

ASSOCIATE TROPHY ROOM

A COMBINATION OF UNIQUE DESIGN AND FAMILY PARTICIPATION MAKE THIS TROPHY ROOM STAND OUT FROM THE REST.

The trophy room was actually built around a service bar which was purchased directly from the Cowboy Bar in Jackson, Wyoming. The sign above the Cowboy Bar reads,

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"World Famous Cowboy Bar" and anyone viewing the bar while on their trip to Yellowstone Grand Teton National Parks will agree. The bar's uniqueness stems not only from the nostalgia the bar emits, but also from its unique design. As is prominently displayed in the Cowboy bar, a majority of the wood trim is from pine that is known as "diseased" pine. The "diseased" or knobbed pine is caused by deformities created on the tree be-

cause it lives right at tree line which is about the 10,000 foot level in Wyoming. The bar in our trophy room is trimmed in this "diseased" pine. Also each of the bars exterior panels are covered with calf skins.

The authentic rustic western flavor adds to the trophy room's western look and knotty pine interior. Not wanting to have the "boxy" look many trophy rooms exhibit, it was decided to include enclaves and stages to increase space and separate the various animal groups. While all trophy rooms seem to rapidly run out of space, and this one is no exception, my family of six hunters has somehow been able to display the animals which have special memories to them and yet not encroach on the rest of the house. Uniqueness and functional space best describe this trophy room.

While I am very proud of the various types of animals and Boone and Crockett Club record animals, I am equally proud of the section known as the "Kid's Korner." My four children



have all contributed animals to this section. Certainly if we are going to see hunting as we know it thrive in the 21st Century, we need to make sure kids are exposed to hunting and the reasons that hunting is not only exciting but also a necessary tool



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We really are a hunting family and the trophy room houses trophies taken by the entire family. It also includes my library of hunting books which includes all of the Boone and Crockett Club Record Books, as well as general hunting and conservation books from 1893 to the present.

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