

30TH BIG GAME AWARDS UPDATE

TROPHY TALK



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As you read this, I am hopeful you have gone online and registered for the 30th Big Game Awards program to be held August 1-3, 2019. The deadline for registration is June 27, 2019, and you should have received both mail and email correspondence with all the necessary details. Also this year we have reached out to our Official Measurers (OMs) trying to strengthen our offerings in the auction. At the time of writing we have had a handful of measurers offer up items ranging from a custom-made knife, to a custom-made slate turkey call, a copy of *Idaho's Greatest Mule Deer Volume 2*, and a custom clock and a cribbage board with the 30th Big Game Awards logo wood burned into them. These examples further show the willingness of our OMs to help out any way they can, and it is greatly appreciated.

A welcome reception will kick off the festivities Thursday evening with heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the trophy display at the Wonders of Wildlife Museum.

Friday we will have a luncheon where all attending OMs will have their services recognized and receive a unique 30th Awards Belt Buckle. We will start Friday morning with an open meeting where Vice President of Big Game Records Eldon "Buck" Buckner, Chair of the Records Committee Richard T. Hale, the Records Committee deputy Mike Opitz, as well as staff members Kyle Lehr and I will be on hand to answer any questions that our OMs or attendees may have about the program.

That evening we will recognize all the hunters 16 years or younger in attendance with an accepted trophy in the 30th Awards Program at the Jack Steele Parker Generation Next Youth Banquet.

Saturday will include a Heroes of Conservation luncheon recognizing B&C's Lifetime Associates and highlighting the importance of conservation. The lunch will be followed by an auction featuring a one-of-a-kind Boone and Crockett custom Weatherby rifle in .300 Weatherby; a highly sought-after desert sheep hunt in Mexico; a Mountain caribou hunt in the Yukon; along with a host of other high-quality experiences, items, and hunts from around North America.

Saturday night will culminate with our 30th Big Game Awards Banquet, and we sincerely hope all of you can attend. A certain highlight will be the drawing of the bucket raffles and the raffle drawing of a hunt. While we are still working on what all will be raffled, we have already had some top-end gear companies like Stone Glacier and Vortex Optics step forward with donations.

In addition to all the listed activities make sure to take in the world-class museum which houses Boone and Crockett Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns as well as the 30th Awards trophy display, which will truly be the largest and likely one of the best ever.

Nine Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep exceeding 200 inches were invited. Six have confirmed they are attending, including Clayton Miller's new archery World's Record bighorn from South Dakota, whose score exceeds the current hunter-taken, and Justin Sheedy's Montana Missouri River Breaks rams whose score tied the previous hunter-taken record. A new World's Record picked-up ram from Montana's Wild Horse Island on Flathead Lake will be on display which

Don't miss out on the opportunity to ask the Big Game Records Committee any measuring questions you might have at our Official Measurer's Open Meeting in Springfield.



is confirmed at an astounding 216-3/8. This score was verified last spring by a Special Judge's Panel, which is convened only when a trophy has an accepted entry score exceeding the current World's Record. The new record trophy is also required to be on display at our Awards Program.

The elk display will showcase some of the finest bulls ever taken. In fact, the cutoff point for the top-five in both the typical and non-typical categories is the highest it has ever been. Between the two categories, there are 10 bulls exceeding 408 inches that have been invited. Included is Steve Felix's archery World's Record typical American elk from Montana scoring 430 points and the new Montana state record non-typical taken by Garth Sessions scoring 431-7/8 that both were loaded on the truck to head to Springfield from Missoula in April. Hannah Helmer, who will be honored at the both the Friday youth banquet as well as Saturday Awards banquet, is bringing her new 430-6/8 Nebraska state record non-typical American elk.

With over 100 of the top-five heads from the 30th Awards program currently indicating they will be in attendance and an additional 50-plus youth-taken trophies with two invitees included in both the youth and top-five adult invite lists, we are confident that our tag line, "More and healthier than ever," is quite appropriate.

Everything we hear from our OMs about why they enjoy being a measurer is culminated in the triennial event. You get to hear the stories of the hunts, you get to see the excitement in the young hunters' eyes as they receive acknowledgment on the stage for their accomplishments, and as our Measurers already all do, give back to the wildlife and activities that mean so much to all of us in our lives.

I hope to get to chat with every one of you in attendance. Your participation is greatly appreciated. See you all in Springfield this August. ■




This year's 30th Big Game Awards trophy display will truly be one of the best ever.



TOP TO BOTTOM: A new World's Record picked-up ram from Montana's Wild Horse Island on Flathead Lake will be on display which is confirmed at an astounding 216-3/8. Steve Felix's archery World's Record typical American elk from Montana scoring 430 points. Brian Kinsman's Mexico Coues' deer, scoring 138-6/8 points, ranks it as the third largest typical Coues' whitetail in our records.

Associate Sign-Up Incentive Program Leader Board

*As of April 15, 2019

CONGRATS TO OUR TOP 10 PRIZE WINNERS!

*Each time an OM signs up
a B&C Associate we'll put a
credit by their name.*

HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN

- 3 Associates – \$25 off any item
in the B&C store
- 5 Associates – Buck Knife
- 10 Associates – B&C Boyt sling
- 25 Associates – OM Wool Vest
- 50 Associates – Sitka Gear (value up to \$350)
- 75 Associates – YETI cooler and rambler
package (value up to \$500)
- 100 Associates – *Congratulations!*
YOU'LL RECEIVE A KIMBER RIFLE!



YETI



NOTE: Limit to one rifle per year, three rifles per Official Measurer.

1. Bucky Ihlenfeldt – 104 Congratulations!

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| 2. Stanley Zirbel – 69 | 7. Jerry E. Lunde – 18 |
| 3. Ken Witt – 40 | 8. Daniel A. Doughty III – 14 |
| 4. Philip A. Herrnberger – 34 | 9. Mark Miller – 10 |
| 5. John Bogucki – 23 | 10. Ralph Stayner – 8 |
| 6. Charlie Adams – 22 | |

SEVEN ASSOCIATE SIGN UPS

Mike Golightly, Everett Headley, Jim R. Peterson

SIX ASSOCIATE SIGN UPS

Roger Kingsley, Michael Moline, John Stein, Harrell Wilson

FIVE ASSOCIATE SIGN UPS

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FOUR ASSOCIATE SIGN UPS

Carl E. Brent, Buck Buckner, Chad A. Coburn, Tim Donnelly, Ricky Krueger, Chris Lacey, Ron Madsen, Toby Montgomery, John Ohmer, John Ramsey, Brent Wilkes, Robert Wood

THREE ASSOCIATE SIGN UPS

Don Biggs, Richard A. Bonander, L. Victor Clark, John J. Detjen, James Dowd, Dane K. Eider, Kevin Freymiller, Daniel Hollingsworth, Stacey Kleinsmith, Joe Lacefield, Marvin D. LaRose, Bill Nash Jr., Clay Newcomb, James Newport, Matt Nilsen, Eric M. Rominger, Ted Spraker, Eric Stanosheck, Jennifer Wood

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ONE ASSOCIATE SIGN UP

Brent Allan, James F. Arnold, Paul Atkins, T.K. Atkinson, David L. Aumen, Brandon Baker, Mike Barrett, Erik Bartholomew, Michael Beaty, Casey Bishop, George H. Block III, George Block, Steve Boero, Steve Boham, John W. Borlang, David Brimager, Lonnie C. Buck, Richard Burley, Alan T. Cain, Larry R. Carey, O.P. Carpenter, Chad Collins, Dean H. Cook, Stephen L. Cook, Brian Dam, Barry Dampman, Bob Davies, Hudson DeCray, Robert Deis, Ray Dierking, Randal Dufault, Tracy Dunkin, Gary D. English, Mark A. Erspamer, Luke Finney, Ronnie Gadberry, Valdemar Garcia, HP Giger, TJ Gould, Robert Graber, Clifford Gray, J. Carl Graybill Jr., Len Guldman, Jeffrey Gunnels, Buck Hagy, Michael Halirewich, LeRoy Hansen, Charles Harden, Donald Haseley, Steve Hooper, Tim Humes, Samuel N. Ivey, Richard E. Johndrow, Walter E. Johnson, Derris R. Jones, Mark Jones, Rory Karczewski, William A. Keebler, Jim Kinsey, Daniel Kunz, Chris Lacey, Larry C. Lack, Edward Larimer, Clinton Latham, Neil Lawson, Macy Ledbetter, Harvey L. Libby, Patrick J. Malone, Dean Marguardt, Bria Martin, James W. Martin, Corey Mason, Micah Mauney, Micah Mauney, James McCloskey, Richard McDrew, Joseph McEver, Steve McMillen, Gary Mefford, Brent Milleron, Thomas Milne, Skip Moore, George M. Moore, Lisa Muller, Corey Neill, Robert Newton IV, Frank S. Noska, David Nuttall, Ed Parker, Don Patterson, Don Perrien, Ron G. Pesek, John Phillips, Mike Pillow, John R. Plesuk, Don Poole, Ryan Rauscher, Joe Ream, Brian Richards, Ronald S. Richman, Arnold V. Sandoval, Kevin Schilling, Tim Schlater, Michael W. Schlegel, Jeffrey L. Schneider, Glen Sellsted, Roger Selner, William F. Seybold, Don Sherry, Aron Shofner, Darrel Skinner, Russell Skoglund, Curtis P. Smiley, Barry J. Smith, Ralph C. Stephen, Andrew Sternagel, M. Earl Stewart, Kelly Stockdale, John Stone, Randy Stutheit, Darrel Sudduth, Ed Swanson, Stephen C. Swihart Jr., Kyle J. Tator, Victor Trujillo, Brent Trumbo, Richard Tupen, Tony Vidrine, Gene A. Wagner Jr., Lee Wahlund, John M. Wall, William Walters, Bill Ward, Bob Zaiglin, Marvin N. Zieser, Chuck Zuckerman

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