

HUNTING NEWS

In an unusual move, three top deer recognized by the Texas Big Game Awards for 1995-1996 were bumped up a place when last year's first-place winner withdrew his entry and sent back his award plaque. The second, third, and fourth place typical whitetail deer category statewide winners from last year were retroactively bumped up to first, second, and third place.

At this year's Texas Big Game Awards statewide awards banquet, held at the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) convention on June 28, the 1995-1996 number two, three, and four entrants in the whitetail category were invited back for a special recognition ceremony where they received new award plaques.

Bryan Richards, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) wildlife biologist and Big Game Awards program coordinator, said, "Last year, the wrong animals and hunters were recognized, and we've corrected that situation."

Last year's second-place winner, Kevin Reed of Cisco, who took his deer in Eastland County, will be officially recorded as the first place winner in the 1995-1996 Texas Big Game Awards whitetail deer category.

Last year's previously announced number-one entrant was B.W. Morrow, who voluntarily withdrew his entry after allegations surfaced surrounding the origin of the deer he entered. TPWD law enforcement officials are currently investigating the case.