

# Nanika News 2004

**N**anika Guiding completed the 2004 hunting season a few weeks ago and now it is time to catch up on paperwork and put together the 2004 Nanika News. We started out this spring with only three weeks of Black Bear hunting and during that time we had one Grizzly hunter. Most of the hunters this spring were from Europe, two from Sweden and six from Italy. The Grizzly hunter was from Oregon and we took a nice Grizzly on day six of the 12 day hunt. I guided the first week and Chad was going to take the second week of Grizzly hunting, as he wanted to get some Grizzly Guiding experience. The Black Bear hunts went well with nearly every hunter taking a bear and some took the opportunity to take two bears.

I made a quick three day trip out to Michigan to attend a Safari Club Chapter Convention. I did not get any bookings except for the Moose hunt which I donated to the Mid Michigan Chapter. It seems that Michigan is not a place to market hunts in as there are many places closer for the Michigan hunters to travel to. We carried out a donated Goat hunt with a hunter from Michigan and he was successful with a black powder rifle. In 2005 I am not going to any show as I am nearly booked for Moose and all my goats are booked now therefore I am going to market hard on spring Black Bear.



The Assistant Guide Chad Hanson and Cook Naomi Tourond got hitched on June 26th 2004. Now Mrs. Hanson will be cooking for the hunting groups in 2005.



Bill Gibson took this 50.5 inch Moose on the last hunt of the season. 13 Moose for 14 hunters during the last three weeks of the Moose hunting season.

This year most of the time was spent fixing up the yard and building as the wedding was held in the yard. We spent a week at Kidprice Cabin doing a much needed upgrade and clean up. We also purchased a newer pickup truck with extended cab and winch. Chad also has a new winch mounted on his truck. Chad has said that the winch is the tool of the year.

Nanika Guiding had 45 hunters in 2004. The success rate on Black Bear was 98%, up 17% from 2003. Grizzly Bear was 100% successful. The Moose success rate was 60%, down 10% from 2003. Goat hunts were 50% successful

#### ITALY (9% of total hunters)

Gianmaria Pasani, Stefano Cioni, Mario Fabbri, Mario Picciati

#### SWEDEN (5% of total hunters)

Jonas Anderson, Ulf Osterby

#### GERMANY (2% of total hunters)

Hans Sornsen

#### AMERICAN (84% of total hunters)

Don Urger, Carol & Steve Parker, Dennis Brown, Serge Bourdeaux, Terry Billings, Dick Benson, Dave Draeger, Brad Campbell, Ed Shallenberger, Richard & Steve Balter, Jack Childers, Lawrence Fritzwater, Ken & Kevin Hoverkamp, Ron and Tim Brookhart, Fredic Hill, George Mabbott, Sam Myers, Bill Gibson, Don Hixon, Mark Renner, Reggie Wood, Tom King, James Schwetz, William Robinson, Rodney Poole, Carl Johnston, Mark Huxford, Andrew Cassella, John Thibodeau, Michael Cronen, Mike Legas, Bruce Rider, Carl Obradovich, Stan Prentice.



## The 2004 Nanika Guiding Team



Barbara



Chad



Jim



Naomi



Leah



Dave



Dave



Brian



Loren



Jerrod