

BEST OF 2013

The Boone and Crockett Club has a tradition of honoring trophies and the fair chase hunts that produce them, including photographs from the field.

Fair Chase is proud to present the results of our fifth annual trophy field photo competition. All trophies that were accepted in 2013 were eligible and automatically entered into the contest. Within these pages, you'll find the top photographs selected by the *Fair Chase* editors and staff.

From a list of finalists, each judge was asked to select their 20 favorite photographs as well as their top pick and provide feedback to share with the readers. Each pick received one point and the top picks received five points. All of these images are fine examples of quality field photographs. Judging field photos is a subjective task as beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

We hope you enjoy and pick up a few tips for the next time you're in the field.

FIRST

Brent V. Trumbo
Desert Sheep | 169-6/8
Carmen Island, Mexico
October 2012

JUDGES COMMENTS

Lighting, clarity, landscape,
respectful pose. - SW

This hunter and photographer
took full advantage of the
surroundings, and he looks
genuinely excited. - AL

WINNERS RECEIVE

FIRST PRIZE
STM 65 HD

SECOND PRIZE
EL 10x42 WB

THIRD PRIZE
Z3 3-9x36

SECOND



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JUDGES COMMENTS

The goat, hunter, and scenery came together to make this a great photo. The goat is well positioned, is the center of attention and takes up nearly 50% of the photo. The hunter is looking directly at the camera, and his big smile relays his happiness at this accomplishment. The background is beautiful and rugged. - JR

JUDGES COMMENTS

I like that the happy hunter is smiling, the background of the country he is hunting in, a clean animal, and a bright, crisp photo. - JS

Kurt D. Rued
Rocky Mountain Goat | 47-2/8
Madison County, Montana
September 2012

THIRD

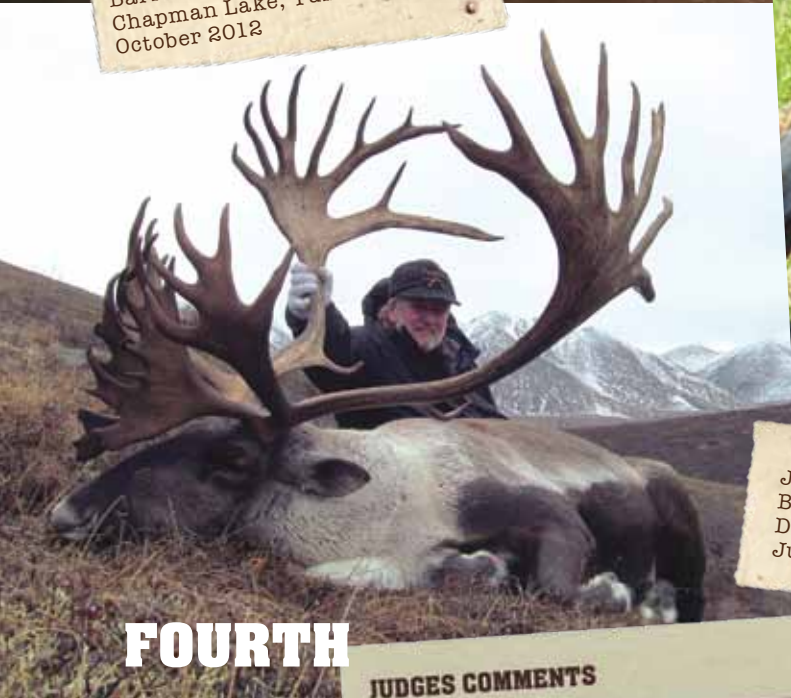


Jeffrey R. Iverson
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer | 223-7/8
Houston County, Minnesota
September 2012

JUDGES COMMENTS

Composure and lighting are top notch - KK

James H. Elwell
Barren Ground Caribou | 444-7/8
Chapman Lake, Yukon Territory
October 2012



FOURTH

JUDGES COMMENTS

This is a colorful, spectacular trophy. The hunter is not too much involved and the depth of field is excellent with the mountainous background in focus. No blood or weapon is displayed. - RH

JUDGES COMMENTS

This magnificent moose is respectfully posed and the photo brings the habitat and animal together perfectly for how I envision a classic moose hunt. The hunter has the appearance that this was a hard fought trophy as he looks worn and damp. Overall, when I look at this photo it gets me the most excited to feel the crispness of fall in the air. - JS

FIFTH



James D. Loeffelbein, Jr.
Black Bear | 21-12/16
Duck Mountain, Manitoba
June 2012

JUDGES COMMENTS

The black bear is one of the toughest animals to photograph and this gentleman pulled it off fantastically. The bear is respectfully positioned, he worked his bow into the photo discreetly, and the lighting is spot on. - JT

Jeffrey D. Schuchard
Alaska-Yukon Moose | 211-6/8
Seela Range, Yukon Territory
September 2011



FIFTH

FAN PICKS

We opened up our annual field photo contest to our 61,000+ Facebook fans and gave them the opportunity to weigh in on their favorites. Their top three picks are shown below.



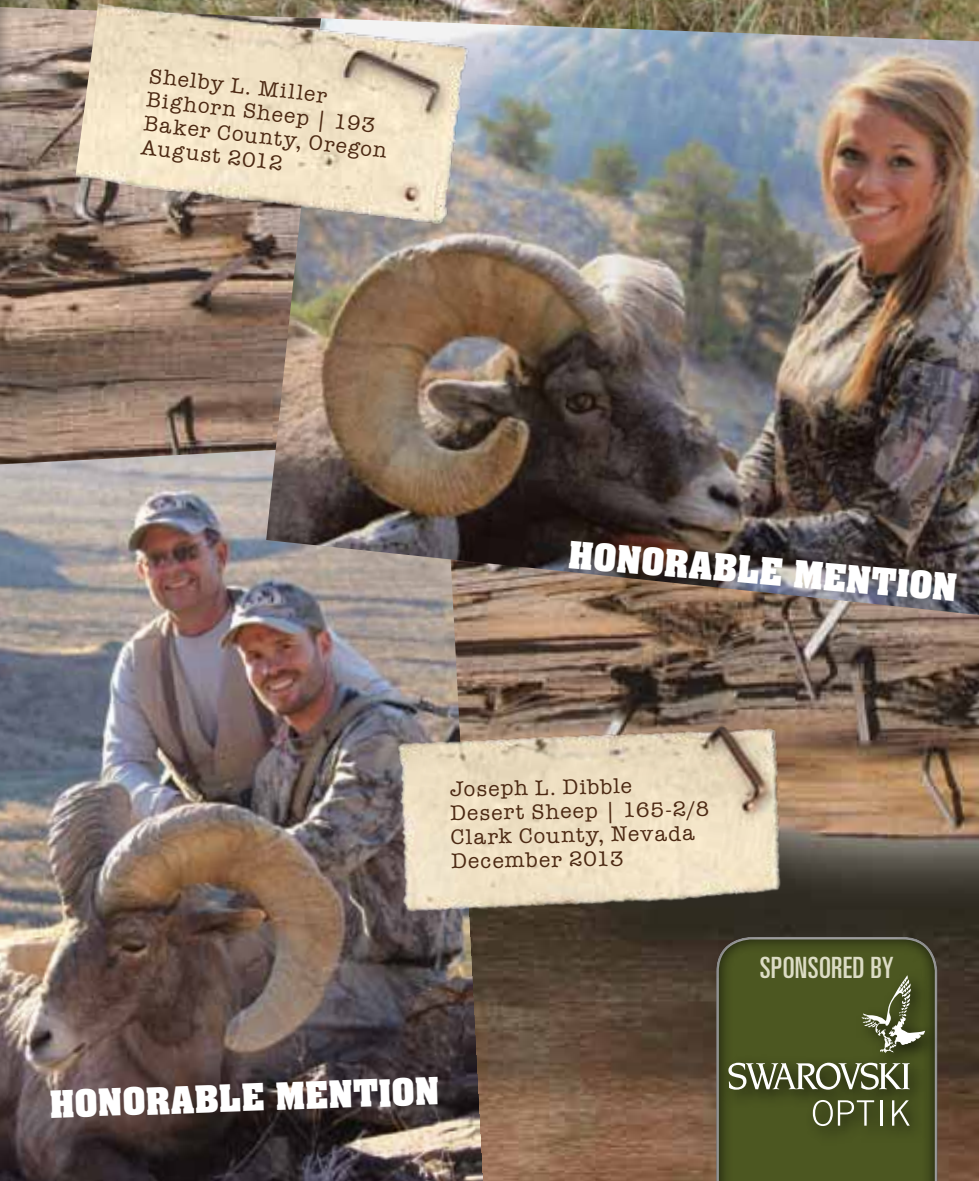
John H. North
Non-Typical Mule Deer | 215
Drumheller, Alberta
September 2011

FIFTH



FIRST PLACE

Shelby L. Miller > Bighorn Sheep > 193
Baker Co., Oregon > August 2012



Shelby L. Miller
Bighorn Sheep | 193
Baker County, Oregon
August 2012

HONORABLE MENTION



SECOND PLACE

James H. Elwell > Barren Ground Caribou
444-7/8 > Chapman Lake, Yukon Territory
October 2012

Joseph L. Dibble
Desert Sheep | 165-2/8
Clark County, Nevada
December 2013

HONORABLE MENTION



THIRD PLACE

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Non-Typical Whitetail Deer > 223-7/8
Houston Co., Minnesota > September 2012

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