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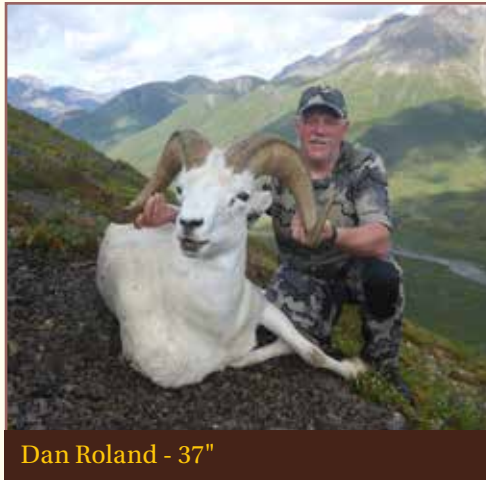
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Dan Roland - 37"



Matt Toliver - 39"



Poul Relund - 34 1/2"



John Groth - 36 1/2"



Rasmus Kjaer - 38 1/2"



Ryan Wilson - 37"



Gregg Davis - 37"



Brian Vankilsdonk - 36 3/4"



Rams from 1st hunt

Wilderness – a natural tract of land uninhabited by humans and not significantly altered by their activity. The recent signing of the Peel Watershed Management plan was a *huge* victory for wilderness protection! Within this watershed are the Snake and Bonnet Plume Rivers representing the core of our Outfitting Concession. Dall sheep, moose, caribou and grizzly can now look forward to a life unfettered by industrial development, roads, or mining activity. Clients can continue to enjoy sustainable, regulated hunting, without a frenzy of helicopters or bulldozers. Our planet needs more areas like this!



Danish hunters Poul Relund and Rasmus Kjaer were stubbornly successful in taking 38 1/2" and 34 1/2" rams as well as a caribou. The rainy, snowy weather made it difficult in spike camp with only wet willow for firewood.

Robert Bourdeau was back for another hunt along with his partner Daniel St. Jean. He harvested a tremendous 66" moose that was almost a twin to the one he took in 2017. Daniel scored on a 64" bull as well as a decent caribou.

My # 1 Facebook fan Gregg Davis had a thrilling stalk on a 37" ram and later killed a heavy beamed caribou in velvet.

We recently completed our 34th season here in the Yukon. Other than one three-day mid August snowstorm, the weather was great this fall. Once again, we hosted hunters from many countries: U.S.A, Canada, Denmark, Australia, Germany, Argentina and Mexico. They did quite well, harvesting fourteen moose, fourteen caribou, eight dall sheep and four grizzly.

Leon Bracamontes was back for his third hunt and took a massive moose with 70" antler width. This bull was a real fighter, with five of his antler points broken off.

Chuck Hayes experienced his fifth trip with us and had an exciting first day, harvesting a 6 ft 10" grizzly within site of our Goz lake camp. A few hours later he was charged by another bear while on horseback! He recovered his composure enough to take a nice caribou later in the hunt.

Matt Toliver harvested a beautiful 39 1/2" sheep from a band of ten rams. He hunted from a spike camp not visited for many years.

Myles Bush used every ounce of his bow hunting skill to take a 63" moose at 87 yards! His partner Stan Andrie also stalked a number of bulls with his bow, but eventually shot his 60" bull with a rifle.

Dan Roland and Brian Vankilsdonk each harvested dall sheep in early August, 37" and 36". Brian's ram was 12 years old, had no teeth and was losing the hair from most of his body. He would not have made the winter.

Doug Van Straten had an interesting hunt from our Bonnet Plume Lake base camp with veteran guide Phil Smith. He took a 58 1/2" moose and dandy caribou, using both boat and horses. This was probably Phil's last hunt and we wish him well in his retirement from a brilliant guiding career.

Martin Azar from Argentina had two straight days of excitement with guide Ryan Widrig. They were successful taking a great 62" bull moose late one evening. The next morning a "dinner bell" grizzly had just arrived at the carcass. After wounding it with a self-protective shot and staking through thick willow for about a thousand yards they dispatched it at very close range.

Ryan Wilson was lucky to harvest a heavy horned 37" ram on the first day in spike camp. He later took a nice caribou on the last day from a different spike camp.

Patrick Fleming and Shaun Michaud both took home exceptional moose and caribou trophies. The moose were 63 1/2" and 60".

Our guides, expeditors and cook all work extremely hard and deserve all the recognition for the successful season. Guides: Chris Widrig (34th season), Phil Smith (8th season), Ryan Widrig (7th season), Dan Morner (6th season), Alex Rohling (4th season) and Devin Brooks (1st season). Wranglers: Steven Wright (1st season), Tracker Robinson (1st season). Cook: Lea Ann Dorval (8th season). The stressful expediting work was superbly handled by my wife Joanne with help from my daughter Devon!

We are now booking for the 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons. Our hunts are in high demand and tend to fill up quickly. Contact us anytime to discuss a future hunt!

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Carlos Centeno - 58"



Robert Bourdeau - 66"



Martin Azar - 62"



Shaun Michaud - 60"



Guide with Mauricio Hernandez bull - 56"



Stan Andrie - 60"



Wolfgang Kersting - Early Sept. bull



Daniel St. Jean - Mid Sept. bull



Ryan Wilson - Mid August bull



Daniel St. Jean - 64"



Leon Bracamontes - 70"



Doug Van Straten - 58 1/2"



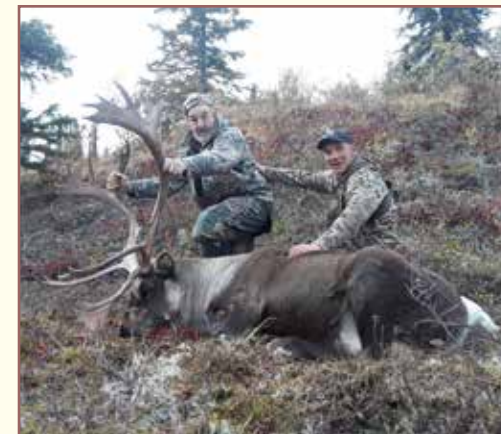
Gregg Davis - Late August bull



Erik Kari - Late August bull



Rasmus Kjaer - Mid August bull



Lindsay Willox - Late August bull



Patrick Fleming - Early Sept. bull



Carlos Centeno - 6 ft 11"



Patrick Fleming - 63 1/2"



Myles Bush - 63"



Walt Bentz - 55"



Doug Van Straten - Mid Sept. bull



Brian Vankilsdonk - Early August bull



Bud Harding - Late August bull



Chuck Hayes - 6 ft 10"



Lindsay Willox - 7 ft 3"



Martin Azar - 6 ft 9"