

INFORMATION FOR TROPHY OWNERS

TROPHY TALK



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To all our Official Measurers (OMs) who made it to Springfield, I hope it was a rewarding experience, and we greatly thank you for your support. Time and time again it is our OMs that come through to ensure Boone and Crockett is able to support its mission.

On that topic, and now that hunting seasons are already starting in some locations around the country, I thought I would highlight some of the activities the Club is involved in and reinforce the reasoning behind the records. Hopefully this column will allow you to pass this information along to trophy owners when scoring their heads to show them their participation is far more important than just a name and ranking in the book. Hopefully this will also bring to their attention our organization's overall purpose and what we are all trying to do in terms of wildlife conservation and Fair Chase hunting.

First and foremost, reinforce to them that records are kept as a way to gauge wildlife management successes and failures. Wildlife agencies use these records to accompany their data on analyzing trends regarding harvest changes or policies. The presence of a Boone and Crockett qualifying trophy at the awards level is the result of solid management and population levels. That being said, a decrease in entries may suggest factors are having an effect—whether it be disease, flood, drought, etc. As we, the hunting public, face the reality of an ever-expanding chronic

wasting disease (CWD) prevalence across the country, it is paramount we have the data (record entry trends) in hand to back the science.

In terms of CWD, you have seen in the magazine our articles on the topic. The Club has identified this as a major threat to wildlife and is working at both the state and national policy levels as well as the hunter level to inform hunters and legislators of the damage this disease may have to the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

Many of you have seen our Poach and Pay program as we work to separate poaching from hunting in the minds of non-hunting citizens. Originally started as a project identifying the presence, and then strengths and weaknesses of restitution for wildlife across the different states, it has progressed to working on creating a framework for states to use with the intended purpose of further suppressing those who are illegally stealing wildlife from the citizens of the state and country purely for the bragging rights of its horns or antlers. Again, having a complete data set covering the before-and-after data of programs being utilized or dropped gives us further scientific backing to show managing agencies the effect illegal harvest may be having on their quality—and ultimately, their funding from the states.

We are well aware that our rate of entry from North of the border is limited compared to what is taken. We have been working hard the past few years with different provinces and rod and gun

clubs in Canada who are strongly responsible for the conservation efforts there. The management in Canada faces different obstacles; in fact, not all provinces recognize that wildlife belongs to the citizens of the province and country. We were recently approached by the managing agency in Saskatchewan which requested use of our data to show trends so Saskatchewan can make comparisons with its data and make management recommendations. In my time here, this is the fourth government agency that has approached us—the others being Idaho, Arkansas, and Iowa. This is in addition to the work being completed by Official Measurer Dr. Kevin Monteith and his students in Wyoming looking at long-term score trending in addition to other factors as they try to quantify harvest regimens and potential genetic effects on the populations.

Most of you will recall the survey done by Rebecca Cain through the Boone and Crockett Quantitative Lab at Michigan State. She will be graduating with her doctorate degree, and the data you helped her compile was a significant part of her research on her thesis.

As you can see, the records are indeed more than just a name and ranking in a book published every three or six years. Boone and Crockett is the oldest conservation organization in the United States and keeps records as one of our mission components.

When they ask where does that \$40 for my entry go? The answer is: to conservation. It's a tip of the hat to those great leaders and Boone and Crockett members that came before us who ensured wildlife stayed on the landscape, created the field of wildlife management, created the U.S. Forest Service, protected Yellowstone National Park, was integral to the creation of Denali and Glacier National Parks—and the list goes on and on.

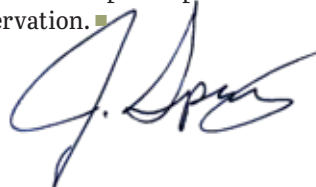
When they ask, "Why should I sign up as an associate?" the reasons are the same. We are very active in conservation policy; we have national university programs that ensure the top wildlife students are engaged and

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understand the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and how we got where we are today; we are trying to guide the discussion on CWD; we are working on the image of hunters and hunting to ensure wildlife for generations to come in the face of an ever-increasing and demanding human population; we are promoting forest health in the West, leaning on our founders' guidance of conservation being prudent use without waste; and we are looking at different legislation to set forth parameters on how we can improve the quality of wildlife and its habitat.

These words by Theodore Roosevelt hung above the display in Springfield Missouri: "The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak, so we must, and we will." With that, as you enter their trophy, ask them to join us in this campaign started in 1887; join the Boone and Crockett Club, and stand with the organization that has fought this battle from the beginning.

Good luck to everyone this fall—be safe, but be sure you get out and participate in conservation. ■



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- The four-part series about CWD began in the Winter 2016 issue and ends in the Fall 2017 issues.
- The overview of our Poach and Pay program was published in Spring 2018.
- Rebecca Cain's article about the importance of record keeping can be found in the Fall 2016 issue.

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