

# IN THE FIELD



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## B&C IMPACT SERIES

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### North to Alaska

Gold brought the masses to the Last Frontier in the late 1800s, placing Alaska's fish and wildlife resources squarely in the crosshairs. Members of the Boone and Crockett Club made it their mission to bring common-sense conservation to those industrious fortune seekers.



### Roots of Conservation Groups

Club members have been on the ground floor in the formative days of numerous conservation organizations that still exist today. [READ THE FULL STORY ON PAGE 26.](#)



### Conservation Through Media

In the early 1900s Boone and Crockett Club members used media to spread the word about the destruction of the country's wildlife and wild places. In turn, the public pressured lawmakers to support legislation safeguarding those resources.

## FEATURE STORIES

### New State Record: Youth Hunter Takes Massive Elk in Virginia's First Elk Hunt

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Bo Prieskorn was hunting pronghorn with his sons in New Mexico when his phone rang. He didn't recognize the number but answered anyway. On the line was Chris Croy, the regional director of Virginia and the Carolinas with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Croy asked Prieskorn if he wanted to go elk hunting in Virginia. Bo turned to his 15-year-old son Austin who was right next to him, and asked him the very same question.



### Top Trophy Whitetail States for 2023

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March is an action-packed month for college basketball fans, a time for the buzzer-beaters and underdog comebacks. You know it as March Madness, and to get into the spirit of this most exciting time, we're putting a Boone and Crockett spin on the bracket system with our own big buck bracket action.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

### C. Hart Merriam

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C. Hart Merriam was the first Chief of the Biological Survey. He named the Roosevelt's elk after his friend Theodore Roosevelt.



## FROM AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

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Visit the NEWS section of the website or scan the QR code at the top of the page to read the full stories for these articles.

**Congress Boosts Support for CWD Research** | February 2023 | The CWD Research and Management Act, which was authorized in the omnibus appropriations bill, creates a federal program to help defray the cost states and tribes face for CWD research and management. Read how this will help fight the spread of this fatal disease.

**Boone and Crockett Club Continues Crusade for Public Wildlife** | March 2023 | Attempts to privatize wildlife are all around us, especially as all 50 state legislatures have gavelled into session in 2023. Read how the Club led a group of conservation organizations in opposition to Montana Senate Bill 287.

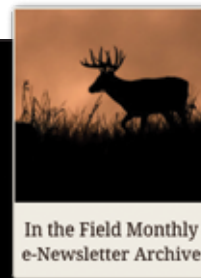
**New Species Enters the Records** | April 2023 | The Club recently released information on a new "exotic" species as part of an April Fool's Day membership promotion. Learn more about entering your trophy goat sucker.



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## ADVENTURES FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Theodore Roosevelt's World's Record Cougar

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Theodore Roosevelt is the only U.S. president with his name in the Boone and Crockett records. And as far as we know, he's the only hunter to kill a World's Record with a hunting knife.



### Hill Gould's Whitetail

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What was going through the teenage brain of Hill Gould when this buck came crashing out of the alders one fall evening in 1910? This buck was, and remains, Maine's biggest whitetail buck in the records.



### Fred Mercer's Montana Elk

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With a .270 Winchester Model 70, this dairy farm worker cut a big set of elk tracks in October. He followed that bull for at least a dozen miles using his wits and old-school hunting wisdom. At the end of the trail was the second-largest elk in the world.



## STATE RECORD CALL OUT

[boone-crockett.org/tags/boone-and-crockett-clubs-state-big-game-records](http://boone-crockett.org/tags/boone-and-crockett-clubs-state-big-game-records)

### New Mexico

The all-time records overflow with pronghorn entries from New Mexico, including the current World's Record. Not to be outdone, Coues' deer have several high-scoring entries, plus bighorn and desert sheep. While there are no Boone and Crockett categories for them, oryx, Barbary sheep, and javelina should catch your eye the next time you travel there.



## MORE TO THE SCORE

### Sheep, Bears, Caribou, Whitetails—There's a Giant for Every Hunter

[boone-crockett.org/more-score-dozen-eye-popping-entries](http://boone-crockett.org/more-score-dozen-eye-popping-entries)

Could you pick just one species to hunt for the rest of your life? We can't either, so we waded through our recent big game entries to give you a big taste of everything. The assortment of big game animals you'll see in the following is the cream of the crop.



## VINTAGE HUNTING ALBUM

### Oh Canada!

[boone-crockett.org/vintage-hunting-gallery-volume-8](http://boone-crockett.org/vintage-hunting-gallery-volume-8)

If there ever was a country that could kill you with kindness, it's Canada. And the hunting? Let's just say it's pretty incredible and has been for a long time.

We dug through our *Vintage Hunting Album* to bring you some of our favorite vintage photos featuring Canada's finest trophies from a bygone era. So, crack a Molson and enjoy the photo gallery, eh?



## WILDLIFE CAUGHT ON CAMERA

### Tine, Tooth, Claw, and Cowboy

[boone-crockett.org/wildlife-caught-camera-volume-8](http://boone-crockett.org/wildlife-caught-camera-volume-8)

Welcome to Montana's Rocky Mountain Front. Here, you will find grizzly bears, wolves, bobcats, elk, mule deer—and a whole lot of wild, including cowboys. Take a look at these amazing photos and videos shot on the Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch.

