

TROPHY TALK

Justin E. Spring Hired as Assistant Director of Big Game Records



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I would like to formally welcome Justin E. Spring, B&C's new Assistant Director of Big Game Records, to the Missoula staff and to introduce him to B&C's cadre of Official Mea-

surers and readers of *Fair Chase* magazine. While Justin reported for duty on October 6th, his first "official" assignment actually took place August 25-29 at an Official Measurers training workshop he attended at B&C's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch. Not only did he become an Official Measurer, an obvious expectation of his new position, but he was able to familiarize himself with the Ranch and the Elmer E. Rasmuson Wildlife Conservation Center, the centerpiece for many of the Club's conservation education activities.

Since reporting for duty, Justin has caught up on much of the backlog that built up after Ryan Hatfield, my former Assistant moved on. We still have some entries to process that were set aside for a closer look at the scoring procedure.

Prior to coming to B&C, Justin received a BS degree in Natural Resources from Northland College in Ashland,

Participants of the Boone and Crockett Club's fourteenth and final workshop in 2008 pose for a group photo at the TRM Ranch.



B&C's new Assistant Director of Big Game Records, Justin Spring (left), is a very avid and accomplished hunter and angler. He was fortunate to draw one of Oregon's eight coveted goat tags this year. Justin and his father Rick, enjoy the post-hunting moment as they pose for the photo above.

Wisconsin. Most recently, he worked as a biological technician for Plum Creek timber. His duties included setting up sites and surveys for murrelet and spotted owls. He also performed presence/absence surveys of fish.

Justin is a very avid and accomplished hunter and angler. He was fortunate to draw one of Oregon's eight coveted goat tags this year. He filled it with an Awards book billy he took in the rugged and beautiful Wallowa Mountains in northeastern Oregon. He reports that the hunt was strenuous and taxed

him to the max. I saw the photos where he hunted, and it is very clear that Justin earned his goat—the country he hunted is as rugged as it is beautiful.

I look forward to working with Justin in the years ahead. He will be an asset to the B&C team.

234 Measurers Appointed in 2008

Boone and Crockett Club's 2008 Official Measurer Training workshop "season" culminated on August 29th at the Club's

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Table 1. 109 New Official Measurers Appointed in 2008

Gilbert T. Adams III – Beaumont, TX	A057	Gary M. Fajak – Coraopolis, PA	F085	Jeffrey G. Mock – Lewistown, PA	M174
Rickey D. Addison – Emmett, ID	A054	Brian E. Galligan – Proctorville, OH	G091	Kevin L. Monteith – Blackfoot, ID	M179
David P. Allen – Dallas, PA	A052	Douglas S. Garrison – Beavertown, MA	G092	Douglas Moss – International Falls, MN	M180
Theodore A. Archibeque – Eagle, CO	A055	Edwin C. Glover – Harleysville, PA	G093	Larry Myers – New Freedom, PA	M175
Paul D. Atkins – Kotzebue, AK	A056	Robert C. Graber – Peru, IN	G097	Brian E. Neitzel – Randolph, WI	N044
David L. Aumen – Williamsport, PA	A053	Tony J. Grabowski – Whitehorse, YT	G095	Jeff H. Nordman – Charles City, IA	N042
Larry Barr – Monroe, LA	B228	Roy E. Grace – La Quinta, CA	G094	David Nuttall – Thunder Bay, ON	N043
David C. Bastow – Edinboro, PA	B218	Cory Gray – Monticello, AR	G098	Josh D. Pallister – Helena, MT	P087
Rick Bergloff – Smithville, MO	B229	Mark Groves – Whitehorse, YT	G096	Rhett M. Pawluski – Armstrong, BC	P086
David L. Birdsall – Longmont, CO	B223	David C. Haynes – Jackson, OH	H159	William C. Phifer – West Point, UT	P088
Mark Blazosky – Phillipsburg, PA	B219	Tony Heil – Wausau, WI	H154	Michael T. Pruss – Harrisburg, PA	P085
Vernon C. Bleich – Dickinson, ND	B224	James Helling – Golden Valley, ND	H155	Dennis Razza – New Derry, PA	R092
Marc Bloch – Whitehorse, YT	B226	Floyd L. Hendrickson – Margo, SK	H158	Charles W. Rehor – Prudence Island, RI	R096
Ray Brugler – Harrisburg, PA	B220	Ryan C. Hilton – Salmon, ID	H156	Wilfried E. Resch – Berlin, WI	R100
Arthur L. Brunst – West Sunbury, PA	B221	Matthew W. Hodges – Little Rock, AR	H157	Ronald S. Richman – Edinburg, PA	R093
Shane D. Buchanan – Whitehorse, YT	B227	Frederick H. Horn – Baltimore, MD	H160	Wolf Riedl – Haines Junction, YT	R098
Barry Buhay – Lancaster, PA	B222	Roger D. Jacobs – Myrtle Beach, SC	J046	David P. Rippeto – Fairbanks, AK	R099
Lennie Buhmann – Broadus, MT	B225	Benjamin C. Jones – Harrisburg, PA	J045	Bob Rocheleau – South Haven, MN	R097
Gordon Childers – Terrebonne, OR	C130	Jeffery T. Kendall – Franklin, PA	K074	Lanny S. Rominger – Albuquerque, NM	R101
Chris Clayton – Alexandria, LA	C127	Roger Kingsley – Columbia Cross Roads, PA	K075	Victor E. Rosa – Fleetville, PA	R094
Tim Cody – Lillooet, BC	C131	Kelly N. Kozij – Weyburn, SK	K078	Tony Ross – Jersey Shore, PA	R095
David O. Conrad – Polson, MT	C136	Kristoffer A. Krebs – Jersey Shore, PA	K076	Clint Sawicki – Whitehorse, YT	S188
Timothy Conway – Dallas, CA	C128	John D. Kubalak – Spring Mills, PA	K077	Ken Schaar – Deer River, MN	S190
Michael Cooley – Orange, CA	C132	Daniel F. Lees – Manassas, VA	L088	James B. Seitz – Newville, PA	S183
Patrick Cooley – Yuma, AZ	C133	Larry L. Lewis – Soldotna, AK	L089	Chad Sjodin – Whitehorse, YT	S189
Robert J. Cooper – Ft. McMurray, AB	C135	Philip Luckenbaugh – Harrisburg, PA	L090	Jeffrey A. Smith – Petrolia, PA	S184
John M. Creamer – Spring Grove, PA	C129	Daniel Lynch – Reading, PA	L091	Justin E. Spring – Missoula, MT	S191
Max D. Crocker – Hooker, OK	C134	Richard E. Macklem – Jersey Shore, PA	M170	Randy St. Ores – Hudson, WI	S192
Barry C. Dampman – Douglas, WY	D088	James MacKrell – Whitehorse, YT	M181	Timothy W. Stanosheck – Encampment, WY	S187
Robert D. D'Angelo – Harrisburg, PA	D085	Travis Mattison – South Range, WI	M171	Matt Staser – Kickapoo, IL	S185
Bob Daudelin – Warburg, AB	D089	David L. May – Tucson, AZ	M176	Peter F. Sussenbach – Albrightsville, PA	S186
M. Robert DeLaney – Greenwich, CT	D086	Don Meger – Belle Plaine, MN	M177	Dean Turner – Whitehorse, YT	T072
Gary Dennis – Kirkwood, NY	D091	Dawn A. Merritt – Decatur, MI	M172	Wes Voogd – Edmonton, AB	V025
Paul T. Deuling – Whitehorse, YT	D090	Brad Miller – Little Rock, AR	M182	Jake Weise – Salkum, WA	W112
Scott Durham – Baton Rouge, LA	D087	Blair K. Mitchell – Preeceville, SK	M178	Mike Wendel – Botkins, OH	W110
Gerald R. Fausone – Gilbert, MN	F086	David E. Mitchell – Fogelsville, PA	M173	Timothy Wenrich – Mechanicsburg, PA	W111
Randall M. Fraser – Whitehorse, YT	F087				

Table 2. New Associate Measurers (qualified to score deer, elk, bears, and cats)

David D. Adamson – Depauw, IN	144A	Nathan Griffin – Fort Myers, FL	049A	Gene A. Pohlmann – Royse City, TX	140A
W. Daniel Anderson – Fort Meyers, FL	043A	James A. Gross – Tabor, IA	152A	Ronald W. Poppe – O Keana, OH	160A
Michael C. Argenta – Savannah, GA	044A	Kenneth W. Hall – Bossier City, LA	136A	Blake Proctor – Oklahoma City, OK	067A
Michael Ballard – Columbia, MO	057A	Steven C. Harris – Vicksburg, MS	112A	Brenden Reed – Overland Park, KS	102A
Candie Barnett – Brandon, MS	058A	Danny C. Hawkins – Letohatchee, AL	113A	Michael W. Richards – Tulsa, OK	068A
Brett Bartunek – Bolingbrook, IL	145A	Steve D. Heth – Goodlettsville, TN	114A	Lynda Rollins – Valparaiso, IN	161A
Michael C. Beck – Prattville, AL	106A	Stephen J. Hill – Olathe, KS	065A	Bryan Rooks – Culloden, GA	120A
Robert C. Bierstedt – Helotes, TX	130A	Chris Holt – Newport, TN	115A	David Rose – Hampton, VA	089A
Kenyon Bingham – Hanover, MD	074A	Dale Howe – Harrisburg, PA	078A	Steven Roudebush – Gardner, KS	069A
Larry L. Blumer – Harrisburg, NC	107A	Frank Howell – McCloud, OK	097A	Richard C. Rousseau – Kenosha, WI	162A
Scott Bowen – Strawberry Plains, TN	108A	Britt J. Huey – Auburn Hills, MI	153A	Leon Rucker – Dania Beach, FL	052A
Blake Branom – Ocoee, FL	045A	Brian Hunt – Stevensville, MD	079A	Robert Ryan – Clay, NY	090A
Paul T. Brown – Waterford, MI	146A	Benjamin P. Johnston – Persia, IA	154A	Jim Sackett – Hampton, VA	091A
Eric Burden – Fontana, CA	094A	Robert S. Jones – Auburn Hills, MI	155A	Glen T. Schram – Auburn, NY	092A
Richard Burley – Fort Myers, FL	046A	David N. Kennedy – Harrisburg, PA	080A	Ronald J. Scott – North Bend, OH	163A
Robert Burnos – Independence, MO	059A	Cory King – Foster, RI	081A	Brian Shadowens – Argyle, TX	141A
James R. Cain – Pompano Beach, FL	047A	Travis Kingery – Denver, CO	098A	Gregory D. Shoemaker – Duluth, GA	121A
Phillip Troy Camp – Concord, NC	109A	George Peter Kleczka – Plainville, MA	082A	Dave T. Sipsy – Cumming, GA	122A
Samuel Cortez – Rancho Cucamonga, CA	095A	Michael A. Korth – Hampton, VA	083A	Sherri S. Smith – Cunningham, TN	123A
Dee Creath – Olathe, KS	060A	Steven K. Larison – Council Bluffs, IA	156A	Simon L. Spain – Myrtle Beach, SC	124A
Douglas S. Curtis – Depauw, IN	147A	Michal A. Lauer – Gurnee, IL	157A	Debbie Sperry – Waterloo, NY	093A
Jason Davis – St Charles, MO	061A	James W. Lowman – Hanover, MD	084A	Nathan Spires – Macon, GA	125A
John Mark Davison – Sugar Land, TX	131A	Stephen Mammoser – Dunwoody, GA	116A	Nick Springer – Savannah, GA	053A
Sandor A. Debreneni – Rancho Cucamonga, CA	096A	Andrew David Martel – Glen Allen, VA	085A	Stan G. Stanley – Miami, FL	142A
George C. Dieter – Broken Arrow, OK	062A	James Martino – Destin, FL	050A	Daniel R. Stanton – Henderson, NV	103A
Charles F. Doria – San Antonio, TX	132A	Glenn McBride – Katy, TX	137A	Walter Stiller – Rockwell, NC	126A
Larry Duckworth – Hanover, MD	075A	Larry C. McGee – Denham Springs, LA	117A	Ruth P.B. Sutter – Bolingbrook, IL	164A
Brian Eickholtz – Charlestown, IN	148A	Zac McLain – Wellston, OK	071A	Larry Lewis Swanbeck – Orlando, FL	054A
David E. Eisenberger II – Harrisburg, PA	076A	Ben J. Mercer – Springfield, MO	066A	Scott Tangen – Myrtle Beach, SC	127A
Kevin S. Ellis – Smyrna, TN	110A	Emmitt Wendell Miller – Amite, LA	118A	Clayton Therrier – Fort Lauderdale, FL	055A
Jayson Felty – Harrisburg, PA	077A	Michael L. Miller – Las Vegas, NV	099A	Jacob Thomason – Columbia, MO	070A
Chris Finnegan – Savannah, GA	048A	Michael Munni – Providence, RI	086A	Randy S. Toering – Portage, IN	165A
Robert B. Fletcher – Fairfield, OH	149A	Randy Nickels – Kodak, TN	119A	Joshua Trapp – Destin, FL	056A
Charles M. Ford – Bossier City, LA	133A	Kevin A. Noftz – Perrysburg, OH	158A	Stan Troutman – Mesa, AZ	104A
Andrew Forrest – Richland, MS	111A	Joe L. Nunnally – Savannah, GA	051A	Danial P. Urban – Northwood, OH	166A
Joel C. Fortner – Independence, MO	063A	Matteo Orlando – Vaughan, ON	087A	Christopher S. Ussery – Byron, GA	128A
Terry Garcia – Galveston, TX	134A	Robert A. Orpel – Vaughan, ON	088A	Dan M. Uzelac – Portage, IN	167A
Valdemar Garcia – Houston, TX	135A	Rene G. Peck – Aurora, CO	100A	Festus W. Wallace – Pembroke Pines, FL	143A
Kevin J. Gierat – Orland Park, IL	150A	Phillip Peden – Mesa, AZ	101A	Ken Walls – Memphis, TN	072A
Charlotte Good – Highlandville, MO	064A	Nick Perry – Gurnee, IL	159A	Todd B. Ward – Haslet, TX	105A
Walter Goodland – Rossford, OH	151A	Larry F. Peterson – Manvel, TX	138A	Larry Webb – St Charles, MO	073A
		Dan Plummer – Garland, TX	139A	Billy D. White – Vicksburg, MS	129A

B&C Seeks Trophy Bear Donation for Visitor's Gallery

In the last issue of *Fair Chase*, I mentioned the beautiful World's Record Mountain installed this summer in the Visitor's Gallery at the Club's headquarters in Missoula. B&C is now seeking the donation of a B&C qualifying, life-size bear mount for inclusion in its Visitor's Gallery. The primary stipulation, because of limited space, is that the bear mount must be standing on its hind legs.

An Alaska brown bear mount taken by the late Lloyd Zeman standing on its hind legs currently greets visitors to the Gallery, but it is not a B&C qualifier, and it is in a deteriorating condition. Regardless of its size and condition, it is the most popular trophy in the Gallery. People pose for photographs with it nearly every day.

If you, or someone you know, have a B&C black bear, grizzly bear, brown bear, or polar bear that you would like to donate for permanent display in the Club's Visitor's Gallery, please call me at 406/542-1888, ext. 205, with the details, or send me an email at wjr@boone-crockett.org with the details and a photograph of the mount. Please include pertinent information about the trophy, such as category, score, date of kill, location of kill, height, etc.

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch near Dupuyer, MT, with the successful completion of its fourteenth and final workshop in 2008. A total of 109 Official Measurers (Table 1) were trained in 31 states and five Canadian provinces. These individuals are qualified to score entries for all 38 categories of North American Big Game recognized by the Club.

Another 125 individuals were trained as Associate Measurers (Table 2) in 28 states and one Canadian province. This is a new category of Measurer that was created in 2008 as part of the Club's new outreach program to make scorers more accessible to the general public. These individuals are Bass Pro Shops staff members who attended one of nine workshops conducted at Bass Pro Shops' training facilities. The Associate Measurers workshops were limited to two days each and qualified successful attendees to score all deer, elk, bear, and cats. The Club's Records Committee would like to thank Official Measurers Frederick J. King, Bozeman, MT, Larry R. Carey, Spokane, WA, Larry C. Lack, Thompson Falls, MT, and Mark O. Bara, Hemingway, SC, for their efforts to contribute to the success of this program by volunteering their time to conduct these workshops. It was a hectic summer for them.

Official Measurers Who Passed Away

While we have added 234 new Official Measurers to our rolls in 2008, bringing our current total to 1,299, we have lost several very valuable and dedicated Official Measurers during the last year who I would like to briefly mention here. Space prevents me from saying more about them, but rest assured that they and their families are in our thoughts and prayers, and that their efforts will be sorely missed.

Glenn Abbott of Portland, OR, was appointed in 1993 and seemed to dedicate his life from then on to scoring trophies for B&C, P&Y, NMLRA, and Northwest Big Game, Inc. His scorings were very accurate and his entries were always complete. Glenn served as a Judge on the 26th Big Game Awards Program Judges Panel in Fort Worth, Texas, in 2007.

Max Carpenter of Harrisonburg, VA, was appointed in 1962 while working for the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries (VCGIF). He was especially active in Virginia with their records program, which is

different from B&C's. Back in 1971 he wrote a whitetail scoring manual for VCGIF titled *Evaluating Big Game Trophies*. This booklet covered whitetail deer scoring procedures for both B&C's and Virginia's records programs.

Rusty Lindberg of Seaview, WA, was appointed in 1984 after successfully completing all aspects of a B&C training workshop. Not only was Rusty active in scoring trophies for the book, but he was nearly as active entering trophies. Over the years he took a barren ground caribou (394-5/8), typical Columbia blacktail (126-3/8), and pronghorn (80) that were listed in past records books.

Patricia Valentino of Algoma, WI, was appointed a Limited Measurer in 1984 in Maryland, which meant she could only score trophies taken in her state. In 1987, she attended a full-fledged workshop that qualified her to score all categories of big game recognized by the Club. Pat was deeply involved with scoring trophies at the Illinois Deer Classic. Her hobby and avocation, in addition to scoring, was outdoor photography.

Lewis Yearout of Great Falls, MT, was appointed an Official Measurer by Sam Webb in 1953 while serving with the Army Air Force in Alaska. He was the only Official Measurer in Alaska at that time and worked as a fish and game agent. At the time of his death, he was the longest serving Measurer in the history of the Club's records-keeping program. Interestingly, he was appointed only three years after the Club adopted its current scoring system in 1950.

Ryan Hatfield Moves to Eastman's Journal

While I am pleased to welcome Justin, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Ryan B. Hatfield, my former assistant, well in his new position as managing editor of *Eastman's Journal*. Ryan worked for the records program for the last four years where his accomplishments are many. He ably assisted with the 26th Awards Program Judges Panel, banquet, and all other aspects of this historic and exciting event. He wrote/edited most of the stories for Boone and Crockett Club's 26th Big Game Awards book. He was also a regular contributor to *Fair Chase* magazine with his "Beating the Odds" feature and to the Club's Web site with "Trophy Watch." I wish him and his family all the luck in the world. ■

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