



POPE and YOUNG CLUB

Dedicated to the Protection of our Bowhunting Heritage
and Northern Alberta's Wildlife

Mission Statement:

To ensure bowhunting's existence for future generations by promoting and preserving its heritage and values.

Founded in 1961 as a non-profit, North American, scientific organization whose objectives included bettering the image of bowhunting, the Pope and Young Club has grown to be the standard-bearer of the principles of fair chase, ethics and sportsmanship in bowhunting. Named in honor of pioneer bowhunters Dr. Saxton Pope and Arthur Young, whose exploits during the early part of the 20th century drew national attention to this "forgotten" and challenging form of hunting, the Club encourages responsible bowhunting by promoting quality hunting, sound conservation practices, high standards of conduct and fostering dedication to the protection of our future.

MEMBERSHIP - The Club is a membership-based organization: a fraternity of like-minded, dedicated bowhunters - men, women and youth - committed to the principles of the Club. Any bowhunter, who has pursued the challenge of bowhunting long enough to have taken at least one North American big game animal with a bow (not necessarily a "record book" animal) may join the Club as an Associate Member. Annual membership is \$40.00 (CDN) and includes the quarterly Newsletter, membership certificate, card, decal, updates on Club supported projects, programs and fundraising activities. Most important, though, your membership can be a singularly important and fundamental demonstration of support for the protection of our bowhunting heritage. Interested bowhunters can join as a member on the Club's web site or by contacting the Club's headquarters at the address listed below.

RECORDS PROGRAM - The Pope and Young Club encourages quality bowhunting by awakening interest in and honoring outstanding examples of this continent's big game animals. Scientific data collected from the scoring of these animals goes into the Club's archives as part of the organization's ever-growing file on North American big game species. Record books and statistical summaries are published periodically to update and distribute the compiled information. The Club is recognized world-wide as the official repository for bowhunting records relating to native North American species. The Records Program provides great insight into the past and present management and health of wildlife populations, is a testimonial to traditional game management and is the effective means to perpetuate the Fair Chase Ethic. Information on entry procedures and locating official measurers in your area can be found on the Club's web site or by contacting the Club's headquarters at the address below.



MEMBER PROFILE

BOWHUNTING BIG GAME RECORDS OF NORTH AMERICA - The Pope and Young Club has released the 7th Edition of the BOWHUNTING BIG GAME RECORDS OF NORTH AMERICA. This edition contains records from the inception of the Pope and Young Club since 1961 to December of 2010. The statistics within this edition reference bowhunters, wildlife professionals and other seriously interested in the native big game populations in North America. This edition is separated into two books; part one contains reflections and the first 50 years of Pope and Young and part two contains the record book entries. This book can be purchased from the Pope and Young Club online at www.pope-young.org or from Hunting For Tomorrow Foundation in Edmonton, AB. The cost to purchase a book from HFTF office is \$43.00 and to purchase from HTF, simply call or visit the Edmonton office. For more information contact Kelly Semple at 780-462-2444.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM - The Pope and Young Club is dedicated to the perpetuation and sound management of wild animals and their habitat. Members work actively behind the scenes, supporting various educational, field research, pro-hunting and game management programs and projects with moral, financial and volunteer support. The Conservation Committee is responsible for investigating and recommending worthy projects to the Board of Directors. In recent years, annual conservation budgets have exceeded \$110,000 (US) per year in grants awarded to worthy projects. Many different types of fundraising efforts, including record book sales, record book entries, commissioned prints, raffles and auctions, provide the Conservation Fund with what is necessary to carry out its goals.

PROJECTS IN CANADA: Recent projects/programs in Canada that have been awarded grants through the Conservation Fund have included a grant to the **Wise Foundation for archery equipment at Alford Lake camp**, a grant to the **Safety in Bear Country Society** for the production of safety videos, two years of funding to a **black bear study at the University of Alberta**, a grant for the **purchase of Genesis bows for the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors Association's programs**, and annual grants to the **Hunting For Tomorrow Foundation**.

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