

TROPHY TALK

291-1/8 Non-typical Whitetail Deer Accepted



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If you have already checked out the list of recently accepted trophies in this issue of *Fair Chase*, you are probably still recovering from the surprise of seeing a listing for a massive non-typical whitetail (291-1/8 points) taken by Jerry D. Bryant and recently accepted in the Club's 25th Awards Program. Jerry took this monster with a crossbow on November 15, 2001, in Fulton County, Illinois. Whether or not you noticed it, I want to take a few lines here to mention this exceptional buck. The story of Mr. Bryant's deer will be featured in the Fall issue of *Fair Chase*.

Jerry's buck has been one of the best-kept secrets in the hunting community for the last few months. Other than check station attendants, our Official Measurer Tim Walmsley, Jerry's taxidermist, and Jerry's family and friends, very few people have either seen or heard of this deer until recently. As I sit here

writing my column, I note the only public mention of Jerry's buck is limited to a couple of newspaper articles by Jeff Lampe that appeared in the *Peoria Journal Star* in mid-May.

At its entry score, Jerry's massive buck is the fourth largest whitetail (Table 1) ever accepted in the Club's Awards Programs. It is the second largest non-typical whitetail ever accepted that was harvested by a modern-day hunter. Before its score is official, however, Jerry's buck must be verified by the 25th Awards Program Judges Panel that will meet at Cabela's in Kansas City, Kansas, in 2004.

There is one other exceptional non-typical whitetail buck (304-6/8 points) entered in the Club's 25th Awards Program that needs mentioning. It is a truly impressive buck harvested by Michael D. Beatty with a bow in Greene County, Ohio, during the 2000 archery season. I imagine you may have already seen or heard about it, as it has been featured in a number of other hunting magazines and exhibited at numerous out-

door/hunting conventions and exhibitions around the country. Mike's buck has not been accepted by the Boone and Crockett Club because of a scoring interpretation error detected while processing the paperwork. This error must be corrected and we need to receive a corrected score chart before it is accepted in the 25th Awards Program.

Digital Photos Acceptable for Trophy Entry

A few years ago I was at a high school graduation party when the father of the graduate whipped out what looked like an ordinary camera and started taking the customary pictures of the graduate. After a few shots he paused a moment, looked at a miniature screen on the back of the camera, and said, "I am going to do that one again because Jessie's eyes were closed." It was my first exposure to a digital camera.

I clearly remember how surprised I was — I had no idea such an electronic marvel existed. Little did I know the impact digital cameras would have on the Club's records-keeping activities.

Approximately two years later we started receiving digital photos with entry materials from trophy owners hoping to comply with the Club's photographic requirements for their trophy. In case you are not aware of the rules, each entry must be accompanied with photos of the front, left side, and right side of the antlers, horns, skulls, or tusks. Cat and bear entries must also be accompanied with an additional photo taken of the top of the skull. We also seek, but do not require, good quality field photographs that can be used to illustrate *Fair Chase* and the Club's records books.

Slides have never been acceptable because of storage and usage problems. Until recently, digital photographs also were not acceptable. However, because we now have a better understanding of this technology, B&C has developed a policy for accepting digital photographs. Before I outline our digital photo policy, I want to explain why we did not accept digital photos until now. Chris Tonkinson, my assistant, told one person that we didn't accept digital photos, and he incredulously asked, "I paid \$5,000 for this camera, and you won't accept my photos?"

There are several reasons why we

TABLE 1
Top Four Non-typical Whitetails Accepted in the Club's Archives.

SCORE	LOCALITY TAKEN	HUNTER	OWNER	YEAR TAKEN
333-7/8	St. Louis Co., MO	Picked Up	MO Dept. of Conservation	1981
328-2/8	Portage Co., OH	Picked Up	Larry L. Huffman	1940
295-6/8	Winston Co., MS	Tony Fulton	Tony Fulton	1995
291-1/8	Fulton Co., IL	Jerry D. Bryant	Jerry D. Bryant	2001

Jerry D. Bryant with his non-typical whitetail taken in 2001. The buck scores 291-1/8 points

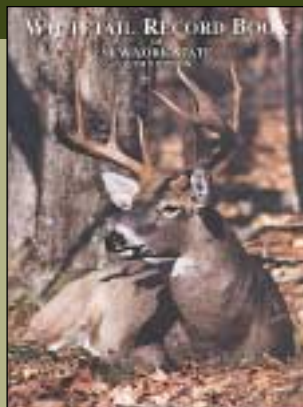
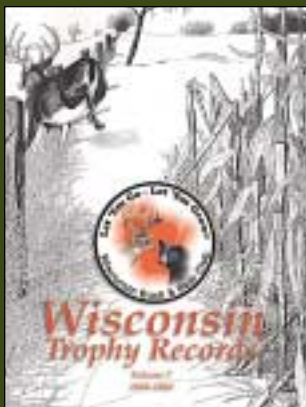
BOOK REVIEWS

WISCONSIN TROPHY RECORDS, VOLUME 7

Published by Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club

The Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club recently announced the release of the 7th volume of its Wisconsin Trophy Records, which covers trophies taken in Wisconsin through the year 2000. This 351-page, paperback volume includes listings for approximately 9,000 typical and non-typical whitetail deer and bear, as well as photographs of 450 trophies, taken in the "Dairyland" state. For easy reference, whitetails and bear are listed by county, and ranked and separated into typical and non-typical categories. In addition, there are separate listings for trophies taken with bows and arrows and firearms.

To order your copy, send a check for \$19.95 (includes shipping and handling) to Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club, 335 Edgewood Dr., Hudson, WI 54016



WHITETAIL RECORD BOOK OF NEW YORK STATE, 11TH EDITION

Published by New York State Big Buck Club

This 11th edition of Whitetail Record Book of New York State, which went on sale at the New York State Fair, contains over 4,400 trophy deer and 201 trophy black bear entries. Deer and bear are eligible for listing in 13 different categories recognized by the New York State Big Buck Club. This edition contains 430 photos of typical and non-typical whitetails and black bears. Included is a special color section that features some of the finest whitetail bucks taken with bows and arrows and firearms in New York State during 1998 through 2000.

To order, send a check for \$15 (S&H included) to the New York State Big Buck Club (NYSBBC) Record Book, 8895 Plainville Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027. For further information, call Brian Dam at 315/829-2707.

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 Crockett Club's copyrighted scoring system and terminology 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.

did not previously accept digital photos. The primary one is because we need to protect the integrity of the Club's Awards Programs and archives. Many of the digital photos we received were printed on regular paper and hence were not reproducible. These photos are also highly susceptible to damage. We need

Table 2 lists the minimum requirements for all digital photographs submitted to meet the Club's photo requirements.

We do not want 8"x10" digital photos of trophies because of the amount of storage space required to store thousands of the larger format photos. We prefer 3"x4" or 4"x6" photos. It would be acceptable to

UNACCEPTABLE DIGITAL PHOTOS

Both of these photos had potential, but they were printed at extremely low DPI. We frequently include photos, especially field photos, in our publications must have high resolution images to do this. We also need to be able to see the details of trophy in order to verify measurements and characteristics for trophy entry purposes.



quality photographs as a permanent part of a trophy's file so they will last for decades to come. We also need photographs, especially field photographs, of sufficient quality to be reproduced in books and magazines.

After researching this matter, we discovered that there are three criteria affecting the quality of digital photographs: the camera, the printer, and the paper.

print three or four photos on a single sheet of 8" x 10" glossy, photograph-grade paper.

I suspect that this policy will change over the years as technology evolves. In fact, someday we may accept score charts, photos, and other entry materials electronically as the technology becomes available. In the meantime, feel free to call me at 406/542-1888, ext. 205 if you have any questions about this policy. ■

TABLE 2

Minimal requirements for digital photos submitted with entries.

Camera

- The resolution level of the image must be 2 mega pixels and above.

Printer

- Photos must be printed using printers with a capability of 1,200 DPI or better.

Paper

- Photos must be printed on glossy, photo-grade paper.