

# TROPHY TALK

## Invitation to the 25th Awards Program Banquet – Cabela's in Kansas City, Kansas



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The Boone and Crockett Club invites you to attend the 25th Awards Program Banquet, which will take place Saturday evening, June 19th, at the Westin

Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Kansas, to celebrate the successes of hunters and our wildlife conservation system. The banquet will culminate a fun-filled weekend of activities that will take place during June 17-19 at both the Westin Hotel and Cabela's Kansas City store. The events will include receptions and banquets; wildlife

workshops by the nation's leading outdoor personalities; visits to Cabela's to view B&C's 25th Awards Program trophy exhibit and to check out the latest hunting gadgets; camaraderie and story-swapping with like-minded, fellow hunters; and much more.

The guests of honor at the banquet will be the fortunate hunters who have taken some of the finest North American big game trophies ever recognized by the Club. Coveted Boone and Crockett medallions and certificates will be presented to these trophy owners during the evening's ceremonies, recognizing them for their achievements. Who knows, perhaps the highly coveted Sagamore Hill Award will be presented for the single finest trophy entered in the 25th

Awards Program. Mark the dates on your calendar now and join us in honoring the trophies and recognizing these hunters.

The Awards Banquet weekend will be preceded with a public display of the Award-winning trophies at Cabela's Kansas City store from May 5 through June 19, 2004. If you have never viewed one of B&C's incredible trophy exhibits, mark your calendar now and plan to check it out. You will see over 100 of the finest trophies ever taken and recorded by modern-day hunters.

The office has made initial contact with nearly 180 trophy owners whose trophies are invited to participate in the 25th Awards Program activities. Final selections and invitations will be sent out once all the late trophy applications are processed.

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### **MAY 5 THROUGH JUNE 19**

Public display of award-winning invited trophies at Cabela's, Kansas City, Kansas. Display open to the public during regular store hours.

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

**Noon - 5 p.m.** Events registration desk open at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in downtown Kansas City, Kansas.

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** Welcome reception for trophy owners, Associates, Club Members, and guests in the trophy display at Cabela's.

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Events registration desk open at the Westin Center Hotel.

**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Lifetime Associates' Luncheon

**1 - 3 p.m.** Press Day at Cabela's in trophy exhibit.

**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Welcome reception and dinner for trophy owners, B&C Associates, B&C Members, and guests at the Westin Crown Center Hotel.

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Events registration desk open at Westin Crown Center Hotel.

**9 a.m. - noon** Wildlife Workshops at Cabela's by noted outdoor speakers.

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**6 p.m.** 25th Awards Program Reception and Banquet at the Westin Crown Center

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The widely celebrated "Albia buck," which is the largest hunter-taken whitetail deer ever recorded by B&C, will also be there. Fifteen-year-old Tony Lovstuen took it with a muzzleloader while hunting with his father this past hunting season near Albia, Iowa. Tony's buck was entered and accepted at 319-4/8 points. In addition, there will be numerous other trophies on display that rank in the all-time top 10 for their respective categories.

If you have never attended one of Boone and Crockett Club's Awards Programs or viewed one of its trophy displays, you have really missed something. While growing up in ru-

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ral Pennsylvania in the 1950s I was introduced to hunting by an uncle and by avidly reading his *Outdoor Life* and *Field and Stream* magazines at every opportunity. The highlight of the year was our family's annual pilgrimage to Pittsburgh on the train for a day at the zoo and the Carnegie Museum. One year especially stands out in my mind—that was the year our annual visit just so happened to coincide with a Boone and Crockett Club trophy exhibit at the Carnegie Museum. I don't recall which one it was, but I spent all of my time in that exhibit going from animal to animal and reading each sign well after the rest of my family moved on to view the other exhibits in the museum. When I finished going through the exhibit, I started all over again until it was time to leave. I wasn't even old enough to hunt.

I had read exciting hunting stories in the magazines I borrowed from my uncle about the various species of animals on display, but this was my first real introduction to the variety of big game in North America. I especially remember pausing at a shoulder-mounted Dall's sheep for a long time to marvel at the pelage and the massive horns, thinking to myself what a wonderful experience it must have been for the person who took it. The B&C trophy display was a life-forming experience for me, as I never forgot that single visit. I don't know if the trophies in B&C's 25th Awards Program exhibit will move you, but I can assure you that attendance at the activities will be a highlight of your hunting experiences. Please be sure to block off the dates of June 17-19 on your calendar now and plan to join us at Cabela's in Kansas City. We here at B&C look forward to meeting and visiting with you there.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

### ALBERTA WILDLIFE RECORDS

The Alberta Fish and Game Association recently announced the release of its second edition of *Alberta Wildlife Records*, which covers the years 1963 through 2001. This is a really unique and highly informative publication among state and provincial records books. In addition to listing trophy records for Alberta's big game animals, this fine edition covers yearly fish and bird records, as well as the annual winners of their photography competition. Of special interest to bowhunters are the trophy records listed for the Alberta Bowhunters Association. The centerpiece includes 16 pages of color photos. In addition, there are numerous other

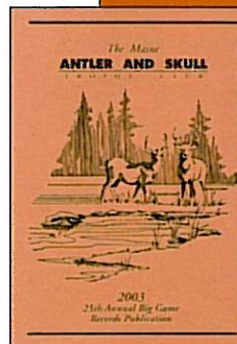
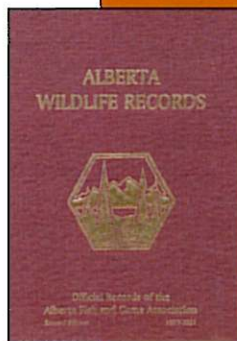
photos, stories, and much more to round out this book. You can order a copy of *Alberta Wildlife Records* by sending a check for \$39.95 US (\$49.75 CA) to Alberta Fish and Game Association, 6924 104 St., Edmonton, AB T6H 2L7, CANADA, or by calling 780/437-2342. VISA or MasterCard accepted.

### MAINE ANTLER AND SKULL TROPHY CLUB'S 23RD ANNUAL RECORDS PUBLICATION

The Maine Antler and Skull Trophy Club (MASTC) recently released their *25th Annual Big Game Records Publication*.

The MASTC book illustrates and documents Maine's hunting heritage. The 25th edition is a high quality, hardcover book measuring 8-1/2" x 10" that includes lists of all current trophy bear, deer, and moose, with page after page of trophy photos. The overall trophy listings are separated by rifle, bow, muzzleloaders, and handgun. I especially enjoyed reading many of the more than 70 hunting

stories published in this edition. While reading these stories I shared in the hunters' excitement and relived the hunts with those fortunate enough to harvest some of Maine's outstanding trophies. This edition includes, for the first time, a list of hunters who have taken more than one trophy that qualifies for MASTC. To obtain a copy of MASTC's *25th Annual Big Game Records Publication* please send a check or money order for \$26, which covers the cost of shipping and handling, to Maine Big Game Publications, 150 Ames Rd., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426. For further information please call Al Wentworth at 1-207/564-7614.



### BOOK REVIEW NOTICE

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