

A.B.A. GAME AWARDS SYNOPSIS

(March 26 2016)

Small Game, Big Game, Master and Grandmaster ABA bowhunter Awards (no time limit to earn), as well as the Annual Big Game Awards Program have been established for ABA members only. *Applications for these awards will be accepted only if the bowhunter is an ABA member at the time the game entered is taken.* Must be taken in a regulated hunting season and on a valid hunting license. All animals entered must be taken under "The P&Y Rules Of Fair Chase" (<http://www.pope-young.org>) (NOT allowed are draw lock devices, battery operated sights, bow mounted rangefinders, use of cellular trail cameras, etc.)(lighted nocks (Lumenoks) and bow mounted cameras ARE allowed).

Entries must be received by March 1 in the year following when those animals were taken – NO exceptions!! For example: any ABA eligible animal taken in 2016 must be entered by March 1st of 2017 – the only exception are Cougars taken in Dec 2016 as they fall in the following Awards year (2017) to be consistent with the dates of that particular Cougar season.

SMALL GAME AWARD (Certificate)

ABA bowhunters must take 1 species from 5 of the following 6 categories:

GAME BIRD

Hungarian Partridge
Ruffed Grouse
Sharp-tailed Grouse
Spruce Grouse
Blue Grouse
Merriam's Turkey
Ptarmigan
Pheasant

RODENT

Jack Rabbit
Snowshoe Hare
Cottontail Rabbit
Woodchuck
Gopher
Porcupine
Beaver
Red Squirrel

CARNIVORE

Wolf
Coyote
Fox
Raccoon
Badger

VARMINT

Crow Magpie
Raven (on private land)
Starling Pigeon
Skunk
Free ranging wild boar

MIGRATORY

Ducks
Geese
Coots
Common Snipe (Wilson's)

FISH

Species according to Fishing Regulations. Examples:
Sucker
Lake Whitefish

BIG GAME AWARD (Certificate)

ABA Bowhunter must take any 3 of Alberta's 10 species (can be male or female):
Whitetail/ Mule/ Elk / Moose/ Bighorn Sheep/ Antelope/ Black Bear / Cougar/ Goat/Bison

MASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD (personalized buckle - \$275 value)

*ABA bowhunter must take four of the above species, and, with the exception of bears and cougars, all must be legal males (> 4" antlers, 4/5 curl, etc.)

*Two of the four must meet Pope & Young's minimum score.

*Bowhunter must have already earned a Small Game Award, and have taken at least one carnivore.

GRANDMASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD

ABA bowhunter must take six species of Pope & Young animals.

*Bowhunter must have already earned a Small Game Award and have taken at least one carnivore.

ANNUAL GAME AWARDS (Gold, Silver & Bronze Award plaques)

ABA Bowhunter must take the largest of the species; listed below (Dec. 1st thru Nov. 30th).

ELK, WHITETAIL (Typ and Non-Typ), MULE DEER (Typ and Non-Typ), MOOSE, BIGHORN, COUGAR, BLACK BEAR, ANTELOPE, GOAT, BISON, TRADITIONAL AWARD, LADIES, YOUTH AWARD (< 17 Years old on day animal is taken)

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