



# A RECORD FOR CONSERVATION

The Boone and Crockett Club maintains the records of native North American big game as a vital conservation record in assessing the success of wildlife management programs. In response to public interest generated by the Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns in the 1920s, and increased hunting by the general public, the Club established an official

measurement and scoring system for trophy big game. The National Collection and the measurement system were initially conceived to record species of North American big game thought to be vanishing. Club Members and others in the scientific community soon recognized that the system was an effective means of tracking the success of new conservation policies.

## 1895

### **FIRST ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**

Club members Theodore Roosevelt, George Bird Grinnell, and Archibald Rogers served as competition judges.

## 1902

### **COMMITTEE FOR MEASUREMENT OF TROPHIES APPOINTED JULY 16, 1902, BY THE CLUB'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Theodore Roosevelt, Archibald Rogers, and Caspar Whitney assigned the task of creating a "standard" scoring procedure for native North American Big Game.

## 1906

### **BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S FIRST SCORING MANUAL PUBLISHED.**

*Big Game Measurements: Game Book of the Boone and Crockett Club* 1906 published by Boone and Crockett Club Professional Member James H. Kidder, chairman of the Committee on Big Game Measurements. It was a leather-bound book that detailed a "standard" procedure for measuring 18 categories of North American big game.

## 1906

The National Collection of Heads and Horns founded at the Bronx Zoo, in New York, New York, by club members Madison Grant and William T. Hornaday.

## 1922

### **NATIONAL COLLECTION OF HEADS AND HORNS DEDICATED AT THE BRONX ZOO**

Club members Madison Grant and William T. Hornaday, of the New York Zoological Society opened to the public this taxidermy collection of big game specimens from around the world. The Club's intention was to awaken the public to the plight of vanishing wildlife and harness their support for future legislation proposed by the Club aimed at the conservation of these natural resources. The inscription over the hall's entrance reads, "In Memory of the Vanishing Big Game of the World."

## 1928

### **AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY HALL OF NORTH AMERICAN MAMMALS - NEW YORK CITY**

Club initiates the enlargement and renovation of the Hall of North American mammals. Key Club members involved were Childs Frick, Dr. Harold E. Anthony, James L. Cark, Bayard Dominick, Alfred Ely, Prentiss Gray, E. Hubert Litchfield, Madison Grant, and Kermit Roosevelt.

## 1932

### **PUBLISHED RECORDS OF NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME, 1ST EDITION**

Club published its first edition of the records book, *Records of North American Big Game*, under the auspices of the National Collection of Heads and Horns at the New York Zoological Society after scouring museums of the world and sport hunters' trophy collections for specimens. Trophies were ranked by simple measurements such as length of longer antler or horn.

## 1947

### **BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB HELD IT FIRST ANNUAL BIG GAME TROPHY COMPETITION**

The Club held its first five national big game competitions on an annual basis at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, New York, with the intent of recognizing trophy quality, encouraging selective hunting, promoting the concept of "Fair Chase" and ensuring that their records books were as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

## 1949

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEVISE AN EQUITABLE, OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR NATIVE NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME TROPHIES**

Members of the committee included Samuel B. Webb (chairman), Dr. James L. Clark, Grancel Fitz, Dr. Harold E. Anthony, Milford Baker, and Frederick K. Barbour.

## 1950

### **BOONE AND CROCKETT ADOPTED ITS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED SCORING SYSTEM**

This system, which is considered "The Gold Standard" has withstood the test of time and is still in use today - virtually unchanged. Instead of being a method for recording animals in peril of extinction, it is now used to record the successes of conservation.

## 1952

### **PUBLISHED RECORDS OF NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME, 3RD EDITION**

B&C published the third edition of its popular records book, *Records of North American Big Game*. This is the first edition that lists and ranks trophies according to the scoring system B&C adopted in 1950 and is still used today, virtually unchanged. This scoring system recognizes trophies for both massiveness and symmetry.

## 1952 - 1953

### **B&C SPONSORS FIRST BIENNIAL COMPETITION**

This competition and the next eight competitions were held biennially at either the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, New York, or the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## 1963

### **FIRST FAIR CHASE STATEMENT REQUIRED FOR TROPHY ENTRIES.**

Spotting of herding land game from the air, followed by landing in its vicinity for pursuit, was deemed Unfair Chase and unsportsmanlike. Trophies taken under these conditions were not eligible for entry in B&C.

## 1968 - 1970

### **NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME COMPETITION**

The Club changed the biennial big game competitions to triennial big game competitions. It was the last competition held at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## 1971-1973

### THE NAME OF BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME COMPETITIONS WAS CHANGED TO BIG GAME AWARDS PROGRAM

The purpose of this move was to better define the purpose of the Club's records-keeping activities.

## 1973 - 1981

### NORTH AMERICAN BIG GAME AWARDS PROGRAM

Boone and Crockett Club and National Rifle Association entered into a formal agreement to cosponsor the records Program. B&C remained the governing body of the records program and NRA provided the day-to-day manpower to run it.

## 1976

Developed formal Official Measurer training workshops that continue to the present day.

## 1978

B&C took over formal ownership of the National Collection of Heads and Horns. The 34 remaining North American specimens were retained by the Club and temporarily displayed in the National Rifle Association's Museum in Washington, DC, through late 1981. The remaining 204 foreign specimens went to Safari Club International for relocation into SCI's Wildlife Museum in Tucson, Arizona.

## 1980

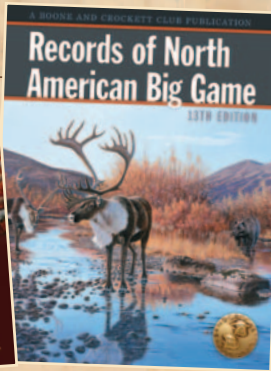
The Club raised funds and used them to begin the refurbishment of the American Museum of Natural History Hall of North American Mammals dioramas. The project was completed in 1987.

## 1981

Boone and Crockett Club and the National Rifle Association dissolved their formal agreement to cosponsor the North American Big Game Awards Program, and Boone and Crockett Club reassumed full and complete responsibility for all aspects of the records keeping and records books. B&C established its first formal office at 205 South Patrick Street, Alexandria, Virginia, and hired a staff to do the Club's day-to-day activities including running the records program, book publication, membership support, accounting, etc.

## 1981

Boone and Crockett Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns was moved to the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming, where it has been on display ever since.



The Boone and Crockett Club has published 13 editions of *Records of North American Big Game* since 1932 and 10 editions of *Big Game Awards* books since 1983, beginning with the 18th Awards Program.

## 1985

Published the first edition of the Official Scoring Manual titled, *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*.

## 1983

Published the Club's first Awards book, *Boone and Crockett Club's 18th Big Game Awards (1980-1982)*. The Awards books differ from the All-time records books because they include only the trophies accepted during a three year Awards Program, at reduced minimum scores. The Awards books include hundreds of portrait and field photos, along with the hunting stories.

## 1992

Boone and Crockett Club purchased The Old Milwaukee Depot and moved its national headquarters to Missoula, Montana, in September.

## 2009

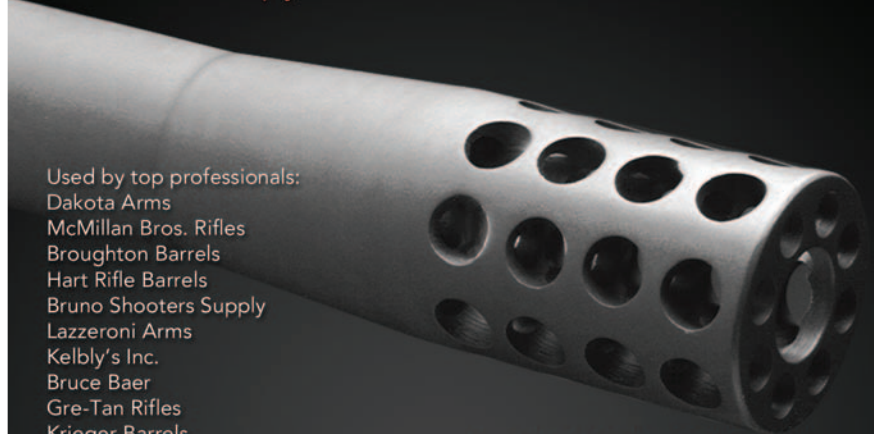
Published the 3rd Edition of *Measuring and Scoring North American Big Game Trophies*.

## 2013

Boone and Crockett Club hosted its 28th Big Game Awards Program, at the Silver Legacy Casino and Resort, Reno, Nevada, where 95 trophies were awarded coveted B&C medallions and/or certificates.

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