

# TROPHY TALK

## Official Measurer Renewal Notice



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The records office is completing the process of renewing the appointments of all our Official Measurers. If you haven't yet received your renewal questionnaire by email or the postal service,

please contact Justin Spring or me immediately at the Club's office so we can update your personal contact information. It is likely that your questionnaire was lost in cyberspace or the mail.

Renewals are performed biennially to: 1) confirm that measurers want to continue scoring for B&C; 2) provide them with the latest scoring changes; and 3) update their contact information. Experience tells us that 7-10 percent of our measurers move and/or change contact information every year, so it is easy to quickly lose contact with them.

All Official Measurers should have their reappointment letter and Official Measurer's ID card for 2011-2012 by the time you're reading this. If you still haven't received your letter, you can continue scoring trophies until it arrives. Just be sure to read Records Committee Chairman Buck Buckner's renewal letter when it gets there. Buck will discuss several topics that are very important to the proper functioning of the Club's Awards Programs.

Boone and Crockett Club's Records Committee really appreciates the efforts of our all-volunteer cadre of Official Measurers. They are the backbone of the Club's records-keeping activities. Because it has been many years since some scorers were appointed, I am going to review the duties of Official Measurers in this column. It is not only a review for measurers, but it is also good information for trophy owners who need trophies scored.

### Official Measurer Code of Conduct

There are eight important guidelines for all measurers to follow when representing and scoring trophies for B&C. These guidelines, which are listed in the Official

Measurer Code of Conduct shown below, are intended to provide a quality experience for trophy owners and to avoid any confusion. Measurers are the only B&C official that most people will come in contact with, so how you perform will reflect either positively or negatively on B&C. The bottom line is that you are Mr. or Mrs. Boone and Crockett Club to trophy owners. All points of the Code are self explanatory, but I'm going to single out a couple for special discussion at this time.

While measurers volunteer their time and talents to score trophies for entry in B&C, they need to set up a mutually convenient time and place to score a trophy as soon as possible after being contacted. It is the responsibility of trophy owners to deliver the trophy to the mutually agreed upon scoring location. Measurers who are not able to score for an extended period of time for any reason should contact the records office and temporarily resign until they have more time to dedicate to scoring. This will save a lot of misunderstanding for measurers and trophy owners, and appointments can be reactivated at a moment's notice.

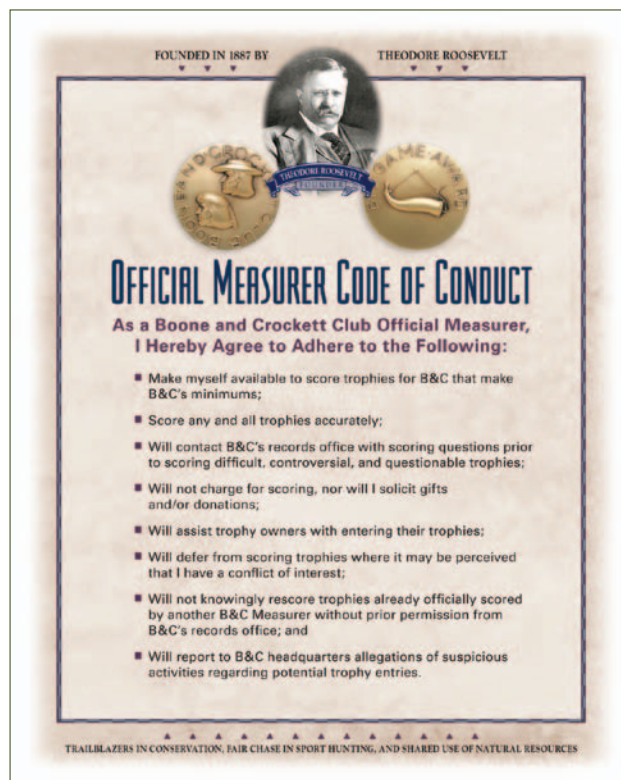
### Questions for Trophy Owners

Measurers contacted by trophy owners should ask at least three questions before setting up a scoring appointment. First, the measurer needs to ask if the trophy has air-dried at a habitable room temperature for 60 days or more since it was killed. If the trophy was not immediately cleaned of all adherent flesh and allowed to begin drying the day it was killed, or if the trophy was stored in a freezer or an outside storage facility where the temperature is very cold, the 60-day drying period starts after the skull is removed from the freezer, storage facility, and/or boiling pot. The drying period is not a simple 60 days from the date of kill, but 60-days from the time it was removed from the freezer or boiling pot and cleaned.

We once received a bear skull that had been scored approximately 13 years after the date it was killed. The photos submitted with the entry materials showed that the skull still had fresh looking blood and flesh adhering to it. I surmised that either the photos were 13 years old (not likely) or the skull still had flesh on it. When I contacted the measurer, I was surprised to find that the hunter had temporarily taken the skull out of the freezer for scoring and that there was still flesh on the skull. I then notified the trophy owner that the skull had to be rescored after it was cleaned and air dried at room temperature for 60 days.

The measurer should then ask if the trophy owner has scored his or her trophy to determine whether or not their trophy is near to or exceeds the minimum score for that category and if he or she intends to enter it in B&C if it makes the minimum score. If the trophy owner says he just wants to know what it scores, the measurer can do a rough measurement to determine an approximate score for the trophy. Rough or green measurements should be noted in the remarks box on the score chart.

Finally, the measurer must ask if the trophy has been scored by another scorer. Under no circumstances should a trophy that has been previously scored by a B&C Official Measurer be rescored without



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prior approval from the Club's records office. If a trophy owner insists that the trophy needs to be rescored because the initial measurer "... didn't do it correctly in my opinion ..." that individual should be directed to contact the records department at the Club's office (406) 542-1888, ext. 205, for further instructions. If there is a legitimate concern about having the trophy rescored, the records office may direct the trophy owner to someone in his/her area. Most likely, however, the owner will be given directions to send it to B&C's headquarters for verification.

### Problem Trophies

Measurers, including myself, occasionally run into a scoring problem they haven't encountered before. When this happens they should immediately contact Justin Spring or me at B&C headquarters for scoring instructions. We will contact the Club's Records Committee chairman for scoring directions if we don't have an immediate answer. Under no circumstances will the records office accept a trophy that is incorrectly scored. When a problem is detected, we notify the measurer of the problem with proper scoring instructions and advise the owner to contact the measurer.

### Trophy Entry Procedures

Once a trophy is scored, the measurer must provide the owner with entry procedure information and assist with entering a trophy. Even in cases where the trophy owner says he/she is not interested in entering their trophy in B&C, measurers should submit the original score chart to B&C headquarters. We will then notify the owner of the advantages of entering his/her trophy. It is surprising how many owners then enter their trophies, continuing to show that B&C's records program is proof positive that hunter-supported wildlife management is working.

### Trophy Owners with Trophies

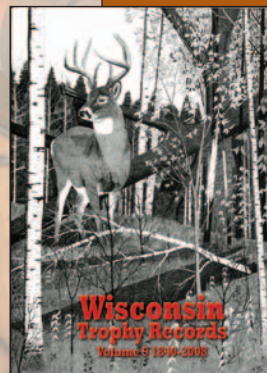
Trophy owners who would like to enter a trophy in B&C should print out a score chart from B&C's web site [www.booneandcrockettclub.com](http://www.booneandcrockettclub.com) and score it themselves following the directions on the back. A list of Official Measurers in your area can be obtained from B&C's web site or by calling (406) 542-1888 if your score is near or exceeds B&C's minimum for the category. Measurers will then set up an appointment to score your trophy and assist you in entering it in B&C if it makes the minimum score. ■



### NEVADA WILDLIFE RECORD BOOK

The sixth edition of *Nevada Wildlife Record Book* is now available from the Nevada Wildlife Record Book Committee. This edition includes nearly 3,500 records from ten categories of Nevada big game animals recognized by the Wildlife Record Book Committee, including typical and non-typical American elk, typical and non-typical mule deer, cougar, pronghorn, Rocky Mountain goat, desert sheep, bighorn sheep, and California bighorn sheep. Also, included are

more than 200 color photographs and 25 new stories of Nevada hunts. The artwork of Nevada Wildlife artist Darcy Tate is scattered throughout the book. In addition to the regular hard cover edition, there is a limited edition of the updated 2010 field guide which is a handy reference tool to plan your hunt and answer questions in the field. Hardbound copies of the regular edition are \$50 each, and the field guides are \$20 each. These prices include shipping and handling. Go to [nevadarecordbook.com](http://nevadarecordbook.com) to place your order online with a credit card. Or, mail your check or money order for the proper amount to Nevada Wildlife Record Book, PO Box 1707, Reno, NV 89505.



### WISCONSIN TROPHY RECORDS

The Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club recently announced the release of its 9th volume of *Wisconsin Trophy Records*, first released in 1988. With more than 500 pages, this volume lists more than 12,000 whitetail deer and black bear entries from the Dairy State. Listings are separated by counties and ranked in numerical order by final score. In addition to final scores, data for each trophy includes

number of points, county where taken, hunter's name, year taken, wildlife management unit, all-time rank, state rank, and county rank. The listings are enhanced with photographs of the state record typical and non-typical whitetail deer, and for black bear. In addition, there are more than 700 quality field photographs. To order your copy of the 9th edition of *Wisconsin Trophy Records*, send a check or money order for \$33.90 (postage included) to Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club, 3051 110th Ave., Glenwood City, WI 54013. To place an order with a Visa or MasterCard, call (877) 273-6408 or order online at [www.wi-buck-bear.org](http://www.wi-buck-bear.org).

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