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Offering: Dall Sheep, Moose, Caribou and Grizzly
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Records of North America" will be use in conjunction with SCI records to determine a percentile.

Percentiles will be compared equally between all five species in award determination for the NORTH AMERICAN SHEEP categories.

The INTERNATIONAL SHEEP and INTERNATIONAL CAPRA categories will utilize aforementioned percentile standing from the SCI Trophy Records Department as well as a factor for trophy desirability and difficulty of the hunt. The top 20 trophies in each of these categories, based on percentiles, will be submitted to a panel of chosen experts for their evaluation. The panel will not have access to the names of the hunters, only the species of animal, place where taken, method of take, SCI score and percentile standing for its species.

The panel will include, but is not limited to the following:

- Rex Baker (GA) • Irvin Barnhart (TX) • Ron Bartels (LA) • Giancarlo Boienti (Italy)**
- Nicolas Franco (Spain) • Mark Hampton (MO) • Bill Paulin (CA) • Philip M. Ripepi (PA)**
- Fernando Saiz (Spain) • Richard Sand (Denmark) • Jack Schwabland (WA)**
- Mike Simpson (TX) • Doug Yajko (CO)**

EXAMPLE OF PERCENTILE COMPARISONS:

Using Edition IX, Volume 2 of SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals for comparison purposes, we will compare a single Dall sheep with a single desert bighorn sheep, each of which ranks #100 in the record book for its category. Since more than one animal may occupy the same numeric ranking, we find that for the Dall sheep with a

ranking of #100 there are 387 entries with a lower score. There are a total of 605 Dall entries in this record book. By dividing the number of entries below the ram (387) by the total number of entries (605), we find that this sheep ranks at the 63.9 percentile level for its species.

The desert bighorn sheep, also with a ranking of #100, has 163 entries with a lower score. There are a total of 338 desert sheep entries in this record book. By dividing the number of entries below the ram (163) by the total number of entries (338), we find that this sheep ranks at the 48.2 percentile level for its species.

Although both animals have the same numeric ranking within their species (#100), the Dall sheep would win over the desert bighorn sheep due to its higher percentile rank.

Records from Boone & Crockett and Pope & Young will also factor into the judging of the North American Sheep categories and the same formula as used in the SCI example above will be employed in determining the percentile levels.

One of our newest members is a fellow named **Gordon Tattersall (UT)**. I think it must be mentioned that reports such as his sure do make all our lives less tattered around this office. Not only does he include all the pertinent info, but he does it in a short and flowing way. Here is what I am talking about:

In 2003 I was fortunate enough to draw a desert bighorn sheep tag in the South San Rafael unit of central Utah. The hunt was fantastic! I harvested a ram that was eight years old, and he was the 20th ram I saw on the hunt. Needless to say, it was an awesome experience.

*In 2004 I was able to draw a Dall sheep permit in the TOK management unit in Alaska. This again was an unbelievable experience. I was able to harvest a ram that was 11 years old and measured 13 4/8 x 41 2/8 x 13 4/8 x 41 1/8. My outfitter, **Matt Snyder of Alaska Hunting Adventures**, was fantastic! He not only scouted the ram I harvested, but knew the location of two other rams in excess of 40" just in case we needed a backup. A GREAT EXPERIENCE!*



Gordon Tattersall (UT) took this desert sheep in Utah in October 2003.

had to say about his latest triumph:

The past two years found me hunting the Rocky Mtn. bighorn in BC. Two outfitters later, with 32 days in the mountains, the quest had left me very frustrated. July 19, 2004, at 2 a.m. changed everything. Van Hale from Trophy Outfitters Inc. of Eager, Arizona, informed me that I drew an Arizona Unit 16A desert ram tag. I have just returned with a ram that was green scored at 181 1/2. I am elated!

This was my fourth hunt with Trophy Outfitters, which is first class in all respects. I will be returning to BC next fall to hunt with Marty Lightburn of Rocky Mtn. High Outfitters & Guides. I was simply a victim of poor luck with Marty last year. He had run a 100% success the year before (3 for 3). The year I hunted, he was 2 for 3. Since then, my hunting luck has obviously changed. I hope to report my Grand Slam next fall!

Also in Jeff's portfolio are a 1988 Dall sheep he took in Alaska and a 1995 Stone he took with Barry Tompkins (Big Nine Outfitters) in BC. Good luck this fall matching wits with the Rocky Mtn. bighorn. Maybe he won't win this time! By the way, you should enter your desert sheep for our awards program, Jeff. Sheep taken in 2003, 2004, and 2005 will be eligible.

Speaking of our awards program, following are the rules once again:

GRAND SLAM CLUB/OVIS 2006 AWARDS

WHO MAY ENTER A TROPHY

Any current member of Grand Slam Club/Ovis (GSCO), or any member outfitter may enter trophies taken by his or her clients (whether or not the client was a GSCO member).

WHAT MAY BE ENTERED

Trophies taken by a member, or trophies taken by a hunter while hunting with a member outfitter. These trophies must have been taken under fair chase, lawful and ethical hunting practices according to the laws of the country in which the trophy was taken. The entrant (either hunter or outfitter) must have been a member of GSCO at the time the trophy was taken. The trophy may have been taken by any lawful method, including: rifle, handgun, bow and arrow, muzzleloader, crossbow or shotgun. The trophy must have been taken within the last three calendar years.

HOW TO ENTER

A Master Measurer of SCI, using official SCI measuring forms, must measure the trophy, EXCEPT in the case of North American trophies. In that event, an official B&C score sheet will also be accepted, and the gross score used for ranking. In either case, there will be a required 60-day drying period before a certified measurement may be taken. The score sheet along with two field photos or slides, taken from different angles, should be submitted to Grand Slam Club/Ovis, P.O. Box 310727, Birmingham, AL 35231.

2006 DEADLINE

*The deadline for submitting an entry for the 2006 Trophy Awards at the GSCO Hunter & Outfitter Convention will be **December 1, 2005**. Any entries received after that date will be held for the 2007 awards (if the trophy still meets the past three calendar year criteria).*

AWARD CATEGORIES

The following four categories will be recognized:

North American Sheep • North American Sheep

(Archery) • International Sheep • International Capra

There will be ten awards in each category, except for the North American Sheep (Archery), where three awards will be given.

The North American Sheep category (including Archery) will include Dall, Stone, Rocky Mountain bighorn, California bighorn, and desert bighorn sheep.

The International Sheep category will include any trophy on the current Ovis World Slam list, excluding the five North American wild sheep.

The International Capra category will include any trophy on the current Capra World Slam list (including American mountain goat).

Dagestan (Eastern) tur, Mid-Caucasian tur, and Kuban (Western) tur trophies will be eligible for both the International Sheep and International Capra categories. However, an individual entry may receive only one award, that being in the category where it ranks highest.

AWARD DETERMINATION

Awards for the NORTH AMERICAN SHEEP category will be determined based on the trophy's relative standing in the record books for that particular species. This standing is not the numerical ranking, but it's percentile standing within its particular species. These percentiles will be calculated from the most up-to-date information available from the Trophy Records Department at SCI Headquarters in Tucson, Arizona and from the Boone & Crockett Club "Records of North American Big Game."

For the NORTH AMERICAN SHEEP (ARCHERY) category, the Pope & Young Club "Bowhunting Big Game

Stone Mountain Safaris

SPECIES AVAILABLE: Stone Sheep * Mountain Goat *
Elk * Mountain Caribou * Moose * Grizzly Bear *
Black Bear * Wolf



Rodrigo Lebrija of Mexico and his 172-point ram from 2000

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