

TROPHY TALK

New World's Record Whitetail?



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DURING THE LAST 14 YEARS I HAVE FIELDED COUNTLESS RUMORS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF POTENTIAL NEW WORLD'S RECORDS, ESPECIALLY WHITETAIL DEER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FAMED, "HOLE-IN-THE-HORN" BUCK WAS TOUTED AS THE NEW WORLD'S RECORD NON-TYPICAL WHITETAIL IN THE EARLY 1980'S. AFTER THE 19TH AWARDS JUDGES' PANEL MET IN 1986, HOWEVER, THIS EXCEPTIONAL TROPHY WAS ANNOUNCED AS THE SECOND LARGEST NON-TYPICAL EVER RECORDED, SCORING A WHOPPING 328-2/8 POINTS.

More recently, a large whitetail buck taken by Mr. Ed Koberstein in Alberta in 1991 was inappropriately announced as the new World's Record typical whitetail deer. Before the dust settled it was determined that Mr. Koberstein's buck was incorrectly measured and should have been scored as a non-typical. Sadly, Mr. Koberstein's trophy will never get the recognition it so justly deserves as he has decided that he would not have it rescored.

It is my pleasure to announce there may now be a new World's Record typical whitetail listed in the next edition of the records book. As you look over the listings of recently accepted trophies starting on page 48 in this issue of *Fair Chase*, you will no doubt note that we have accepted a typical whitetail deer scoring 213-1/8 points, seven inches more than the current World's Record taken by James Jordan, in 1914 in Burnett County, Wisconsin.

You may have even seen photographs of the potential new World's Record as it has recently graced the cover of several popular outdoor magazines. It was taken by Milo Hanson near Biggar, Saskatchewan during the 1993 hunting season.

By now you're probably asking yourself why the Hanson buck is referred to as a "potential" World's Record and the "Jordan" buck as the current World's Record, especially since Hanson's buck was scored by a Boone and Crockett Club official measurer and scores more than the Jordan buck. I would, therefore, like to take this

opportunity to explain the reason for the couched terminology.

In case you are not aware how the system works, the Boone and Crockett Club accepts trophies for a three-year period, referred to as an Awards Program. We are currently in the 22nd Awards Program that encompasses the years 1992-1994.

At the close of each Awards Program, the top few trophies are invited to a central location to be rescored by a handful of judges and certified for awards. The 22nd Awards Judges' Panel will meet in April of 1995 and the results of the rescoring will be announced in June. Thus, we won't know for sure until then if Milo Hanson's trophy is the new World's Record, as well as its correct final score.

Just keep in mind that regardless of all the claims you hear of new World's Records, including the Milo Hanson head, only a Boone and Crockett Club Awards Program Judges' Panel can declare a new World's Record.

DEADLINE APPROACH- ING

I would like to point out that the deadline for entering a trophy in the 22nd Awards Program is December 31, 1994. All entries must be postmarked by that date to be eligible for listing in the Boone and Crockett Club's 22nd Big Game Awards book that will be released next Fall.

I would suggest that you do not wait until December 31 to submit your trophy, if you are submitting one. If past experience is an indicator, we will receive over 500 entries in the closing days of this entry period.

MULE DEER MINIMUMS

Regardless of what you hear or read in other publications, the minimum scores for typical mule deer have been lowered to 180 and 190 points for entry in the awards books and the all-time records books, respectively, as was stated in the last issue of *Fair Chase*. These changes are retroactive and any trophy meeting these minimums is eligible for listing.

USE NEW FAIR CHASE STATEMENTS

I would like to remind all trophy owners and official measurers that all hunter-taken trophies submitted after July 1, 1994 must be accompanied by the new 6-part fair chase statement, as was announced in the August issue of the *Associates News Journal* (former name of *Fair Chase*).

Unfortunately, numerous entries are still being submitted on the old score charts with the old fair chase statements. It would speed up trophy processing and save everyone a lot

of heartache, especially trophy owners, if all the old score charts were destroyed. Trophy owners

should insist on receiving and submitting their entry on a score chart with the current, 6-part Fair Chase Statement.

MILO HANSON'S POTENTIAL WHITETAIL WORLD RECORD BUCK SCORES 213-1/8 POINTS. IN APRIL 1995, THE 22ND AWARDS JUDGES' PANEL WILL OFFICIALLY RESCORE THE BUCK AND ANNOUNCE THE OUTCOME IN JUNE.

