

TROPHY TALK

10 Potential New World's Records



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The Boone and Crockett Club's 24th Awards Program closes December 31, 2000, which means that the 24th Awards Program display, banquet, Associate seminars, and related activities will be taking place in approximately one year. If you have never attended one of the Club's Awards Programs, I guarantee this is one you will not want to miss.

Early signs indicate the 24th Awards activities should be the best ever conducted by the Club. With slightly more than six months remaining in the entry period (1998-2000) not only is the quantity of trophies greater than ever, but so is the phenomenal number of potential new World's Records. We have already received 3,244 entries, including 10 potential new World's Records (Table A).

The Club has not received as many new World's Records during a single Awards Program since the first few entry periods when new World's Records were obviously being broken every year.



ABOVE: Gernot Wober with his potential new World's Record Rocky Mountain goat scoring 57-2/8 points.

LEFT: E.C. Haase with his goat, the current World's Record, which scores 56-6/8 points.

TABLE A

I would like to use this opportunity to familiarize everyone with the Awards Programs and to highlight a few of the potential

new World's Records. The Club's Awards Program displays and banquets are a premier event in the hunting community. Every three years the Club invites a few of the top trophies in each category to a central location for Panel Judging and certification for awards and certificates. We usually receive and re-score around 100 specimens. Trophies re-scored by the judges are put on public display for several weeks, and the owners are presented awards at a banquet. The Awards Program records book,

which is published after the banquet, culminates three years of trophy data collection.

December 31st is the deadline for entering a trophy for listing in the Boone and Crockett Club's 24th North American Big Game Awards book that will be released during Fall 2001. Anyone intending to submit a trophy for listing in this book should not wait until the last minute to have it officially scored and/or to submit the entry materials to the Club's Records Office. The Club expects to receive well over 500 new entries during the last couple of weeks of December. Trophies received during this time period could experience serious processing delays if the entry materials are incomplete, and it may be necessary to carry them over into the 25th Awards Program that begins January 1, 2001, and closes December 31, 2003. Trophies in the 25th Awards Program will not be listed in any book until the year 2004.

The 10 potential new World's Records are listed in Table A. The longest standing World's Record mentioned in this table is the Rocky Mountain goat. The current World's Record, scoring 56-6/8

WORLD'S RECORDS	
CURRENT	POTENTIAL NEW
GRIZZLY BEAR	
27-2/16 ■ Shelton, Pentecost, and Kurdziel (tie)	27-3/16 ■ David F. Malzac
ROOSEVELT'S ELK	
388-3/8 ■ Wayne Coe	391-6/8 ■ W. Scott Smith
TULE ELK	
New category	403 ■ CA Dept. of Fish & Game (Picked Up)
TYPICAL MULE DEER	
226-4/8 ■ Doug Burris	229-7/8 ■ L.R. Spurgeon
NON-TYPICAL COUES' WHITETAIL	
158-4/8 ■ B&C National Collection	159 ■ Dan King
ALASKA-YUKON MOOSE	
261-5/8 ■ John A. Crouse	263-3/8 ■ William G. Nelson
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT (story on page 30)	
56-6/8 ■ E.C. Haase	57-2/8 ■ Gernot Wober & Lawrence Michalechuk
MUSKOX	
127 ■ Robert A. Black	128-4/8 ■ William L. Cox
MOUNTAIN CARIBOU	
452 ■ Garry Beaubien	453-4/8 ■ C. Candler Hunt (story on page 30)
BARREN GROUND CARIBOU	
465-1/8 ■ Roger Hodgecock	481-3/8 ■ Daniel L. Dobbs (story on page 27)

SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICIAL MEASURER WORKSHOP

The Records Office is pleased to announce the appointment of 18 new measurers who successfully completed all aspects of the required four and a half day measurer training workshop. The new measurers are listed here. Feel free to contact the Records Office at (406)542-1888 ext. 204 for the telephone number of any of these individuals if they are in your area and you have a trophy that needs to be measured.

Otherwise, you can contact the records office any time for a complete list of measurers in your state or province to have a trophy scored that meets or exceeds the Club's minimum score and entry requirements.

Samuel J. Chappellear — Bonneau, SC
Emily Cope — Columbia, SC
Jonathan W. Day — Gainesville, FL
Ron Y. Fleming — Pendelton, SC
Thomas A. Gregors, Jr. — Leesburg, GA
Robert G. Harkins — Union, SC
Thomas E. Harkins — Moncks Corner, SC
Clay Harrison — Stephens City, VA
Henry J. Kluge, Jr. — Landrum, SC
Clinton Latham — Wynne, AR
Jason Plemmons — Chester, SC
Charles Ruth — Columbia, SC
Mike Scales — Jonesville, SC
Willie E. Simmons, Jr. — Union, SC
Hugh R. Still — Pendelton, SC
Johnny P. Stowe — Columbia, SC
John H. West — Milledgeville, GA
Jim Westerhold — Mt. Pleasant, SC



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points, was taken by Earl C. Haase in the Babine Mountains, BC, in 1949 and donated to the Boone and Crockett Club shortly before he passed away. The potential new World's Record billy was taken by Gernot Wober and Lawrence Michalchuk near Bella Coola, BC, in 1999. In spite of the fact that nearly 1-1/8 inches of the left horn is broken off, this truly massive set of horns with nearly seven-inch bases still scores 57-2/8 points. If the broken tip was still present, this trophy may have scored another 2-2/8 inches.

C. Candler Hunt's mountain caribou, taken in 1998 in the Yukon Territory, scores a whopping 453-4/8 points. It may well replace Garry Beaubien's World's Record (452 points) that was taken near the Turnagain River, BC, in 1976.

According to our records it appears that Alaska's recent caribou season did not produce very many trophy bulls. We have only received three entries for 1999. Daniel L. Dobbs managed, however, to locate a tremendous bull near Iliamna Lake with an entry

score of 481-3/8 points. At its entry score, Daniel's trophy surpasses Roger Hedgecock's World's Record taken in 1985 along Mosquito Creek, Alaska, by 16-2/8 points. The Hedgecock caribou, which scores 465-1/8 points, is currently on display in the Boone and Crockett Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming. The hunting story for Daniel's bull, as well as the two previously mentioned trophies are featured in a special, potential new World's Record section beginning on page 22 of this issue of *Fair Chase*.

The category for tule elk was established for the first time during the 24th Awards Program, and the Judges Panel will announce the first World's Record for this category next year. We have received several entries, including the specimen listed on Table A, which represents the finest example of its kind entered as of this date. Unfortunately, it was destroyed in a tragic accident and can never be recognized as the World's Record. Another

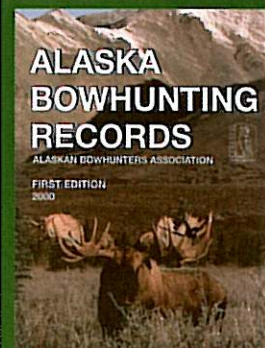
tule elk will be announced as the World's Record.

We are still gathering information and considering the eligibility of three of the potential World's Records listed on Table A. They include the grizzly bear taken by David F. Malzac, the Roosevelt's elk allegedly taken by an unknown hunter around 1900, and the typical mule deer taken by L.R. Spurgeon in 1966.

The status of all 10 potential new World's Records in the Club's records books will not be finalized until they are re-scored by the 24th Awards Program Judges Panel that will convene during April/May 2001. Only the Club's Judges Panel, which meets once every three years, can declare new World's Records and only after they have had a chance to re-score and certify the trophies. Until next year, these magnificent trophies must remain potential World's Records.

Be sure you plan to attend the 24th Awards Program display and banquet. I will keep you posted in this column as locations and dates are finalized. ▲ ▲ ▲

BOOK REVIEW



ALASKA BOWHUNTING RECORDS, 1ST EDITION

Bowhunting in Alaska is many an outdoorsman's dream. To help this dream come true, the Alaskan Bowhunters Association has published the first ever Alaska Bowhunting Records. This hard cover book contains over 1500 official Pope and Young entries for all 12 species of big game found in the Greatland. Besides crucial data to help hunters plan their own Alaska dream hunt, Alaska Bowhunting Records also includes 13 fascinating stories of how some of this state's biggest bow kills were taken. The cover jacket is graced with a stunning monster bull moose photo taken by renowned photographer Eberhard Brunner. The book was compiled by one of Alaska's best-known bowhunters and book author, Tony Russ. It was edited by outdoor writer and photographer, Lon E. Lauber. This 128 page book is a must-have item for anyone seriously considering or at least dreaming of bowhunting Alaska, the last frontier.

To order your copy of this book, please contact The Alaskan Bowhunters Association by phone at 907-929-3600 or by email at aba@alaskalife.net.

BOOK REVIEW NOTICE

There are many state, provincial, and private organizations publishing local records books that use the Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system with the express written 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. However, the Boone and Crockett Club cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data contained in these publications. Many of the books 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 and archives are the final reference source to settle any and all discrepancies.