



**(UL) Castedella Brothers & one of their Black Bears.**  
**(UR) Arlid Soreng & his nice big Black Bear.**  
**(C) Vegard Eriksen & his Black Bear he took.**  
**(LR) Terje Soreng & his nice Black Bear with a large white patch on chest.**

2000 started out with all my hunting dates booked, So I spent time working on booking for 2001 and beyond. This has worked, with bookings now into 2003. Near the end of January, Chad and I drove down to Reno, Nevada to attend the FNAWS convention and display the Nanika Guiding booth. During our stay, we spent time with two of my clients who have returned over the years. Dr. Merchant and Julio Acum. We also established contact again with a client who had been hunting with us a few years ago. Mr. Nick Creveling, who has booked a combination Moose/Mountain Goat hunt in 2001 and will bring three partners with him. The trip went well, even if Chad had a lesson in losing at the Black Jack tables. I was home for a week and then Leah, Graham and I drove down to Seattle to attend the ISE show and display our booth. This was not a good show for us, but while we were there, I booked a booth at the new 2001 ISE show in Phoenix, Arizona. The dates are March 22, 23, 24, 25. Anyone close to Phoenix, please come over and say hello. Booth numbers 212 and 2312. Chad and Naomi will be operating the fishing booth and Leah and I will be manning the hunting booth. One show in 2001, but two booths. We will see if Phoenix is a good market, being the sixth largest city in the U.S.A. and fastest growing, I'm told.

We started in mid April to prepare for the spring Black Bear hunts. I had 25 Black Bear hunters and two Grizzly hunters. We did very very well with the Black bear hunts. Lots of bear around. The two Grizzly hunters from Italy did not take a Grizzly. We saw ample fresh sign, but were never in the right place at the right time. The day after they left, I saw a Grizzly right on the road side. That is the way hunting goes. Both Italian hunters talked about returning in the fall to try their success at taking a Grizzly at that time of year. Only Franco Puricelli returned and he was rewarded with the trophy Grizzly. (Picture on front of news letter) he also brought his second son and a friend to hunt Black bear. They had success

The spring season was over by June 15th. We spent time doing other chores until the first part of July.. Leah and I left for a 12 day holiday to the Prairie Provinces to visit relatives. Naomi worked on the base cabins and Graham took time off. Then on July 18th, we flew into Nanika Lake to do some clean up and repairs to the Lodge. Especially the window that the Black Bear broke and the cupboards he tore apart. In August, Jane Prosser from Scotland arrived for a five day wilderness Canoe/Camping adventure on the Nanika/Kidprice canoe route. We only had one day of bad weather and the rest of the time was hot and sunny. It was a great trip and I took lots of pictures. Chad and Naomi were along to learn the route and now know what it is like to portage canoes and camp gear. Also in August Chad tried his fishing skills on the local lakes and was able to take a few nice Rainbow Trout. We hope to have a few Fishing groups in 2001.

The fall started out with bad weather, snow and rain. We were trying to get up the mountains to Goat hunt. We saw lots of Goats, but the weather and in some cases the animals were too far away for a hike up and back to the cabin in one day. I am going to put in a spike camp at Atna lake for 2001 to make it possible to get to the trophy Billies. My success dropped to rock bottom on Goats this year. One Goat taken out of six hunters. The weather is usually good at the start of September, not the reverse as it was this year. The rest of the fall was great and we finished up with no snow on the ground by November 15th. Naomi saved the day with the Gary Dickerhoof group at Nanika. She was going for water on the morning of the last day of the hunt and saw swimming across the lake, a Bull Moose. Hardinger, helper Matt and I jumped into the boat and Denny shot the Bull as he left the lake and entered the trees.



**Chad & his large Rainbow Trout**



**Naomi & Jane Prosser (Scotland)**

We did not have good luck at Kidprice Lake, but after that we started to have good Moose hunting. Chad and his two hunters ran into four Bulls and a Cow and the hunters took the two largest. (pictured on first page) We had a few misses or the success rate would have been higher on the Moose. The last two weeks were great with the six in the Sam Meyers group going home with five Bulls and the six in the LeBlanc and Ghiglia groups going home with four Bulls. A Big Bull was missed that week also. So all in all Nanika Guiding had a 72% success over all. Many of you have booked already to return for another hunt next year and beyond. I hope to see many of the rest of you return for another hunt with Nanika Guiding in the near future.



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**Terry Soltis & his Guide Chad took this Trophy Mtn Goat at Nanika Lake.**

