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# 2020 Newsletter

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1996-Mike Boyd- 42" ram



1992-Ben Seale-43 1/2" ram



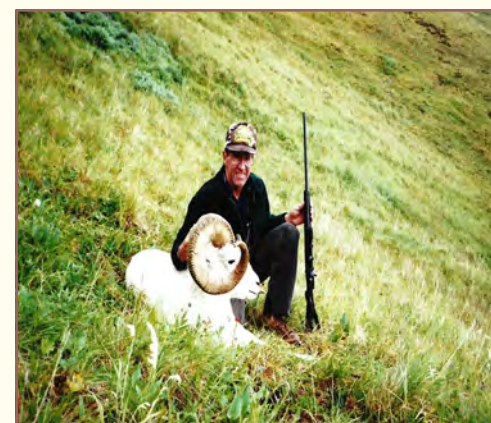
2002-Garry Stanek-42 1/2" ram



2011-Richard Kanan-40" ram



1987- Mark Baumeister-43 1/2" ram



1990-Tom Marmon 42" ram



1990-Cliff Coffman-42 1/2" ram

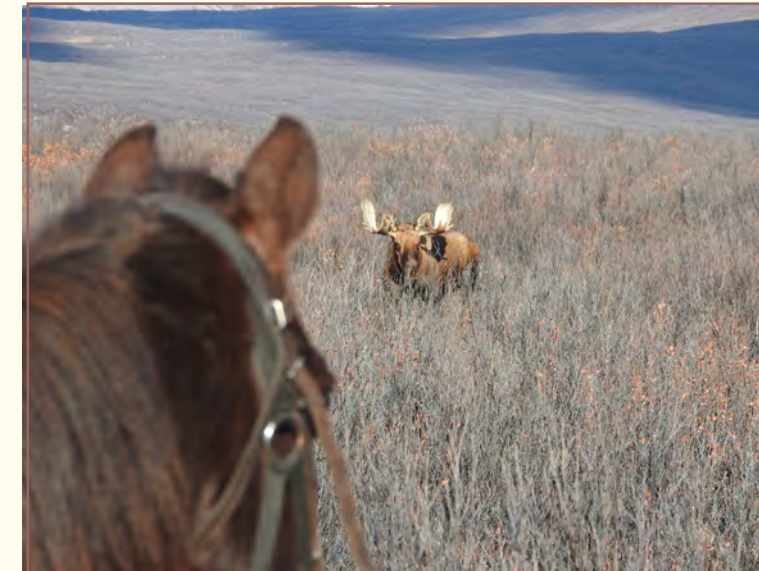


2018-Randy Sandberg-41 1/2" ram



2004-Ray Osgood-40 1/4" ram

2020 has been a year like no other! The Corona Virus pandemic has basically shut down travel & tourism throughout the world. In April we made the difficult decision to cancel our hunting season, as borders began to close. All of our booked hunters were pushed ahead by one year. Virus vaccine development is now progressing at a record pace. We are extremely optimistic that by next fall, hunters will again be riding through the mountains with our guides!



Social media has been a major part of our marketing strategy. Our Facebook page had over 72,000 thousand followers. Unfortunately, this came to an end on September 7th when my Facebook site was maliciously hacked by someone from Eastern Europe. I went through Facebook's site recovery protocol, without success. Facebook has over 50,000 employees and makes a profit of over 1 billion dollars a month. Yet, it does not have a phone number if you run into a problem! So no more Facebook!

Every year we publish a newsletter about our seasonal exploits. This year will be no different, even though we do not have any current hunting photos. So this is a retrospective of some of our more memorable hunts from September 1986 through September 2019.

Lots of record book animals shown here, but remember these are far more than just "trophy pictures". Each photo represents months of pre hunt planning, long horseback rides to rustic spike camps, serious climbing on rugged mountain slopes, sometimes brutal weather conditions, long days spent on meat preservation and trophy care, shooting conditions that are much different from a bench rest, unnerving grizzly encounters, sleeping on the ground in tents, physical exertion & sore muscles, and finally an adrenaline laced happiness that only a hunter completing a successful stalk can know. I remember each and every hunter pictured here, as well as their personal guides. It is my responsibility to preserve these memories for future hunting generations. I am very proud of the accomplishments pictured here!

Joanne and I spent five weeks out at our Bonnet Plume & Goz Lake base camps this past summer. There is something about wilderness solitude that soothes the soul, even as the rest of the world suffers through the disastrous time of Covid. Both camps and the wildlife populations wintered very well. With absolutely no hunters in the area this year, moose, caribou and dall sheep gained another year of age and trophy size! The next few seasons should be very productive.

The plan to build a sleek new hunters cabin at our Goz Lake camp was put on hold this year because of pandemic uncertainty. The new structure was to replace a bunkhouse built almost forty years ago. We will definitely go ahead with the project next spring with 38,000 pounds of lumber and building supplies scheduled to be flown to our remote camp location. Just getting these supplies to camp takes 19 flights by a turbine otter float plane. It will be worth the effort, as the views from this base camp are world class. We recently upgraded our horse herd adding a few younger horses. Like most of you, we are very much looking forward to getting back out in the field and actually hunting next fall. Guides, horses and camps will be ready to go and our equipment is in tip top shape. At the moment our 2021 and 2022 hunting trips are all fully booked. We are taking bookings for the 2023 season and beyond. Check our web site for current openings or contact us directly if you wish to discuss a future hunt of a lifetime!

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2009 John Simmons- 68" bull



1996-Chris Widrig with 71 1/2" record book



2008-Cliff Price-67 1/4" record book bull



2018-Jim Cornilius-66 1/2" record book



2008-Glenn Mcfadden-61 3/4" Record Book



2003-Jack Catron with 70 1/2" bull



2009-Jeff Muratore-record book bull



2005-Paul Deminck-record book bull



1988-Corky Johnson-41"- x 15" record book



2007- Christian Filtenborg-68"-record book



2019-Leon Bracamontes-70" bull



2008-George Haven-60" record book bull



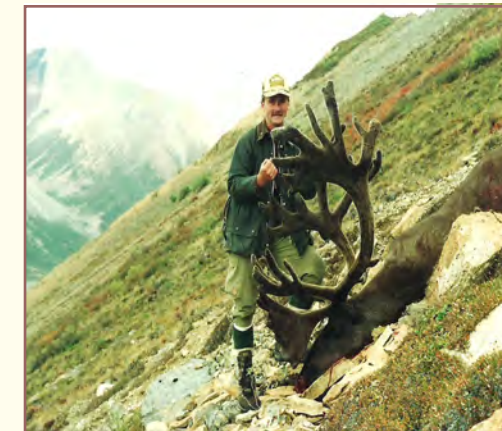
2013-Jim Shore-record book bull



2019- Erik Kari- record book bull



1995- Albert De Jongh-record book bull



1993-Joseph Steinbauer-record book bull



2017-Jason Lea bull



1986-Joe Crawley 6 ft. 11" grizzly



2017-Ed Boyd-64 1/2" record book bull



2003- Bill Griggs 71 3/4" bull



1995-Mark Schultz-70 1/2" bull



1987-Dewy Whipple-record book bull



1997-Alvern Hop-record book bull



2009-Magnus Karlson-record book bull



2015-Kevin Camp-7 ft 5" grizzly



1999-Brown Delozier-7 ft. 10" grizzly



2013-Jose Abait- 7 ft 2" grizzly