

TROPHY TALK

New World's Record Alaska-Yukon Moose



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Boone and Crockett Club is extremely pleased to announce a new World's Record Alaska-Yukon moose. A Special Judges Panel convened on January 24, 2014, during the Wild Sheep Foundation convention in Reno,

Nevada, to certify the new World's Record—an Alaska-Yukon moose that was taken only five months ago and accepted in the 29th Awards Program on December 24th.

The new World's Record moose was taken by Heinz Naef along the Yukon River, Yukon Territory, on September 25, 2013, while hunting for meat with eight friends, including his son Brian. Naef's bull scores 263-5/8 points, which is two inches larger than the previous World's Record (261-5/8 points) taken by John A. Crouse in 1994 near Fortymile River, Alaska. Naef harvested this bull with an old .303 British Enfield with open sights after a brief cat-and-mouse stalk through the trees.

Richard T. Hale, B&C's Records Committee chair who served on the panel, said, "A World's Record moose is by definition large. The thing that stood out about Mr. Naef's moose is that it fit Boone and Crockett's system exactly. Each feature maximized the score. It has everything the system was designed to reward." The greatest spread alone was 75-5/8 inches wide, which is 3-5/8 inches wider than the standard carpenter's ruler used by Official Measurers to take spread measurements. If it wasn't for the 6-inch sliding-brass ruler at one end, or if the rack had been a few inches wider, the judges would have had to figure out another method for taking the greatest spread!

Special Judges Panels (SJPs), which were initiated by the Club in 2000, are convened with the express purpose of verifying and announcing potential new World's Records submitted during a Triennial Awards Program. Prior to that, potential World's Records had to wait until the end of an Awards Program Entry Period, which could mean three to four years for some trophies, to be certified. By then, the potential World's Record was old news, and people had forgotten about it. By convening a Special Judges Panel as soon as possible after a potential new World's Record is taken, the trophy immediately receives the recognition it so rightly deserves.

You may recall my column in the last issue of *Fair Chase* when I said moose are among some of the most difficult trophies to score accurately in spite of the fact that only nine measurements are taken and the points counted. Thus, panel members were pleased that the original scorer's measurements for this remarkable trophy were nearly the same as theirs with a couple of exceptions.

First, the Judges ruled that one point on the left antler, which the original measurer did not count as a point, actually qualified as a

Special Judges Panel with Heinz Naef's New World's Record

From Left to Right: Richard T. Hale, B&C's Records Committee chair; Robert Hanson, B&C Regular Member; L. Victor Clark, B&C Lifetime Associate and Official Measurer; and Eldon L. "Buck" Buckner, B&C Vice President of Big Game Records.



The SJP Scorechart
This SJP consisted of Official Measurers who have served on previous Final Awards Program Judges Panels.

		ABNORMAL POINTS	
		Right Antler	Left Antler
NUMBER OF POINTS		0	0
TOTAL TO B		0	
SEE OTHER SIDE FOR SCORING INSTRUCTIONS			
A. Greatest Spread		75-5/8	
B. Number of Abnormal Points on Both Antlers		0	
C. Number of Normal Points		19	17
D. Width of Palm		23-6/8	17-5/8
E. Length of Palm Including Brow Palm		50-7/8	51
F. Circumference of Beam at Smallest Place		8-4/8	8-7/8
TOTALS		102-1/8	94-4/8
Differences		8-5/8	8-5/8
Greatest Spread		75-5/8	
ADD TOGETHER:		Exact Locality Where Killed:* Yukon River	
Column 1		County: _____ State/Prov: YT	
Column 2		Hunter (Legal Name): Heinz Naef	
Column 3		Date Killed: 9/25/13	
Subtotal		Trophy Owner (Legal Name): _____ Telephone #: _____	
Column 3		Trophy Owner's Address: _____	
Column 3		Trophy Owner's Email: _____ Guide's Name: _____	
Column 3		Remarks (Mention Any Abnormalities or Unique Qualities): _____	
FINAL SCORE		263-5/8	

I, _____, PRINT NAME, certify that I have measured this trophy on 01/24/2014 MM/DD/YYYY

at Reno Sparks Convention Center Reno Nevada
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and that these measurements and data are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, made in accordance with the instructions given.

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

B&C OFFICIAL MEASURER

*Geographic location (lake, mountain, river, etc.) required for trophies taken in Canada and Alaska. Boone and Crockett Club's Official Measurer I.D. Number: _____

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ALASKA-YUKON MOOSE			
FORMER WORLD'S RECORDS			
Score	Location of Kill	Hunter	Year
261-5/8	Fortymile River, AK	John A. Crouse	1994
255	McGrath, AK	Kenneth Best	1978
251	Mt. Susitna, AK	Bert Klineburger	1961
250-3/8	Kenai Peninsula, AK	Dyton A. Gilliland	1947
240-7/8	Kenai Peninsula, AK	A.S. Reed	1900

BOOK REVIEW

normal point. Secondly, one of the projections on the right antler that was counted as abnormal by the original measurer was actually a normal point. Instead of being a point off the top of another normal point on the outside edge, the Judges ruled that the edge of the palm actually "rolled" upwards, so it was a normal point. This ruling also affected the location where the palm width was taken. The palm width rose from 18-3/8 points to 23-6/8 points. This didn't raise the score any because the width of the left palm is 17-5/8 points.

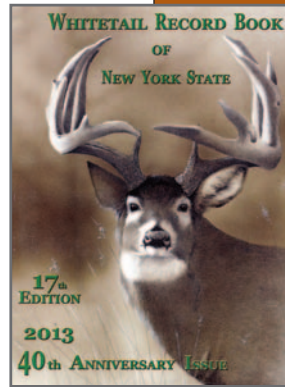
I would like to take this opportunity to thank B&C Official Measurer Clint Walker for scoring this trophy and all he did to see that this magnificent bull received the recognition it deserves. While Official Measurers do not normally make house calls to score a trophy, Clint drove 300 miles from Whitehorse to Dawson City to score Naef's bull.

Clint said that there were over 40 people, including two Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in attendance to watch the scoring take place. He said that translates to over 3 percent of the population of Dawson City and the surrounding area. Clint reported that the room erupted with deafening cheers of congratulations for Naef when he announced that his entry score exceeded the previous World's Record. Clint also told them the score would have to be verified by a B&C Special Judges Panel ■

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Measurement Differences

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