

# A.B.A. GAME AWARDS SYNOPSIS

(August 31, 2024)

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 under the ABA Game Awards Program “Entry Requirements and Rules of Fair Chase” (version Aug 31, 2024) (<https://albertabowhunters.ca>).

Animals will be considered, for level achievement only, at any time as long as membership can be proven at time of harvest.

## **SMALL GAME AWARD (Certificate)**

ABA bowhunters must take 1 species from 5 of the following 6 categories (all taken in Alberta):

### 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)  
Sandhill Crane

### FISH

Species (including invasive species) according to current Fishing Regulations.

## **RED ARROW AWARD (Certificate and Red Arrow branded hat)**

To be awarded to the ABA bowhunter(s) who take their first ever archery big game animal.

## **BIG GAME AWARD (Certificate)**

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

## **“Ryk Visscher” MASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD (personalized buckle - \$275 value)**

\*ABA bowhunter must take four of the above Alberta 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.

## **“Lloyd Mutter” GRANDMASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD (personalized portrait or custom buckle)**

ABA bowhunter must take six Alberta 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 Alberta species; listed below (Jan 1st thru Dec 31st).

ELK (Typ and Non-Typ), WHITETAIL (Typ and Non-Typ), MULE DEER (Typ and Non-Typ), MOOSE, BIGHORN, COUGAR, BLACK BEAR, ANTELOPE, GOAT, BISON.

“Warren Witherspoon” TRADITIONAL AWARD, LADIES OF THE ABA, “Fred Walker” YOUTH

**AWARD (< 18 Years old on day animal is taken) and SENIOR AWARD (65 and older) will all be ranked on a percentage basis (entered animal net score divided by the Pope & Young Minimum score for that species)**

**Only animals entered with an official score will be considered for the annual game awards placing (Gold, Silver & Bronze)**

### **GAME MANAGEMENT DRAW**

**Random draw at banquet from all antlerless big game entries received by ABA bowhunters/members.**

### **PREDATOR MANAGEMENT AWARD**

**Random draw at banquet from all bear, cougar, wolf, fox and coyote entries received by ABA bowhunters/members.**

### **BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR (belt buckle)**

**To be awarded to the ABA bowhunter who's top (maximum of three) scoring animals have the highest accumulative percentages (entered animal net score divided by the Pope & Young Minimum score for that species). The entry(s) must be at least 75% of the P&Y minimum to qualify.**

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