

TROPHY TALK

Photographic Requirements



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SEVERAL ISSUES AGO MY ENTIRE COLUMN WAS DEVOTED TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET TO GET A TROPHY ACCEPTED IN THE CLUB'S AWARDS PROGRAMS. WHILE I LIKE TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND TROPHY OWNERS OF ALL THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS SINCE IT MAKES OUR JOB EASIER WHEN WE RECEIVE EVERYTHING AT ONE TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND A FEW MOMENTS IN THIS COLUMN CONCENTRATING ON THE PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE IT WILL SAVE SOME TROPHY OWNERS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF FRUSTRATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PHOTOGRAPHS IS CURRENTLY THE PRIMARY REASON FOR REJECTING OR DELAYING TROPHY ACCEPTANCE.

Trophy owners of all antlered, horned or tusked trophies, need to provide the records office with clearly focused photographs of the front, left side and right side of their trophy. For cats and bears, we need clearly focused photographs of the front, left side, right side and top of the clean, dry skull.

We also like to receive field photographs of hunter-taken entries for use in B&C publications, but they are not required. Field photographs that show the proper angles can be used to meet the photographic entry requirement in all categories except for cats, bears and walrus.

The lack of proper photographs has delayed processing of more trophies during the last few months than any other entry requirement. In the case of horned or antlered trophies, this means that we're usually missing one of the side photographs. In the case of bear or cat skulls, we're usually missing the top photograph, although we've missed one or more of the others on a few occasions.

Not only does noncompliance with the photo requirement cause delays in processing and rejections, but it is also costly and

frustrating for trophy owners. When we ask them to provide missing photographs, it means they must purchase and process more film for just one photograph or a proper set of photographs. It isn't that we're not sensitive to the efforts of trophy owners, but we simply need all the required photographs to insure that the trophy is properly documented and correctly scored. Please be sure to

as the horns are not altered in the process. If the horns were frozen before removal from the cores, the 60 day drying period starts once the horns are remounted on the cores. Turn to page 16 of this issue for more detailed information on this subject.

PARTY HUNTING

"Party hunting" is a practice whereby one hunter tags an animal he or she has killed with the tag of another person in his or her hunting party. This practice is illegal in most states. It is a legal practice in at least two states, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and has been a fair chase concern of the Club for several years. The Club has adopted a policy concerning the acceptability of trophies taken while "party hunting" in states where such a practice is legal.

The Club will only accept as a hunter-taken trophy the first deer killed by the hunter during that season and then only if the hunter uses his or her tag on that deer. If a hunter uses someone else's tag on the deer he or she submits for entry or if the hunter has taken other deer in that state during the season and used another hunter's tag on those deer, he or she may not enter these trophies into the Club's Awards Program as hunter-taken. This policy is effective for all trophies entered after June 1, 1994, and is not retroactive to any trophies entered and/or accepted before that date.

This policy does not apply to trophies taken in states/provinces that issue hunters multiple tags for the same species. Nor does it apply in states/provinces that issue a single license to multiple hunters. For example, Minnesota moose licenses are issued to a party of up to four hunters. The license is filled when any one of the hunters gets a moose. In such cases, all hunters can be listed in the book as hunters and/or owners.

TROPHY REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTER-TAKEN TROPHIES

- ▲ \$25 registration Fee
- ▲ The original score chart, signed and dated by a current official measurer
- ▲ Photographs of the trophy (slides unacceptable)
- ▲ Fair Chase Statement, signed and notarized*
- ▲ Completed and signed Hunter, Guide and Hunt Information Form*
- ▲ Copy of the hunting license and appropriate tags*

* REQUIREMENTS WAIVED FOR "PICKUPS" OR TROPHIES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

submit the required photographs when entering a trophy. We will appreciate it and you will save time and money.

HORN SHRINKAGE

Shrinkage of horns (pronghorns, goats, etc.) has been a concern of many trophy owners over the years. The records committee recently approved a treatment that minimizes horn shrinkage. Horns removed from their cores can be cleaned, and reset with a bonding substance as long