

# 29TH BIG GAME CONSERVATION AWARDS

## TROPHY TALK



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**Boone and Crockett Club is in the early planning stages of the 29th Big Game Conservation Awards that will take place July 13-18, 2016. The name of the Big Game Conservation Awards, which were formerly known as Awards Programs, was changed to more accurately reflect the purpose of the Awards Programs and related activities, which is to celebrate the conservation successes that were initiated by the Club since it was founded by Theodore Roosevelt and George Bird Grinnell in 1887. Even though the 29th Big Game Conservation Awards isn't until next year, it will be here before you realize it.**

The last two Awards Program Banquets (27th and 28th) were held in Reno, Nevada, which is within easy reach of millions of people in the west. The upcoming 29th Big Game Conservation

Awards, however, will be held at America's Wildlife Museum and Aquarium in Springfield, Missouri, which is immediately next to Bass Pro Shops. It is within a one-day drive of half the population of the United States or a total of 160 million people.

I know that those of you who have attended a B&C Awards Program in the past will agree that it is one of the most memorable hunting events you have ever been involved with. They are awesome. I have had attendees tell me it was the highlight of their life. I have attended 12 of them since 1977 and eagerly anticipate attending my 13th next year.

Among the many correlated activities, the 29th Big Game Conservation Awards will include a spectacular display of approximately 100 of the finest big game trophies ever taken by modern day hunters and recorded by

Boone and Crockett Club. Included in the display will be at least three new World's Records, as well as a number of trophies that rank in the top All-time 10 of their categories. I promise you that nowhere else in the world can you view such a magnificent collection of North American big game trophies.

I will be covering the upcoming 29th Big Game Conservation Awards in detail in upcoming issues of *Fair Chase* magazine. For now, please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. The deadline for entering a trophy in the 29th Big Game Conservation Awards is December 31, 2015.

### FOUND RAM IS NEW WORLD'S RECORD

On March 7, 2015, a Boone and Crockett Club Special Judges Panel convened in Red Deer, Alberta, and certified that a bighorn sheep killed on a

highway west of Longview, Alberta, is the largest ever recorded for the species. After two teams of two panel-experienced Official Measurers each scored the ram and arrived at the ram's final score, this outstanding specimen was certified by B&C as a new World's Record. This trophy's horns, which score 209-4/8 points, edged out the previous World's Record, scoring 208-3/8 points, by 1-1/8 points. That incredible ram was taken by Guinn D. Crousen on Luscar Mountain, Alberta, in 2000.

A local rancher, who knew of the ram for years, found the dead animal on his property and obtained the necessary possession permit from Alberta Fish & Wildlife.



### 29TH BIG GAME CONSERVATION AWARDS WORLD'S RECORDS ACCEPTED TO DATE

CATEGORY	SCORE	HUNTER	LOCATION OF KILL	DATE
Alaska-Yukon moose	263-5/8	Heinz Naef	Yukon River, YT	2013
Pronghorn	96-4/8	Mike Gallo	Catron Co., NM	2013
Bighorn sheep	209-4/8	Picked Up	Longview, AB	2010

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