

# TROPHY TALK

## Two New Categories Approved



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### 25TH AWARDS PROGRAM SITE SELECTED

Mark your calendars! The Boone and Crockett Club's 25th Awards Program Banquet and related activities will be held during 2004 in Kansas City, Kansas. It is too early to provide details about the activities, but the focal point for the event will be Cabela's new store, which is currently under construction. A preliminary schedule of events will appear in this column in late 2003 or early 2004.

THE BOONE AND CROCKETT Club's Records Committee recently announced the addition of new categories for non-typical Columbia blacktail deer and non-typical Sitka blacktail deer, bringing the total number of categories currently recognized by the Club to 38. This action is retroactive and any non-typical blacktails previously taken are eligible for listing in these categories, so long as they meet the Club's entry requirements.

After considerable review and analysis, the minimum scores for non-typical Columbia blacktail deer and non-typical Sitka blacktail deer were set at 155 points and 118 points, respectively. These minimums are the same for both the Awards Program records books, as well as the all-time records books.

Because setting minimums for new categories is difficult, these minimums could move up or down in the future depending on the quantity and quality of trophies entered over the next few years. For example, the awards and all-time minimums for Central Canada barren ground caribou were initially set at 330 and 345 points, respectively, to generate interest in the new category and to determine the extent and limits of trophy quality. Those minimums were later raised to 345 points for the awards minimum and 360 points for the all-time minimum to better reflect trophy quality.

A little over 100 specimens accepted in the typical Columbia blacktail deer category would meet the 155-point non-typical minimum if their measurements were recalculated. These trophies will not be automatically transferred, however, to the new non-typical category. It is up to trophy owners to contact us in writing if they wish to transfer a trophy from a typical to a non-typical category. Besides, some potential non-typical trophies score and rank better in the typical category.

The non-typical mule deer score chart has been revised to accommodate the two new categories, and copies are available for distribu-

Table 1. Comparison of categories and minimum scores for trophies listed in the 1952 edition of the records book, Records of North American Big Game (30) to the current list of categories and minimum scores (38). Categories established after the 1952 book are noted with a ■ in front of their name.

CATEGORIES	1952 MINIMUMS	2002 AWARDS	2002 ALL-TIME
black bear	20	20	21
grizzly bear	23	23	24
Alaska-brown bear	27	26	28
polar bear	20	27	27
jaguar	12	14 <sup>8/16</sup>	14 <sup>8/16</sup>
cougar	12	14 <sup>8/16</sup>	15
Atlantic walrus	100	95	95
Pacific walrus	115	100	100
American elk (typical)	340	360	375
■ American elk (non-typical)		385	385
■ Roosevelt's elk		275	290
■ tule elk		270	285
typical mule deer	165	180	190
non-typical mule deer	195	215	230
Columbia blacktail (typical)	135	125	135
■ Columbia blacktail (non-typical)		155	155
■ Sitka blacktail (typical)		100	108
■ Sitka blacktail (non-typical)		118	118
typical whitetail deer	140	160	170
non-typical whitetail deer	160	185	195
Coues' whitetail deer (typical)	90	100	110
■ Coues' whitetail deer (non-typical)		105	120
Canada moose	180	185	195
Alaska-Yukon moose	205	210	224
Wyoming moose	155	140	155
mountain caribou	310	360	390
woodland caribou	300	265	295
barren ground caribou	330	375	400
■ Cen. Canada barren ground caribou		345	360
■ Quebec-Labrador caribou		365	375
pronghorn	60	80	82
bison	100	115	115
Rocky Mountain goat	47	47	50
muskox (barren ground)	90*	105	105
Greenland muskox	90*		
bighorn sheep	170	175	180
desert sheep	150	165	168
Dall's sheep	160	160	170
Stone's sheep	160	165	170

\*combined into one category in 1977

tion to anyone who needs them. Also, the non-typical mule deer score chart on the web site has been modified to handle the two new categories. In the meantime, official

measurers should use the old non-typical mule deer score chart if they have a non-typical Columbia and/or Sitka blacktail to measure. Official Measurers who use the old non-typi-

# BOOK REVIEW

## MAINE ANTLER AND SKULL TROPHY CLUB'S 23RD ANNUAL RECORDS PUBLICATION

The Maine Antler and Skull Trophy Club (MASTC) recently released the 23rd Annual Records Publication. The MASTC book illustrates and documents Maine's rich hunting tradition by presenting the current trophies as well as those harvested in years gone by.

The 23rd Edition is a high-quality, hardcover book containing 60 hunting tales, a listing of all current trophy bear, deer, and moose, with over 260 trophy photos. Overall listings of trophies are split into rifle, bow, muzzleloader, and handgun categories. This edition includes the new state record Canada moose scoring 220-6/8 points, plus 11 other moose, 21 bear, and 15 whitetail deer that meet B&C's minimum scores.

To obtain a copy of MASTC's 23rd Annual Records Publication, please send a check or money order for \$25.95, which covers the cost of shipping and handling, to Maine Big Game Publications, 36 Ames Rd., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426. For further information please call Al Wentworth at 207/564-7614.



### BOOK REVIEW NOTICE

There are many state, provincial, and private organizations publishing local records books that use the Boone and Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system with the express written permission of the Club. Since there is no single reference source for these books, and because there are many hunters who collect them, we will review them as time and space permit. Only those books that use the Boone and Club's copyrighted scoring system and terminology with permission will be considered for review. However, the Boone and Crockett Club cannot vouch for the accuracy of the data contained in these publications. Many of the books include trophies that were not scored by certified Boone and Crockett Club official measurers. If there is a question about the status of a trophy listed in any of these books, the Boone and Crockett Club's records books/archives are the final reference source to settle any and all discrepancies.

cal mule deer score chart to record measurements for either of the new categories should make a note at the top of the score chart indicating that the measurement is for a non-typical Columbia blacktail or a Sitka blacktail.

The Records Committee has added 11 new categories since the first records book was published in 1932. That book and the 1939 records book listed only 27 different categories. The first two books differ from later books because trophies were listed according to the length of the longer antler, horn, skull, or tusk, depending on category, and there were no non-typical categories.

The 1952 records book, which is the first records book published using the Club's current, copyrighted scoring system, is also the first records book to feature separate typical and non-typical categories for both mule deer and whitetail deer. There were 30 categories included in the 1952 edition, an increase of three categories over the first two records books. As a point of interest, I have included a list (Table 1) of the categories that appeared in the 1952 edition, along with their minimum scores included for comparison purposes.

We have already received four entries in the non-typical Columbia blacktail deer category from measurers who heard about the new categories through the proverbial grapevine. We have accepted our first specimen that was taken by David L. Barker in Benton County, Oregon in 1992 and scores 162 points. It has 6

abnormal points on the right antler that total 16-6/8 inches and one on the left that is 2-6/8 inches long. Since it is the first and only one accepted to date, I guess we could say it is a potential World's Record. Actually, the top 10 specimens entered in both new non-typical categories will be invited to the 25th Awards Program Final Judging that will take place in 2005. The largest one in each category will be declared the World's Record at that time.



PHOTO B  
CORRECT RIGHT  
SIDE PHOTO



PHOTO C  
CORRECT LEFT  
SIDE PHOTO

Feel free to contact the records office if you have any questions about the two new categories. Also, contact the records office if you or someone you know wishes to move a Columbia or Sitka blacktail deer from the typical to the non-typical category. World's Records for both categories will be announced at the

25th Awards Program.

### MOOSE ENTRY PHOTOGRAPHS A PROBLEM

Clearly focused, close-up photographs of the front, left side, and right side must be submitted with the entry materials of each trophy entered in the Club's Awards Program. An additional photo of the top of the skull is required for all bear and cat entries. The photographs are used to verify scoring procedures and become a permanent part of each trophy's file.

There seems to be considerable confusion of the side photographs needed by the records office for moose entries. Well over 50% of the side photos we receive for

moose are actually taken of the left and right antler palms from the front. Photo A illustrates an incorrectly taken photo submitted for the right side of an Alaska-Yukon moose.

The side photos for all trophies must be taken at right angles to the antlers, horns, skulls or tusks. Photos B and C illustrate the correct angles for taking the side photos of moose racks. These photos enable us to check the edges and back sides of the palms for abnormal points and any other abnormalities. ▲▲▲

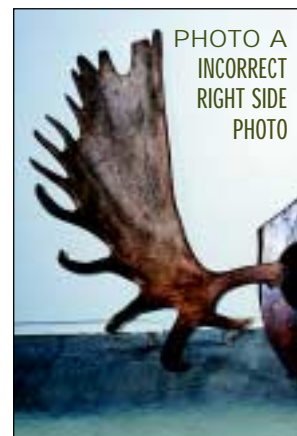


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