

TROPHY COMMITTEE END OF YEAR REPORT 2015

The "Rock Hard" road cases of aluminum and carbon fiber are pretty much completed.

The flat plaques still are in cardboard but it seems that renewing the box each year for either one per, or one that holds all three is an equitable situation.

It was my desire that at the 2015 Nationals, the trophies be put under the responsibility of a new chair. I meant to have all the financial records pulled to enable BCCA to set a proper budget and that has yet to be done. My apologies.

Future storage should be of even temperature and dry. The trophies need to be carried on an insurance rider of some sort (I had it on my home owners, left over from my small business when I carried inventory).

I would recommend that BCCA perhaps look to in the future a new appraisal of the trophies as the last was done in 2009 (copy enclosed). To that end I hope at this conference (2015) when the trophies are out on display, and in good light and background, a new set of photos be taken.

I have talked to Cathy Modica, of Dogma Photography about this and IF she has time she will help me with this behind the scenes.

At this time, the two most "severely" damaged are the Bishop (crystal and would advocate never going crystal or glass again, acrylic does work if that is the desire but it does scratch) with the damaged top of four years ago, and the base of the Mirage (still in cardboard) which shows bad fracture on the bottom lip of the wood base. Note - the Mirage base has been sealed and the Bishop has been buffed to eliminate the sharp edge that was damaged.

The rest of the Trophies needed some cleaning, some wood fill, some burnishing/buffing, and some oil, general TLC.

The new contracts have worked well, despite announcements and plenty of lead time, three came in very late, but eventually arrived.

I recommend having mini's or medallions struck for "take home" and keep might be an answer especially for the heavy weights.

This year I had an 18X12 photo done of the Chip Thrills for herding. This trophy does NOT have to be "ringside", yet it's very fun for folks to see it and for the winner this year to at least take the mounted photo home. It's not a perfect solution but it does allow a performance person to see what they have won up front.

Respectfully submitted,

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Trophy Keeper!