Major Awards & Medallions

**Major Awards**

SCI Major Awards are presented during the SCI Annual Hunters’ Convention at the Major Awards Cocktail Reception. Every top ten and top twenty entry taken within the past 18 months of the award deadline that are accepted into the SCI Record Book and certified by a Master Measurer are eligible for SCI Major Awards. Names of recipients are listed in SCI Annual Hunters’ Convention programs and the annual Awards Issue of SAFARI Magazine. There is no cost or special application form needed to be eligible for a Major Award, provided you submitted a certified top ten or top twenty entry within the given time frame.

Every category sub-chair reviews the selection report and chooses the top entries that they feel are outstanding accomplishments for that award year and they get placed on the final ballot to be sent to the judges. If an entry is held up by the Record Book Committee for any reason, the committee reserves the right to consider the animal in a subsequent award year. Each sub-chair has selected a panel of Major Award judges who receive ballots with the final ten or twenty selections from each category. These adjudicators are accomplished hunters who have traveled internationally and are considered experts for the continents they judge. Adjudicators’ names are not released to the candidates or the SCI membership. Each judge ranks the candidates based on the difficulty of the hunt, the desirability of the animal, the number of entries submitted to the Record Book for that species category and overall quality of the entry. The names of the members are dropped from the ballots and are not released to the panel.

The adjudicators select first through tenth places along with two alternates for each category for Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, North America Introduced, and North America (estate), South Pacific, South Pacific (estate), South America, South America (estate), Muzzleloader (North America), Muzzleloader (International), Handgun (North America), Handgun (International), Best all around Turkey and all Archery categories select first through fifth places and one alternate. Alternates are not recognized unless a member selected for a Major Award withdraws his name from the Major Awards Program. In categories with ten recipients, the first through third place honorees will receive a bronze award. In categories with five recipients, the first place honorees will receive a bronze award. All other recipients will be honored with elegant plaques.

**Medallions**

Every entry accepted for the SCI Record Book is eligible for an SCI medallion plaque. Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions are based on how the entry ranks with others in its category. Medallion plaque rankings are automatically computer generated. The medallion categories of Gold, Silver, and Bronze are determined based on the current species submitted into the record book by thirds.

Members may purchase a medallion on the application form for a new Record Book entry at a package price of $80 for the medallion and the Record Book processing fee. Purchased separately, the medallion fee is $55 in addition to the $35 processing fee. Plaques are shipped six to eight weeks after entries are approved by the SCI Record Book Committee. Each medallion plaque is mounted on walnut and displays the hunter’s name, name of the animal, score, location, and type of award (gold, silver or bronze).

**The SCI Photo Medallion**

The SCI Photo Medallion is introduced by the Record Book Committee in 2005 to honor the hunt. This beautiful plaque has become very popular and does not require a score sheet be submitted to Record Book Department prior to purchasing. This attractive plaque features a laser-engraved, 4-inch x 6-inch photograph (photos need to be horizontal with a light background) of your favorite hunt. The plaque honors the hunt by listing the hunter’s name, the species taken, and the date taken. It does not feature the record book score or medal class unless requested by the member. The photo medallion comes at a price of $100 and makes a great gift for the avid hunter. You may download an order form from www.safariclub.org.

**SCI Top Twenty Certification**

As of 2011, SCI now requires all entries in the Top Twenty to be scored by a Master Measurer and undergo a 60 day drying period in order to be a certified entry. Members who believe they have taken Top Twenty entries are urged to submit entries first and wait to be notified whether the entry needs to be re-measured by a certified Master Measurer. When submitting your potential Top Twenty entry, please provide an additional photo that you would like to be uploaded to the SCI Online Record Book. An entry is certified when scored by an SCI Master Measurer at least 60 days after date taken.

As of 2012, New Top 20 recognition plaques are available. For more information on how to become an SCI Official or Master Measurer, order measuring supplies or purchase of medallion plaques, please contact the Record Book Department at (520)-620-1220.

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**Special Thank You**

“SCI would like to thank Midway USA for sponsoring it’s Saturday evening event at the 2015 Annual Hunters’ Convention and to congratulate Larry and Brenda Potterfield as the first winners of the Beretta and SCI Foundation Conservation Leadership Award.”

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DEADLINE: March 31st of each award year

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