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## Boone and Crockett Big Game Info-Net



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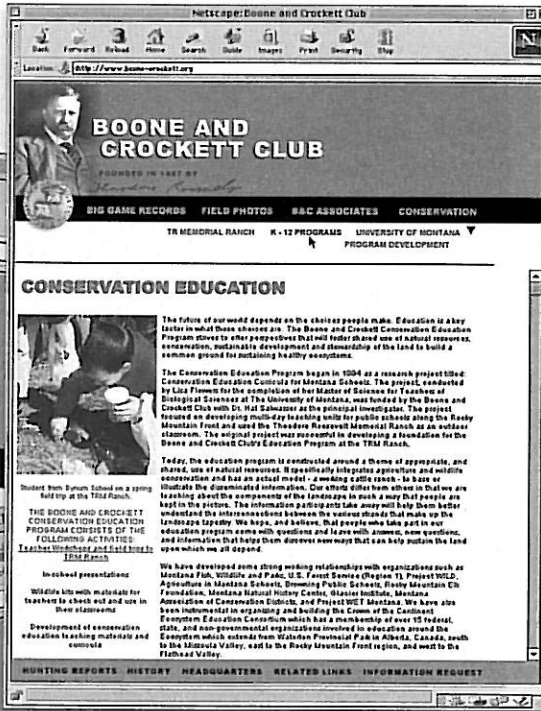
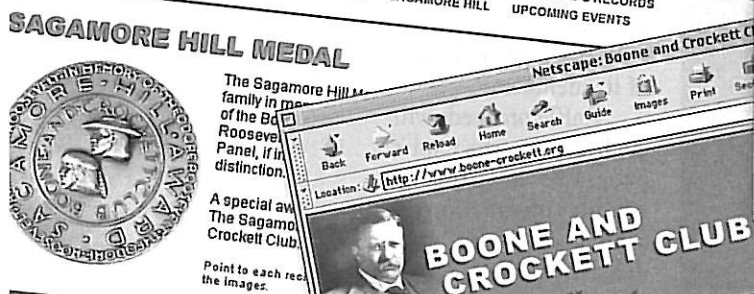
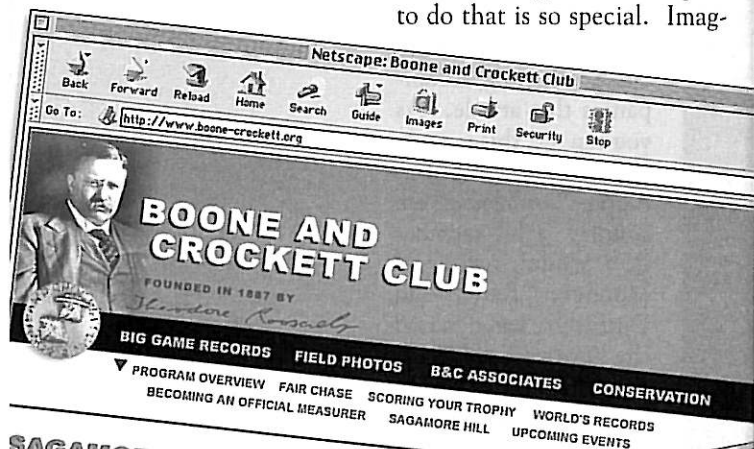
**We are currently working** on an exciting new web-based resource for our Associates on the Boone and Crockett Club's web site - [www.boone-crockett.org](http://www.boone-crockett.org). The B&C Big Game Info-Net will be a comprehensive source of information on North American big game designed specifically for hunters by hunters and wildlife professionals. It will be a secure site and you will need your Associate number to access it.

The development, publishing and maintenance of such a comprehensive source of information on hunting North American big game is a tall order, but the Boone and Crockett Club is used to such challenges. By now you are wondering just what we plan to do that is so special. Imag-

ine that you are an Associate who lives in Michigan. You would like to hunt mule deer in Wyoming sometime in the next few years, and are developing a plan for the hunt. As you begin thinking about what is required to make such a hunt, you realize that planning and executing this hunt will require a significant amount of data collection and analysis. The quality of your plan will relate directly to the quality of your hunt. If you are an experienced hunter who has extensive out-of-state hunting experience, you may already have a list of sources and contacts which will serve as a starting point for your

planning. If you have limited experience hunting outside of your home state, you will need help with determining what information you need and where to find it. Whether you are a veteran or a novice, the availability of a single source of timely, comprehensive, species specific information, organized in a logical fashion, will be a great resource for you.

The web site we are planning will be developed and maintained by the Boone and Crockett Club. Members, Official Measurers, and Associates of the Club are being selected to provide a cadre of experts who are experienced hunters and



The Big Game Info-Net is just one part of the Boone and Crockett Club's new and improved web site. Look for the

Club's updated site, which will include more information, more photos and better user-interface, to be up and running by January 2000.

know what information is useful and how to find it. Using the Wyoming mule deer hunt as an example, you will be able to get the most current information available from a wide number of sources, organized in a logical fashion and synthesized into a user-friendly format ready for you to download and print on your computer. The information will also contain links to world wide web source documents in order that you may access these documents for additional information or review. The sources of documents not available on the internet will be cited as well. Other files will be created and be made available through the Club's electronic resource files.

Following are a few examples of the data which we intend to organize and synthesize for you on a state-by-state, province-by-province, species by species basis:

- What's New!
- The latest changes in hunting regulations such as new hunting units, unit closures, fire closures, bag limits, point restrictions, etc.
- Reports assessing population dynamics of various big game species in each state.
- Tips and recommendations from professionals in the field.
- Public lands access information including new accesses provided for hunting.
- Locations of state wildlife areas open to the public.
- Details of preference point systems, which states use them, how they are different, etc.
- Drawing odds by hunting license type, hunting unit, and tag zone in each state.
- Availability of special hunt tags available in under-subscribed areas, tag quotas, etc.
- Application deadlines and hot links to on-line applications.
- Hunting demand reports and other documents describing hunting pressure, harvest, etc.
- USGS maps and sources of specialized maps showing land ownership, state lands, etc.
- Hot links to on-line license applications, on-line drawing results, etc.
- Hunting regulations, season dates, etc.

- State-by-state big game outlooks and forecasts prepared by our experts.
- Species management plans and implications for trophy quality.
- Hunting Clinic availability and calendars.
- Guide requirements, listings of guide services, and information on how to select a guide.
- Lists and reference sources for transporters and air-taxi services.
- Clothing and gear recommendations suggested for various species in various climates.
- Information Exchange for Associates to post and share information with each other and comment on current issues and topics.

We are currently "gearing up" for this endeavor. If you have ideas or suggestions, we would like to hear from you. If you would like to be considered for inclusion in our cadre of experts, let us know. We will send you a short biographical form which you may complete and return. ▲▲▲



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