

# JACK STEELE PARKER GENERATION NEXT YOUTH BANQUET

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At its 29th Big Game Awards held this past week at the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store in Springfield, Missouri, the Boone and Crockett Club put the future of conservation on center stage with its second Jack Steele Parker Generation Next banquet. The banquet honored young men and women 16 and under from across North America who, over the past three years, had entered a Boone and Crockett record-book animal.

“At our big game awards banquets we typically honor the animals, but this one is different,” said Justin Spring, the Club’s Director of Big Game Records.

The Generation Next Awards, sponsored by the Wild Sheep Foundation with youth travel assistance provided by Kimber Manufacturing, proved to be one of the weekend’s most popular and inspirational highlights.

“This was really special to be a part of this wonderful evening and event. Parents were beaming, of course, but everyone was moved by the words and sentiments and maturity of these young people—the next generation of hunter-conservationists. It’s obvious to all who attended that we’re leaving conservation in very good hands,” said Wild Sheep Foundation President and CEO Gray N. Thornton. “The power of that event reminded us all why sportsmen lead the conservation movement; so that those generations unborn would have the same opportunity we have to hear an elk bugle and see a majestic, wild ram stand over his domain.”

In total, between 2013 and 2015, 168 youth hunters entered their trophies into the conservation records. Forty of these trophies were on public display at the Bass Pro Shops store and 42 young hunters and their families were able to be there to be honored at the banquet.

Keynote speaker, Randy Newberg, host of Leupold’s *Fresh Tracks with Randy Newberg* airing on the Sportsman Channel, spoke of how the discipline of hunting had taught him life skills such as self-reliance, problem solving, humility, and sportsmanship. He said, “The smiles on these bright young faces tells me that there is hope for the future of our wildlife, conservation, and the traditions of hunting. This is who we will be passing the torch to and I would say it is clear we are headed in the right direction.”



ABOVE: Wild Sheep Foundation President and CEO Gray N. Thornton (left) and his wife Kelly Thornton (right) with Sitka Gear, sponsor of the youth instagram contest, both spoke at the Generation Next Youth Banquet.

BELOW: The keynote speaker was television host, Randy Newberg. In addition to the speakers each youth was called on stage individually and presented with a plaque and a custom engraved Buck knife.



## YOUTH INSTAGRAM CONTEST



Kids were encouraged to add the #BandCAwards hashtag to all of their Instagram posts from the 29th Awards displays and events.



## WINNER! HUNTER H. MILANOWSKI RECEIVED A COMPLETE SITKA OUTFIT DONATED BY SITKA GEAR:

Youth Core Mid-weight Mock  
Scrambler Jacket  
Scrambler Pant  
Sitka Cap

Rankine Hoody  
Cyclone Jacket  
Cyclone Pant  
TOTAL VALUE: \$689





**Congratulations to the young sportsmen and sportswomen present at the Jack Steele Parker Generation Next Youth Banquet, July 15, 2016.**



**TOP:** Jack M. Optiz enjoys the event with his father, B&C Regular Member Mike Optiz. **ABOVE:** Kaylin S. Russell receives her plaque for her black bear from Eldon L. "Buck" Buckner.

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YOUTH HUNTERS IN ATTENDANCE		
NAME	CATEGORY	SCORE
Kyle C. Bartsoff	Rocky Mountain goat	53
Dylan R. Beach-Bittner	non-typical whitetail deer	243
Lacey J. Bennett	cougar	15
Malcolm G. Bradbury	typical whitetail deer	165 2/8
Parker R. Calvert	black bear	20 12/16
Simon P. Carlson	typical mule deer	193 4/8
David B. Carr Jr.	typical whitetail deer	176
Zachery J. Christensen	desert sheep	165 6/8
Johnathon E. Cox	typical whitetail deer	163 3/8
Joel M. Crank	Shiras' moose	140 5/8
Nicholas E. Cronon, Jr.	typical mule deer	192 5/8
Kayman L. Culley	typical whitetail deer	160 4/8
Trevor J. Eickman	pronghorn	80 4/8
Andrew M. Evans	typical American elk	361 2/8
Quinton E. Grantier	typical American elk	364 4/8
Dalton K. Griffith	black bear	20 5/16
Hayden G. Jones	non-typical whitetail deer	186 3/8
Madysen N. Jones	typical American elk	387
Garrett L. Loesel	black bear	20 2/16
Trevor R. Macknak	typical whitetail deer	162 2/8
Zachary M. Martin	Shiras' moose	153 2/8
Hunter H. Milanowski	black bear	20 7/16
James W. Morton	cougar	15 2/16
Nealie R. Niemeier	non-typical whitetail deer	211 5/8
Makenna E. Olson	black bear	21 8/16
Jack M. Opitz	black bear	20 1/16
Michael J. Parsons	typical American elk	375
Ridge H. Peterson	typical Columbia blacktail	137 4/8
Spencer D. Peterson	typical whitetail deer	164 7/8
Hannah L. Ridenour	typical whitetail deer	160 7/8
Kevin P. Rippentrop	typical whitetail deer	179 1/8
Robert S. Rison, Jr.	typical whitetail deer	166 5/8
Isaiah H. Ritter	black bear	20 3/16
Kaylin S. Russell	black bear	20 9/16
Kyle T. Schoenborn	typical mule deer	193 4/8
Dillon M. Schumann	typical whitetail deer	175 2/8
William S. Shumway	Alaska brown bear	28 2/16
Alec R. Smith	black bear	21 4/16
Bryson S. Spilski	pronghorn	83
Elizabeth M.F. Thomas	typical whitetail deer	161 3/8
Noelle K. Voigt	black bear	21 12/16
Justin A. Waymire	typical whitetail deer	165 5/8

# WINNER! DAVID B. CARR, JR.

**Scott Ellis, from the Guides and Outfitters Association of British Columbia was present representing Fehr Game Outfitters to draw a name and award one youth with a 5-day British Columbia black bear hunt. David B. Carr, Jr., from Mississippi, won the hunt.**

This hunt, is a one-on-one spot-and-stalk black bear hunt in the heart of black bear country for a young hunter 10-18 years old. Jonny and Tawnie Fehr have been involved in the guiding industry since they were young. They have a passion for the guide outfitting industry and providing great hunting memories.



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Scott Ellis, David B. Carr, and CJ Buck, congratulating David on being selected as the winner of the British Columbia black bear hunt.

