

TROPHY TALK

27th Awards Program Deadline Final Notice



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I want to take one last opportunity to mention that December 31, 2009, is the deadline for entering trophies in the 27th Awards Program (AP), as well as the deadline for listing a trophy in both the 27th Awards

book to be released next year and the 13th edition of the All-time records book, *Records of North American Big Game*, scheduled for publication in fall 2011. All new trophy entries must be postmarked no later than the deadline to be included in the 27th AP entry period. Score charts received with later postmarks will be entries in the 28th AP that closes December 31, 2012. The 28th Awards Program trophies won't be listed in an Awards book until 2014 or in the next All-time records book in 2017.

RIGHT: Andrew B. Powers-Toribio pictured with his Rocky Mountain goat scoring 53 points.

FAR RIGHT: Fern R. Spaulding is shown here with her Alaska brown bear scoring 29-1/16.

BELOW: Devin A. Chastain displays his non-typical whitetail deer scoring 185 points.

Youth Hunters and 27th Awards Program

As you know by now, the 27th Awards Program and Banquet will be held next year in Reno, Nevada, June 23-26. Initial invitations to the top-five trophies accepted in each category of the 27th Awards Program will be mailed by the end of December. The remainder will go out in February 2010, after we have time to sort through trophies received by the deadline date. These trophies will be scored by the Awards Program Judges Panel in April and certified for B&C medallion awards and certificates that will be presented at an Awards Banquet at the Grand Sierra Resort the evening of June 26th.

In addition to the trophy awards, Boone and Crockett Club is going to conduct the 27th Awards Youth Recognition Program, which will become an integral

part of future Awards Programs. All youth hunters who have taken a B&C trophy at the age of 16 and younger accepted in the 27th Awards Program are eligible to participate, even if you or someone you know are now older than 16.

Unfortunately, since B&C does not ask for a hunter's age when a trophy is entered, we do not have a good handle on all the trophy owners accepted in the 27th AP who were 16 years old or younger at the time they took their trophy. We need your help updating our list.

At the present time, we are aware of only 13 youth hunters, ranging in age from 9-16 with a B&C qualifying trophy accepted in the 27th AP. If you, or a youth hunter you know, have a trophy accepted by



YOUTH HUNTERS WITH TROPHIES ACCEPTED IN 27TH AWARDS PROGRAM

Name	Category	Location of Kill	Year Taken	Final Score	Age of Hunter
Ashley E. Grant	black bear	Price Co., WI	2008	20-7/16	16
Brady H. Haynes	black bear	Aroostook Co., ME	2008	20-4/16	12
Fern R. Spaulding	Alaska brown bear	Alaska Pen., AK	2006	29-1/16	10
Bryce R. Kniert	Cougar	Elk River, BC	2008	15-8/16	14
Kelsey A. Smith	typical Columbia blacktail deer	Linn Co., OR	2008	135-6/8	14
James P. Hamik	typical whitetail deer	Clay Co., NE	2008	172	16
Cody L. Marcelle	typical whitetail deer	Buffalo Co., WI	2008	170-1/8	14
Korey M. O'Day	typical whitetail deer	Ringgold Co., IA	2007	169-3/8	15
Blake Jeffries	typical whitetail deer	Madison Co., KY	2008	165-6/8	14
Boone W. Kroenke	non-typical whitetail deer	Benton Co., MO	2008	212	9
Devin A. Chastain	non-typical whitetail deer	Todd Co., KY	2008	185	16
Andrew B. Powers-Toribio	Rocky Mountain goat	Deer Mt., AK	2007	53	13
Justin M. Heil	musk ox	Shishmaref, AK	2009	105-6/8	13

B&C in the 27th AP, and it is not included on this list, please contact me immediately so I can add you to our list. I can be reached at wjr@boone-crockett.org or (406)542-1888, ext. 205.

Details of the 27th Awards Youth Recognition Program are being worked out as I write this column and will be announced in my column in an upcoming issue of *Fair Chase* as well as on B&C's web site. The primary concern right now is developing a complete list of youth hunters. We don't want to leave anyone out at next year's banquet.

Youth Hunters and Their Trophies

Boone and Crockett qualifying trophies are some of the most sought-after trophies in North America. Most people go a lifetime searching for such an elusive animal but never realize their dreams. On the other hand, there are a number of younger hunters, some as young as 6 years old, who harvest a trophy early in their hunting career. Space in this column limits me from featuring details of the hunts of all the youth hunters listed, but I would like to single out one that was taken on an exceptional fair-chase hunt.

Patience, which is obviously a good thing to have in abundance when hunting whitetail deer, paid off handsomely for 9-year-old Boone K. Kroenke in the waning light of the second day of Missouri's 2008, two-day youth hunt. His father reports that Boone passed up several eight- and 10-pointers the first day that any hunter would be proud to hang on his/her wall. The second day, Boone again passed up a six-pointer that many hunters would have been proud to tag with only one hour of daylight left.

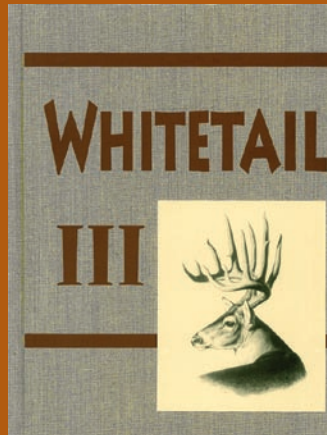
A few minutes after that encounter, Boone's father reports another buck that "looked like it had two racks," stepped out into the Benton County soybean field they were watching. It walked towards Boone and turned broadside at 75 yards presenting him with the perfect shot. Boone carefully squeezed the trigger as his father had taught him many times before and took a non-typical trophy-of-a-lifetime. Its rack sports nine and 10 points on the right and left antlers, respectively, and scores an impressive 212 B&C points. It isn't impossible, but highly unlikely, Boone will ever get another B&C trophy, but he has a long life ahead of him to try. Meantime, he'll be enjoying his first deer. ■

BOOK REVIEWS

POPE AND YOUNG CLUB'S BOWHUNTING RECORDS OF NORTH AMERICAN WHITETAIL DEER, 3RD EDITION

Pope and Young Club, continuing its remarkably popular series of whitetail deer records books, is pleased to announce the release of its third edition of *Bowhunting Records of North American Whitetail Deer*. This edition includes more than 45,000 whitetail and Coues' deer entries accepted in P&Y's Records archives through January 1, 2009, including over 12,000 new entries accepted since the last edition was released in 2003.

A must for any hunter's or whitetail-deer enthusiast's personal library, *Bowhunting Records of North American Whitetail Deer* is designed as a handy,



information-packed resource tool. State and provincial listings are separated and ranked in numerical order by final score. Scientific data gleaned from the scoring forms in the archives, including final score, length of main beams, inside spread, number of points, county where harvested, hunter's name, year taken, all-time rank and state rank, are given for each specimen listed. The listings are enhanced with portrait photographs of the largest deer, typical and non-typical, for each state and province. Also featured are dozens of quality field photos and entry density maps for each state.

The book, edited by P&Y member Curt Wells, contains a wealth of whitetail deer knowledge sure to make you a better bowhunter. Bob Zaiglin discusses how to age deer "on the hoof," and Dr. Dave Samuel looks at many of the myths surrounding scrapes and rubs. M.R. James and G. Fred Asbell

detail the challenges of ground hunting, and a bowhunting surgeon, Dr. Jack Frost, explains the biology of the killing power of a broadhead—it's all invaluable information from which even the most experienced bowhunter can benefit. Also included are historical articles about the birth of bowhunting seasons (Wisconsin) and a retrospective with Mel Johnson—the bowhunter who took the current bowhunting World's Record typical whitetail more than 40 years ago.

A digital version of the records is included with this record book. The CD contains the whitetail deer record book (in pdf format) as well as the records information in database format (Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, and comma delimited files). This format allows users to personally sort the data fields of their choosing on their PC. Copyright issues do not allow for the reproduction or dissemination of this information.

Bowhunting Records of North American Whitetail Deer, 3rd Edition, is available for \$38.00, plus \$5.95 shipping. Send orders to Pope and Young Club, Box 548, Chatfield, MN 55923. Order online at www.pope-young.org, or call (507) 867-4144 to place a Visa or MasterCard order.

ATTENTION: While Pope and Young Club accepts only trophies taken in fair chase with archery equipment, Boone and Crockett Club accepts trophies taken in fair-chase hunts with any legal means of harvest, including archery equipment.



UTAH BIG GAME RECORDS

Utah's first official records book titled, *Utah Big Game Records*, was recently released by Trophy Hunter Magazine. This book features Pope & Young, Longhunter, and Boone & Crockett records. It contains vintage photos, trophy hunting stories, and hundreds of trophy photos from all 10 species of big game native to Utah. The book is 176 pages, full color, soft-bound, and costs \$20.00, including shipping and handling. To place a credit card order, call (801) 731-4148 or send a check/money order to Utah Big Game Records, P.O. Box 12006, Ogden, Utah 84412.

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