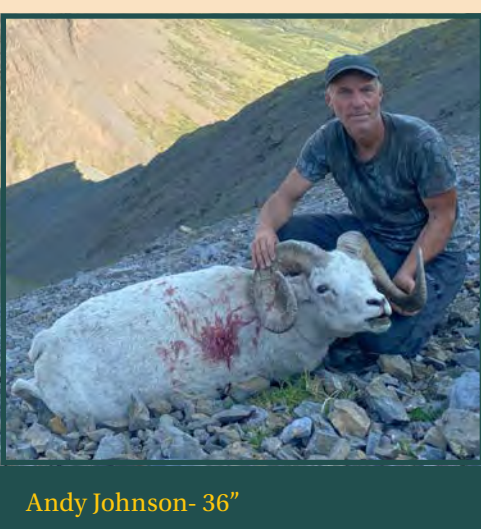


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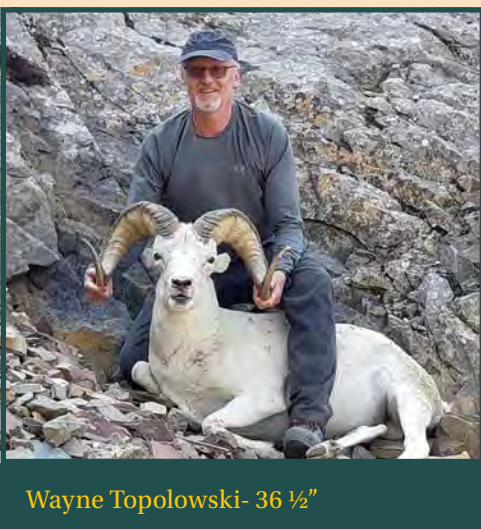
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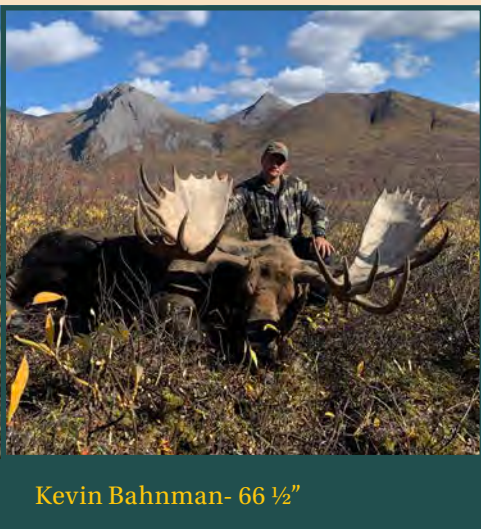
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Andy Johnson- 36"



Wayne Topolowski- 36 1/2"



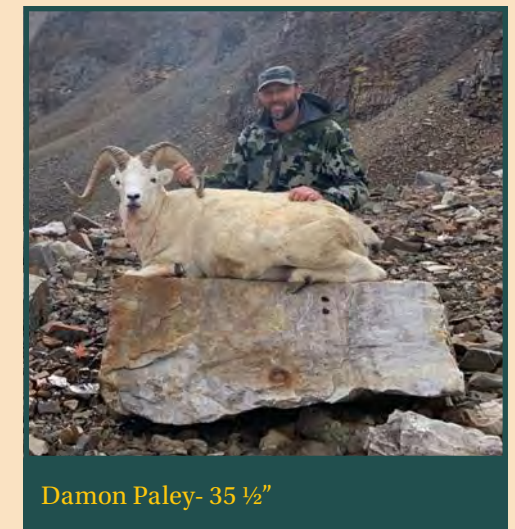
Kevin Bahnman- 66 1/2"

“The hunting country is beautiful as expected - the variety of terrain and sheer expanse was awesome. I hope it looks like that in 1000 years too. I am glad that I choose to hunt with your outfit - I got the exact hunt I was looking for.”

Andy Johnson
Fort St. John, British Columbia Canada



Peter Bucher-Late August bull



Damon Paley- 35 1/2"

In late July the Canadian border was still closed to international travel for the second straight season. Our hunters were scheduled to come from the U.S.A., Germany, Australia, Denmark and Argentina. Given the lack of border clarity and the time it would take to become fully operational in our remote wilderness area, I made the difficult decision to push all international hunters ahead by one season. As of mid-October, cross border travel has gradually resumed. I am very optimistic we will have a full season in the fall of 2022.



Travel between countries is going to be complex over the next few years. There are bureaucratic hoops to jump through. Most likely the cross-border experience will include time sensitive & expensive PCR/Antigen tests, proof of acceptable Covid vaccinations, mandatory masks on flights and in most public places, as well as a great deal of patience.

I have always been a “forward thinking” outfitter and so we did have a Plan B for the fall of 2021. With a small staff of young guides and about half of our horses, we managed to take eight fully vaccinated Canadian hunters out in the field. It was an incredible sight watching guides and horses finally gallop into base camp for the first time in over a year. There were some changes to our Goz Lake camp. In June we built a large new lodge. It has a magnificent view and comfortably sleeps five hunters. We did have a busy fall! Just not as busy as we would have liked or hope to have next year.

We conducted three sheep hunts in August and one moose hunt in September. With only two hunters on each timeframe, it was a simple, stress-free season. The weather was quite warm, with almost no frost, snow or below freezing temperatures. Game populations looked awesome after a full year of not being disturbed by any hunting pressure.

On the first hunt Wayne Topolowski and his friend Andy Johnson trailed out to our furthest sheep spike camps. They both harvested nice rams, 36 1/2" and 36". Andy also managed to take a small “meat” caribou. Almost all hunters this season drove to the Yukon and took their meat home.

The second sheep hunt in August had Joey Dalzall hunting with the father/son team of Chris and Ryan Widrig. It was a physically demanding hunt in the White Mountains, but Joey eventually killed a beautiful 35" Fannin ram. This is the first and only true Fannin that we have taken in 36 seasons! Kyle Bourne was hunting on the same timeframe in a different area and managed to shoot a fine 36" ram and a caribou already out of velvet on August 20th.

Peter Bucher was with us in late August looking over some rarely hunted mountains along the Snake River. He harvested an old, broomed ram out of a band of seven. Later in the hunt he scored on a fine caribou, after missing an opportunity on a record book bull. Damon Paley stalked a dandy ram, estimated at 41", for a full day, only to have it disappear. He persevered though and took a great 35 1/2" sheep later in the hunt.

We ran only one moose hunt this fall. Generally, moose numbers and trophy quality looked tremendous. Near one of our sheep camps we found a huge winter killed bull that hopefully has passed on his superior genes.

Kevin Bahman harvested a heavy antlered 66 1/2" bull moose that scored close to record book. Chris Zicker did not take a moose but had several chances and was enthused enough about the area to want to return on a future hunt. Chris did harvest a nice caribou and saw numerous grizzlies.

Our scaled down guiding staff, Ryan Widrig (8th season), Andrew Smith (5th season) and Hunter Dyck (4th season) did an excellent job in every respect. For the first time since 1974 I stepped back from guiding hunters myself and just let the young guides polish their skills.

We brought only 16 of our younger horses into camp this fall, including three that had never been in the area before. I must say that every horse performed well and benefited greatly from another season of work. The horses trailed out and were back at the farm on September 17th, fat and happy.

I really would like to thank all of our booked hunters who have endured the ongoing virus crises. I realize that it has been tough waiting several years to go on a planned hunt. Your patience, flexibility and understanding has been greatly appreciated. I assure you that we are “chaffing at the bit” to provide you with your dream hunt, starting next fall!

At this time all our hunt timeframes through 2024 are fully booked. We are taking bookings for 2025. Cancellations do occur, so keep in touch. Stay positive, your next hunt will be your best hunt!

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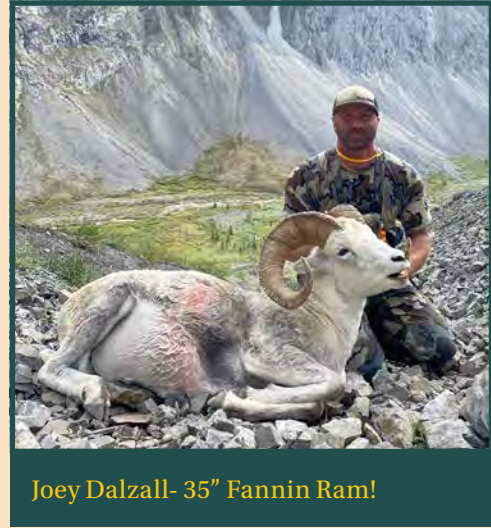


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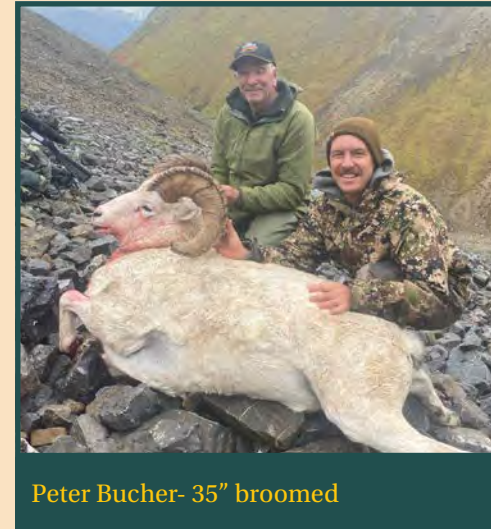


“Can’t think of anything that was less than excellent! 11 out of 10, definitely got the full experience of a Yukon sheep hunt right from the first email enquiry to post hunt communication. If I could do it again I wouldn’t change anything. There is no tired or quit in you guys.”

Joey Dezall
Penhold, Alberta Canada



Joey Dalzall- 35" Fannin Ram!



Peter Bucher- 35" broomed



Record book winter killed bull



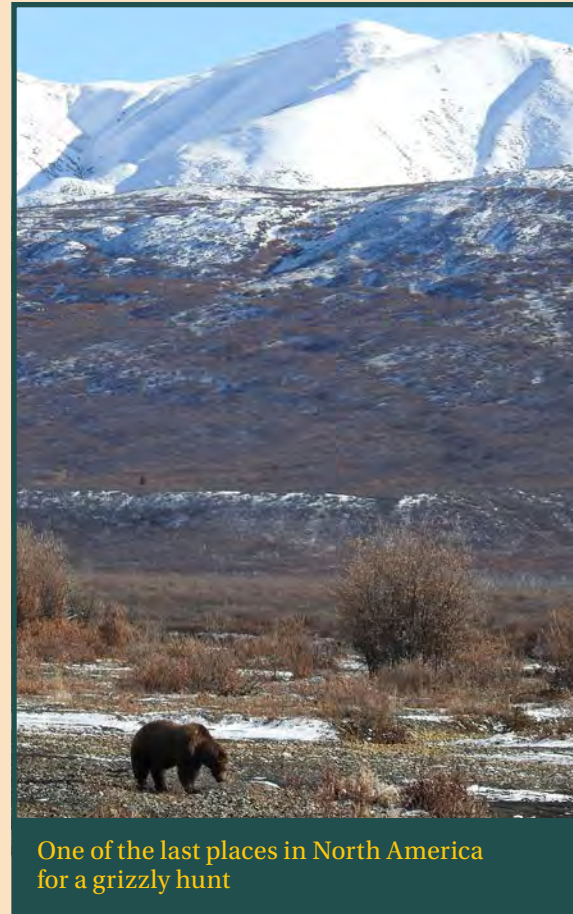
Our Goz Lake base camp late August 2021

“I think back on my hunting trip with much fondness. It was awesome. Daily, I look at my Yukon pictures and think back on that trip. It was right up there with my most treasured hunting experiences in my life.”

Peter Bucher - Maple Ridge, British Columbia Canada



Chris, & Joanne Widrig with new Goz Lake base camp cabin, July 2021



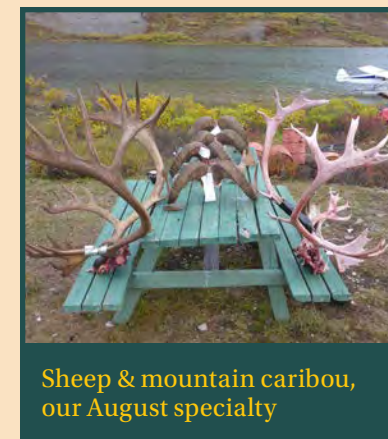
One of the last places in North America for a grizzly hunt



Dall sheep in the Mackenzie Mountains of the Yukon



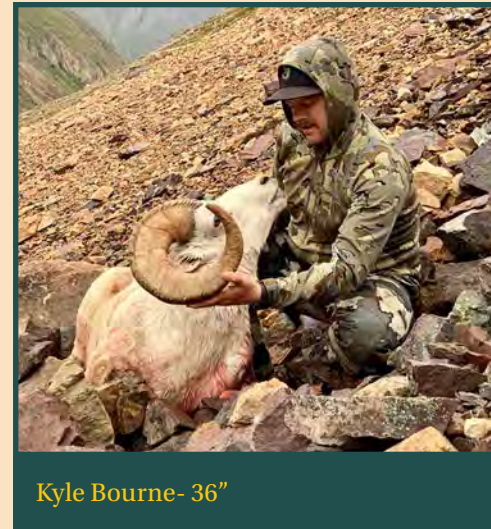
Moose & caribou, our September specialty



Sheep & mountain caribou, our August specialty



Guide Hunter Dyck - Mid August Bull



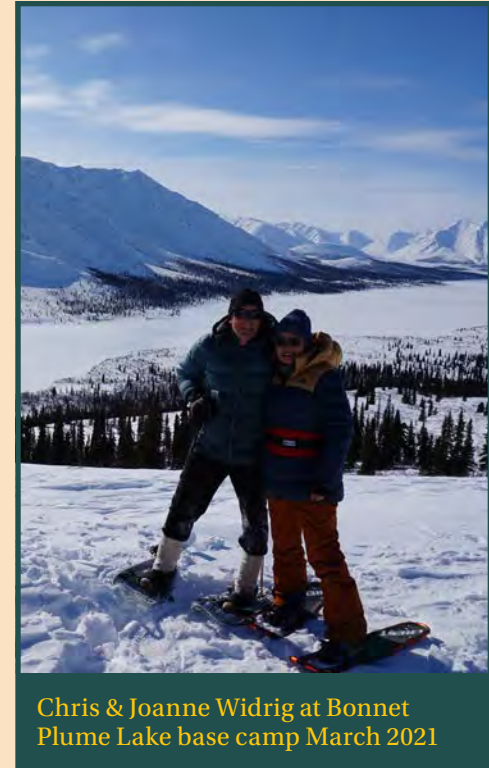
Kyle Bourne- 36"



Chris Zicker- Early September bull



Beautiful Mountain Caribou



Chris & Joanne Widrig at Bonnet Plume Lake base camp March 2021



Two generations of guides August 2021



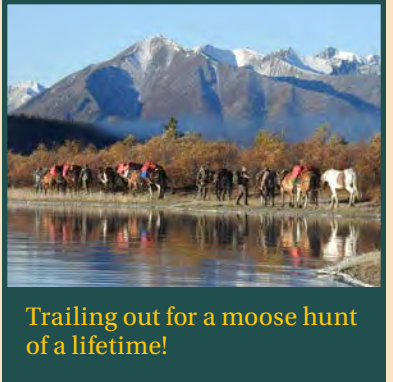
Hunt moose by horseback!

“Enjoyed the hunt Chris. You’re a straight shooter with a ton of experience and a very good reputation. Most of all you have some of the best wilderness areas I have ever seen before.”

Damon Paley - Canora, Saskatchewan, Canada



We eat what we hunt



Trailing out for a moose hunt of a lifetime!



Beats backpacking or Argo's

“Thanks again for the amazing hunt.”

Kyle Borne - Magrath, Alberta Canada