

# OFFICIAL MEASURER WORKSHOPS

**The Boone and Crockett Club's records exist because of the efforts of our volunteers. The 1,450 Official Measurers (OMs) not only score entries but also serve as the face of the Club to most of the public. Due to the amount of enthusiasm and effort they bring to the Club, we try to train them to serve effectively for the organization while ensuring it is enjoyable and fulfilling for them.**

This spring and summer, we conducted seven Official Measurer classes, with the first being in conjunction with the Pope and Young Club's annual convention in Reno. This relationship continues to blossom thanks to the early efforts of Richard Hale and Kevin Hisey, then continuing with Ed Fanchin and Roy Grace from Pope and Young and Mike Opitz from Boone and Crockett. Both organizations now use a joint measurers manual, and we try to teach courses in conjunction with each club—more on that in a bit.

The system of scoring big game for both organizations is the same. In fact, with the creation of Pope and Young in the 1960s, permission was given to use our system to promote Pope and Young's mission. For many years, Pope and Young's measurers were trained well in applying the system for scoring but did not receive the training in Boone and Crockett Club history and mission. As such, at the last two Pope and Young conventions, we offered a one-day course heavy on history and mission for Pope and Young measurers in good standing. We cover a few slight differences in scoring rules, such as quarter locations above or below the prong on antelope

and where to start the length of horn measurement on bison. Eight measurers completed this one-day course at the beginning of the convention.

The week following Pope and Young's convention, we were in Georgia at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center outside Mansfield. This workshop was a joint effort, with graduates completing both certification tests and receiving dual appointments for both organizations. All students were employees of Georgia's Wildlife Resources Division. They have a state-specific records program called the Georgia Deer Registry, which uses Boone and Crockett's scoring system. These newly appointed OMs will serve in a role for Boone and Crockett, Pope and Young, and their state records program for the citizens of the Peach State. While the majority of trophies these OMs will most likely encounter include black bear and whitetail deer, the Boone and Crockett Club OM course trains these folks to score all 38 categories of big game recognized by the Club. After a lecture/demonstration on appropriate scoring methodology per category, students must score two of each species. This workshop started Sunday evening and concluded by midday on Thursday. Students' knowledge is tested throughout the course with pop quizzes, as we also cover Club history and measuring

techniques. Official Measurer and organizer of the workshop, Kevin Lowrey, provided a well needed break from instruction and scheduled an afternoon of clay target shooting at Clybel Shooting Range on site.

In early May, we hosted students from across the U.S. and Canada in Missoula, Montana, for the third workshop of the year. Being back in Missoula was a pleasure, but the changes to Montana tourism from the last few years are evident as a new host location had to be found. This class was at a local hotel, and students were able to visit the Boone and Crockett Club headquarters. In the evening, they could tour around the area and see the sights of western Montana. Missoula is generally one of our least expensive locations

to host a course because we don't have to ship our crate of trophies and materials to a location ahead of time. That said, students are still making a very significant financial commitment to the Club by just showing up. The course costs around \$400 for the full four days of instruction. Students are also responsible for hotel, food, and travel to get here.

On May 13 and 14, the Pope and Young Club hosted its second annual Bowhunter's Bash in Ogden, Utah. This Friday and Saturday event

## TROPHY TALK



**Justin Spring**  
B&C PROFESSIONAL MEMBER  
DIRECTOR OF BIG GAME RECORDS



Mansfield, Georgia Workshop



Missoula, Montana Workshop



Nicole Miller was presented her Fair Chase Award by Justin Spring and B&C Regular member Ben Wallace (far right) at Pope and Young Club's 33rd Biennial Convention.

was the last couple days of the concurrent workshop held starting Thursday. Attendees completed the joint course and participated in the banquet, which included an auction with hunts from around the world. It also served as a qualifier for the National Field Judging Championships held every other year at their convention. The banquet and workshop were held at the Weber County Archery facility. Mark your calendars to attend these regional events, as it's all for a good cause and a lot of fun for those who can participate.

Early June had us back in Montana, this time we were at the Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch in Dupuyer. This was our second immersive, all-inclusive conservation course. In these workshops, we teach scoring and discuss conservation issues, which means we have

far more presenters than in a general course. The most recent course had a Zoom presentation from Boone and Crockett Club President James Cummins, who covered Club history. Also, Dr. Jon Gassett gave an overview of the Club's ongoing Poach and Pay Program. In-person presentations included Dr. Jon McRoberts of the University of Montana, covering ranch research and the Club's University Programs. Tayler LaShaar from the University of Wyoming's Monteith Shop presented both her graduate work using harvest data to see if records could be used for monitoring herd trends as well as the *Wildlife Monograph* authored by Kevin Monteith and numerous other Club professional members utilizing the Club's record data set. Boone and Crockett Club CEO Tony Schoonen presented on the

Club's involvement in creating the American Wildlife Conservation Partners and our active participation. He also covered a few of the efforts the Club is involved in through our conservation policy group. That evening, Club lobbyist Charlie Booher hosted a round table discussion called "Policy on the Porch." This impromptu name came about as the Rasmussen Conservation Center front porch had an amazing backdrop of the Rocky Mountain Front with excellent temps for an outdoor discussion after dinner. Records chairman Mike Opitz and ethics chairman Mark Streissguth attended. They addressed the class, and Mark

## FAIR CHASE AWARD

On April 14, 2023, at Pope and Young Club's 33rd Biennial Convention the Club presented the first-ever Fair Chase Award to a bowhunter from Ohio. The award is a way to help support Pope and Young's efforts and highlight a noteworthy trophy and hunt in their program that highlights Fair Chase ethics. Nicole Miller has always hunted with her father, and they had been hunting one particular deer since 2018. After a few close calls over the years, in late October of 2021, Nicole finally got a shot at the impressive whitetail. Her arrow flew true, and the buck dropped only 80 yards from the stand. Nicole's persistence and effort resulted in the largest typical whitetail buck ever taken by a female bowhunter; its final panel-verified score is 191.



TRMR Immersive Workshop

## WELCOME NEW OFFICIAL MEASURERS

### April 12-15, 2023 — Reno, Nevada P&Y 33rd Biennial Convention

Mike Adkins - Tallassee, AL  
Alan Baxter - Bloomington, IN  
Sean Carls - Onconta, NY  
Henry Coats - Rena Lara, MS  
Jerry Combs - Belleview, FL  
Joshua Knoebel - Springfield, OR  
Bob Tastsides - Crystal Lake, IL

### April 16-21, 2023 — Mansfield, Georgia Workshop

Joshua Aldridge - Armuchee, GA  
Robert A. Andrews - Cartersville, GA  
Emily H. Belser - Warwick, GA  
Allison G. Colter - Richmond Hill, GA  
Jarrell J. Colter III - Brunswick, GA  
Matthew Cooper - Kathleen, GA  
Stephen Giles - Gainesville, GA  
Matthew J. Goode - Social Circle, GA  
David Gregory - Armuchee, GA  
Joseph V. Harnage - Brunswick, GA  
Matthew J. Hinman - Blue Ridge, GA  
Owen T. Jenkins - Preston, GA  
Diana J. McGrath - Albany, GA  
Allison Melcher - Rome, GA  
Kevin R. Rose - Newnan, GA  
Evan Shirley - Baldwin, GA  
Ryan Watts - Clayton, GA  
Seth A. Williams - Gay, GA  
Taylor Winchell - Buena Vista, GA

### May 3-7, 2023 — Missoula, Montana Workshop

Duncan Q. Crawford - Covehead, PE  
Arlis G. Hanson - Val Marie, SK  
Jordan R. Hanson - Watford City, ND  
D. Adam Keene - Great Falls, MT  
Duane R. Kramer - Bellingham, WA  
Bransen Krebs - Plains, MT  
Randall Kroll - Nacogdoches, TX  
Sherry L. LeChasseur - Lloydminster, AB  
Quincy J. Locke - Livi, MT  
Ethan S. Lula - Trego, MT  
Vince E. Massarotti - Weston, CO  
C. Cheyne Matzenbacher - Blue Eye, MO  
Bobby M. Priest - Phoenix, AZ  
John Riebel - Pomeroy, OH  
Dustin L. Robben - Dixon, CA  
Lance Rochelle - Jonesboro, AR  
Dillon J. Tabish - Kalispell, MT  
Jim Thomson - Maple Ridge, BC  
Elizabeth B Vaught - Clarksville, AR  
Darren K. Wallsmith - Pitt Meadows, BC

## Want to Become an Official Measurer?

Scan the QR code to Fill out the  
Official Measurer Application!



### May 13-14, 2023 — Ogden, Utah P&Y Bowhunter's Bash

Michael Carter - Whitehall, MD  
Logan Cote - Garson, MB  
Nicholas Frase - New Richmond, WI  
David Griffith - E. Rochester, NY  
Thomas Karl - Kewaunee, WI  
Chris M. Kossmeyer - Marceline, MO  
Jacob A. Kremer - Desmet, ID  
Wade A. Lisac - Pueblo, CO  
William A. Pettett, Jr. - Kremmling, CO  
Clinton Reynolds - Royal, AR  
John G. Stach - Williston, ND  
Brenton Taft - Sandia Park, NM  
Brian G. Taylor - Indian Mound, TN  
Bradley R. Wahlin - Riverton, UT

### June 4- 8, 2023 — Dupuyer, Montana TRMR Immersive Workshop

Holly Hammond - Hazel Green, AZ  
John Hendrix - Anchorage, AK  
Riley Leuenberger - Jaffray, BC  
Andrew McKean - Glasgow, MT  
Rick Pflanz - Huntingburg, IN  
Ricky Planz - Huntingburg, IN  
Tim Shinabarger - Billings, MT  
Rick Spring - North Bend, OR  
Nicole Tatman - Sant Fe, NM

### June 27 - July 1, 2023 Kingsville, Texas/Mexico Workshop

Jacobo Artee - Hermosillo, Sonora  
Jorge Artee - Hermosillo, Sonora  
Rogelio Carrera - Monterrey, Nuevo Leon  
Emilio Espino - Monterrey, Nuevo Leon  
Abraham Garcia III - Laredo, Texas  
Rodrigo Guerrero - Saltillo, Coahuila  
Alejandro Lozano - Saltillo, Coahuila  
Jose Luis Marroquin - Monterrey, Nuevo Leon  
Omar Ocañas - Monterrey, Nuevo Leon  
Diego Olaguibel - Zaragoza, Coahuila  
Luis Horacio Salinas - Saltillo, Coahuila  
Jose Vallina - Monterrey, Nuevo Leon

Mansfield, Georgia Workshop



Kingsville, Texas/Mexico OM Workshop





Ogden, Utah P&Y Bowhunter's Bash

led a discussion on technology in hunting and the Club's positions. We have gone two for two on these workshops in spotting grizzly bears on the ranch. This time we had to work a little harder, though, and on the last evening near the watchable wildlife trail, a sow and cub were spotted just above the hay meadow on the ranch.

This workshop is a great opportunity for folks who want to learn about a good portion of what the Club is doing from those in the actual arena, get trained in official scoring, and witness conservation in action. The weeklong event covers food, lodging on the ranch, and transportation to and from the Great Falls Airport. The general cost is \$2500/student but current Official Measurers looking to take a refresher and learn more about the Club are given a \$500 discount.

At the end of June, the Club hosted a workshop in

South Texas at Texas A&M Kingsville. This was a smaller course directed at Official Measurer applicants from Mexico. As a department, we are looking at ways to better include Mexico and bring the Fair Chase message south of the border. We are closing out the summer with joint workshops in Missouri and Kentucky.

If you are interested in attending one of these courses, please go online and submit an online application. If you are interested in the immersive workshop, please contact me directly, as we have one on the calendar for next June. If you are looking for a way to become more involved in the Club's efforts, I highly recommend becoming an Official Measurer. ■



Kingsville, Texas/Mexico OM Workshop

## B&C SIGN-UP INCENTIVE PROGRAM LEADER BOARD

As of July 17, 2023

### CONGRATS TO OUR TOP 10 PRIZE WINNERS!

1. Philip A. Herrnberger - 276
2. Stanley Zirbel - 172
3. Bucky Ihlenfeldt - 159
4. Ken Witt\* - 113
5. Dale Weddle - 88
6. Steven Taylor - 77
7. Jerry E. Lunde - 57
8. John Bogucki\* - 46
9. Matt Olson - 37
10. (tie) Eric Stanosheck - 33
10. (tie) Robert Wood - 33

\*deceased

SEE THE COMPLETE LISTING IN THE COMMUNITIES SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE.



**EACH TIME AN OM GETS SOMEONE TO JOIN B&C WE PUT A CREDIT BY THEIR NAME!**

#### HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN

- 3 Members - \$25 off any item in the B&C store
- 5 Members - Buck Knife
- 10 Members - B&C Boyt Sling
- 25 Members - OM Wool Vest
- 50 Members - SITKA Gear (value up to \$350)
- 75 Members - YETI Package (value up to \$500)
- 100 Members - Kimber Rifle
- 150 Members - \$800 Gift Card to Bass Pro Shops/Cabelas!
- 200 Associates - Vortex Optics Gear! (value up to \$1400)
- 300 Members - Kenetrek Boot Package (value up to \$1,500)
- 400 Members - Kimber Rifle! (value up to \$1,500)
- 500 Members - Hotel & registration plus \$500 travel stipend to the next Awards Banquet



Would you like to give an Official Measurer credit for your renewal? Let them know when it is your time to renew and they will provide their OMID number to include with your renewal so they will receive credit.