

# TROPHY TALK

## Trophies Recognized in Reno



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The 27th Awards Program (AP) Judges Panel finished its work on May 1, 2010, after verifying the scores of 98 trophies. The coveted B&C Medallions and/or Plaques were then presented to the

fortunate hunters at the 27th AP Banquet at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada, on June 26th in the trophy display.

I hope you were there to see the spectacular display of some of the greatest big-game trophies ever recorded by B&C and to take advantage of the unique opportunity to meet and visit with the hunters who harvested them. The trophies recognized aren't just the best trophies taken during the last three years; they are among the best ever taken. If you didn't make it, mark your calendar for June 2013 and plan to attend the 28th AP Banquet. You owe it to yourself to go to a B&C AP Banquet.

The fall issue of *Fair Chase* will include a complete review of the activities and incredible trophies displayed in Reno, but I want to mention a few of the more outstanding ones. Included in the display were two new World's Records. The first was Denny Austad's non-typical American elk which has been mentioned in previous *Fair Chase* issues. It was taken in Piute County, Utah, during the 2008 hunting season and scores 478-5/8 points. With 140 total inches of

abnormal points, it gross scores an unbelievable 499-3/8 points.

A mountain caribou, scoring 459-3/8 points, taken in 1988 by Paul T. Deuling in the Pelly Mountains, Yukon Territory, while hunting Stone's sheep was the second new World's Record announced in Reno. It was actually entered and invited to the 20th AP, but Paul couldn't send it in at that time. Ever since, I've known and worried about this trophy getting the recognition it deserves, so it is great that it is finally recognized as the largest mountain caribou ever recorded by B&C.



## ATTENTION: TROPHY OWNERS AND OFFICIAL MEASURERS

Please note that trophy entry processing for the 28th Awards Program, beginning January 1, 2010, has been temporarily suspended due to the heavy workload associated with the 27th Awards Program in Reno and the 27th Awards book. We plan to be caught up by late July. Thank you for your patience.

## BOOK REVIEW

### IDAHO'S GREATEST WHITETAILS

*Idaho's Greatest Whitetails*, by author Ryan Hatfield, has just been released. It is a full-color, hardcover tribute to the largest whitetails ever produced in Idaho. This book follows *Idaho's Greatest Mule Deer* and *Idaho's Greatest Elk* in the collectible series of books also written by Hatfield and continues the tradition of capturing the important history behind the most outstanding trophies ever taken in the Gem State. In fact, during the research for this book, the truth behind the state record non-typical was uncovered, more than 50 years after the fact. You'll read some great stories, including many first-person accounts, of

how some of the most spectacular whitetails west of the Mississippi were taken—often in exciting, harrowing, and completely unexpected ways. Included within these 352 pages are nearly 500 full-color photos of Idaho's most amazing trophy whitetails, sections on Idaho's greatest typicals and non-typicals, a complete analysis of where Idaho's B&C-class whitetails come from, past and current trends, a special field photo section, and photographs of some of Idaho's most spectacular shed antlers. To order a copy of *Idaho's Greatest Whitetails*, send a check or money order for \$29.99, plus \$6.50 S&H, to IGBG, Box 2, Council, ID 83612. (Idaho residents please add \$1.80 tax.)

### BOOK REVIEW NOTICE

There are many state, provincial, and private organizations publishing local records books that use Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system with 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. Please note that the Boone and Crockett Club cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data contained in these books. Some of the books may 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.

There were two incredible 200-point Montana bighorns displayed in Reno worthy of special mention. They were taken in Montana's famed Missouri Breaks during the 2008 hunting season by Toni L. Sannon and Debby L. Perry and scored 204-2/8 and 202-7/8 points, respectively.

While I could go on listing the outstanding trophies in Reno, I only have room to single out one final trophy that represents another of the many wildlife management success stories across North America. It is Allen M. Shearer's Roosevelt's elk, scoring 362-5/8 points, which he took near the Powell River, British Columbia, during the 2009 season. It is the first bull accepted from British Columbia's mainland that was included in the boundary expansion area mentioned in the last issue of *Fair Chase* magazine. This bull is the 23rd largest Roosevelt's elk ever taken in North America, and the 9th largest ever recorded from British Columbia.

### Invitations to an Awards Program

If you're a trophy owner, you may be wondering at this point why your trophy wasn't invited to Reno and/or what it takes to be invited. Generally, the top-five trophies accepted in each category are invited, but there are some exceptions.

While B&C recognizes 38 categories of big game, some are more active than others. We are currently accepting entries in all categories except jaguar because there is nowhere in North America they can be legally hunted. There are extremely limited opportunities for hunting Atlantic walrus and polar bear, but we accept these trophies if they are legally taken in fair chase hunts. There are no opportunities to hunt

Pacific walrus, but we accept legally possessed specimens picked up on a beach. The bottom line is that we didn't invite any owners of jaguar or Atlantic walrus trophies to Reno, but we did invite trophy owners of one Pacific walrus and one polar bear.

It is important to understand the reasons for holding Judges Panels and Awards Banquets and when they are scheduled. The purposes are to verify the scores of top-ranking trophies and to recognize those trophies with coveted B&C Medallions and/or Plaques. These events are held the year following the close of every B&C Triennial Awards Program.

All potential new World's Records whose entry score has not been verified by an interim Special Judges Panel must receive an invitation. Any trophies that would replace trophies in the existing All-time top-10 for their category must also receive an invitation. If there are no new World's Records or any trophies in the top-10 All-time, then only the top five highest ranking trophies are invited.

In the case of a new category, there could be as many as ten invitations if there are at least ten entries in that new category. On the other hand, there could be fewer than five trophies invited in a category if there are less than five entries accepted during the Awards Program.

Another exception to the invitation rules explained above is that a picked-up trophy, a trophy of unknown origin, or one owned by someone other than an immediate family member is not invited unless it is a potential World's Record or places in the All-time top-10.

If a trophy is not sent in for verification, its score must still be verified by submission of two additional official measurements. This topic will be discussed in another "Trophy Talk." ■

**GROUP PHOTO:** The 27th North American Big Game Awards Program Judges' Panel and Panel Assistants in Reno, Nevada. Standing from left: Paul Webster, Justin Spring, William Keebler, Patrick McKenzie, Mark Bara, Glenn Hisey, Frederick King, Robert Hanson, Curtis Siegfried, Homer Saye, and Victor Clark. Kneeling from left: Buck Buckner, Kyle Krause, Gilbert Hernandez, Craig Cook, Larry Lack, Richard Hale, and Jack Reneau. The centerpiece is Paul T. Deuling's new World's Record mountain caribou. **INSET CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Craig Cook and Victor Clark marking baselines on Jay Jones typical Coues' whitetail. ■ Glenn Hisey and William Keebler team up to verify the measurements on one of the 16 caribou that were sent in to the Judges' Panel. ■ Robert Hanson and Patrick McKenzie systematically mark the typical and non-typical points before they begin to measure Helgie H. Eymundson's non-typical whitetail deer.

