



DOUBLE DIAMOND WILDERNESS HUNTS

2009 Season Report!



Wolf /Coyote hunts were run in December and things were looking very good with plenty of snow and cold weather. Repeat hunter **Mike Leibfried (WI.)**, was back to chase Wiley coyote! Mike and I spent 5 days hunting and shot 20 coyotes only missing 2. Great job shooting Mike! The hides were perfect and we had a fantastic time. Mike will be back again next year to call in a few more dogs. We are not running any wolf hunts this year but hope to be back at it again in the winter of 2010/11!



Our **spring bear hunts** were again a huge success! We showed up to start baiting with no snow and relatively warm weather. This was awesome and the bears were out in full force. 18 hunters shot 22 bears wounding 4, and we saw over 350 bears in 4 weeks. Of the bears shot, we averaged a whopping 7' with 9 bears easily making the record book and 3 others just missing the 18" minimum. The largest bear of the year was harvested by **Judy McLain** of Texas, and it went 7' 6", weighed over 500lbs. and scored 20 5/16" on the skull. Congrats Judy! **Dennis McLain** (TX) also harvested a huge old boar scoring well over 20" but he could not inch ahead of his wife! **Lee Chapman** purchased our donation hunt at the Wild Sheep Convention and joined us with his family Jill & Dylan. All were present in the ground blind when Lee harvested two bears the same evening with the big guy going 7'9" , scoring over 20", and weighing in a 550+ pounds. The other highlight of the year was our German hunters **Markus and Nicole Kulman**. Nicole harvested her first bear and Markus took home 2 bears with the largest easily making P&Y. Great weather, crew, and clients made this a fantastic season. Thanks to all!



In July/August I spent the summer in the NWT guiding for **Dall sheep and caribou** for Gana River Outfitters. The weather was fantastic which was nice for a change. I had a great year and managed to pull out 5 rams for 6 hunters, as well as 3 great caribou bulls. The best part of the year was had filming a hunt for the **Best of the West TV crew**. We had a blast and a great time harvesting 2 rams on camera and even a little grizzly action at the end. Keep your eyes open for that show, it will be fantastic. I also had the privilege of guiding the

legendary bow hunter **Tom Foss (AB.)**. On day one it was over with a 9 ½ year old ram to complete Tom's second grand slam. Tom also added a P&Y caribou and was home a week early! Congrats Tom!



Returning from the NWT in late August it was time to get ready for the **whitetail/mule deer archery hunts**. Extremely warm weather made for difficult patterning of these wily creatures but when it was time to hunt, the stands were hung and we were ready to get down to it. Repeat hunter **Sean Jeromin (NY)** hunted hard and on the second to last day of his hunt stuck a beauty 8 point that put him into the P&Y club. **Dr. Jim Wilson (ME)**, and **Mike Gauthier (ME)**, sweated it out

in the stands and Jim clipped a deer that was later shot in rifle season and scored 162 B&C. Mike was on two great bucks but they kept coming out a little late for him to see through his peep site. Maybe next year, as they will both be back to try again. **Eric Keuling (TX)** returned to better his 160 buck from last year. He found him late in the hunt but he did not walk through his shooting lane. We later harvested this buck in rifle season scoring just shy of the 170" mark. **Chris Jeromin (NY)** joined his brother this year but had no luck. He saw a lot of great deer but nothing was within shooting range. **Beaude and Marissa Oaks (UT)** both hunted hard in late October. Beaude was the lucky hunter for the year and had numerous opportunities on some great deer. A 180 class buck came strolling through late one morning and rattled Beaude to say the least! He could not close the deal but I have a hunch we will see him again. He harvested a nice buck on the last day. Beaude's wife Marissa was hunting mule deer, which were extremely tough to find this year, and on the last day we found him. Our stalk was cut off by a doe and at 60 yards the gig was up. That 6x5 will be bigger next year Marissa. The archery season high light

would have to be me and my daughter Brooke harvesting a mule deer at 30 yards. She was so excited as it was her first animal, truly a father, daughter moment to remember!



The **2009 rifle hunts** were again tough weather conditions. Our water courses did not even freeze over until late November. It was great to have Dr. **Dave Koranski** (MN) back hunting with us again. On day 3 Dave harvested a mature 150" class 10 point with a 22" inside spread from a tree stand. **Mike and Jim Gauthier** (ME) hunted the third week of November. On day 4 father and son both tagged out. Mike shot an "oops" deer and then Mr. big walked by just to rub it in. Jim shot a main frame 10 point that will score in the high 140"

range. He was tickled with his first guided hunt. **Walter Dale** (TX) shot his dream buck on day four of his hunt. An incredible looking 10 point that was 165". At 20 yards he made no mistakes. Congrats Walt! On our last hunt of the year we were joined by **Ron Eller** (AK), **Corey Ackerman** (FL), **Bert Rogers** (FL), & **David Wittendorfer** (AL). Ron saw a number of great deer but could not get a bullet in one. Ron and I snuck in on a book deer. We had him at 160 yards but were unable to get the crosshairs settled on him. On the second to last day he had a shot but missed at 175 yards. Tough luck Ron but we will get him next year! Corey Ackerman, 18 years old, was on his first guided hunt and toughed it out until the last day to harvest an incredible 169" typical. Congrats on your first Alberta whitetail Corey what a way to start! Bert Rogers had the buck he wanted at 20 yards on the first day from a ground blind. Something went wrong though and Bert held out for that deer the rest of the hunt going home with nothing. Thanks for not shooting a young deer and holding out for that cranker Bert! David Wittendorfer was back again and saw some shooters but they were too far away. Next year you are taking my gun David. Thanks to all for toughing out some terrible deer hunting weather and holding out for the big ones! You are all true trophy hunters! See you next year!

Season's greetings from Alberta, and we hope everyone has a fantastic holiday season. Shoot straight and often, and remember that when there is lead in the air there is hope!

Happy Hunting,

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Jeremy, Tonya, Brooke, and Cali