

GLENN E. HISEY OF POPE & YOUNG CLUB RETIRES

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On Sunday, June 12, 2016, friends and family met at Chosen Valley Golf Course, Chatfield, Minnesota, to celebrate Glenn E. Hisey's retirement from Pope and Young Club after 28-1/2 years of dedicated and loyal service. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity and space to publicly congratulate Glenn on his retirement and thank him for his many years of dedicated and loyal service to B&C, P&Y, trophy owners and hunters everywhere. At the time Glenn retired, he wore many hats; he was P&Y's executive secretary, director of records, and museum director.

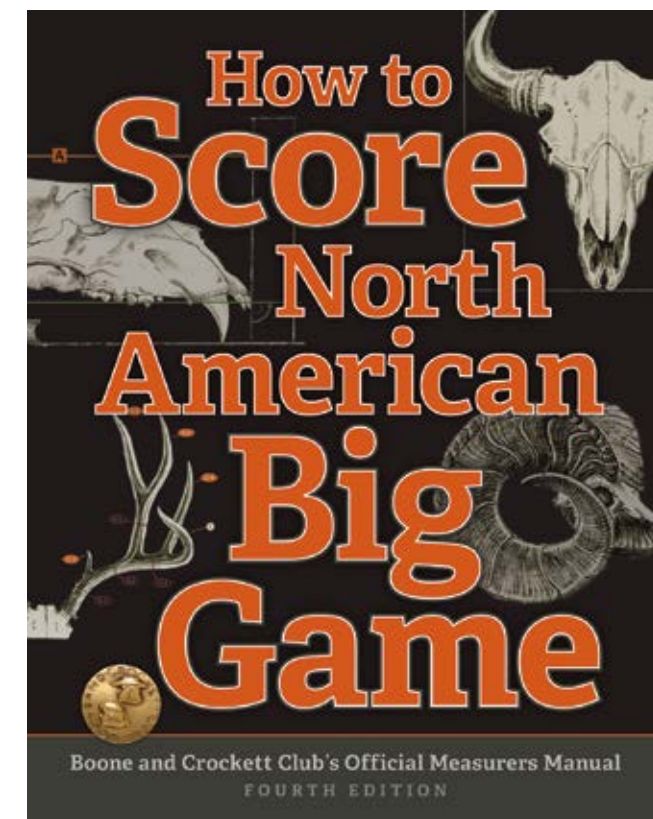
I am very pleased to say I was able to attend his party and personally congratulate him on his retirement on behalf of Boone and Crockett Club, the Records Committee, B&C's records department staff, and myself for all he did for B&C over the years. I was

given the opportunity to say a few words and present Glenn with a specially engraved Buck knife from Buck Knives' B&C series to commemorate his retirement. My thanks go to C.J. Buck and his staff for engraving this special knife on such short notice.

I first met Glenn back in the early 1980s during a P&Y Biennium Judges Panel in Spokane, Washington, and appointed him a B&C Official Measurer in 1986. Since then, I have regularly visited with Glenn on the telephone and via emails seeking his advice and input on matters of mutual concern to both B&C and P&Y. All of us here at B&C send him our best wishes for a very happy retirement.

4TH EDITION OF OM MANUAL RELEASED

As readers of *Fair Chase* and fans of Boone and Crockett Club know, B&C's universally recognized scoring system has evolved into the benchmark



scoring system for identifying and recording mature native North American big game animals. Other systems have come and gone, but B&C's scoring system is the gold standard

that hunters use to record their hunting accomplishments in North America. The scoring system has also evolved into an effective tool used by conservationists for identifying big game population changes and gauging the success of conservation efforts.

A very significant part of this equation is the scoring manual that provides detailed instructions to our cadre of Official Measurers on the proper scoring techniques for measuring all 38 categories of big game recognized by the Club. It is also an especially useful tool for any hunter who wants to score his or her own

LEFT: Jack presented Glenn Hisey with this custom Buck knife (below) at Glenn's retirement party in Chatfield, Minnesota.



trophies to see how they stack up, whether or not they make “The Book.”

The Club’s records office is pleased to announce the release of the 4th edition of its official scoring manual titled, *How to Score North American Big Game: Boone and Crockett Club’s Official Measurers Manual*. During the last 110 years, the scoring manual has gone through many versions, name changes, and updates, which I will review in this column, but this 4th edition is the most comprehensive rewrite since Grancel Fitz published his version of the manual with *Outdoor Life* magazine in 1963. From 1950 to 1963, the only available scoring instructions were on

Copies of *How to Score North American Big Game: Boone and Crockett Club’s Official Measurers Manual, 4th Edition*, are now available for \$34.95 each, plus shipping and handling. Copies of the 4th edition can be obtained by calling B&C’s toll-free number, 1-888-840-4868 or going to www.boone-crockett.org. The associate’s price is \$27.95 each, plus shipping and handling. *How to Score North American Big Game: Boone and Crockett Club’s Official Measurers Manual* is a great gift idea for any and all occasions, so pick one up for yourself, your hunting companions, hunting camp, etc.

the backs of the score charts first released in 1950. This 4th edition is really the culmination of the efforts of many knowledgeable individuals over the years to present B&C’s scoring system and explain how to use it.

In the Club’s newly revised edition of *How to Score North American Big Game*, B&C’s scoring system for measuring all North American big game is explained in detail using simple, straightforward language and more than 100 new illustrations.

The step-by-step scoring instructions in each chapter have been rearranged in the same chronology as the boxes are filled in on the score chart, which wasn’t the case in earlier editions. Also, each scoring chapter has subheadings, such as Point Determination and Count, Spread Measurements, Main Beam and Point Lengths, etc., so that scoring instructions can be quickly located and questions quickly answered. The 3-D illustrations in this edition, which replace the pen-and-ink drawings of the manual’s previous editions, give a much clearer idea of how to follow the scoring instructions.

The illustrations were created by Chris Lacey who is not only an incredibly talented wildlife artist but also a B&C Official Measurer. Who could be better qualified to do accurate and detailed illustrations for B&C’s scoring manual than a B&C Official Measurer who knows the system inside and out and how to apply it? Chris is without a doubt one of the best wildlife artists in the world; his attention to detail is exceptional. Some of his other contributions to B&C include artwork for book dust jackets and B&C apparel. Among his many accomplishments are the background murals at a number of Cabela’s stores.

This latest edition is spiral-bound for durability and easy, lay-flat reading. Pockets are integrated into the back cover for safe keeping of completed score charts, records office communications, notes, phone numbers, etc.

The Procedures and Policies chapters in this edition have been significantly expanded with updates that have been announced in “Trophy Talk” since the 3rd edition was released in 2009. Everyone, not just Official Measurers, needs to fully review these two chapters to

understand how the records program works, which trophies are acceptable for the records books and which ones are not. The category boundaries chapter especially has been revised and updated with easier to interpret, full-color detailed maps by onX-maps.

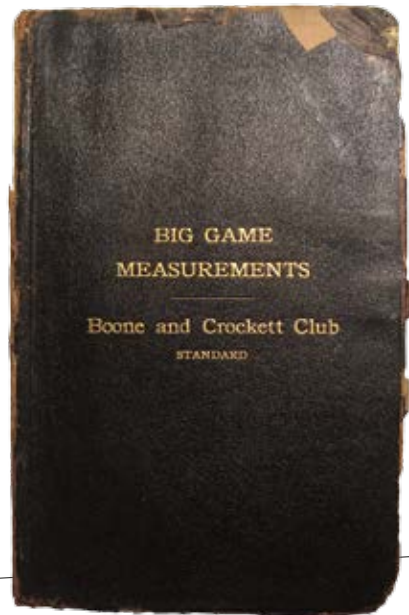
There are now maps for all states that have desert sheep populations. In addition, boundary changes were necessary for Roosevelt’s elk in northern California where they are moving eastward into Tule elk territory. Included are all boundary changes announced in “Trophy Talk” since the 3rd edition.

A complimentary copy of *How to Score North American Big Game, 4th Edition*, has been mailed to all Official Measurers, and the new manual is available on B&C’s website. An e-book edition also available.

HISTORY OF THE OFFICIAL MEASURERS’ MANUAL

1906 Manual

The history of the Club’s scoring manual is quite confusing and somewhat disjointed. It has gone through many revisions, updates, and changes over the last 110 years (Table A). Its history is almost as long as the existence of the Club itself. In 1902, only 15 years after the Club’s founding, the Club’s board of directors appointed Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States, Caspar Whitney, and Archibald Rogers to a subcommittee with the primary goal of devising a standard scoring procedure for native North American big game. There is no record of this committee’s discussions or reports until the Club’s first Official Measurer’s manual, *Big Game*



MOOSE.
Measurements.



Length on Inside Curve	31 1/2 inches
Circumference above Bar	67 "
Tip to Tip	29 "
Greatest Width	50 "
Breadth of Palm	14 "
Number of Points	12 + 12

Measurements: Game Book of the Boone and Crockett Club was published in 1906 by Club member James H. Kidder, chair of the Committee on Big Game Measurements.

Included were detailed instructions and score charts for scoring only 17 categories of big game. This system was primitive and inadequate to say the least, but it was a start to draw attention to the plight of big game animals and to record data for them for posterity if they went extinct. As unbelievable as it may seem today, extinction was a possibility in the minds of

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Roosevelt, George Bird Grinnell, and many other early Club members and conservationists at that time.

The Club's first scoring system put forth in this book was used to score and record trophies for the Club's first edition of the All-time records book, *Records of North American Big Game*, published by the Club in 1932 and edited by Club member Prentiss N. Gray. It was also used for collecting data for the 1939 edition titled, *North American Big Game*.

This 1906 publication is without a doubt the rarest

B&C publication in existence. I didn't know this book even existed for many years until I just happened to find an advertisement for it back in the late-1980s in some early Club files. The Club priced this leather-bound, pocket-sized book at \$1.50 a copy, postpaid.

That may sound like a reasonable price today, but apparently it was a rather hefty price in 1906 because a note by Caspar Whitney attached to the ad I found strenuously complained that it was terribly overpriced; he figured that \$.50 would have been a much fairer price. Whitney was concerned that the manual and scoring system wouldn't get the wide distribution it needed because, "It is a prohibitive price to the great majority of men who go afield."

When I found the ad, I knew immediately this was such a rare book that I wanted one for my own personal library. Because it was so rare, I didn't share information of its existence with anyone else because I didn't want any competition from others searching for it. I silently searched book stores and the internet, weekly if not daily, for a copy for over 15 years. It wasn't until January 3, 2006, that a copy finally surfaced on eBay and sold for the paltry sum of \$190.05. I didn't know about it until after the sale closed, so I unfortunately missed my first chance to purchase a copy of this very rare B&C book.

I'm sure there are more copies out there, but to date, I have only heard of four copies in existence. The Club purchased one of them, and I finally realized my goal by acquiring a copy in good condition. The Club reprinted a limited edition of this publication for B&C book collectors and aficionados; a limited number of copies are still available.

1947 Manual

The Club held its first Competition, called Awards Programs today, in 1947. To get this program off to a proper start, the Club's Committee in Charge of Records and North American Big Game Competitions, published the first comprehensive booklet on the Club's records program titled, *North American Big Game Competitions Conducted by Boone and Crockett Club*. Not only did this booklet include complete details and rules of the Club's Competitions, but it also included score charts and scoring instructions introduced in 1906. There were no minimum scores that I am aware of because deer, for example, were ranked on length of the longer main beam. The committee that produced this manual was located at the

American Museum of Natural History in New York City at the time of publication and was chaired by Club member Harold E. Anthony.

1963 Outdoor Life Edition

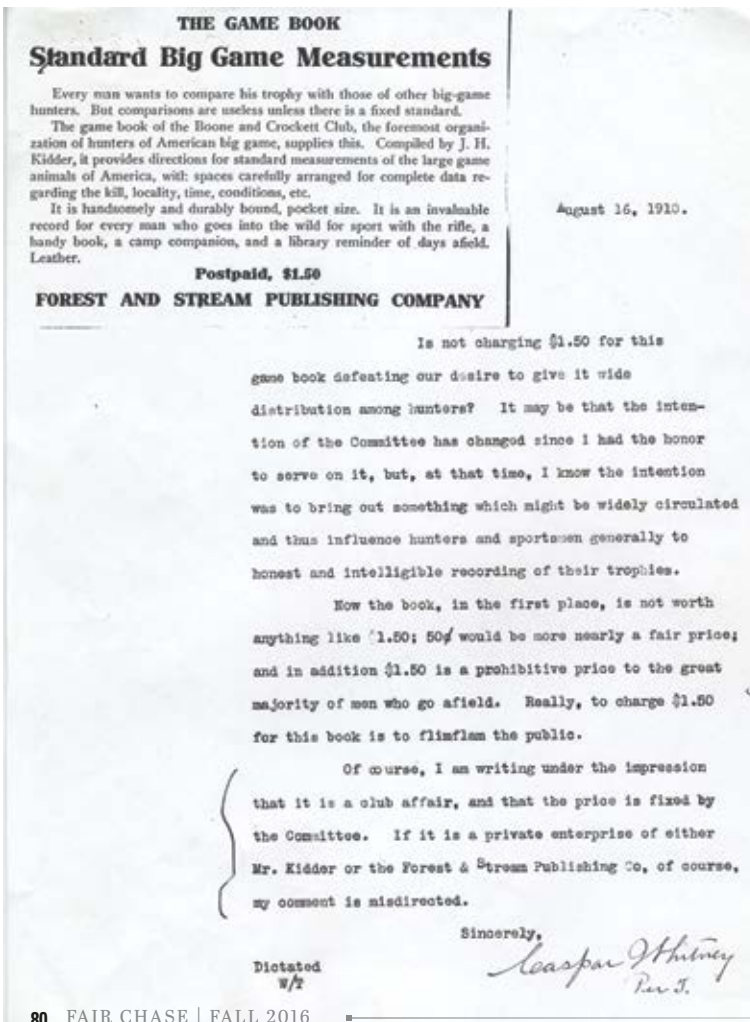
It wasn't until 1963 that Grancel Fitz, one of the original architects of the Club's current scoring system, published his own paperback scoring manual titled, *How to Measure and Score Big-Game Trophies*. This edition was made of poor-quality paper, and I doubt many copies survived in pristine condition because they were meant to be workbooks for writing in and cutting out score charts; in other words, it was disposable.

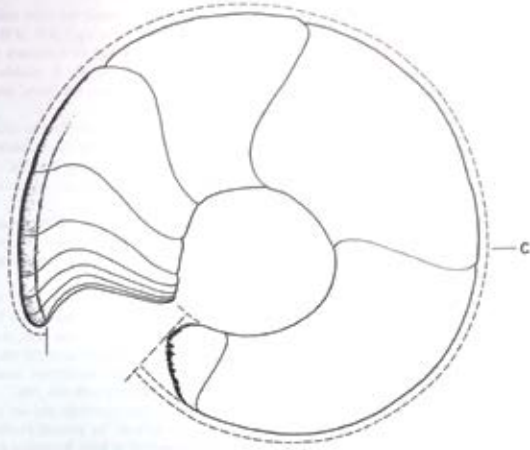
A second edition of Grancel's book was published in 1977 by Pope and Young Club when it purchased the rights to do so from Grancel's wife Betty Fitz. It was published by David McKay Co., Inc. P&Y Club's edition was published in both hardback and softback editions.

In the 1950s, B&C gave Glenn St. Charles, P&Y's founder, permission to use its scoring system to promote the fledgling sport of bowhunting. P&Y prospered and grew, but sadly and for whatever excuse, many bowhunters don't enter their B&C qualifying trophies in B&C. *We strongly encourage them to do so.* B&C accepts trophies taken in fair chase by any legal method of harvest. B&C's records are incomplete without these trophies. So, if you have a B&C qualifying trophy that you haven't entered in B&C, please do so.

P&Y has published several editions of its own scoring manual since then, but I won't list their manuals in this column. I need to point out, however, that P&Y's scoring manual cannot be used to score trophies for B&C's records program and vice versa because of some scoring nuances, which are mentioned

BELOW: Forest and Stream's Ad for *Big Game Measurements* and Caspar Whitney's response.





Top: A heavily broomed, mature Dall's sheep horn (viewed from the side), showing proper placement of a perpendicular line at the horn tip to properly end the length of horn measurement. Bottom: Proper placement of measuring tape for first quarter (D-2) measurement on an old Dall's ram horn. In this case, there is a big chip missing from the horn, at the quarter location. The measurement must be taken at this location, even though the trophy will lose score because of the missing chip. Photo by DeWayne Williams.

ABOVE: The 1985 edition, *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies* was created to be used at Official Measure training workshops and included illustration and photos depicting proper scoring techniques.

in a special chapter in the appendix of the 4th edition, about the scoring of trophies for each program. I do want to emphasize the fact that B&C has always accepted trophies taken by bowhunters, whereas P&Y obviously only accepts trophies taken with archery tackle.

1967 & 1969 Manuals

From 1962 to 1970, the Club's records office was located at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1967 and 1969 the Club's Records of North American Big Game Committee published two small booklets titled, *Boone and Crockett Club Manual for Official Measurers*. Neither of these publications included score charts or scoring instructions. Instead, they instructed trophy owners on where to obtain score

charts that had scoring instructions on the backs of each score chart. Both booklets included copies of B&C's fair chase statement, a list of acceptable categories and minimum scores, along with rules and policies covering how the Club's records program worked.

1985 Manual

In 1985, the Club released the first edition of *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*. It was co-authored by William H. "Harold" Nesbitt and Philip L. Wright. Harold was executive director of the Boone and Crockett Club at the time and Phil was the Club's chair of the Records of North American Big Game Committee. I remember well when Harold was tirelessly working on this book as he would occasionally ask

TABLE A. LIST OF B&C'S OFFICIAL MEASURER MANUALS

- 1906: *Big Game Measurements: Game Book of the Boone and Crockett Club*. Club member James H. Kidder
- 1947: *North American Big Game Competitions Conducted by Boone and Crockett Club*. Boone and Crockett Club. Club member Harold E. Anthony.
- 1963: *How to Measure and Score Big-Game Trophies, Outdoor Life Magazine*. Grancel Fitz.
- 1977: *How to Measure and Score Big-Game Trophies*, Pope and Young Club. David McKay Co., Inc. Grancel Fitz.
- 1967: *Manual for Official Measurers*. Records Committee. Boone and Crockett Club
- 1969: *Manual for Official Measurers*. Records Committee. Boone and Crockett Club
- 1985: *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*. Boone and Crockett Club. Wm. H. Nesbitt and Philip L. Wright
- 1997: *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*. 2nd Edition. Boone and Crockett Club. Updated by C. Randall Byers and Jack Reneau.
- 2009: *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*, 3rd Edition. Updated by Eldon L. "Buck" Buckner and Jack Reneau.
- 2016: *How to Score North American Big Game: Boone and Crockett Club's Official Measurers Manual, 4th Edition*. Updated by Eldon L. "Buck" Buckner, Richard T. Hale, Jack Reneau (Editor), et al.

B&C FIELD SCORING GUIDES

- 2003: *A Boone and Crockett Club Field Guide to Measuring and Judging Big Game, 1st Edition*. Boone and Crockett Club. Wm. H. Nesbitt, Philip L. Wright; updated by Eldon, L. "Buck" Buckner, and Jack Reneau.
- 2010: *A Boone and Crockett Club Field Guide to Measuring and Judging Big Game, 2nd Edition*. Wm. H. Nesbitt, Philip L. Wright; updated by Eldon, L. "Buck" Buckner, and Jack Reneau.

me to review one section or another and give an opinion on it.

This 1985 edition, which only came in softcover, was the culmination of years of work by Nesbitt and Wright to create a manual to be used at Official Measurer training workshops throughout the United States and Canada. Copies were available for purchase to the public so that trophy owners could follow detailed instructions to score their own trophies.

In the back of the 1985 edition was a special chapter on "Field Evaluation of Trophies." Photographs of a minimum score trophy and a top-ranking trophy of each category were depicted side by side to give readers a visual idea of the size of top-ranking trophies and trophies that barely met the minimum scores.

From 1976 through 1985, I taught Official Measurer training workshops using score charts and

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photocopied drafts of a manual that eventually became the 1985 edition. These photocopies are spiral bound with red coppypaper covers. I doubt very many copies of this version of the manual exist today because only enough copies were made for the number of students that attended each workshop.

1997 & 2009 Update Editions

In the ensuing years, the 1985 edition was followed by the second and third editions that were published in 1997 and 2009, respectively. The 1997 edition only came in a three-ring binder version, and the 2009 edition was printed in both softcover and three-ring binder editions. The three-ring binder editions were designed especially for Official Measurers so the manual could lie flat while scoring a trophy. Grancel Fitz scoring an Alaska-Yukon moose is depicted on the

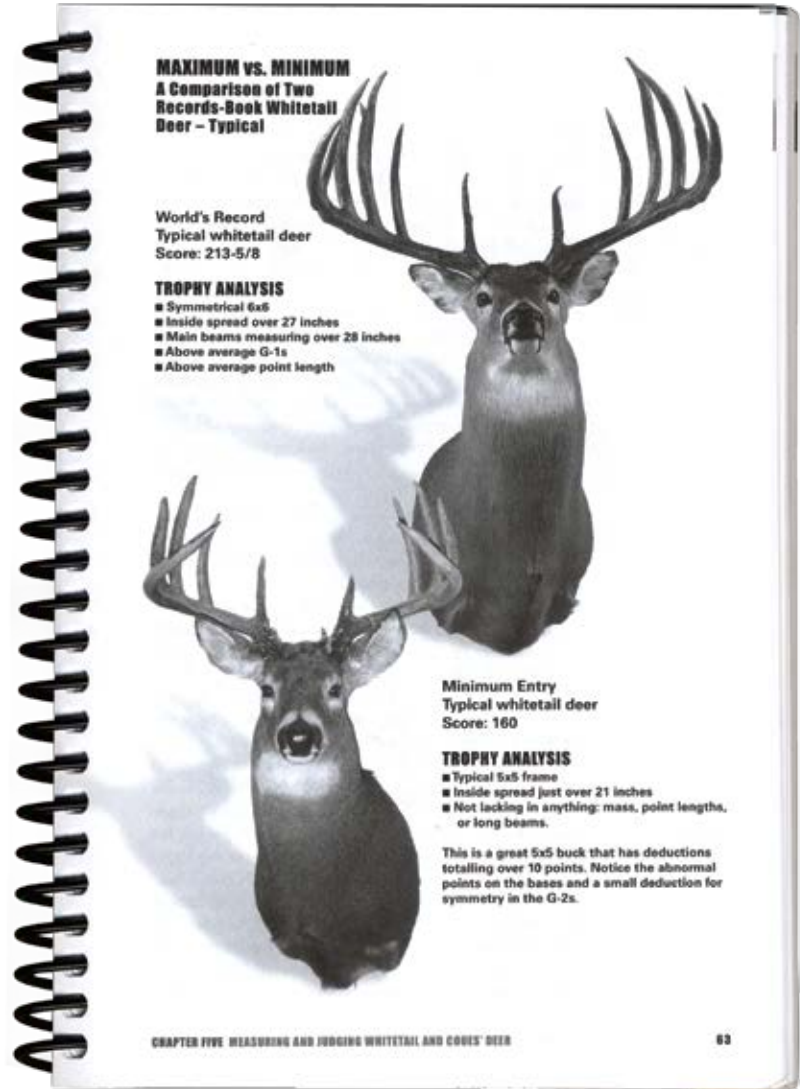
cover of the 1997 edition, and I am depicted scoring a pronghorn on both the softcover and the three-ring binder editions in 2009.

2003 & 2010 Field Manuals

In 2003 and 2010, B&C published field guide editions of the scoring manual titled *A Boone and Crockett Club Field Guide to Measuring and Judging Big Game* that could easily fit into a backpack. The 2003 edition was spiral bound and the 2010 edition was softcover bound. The unique feature of these two editions that sets them off from other printings of the OM manual was that each chapter included several paragraphs by top outdoor writers and hunting experts on field-judging trophies. There are also photographs of top-scoring and minimum-scoring trophies for side-by-side comparison purposes in each scoring chapter. ■

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RIGHT: The 2010 publication of *A Boone and Crockett Club Field Guide to Measuring and Judging Big Game* included side-by-side comparisons of top—scoring and minimum-scoring trophies.



BELOW: *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies* through the years. Left to right: the 1997 binder edition; the 1985 publication was the first edition titled *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*; the 1967 and 1969 booklets did not include score charts; the 1963 *Outdoor Life* edition; the 1947 publication was released in conjunction with the first competition, now called the Awards Program; the 2009 third edition; and the 2010 *A Boone and Crockett Club Field Guide to Measuring and Judging Big Game*.

I'm sure after reading this column that you realize by now that the Club's scoring system is not static, and that this 4th edition will not be the last. There will be many more revisions and updates to this latest edition of the manual in the coming decades as unique scoring problems keep cropping up and scoring procedures are refined and problems defined. The important thing about any new editions, however, is that all Official Measurers must completely familiarize themselves with each and every new edition. While new editions may look like earlier editions, they are positively not identical.

