



JACK STEELE PARKER GENERATION NEXT YOUTH BANQUET

The attendees of the Jack Steele Parker Generation Next Banquet were welcomed by the chairman of the Big Game Records committee Mike Opitz and given a brief history on the life of Jack Steele Parker.

In 1969 Jack Steele Parker became a member of the Boone and Crockett Club. One of Jack's first assignments was as chairman of the Club's Records of North American Big Game Committee, a position he held from 1971 until 1977. He then served as President of the Club from 1980 through 1982. One of his passions was youth being active in the outdoors. With his support, the Club created this event in 2013 to recognize these young sportsmen and sportswomen.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Clay Newcomb—a 7th-generation Arkansan, hunter, mule skinner, curious naturalist, writer, filmmaker, host of the Bear Grease podcast and content creator with Meateater. Most importantly, he is the proud father of four kids. And he, along with his wife Misty, are raising those kids to be curious about nature and to simply be happy with being outside. That last one might seem strange to some who are obviously perfectly at ease with being outdoors, but that isn't the case with many kids today. He told those in attendance, "We are all truly blessed to have had people take us outdoors into the wild and help us find our place in it."

After Clay spoke Mike introduced his best friend, B&C regular member, and emcee for the night, Charles Hartford. Charles called each youth hunter to the stage individually where they received a custom plaque and Buck knife. Once off stage everyone got their photo taken with Clay. At the end of the event when all the youth were brought on stage for a group photo you could feel the energy from all the proud parents and family members.



Keynote speaker, Clay Newcomb.



Jenna Smith shook Mike Opitz's hand on stage while receiving her plaque.

Clay Newcomb gave the youth hunters, as well as everyone in the room, these three pieces of advice during his speech.

1. There is no limit to what you can do if you steward what you have with an authentic passion.
2. To be a hunter in 2022 is honorable and a noble calling.
3. Where wildlife has cultural value, that wildlife will be protected.



Alex Engelken got his photo taken with Clay to commemorate the evening.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Hartford, Mike Opitz and Assistant Director of Big Game Records Kyle Lehr welcomed all the hunters on stage to be recognized.

"For those of you who will be honored up here on stage tonight, you have done something special. But it comes with a certain responsibility to pass down that same opportunity to the next generation of hunters. It's on you to be a steward of the resource, to be a leader and speak up for our wildlife and our hunting heritage. You owe it to those who came before you, and you owe it to those who will come after you. That is your legacy."

**- CHARLES HARTFORD
B&C REGULAR MEMBER,
GENERATION NEXT BANQUET EMCEE**



YOUTH HUNTERS IN ATTENDANCE

Morgan J. Burns

Black Bear – 20-13/16 Points

Ryleigh Campbell

Typical Whitetail Deer – 161 Points

Emily J. Curry

Pronghorn – 82 Points

Noah J. Detloff

Typical Whitetail Deer – 171-5/8 Points

Alex J. Engelken

Non-Typical Whitetail Deer – 195-5/8 Points

Claire M. Flood

Non-Typical Whitetail Deer – 208-1/8 Points

Chrisily B. Furia

Pronghorn – 83-4/8 Points

Jerrod J. Gander

Typical Whitetail Deer – 162 Points

Dominique P. Girard

Non-Typical Whitetail Deer – 212-7/8 Points

Samuel T. Gronewold

Non-Typical Whitetail Deer – 200-2/8 Points

Landon T. Hayne

Pronghorn – 80-2/8 Points

Chase A. Higdon

Typical Whitetail Deer – 161 Points

Gabrielle Hovak

Typical Whitetail Deer – 170-5/8 Points

Cole T. Howlett

Typical Whitetail Deer – 177-6/8 Points

Joseph W. Joiner

Typical Whitetail Deer – 186-4/8 Points

Nathan T. Kaiser

Black Bear – 20-8/16 Points

Logan W. Kobus

Black Bear – 21-6/16 Points

Hunter H. Milanowski

Black Bear – 20-7/16 Points

Josey A. Norris

Typical Whitetail Deer – 175-6/8 Points

Typical Whitetail Deer – 161 Points

Ella A. Perkins

Non-Typical Whitetail Deer – 205-1/8 Points

Ross R. Potter

Non-Whitetail Deer – 222-3/8 Points

Alexander L. Rowein

Typical Mule Deer – 193-3/8 Points

Fischer S. Schuessler

Rocky Mountain Goat – 51-2/8 Points

Jenna H. Smith

Cougar – 14-10/16 Points

Isaiah E. Stayton

Black Bear – 21-8/16 Points

Joshua L. Swartzentruber

Non-Typical Whitetail Deer – 201-7/8 Points

William H. Wade

Black Bear – 21-10/16 Points

The hunters honored at the Jack Steele Parker Generation Next Youth Banquet all have trophies that have been accepted into Boone and Crockett Club's 31st Big Game Awards Program and were taken when they were 16 years or younger at the time of the hunt.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE YOUTH HUNTERS PRESENT AT THE JACK STEELE PARKER GENERATION NEXT YOUTH BANQUET, JULY 22, 2022

