



## 2014 Hunt Report



Spring started out wet, only to warm up fast but continue with intermittent rain keeping the trails wet and muddy. With these constant challenges we still come out on top of the best bear season to date! The archery deer hunts went well, but the shooting end of it, not so great. Our November whitetail rifle rut hunts were slow this year due to a trickle rut but success was still average despite the challenges. All in all it was yet another successful year for us in Alberta.



Our **spring bear hunts** were again a huge success! Heavy winter snow and warm spring weather made for high water once again. Rebuilding bridges took care of any free time but once again hard work paid off and it was a banner bear camp for DDWH! Due to some last minute cancellations we took 13 clients and they viewed well over 400 bears and shot 17 bears! Our average on these 17 bears was an amazing 7'2" squared, and 15 of these bears made the

P&Y minimum of 18" on the skull. The largest bear of the year was harvested by Trevor Evans of Alberta and was 20 4/8" squaring an amazing 7'6". David DeBerry FL. USA also shot a giant, squaring 7'4" and 19 6/8" on the skull. Judy McLean TX, took a great bull Bison and her husband Denny wounded one. Spring 2015 is booked and we have some room in 2016, so if this hunt is on your bucket list be sure to call and reserve your spot in 2016 ASAP. Thanks to our dedicated crew and all the clients who held out for the big one. We look forward to hunting with you guys and gals this coming spring!



I guided a couple of Dall sheep hunts this summer. We back packed producing this great ram on Day 9 with Gana River Outfitters and he will be the new #4 or #5 ram in the world using archery tackle. Next up was the Yukon with 2 clients. We were able to take one great 38" Dall and a tremendous Mountain Grizzly. If you need a Dall/Fannin/Bighorn ram in your trophy collection and don't mind strapping on a back pack, give me a call to make that

happen!



Returning from the Yukon in late August, it was time for the **whitetail/mule deer archery Season**. I took 1 archery hunter in early September, Jeff Kirksey WA USA. He was here for a 10 day whitetail/mule deer combo hunt! He was able to take his first archery animal pictured here. Whitetail proved to be his nemesis, after 5 close encounters and a few misses he took a 125 class buck on the last night of his hunt. In late September Sebastien

Kaine from Montreal joined us. He wounded a fantastic mid 150 class 8 point whitetail that we had on camera. Sebastien spent the remainder of his hunt chasing a huge mule deer. After numerous stalks the 7x5 is still out there roaming the fields. Daniel Castillion CA USA hunted hard and was able to take a P&Y deer on the last day of his hunt. In late October we welcomed Mike Woodruff and Joe Barbierrri both of FL USA. Both guys hunted extremely hard and passed on a few P&Y deer, waiting on many of the big deer we had on trail cams. Both were unsuccessful and I believe they will be back for BIG GUY!

The 2014 **whitetail rifle hunts** were again successful despite the slow deer movement In November. We were booked solid, taking 12 rifle deer hunters again this year. The 2013/2014 winter was brutal here in Alberta. I had the deer on a full feed program throughout the winter and managed to save a lot of the deer in the areas we hunt. We lost



what I expect to be 30% of the general deer population but in some ways that is not such a bad thing when it comes to diseases and an over populated deer herd. There were still a great number of mature deer as our trail cams proved. The rut was what I call a trickle rut, slow and never intense. However, as you can see we still had good success due to our commitment in the field and just plain hard work. A few of our regular clients never took home a deer in hopes

of that 150 they passed, being a booner next year. We will be seeing most of you again in 2015. I can't wait! As I write this, there is a few hunt openings in 2015. Thanks again to our dedicated crew and all you hunters that put in the ass time to harvest these great deer. Currently we are experiencing a very mild winter and all the wild game are in excellent condition. Whether hunting the farmland or forest zone we can customize a hunt that suits you, the client!



Season's greetings from Alberta, and we hope everyone has a happy and prosperous 2015! Shoot straight and often, and remember that when there is lead in the air there is hope!

*Happy Hunting,*

*Double Diamond Wilderness Hunts*

*Jeremy, Tonya, Brooke, and Cali*