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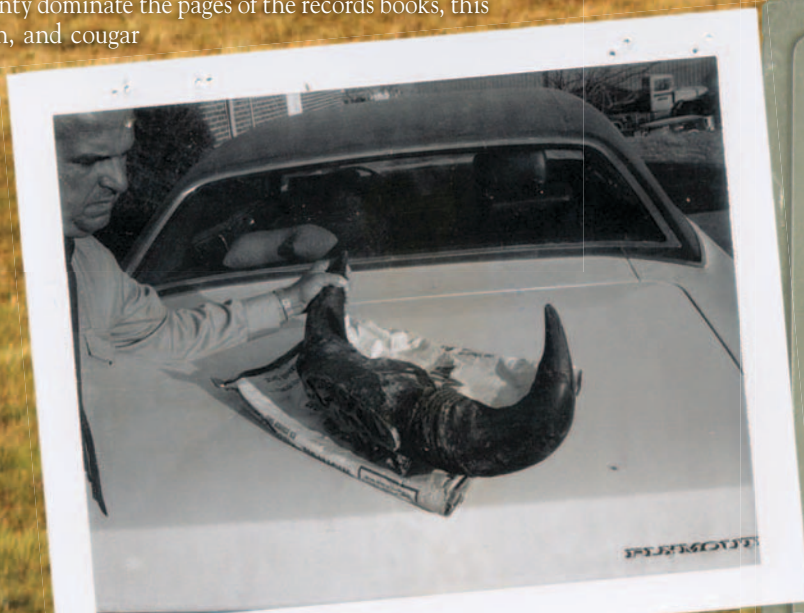
Custer County, South Dakota

No other icon of the American West can stir images of the unexplored lands of the past as the American bison.

Herds numbering in the tens of thousands once spread as far as the eye could see through an endless sea of prairie. Native Americans dressed in the robes of this great beast standing amongst the teepee dwellings common to the nomadic tribes that followed them. Unfortunately, the tale of the bison is one of wanton destruction and waste; yet a victory for the conservation movement spurred by the founding fathers of the Boone and Crockett Club.

Though very limited in their range today with the total national population just a fraction of the historic numbers, there are a few areas where bison still roam free in numbers that allow a very limited harvest, and the location covered in this section is the best of them all. Custer County South Dakota has 130 entries in the Boone and Crockett Club records; of these, over 120 of them are bison. These animals are found in Custer State Park, and while the price and wait required to obtain one of the limited licenses may be excessive, few would argue that the reward for the effort is truly amazing. Upon drawing one of these coveted tags, you are assigned a designated hunt period and are accompanied by the bison manager from the park whose knowledge and judgment of bison are second to none.

While the bison of Custer County dominate the pages of the records books, this country also holds elk, deer, pronghorn, and cougar that are also well represented in the pages of *Records of North American Big Game*. Take a closer look and see some of the photos from Boone and Crockett Club records that represent what this pheasant and duck state has to offer the big-game enthusiast.



**Louis
Vaughn**

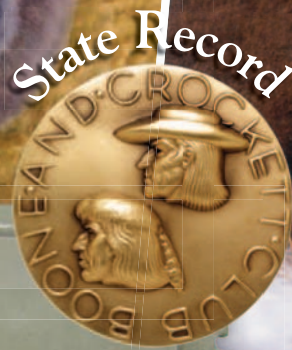
Bison

**Taken:
12/2/1968**

**Score:
120-6/8**



Tina R. Gregor
Bison
Taken: 12/5/2007
Score: 120



Remo Pizzagalli
Bison
Taken: 1/5/1995
Score: 153
#3 All Time B&C Record Bison



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BIG GAME AWARDS
BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
2ND AWARD



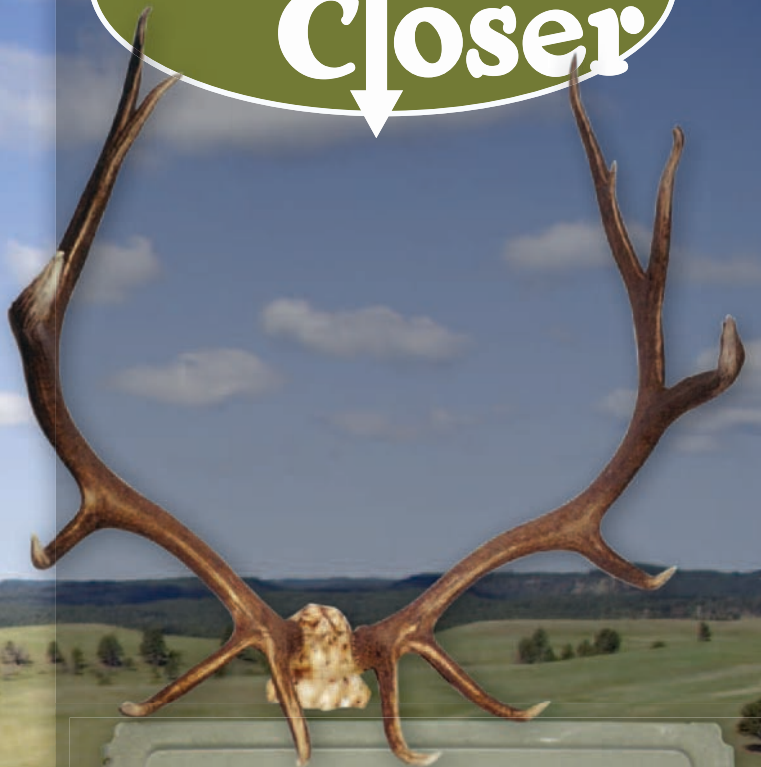
Art D. Tong
Bison
Taken: 12/11/2007
Score: 129-2/8



Thomas J. Radoumis
Bison
Taken: 12/7/1973
Score: 117-4/8



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Daniel P. Hartmann
Typical American Elk
Taken: 9/19/1999
Score: 362-1/8

David W. Baxter
Bison
Taken: 12/4/2007
Score: 126-6/8



Brenden E. Hendrickson

Cougar

Taken:
1/8/2009

Score:
14-13/16

