

# TROPHY TALK

## It's Been a Busy Spring for Records Keeping



**Jack Reneau**  
Director  
Big Game Records

**Ryan B. Hatfield** hired as **Assistant Director of Big Game Records** The Boone and Crockett Club is especially pleased to announce the addition of **Ryan B. Hatfield**, formerly of

Council, Idaho, to its Headquarters' staff in Missoula, Montana. Ryan was selected from a field of nearly 40 applicants to fill the newly created position of Assistant Director of Big Game Records announced late last year. Ryan will be involved with all aspects of the Club's Awards Programs, including trophy processing and acceptance, Official Measurer workshops, Awards Program activities, publications, as

well as the day-to-day administration of the program.

Ryan has always had a keen interest in trophy animals, big game records keeping, and conservation, and he brings a considerable amount of experience and knowledge to the position. After collecting data for many years, Ryan designed and self-published his first book in 2004 titled, *Idaho's Greatest Mule Deer*. Included in this book are hundreds of photos and stories Ryan assembled on Idaho's B&C qualifying mule deer. Ryan received a B.S. degree in Forest Resources from the University of Idaho in 2001. He is a member of the American Lumberjack Association and recently represented the United States lumberjack team in Australia where he placed in several events.

Ryan's first day on the job was April 27th in Kansas City, Kansas, where he assisted B&C staff and volunteers with many

aspects of the 25th Awards Program Judges Panel, including unpacking trophies and verifying scores of the judges. Not only was Ryan an eager and willing participant in all the activities, he was mesmerized as was everyone else, by the quality of the trophies received and re-scored by the Judges Panel.

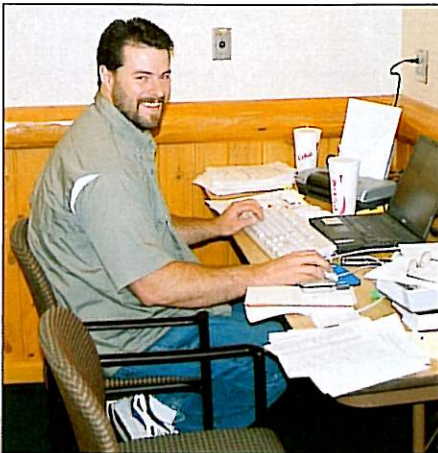
The Club would like to congratulate Ryan on this appointment, and to thank everyone who expressed an interest in working for the Club by applying for the position.

### Entry Fee Raised to \$40

In light of continually increasing costs of administering the Club's Awards Programs, the Records Committee increased the entry fee for all trophies submitted with a postmark on or after July 1, 2004, to \$40. All entries received with postmarks on or after this date must be accompanied by the new fee. This increase is the first taken in the past 21 years and is comparable with other records programs. For a limited time, each new customer to enter a trophy will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to *Fair Chase* magazine, which is published quarterly and costs \$25 per year.

### 25th Awards Program Judges Panel Certifies 118 Trophies for B&C Awards and Certificates

I would like to report that I just returned from Cabela's Kansas City store where the 25th Awards Program Final Awards Judging took place. The top-ranked trophies went on display on May 5th where they will remain



**LEFT:** Ryan Hatfield selected as Assistant Director of Big Game Records  
**25TH AWARDS PROGRAM JUDGES PANEL MEMBERS**

Standing (l.-r.) Mark B. Steffen (KS), Mark O. Bara (SC), Robert H. Hanson (WY), Richard T. Hale (KS), Eldon L. "Buck" Buckner (OR - Records Committee Chair), Albert C. England (AB), Paul D. Webster (MN - Judges Panel Chair), Homer Saye (TX), Jack Graham (AB), William L. Cooper (GA), L. Victor Clark (NV), Timothy D. Walmsley (IL), Larry R. Carey (WA). Kneeling (l.-r.) Jack Reneau (MT), Daniel R. Caughey (CA), Frederick J. King (MT), John T. Caid (AZ) and Glenn E. Hisey (MN - P&Y Records Committee Chair).

Photo by Cliff White



**World's Records on Display at Cabela's Kansas City, Kansas, May 5 through June 19, 2004.**

Roosevelt's elk	404-6/8	Jason S. Ballard
tule elk	365	Bryce Evans*
Columbia blacktail, non-typical	208-1/8	Steve D. Crossley
Sitka blacktail, non-typical	133-4/8	William B. Steele
Coues' whitetail, non-typical	196-2/8	D.J. Hollinger & B. Howard
pronghorn	95	David Meyer
pronghorn	95	Dylan M. Woods
muskox	129	Craig D. Scott
bighorn sheep	208-3/8	Guinn D. Crousen

\*24th Awards Program Entry verified by 25th Awards Program Judges Panel.

until June 19th. The quantity and quality of trophies received in Kansas City far exceeds any previous Awards Program, proving without a doubt that conservation efforts of our wildlife resource agencies and sportsmen are working and that hunters are experiencing the best hunting opportunities in recorded history.

One hundred and eighty trophies, roughly representing the top five in all but four categories recognized by the Club, were invited to participate in the 25th Awards Program activities. Of these, 118 trophies were received in Kansas City—an increase of 32 over the 24th Awards Program held in 2001, and 17 more than the greatest number received at any previous Awards Program.

The quality of the 25th Awards Program trophies on display at Cabela's is truly mind-boggling. The Table above lists all eight of the new World's Records, as well as the World's Record tule elk, which is an entry from the 24th Awards Program (its status was confirmed by the 25th Awards Program Judges Panel). The 25th Awards Program trophy display is an opportunity to view the largest recorded bighorn sheep taken since 1911, as well as two pronghorns that share the World's Record slot at 95 points. In addition, the two greatest hunter-taken whitetails ever taken and recorded by Boone and Crockett are on display. Tony Lovstuen's Iowa buck, commonly referred to as the "Albia buck," scoring 307-5/8 points, and Jerry Bryant's

**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/archives are the final reference source to settle any and all discrepancies.

them will be featured in a special centerfold section in the fall edition.

As I have said in this column many times before, the Awards Program trophy displays are rare and unique opportunities to view the finest trophies taken by modern-day hunters and recorded by Boone and Crockett. I hope you have or had an opportunity to view the 25th Awards Program trophy display at Cabela's. It is the greatest assemblage of trophies ever displayed by the Boone and Crockett Club. If you are planning on attending the 25th Awards Program Banquet and related activities during June 17-19, 2004, I look forward to seeing you there. ■

Illinois state record that scores 304-3/8 points are available for viewing. There are simply too many outstanding trophies in the 25th Awards Program trophy exhibit to list in this column. However, all of

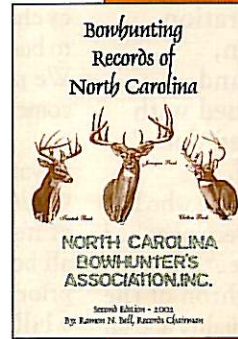
**BOOK REVIEWS**

**BOWHUNTING RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

The North Carolina Bowhunter's Association recently announced the release of its second edition of *Bowhunting Records of North Carolina*, which covers the years 1992 through 2002. This is a 457-

page, paperback book that includes many photos and facts about bowhunting history in North Carolina over the past 25+ years. In addition to listing trophy records for North Carolina's big game animals, this edition also covers annual bowfishing and small game records. You can order a copy of *Bowhunting Records of North*

*Carolina*, 2nd Edition, by sending a check for \$25 US to: NCBA Record Book, 7796 NC 68, Stokesdale, NC 27357, or by calling 336/643-4455. First and Second editions are available at a reduced price of \$35 for the set as long as they last.



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