TROPHY RECORDS AND WORLD HUNTING AWARDS DEPARTMENT

Record Book Department:
The Trophy Records Department provides member services in the areas of Record Book entries. The Department coordinates the measuring system efforts and seminars, the production of medallion plaques. During the 2005/06 fiscal year the World Hunting Awards was merged into the Trophy Records as a result the department manages the World Hunting Awards and Major Awards Programs. This department is computerized to provide members with up-to-date information on personal entries, and inquiries on the minimums for Record Book animals. Assists in the production of the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals and serves as the liaison to the Trophy Records Committee.

TROPHY RECORDS

The Trophy Records Department works directly with the Trophy Records Committee. The Committee is made up of the following people - members, consultants and staff. Only members may vote, and each member has an area of responsibility.

VOTING MEMBERS’ AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

♦ Trophy Records Committee Chairman
♦ Trophy Records Vice-Chairman
♦ Trophy Records Vice-Chairman, WHA
♦ Executive Committee Liaison
♦ Sub chair for Africa
♦ Sub chair for North America
♦ Sub chair for North America, Introduced
♦ Sub chair for South America
♦ Sub chair for Europe
♦ Sub chair for Asia
♦ Sub chair for South Pacific
♦ Sub chair for Measuring and Certification
♦ Sub chair for Archery
♦ Sub chair for Handgun
♦ Sub chair for Muzzleloader

COMMITTEE SELECTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Chairman

The Chairman is selected by the President of SCI. The Committee recommends that the Chairman be selected with the advice and consideration of the Trophy
Records Committee and that the Chairman be chosen from active hunters who have accomplished the requirements for the World Hunting Ring. Sub chairs are selected by the TRC Chairman.

**Term of Committee Members**

One year terms. The Committee recommends that terms be considered multi-year and new or replacement members be appointed as infrequently as possible.

**Meetings**

Held as needed - generally, one at the Annual Convention and at the May and August Board meetings. Meeting dates and times must not conflict with the Executive Committee meetings so that the liaison to the Trophy Records Committee can be in attendance. TRC meetings are usually open and SCI members are encouraged to attend.

**Consultants**

Consultants are selected by the Committee Chairman, subject to TRC Committee approval, and act in an advisory capacity. They serve for one year and have no voting privilege. Attendance at meetings is not required. Consultants are not compensated.

**Staff**

Staff members to the Committee are:

- Trophy Records Manager
- Trophy Records & World Hunting Awards Account Managers
- Trophy Records Measuring Coordinator
- Administrative Assistant

**Ownership of Entries (EC 07/24/91)**

The established policy is that all Record Book entries are the property of the hunter. Records will be released when legally subpoenaed, or with the express written approval of the hunter.

**RECORD BOOK LISTINGS AND AWARDS PROGRAMS (TRC 5/11/90, 1/07/91)**

**Protected Animals**

It is our duty to keep the members informed regarding the status of protected animals. It is our policy to accept only those animals which could have been lawfully taken under the game laws of the country where taken, when taken. We do not accept animals, which could not have lawfully been brought into the United States.
Categories

Categories are established at the discretion of the Committee. Record Book text will discuss the scientific basis for establishing the category. Only one entry of an indigenous species is required to open up a category. Categories of introduced species require five entries and Trophy Records Committee approval.

Classification - Individual entries are placed in categories according to their physical characteristics and where they were taken.

Non-indigenous Animals

These are animals that are native to the continent but not animals indigenous to the area where taken. They are listed in tables immediately following the listing of those in the native category. Minimums must be at least those of native populations.

Introduced Animals

Introduced animals are not native to the continent where taken.

Introduced categories will be established at the discretion of the Committee. To be considered as a category, introduced animals must first meet the following criteria:

Established population - The animal must be from an established population of at least one year's duration.

Breeding population - The animal must be from a breeding population.

Self-sufficient - The animal must be from a population that is self-sufficient for forage, water and shelter on the place where it lives. (Some supplemental feeding will be allowed.)

♦ Not closely confined - The animal must not have been taken while closely confined, or near a place of close confinement.
♦ Category.
♦ Meet minimum of native - The animal’s minimum score must be at least as high as in its native land.

Picked-up trophies

This is a trophy that was not taken by the hunter, i.e., found, inherited or purchased. These are listed separately in each category. Shed antlers do not qualify as a pick-up.
Hunting Method

In each category, entries are listed separately by the firearm used (rifle, handgun, muzzleloader, bow and arrow or crossbow).

RECORD BOOK ENTRY/ACCEPTANCE POLICY

To be accepted in the SCI Record Book, and the related awards programs, a Record Book entry must meet the following requirements:

Membership - The hunter must be a Chapter, National, International or Life member in good standing at the time of submission.

Measurement - The trophy must be measured by an SCI official measurer in good standing, using the method of measurement for that particular animal.

Legality - The trophy must have been taken lawfully under the game laws of the area in which it was hunted, AND (revision) it must have been lawful to import it into the United States when it was taken (TRC 1/22/91). The following statement was added to all entry forms with an area for the hunters’ signature:

♦ “I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I took this animal without violating the wildlife laws or ethical hunting practices of the country or province in which I hunted. I also certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the laws of my country have not been violated by my taking or importing this animal.”

♦ “The acceptance or denials of all entries are at the discretion of Safari Club International, its Board and committees. Entries are subject to review by the Trophy Records Committee of SCI at any time.”

Illegal Entries (EC 06/28/88) If a Record Book Entry was taken illegally, it will be purged from the SCI Record Book.

Helicopter hunting - No animal shot from a helicopter or driven by a helicopter is eligible for the Record Book. (TRC 10/91)

How to Submit a Record Book Entry

How DO I Submit an Entry into the SCI Record Books?

You must be a SCI member to have entries submitted for The SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals. The Record Book is a compilation of trophies taken by SCI members, so it tracks the hunting heritage of SCI members.

To enter one or more trophies, locate an official or master measurer to have your trophy measured. To do this, go to www.scifirstforhunters.org and look for the Trophy Records
icon at the top of the home page. When you click on it, a drop-down box will appear displaying several options. Click on the “Locate a Measurer” icon.

Each entry must be submitted on official SCI measuring forms. All official measurers have current measuring forms. Or, you may download measuring forms from the SCI website, www.scifirstforhunters.org.

Fill out the form completely, and please print legibly. The most common omissions are signatures of the hunter and the measurer, locality (place taken), date taken, date measured and method of take (rifle, bow, muzzleloader, etc). You must attach a photograph, preferably a field photo(s) of the animal. The photo serves several purposes – to verify the species of animal as well as to distinguish all the points on antlered game. Three photos are required for antlered game (front, right, and left views) to make out all the points clearly.

Finally, include the Record Book processing fee of $35.00 (US) most members choose to purchase the medallion plaque when they submit their entry. If you would like one of the Medallion Plaques ($45.00 US) the total fee is $70 (US) or $85.00 for International Members. Mail your completed entry forms to Safari Club International, 4800 West Gates Pass Rd, Tucson, AZ 85745. Attn: Trophy Record Department. Please note that SCI does not accept electronic entries at this time.

**What Happens With My Entry after It Arrives in the Tucson Office?**

After an entry or entries are received by the Trophy Records Office they are reviewed by the professional staff to make sure the information has been filled out correctly and completely and that it is legible. If the entry or entries are complete, the payment is processed and the entries are filed in the order they were received for processing.

If an entry or entries is incomplete:

- Entries received without the signature of the hunter or measurers are returned to the SCI member. Please keep in mind that if you paid the processing fees by check the entire packet of entries will be returned. If you paid with a credit card the entries that are in order and complete will be processed and your credit card will be charged for those entries only. The incomplete entries will be returned to the SCI member with a letter of explanation.

- Entries missing other information such as locality taken, date killed and so forth will be held while the staff makes an attempt to collect the missing information via email and phone messages. If the member does not respond to these requests the entries will be returned to the SCI member.

- Entries that are received in the Tucson office without photographs will be automatically returned to the SCI member.
It takes about two weeks for an entry or entries received by the Trophy Records Office to be processed into the Record Book software. The entry must then go through several steps before it can be ranked in the Record Book.

- Entries are grouped into batches of 300 entries, so it may take several days before enough entries are processed to create these batches.
- The batches of entries are then scanned and organized, and a back-up copy is made.
- All potential new Top Ten entry photos are scanned and saved for possible printing in the SCI Record Book. In many cases new photos are requested by the Trophy Records Staff.
- The batch of 300 entries is then divided up by continent and sent to the sub chair (a sub chair is an SCI volunteer who is considered to be an accomplished hunter expert in a given geographical area) responsible for that continent.
- The sub chair carefully checks the information on the score sheet for each entry in his batch and either approves the entry as submitted or places the entry on hold until additional information is gathered. Additional information requested may include the following:
  - Photographs with more clarity to identify tines,
  - A more precise location,
  - Clarification on whether the trophy was hunted on an estate or free range
  - Request for the trophy to be rescored.
- If the SCI member has not cleared up the request by the sub chair in 90 days the entry is removed from the record book software and returned to the member without a refund.
- The sub chair returns a detailed report on the batch of entries. At this time the entries that are approved are officially ranked in the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals (The SCI Record Book is ranked every Friday night at midnight).

The Record Book Software is a dynamic program. Potentially, every ranking could change on a weekly basis. The rankings printed in the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals are the rankings based on the typesetting deadlines for that edition.

SCI now tracks the highest ranking, meaning the day that the entry was ranked. However; current rankings are published in the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals. SCI members will be notified in writing of any changes made on entries by the sub chair.

After the entries from a batch have been approved, certified and ranked a 3 x 5 certification card is created and mailed to the SCI member. These cards are the member’s final notification on their entry and are a thank you in appreciation of your business. Please note the ranking on the certification cards may not be the same ranking that appears in the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals. Remember, rankings on many species may change weekly.
The entire process normally takes 8 to 12 weeks to complete. During the course of the year the process may slow down because of events such as the Annual SCI Hunters Convention in January. The completion of medallion plaques may take up to 16 weeks.

**Special Measuring Requirements**

For the Record Book entries and to qualify for the Major Awards Program, trophies in the top 10 must eventually meet these requirements:

♦ A 60-day drying period
♦ Certification by a Master Measurer
♦ Cannot be self-measured or certified by a close family member.

All top 10 entries received after 2/1/91 must be certified or they will have deduction from their total score. (Revision TRC 11/90)

**Rhinoceros** - All rhinoceros must be measured at least 60 days after taken. (TRC)

Completion of forms - The entry form must include the member's name (as he wishes it to be printed in the Record Book), address, telephone number, guide, location taken (Country or Province alone does not constitute a complete location), date taken, method of kill, all required measurements and such additional information as required from time to time to complete the entry form. The form must also be signed by the hunter and the Official or Master Measurer.

♦ Typed entries are preferred. Black or other reproducible ink is acceptable. Blue ink, which does not reproduce is not acceptable.
♦ Measurer's Signature - The signature of the measurer and date of the measurement are required.
♦ Photograph - All entry forms must be accompanied by a color photograph and, in the case of antlered game a minimum of 3 photos or enough photos so all the points may be clearly seen. (TRC Revision 9/93)
♦ Fees - The entry must be accompanied by the current applicable fees. Record book entry fee - $35. Medallion fee - $45 (US, CAN, MEX), $60 (All other countries). Record Book & Medallion Fee: $70, US, CAN, MEX. Record Book & Medallion Fee: $85 all other countries Medallion fees are in addition to Record Book entry fees.
♦ Discounts – There are discounts for multiple entries at one time (same family members may combine their entries). (TRC 09/92 01/93) The entry fees are: Any member that submits 20 entries or more at a time will receive a $5.00 discount per entry.

Deadline - Completed entry forms must be postmarked by the current publication deadline to assure inclusion in the book to be published the following year. The deadline for the Convention Major Awards is April 1 the year prior to the Annual Hunters Convention in January.
Sub chair approval - The sub chair for the given geographical area must review and approve the entry. He may, at his sole discretion, require additional information.

Discretion of Committee - Classification and placement of an animal in a category are at the discretion of the Committee.

♦ The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
♦ If the Committee deems the entry to have been misrepresented or falsified by the hunter submitting the entry, the Committee may remove all the entries of the hunter from the Record Book. All decisions by the Committee are final and the hunter submitting the entry is bound by these rules and the determinations of the Committee.

Measurers

There are two levels of measurers: Official Measurers and Master Measurers.

Official Measurers

The Official Measurers Course is available to all members wishing to become Official Measurers. The cost of the Home Study Kit is $100.00 includes a new Measuring Kit, lifetime of updates on score sheets and measuring methods. Members may also attend any one of the scheduled Official Measurers or Master Measurers Course. Details are posted on the SCI web page for details. An SCI Measurer may not accept payment for measuring any trophy.

Master Measurers

Master Measurers can measure and certify all of the animals of the world.

Who Qualifies

In order to become a Master Measurer, members must first obtain Official Measurer status AND attend the master measurer’s seminar where they are required to measure twenty five species. All measurer’s are required to maintain a membership with SCI in order to remain active measurers.

Only a Master Measurer may certify a top 10 entry or one that is nominated for a major award. All new entries that rank in the top 10 of a Record Book category and all entries nominated for a major award must be certified, which means they must be measured by a Master Measurer 60 days or more after the date of kill. Record Book entries that rank below the top 10 and entries for the other awards programs are not required to be certified. They may be measured by any SCI Official Measurer, including the owner or hunter of that trophy. Master Measurers cannot certify their own trophies or those of spouses or close family members.
RECORD BOOK-BASED AWARDS PROGRAMS

Medallion Plaques

The purpose of the Medallion Plaque Program is to give the individual hunter appropriate and tangible recognition for the trophy he has taken.

MEDALLION POLICIES

Who Qualifies

Any entry approved for the Record Book is eligible for the Medallion Program. The photo medallion plaque is a new product and does not require a record book entry be submitted. Bronze, silver and gold medallions are given based on minimums established by the Trophy Records Committee.

Deadlines

There is no deadline. Medallions are given throughout the year as entries are approved for the Record Book.

MAJOR AWARDS POLICIES

Awards

There are 10 major awards given for each of the sections of the Record Book and 0 to 10 awards for each of the alternative methods.

Beginning with the 1992-93 award year, awards for the South Pacific will be divided into two categories – “estate taken” and free ranging.” Five awards will be given in each category.

Who Qualifies

Major awards nominees are selected from approved Record Book entries for the trophies taken or received during the awards year. Any trophy entries being held in Tucson for additional information or clarification or trophies awaiting shipment from overseas may, at the discretion of the Committee be considered for awards in subsequent awards years. (TRC 09/92)

Certification (TRC 09/92)

Beginning with the 1993-94 award year all entries must be certified to be eligible for a major award.
Award Year

The award year is April 1 through March 31.

Membership

To be eligible for a major award the hunter is not required to have been a member when the trophy was taken, but must meet SCI’s membership requirements when the trophy is submitted.

Judges

Major awards judges are chosen by the Trophy Records Committee. It is Committee policy to have a large number of judges, to reduce the effects of potential bias on the part of one judge. SCI member’s names are not included in the data provided to the committee members or the judges. Finalist for the Major Awards is computer generated illuminating the human influences on all decisions. The system for selecting entries for the major awards has been developed to have the highest level of integrity.

Trophies Given

Trophies are given for the top three in each Major Awards category. The Trophy Records Committee reserves the right to change any bronzes, shadow boxes or crystal glass awards at any time.

Four trophies will be awarded in the South Pacific - the top two in each of the South Pacific categories – “estate taken” or “free range.” (Revision TRC 03/93)

Alternative Method Categories (EC 9/20/89)

Alternative method categories

♦ Handgun
♦ Muzzleloader
♦ Bow and arrow

Chapter Awards Program

SCI Chapter Awards Banquets
Official and Master Measurer Program

Goal: To increase the number of Certified Official & Master Measurers, increase the number of entries into the SCI Trophy Record Book, and increase members and member participation at the chapter level.
The SCI Trophy Records Department has a great new program that will improve the participation of SCI members at the chapter level and increase revenues for the chapter.

**Official & Master Measurer’s Seminars:**
SCI will provide Certified Official Measurer’s class and follow up with a Master Measurer’s course the following year during the Chapters Awards Banquet and Celebrations. The classes will cost of $125.00 per person including the cost of the SCI Official Measurer’s Kit or $155.00 including the cost of the SCI official Measurers Kit and a 1 year SCI membership.

**Chapter Awards:**

- SCI Trophy Records will provide a complete list of entries entered into the Trophy Records Department to the chapter’s (deadlines for entries listed below).
- SCI Trophy Records Department will provide a list of SCI members within a 200 mile radius of the chapter that have submitted entries into the record book and are not a member at the chapter level. This will increase chapter membership and revenue.
- SCI Trophy Records will provide each chapter a list of entries in record book format to produce a chapter record book. The chapter record book would be in the standard record book typesetting format for reproduction by the chapter. The typesetting list will only include those entries submitted to the Trophy Records Department.
- SCI Trophy Records will provide the standard 6” x 8” walnut medallion plaque for $22.50 per plaque plus shipping and handling. Other plaques and awards will be offered to the chapter on a price quote per order.
  - Deadlines for entry lists:
    - 60 days prior to Chapter Awards Banquet all entries are due at SCI Trophy Records Department in Tucson AZ.
    - 60 days prior to Chapter Awards Banquet SCI Trophy Records Department will provide chapter with list of National members who have submitted entries and are not participating at the chapter level.
    - 45 days prior to Chapter Awards Banquet, entry list will be sent to chapter to be dispersed to judges for final selections and award winners.
    - 45 days prior to Chapter Awards Banquet typesetting list will be sent to chapters for producing chapter record book and awards programs.
    - 30 days prior to Chapter Awards Banquet all final selections for award winners arrive at SCI Headquarters in Tucson for award productions.

**Fund Raiser:**

- SCI Trophy Records will provide discounts on products available through the Trophy Records Department for the Chapter’s Awards Banquet.
  - Trailer Hitch Covers black $75.00, nickel plate $100.00
  - Field Measurers Kit, $39.95 plus shipping and handling
  - Record Books on a quote basis
SCI Chapters:

♦ SCI Chapters will enforce the entry deadlines outlined.
♦ SCI Chapters will assist the Trophy Records Department in publishing deadline dates to their members.
♦ SCI Chapters will assist in the advertising of the Certified Official & Master Measuring Courses.
♦ SCI Chapters will provide adequate space and necessary equipment for measuring courses.

WORLD HUNTING AWARDS

The World Hunting Awards Program originated in 1984. The program was designed to give recognition to the accomplished hunter.

AWARD PROGRAMS

Grand Slam Awards

There are 15 Grand Slam Awards currently available. Each Grand Slam has its own requirements. Cost is $100 per slam.

♦ Africa Big Five
♦ Dangerous Game of Africa
♦ African 29
♦ North American 29
♦ Cats of the World
♦ Bears of the World
♦ North American Wild Sheep
♦ North American Elk
♦ North American Caribou
♦ North American Deer
♦ White-tailed Deer
♦ European Deer
♦ Moose of the World
♦ South America of Indigenous Animals
♦ Grand Slam of Turkey

Inner Circle Awards

Various levels of achievement are awarded: Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond. Each program has a specific number of animals recognized from the categories printed in the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals. Each level requires a certain minimum to be met to qualify. There are currently 25 Inner Circle Award programs:
Pinnacle of Achievement

Based on the number of Inner Circles achieved and entered as the required levels, the award is given in First, Second, Third and Fourth levels.

Crowning Achievement

This award is based on combined achievements in the Inner Circle and Grand Slam programs.

It requires entry into 9 Grand Slams, the Hunting Achievement Award and the Trophy Animals of Africa at the Silver level or higher, 13 additional Inner Circles at the Copper level or higher, and you must have received the 4th Pinnacle of Achievement.
World Hunting Award

It requires entry into all Grand Slams and all Inner Circles at Diamond Level, the Fourth Pinnacle of Achievement and the Crowning Achievement.

There is no entry fee. Applicants are notified when they become qualified and they are awarded a 14K gold ring in a walnut case at the SCI Convention.

World Hunting and Conservation Award

During the 2005/06 fiscal year the Trophy Records Committee introduced a new award designed for the member who continued to hunt after achieving the World Hunting Award. This award recognizes members who have achieved 13 grand slams, 22 inner circles, fourth level of the Pinnacle of Achievement, Crowning of Achievement and Hunting of Achievement.

AWARD PLAQUES AND TROPHIES

Each member is presented with a walnut plaque. One plaque holds all Grand Slam plates. Separate Inner Circle Plaques for each program are awarded with plates for achieved level. A base with an animal sculpture that is designed to hold the plaque is awarded at the Diamond level or after 10 Grand Slams. This base can also be purchased at a lower level by paying the equivalent entry fees or the entry fees for 10 Grand Slams. These fees would be applied to future upgrades in that award program as the member becomes qualified by meeting the criteria.

ELIGIBILITY

To enter, one must be a National, International, Youth or Life member.

DOCUMENTATION

For each animal to qualify towards an award program a hunter must submit one of the following:

♦ SCI Record Book entry
♦ Field photo of hunter and animal
♦ A trophy room photo may be substituted at the discretion of the World Hunting Awards Committee

There are no minimum scores (excluding the Hunting Achievement and Top Ten Award, which are based solely on Record Book animals), but animals must be “representative” mature adults.

If the award is for a specific continent, all animals must be hunted and taken indigenously on the continent that the award applies to. All animals must have
been legally taken under the wildlife laws of the country hunted and must have been lawful to import into the U.S. at the time taken.

FEES

Grand Slams

♦ $125 for each Slam
♦ $1,000 to receive the trophy base ($200.00 per level)
♦ $125.00 listing fee for each level of Inner Circles
♦ As of February 1, 2007 the price for trophy with base will be $1,250.00 ($250.00 per level)

Inner Circles

♦ Copper $200
♦ Bronze $400
♦ Silver $600
♦ Gold $800
♦ Diamond $1,000
♦ Please note prices will increase to $250.00 per level bringing the Diamond level to $1,250.00 on February 1, 2007.

To upgrade to a higher level a member pays the difference in entry fees.

Pinnacle of Achievement

♦ First Pinnacle $400
♦ Second Pinnacle $425
♦ Third Pinnacle $450
♦ Fourth Pinnacle $475
♦ Please note that prices will increase on February 1, 2007
♦ First Pinnacle $500
♦ Second Pinnacle $600
♦ Third Pinnacle $700
♦ Fourth Pinnacle $800

To upgrade to a higher level a member pays the difference in entry fees.

♦ Crowning Achievement $600

PUBLICATIONS/FORMS

A special Awards Issue of Safari Magazine is printed every June. It contains all of the entry forms for the World Hunting Awards program with a detailed list of available categories and a special listing of award recipients. All current award
policies and entry procedures appear in this issue. Additional copies of the Awards Issue can be requested from Headquarters in Tucson.

**WORLD HUNTING AWARDS POLICIES**

The WHA program will include only those animal categories that are approved and listed by the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals. None of the categories listed as endangered will appear on the WHA entry forms, but if the animal was taken prior to it being place on the endangered list, it can be accepted as a substitution at the discretion of the Committee.

Awards may be added, changed or deleted at the discretion of the TR Committee. The committee will make every effort to minimize the effects of changes, because it is aware that members may have been working towards achieving certain awards for a long period of time.

The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application for entry. All decisions of the Committee shall be final, and each hunter submitting an application agrees to be bound by these rules and the determinations of the Committee.

**HUNT REPORTS**

A hunt report file is maintained at Headquarters in Tucson. Members file hunt reports from hunts taken around the world. Hunt reports cover the outfitter, guide, area and hunting conditions.

The hunt report file is available to all members of SCI for review of particular outfitters and hunting areas.

Only official hunt report forms are accepted. Forms may be obtained by contacting SCI Headquarters. Completed forms must include the member’s signature and membership number. A separate form must be submitted for each hunt.

Selected hunt reports are printed in Safari Times. To be considered for use in Safari Times, quality field photos are required and the report needs to be legible.

Photos need to be labeled with the member’s name and date of kill.