

Nanika News 2003

Nanika Guiding had a reasonably well booked spring and fall hunting season, but this year I had a large number of hunters canceling out of different groups and being replaced. I did have a group cancel out of a combination Moose and Mountain Goat hunt, which was a ten day hunt. But I managed to pick up a Black Bear hunt for one of the weeks. The main problem that faced the Guiding Industry was the Americans closing the border to all hoofed Animal meat. Many hunters were ready to cancel their hunts and I heard from other Guides that they lost nearly all their clients. I was lucky and talked my concerned hunters into waiting until the end of August. The border opened on August 8th. I did not attend any Sports Shows in the U. S. this year, but I did drive Moose meat down to Reno. There was problems in flying the cut, wrapped and frozen meat into the U.S. Dr. Merchant asked me if I would drive the meat down to him and he would pay my way. So Leah and I took off at the end of February, but the red tape took us four hours to cross the border with the meat. (I must say, I will not be doing that again for anyone) We had a good time in Reno and driving through the Redwoods on the Californian coast and the Oregon coast.

I do not think I will be attending any Sports Shows for a while at least , it seems that the word of mouth, the internet , and the booking agents in Europe is keeping me booked up. But I would like to go to Denver Colorado to attend a Sports Show and get to see that part of U.S. I am nearly 80% booked for 2004, so I may consider 2005 Sports show for another trip.



Sam Myers has made his tenth Hunting Trip with Nanika Guiding this fall. He was successful by taking this nice Bull Moose during the first half Hour of the hunt. Sam had one trip for spring black bear with 100% success and nine trips for Moose with a 67% success. He is already booked to come back next year.

This year most of the time was sent at our base on Francois Lake. Yard clean up and small repairs. Two days was spend at Nanika Lake Lodge, doing repairs and putting the wharf in the lake. A boat and motor was purchased to be used around the base. A portable shower unit was also purchase and used at the Kidprice cabin. It worked great and I am going to get another unit next year, for the Atna cabin . We found 12 gallon of hot water is a good long shower.

Nanika Guiding had 46 hunters in 2003. The success rate on Black Bear was 81%, up 1% over 2002. The Moose success rate was 70%, up 3% from 2002. Goat hunts stayed the same at 33% success.

ITALY (11% of total hunters)

Gabriele Ragazzi, Pierangelo Forcella, Giancarlo Vale, Alessandro Affo, Marco Buratti.

SWEDEN (9% of total hunters)

Mats Englesson, Johan Paulsson, Bengt Svensson, Peter Kristoferson

GERMANY (4% of total hunters)

Wolfgang Mueller, Hans Sornskén

CROATIA (2% of total hunters)

Jasenko Knepr

CANADIAN (4% of total hunters)

Paul LeBlanc, Alvin Musty.

AMERICAN (70% of total hunters)

Sam Myers, Mark Hanson, Lynn McVay, Robert Johnson, Louis Cairo, Steve Parker, Don Ungren, Mike Perechinsky, John McDermott, Jess Forton, Robert Forton, John Geidl, John Royce, Brian Herren, Robert Evans, Rodney Wurtz, Greg Herr, Kelly Hardinger, Dennis Hardinger, Mike Whited, Robert Short, Robert Wilson, Butch Kingery, Keith Fouts, Lee Fouts, Richard Shep-son, Kim Hixon, Don Hixon, John Bernards, Robert Wallace, Jeff Bell, Joel Myers.



The 2003 Nanika Guiding Team



Barbara



Leah



Jim



Naomi



Chad



Brian



Dave



Adrian



Ken



Dallas



Mike



Tim



Jerrod