

TROPHY TALK

Former World's Record Dall's Sheep Donated to National Collection



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You now have one more compelling reason to stop and visit Boone and Crockett Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns (NCHH) at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. The

Club is especially pleased to announce the acquisition of a magnificent Dall's sheep, scoring 182-2/8 points, taken by Dr. Earl J. Thee near the Moraine River, Yukon

Territory, in 1948. The ram was donated to NCHH earlier this year by the Thee family and fills a void that has existed in the Collection since it was acquired by the Club in 1978.

Thee's ram was originally accepted in the Club's second competition in 1949 and rescored by Sam Webb and Grancel Fitz a couple of years later after the current scoring system was adopted in 1950. It was B&C's first World's Record Dall's sheep using the current scoring system, and it held that status until it was replaced by

Frank Cook's ram (185-6/8 points) in 1956. It is still the 11th largest Dall's sheep ever taken and currently ranks no. 2 from Yukon Territory. It is a truly significant addition for the NCHH.

The Thee ram made its debut to the hunting fraternity in early February where it was displayed in the Boone and Crockett Club's booth at the Wild Sheep Foundation's Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. From there, it was sent to the NCHH in Cody, Wyoming, where it will be put on display by April 1, 2009.

The National Collection of Heads and Horns was created at the Bronx Zoo in New York City in 1906 by Club members William T. Hornaday and Madison Grant, and dedicated to the "vanishing big game of the world." The Club acquired this historically significant collection in 1978 after the Bronx Zoo lost interest in it, and it became "politically incorrect" to display hunter-taken trophies in a public venue. Had many of the animals in the Collection gone extinct, as was expected at the turn of the 20th century, it is likely the Bronx Zoo would have never

Dr. Earl J. Thee's outstanding Dall's sheep became part of the Boone and Crockett Gallery display at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in March 2009.



BOOK REVIEW

Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book

The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association's *Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record*

Book, 5th Edition, has just been released. This hard-cover, large-format volume of over 200 pages contains information on current big game trophy animals taken with all types of muzzleloading firearms. There are 883 more entries than the last edition, including nine new World's Records. Also, there are over 100 photos of successful hunters and top-scoring animals in 32 categories of native North American big game accepted for entry. This book also features information on Boone

and Crockett scoring standards and forms, rules of fair chase, geographic boundaries used to categorize muzzleloader-taken trophies, and valuable species-specific information. This edition includes information on locations of kill, habitat, and type of muzzleloader used. Copies are available for \$40 each, plus \$7.50 for shipping and handling. Make checks payable to the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and send to: *Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book*, NMLRA, PO Box 67, Friendship, IN 47021. Credit card orders can be placed by calling 812-667-5131.

BOOK REVIEW NOTICE

There are many state, provincial, and private organizations publishing local records books that use Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system with permission of the Club. Since there is no single reference source for these books, and because there are many hunters who collect them, we will review them as time and space permit. Only those books that use the Boone and Club's copyrighted scoring system and terminology will be considered for review. Please note that the Boone and Crockett Club cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data contained in these books. Some of the books may include trophies that were not scored by certified Boone and Crockett Club Official Measurers. If there is a question about the status of a trophy listed in any of these books, the Boone and Crockett Club's records books/archives are the final reference source to settle any and all discrepancies.

relinquished title to it. It would be the leading authority on extinct big game animals.

Measurer Credentials Mailed

This is a heads-up to all Official Measurers who have renewed their appointment for 2009-2010: Credentials have been mailed along with a packet of the updated 2008 copyrighted score charts. I expect most of you will have received them by the time you are reading this column.

The temptation will be to set the packet aside and open it later. However, I would ask that you check and file the contents immediately before it gets misplaced. Check your ID card for any errors, and then read Buck Buckner's letter for the latest updates affecting Measurers. Then, please either destroy any and all score charts with older copyright dates, as only the 2008 versions are acceptable for trophy entry. This will avoid problems with new entries in the future.

New Materials Release Form

While the 2008 versions look exactly like all previous score charts at a glance, there has been a significant change on the back of each one that pertains to picked up and unknown origin trophies. There is now a materials release form, highlighted in gray, on the back of each score chart granting B&C permission to use photos and other entry materials to promote the Club's records-keeping activities. This clause was already incorporated into the Entry Affidavit signed by the owner of all hunter-taken trophies.

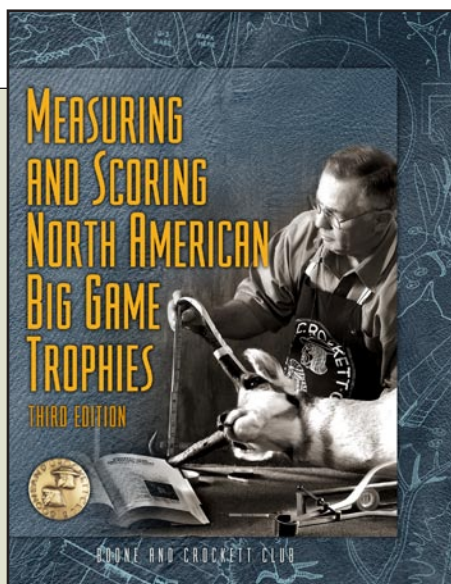
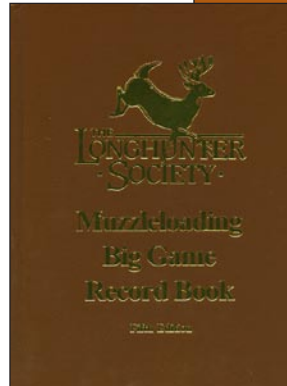
An Official Measurers' catalog is enclosed in your packet if you need more score charts, which are free of charge, or other Measurer-related items carried by the Club. Remember, as a rule of thumb, measurers receive a 50 percent discount off any books, excluding limited editions, and 20 percent off most other items. Measurer shirts, hats, and name tags are available at listed prices.

Score Charts Online Acceptable

Measurers can now download score charts acceptable for trophy entry from the Club's Web site. The only stipulation is that the paper must be run though the printer twice so that the front and back are on one sheet of paper. Score charts on thermo-fax paper are not acceptable.

Emeritus Measurer Status Available

I would like to remind Measurers who have recently retired or who are considering retirement about the Emeritus Measurer status. It is available to those who would like to continue measuring an occasional trophy without having their contact information distributed to the public. For \$15 you will continue to receive *Fair Chase* magazine, and you can measure as much or as little as you want to. If you're interested, just call 888-840-4868 to sign up. ■



Official Measurer Manual Updated

The Club's Official Measurer manual, *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*, has just undergone its first major revision since it was last updated in 2000. All policy and procedure changes that have been announced since 2000 have been incorporated into the updated version, along with copies of the current 2008 score charts and entry forms. There are minimal changes in the trophy scoring chapters, which speaks highly of Sam Webb and his committee that devised our current scoring system adopted 58 years ago.

All Measurers will be sent a complimentary copy of the updated version to place in the three-ring binder that all measurers received when they were appointed. All additions and updates, many of which are significant, are indicated with an asterisk. So, please take a few minutes to review it before you set it aside or put it on the bookshelf. There will also be a soft cover edition of the updated book available to the general public in April. Watch our web store for details. The new paperback will retail for \$29.95 (\$23.95 for Associates) plus S&H.