

TROPHY TALK



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Which Book Will I Be Listed In?

The Boone and Crockett Club takes great pleasure and pride in announcing the release of the 12th edition of its All-time records book, *Records of North American Big Game*. This edition is unparalleled in

its scope and content. Between the covers of this book are more than 900 pages of information valuable to hunters, game managers, historians, and conservationists. There are more than 22,000 trophies listed in 38 categories of native North American big game — both statistics are record-breaking numbers in themselves. The total number of trophies listed in this book is an increase of 29 percent over the 11th edition published just six short years ago.

Included in the listings are new World's Records for tule elk, Roosevelt's elk, non-typical Sitka blacktail deer, non-typical Columbia blacktail deer, non-typical Coues' whitetail deer, mountain caribou, barren ground caribou, Rocky Mountain goat, pronghorn (two-way tie) musk ox, and big-horn sheep. This edition includes both the hunting story and photograph of all 12 of these new World's Records, as well as a copy of their score chart with the detailed measurements. Similar information is included for all other World's Records.

In addition to the listings, this edition includes a number of very informative and highly interesting chapters on a variety of topics of interest to hunters and B&C

aficionados. Of special interest to me is a collection of hunting stories by 14 of today's most popular hunting editors and outdoor writers, including Craig Boddington, Jim Dougherty, Bob Robb, Diana Rupp, Greg Tinsley, Gordon Whittington, Wayne van Zwoell, and Jim Zumbo, to mention only a few. Their very entertaining stories capture their thoughts and recollections of what hunting has meant to them in their lives.

Scattered throughout the book are brief biographies of more than a dozen former Boone and Crockett Club members whose selfless efforts made significant impacts on restoring our wildlife resources and saving hunting for future generations. Several of these are household names, such as Aldo Leopold, Ding Darling, Gifford Pinchot, Roy Chapman Andrews, John Lacey, and Theodore Roosevelt, the founder and first president of Boone and Crockett Club.

In lieu of the usual full-color chapter featuring the work of a renowned wildlife/outdoor artist as in the past, this edition features a 32-page, full-color section of custom-made and special firearms that have connections to both current and former Boone and Crockett Club members, and other noted hunters from Theodore Roosevelt to Jack O'Connor.

The 12th edition is a testimonial to the successful efforts of hunter/conservationists that started in 1887, when Theodore Roosevelt founded the Boone and Crockett Club, to restore populations of North America's big-game animals from approaching extinction. For ordering information, please check out the ad on page 37.

Records Book Publishing Schedule

Now that the 12th edition is published, I think

it is necessary to briefly discuss the Club's records-book publishing schedule (Table 1) for the foreseeable future. This information is especially useful to Official Measurers and trophy owners who have entered trophies during 2004–2005, and those who will be entering them in the next few years.

Basically, the Club publishes two different records books — the All-time records book and the Awards Program records book. Before I discuss the publication dates for both books, I need to mention that there are different minimum scores for listing a trophy in these books. For example, the minimum scores for listing a typical whitetail deer in the All-time and Awards Program records books are 170 and 160 points, respectively. There are similar differences in minimum scores for most of the remaining 37 categories.

The All-time records books, including the just published 12th edition of *Records of North American Big Game*, are published every six years. Since the 12th edition was published this year, you can be assured that the 13th edition will be published in 2011, two years after the 27th Awards Program (2007-2009) closes on December 31, 2009. The deadline for submitting a trophy for inclusion in the 13th All-time records book is that same date.

The Awards Program records books are published every three years. These books are unique in that they include only those trophies that are entered during a specified three-year period, and all trophies that exceed the lower Awards Program minimums. For example, Boone and Crockett Club is currently in its 26th Awards Program. Trophies accepted during January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2006, will be listed in *Boone and Crockett Club's 26th Big Game Awards* book, which will be published in 2007. Trophies accepted during January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2009, will be listed in *Boone and Crockett Club's 27th Big Game Awards* book.

In summary, the 13th edition of the All-time records book, *Records of North American Big Game*, will include trophies from the 12th edition just published, as well all those trophies listed in the 26th and 27th Awards books that exceed the All-time minimums.

Asterisked Trophies

While perusing the trophy lists, you might note that there are high-scoring trophies with an asterisk at the end of most lists. The

TABLE 1. Records Book Publishing Schedule

Book Title	Minimum Scores	Entry Deadline Date	Year of Publication
<i>Boone and Crockett Club's 26th Big Game Awards</i>	Awards Program Minimums	12/31/2006	2007
<i>Boone and Crockett Club's 27th Big Game Awards</i>	Awards Program Minimums	12/31/2009	2010
<i>Records of North American Big Game, 13th Edition</i>	All-time Minimums	12/31/2009	2011

asterisk refers to a footnote that says, "Final score is subject to revision by additional verifying measurements." Perhaps one of these trophies belongs to you or someone you know.

The asterisk signifies that these are exceptionally high-scoring trophies that need verification before they take their rightful place in the trophy lists. These trophies were invited to either the 24th or 25th Awards Program Judges Panels in 2001 or 2004, respectively, for verification and presentation of Boone and Crockett Club medals, certificates, and plaques. However, they were not sent in, and their scores still need to be verified by submission of two additional measurements performed by two different measurers.

Complete details for removing the asterisk are discussed on page 138 of Boone and Crockett Club's book, *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*, in case you have a copy of this publication. If you do not have a copy and you would like to read up on this subject, you can check out B&C's web site at www.booneandcrockettclub.com, or call 888-840-4868 to order a book.

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RECORDS BOOK REVIEWS

BIG GAME RECORDS OF NEW YORK STATE

The New York State Big Buck Club has just released the 13th edition of *Big Game Records of New York State*. This edition includes 5,703 entries of trophy deer in 13 different categories, including

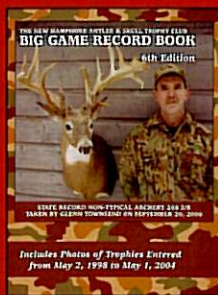


records for gun, bow, and muzzle-loader for both deer and bear. There are close to 500 photos of New York whitetails, both typical and non-typical, and black bears, with a special color section featuring both archery and firearms trophies. Included is a listing of the top-10 entries in each county for gun and bow, as well as the top-10 deer entered each year in the firearms and archery categories. Any deer or bear taken in New York, regardless of year taken, is eligible for listing in this publication. Copies are available for \$15 each, including S&H. Send your check to New York State Big Buck Club, Record Book Office, 8895 Plainville Road FN, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

more than 300 photographs of interest to hunters, and several dozen exciting hunting stories. Unique to this book are listings of New Hampshire whitetails weighing more than 200 pounds. This soft-cover book can be purchased for \$19.95, plus \$3.50 S&H, US. Send your check to NHASTC, Roscoe Blaisdell, President, 22 Scribner Rd., Raymond, NH 03077.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BIG GAME RECORD BOOK

The New Hampshire Antler and Skull



Trophy Club is proud to introduce its sixth edition of *The New Hampshire Big Game Record Book*, which features the finest bear, whitetail deer, and moose taken in the Granite State. This edition includes a total of 2,900 whitetail deer, bear, and moose in its trophy listings. Also, included are

more than 300 photographs of interest to hunters, and several dozen exciting hunting stories. Unique to this book are listings of New Hampshire whitetails weighing more than 200 pounds. This soft-cover book can be purchased for \$19.95, plus \$3.50 S&H, US. Send your check to NHASTC, Roscoe Blaisdell, President, 22 Scribner Rd., Raymond, NH 03077.



LONGHUNTER MUZZLELOADING BIG GAME RECORD BOOK

The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association's *Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book*, 4th Edition, has just been published. This hard-cover, large-format volume of more than 200 pages contains information on current big-game trophy animals taken with muzzleloading firearms. There are more than 100 photos of successful hunters and top-scoring animals in 32 categories of native North American big game accepted for entry. Seven hundred and twenty-three new entries, including seven new World's Records, have been added to this fourth edition. New World's Records include non-typical America elk (430-2/8), Roosevelt's elk (348), typical Coues' deer (118-1/8), Shiras moose (184-3/8), barren ground caribou (421-3/8), musk ox (125-6/8), and bighorn sheep (188-5/8). This book contains plenty of informative and entertaining reading, plus inspiring photographs of prime trophy animals. This edition includes information on locations of kill, habitat, type of muzzleloader used, and methods used for hunting and scoring trophy animals. Copies are available for \$40 per book, plus \$7.50 for S&H. Checks should be made payable to the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and sent to: *Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book*, NMLRA, PO Box 67, Friendship, IN 47021. Credit card orders can be placed by calling (812) 667-5131.

BOOK REVIEW NOTICE

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