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The Boone and Crockett Club celebrates young hunters who have embraced the outdoor way of life and embody the spirit of fair chase hunting. The trophies on display here have been accepted into Boone and Crockett Club's 21st Big Game Awards Program. Between 2019-2021, and were by young hunters who were 16 years or the size of the harvest.



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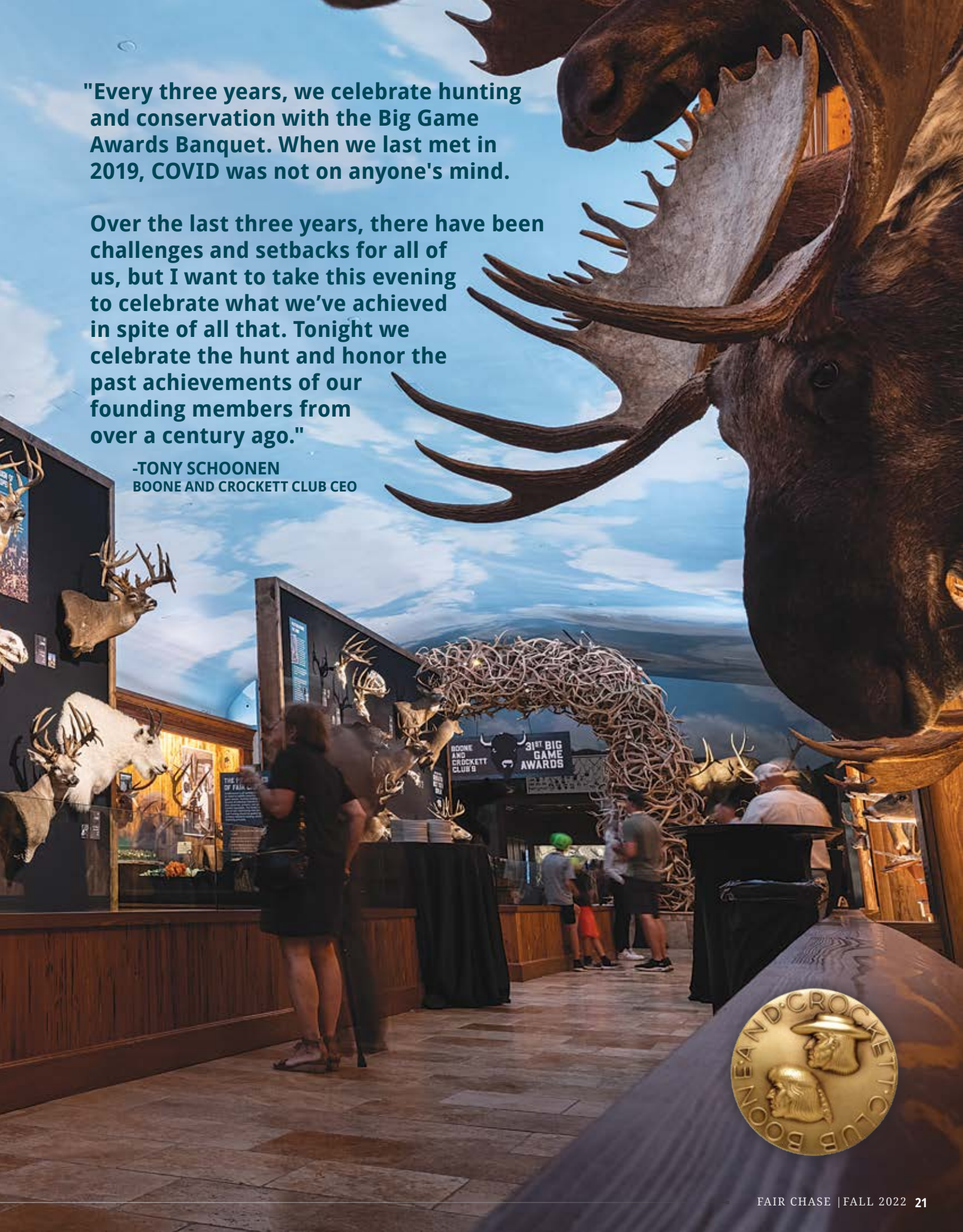
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JOHNNY MORRIS' WONDERS OF
WILDLIFE MUSEUM AND AQUARIUM

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"Every three years, we celebrate hunting and conservation with the Big Game Awards Banquet. When we last met in 2019, COVID was not on anyone's mind.

Over the last three years, there have been challenges and setbacks for all of us, but I want to take this evening to celebrate what we've achieved in spite of all that. Tonight we celebrate the hunt and honor the past achievements of our founding members from over a century ago."

**-TONY SCHOONEN
BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB CEO**





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“Federal is proud to be celebrating 100 years of continuous operation this year. As we’ve gone through our archives to prepare for our official birthday which was on April 27th, 2022, we’ve been reminded again of how important conservation is to the history of Federal and our entire industry.

From our founder Charles Horn’s support of the 4H Club Conservation program in 1934, the company’s backing of the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act in 1937 to our support of multiple conservation programs still today, we feel great pride in our company’s longstanding commitment to conservation. Not only do we fund tens of millions of dollars into PR annually, we support the missions of virtually all of our country’s conservation organizations.

We appreciate everything the Boone and Crockett Club does to pioneer conservation and pass along our great heritage across the country.

As the Boone and Crockett Club celebrates 100 years of the National Collection of Heads and Horns it is a continues reminder of how conservation matters to all species and we as hunters are true conservationists.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with Federal—we look forward to another 100 years of improving habitat and growing the sport we all love.”

- JON ZINNEL

SENIOR MANAGER OF CONSERVATION
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HONORING WHERE WE’VE BEEN. CELEBRATING WHERE WE’RE GOING.

The Boone and Crockett Club’s 31st Big Game Awards was certainly one for the record books! The event, held July 21-23, at Johnny Morris’ Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium in Springfield, Missouri, honored 70 of the top trophies in 32 categories from 26 distinct species or subspecies that were taken through fair chase hunting or were picked up and entered into the B&C record book over the last three years. In addition, 25 youth hunters whose animals were added to the record book were recognized during the Jack Steele Parker Generation Next event. It was a gala celebration but the overall theme “Honoring where we’ve been, celebrating where we are going” served as a reminder of the critical importance of conservation to build the healthy, sustainable wildlife populations that support our hunting heritage.

In the 1900s, there were few whitetail deer, just 5,000 pronghorn and only 41,000 elk. The age of extermination had nearly wiped out bison. So, imagine this sales pitch to the American public: wildlife is being decimated by overharvest, and the new plan to save what’s left and recover these populations is to... continue to hunt them! This might be the very definition of counterintuitive. And it certainly begs the question: why not just stop all hunting and all use? The genius of Theodore Roosevelt and Boone and Crockett Club members is that they knew that taking hunters out of the equation would cut off the only lifeline game populations had. No access, no advocates, no funding for conservation programs.

With the 31st Big Game Awards display situated adjacent to the National Collection of Heads and Horns, visitors to this year’s event were able to see the transition that Boone and Crockett Club members helped usher in over the last century. The original building housing the National Collection was dedicated in May 1922. At the time, Boone and Crockett Club member and the collection’s original curator William T. Hornaday noted that, “As wild animal extermination now is proceeding all over the world, it is saddening to think that



Rob Keck, conservation ambassador for Bass Pro Shops, emceed the Big Game Awards banquet.



The 31st Big Game Awards Display was open to the public in Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium. Everyone who attended the banquet received a complimentary ticket to the museum.

100 years hence many of the species now shown in our collection will have become totally extinct."

The Boone and Crockett Club's records program and the National Collection were truly an effort to memorialize these vanishing species—to "record" them for history. But conservation programs began to take hold and wildlife managers and others in the scientific community soon recognized that the system designed to record what was thought to be the last of certain big game species was also an effective means of tracking the success of new conservation efforts. Because the measuring techniques have remained constant since 1950, the Club's records program has established a baseline and allows standardized comparisons of big game animals through time, which researchers can use to study wildlife management. These trends are used as an indicator of herd and habitat health, and generally, these trends show that our big game wildlife is thriving.

In fact, the Big Game Awards program started in 1947 as a way to celebrate these conservation victories and our healthy wildlife populations. This year's 31st Big Game Awards was a continuation of 75 years of recognizing some of the most remarkable specimens of big game. Today we continue to see record-book class animals entered every scoring period in each of the categories in the Club's record book—and this is what the Big Game Awards was meant to celebrate. Each mount is a symbol of the hard work of conservationists to rebuild our wildlife populations and sustain our hunting heritage. Each hunter embraced the challenge of fair chase and ethical hunting. Each animal in the Awards program is a magnificent representative of its species.

We were honored to host these hunters and celebrate their success in the field, and we welcomed the future of our hunting heritage—the youth of our country. Yes, the 31st Big Game Awards truly honored where we've been and celebrated where we are going. ■



Some of the sheep on display during the 31st Big Game Awards. Thank you to the trophy owners who shipped their trophies to Bass Pro Shops to participate in the Judges Panel and Awards events.

During the 31st Big Game Awards attendees were entertained by hunting stories, inspiring conservation messages, videos and field photos.



Tony Schoonen, B&C CEO



James Arnold, B&C President

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31ST TROPHIES THAT WERE ON DISPLAY



NATIONAL COLLECTION OF HEADS AND HORNS



HISTORY OF THE 31ST LOGO BISON

31ST BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET

"This is Wild Sheep Foundation's fifth time sponsoring these Triennial Awards, and I'm amazed every time I see this tribute to big game conservation and fair chase sportsmen and women.

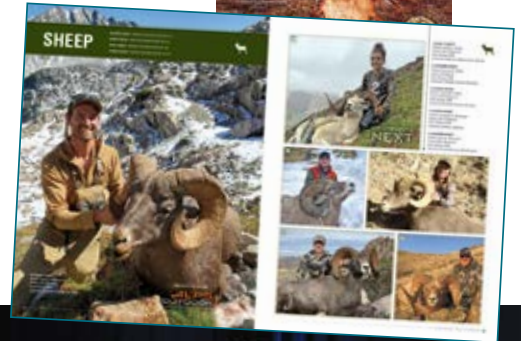
It is not just this Big Game Awards display, everywhere you look in this museum it is a celebration to sportsmen-led conservation. There is a trophy to help tell a story, to raise public awareness of the need for a new relationship between man and nature—a new model we call conservation.

I'm hoping you all have had a chance to see the *Fair Chase 2021 Yearbook*. One can take away many things from leafing through page after page of impressive big game animals from across this continent. It's truly amazing that such high-quality animals still live among us today, which is yet another proof point that we're doing right by the game species we cherish. As for wild sheep, the last ten pages highlight just a snapshot of rams taken in just the past few years, entered, and accepted into these historical records. Again, I say, wow!

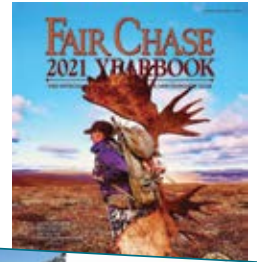
Speaking for all of us who lace 'em up and go to work for wild sheep every day, we're certainly pleased that documentation like this represents that our wild sheep are doing quite well, at least in most places."

- GRAY THORNTON
WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND CEO

Gray Thornton spoke at the 31st Big Game Awards banquet.



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WELCOME RECEPTION

The 31st Big game awards events kicked off with a welcome reception in the display area Thursday evening, July 21. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks while they swapped hunting stories and toured the display. John Paul Morris, Chief Customer Officer with Bass Pro Shops and B&C President James Arnold welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

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CENTER PHOTO LEFT TO RIGHT: B&C President James Arnold, John Paul Morris, and B&C CEO Tony Schoonen. BELOW: John Paul Morris spoke during the welcome reception.



"The 31st Big Game Awards Banquet, luncheons, and events were off the charts! It's truly a great experience where individuals from all walks of life come together and share exciting conversation, through both the amazing trophies on display and through the common bond of supporting conservation. The strength of the Club and its leadership was on full display at this event, and I can say I'm beyond proud to be associated on so many different levels with the Club."

- ERIC STANOCHECK
TROPHY OWNER - PRONGHORN



LEFT TO RIGHT: Eldon "Buck" Buckner, Eric Stanocheck, and Mike Opitz, Big Game Records Committee Chariman.

Trophy owners were recognized on stage with a custom plaque and medallion. Here Aaron Langslet received his award from Big Game Records Vice President Richard Hale, and Director of Big Game Records Justin Spring.



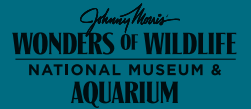
"The 31st awards was the first I have attended. Everyone, from the B&C staff to the guests, were good, down-to-earth people who made me feel as if I were home. I will be a lifetime member for sure now. It is so hard these days to find genuine people or people who care about what they do, and the B&C staff are both."

- JEFFREY T. HUBBARD
TROPHY OWNER - WOODLAND CARIBOU



Jeff Hubbard (second from right) and his family pose in front of his woodland caribou with Records Committee Chairman Mike Opitz and his family during the welcome reception.

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