

New Mexico Big Buck Tournament

Silver City, New Mexico:

The Grant County Extension Wildlife Committee will be collecting data from Deer harvested in New Mexico this fall and winter. The goal of this tournament is to recognize Outstanding Deer Management Ranches while showcasing Quality New Mexico Mule Deer and Coues' whitetails.

Data collected on these deer will help wildlife managers and hunters better manage quality, age and health of their deer herds. Age, weight, body condition using the heart fat index, and antler size will be some of the data that will be collected.

The tournament starts September 24, 2009 with the first Muzzleloader season and ends January 15th, 2010 with the last Archery Season. Entry fee is \$25.00 per person to be collected before the first day of their particular hunt. Entry forms are available at these businesses: Copper Country ATV (Silver City), Edwards Taxidermy (Hurley), Bryan Truck and Auto (Silver City), Chuck's Folly (Cliff), and the Grant County Extension Office in Silver City. Entry forms are also available online at <http://newmexicobigbucktournament.com/> the official website of the New Mexico Big Buck Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Grant County 4-H Council.

Awards will be given to the highest scoring (SCI scoring method) bucks with the Coues' having a multiplier of 1.76 to make them equal to Mule Deer. Grand Prize Award will be a Y6 Ranch fully guided management Mule Deer hunt for the 2010 Rifle Season, second place will receive a Full Shoulder Mount of a Deer, third place will receive a Rifle, a Chain Saw will be awarded to fourth place followed by Binoculars for fifth place, and sixth place will be a Meat Processing. In addition the top youth (under 18) will receive a Grand Prize for a Y6 Ranch fully guided management Mule Deer hunt for the 2010 Rifle Season, second place will receive a guided Spring Turkey Hunt, third place will receive a Muzzleloader, Binoculars will be awarded to the fourth place winner, fifth place will be a Deer Processing, sixth a Reloading Set – RCBS Entry Level and the seventh place will be a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Rough Country. Top deer and deer producing ranches will be recognized at a season ending Awards Banquet.

This tournament has been sponsored by: Y6 Ranch, Copper Country ATV, Edwards Taxidermy, Frost Brothers Const., Gila Valley Electric, Paul Lott Meat Processing, Herrington Ranch Outfitters, and Eric Kern Outfitters, Nick Chavez, Werner Tire Service, Am Bank, Gabriel Ramos from State Farm Insurance, A Better Chimney, Turkey Roost Outfitting, Action Rental, Western Bank and Moon Ranch.

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