

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Prepare For Next Season, Study the Facts

MOST OF US HAVE FINISHED THIS YEAR'S HUNTING ACTIVITIES. WE WILL SPEND THE WINTER MONTHS REMEMBERING THE BIG ONE THAT GOT AWAY OR THINKING ABOUT THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF NOT HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY OF EVEN SPOTTING A NICE ANIMAL. I, LIKE MANY OF YOU, DIDN'T SEE AN ANIMAL WITHIN REASONABLE RANGE SO I DIDN'T PULL THE TRIGGER. I HOPE WE BOTH HAVE BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR.

Many hunters were very successful this past season. The Club has received over 900 entries for the 23rd Big Game Awards Program. More entries are coming into our office daily. If you are not one of these people with a potential "buster," don't despair. You have three years to find your entry for the 23rd Awards Program. Start making your plans now for next year. Hunting, like many other worthwhile pursuits, requires a lot of hard work and study.

A good place to start is by reading the 22nd Big Game Awards book or the Club's third edition of the Records of North American Whitetail Deer released this past fall. Both of these books describe the animals that "made the book." These books tell you where these exceptional animals were taken and the exact measurements of each trophy entered.

These books are an invaluable tool to the active hunter in planning his or her next trip. Did you

know that the current World's Record whitetail, as well as the sixth place and tenth place record whitetails were harvested in Saskatchewan? Did you know the state with the highest number of whitetail entries during the 22nd entry period was Illinois with 81? The Club's new whitetail book also notes that there is no time like the present to harvest trophy whitetails — the number of record book entries has been increasing in staggering numbers during recent years. Forty-five percent of all

whitetail entries were harvested during the most recent 10-year period. The 22nd Big Game Awards book will tell you equally interesting facts about all the big game species.

The purchase of a records book is cheap compared to the cost of a hunting trip, particularly an unsuccessful one. Spend a few dollars on your records books now and study them this winter with your hunting friends. Your chances should be significantly improved for the next hunting season.



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THE MISSION

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB TO PROMOTE THE GUARDIANSHIP AND PROVIDENT MANAGEMENT OF BIG GAME AND ASSOCIATED WILDLIFE IN NORTH AMERICA AND TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF FAIR CHASE AND SPORTSMANSHIP IN ALL ASPECTS OF BIG GAME HUNTING, IN ORDER THAT THIS RESOURCE OF ALL THE PEOPLE MAY

SURVIVE AND PROSPER IN ITS NATURAL HABITATS. CONSISTENT WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, THE CLUB SUPPORTS THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF OUR WILDLIFE HERITAGE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT BY THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND.

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