

# OFFICIAL MEASURER RENEWAL MAILING

## TROPHY TALK



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**I would like to personally thank all those Official Measurers who have expressed their commitment to B&C by renewing their appointments. I can assure you that your commitment to B&C is greatly appreciated. Please note that the renewal packets with your Official Measurer credentials were dropped in the mail the last week in May. If you have not received your packet by the time you are reading this column, please don't hesitate to contact Justin or Kyle at B&C headquarters (406) 542-1888, and let them know; there is important information that you need to do your job as a measurer.**

### RECORDS OF NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME, 14TH EDITION TO BE PUBLISHED THIS FALL

This is a heads-up to let you know that B&C will be publishing the 14th edition of its extremely popular records book, *Records of North American Big Game*, this fall. This book, which is only published every six years, is the most comprehensive big game records book ever, cataloging the greatest big game taken in North America. Now in a two-volume set, it will include 32,000 trophy listings with over 650 color photos and a selection of intriguing chapters. The information provided in this edition can be used to assist in getting your trophy of a lifetime.

This book will initially be available in a hardcover set limited to 1,000 copies, which comes packaged in a custom

slipcase. Order early and you'll be able to pick up a set for 25 to 35 percent off the regular price of \$200. Once the set is released this fall, the maximum discount is 20 percent if any copies remain. To pre-order your hardcover set, visit [boone-crockett.org/recordsbook](http://boone-crockett.org/recordsbook) or call headquarters weekdays from 9-4 at (406) 542-1888. Go to page 38 of this issue of *Fair Chase* for more details.

### NEW OFFICIAL MEASURERS

Richard Hale, Justin Spring, Kyle Lehr, and I would like to congratulate and welcome the 46 new Official Measurers, representing 25 states, who successfully completed one of two Official Measurer training workshops recently held in Missoula, Montana. All are qualified to immediately begin scoring trophies for all 38 categories of North American

big game recognized by the Club. We are very pleased with the enthusiasm and professionalism everyone brought to these two workshops.

If you're interested in contacting one of these new measurers to score a trophy for you, or to contact the nearest qualified scorer in your state or province, please go to B&C's website [boone-crockett.org](http://boone-crockett.org), click on the Big Game Records banner, then drop down to Find an Official Measurer. If you're interested in being considered for a future Official Measurer appointment, please also click on the same banner and drop down to Becoming a Measurer to obtain an application. The records department is hoping to conduct several other workshops this year, but most are already full.



### OFFICIAL MEASURER LU ZIMMERMAN

It is always with true sadness that I hear of the passing of one of our dedicated Official Measurers. So, it was no different when I recently heard of the untimely passing of Wisconsin Official Measurer Lu Zimmerman - Official Measurer Ken Zimmerman's

### RECENTLY APPOINTED OFFICIAL MEASURERS

Michael Ali - Canastota, NY  
Robert D. Allen - Mt. Holly, NC  
Chad J. Bishop - Missoula, MT  
James C. Boyd - Butte, MT  
Richard H. Britt - Signal Mountain, TN  
Jason K. Browning - Las Cruces, NM  
Justin R. Bullard - Callahan, FL  
David L. Burkhead - Denison, TX  
Mark Clausen - Pierre, SD  
Gregory B. Davis - Farmington, AR  
Shawn Duchow - Mead, WA  
Kyle A. Easley - McKinney, TX  
Richie Estes - Columbia, KY  
Carey J. Ferrell - Cloquet, MN  
Aaron M. Freitas - Malin, OR  
TJ Gould - Missoula, MT  
Clifford T. Gray - Eagle, CO  
Arthur F. Hayes - Birney, MT  
Everett Headley - Stevensville, MT  
Ryan E. Huffman - Waterford, OH  
Stephen J. Hutton - Conrad, MT  
Erik G. Johnson - Mount Vernon, WA  
Arlen D. Lipper - Kimberling City, MO

Alec S. Lloyd - Pioche, NV  
Michael C. MacEachern - Council Bluffs, IA  
Clinton B. McPhaul - Paige, TX  
Dennis A. Michael - Lewiston, ID  
Joshua J. Millspaugh - Missoula, MT  
Brian Munis - Philipsburg, MT  
Thamera A. Munis - Phillipsburg, MT  
Jeffrey A. Onysko - Oakville, CA  
George A. Parris - Audubon, IA  
James R. Peterson - Missoula, MT  
Kenneth J. Rimer - Hammond, WI  
Aaron Roberts - Livingston, MT  
Brett C. Ross - Katy, TX  
Jeffrey L. Schneider - Bismarck, ND  
William F. Seybold - Lewiston, ID  
Gary M. Wegner - Franklin, WI  
Gerry R. Wegner - Cudahy, WI  
Mathias L. Weizen - Coal Center, PA  
Robert P. Wood - Cincinnati, OH  
Jennifer L. Wood - Cincinnati, OH  
Donal A. Woodard - Pawhuska, OK  
Paul M. Zelisko - Lake Forest, IL  
Kenneth Z. Zimmerman - Martinsburg, PA

wife. Ken was appointed an Official Measurer in 1999, and Lu was appointed in 2011 after successfully completing an Official Measurer workshop here in Missoula, Montana. After sending our condolences to Ken and his family, I received a handwritten thank-you note from Ken along with a photograph of Lu's stone. I was so touched, I thought I would share the note and photograph with everyone.

Ken's note said, "Dear Jack, Thank you so much for what you have done for Lu and me. Here is a picture of Lu's stone, it meant so much to her to be an Official Measurer, and I really enjoyed going and measuring with her. I miss her so much and so many people enjoyed being with her. Thank you my friend! Ken"

Ken and Lu are in our thoughts and prayers!



Lu and Ken are so dedicated that they put their Official Measurer appointments on their tombstone.

### RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

I'm especially reminded at this time that there is a beginning and an end to all earthly things. This will be my last Trophy Talk column as I officially retire on August 1, 2017. I first started working with Boone and Crockett Club's Awards Programs back in January 1976 when I was hired as a hunter information specialist by Harold Nesbitt, the manager of the Hunting Activities Department of the National Rifle Association, in Washington, D.C. From start to finish, that's approaching 42 years, and what a ride it has been. I looked forward to going to work every morning.

B&C and NRA were co-sponsoring the Club's records-keeping activities at that time under an umbrella agreement known as the North American Big Game Awards Program, which was also known by its acronym as NABGAP. B&C remained the governing body of the Club's records-keeping activities, and NRA provided the staff to process trophy entries, train measurers, conduct Awards Programs, publish records books, and a myriad of other day-to-day responsibilities.



LEFT: Jack assisted with conducting 13 Awards Program banquets; served on 2 Judges Panels. BELOW: Jack Reneau at the 16th Awards Program in 1977, with the former World's Record mountain caribou taken by Garry Beaubien.

I took a brief hiatus from NRA and the records program in 1979 to work for Six Rivers National Forest as a wildlife biologist on the Mad River Ranger District in Northern California. I wanted to get some first-hand field level experience early in my professional career before it was "too late."

When that cooperative agreement was dissolved in 1980, the Club set up its first office in Alexandria, Virginia, with Harold Nesbitt as the executive director. When I left NRA, he told me to call him if I ever wanted my position back. That phone call was made from a roadside phone booth (long before cell phones)



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in 1983 in Northern California on the way back from a pheasant hunt at Tule Lake to ask him if that offer was still good. He said yes and rehired me as the Director of Big Game Records before we hung up.

A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then. I have processed thousands of trophy entries; continued to develop the measurer training program; trained approximately 1,300 Official Measurers; coedited more than 50 B&C publications, including 7 all-time records books, 12 awards books, and 6 editions of the Official Measurer's manual; assisted with conducting 13 Awards Program banquets; served on 2 Judges Panels; edited the *Associates Newsletter/Fair Chase* magazine for 30 years; and written 110 "Trophy Talk" columns. I

only missed two columns in all those years—one because the space was needed for another topic that took precedence, and I was ill for the second one.

In 1986 I remember Harold Nesbitt telling me that he was thinking of creating an Associates Program with a newsletter that was going to be available to anyone who wanted a way to associate themselves with B&C. The first issue was published in February 1987. In addition to being the assistant editor of the fledgling newsletter, Harold assigned me the task of writing this quarterly column that he called "Trophy Talk." It was to be the Club's *official publication of record* to communicate official policies, scoring procedure/changes, updates, etc., with the public, but especially with Official Measurers.

As I head into my retirement, at the risk of overlooking someone. I want to say goodbye, and thank those individuals who have supported me over the years. I would first

like to thank B&C's cadre of Official Measurers and the patrons of this column alike. Over the years, I have come to consider all of you as personal friends even though we have rarely had a chance to visit in person, other than by email, over the phone, and/or through "Trophy Talk." Thank you for all you have done for B&C. I have always appreciated our relationship.

I want to thank Harold Nesbitt for hiring a young graduate student back in 1976 during the bicentennial year and again in 1983. It was a sincere pleasure and privilege to work with and for him. I especially appreciate the opportunities I had to spend time with him in Montana, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Colorado chasing pronghorn, deer, and elk.

I want to thank all the members of the Boone and Crockett Club for their support over the years. It has been a sincere honor and pleasure to work with and for all of you over the years. I still look forward to continue working with the Club's records program in the future.

I also want to thank all 16 members of Boone and Crockett Club's staff. Whether I ever said it or not, it was a

great experience working with all of you. Thank you for all the support you gave me, especially with my computer shortcomings, that enabled me to do my job. I have always thought we are all lucky to work for the Boone and Crockett Club in the shadows of Theodore Roosevelt, George Bird Grinnell, etc., and especially with such a dedicated, talented, and professional staff.

However, there is no one I need to thank more than my wonderful wife Susan for supporting and putting up with me since I had the good fortune of meeting her 45 years ago at a square dance. Whether I was attending undergraduate (Colorado State University) or graduate school (Eastern Kentucky University), working for the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and three national forests (Pike-San Isabel-Colorado; Daniel Boone-Kentucky; and Six Rivers-California), in addition to Boone and Crockett Club, Susan was always there to support me. Shortly after we were married, she assisted me with collecting (removing) gizzards from 3,000 hunter-taken ducks and Canada geese at a



**LEFT:** Richard Hale, chair of the Records Committee presented Jack with his Official Measurer belt buckle at the 29th Big Game Awards Program in Springfield, Missouri.



**LEFT:** Jack and Susan enjoying themselves at the 28th Big Game Awards Banquet in Reno, Nevada.

**BELOW:** Jack Reneau, right, is pictured with his record typical Coues' whitetail deer. Also pictured is B&C regular member, Manny Chee, left, and Fernando Manuel (center).



hunters goose processing plant near Paducah, Kentucky, for my master's thesis titled, *Incidences of Availability and Ingestion of Lead Pellets By Waterfowl in Ballard and Madison Counties, Kentucky*.

As the daughter of a U.S. Marine (WW II, Korea, and Vietnam veteran), who rose through the ranks from private to Lt. Colonel before he retired in 1967, she was used to moving. When there was a change in my career, she was ready to move on short notice, and I can't thank her enough for that.

One last observation I would like to make: as people found out I was retiring, I was repeatedly asked, "What are you going to do now?" The first time I was asked I must admit that I was a little stumped. After giving it some thought, I am really looking forward to spending more time with Susan, Boone and Crockett (our black lab retriever sisters), and Cloud the cat. We will be spending considerable time visiting children and young grandchildren and seeing parts of America and the world that we haven't seen.

As a Vietnam veteran, I will continue volunteering for veterans' activities as a member of Mis-soula's VFW Post 209, with the hopes of fulfilling the only real item on my lifelong bucket list, which is to visit the beaches of Normandy. The real bottom line is, however, that Susan and I plan to do what we really want to do when we want to do it.

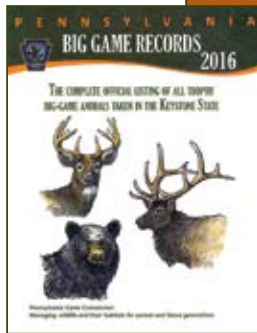
God bless all of you, God bless the Boone and Crockett Club, and God bless America! ■

*Jack Reneau*

**BOOK REVIEW NOTICE**

There are many state, provincial, and private organizations publishing local records books that use Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system with permission of the Club. Since there is no single reference source for these books, and because there are many hunters who collect them, we will review them as time and space permit. Only those books that use the Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system and terminology will be considered for review. Please note that the Boone and Crockett Club cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data contained in these books. Some of the books may include trophies that were not scored by certified Boone and Crockett Club Official Measurers. If there is a question about the status of a trophy listed in any of these books, the Boone and Crockett Club's records books/archives are the final reference source to settle any and all discrepancies.

**BOOK REVIEW**



**PENNSYLVANIA BIG GAME RECORDS 2016  
BY BOB D'ANGELO**

I recently became aware that the Pennsylvania Game Commission published a records book titled, *Pennsylvania Big Game Records 2016* that contains more than 4,200 entries from the Keystone State in 10 categories. Those are typical and non-typical whitetail deer, black bear, and typical and non-typical American elk—all taken with firearms and archery equipment. A few of the trophies listed in the records were taken 100 or more years ago, including a buck taken by Arthur Young (not of P&Y fame) in 1830. Many others have been taken in recent years, proving that the Keystone State is home to some truly outstanding big-game trophies. Highlights in the 2016 records book include a new No. 11 non-typical (firearms category) for a buck taken in 2015 that scored 200-7/8 inches; a typical buck taken with a bow on Jan. 2, 2016 that scored 162-5/8 inches; a new No. 4 black bear taken in 2015 (firearms category) that scored 22-13/16 inches; and a new No. 5-ranked bull elk in the non-typical firearms category harvested in 2015 that scored 400-1/8 inches. Where in Pennsylvania are the top counties for harvesting a trophy whitetail? This records book is not only interesting, but it is a useful tool to identify where the "big ones" are being taken. The 2016 records book is available for \$6 plus \$2.95 shipping, plus 6 percent sales tax for Pennsylvania residents. Call 1-888-888-3459 to order with your credit card, or visit "The Outdoor Shop" on the Pennsylvania Game Commission's website at [pgc.pa.gov](http://pgc.pa.gov). The 2017 edition can be ordered by calling the same number when it comes out.



**BIG GAME RECORDS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
EDITOR DOUG JANZ**

The 7th edition of the *Big Game Records of British Columbia*, published by the Wildlife Records Club of British Columbia, was released at the recent Sixteenth Trophy Competition Awards Banquet held in Kamloops, British Columbia. As the Foundation for the Wildlife Records Club (WRC) of British Columbia was originally conceived in Kamloops in 1967, the banquet also celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the WRC. With the objective of maintaining a perpetual record of trophy-class big game from British Columbia, the WRC is dedicated to wildlife conservation, selective hunting, and fair chase. Based on Boone and Crockett Club's scoring system, the 560-page book contains more than 10,000 entries in 19 categories, including 1,400 new entries since the 2010 edition. Included are articles of general interest and a wide variety of pictures and entertaining hunting stories related to many of the recent entries. This is a book for all who have an interest in the outstanding diversity and abundance of big game species in British Columbia. The book retails for \$35 plus \$15 shipping per book. Go to [wildliferecordsofbc.com](http://wildliferecordsofbc.com) to order online. PayPal and major credit cards are accepted. Purchases to be delivered to a Canadian address should be paid in Canadian funds; all orders to be shipped outside of Canada should be paid in U.S. funds. Copies can be ordered by mail by sending your check to Wildlife Records Club of BC, PO Box 151, Lantzville, BC, V0R 2H0, CANADA.



**NORTH DAKOTA BIG GAME RECORDS BOOK  
BY PATRICIA STOCKDILL**

Patricia Stockdill has just published the 7th edition of *North Dakota Big Game Records Book*. The first edition was published by Lyle Hanson and George Lee in 1993, and Patricia just took over the editorship of this publication. This edition includes detailed trophy data lists on nine categories of North Dakota big game animals, including pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, typical and non-typical categories for whitetail deer, mule deer, and American elk. There is a good selection of hunting stories and photos of some of the finest big game specimens ever taken in North Dakota, as well as a chapter on the proper field care of big game. Copies of the 7th edition can be purchased by sending a check or money order for \$15 per copy plus \$3 shipping and handling to Patricia Stockdill, 1450 42nd Ave NW, Garrison ND 58540. For complete information about this publication, visit Patricia's website at ([www.dancingprairiearts.com](http://www.dancingprairiearts.com)).