

NEW WORLD'S RECORDS

Two new World's Records were honored at the 29th Big Game Awards Banquet on July 16, 2016.

Here is the story of Mike's hunt in Socorro County, New Mexico, that produced this new World's Record pronghorn.

BELOW: Richard Hale and Eldon "Buck" Buckner present Mike Gallo (middle) with his World's Record plaque for his pronghorn.



In 2013, I bought the New Mexico enhancement pronghorn tag. I have purchased it every year since it was first offered by New Mexico Game and Fish—some eight or so years ago.

I called Tony Grimmert of Pronghorn Guide Service, whom I have hunted with as the enhancement tag holder. He and his son Eli did some scouting at various times in May, June, and July. He said he had two or three good bucks for that season. I received a call from Tony saying I should meet him and Eli on July 31, 2013, at a motel in Magdalene, New Mexico.

I made the drive there and met them in the morning. After checking in, we went scouting

that afternoon. We looked at several bucks and saw many does and fawns. Out again before dawn the next morning, we set up the spotting scopes and glassed many pronghorn. We moved a couple of times, and then spotted one of the bucks that Tony and Eli had particularly taken note of.

We studied the buck and discussed it for some time. We determined that his horns would score 94 inches, plus or minus, so we made a plan for a stalk. This actually turned out to be the first of many, as I had decided to take the buck with a Gunwerks muzzleloader. The gun had been loaned to me to try out.

I loaded the muzzleloader and headed out to try to get within my effective range. To make a long story short, we tried for three days but couldn't get within my comfort zone.

Every time we tried he'd be quartering away at a walk, trot, or run. On occasion we'd see him alone, but soon he was with others and one of the herd would start them all trotting or running off, and we would have to wait for him to settle down.

After several unsuccessful stalks over three days, I decided to use my Gunwerks 7 mm LRM. Tony and I set out on what turned out to be our final stalk. We observed the buck headed away at some distance, so we cut across on foot and were able to intercept him at about 550 yards. He immediately started quartering away from us, as most of the big bucks usually do, so I



**PRONGHORN
1ST AWARD**
NEW WORLD'S RECORD
B&C SCORE: 96⁴/₈
HUNTER: Mike Gallo
LOCATION: Socorro Co.,
New Mexico
DATE: 2013

LEFT: Craig Boddington gave Mike Gallo the podium to address the crowd after receiving his World's Record plaque announcing his donation of his pronghorn to the Boone and Crockett Club's National Collection of Heads and Horns located at Wonders of Wildlife Museum in Springfield. Read more about the National Collection of Heads and Horns on page 38.

Mike Gallo's story, along with many others are featured in *Boone and Crockett Club's 29th Big Game Awards, 2103-2015*, due out later this fall.



Guides and friends Tony Grimmatt and his son Eli helped guide for Mike's hunt.



dropped to a prone position and was able to take him with one shot.

We high-fived as we had finally gotten the buck; we talked about how challenging and fun the hunt had been as we walked towards him. Our excitement grew, because as we got closer, the buck seemed to grow as well! There was no ground shrinkage this time!

Some tight but rough measurements told us that he was bigger than we had thought. Then we began the 60-day minimum wait for official measurement and the

many weeks following panel measuring until it was confirmed B&C's new World's Record.

I'd like to thank Tony and Eli for many years of fun hunts and friendship. I've taken a couple of bucks since this one and haven't lost my enthusiasm or anticipation for the next great hunt with them. I'd like to thank Boone and Crockett Club's Records committee for their persistence in making sure that my buck was indeed the legitimate World's Record pronghorn. ■

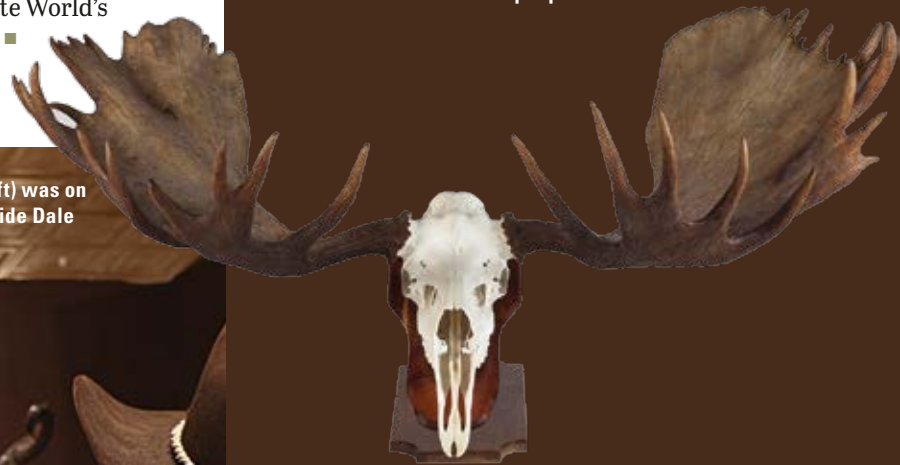
WORLD'S RECORDS ALASKA-YUKON MOOSE

In the last three years, the record for the number one Alaska-Yukon moose has been broken twice. First by Heinz Naef in Yukon Territory with a panel-confirmed score of 263-5/8 points. A second moose recently surfaced, taken in 2010 in Alaska. The bull was taken by Rex J. Nick and is currently owned by Tony J. Nogy. Nearly every feature of this bull is reported to be extraordinary from the spread to the palm length and width.



Tony J. Nogy, above, was present in Springfield to receive his World's Record plaque.

Mike Gallo's World's Record pronghorn (top left) was on display in the Big Game Awards Exhibit alongside Dale Hislop's and Jeff S. Erickson's trophies.



ALASKA-YUKON MOOSE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

NEW WORLD'S RECORD

B&C SCORE: 266⁴/₈

HUNTER: Rex J. Nick

OWNER: Tony J. Nogy

LOCATION: Lower Yukon River, Alaska

DATE: 2010