

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Leading the Way Through Education, Research and Demonstration

The 23rd North American Big Game Awards marks another milestone on the road to recovery of big game in North America. Our founder, Teddy Roosevelt began this journey in 1887 at a time when the prevailing belief among hunters then was that by now there would be few or perhaps no surviving specimens of the great game animals that once roamed our continent.

The fact that we have abundant and healthy game populations today can be attributed to many factors not the least of which is the Boone and Crockett Club's records book. This being the year of the 23rd Big Game Awards and the publication of *Boone and Crockett Club's 23rd Big Game Awards* is something to be excited about.

The celebration began on May 6, 1998, with the opening of a spectacular display of over 100 North American big-game trophies at the Wilbur May Museum in Reno, Nevada. This display was open through Friday, June 12, when the Boone and Crockett

Club hosted the 23rd Big Game Awards Welcoming Reception.

On Saturday, June 13, the Club's Associates Program presented the Wildlife Workshop open to the public, featuring a series of seminars by a variety of outdoor celebrities on hunting and outdoor related topics at the Reno Hilton. The 23rd Awards Banquet that evening wrapped up the activities with the presentation of the medals and/or certificates:

As we recognize more than 3,521 specimens of North American big game that meet or exceed the minimum scores required for publication in the 23rd Awards book, we are reminded that this did not happen by chance. One of the purposes behind the publication of the first Boone and Crockett Club records book in 1932 was to record for posterity the variety of big-game species then existent, their physical qualities and to preserve this information for historical and scientific purposes in the event of their extinction.

The fact that the 23rd Awards book will contain so many new entries, including five new World's Records and as many as 62 trophies that rank in the all-time top ten for their respective categories is something we can all relish and enjoy. We, the hunter-conservationists of North America made this happen. We put up the money, the dedication, the energy and the volunteerism that has resulted in today's magnificent recovery of not only big game but many, many other species as well.

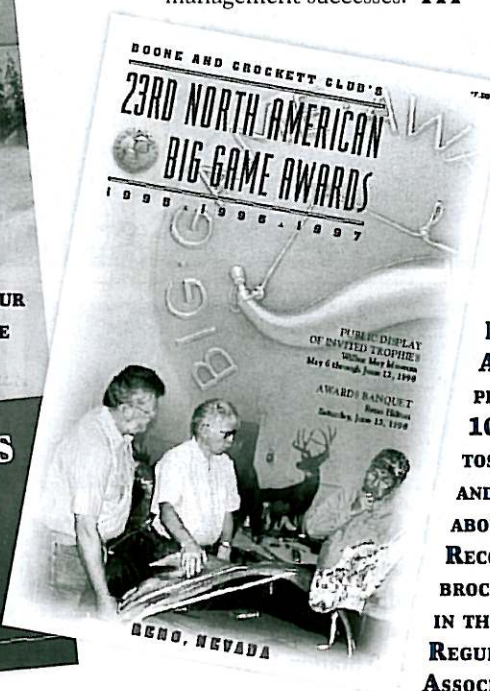
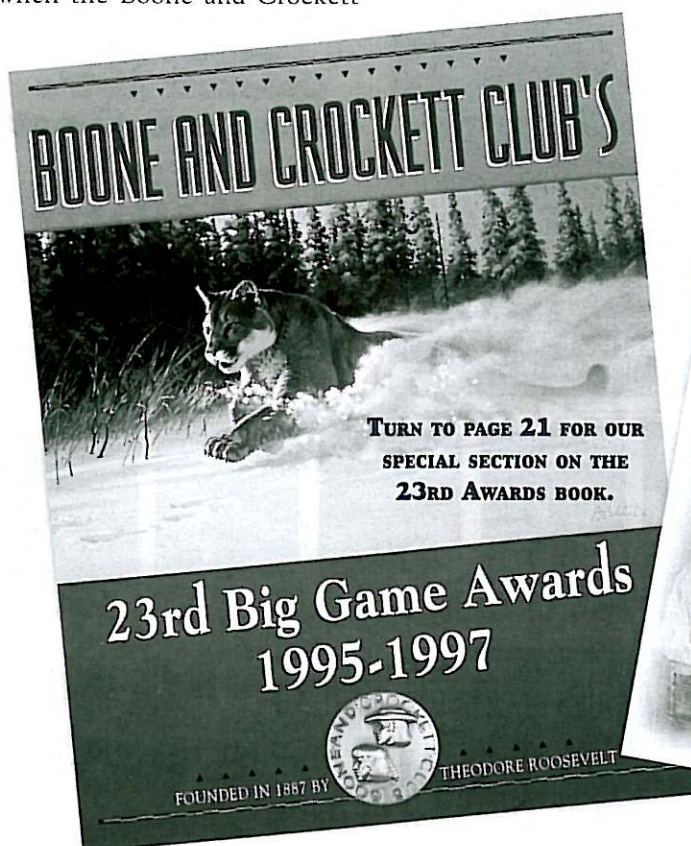
So today, we are blessed with abundance but what is in store for these creatures in the 21st century as our population doubles, habitat is turned into ranchettes and those who do not understand game management and man's role as a hunter and gatherer, try to destroy our rightful heritage? These are the problems that must be solved. The Boone and Crockett Club, with your help and confidence, will lead the way - through education, research and demonstration - through another century of wildlife management successes. ▲▲▲



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COMING IN THE FALL 1998 ISSUE...

- ▲ 23rd Awards Trophy Listing and Photos
- ▲ 5 New World's Records Declared
- ▲ Highlights from the 23rd Awards Activities in Reno, Nevada



LEFT: THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S 23RD BIG GAME AWARDS BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS FALL. WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR DETAILS ABOUT ORDERING.

RIGHT: THE 23RD NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME AWARDS PHOTO BROCHURE LISTS THE TOP 101 TROPHIES, INCLUDING PHOTOS OF THE FIRST AWARD WINNERS AND A SPECIAL COLOR SECTION ABOUT THE 5 NEW WORLD'S RECORDS. YOU CAN ORDER THE BROCHURE USING THE ORDER FORM IN THE CENTER OF THIS ISSUE. REGULAR PRICE - \$7.50 ASSOCIATES PRICE - \$6.00