

BEATING the ODDS

New Ohio Typical Shatters State Record

B&C brings you an exclusive look at two tales behind a giant whitetail, from his shed antlers to the story of how he was finally taken.

By Ryan Hatfield

Cory Lindamood and his family live in rural Ohio, between Miamisburg and Springboro. Cory, his son Zach, and Zach's friend Kevin Guston spend a lot of time each year around deer, actively pursuing them and watching them through the windows of their home.

Cory installed a feeder on their property, not to attract deer for hunting, but to enjoy watching the ongoing show of backyard wildlife. It worked like a charm. Soon they had the pleasure of videotaping a multitude of deer that wandered through their property. While they had the pleasure of seeing many bucks over the years, one buck in particular stood out. For four years running, Cory had hours of videotape of a giant buck that would eventually fall to Brad Jerman's crossbow. In fact, he says, he has live action of the buck as it was in the velvet-shedding stage in the fall of 2004.

Zach Lindamood and his father Cory with the sheds from 2003.

He notes that in every year, this same buck was clearly the



Brad Jerman pictured with his new Ohio state record whitetail. The buck has an entry score of 201-1/8 points.

dominant animal of any they had seen. Cory says the buck looked as if it was a bodybuilder, very muscular in stature, and oftentimes intimidated all of the other bucks around it. He also says that from year one of their footage, the buck always had a ten-point typical frame.

Cory admits that he had several opportunities to harvest the giant buck, but was uncomfortable about it. He simply knew the animal too well. Forsaking the temptation, he and the boys never once chose to pursue the deer. Instead, they hunted other property that the family owned.

That didn't stop them from searching for its shed antlers, however. In February 2003, Cory, Zach, and Kevin were actively searching the area around their home. The buck had been coming in quite often to the feeder, and they were confident that the sheds would be somewhere nearby.

Their hopes were realized when Zach and Kevin found the sheds only 50 yards from the house! The buck had dropped them as it had jumped a fence. The boys, both 12 at the time, were ecstatic about their find.

For the next 19 months, they continued to intermittently see the local monarch. Finally, Cory took live video of the buck for the last time. It was fall of 2004, and the regal antlers of the fine whitetail were just beginning to unveil themselves.

A Prayer Answered

The first time Brad Jerman saw the big whitetail was the night before he would get not only a first chance to shoot the buck, but also an incredible second chance. He was unknowingly only one-half mile away from the Lindamood property, and with no knowledge of its history. He was just scouting for a big whitetail. He had heard rumors of a large buck that had been roaming the area, and had gone in to see if he could locate it. The rut was just coming on, and he hoped the deer might be starting to move a bit more. Jerman was in his stand at dusk and, as the last beams of twilight faded, he managed to capture 45 seconds of video on the buck.

He went home that night and watched the video. As he watched the images over and over, he thought the

buck had a chance to make the Boone and Crockett Records Book. Needless to say, he got very little sleep that night. He prayed the buck would be roaming the same area the next morning.

Three o'clock in the morning found Jerman awake and already at his hunting spot. The area he was hunting had open fields that completely surrounded the dense thicket in which his stand was located. It was a new moon, and extremely dark. He crawled on his hands and knees toward his stand to avoid spooking any deer in the area. It took 45 minutes to move that last 100 yards.

Eventually, Jerman made it to his stand location. He placed a scent dispenser and readied himself to get into the stand. Finally, he decided to stand up and, of course, proceeded to spook the big buck right out of the area.

He had made it with three hours to spare. The long wait would only seem longer now, as he knew the potential of what the day could have in store for him.

As the first flickers of light began to tease the horizon, he saw movement immediately. He looked closely and quickly identified the deer as the big buck he had videoed the night before. In the pre-dawn light, the antlers almost seemed to glow against the background.

Jerman had no shot at the buck. It walked right under his stand and out of sight into a thicket. His mind ached as he wondered if he had lost his only opportunity at a lifetime buck.

After 15 minutes of painful waiting, the buck miraculously returned and presented an 18-yard shot. Jerman took aim and made a swift, penetrating shot into the body of the largest deer he had ever seen.

As Jerman approached his quarry, he was overjoyed at what had taken place. He had just taken the biggest buck of his life! It would be hours later when he would find out he had done much more than that. He had just taken the largest typical white-tail in the illustrious hunting history of the state of Ohio.

NOTE: BRAD JERMAN'S DEER HAS BEEN ENTERED AND ACCEPTED INTO THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S 26TH AWARDS PROGRAM WITH AN ENTRY SCORE OF 201-1/8 AS A TYPICAL WHITE-TAIL. THIS SCORE IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION BY

Tale of the Tape

Here is a comparison of the new Ohio state record buck's antlers in fall 2002 (retrieved as sheds in February 2003) versus fall 2004, when Brad Jerman shot the deer. The antler measurements are amazingly similar throughout the rack. The only major differences are in the main beam and G-1 lengths that the buck added over the following two years. While B&C does not accept shed antlers into its Records Program, this is a great chance to see how this buck's antlers changed over the last two years. Gary Trent officially scored the antlers, and unofficially scored the sheds.

	Sheds from February 2003			Brad Jerman's buck from November 2004		
	Right	Left	Diff.	Right	Left	Diff.
E. Length of Abnormal Points	-	-	2-6/8	-	-	1-0/8
F. Length of Main Beam	27-5/8	25-7/8	1-6/8	29-6/8	29-0/8	6/8
G-1.Length of First Point	8-1/8	10-2/8	2-1/8	11-0/8	11-7/8	7/8
G-2.Length of Second Point	12-7/8	13-2/8	3/8	11-1/8	13-0/8	1-7/8
G-3.Length of Third Point	12-1/8	12-5/8	4/8	12-2/8	12-5/8	3/8
G-4.Length of Fourth Point	7-0/8	5-6/8	1-2/8	5-6/8	7-6/8	2-0/8
H-1. Circ. - Burr and First Point	4-6/8	4-6/8	-	5-0/8	5-0/8	-
H-2. Circ. - First and Second Points	5-0/8	5-0/8	-	5-1/8	5-2/8	1/8
H-3. Circ. - Second and Third Points	5-1/8	5-2/8	1/8	5-1/8	5-3/8	2/8
H-4. Circ. - Third and Fourth Points	4-4/8	4-5/8	1/8	4-5/8	5-1/8	4/8
Totals	87-1/8	87-3/8	9-0/8	89-6/8	95-0/8	7-6/8

THE 26TH AWARDS JUDGES' PANEL. SHOULD THE PANEL VERIFY THIS SCORE, IT WOULD BECOME THE 10TH-LARGEST TYPICAL WHITETAIL EVER TAKEN. THIS MAMMOTH DEER WAS TAKEN IN WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, ON NOVEMBER 10, 2004, AND NOW STANDS AS THE LARGEST TYPICAL EVER RECORDED IN THE WHITETAIL TROPHY-LADEN STATE. IT TAKES THE TOP SPOT FROM A BUCK TAKEN IN

2000 BY LOWELL E. KINNEY IN SCIOTO COUNTY. THAT BUCK SCORES 191-5/8.

THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB WOULD LIKE TO SEND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OFFICIAL MEASURER GARY TRENT, WHO WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO HELP WITH THIS STORY. GARY MEASURED BOTH THE ACTUAL ANTLERS, AS WELL AS THE SHEDS. HE ALSO TOOK THE PHOTOS OF THE SHEDS.

28th Time is a Charm

186-5/8 B&C Bighorn Sheep

Randolph J. Tuhy ■ Fergus County, MT 2003

For 28 years, Randy Tuhy patiently kept putting in for a bighorn-sheep permit in his home state of Montana. For 27 years, he got his annual rejection letter. He even went to Wyoming in between, but his hunt there followed a severe winter kill, leaving his quest for a bighorn ram unfulfilled and maybe leaving salt in the wound.

But finally, on the 28th try, he drew his Montana sheep tag for District 482 in Fergus County. He did as much scouting as he could, including getting some big rams on video. His scouting trips provided more entertainment than he would have liked, however, as he narrowly missed being bitten by a striking rattlesnake.

He and some friends put up a wall tent three days before the season and scouted just prior to the opener. They saw some big rams and quickly decided where they would hunt the next morning.

The next morning, Tuhy circled around where he thought the rams would be, and saw another hunter putting the sneak on something. Tuhy then saw a good ram, but not the biggest of the three he had seen. He elected to pass. A short time later, Tuhy ran into the ram again and reassessed the situation. That other hunter wasn't making it any easier to pass up this ram. What if the other hunter shoots and they all scatter, he wondered.

He got into a prone position and touched the trigger. A loud boom filled the canyon and the ram went out of sight. He hadn't even approached his fallen ram before he saw the two bigger ones he had been looking for. It could have been a disappointment for Randy, but he knew better. His quest was finally over and he had just taken the ram of a lifetime.



New #6 Kansas Non-typical
Tyler Remington
234-7/8 non-typical mule deer
Gove Co., Kansas, 2003

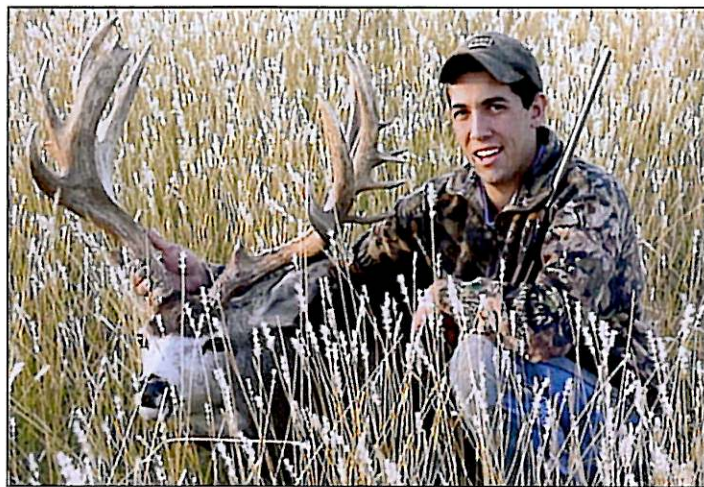
Deer season seemed like it would never come for Tyler Remington. It was bad enough that a young man with hunting in his blood had to wait, but couple that with Tyler's missing a monster buck the previous year, and it was almost torture.

Finally, hunting season arrived. Tyler drove the 80 miles from college to hunt with his dad and brother Derek. He had missed opening morning due to school, but they now headed out to where they hoped their dream buck would be.

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The area they chose was split between small canyons and CRP grass. They had been there only a short time when his dad spotted the big buck that Tyler had missed the previous season. Tyler couldn't believe his luck. He had thought for sure that someone would have found it that morning.

He looked through his binoculars and thought the buck looked bigger than ever. It was with some does, but was hard to follow in the tall grass. Tyler and Derek stalked the buck while their dad waited behind. He remembers his heart pounding as they got closer. All they could see was the huge antlers above the grass.



Tyler Remington pictured with his records-book non-typical mule deer that scores 234-7/8 points.

Finally, a shot presented itself. Tyler shouldered his .270 and focused on the neck. He squeezed slowly, and the rifle thundered. The buck never heard the shot and never moved an inch, falling on the spot.

As they raced up to the big buck, another 170-class mule deer appeared out of nowhere. Derek quickly dispatched the buck, and now both tags were filled with awesome Kansas mule deer.

Tyler's 2003 non-typical mule deer is the sixth-largest mule deer ever taken from Kansas, and one of only seven ever that make the All-time minimum. This buck is a shining example of modern wildlife management perpetuating quality herd composition and hunting opportunities.

High Elevation Grizzly

Joseph D. Galandy
24-3/16 Grizzly ■ Meachen Creek, B.C., 2004

Joseph Galandy drew a special grizzly tag for the spring grizzly hunt in southeastern British Columbia in 2004. He figures his odds of drawing the tag were nearly one in fifty. Needless to say, Galandy was very excited when he drew. He then put all he had into the hunt. The Cranbrook area, where the hunt would take place, is at the foot of

many towering peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Galandy would be right in the midst of them on his grizzly quest.

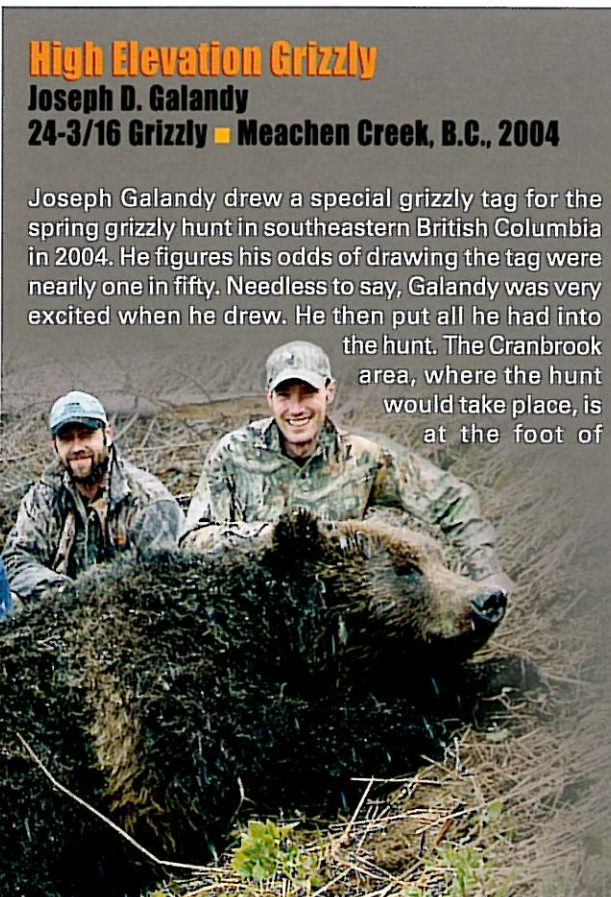
He began hunting on April 1, but saw no grizzlies for quite some time. On May 30, he was hiking in the Mile-High Slide area when he spotted a sow grizzly rolling around in the snow. He stayed and watched, hoping a big boar might be in the area. Soon he saw one. Galandy decided to cross the creek to get a better look — not a minor decision. It was May in the Rockies, and the water was up to his knees. If the water was not moving, chances are it would have been frozen.

He made his way across the frigid water, crossed through the alders, and saw the head of a big boar. It soon bedded down, and Galandy made his move. He circled around and got above the animal. A quick check with a rangefinder showed it would be a 243-yard shot, which he made.

Galandy's high-elevation B.C. grizzly was, to him, the trophy of a lifetime. The bear was eight feet from nose to tail, squared nearly 10-1/2 feet, and scored 24-3/16 points — enough to make B&C's All-time Awards minimum.

From left to right: Bart Maurer, Joe Palmer, and Joseph Galandy with the high-elevation grizzly. Photo by Morris Maurer.

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New South Dakota State Record Heath W. Larson 89-2/8 Pronghorn ■ Perkins Co., SD, 2003

Heath Larson and his family love to hunt deer and pronghorn in their home state of South Dakota. It was on one of these excursions, on a deer hunt in 2002, when Heath first saw the giant pronghorn. It didn't take much thought to decide where he wanted to apply for a pronghorn hunt the following season. Luckily, he was fortunate enough to draw the tag on his first attempt.

Heath was joined on the hunt by his father Alan, and brothers Scott and Alan, Jr. At 4:30 a.m. on opening day, they left their home for their chosen hunting grounds.

As the first hint of light appeared, Heath and his dad split off from Scott and Alan, Jr. It wasn't long before Heath spotted three bucks near a waterhole. Two of them were gigantic! Unfortunately, they were over on pri-

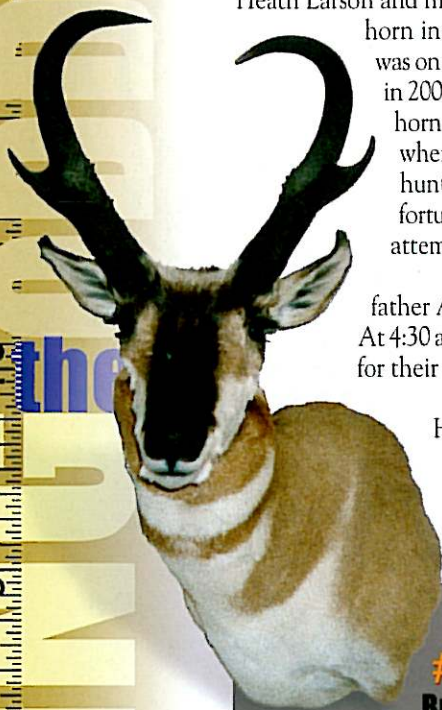
vate property that they didn't have permission to hunt. They had no alternative, but to watch them and then move on.

Two hours passed before Heath and his dad returned to the area. They hoped the bucks might wander off the private property and choose to bed in the draws on the adjoining public ground. Their hopes and hunches paid off, as the bucks got up, one by one, and started making their way off the private property.

Heath quickly made a big circle, giving the bucks a wide berth, trying to intercept them as they came into a small draw. He waited patiently for what seemed an eternity, but was only a half an hour before he finally saw movement. A short time later, a 70-yard shot presented itself, and Heath connected with his .30-06.

As Heath walked up to his first-ever pronghorn buck, he was in awe of how magnificent it was. But even as big as it looked to the happy hunter, Heath had no idea it would soon become the largest ever taken in his home state of South Dakota. That just makes the story that much sweeter.

NOTE: THE 89-2/8 SCORE IS A PRELIMINARY ENTRY SCORE. THIS SCORE COULD BE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION IF THIS OUTSTANDING TROPHY IS CALLED TO THE JUDGES' PANEL.



New #6 All-time, #2 Pennsylvania

Brian Coxe

22-14/16 black bear ■ Carbon Co., PA, 2003

Opening day of the three-day 2003 Pennsylvania bear season found Brian Coxe, his father Nelson Coxe, Jr., and his brother Nelson Coxe III out in the woods after black bear. It was November 24, and they were glad to be out and about.

They had no luck the first day or the next morning. After lunch, they decided to try a different location, and found good sign of a large bear. The area was a deep ravine with heavy laurel cover and a small creek running through the bottom.

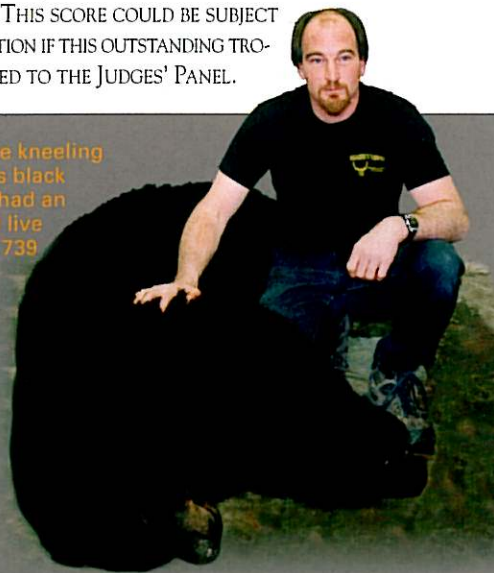
As they arrived, they were greeted by an older gentleman. He had just come from the ravine, but hadn't seen anything. With disappointment, he stated that he hadn't seen a bear in a few years, and that this would be his last year of chasing them.

Brian's father and brother stayed up on the ridge, where they could see down into the laurels. Brian ventured down to the bottom for a hike along the creek. He had gone 200 yards, partly crawling through the thick laurel, when he cut a big bear track in the snow. He walked quietly for another hundred yards when he spotted a large black spot on a small island where the creek separated. It was a big bear!

He tried to get closer for a better shot, but spooked the bear. Brian got off a shot just as the bear bolted, but thought he probably had missed. He raced up to the spot on which the bear had been standing, and followed its tracks for about 50 yards before he found out that he had indeed hit his target.

The wounded bear ran back and forth through the maze of laurels. Brian followed closely behind, and he saw the bear a short distance away on a small cliff. It was waiting there, seeing if it was being followed. Brian put one more shot in and, as the bear whirled to run, it slipped off the cliff and onto the rocks below.

Brian Coxe kneeling next to his black bear that had an estimated live weight of 739 pounds.



Brian called to his brother and dad, who showed up shortly thereafter. Brian and his dad waited while his brother went for their ATV. Ten minutes had passed when, to their astonishment, the stubborn bear rose to his feet! He shook to regain his balance and started toward Brian and his father. Luckily, Brian had his .30-06 handy and finished the bear with one additional shot.

They recruited more help to load the bear, at which point they had seven men struggling to lift it onto the ATV. It took all seven of them two hours to move the bear a little over 100 yards.

They took the bear to the check station in Beltsville, where the bear tipped the scale at 626 pounds field-dressed and had an estimated live weight of 739 pounds. The giant bruin was 12 years old, measured 81 inches from nose to tail and 65 inches around the waist. It had also been tagged twice, but the bear had torn out both tags.

Brian Coxe's gigantic black bear from Carbon County, Pennsylvania, now stands as the sixth-largest black bear ever recorded. It is also the second-largest ever from Pennsylvania.

In memory of Nelson Coxe III.

New Colorado State Record

Eddie L. Kinney

192-1/8 typical whitetail • El Paso Co., CO, 2003

Ed Kinney was elk hunting a new area a few years ago, and during those hunts, he had seen a number of whitetail. Common sense told him he should come back someday and try hunting the area for whitetail. The area was a controlled-hunt draw, and in 2003 Kinney drew a tag for that area. It was in El Paso County, Colorado, and Kinney began hunting on November 8.

There was a slight wind that day, but no snow yet. Kinney was on a bluff overlooking a creek at dawn, but he saw no deer. He began walking, and then saw three does come out and drop into the creekbed.

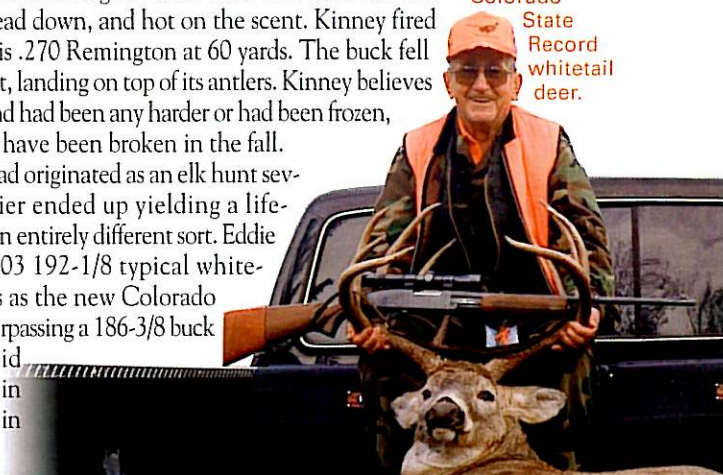
Kinney decided to get closer and see what might decide to follow the does. The whitetail rut was picking

up, and maybe a buck would follow their trail.

He was soon proven correct, when he looked up and saw a giant buck following the does' trail. The buck was at a trot, with its head down, and hot on the scent. Kinney fired a round from his .270 Remington at 60 yards. The buck fell right on the spot, landing on top of its antlers. Kinney believes that if the ground had been any harder or had been frozen, the rack would have been broken in the fall.

What had originated as an elk hunt several years earlier ended up yielding a lifetime trophy of an entirely different sort. Eddie L. Kinney's 2003 192-1/8 typical whitetail now stands as the new Colorado State Record, surpassing a 186-3/8 buck taken by David A. McCracken in Adams County in 1996.

Eddie Kinney
pictured with
his new
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