

# TROPHY TALK

## New Acceptance Certificate



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I'M ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RECORDS COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A NEW DESIGN FOR THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTED FOR TROPHIES ACCEPTED INTO THE CLUB'S AWARDS PROGRAMS. WHILE SIMILAR IN CONTENT TO THE CERTIFICATE USED FOR THE LAST DECADE, IT WILL BE PRINTED IN FOUR-COLOR AND WILL PROMINENTLY FEATURE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, THE CLUB'S FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT. IT IS TRULY APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE ROOSEVELT'S PHOTOGRAPH ON THE CERTIFICATE AS HIS IDEAS OF FAIR CHASE AND TROPHY HUNTING ARE LEGENDARY.

The new certificate, featured above, will be sent to trophy owners receiving acceptance notifications beginning January 15, 1996. Trophy owners who would like a copy of this certificate for a trophy accepted prior to this date, can order one by sending \$10 (U.S., postage included), along with a copy of their original acceptance certificate, to the Club's headquarters.

If you do not have a certificate for your trophy, include your full name, and address with your order, as well as your trophy's category, score, and date of acceptance (or entry period). Allow eight weeks for delivery.

### ACCEPTANCE PLAQUES

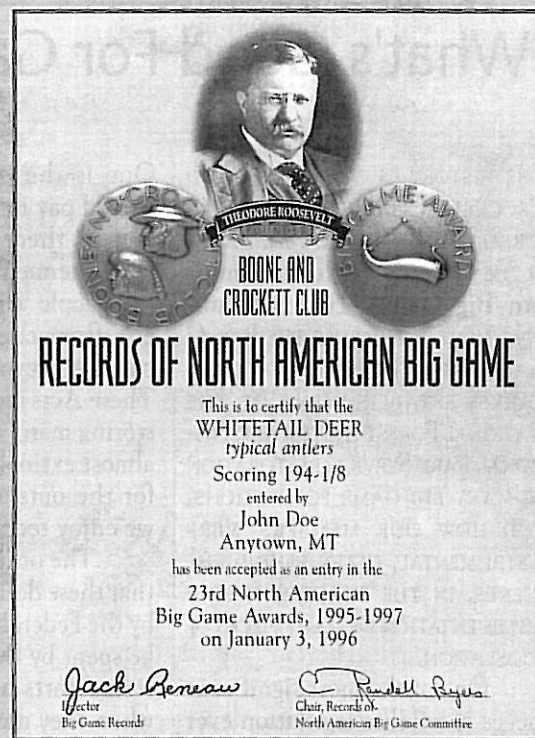
The Records Committee has also approved the concept of

making a plaque available to trophy owners who wish to acquire one for a trophy accepted in any of the Club's awards programs. The plaques will be optional and will be above and beyond the certificate already presented for each trophy accepted by the Club. Further information on pricing and ordering will be available in a future issue of *Fair Chase*.

### SCORING MANUAL BEING REVISED

The official scoring manual, *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*, is out of print and outdated. There have been many changes, clarifications and revisions to the Club's copyrighted scoring system since the manual was published in 1985.

The Records Committee is in the process of updating the manual and is accepting input for the revised edition. If you have any input, please forward it to my attention at Club Headquarters. To assist us in this endeavor, please refer to specific page numbers in the old manual (where appropriate) in your report, as well as specific paragraphs and sentences for each correction. We would also ask you to include photocopies of pages from the manual with your suggestions highlighted with a magic marker.



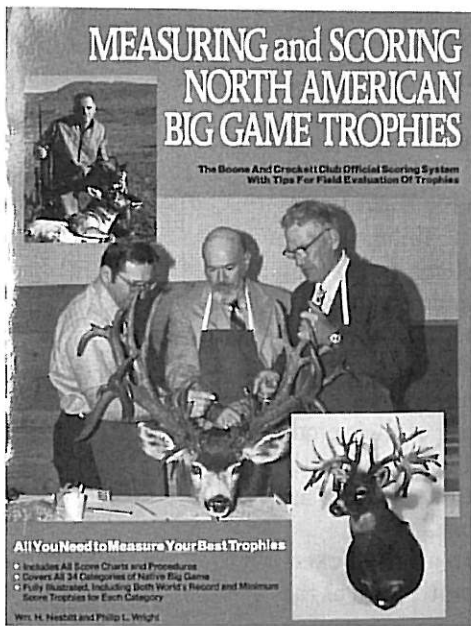
### WHITETAIL MINIMUM SCORE

The Records Committee has not raised the minimum score for typical whitetail deer, nor is there any discussion to do so in the foreseeable future. It remains at 160 for the awards book and 170 for the all-time records book. A typographical error appeared in a flier released last fall that incorrectly listed the minimums at 180 and 190, respectively.

### NON-TYPICAL MULE DEER MINIMUMS REVIEWED

As you may recall, the Records Committee recently lowered the minimum scores for typical mule deer from 185 to 180 for the awards book, and from 195 to 190 for the all-time records book. As a result, I'm pleased to report that we are receiving a considerable number of new and old entries at the lower minimums.

The Records Committee is considering lowering the minimums for non-typical mule deer and is currently accepting input on this proposal. If you have any



comments or suggestions, please forward them to this office by April 1st for review by the Records Committee at its June 1996 meeting.

### NEW BOOKS FOR 1996

The Publications and Records Committees recently announced that a second edition of the highly popular *Records of North American Elk and Mule Deer*, as well as a specialty book on horned game, will be released in 1996. A title for the latter hasn't yet been established, but the book will include sheep, goat and pronghorn trophies accepted at the lower awards minimums through December 31, 1994, the close of the 22nd Awards Program.

Style and format for both books will be similar to *Records of North American Elk and Mule Deer* and *Records of North American Whitetail Deer*. Each category will be broken down by state and province and trophies will be ranked from highest to lowest for each state. State and provincial records will be featured with full page photographs.

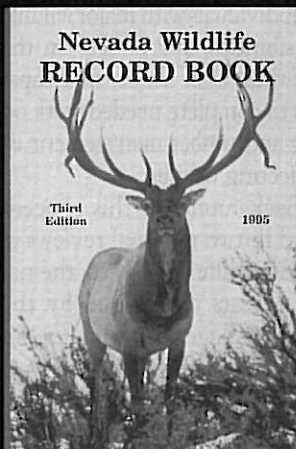
### BOOK SALES BRISK

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to order your copies of the Club's latest books while supplies last. Preliminary sales are very brisk for *Boone and Crockett Club's 22nd Big Game Awards*, *Records of North American Whitetail Deer, 3rd Edition* and *African Game-Lands*. These books are valuable additions to your personal hunting library and make great gift ideas. A handful of the limited editions of each are still available but I expect that they will be gone before long, as well as the 22nd Awards book.

## NEVADA WILDLIFE RECORD BOOK, 3RD EDITION

The Nevada Wildlife Record Book Committee recently announced publication of its latest book, *Nevada Wildlife Record Book, Third Edition*. This edition is the third of a series that features and honors the finest big game animals ever taken in Nevada.

Since its last edition 5 years ago, the Committee has assembled a collection of entertaining and informative stories for the readers' enjoyment. In addition, the book contains a collection of nearly 200 photographs (over 100 in color) of the finest big game trophies ever taken in Nevada, as well as tables giving details concerning 1,478 outstanding trophies.



This book is hard bound and contains 384 pages. The photographs range from shots of historic significance to present day snapshots of successful hunters and their trophies.

*Nevada Wildlife Record Book, 3rd Edition*, is a collector's item limited to 3,000 numbered copies and is sure to join the First and Second Editions in being out-of-print in no time.

Copies may be obtained by writing to Nevada Wildlife Record Book Committee, P.O. Box 1707, Reno, NV 89505. The cost is \$35 (US), including tax, shipping and handling.

## RECORDS AND STORIES OF MANITOBA BIG GAME

*Records and Stories of Manitoba Big Game*, published by the Manitoba Big Game Trophy Association (MBGTA), is a detailed repository of 25 years of big game records keeping in Manitoba. It contains: over 50 stories, in the hunters' own words, about hunting experiences in Manitoba; informative articles and biological histories about each of Manitoba's big game species; lists and ranks of over 2,000 trophies in ten categories from Manitoba, with statistics on score, year taken, name of the hunter or owner, etc.; and over 450 photographs, including a 16 page color section, of some of Manitoba's finest trophies and field photographs.

MBGTA will use the proceeds from the sale of *Records and Stories of Manitoba Big Game* to fund its many worthwhile wildlife and community oriented projects, including its annual grant to a student conducting research on Manitoba's wildlife.

To order your copy of *Records and Stories of Manitoba Big Game* send your check or money order for \$29.95 plus \$8 shipping (Canadian funds) to Manitoba History-Story Book, Bob Paul's Taxidermy, Box 602, Niverville, Manitoba R0A 1E0. Call 204/388-4972 to order with a VISA card.



**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 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.

However, the Boone and Crockett Club cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data contained in these books. Some of the books featured in this section may contain data and statistics for trophies not listed in any Boone and Crockett Club records book. Further, some of these books may include trophies that were not scored by certified Boone and Crockett Club measurers.

If there is any 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.

TROPHY REVIEW BOOKS