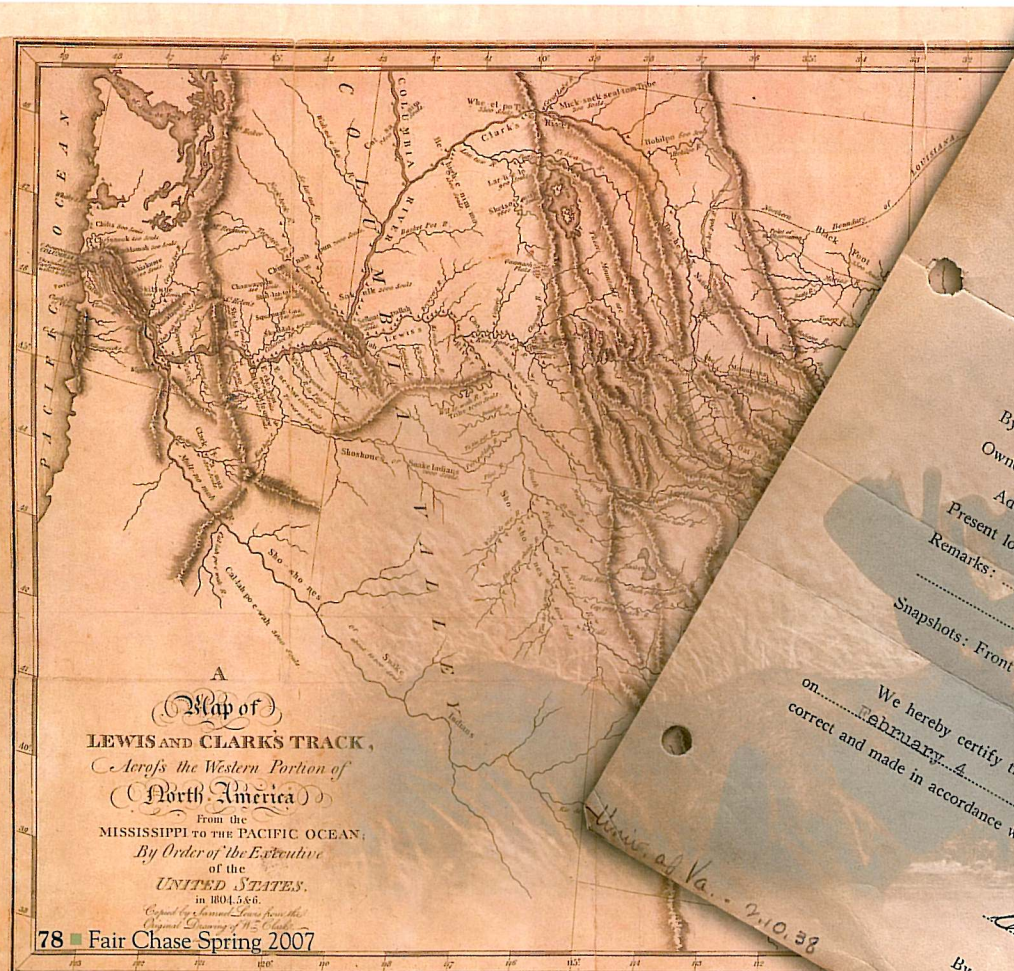
In December 2006, here at the Boone and Crockett headquarters, we came across an old score chart of moose reportedly killed on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The 1938 chart had all the makings of a credible hunting record. It was accompanied by photographs of the antlers featuring a descriptive plaque identifying the trophy as *ALCES AMERICANUS*, UPPER MISSOURI, LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION, 1803. Jack Reneau, the director of Boone and Crockett Club's Big Game Records Program decided to investigate the authenticity of the trophy by approaching Max Carpenter, a B&C official measurer from Virginia. After making some phone calls, and with an assistance of a local friend Byard Deputy, Mr. Carpenter finally located the elusive trophy at Monticello, in Thomas Jefferson's home. However, it proved to be an impossible task to measure the trophy found in Jefferson's home. Not only was it displayed close to 15 feet above the ground but the access to it was constantly barred by groups of tourists crowding the place on a regular basis. From the records found in Monticello, and made available to our investigators by Carrie Taylor, the Collections Manager, it was finally discovered that the moose in question came from Vermont and not from Montana. After this revealing piece of information, it became apparent that the need for scoring the found trophy was unnecessary. And thus, one of the mysteries of Boone and Crockett Club archives ended up as a Wild Moose Chase...

TOP RIGHT: Present photo of the trophy taken by Max Carpenter with the identification plaque removed.

BELOW: Old map depicting the route of The Lewis and Clark Expedition.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Photograph of the trophy that was attached to the 1938 score chart. Close-up of the plaque identifying the specimen as taken by the 1803 Lewis and Clark Expedition.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Original Boone and Crockett Club score chart from 1938.



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 THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
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2nd EDITION

ALCES AMERICANUS MOOSE

SPECIES *Alces americanus*

MEASUREMENTS

Greatest spread D	46 1/2 inches	RIGHT
Length of palm A	28 1/2 inches	30
Circumference above burr B	7 7/8	7 3/4
Breadth of burr C	12	12
Number of points on antler	9	10
Exact locality where killed	9	9

Date killed 1803 Upper Missouri

By whom killed Lewis and Clark Expedition

Owner Miller School of Biology, University of Virginia

Address Charlottesville, Va.

Present location of trophy Miller School of Biology

Remarks:

Snapshots: Front view Profile

We hereby certify that we have measured the above described trophy on February 4, 1938, and that these measurements are correct and made in accordance with the directions overleaf.

(Please place ✓ mark to indicate snapshots furnished.)

Thomas J. Va. 7-10-38