

# TROPHY TALK



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## 27th Awards Program Deadline Fast Approaching

Official Measurers, trophy owners, B&C associates, members, and the hunting public should mark a very significant B&C records-keeping deadline on their calendar that is fast approaching.

December 31, 2009, is the official deadline for entering an animal in the current, Triennial 27th Awards Program that began January 1, 2007. In order to be included in the 27th Awards Program, all trophy entry materials must be *postmarked* by December 31, 2009. Any score charts or entries received with postmarks after this date will be entered in the 28th Awards Program that begins January 1, 2010, and closes December 31, 2012.

### Deadline Date for Two B&C Records Books

December 31, 2009, is especially significant because it is also the deadline for listing a trophy in two B&C records books—*Boone and Crockett Club's 27th Big Game Awards* (fall 2010) and the 13th edition of the All-time records book, *Records of North American Big Game* (late 2011). Trophy

entries received with postmarks after the deadline will not be listed in an Awards Program records book until late 2013 and in the 14th edition of the All-time records book in 2017. That's a long wait to see your name and trophy listed in print.

I know December 31, 2009, sounds like a long way away at the time you receive this issue of *Fair Chase*, but, in reality, it will be here and past before you realize it. If possible, Official Measurers and trophy owners should not wait until the last minute to have their trophies scored or submit entries. If the past is any indicator, we will receive as many as 400 trophies postmarked with the deadline date. Unfortunately, many of those may not get accepted in time for inclusion in the 27th Awards book or the 13th edition of the All-time records book because of missing entry materials or because of necessary adjustments in scoring procedures.

### Drying Period Impact on Deadline

November 2, 2009, is theoretically the last day a hunter can harvest a records-book animal and submit it for entry in the 27th Awards Program because of the required 60-day drying period. In order for this to happen, a hunter taking a trophy on this date must clean their trophy the same

day and make prior arrangements with a B&C scorer to have their trophy scored on December 31, 2009. Similarly, someone taking a trophy before November 2 must clean it no later than November 2 in order to have it scored on December 31. In either scenario, the score chart and entry materials must be mailed to B&C headquarters, postmarked no later than December 31, 2009. Unfortunately, there can be no exceptions to this rule.

### Boone and Crockett Club Needs Measurers

The Club still has a need for a few good men and women in many parts of the country who have a sincere desire to score trophies for B&C. If you're interested in becoming an Official Measurer, you can download an application from Boone and Crockett Club's web site, [www.booneandcrockettclub.com](http://www.booneandcrockettclub.com), or obtain one by calling (406) 542-1888. Mail the completed application to the address at the bottom of the form to be considered for future workshops. You should note, however, that application does not guarantee you will be invited to a workshop because interest far exceeds our needs. Your application, however, will be reviewed for each workshop. Remember, you obviously can't be considered if you don't apply. ■

## 27th AWARDS PROGRAM PRELIMINARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Here are a few other important dates for trophy owners with top ranking trophies in the 27th Awards, as well as those with a great interest in the Club's records-keeping program, to be aware of. Please mark you calendars now so that nothing will interfere with participating in these events.

<b>November 2, 2009</b>	Last day a trophy can be harvested and entered in 27th Awards Program so long as it is also cleaned on this day and the 60-day drying period begins.	<b>April 25-30, 2010</b>	Judges Panel convenes to verify scores and certify top-scoring trophies for B&C Awards/Certificates.
<b>December 31, 2009</b>	Official close of the 27th Awards Program Entry Period. 1. Trophy Entry Deadline.* 2. Boone and Crockett Club's 27th Big Game Awards book deadline.* 3. Records of North American Big Game, 13th Edition, deadline.*	<b>June 23-26, 2010</b>	27th Awards Program Banquet and related activities held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. Coveted B&C medallions and/or certificate plaques are presented to top scoring trophies at Awards Banquet.
<b>January 25, 2010</b>	Invitations mailed to trophy owners with top-ranking trophies.	<b>June 26-30, 2010</b>	Trophies returned via Cabela's inter-store shipping to trophy owners who participated in 27th Awards Program. Shipping free through Cabela's.
<b>April 12-23, 2010</b>	Trophies shipped to Cabela's Reno store for Final Awards Program Judging must arrive during these dates. Shipping free through Cabela's stores.		

\* Entry materials must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2009.

# Save the Date!

# BOOK REVIEWS

## THE GOOD OL' DAYS ARE NOW



The California Bowmen Hunters Big Game Club is pleased to announce the release of the 13th edition of their Big Game Club Record Book titled, *The Good Ol' Days Are Now*. This new book is hardbound, over 200 pages, and contains more than 250 photographs, along with the complete bowhunting records of 21 categories of California big game animals, including black bear, mule deer, Columbia

blacktail deer, turkey, wild hog, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, tule elk, American elk, Roosevelt's elk. Tule elk, which were once an endangered species, are only found in California. They are representative of the kinds of conservation success stories attributable only to hunters. Included are ten new state records announced since the 12th edition was published in 2003. This edition also features numerous stories, charts, facts, and figures to provide plenty of compelling reading. *The Good Ol' Days Are Now* sells for \$40.00 a copy, plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling. To order a copy of this outstanding book for your personal library or for further information please contact Craig Fritz, 5710 W. Centinela Avenue #109, Los Angeles, CA 90045-8804.

## PENNSYLVANIA BIG GAME RECORDS

Pennsylvania's Big Game Scoring Program Coordinator Bob D'Angelo recently announced that the Game Commission's records book, which has been on their web site for a number of years, is now available in a 60 page, bound print version titled, *Pennsylvania Big Game Records*. This book contains a wealth of information, including the minimum scores required for each big game category, some Boone & Crockett Club and Pope & Young Club information, a few photos, but most importantly, trophy listings of the Keystone State's bear, whitetail deer (typical and non-typical), and American elk (typical and non-typical). The listings include the score, county where killed, hunter, year taken, and state rank. There are separate listing in each category for trophies taken with a firearm or bow. Copies of *Pennsylvania Big Game Records* cost \$5, plus \$1.25 for shipping and handling. They can be purchased from the Pennsylvania Game Commission at The Outdoor Shop, [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us), or by calling 1-888-888-3459, or by mailing your check to PA Game Commission, Dept. MS, 2001 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17110-0797. For more information about this publication, contact Bob D'Angelo at [rdangelo@pa.us](mailto:rdangelo@pa.us).



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## 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 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.

## 54 NEW OFFICIAL MEASURERS APPOINTED IN SUMMER 2009

Boone and Crockett Club's 2009 Official Measurer training workshop "season" consisted of only two workshops, resulting in the appointment of 54 new Official Measurers, bringing the total number of volunteers scoring trophies for B&C to 1,330. The first workshop, which was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during early June was conducted for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to train their staff to score trophies for the state's Cy Curtis Awards Program, and to provide a public service for Oklahoma's hunters by scoring trophies for B&C. Candidates for the second workshop, which was held in Missoula, Montana, came from all over the United States, Alberta, Canada, and Mexico.

Buck Buckner, chairman of B&C's Records Committee, their instructors, Justin Spring and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome these individuals to B&C's cadre of Official Measurers. They worked hard and successfully completed all aspects of their three and a half day workshop that qualifies them to score all 38 categories of North American Big Game recognized by the Club. They will be volunteering their time and talents in their communities to score trophies for B&C's Awards Programs in the years to come.

Feel free to contact B&C's headquarters at 406/542-1888 for the contact information of any of the individuals listed at right if they are in your area, and you have a trophy that needs officially scored. You can also obtain a complete list of current Official Measurers in your state or province by going on B&C's web site ([www.booneandcrockettclub.com](http://www.booneandcrockettclub.com)) or by calling the Records Office (406/542-1888).

- Brandon Baker — Blanchard, OK
- David Banta — Morieta, OK
- Eduardo Barrett Mena — Tijuana, MX
- Erik M. Bartholomew — Perry, OK
- Richard Beagles — Hugo, OK
- Todd A. Brickel — Colorado Springs, CO
- Bruce H. Burton — Okmulgee, OK
- John A. Busio — Corona, CA
- Pete J. Carlson — Maple Plain, MN
- Ben F. Carter — Dallas, TX
- Tom Cartwright — Holdenville, OK
- Dennis Covey — Cookson, OK
- Scott A. Cox — Pryor, OK
- Chad A. Dillabough — Calgary, AB
- Vickie Edwards — Missoula, MT
- Garrett Fabian — Flagstaff, AZ
- Linden R. Ferguson — La Grange, KY
- Jeff Ford — Hodgen, OK
- Matt Gamble — Tishomingo, OK
- Mike Goodart — Chama, NM
- Shawn A. Grabow — Sartell, MN
- Spencer Grace — Pawhuska, OK
- John Hendrix — Tulsa, OK
- Sean P. Hill — Farmington, NM
- Rory Karczewski — Warsaw, IN
- Dan Kelsey — Idaho Falls, ID
- Ryan Kempf — Forgan, OK
- Kyle C. Krause — Rosenberg, TX
- Warren A. Michaelis — Montesano, WA
- Jack L. Morey — Buffalo, WY
- Shelley K. Nasby — North Bend, OR
- Jeff Pals — Crete, IL
- Chris Parker — Quinton, OK
- Scott Parry — Camargo, OK
- Jeff R. Pennington — Sand Springs, OK
- Russell Perry — Fort Supply, OK
- Dru Polk — Smithville, OK
- Marshall C. Reigh — Medford, OK
- J.D. Ridge — Porter, OK
- Tim Rogers — Mayer, MN
- Glen E. Salow — Johnston, IA
- Becca A. Schoon — Missoula, MT
- Tony A. Schoonen — Missoula, MT
- Jerry Shaw — Oklahoma City, OK
- Don L. Sherpy — Plano, TX
- Timothy W. Smith — Brandenburg, KY
- Ron Smith — Willow, OK
- Damon W. Springer — Oklahoma City, OK
- Kelly Stockdale — Louisville, KY
- Weston R. Storer — Purcell, OK
- Matt Suuck — Powell, WY
- Todd T. Tobey — McAlester, OK
- Mark D. Walker — Watonga, OK
- Jim S. Willems — Farmington, NM

