



**The Longhunter** was formed in 1988 by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association to promote muzzleloading hunting throughout North America. It brings deserved recognition to hunters who have chosen to pursue North American big game with the type of firearms used by their forefathers. The Longhunter

recognizes the increased challenge accepted by muzzleloading hunters who abide by stated fair chase standards.

The Longhunter also honors the trophy animals taken with muzzleloading firearms.

The Longhunter fully supports the conservation of all North American Wildlife. Continuing effort to preserve habitat and manage wildlife resources is crucial to the preservation of our sport.

### ***Longhunter Big Game Record Book***

The first *Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book* was published in October of 1992, and so far three updated editions have followed. The *Record Book* provides a permanent archive of trophy-class big game animals taken with muzzleloading firearms. The hard-cover volume includes thousands of entries and scores of photos for thirty-two types of big-game animals.

Membership in the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association is not a requirement for submitting a trophy for this *Record Book*, but certain other requirements must be met. The *Record Book* lists the location where every trophy animal was taken, so it can be used as a tool to identify hot spots for hunting trophy animals.

To order your copy of *The Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book*, or to obtain a hunter trophy packet, use the attached order form or call the NMLRA office at 812-667-5131.

### **Trophy Entry Requirements**

The Longhunter book of muzzleloading big game records is open to all interested, qualifying hunters.

Animals **MUST** be taken with muzzleloading firearms

during legal hunting seasons under the rules of fair chase.

A 60-day drying period is required before a trophy can be officially measured.

Trophy entries are scored using the Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted official scoring system for North American big game trophies. Interested hunters are encouraged to make preliminary measurements of their trophies to determine if an official measurement is warranted.

If preliminary measurement indicates the trophy is near or above the minimum score, it should be submitted to an official Longhunter measurer for an official scoring. Measurers are located throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. (A list of measurers is included in the Longhunter Trophy Packet).

A comprehensive *Trophy Packet* includes an official LH Score Chart (which includes instructions on proper measurement of specific trophies), a checklist for trophy submission, minimum entry scores, a fair chase statement, application form, and hunter information.

Trophies *not acceptable* for awards or inclusion in the *Record Book* include any animals taken by means other than muzzleloading firearms, trophies of unknown origin, pickups, and any animals not taken by the rules of fair chase.

Deer, Elk (Wapiti), Caribou, and Moose trophies, in which the spread measurement is part of the score, are not eligible for entry if the skulls have been split. Trophies that have been repaired or restored are also ineligible for entry.

All submitted trophy applications **MUST** include the following:

1. **Official Score Chart** (scored by an Official Longhunter Measurer).
2. A completed **Fair Chase Statement**.
3. A completed, legible **Hunter Information Form**.
4. **Photos** (*no slides!*) of the trophy from left and right sides (front, both sides, and top of clean, dry skull for cat and bear entries).

