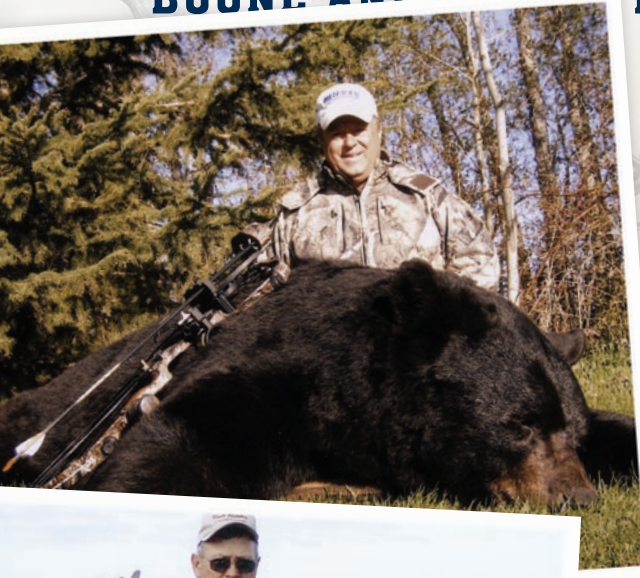


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27TH BIG GAME AWARDS

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB



FROM THE TOP: There are an unprecedented five black bears that have qualified for the all-time top-10 of their category, including this bear taken by Robert J. Evans, which scores 22-13/16 points. ■ Jack L. Wilson harvested this barren ground caribou in 2008. The bull scores 415-7/8 points and is one of several caribou expected in Reno.



You're Invited!



On behalf of the Boone and Crockett Club and the records committee, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend Boone and Crockett Club's 27th Big Game Awards Program Banquet and related activities that will take place at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada, June 22-26, 2010.

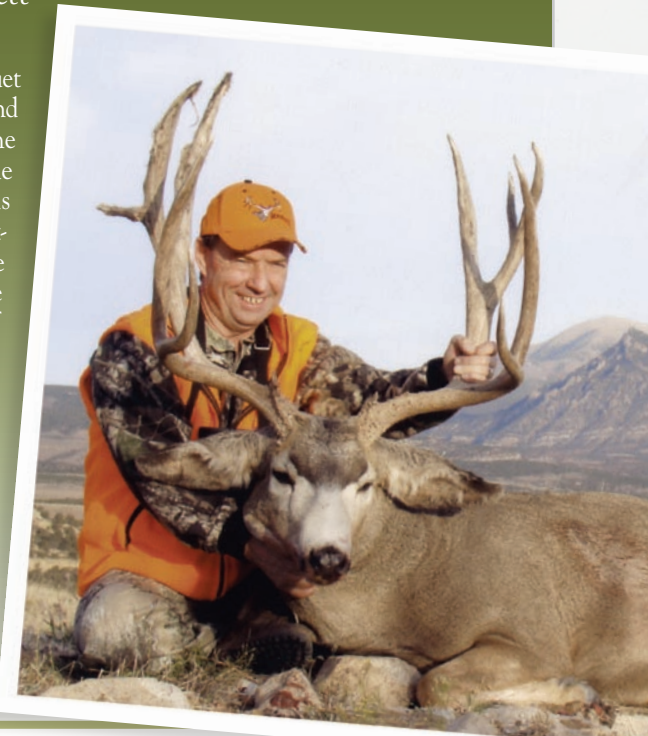
B&C began the Awards Program Banquets in 1948 to honor the finest big-game trophies taken by modern-day hunters, recognize the hunters for their unique achievements under fair-chase hunting conditions, and celebrate the conservation successes of sportsmen like Theodore Roosevelt who founded the Boone and Crockett Club in December 1887.

The guests of honor at the banquet will be the fortunate handful of men and women who have harvested some of the finest-ever North American big-game specimens. Coveted B&C Medallions and certificates will be presented at Saturday evening's banquet to these fortunate few trophy owners who have accomplished something that most of us only dream of. The quality and quantity of trophies that will be honored during this premier hunting event of 2010 are proof that we are living the "good old days."

Del R. Brady, pictured at right with his typical mule deer scoring 209 points, is one of at least three typical mule deer bucks that will be on display in Reno, Nevada, this June.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



For the Boone and Crockett Club's
27th Big Game Awards Program in Reno.

June 22–26	Public display of award-winning, invited trophies at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. The exhibit opens at 2 p.m. on June 22.	
June 22	1 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Events registration desk open at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.
June 23	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Trophy display area open to public. Events registration desk open.
June 24	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Trophy display area open to public.
	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Events registration desk open.
	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Welcome reception for trophy owners, B&C Associates, Lifetime Associates, Club members, and guests in the trophy exhibit. Exhibit area closed all others.
June 25	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Trophy display area open to public.
	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Events registration desk open.
	9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies.
	10 a.m. – noon	Seminars
	noon – 1:30 p.m.	Field Generals Luncheon honoring B&C Official Measurers at the Grand Sierra Resort.
	2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Seminar
	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Open B&C meeting.
	6 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Generation Next – Reception and dinner honoring youth hunters at the Grand Sierra Resort.
June 26	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Events registration desk open. Trophy display area open to public.
	Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch on your own.
	1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Auction at the Grand Sierra Resort.
	6 p.m. – 11 p.m.	27th Awards Program Reception at the Grand Sierra Resort, immediately followed by the 27th Awards Program Banquet. Boone and Crockett Club medals and certificates will be presented to trophy owners who sent their trophy to the 27th Awards Program Final Judging immediately following the banquet.



Allen M. Shearer's Roosevelt's elk (361 points) is the first trophy accepted from the newly expanded Roosevelt's elk territory on British Columbia's mainland.

I have personally attended ten Awards Program Banquets since I became involved with the Club in 1976, and I never cease to be amazed at the quality of trophies present. Over 100 award-winning trophies will be on display at the Grand Sierra Resort during the 27th Awards Program activities. Trophies scheduled to be on display for this grand event include the World's Record non-typical American elk, which is the highest scoring elk (478-5/8 points) ever taken by a modern-day hunter. It was harvested by Denny Austad in Piute County, Utah, in 2008 where that state's sound wildlife management program is producing some of the greatest elk in North America today.

Included in the program and rewriting the black bear records listings are an unprecedented five black bears that have qualified for the all-time top-10 of their category. The top scoring bruin taken by Jesse L. Ritchey in 2006 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, scores 22-3/16 points. The live weights of animals this large consistently range as high as 800 pounds.

Owners of five incredible bighorn sheep scoring over 200 points have been asked to send their trophies to Reno, including two of the most outstanding bighorn sheep ever taken by women hunters. The larger of the two rams (204-2/8 points) was taken by Toni L. Sannon while hunting the Missouri Breaks in Montana in 2008. The other ram, also a 2008 trophy, scores 202-7/8

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points and was taken by Debby Perry in Blaine County, Montana. Both rams are excellent examples of the conservation efforts of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to reestablish bighorn sheep populations across Montana.

Allen M. Shearer's Roosevelt's elk (361 points), the first trophy accepted from the newly expanded Roosevelt's elk territory on British Columbia's mainland, will be on display in Reno. Shearer harvested it on the Powell River in 2009, which represents another excellent example of the wildlife conservation success stories that will be recognized during the 27th Awards Program Banquet. The few trophies I have mentioned above represent only a fraction of the outstanding quality of native North American big game animals that will be in Reno to view and enjoy.

A very exciting addition to the 27th Awards Program activities in Reno is Boone and Crockett Club's first-ever Youth Recognition Program that will spotlight hunters who have accomplished a lifetime achievement of taking a B&C trophy at age 16 or younger. In all, 67 youth who had a B&C trophy accepted during the 27th Awards Program (2007-2009) have been invited to attend and display their trophies at Boone and Crockett Club's Youth Recognition Banquet to be held in their honor at the Grand Sierra Resort the evening of June 25 (see page 65 for the complete list). Among those receiving invitations are Fern R. Spaulding, 12, for her Alaska brown bear (29-1/16), Kyle Lopez, 14, for his non-typical mule deer (306-3/8), and Bryce R. Kniert, 14, for her cougar (15-8/16). In addition to being honored in the Youth Recognition Banquet, Spaulding's and Lopez's trophies are big enough to receive B&C Medallions and certificates at the 27th Awards Program Banquet on June 26. (Hunter's ages are listed when he or she shot the trophy animal).

During the weekend event, there will be plenty of opportunities to swap stories with fellow hunters like those mentioned above and many others who have harvested some of the most remarkable specimens of native North American big game ever taken by modern day hunters. Who knows, you might even

take home some tips that will aid you or someone you know in taking a records-book animal in the years to come. You may even meet someone who will become a lifetime hunting companion, which has happened more than once at past Awards Programs.

The June 22-26 weekend of events will culminate with the 27th Awards Program Banquet. Events during this weekend will include receptions and banquets recognizing and honoring Associates, youth hunters who have taken B&C trophies, Official Measurers who are the backbone of B&C's records program, and trophy owners whose accomplishments in taking a B&C trophy are a reflection of the conservation accomplishments of hunters across North America. There will also be seminars by several of the leading experts in the hunting community and an opportunity to bid on a few handpicked hunts. In addition, Reno is full of extracurricular activities that will keep you entertained.

Check the attached schedule and mark your calendar now for the 27th Awards Program in Reno, Nevada. It may just well be one of the most enjoyable and memorable activities you will ever attend. ■

At least two record Stone's sheep will be on display at the 27th Big Game Awards Program in Reno including R. Terrell McCombs' ram scoring 178-7/8 points. The sheep was harvested in 2007.



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