

# TROPHY TALK

## New Score Charts Available



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I am pleased to announce that after more than a year of diligent work, Boone and Crockett Club's score charts have undergone their first major facelift since the Club adopted its universally recognized scoring system in 1950. The new typical whitetail deer score chart shown below is representative of the look of the 17 charts used to score all 38 categories of native North American big game recognized by the Club.

Official Measurers have been sent a sample packet of the new score charts with an order form for placing custom orders to fit their specific needs. Measurers and the public can also obtain copies by going to Boone and

Crockett Club's web site, [www.boone-crockett.org](http://www.boone-crockett.org), to view and print copies of the new forms. Web site forms can be used by measurers to officially score trophies, so long as the front and back are printed on one sheet of paper.

The new score charts are completely up-to-date and have been modified to make it easier for hunters to score their own trophy to determine if it is feasible to make an appointment with a B&C Official Measurer. For example, the drawings on all score charts have been enhanced by artist Dallen Lambson with particular attention to scoring details. Secondly, a line has been added on each score chart to help clarify that the number of points on each antler, tip-to-tip spread, and greatest-spread measurements (A, B, and/or C) are supplementary data that do not add into the final score, except for greatest spread on moose.

The purpose for taking these measurements is one of the most confusing issues the records office deals with every year with folks not totally familiar with the scoring system. These numbers are recorded as supplementary data to give us an idea of what a trophy looks like. For example, it's easier to imagine what a rack looks like with a one-inch tip-to-tip spread versus a 24-inch tip-to-tip spread.

The developers of the scoring system rightfully didn't think it was fair to add tip-to-tip spread into the final score because it would unnecessarily penalize an outstanding trophy with a narrow tip-to-tip spread and unfairly credit a trophy with an excessive tip-to-tip spread. Neither trophy is indicative of what the average whitetail looks like.

Additional detailed drawings from the scoring manual have been added to some score charts. For example, a detailed illustration has been added to the pronghorn score chart to more clearly show where the horn

length measurement begins.

Finally, a line has been added to the entry affidavit on the back of the score chart authorizing B&C to do a DNA analysis if there is any concern about the origin, classification, or authenticity of a trophy. Hearsay and family lore cannot be used to determine a trophy's listing in B&C's records books. Trophy classification must be made with irrefutable evidence if there is any doubt.

### Hunter, Guide, and Hunt Information Form

The back of the Hunter, Guide, and Hunt Information (HGH) form has been significantly redesigned to collect age data and especially teeth for aging trophies. I want to point out that there are no problems with U.S. hunters sending one of their trophy's teeth directly to B&C. However, it is *illegal* for residents of Canada, Mexico, and Europe to send one of their trophy's teeth to B&C across their respective borders without proper import/export paperwork. In addition, CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) permits, which are very expensive, are required for all cats and bears. Walrus teeth cannot be sent across any border.

Official Measurer Dr. Vince Crichton has generously agreed to coordinate shipment of trophy teeth from Canadian hunters to B&C. Canadian hunters should, therefore, send their teeth or half of the lower jaw from their trophy to Dr. Vince Crichton, 1046 McIvor Ave., Winnipeg, MB R2G 2J9 in a padded envelope (no plastic bags) with name, address, and telephone number of the hunter; category and score of the trophy; and a copy of the hunting license. Boone and Crockett Club will cover any costs associated with shipping teeth collected by Dr. Crichton to B&C headquarters at least once a year and aging them. No teeth or lower jaws will be shipped to B&C without this information, and none will be returned because all are destroyed during the aging process.

Hunters from Mexico and Europe should contact me at (406) 542-1888, ext. 205, or Justin Spring, the assistant director, at ext. 204, for instructions on sending teeth to B&C to avoid improper or illegal shipments.

### Trophy Recognition Items

B&C's trophy recognition items have come a long way since I started working with the Club's records program in 1976 at the National Rifle Association (NRA)

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in Washington, D.C. So far as I know, trophy owners did not receive an acceptance certificate for approximately the first 25 years after the Club adopted its current scoring system in 1950. It wasn't until the 16th Awards Program (1974-1976) that the Club developed and introduced its first acceptance certificate, which included B&C's and NRA's logos because both organizations were co-sponsoring the records program at that time. It was 5-1/2 inches high by 8-1/2 inches wide. The complimentary certificate has evolved into the one given today.

Since then, hunters have expressed keen interest in acquiring additional recognition items to memorialize and remember their taking of a truly unique,

once-in-a-lifetime B&C qualifying trophy. The Club has accommodated their wishes over the years with a variety of items.

The first such item, which was made available in the mid-1990s, is a black walnut-framed shadow box with a black velvet background and metal plate. The shadow box includes the name of the hunter/owner (if different), the category and score of the trophy, the location where it was taken, and the Awards Program in which it was accepted.

Additional trophy recognition items that have been added over the years include B&C acceptance certificate plaques, B&C custom score chart plaques, B&C trophy rings, and B&C trophy belt buckles. The score chart plaques are available in cherry wood or a

classy black-brass metal plate over a solid walnut plaque. The trophy rings and belt buckles come in a variety of options and prices designed to fit everyone's budget. You can find out more details about all these options by clicking on trophy recognition items on the home page of B&C's Web site, or you can obtain a copy of the *Trophy Memories Catalog* by calling (406)542-1888.

B&C is considering other trophy recognition items. If you have a suggestion, please email it to the records department at [bcclub@boone-crockett.org](mailto:bcclub@boone-crockett.org), or call the number above and ask for Jack or Justin. ■

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