

NEW WORLD'S RECORD ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT



Read the complete story of Troy's hunt in the Summer 2012 issue of *Fair Chase*.

Troy Sheldon's Rocky Mountain goat, taken in 2011 in British Columbia is the largest of its species ever recorded, according to the Boone and Crockett Club. The new World's Record goat scores 57-4/8 points.

More than a thousand Rocky Mountain goats from Alaska to Nevada have met the minimum Boone and Crockett score of 47. But by far the most entries (541) have come from British Columbia.

"British Columbia continues to set the standard for Rocky Mountain goats," said Eldon Buckner, chairman of Boone and Crockett Club's Records of North American Big Game Committee. "The province remains home to more than half of the world's population and trophy-class specimens have been trending upward each decade since the 1970s. That testifies to the professionalism of the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations."

The new World's Record goat surpassed the old mark by a substantial 6/8 of an inch.

The previous record was actually a tie between two British Columbia goats, one taken in 1949 and the other in 1999, scoring 56-6/8.

Troy M. Sheldon of Alexandria, Kentucky, bagged the new record goat on the seventh day of a hunt in the Stikine River area. Sheldon's friend Carey Renner and guide Heidi Gutfrucht of Northwest Ranching and Outfitting accompanied him on the hunt. He used a Tikka T3 .270 WSM to make a perfect 319-yard shot across a ravine.

Following a required drying period and initial scoring, a special Boone and Crockett judge's panel verified the goat's official entry score as a new World's Record.

Sheldon shipped his trophy to Reno to be included in the trophy display, where hundreds of people were able to witness this new World's Record Rocky Mountain goat.

RIGHT: Sheldon received his plaques and medallion from Buck at the Awards Banquet.

BELOW: Sheldon and Jack Reneau showcasing Sheldon's award plaque, as well as his new World's Record plaque.



ABOVE: Sheldon, along with his family, pose in front of his World's Record mountain goat. The goat was on display, along with the second and third award winners' trophies.



See photos of all the current World's Record trophies.

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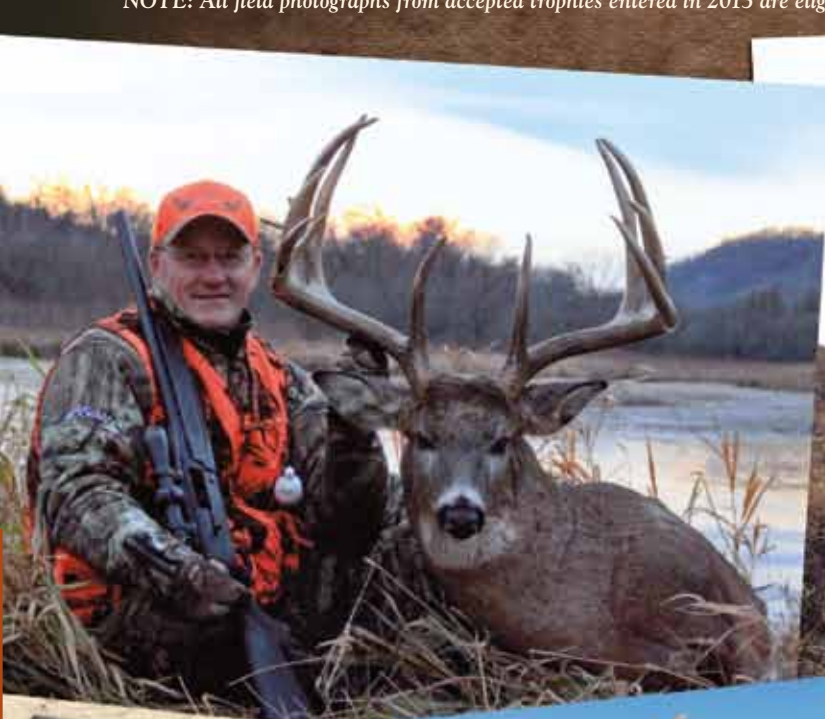
In keeping with this tradition, the Club, and Swarovski Optik want to celebrate some of the best examples of

field photography, and share them with you in each issue of *Fair Chase*.

For the fifth year, our editors will be sifting through hundreds of field photos looking for exemplary trophy field photography.

The most outstanding examples will be featured in the Spring 2014 issue with the top three being awarded prizes provided by Swarovski Optik.

NOTE: All field photographs from accepted trophies entered in 2013 are eligible



Michael L. Burgdorf
Typical Whitetail Deer
193-1/8
Winona Co., Minnesota
November 2012



James H. Elwell
Barren Ground Caribou | 444-7/8
Chapman Lake,
Yukon Territory
October 2012



Mike E. Broadwell
Typical Mule Deer
181-1/8
Las Animas Co., Colorado
October 2012

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FIRST PRIZE

STM 65 HD Spotting Scope

SECOND PRIZE

EL 10x42 WB Binoculars

THIRD PRIZE

Z3 3-9x36 Rifle Scope