

TROPHY AWARDS 2014

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 (2011 – 2012 – 2013) for North American wild sheep, and within the last five calendar years (2009-2010-2011-2012-2013) for International Sheep or International Capra entries.

No trophy may be entered which has won an award in a previous year's Trophy Awards.



2014 DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting an entry for the 2014 Trophy Awards at the GSCO Hunter & Outfitter Convention will be November 1, 2013. Any entries received after that date will be held for the 2015 awards (if the trophy still meets the past three or five calendar year criteria).

AWARD CATEGORIES

There will be five North American categories each for both firearm and archery, and five International categories:

North American Sheep and North American Sheep (Archery)

- Dall
- Stone
- Rocky Mtn. bighorn
- California bighorn
- Desert bighorn

International Sheep
International Capra
International Archery
International Introduced
International Introduced (Archery)

There will be up to five awards in each category: **DIAMOND, PLATINUM, GOLD, SILVER**, and **BRONZE**. However, all North American rams must reach the minimum scores below, and all which do (and are not ranked in the top four) will be presented a BRONZE award.

Dall Sheep: Rifle **160 SCI (NEW!)**; Archery 140 SCI
Stone Sheep: Rifle **165 SCI (NEW!)**; Archery 140 SCI
Rocky Mtn. Bighorn: Rifle 180 SCI; Archery 150 SCI
California Bighorn: Rifle 165 SCI; Archery 140 SCI
Desert Bighorn: Rifle 168 SCI; Archery 140 SCI

The **NORTH AMERICAN SHEEP** entries (including Archery) will include separate categories for 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 and the three turs.



The International Trophy Awards panel will include, but is not limited to the following: Rex Baker (GA) • Irvin Barnhart (TX) • Ron Bartels (LA) • Giancarlo Boienti (Italy) • Randall Bush (AL) • John Chitwood (AL) • Mark Hampton (MO) • Larry Higgins (MI) • Ricardo Longoria (TX) • Jose "Pepe" Madrazo (Spain) • Archie Nesbitt (AB) • Bill Paulin (CA) • Richard Sand (Denmark) • Mike Simpson (TX) • Doug Yajko (CO) • Ed Yates (PA)

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 only for the International Capra category.

The **INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY** category will include any sheep or goat taken with archery equipment. Many times, a tremendous archery-taken trophy will not compete in the corresponding rifle category. This category was added to honor those archery-taken trophies alongside the rifle-taken counterparts.

The **INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCED** entries (including Archery) will include sheep and Capra trophies from any continent, as long as the trophy is from a free-range and long established population. Examples for this category are aoudad from Texas, New Mexico, Spain or South America; tahr and chamois from New Zealand; bezoar ibex from New Mexico; and red sheep and Armenian mouflon from the Williams Ranch in West Texas, as well as possible others as needed.

The **BOUCHARD SUMMIT RAM AWARD** will be presented for the best overall North American firearm-taken wild sheep entry.

The **FROST-HOFFMAN SUMMIT RAM AWARD** will be presented for the best overall North American archery-taken wild sheep entry.

The **GOLABCHI INTERNATIONAL SHEEP AWARD** will be presented for the best overall international sheep on the Ovis World Slam list, excluding the five North American wild sheep and the three turs.

The **DONALD COX INTERNATIONAL CAPRA AWARD** will be presented for the best overall entry from the Capra World Slam list.

AWARD DETERMINATION

Awards for the five **NORTH AMERICAN SHEEP** and **NORTH AMERICAN SHEEP (ARCHERY)** categories will be determined based on the highest SCI score.

The **BOUCHARD** and **FROST-HOFFMAN SUMMIT RAM AWARD** winners will be determined based on a trophy's relative standing in the record books for its particular

species. This standing is not the numerical ranking, but its 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, the Boone & Crockett Club "Records of North American Big Game," and/or the Pope & Young Club "Bowhunting Big Game Records of North America." Once a percentile standing is determined for each entry, that numeric percentile will be compared between all five different types of North American sheep. This method gives a fair, non-biased evaluation for all five types of sheep, and not simply uses the highest ranking in the record books.

The **INTERNATIONAL SHEEP** and **INTERNATIONAL CAPRA** categories will also utilize percentile standings 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 winners of the **GOLABCHI INTERNATIONAL SHEEP AWARD** and **DONALD COX INTERNATIONAL CAPRA AWARD** will also be chosen by the International Trophy Awards Panel.

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 or P&Y 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, taken from different angles, should be submitted to:

**Grand Slam Club/Ovis
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