

TROPHY TALK

Field Generals Luncheon



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The 28th Awards Program Banquet and related activities is the 12th such program I have participated in since 1976, and it was by far the best. One hundred and seventeen of the finest trophies ever taken by modern-day hunters and assembled under one roof were on display in the Reno Ballroom at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Resort in Reno, Nevada, July 17-20. Twenty-two were taken by hunters 16 and younger, and these youths were

recognized at the Generation Next Banquet on Friday evening. The other 95 trophies were recognized on Saturday evening with the highly-prized B&C medallions and certificate plaques presented to the trophy owners. Since all of these trophies are recognized elsewhere in this issue of *Fair Chase*, I will concentrate my attention on the Field Generals Luncheon.

This is the second time B&C has hosted the Field Generals Luncheon in connection with an Awards Program to recognize the significant contributions and dedication of its Official Measurers. Forty-five Official Measurers from all over North America were in attendance. This is a significant increase over the number that attended the first such banquet at the 27th Awards Program three years ago. Measurers came from as far north as Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, to as far south as Tijuana, Mexico, and from coast to coast, California to Vermont. Wayne van Zwoll, the keynote speaker, reminisced about his experiences as an Official Measurer and the people he befriended over the years. Each Measurer was recognized for his/her years of service with a personally inscribed, stainless steel scoring card to use in place of credit cards when measuring length of horn to a point in line with the tip. Bill Hepworth and James Straley, both from Wyoming, were recognized for 51 years of truly dedicated service.

I thoroughly enjoyed renewing acquaintances with the measurers, as I had trained many of them since we held the first modern-day workshop in 1977 in South Carolina. Everyone gathered for a group photo after the presentation. If you missed this awards program, please plan on coming to the next one. You'll have a great time!

On behalf of the Boone and Crockett Club, Richard T. Hale, chair of the Big Game Records Committee, and Justin Spring, Assistant Director of the Big Game Records Program, I would like to thank all Official Measurers who score trophies for B&C. Their dedication and work are the heart and soul of B&C's records-keeping activities. We hope to see more measurers at the next Field Generals Luncheon at the 29th Awards Program in 2016. ■

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OFFICIAL MEASURERS IN ATTENDANCE

NAME	LOCATION	OM SINCE
William G. Hepworth	Laramie, Wyoming	1962
James Straley	Pinedale, Wyoming	1962
Eldon L. Buckner	Baker City, Oregon	1968
Richard A. Bishop	Indianola, Iowa	1970
Jack Reneau	Missoula, Montana	1976
Larry R. Carey	Spokane, Washington	1981
Frederick J. King	Gallatin Gateway, Montana	1984
Wayne C. van Zwoll	Bridgeport, Washington	1984
Ernie Davis	Cotulla, Texas	1987
Don Poole	Salem, Oregon	1987
Robert Allemand	Shaunavon, Saskatchewan	1990
Robert D. Jones	Kettle Falls, Washington	1990
Bernard Sippin	Monroe, Connecticut	1990
Paul D. Webster	Wayzata, Minnesota	1990
Richard C. Berreth	Prince George, British Columbia	1991
Robert H. Hanson	Wapiti, Wyoming	1991
Kevin Hisey	Chatfield, Minnesota	1994
H. Hudson DeCray	Bishop, California	1994
Richard T. Hale	Ottawa, Kansas	1995
Stanley G. Zirbel	Greenleaf, Wisconsin	1996
Sylvester Baier	Camrose, Alberta	1998
A. C. Smid	Moose, Wyoming	1999
Bud Abele	Arbuckle, California	2002
William F. Crigler	Raton, New Mexico	2002
Michael Demick	Boise, Idaho	2002
Keith R. Balfourd	Florence, Montana	2002
Vernon D. Holleman	Temple, Texas	2003
Hanspeter Giger	Charlotte, North Carolina	2005
Jay A. Lesser	Glenrock, Wyoming	2005
Curtis P. Smiley	Fairfax, Vermont	2006
James F. Arnold	Austin, Texas	2006
Rickey D. Addison	Emmett, Idaho	2008
Paul T. Dueling	Yukon Territory	2008
Tony J. Grabowski	Whitehorse, Yukon Territory	2008
David P. Rippetto	Cody, Wyoming	2008
Justin E. Spring	Alberton, Montana	2008
Eduardo Barrett Mena	Tijuana, Mexico	2009
Ben F. Carter III	Dallas, Texas	2009
Shelley K. Nasby	North Bend, Oregon	2009
Tony A. Schoonen	Missoula, Montana	2009
Rebecca A. Spring	Alberton, Montana	2009
J. Michael Goodart	Alamosa, Colorado	2009
Mark W. Streissguth	Mercer Island, Washington	2011
Rip Rippetrop	Oelrichs, South Dakota	2011
Earl K. Wahl Jr.	Somerset, Pennsylvania	2012

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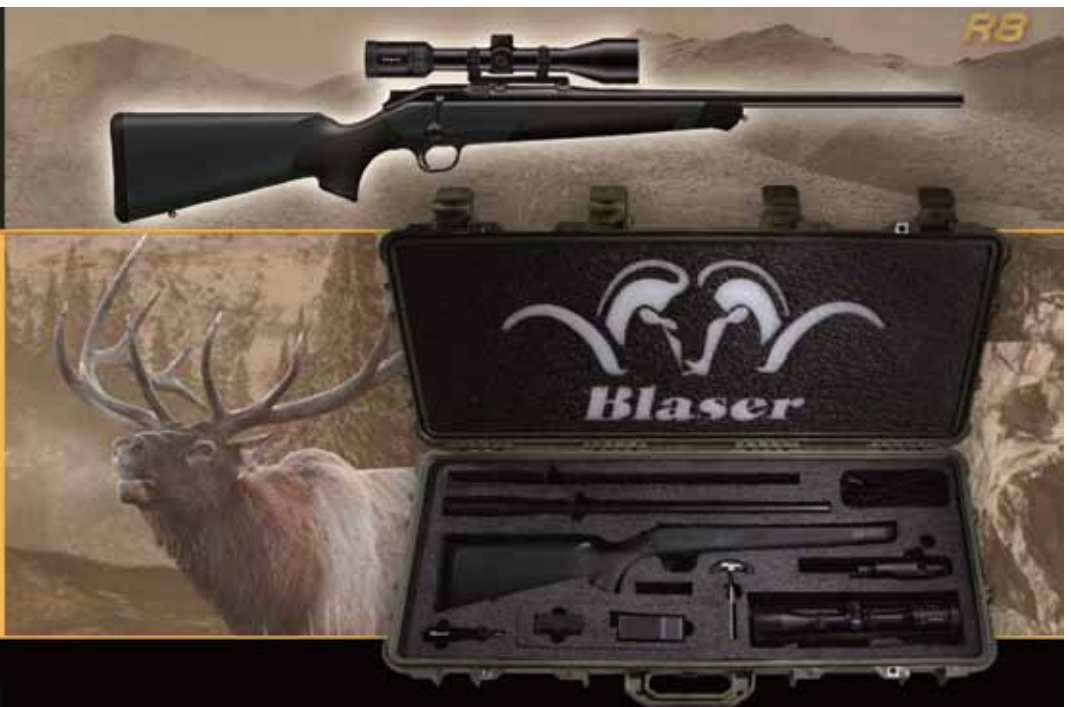
LEFT: Eldon 'Buck' Buckner welcomed the crowd to the Field Generals Luncheon. **RIGHT:** Richard T. Hale handed out the personalized stainless steel scoring card to Bernard Sippin. **BELOW:** All the Official Measurers in attendance posed for a group photo.



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