

Top left, Giovanni Tallon from Italy with his five foot bear. Top Left, Donna Bennett from Michigan stalking and taking a picture of a bear feeding along the road side. Bottom, Luciano Ponzetto from Italy with his five foot bear.

April was spent cleaning and doing some preparation work around base camp to get ready for the spring Black bear hunts. Then after the Black bear hunts were over, we started to do up grads to the upper cabin with a new wood heater instead of the old pellet stove that did not always want to work. Naomi rocked in the wall behind the heater for fire safety, put tile on the counters and shower wall and painted the whole interior. She then went to work on the out side and put cedar shakes on the exterior walls, along with foam installation. The upper cabin now matches the rest of the buildings. A new wood heater has also been installed at the lower cabin. More work on the cabin this spring. Also the lower cabin needs to have cedar shakes as well. In August Nanika Guiding bought a new Safari Van to replace the ten year old one. The ride is much better. We also bought a near new ATV to help out on the new ATV hunts, which are very popular and successful. This package is booked until 2008. Also a new 12X16 wall tent was purchased for the fly-in special Moose hunting packages that Nanika Guiding is now offering. We will be hunting the Rum Lake package for the first time this year.

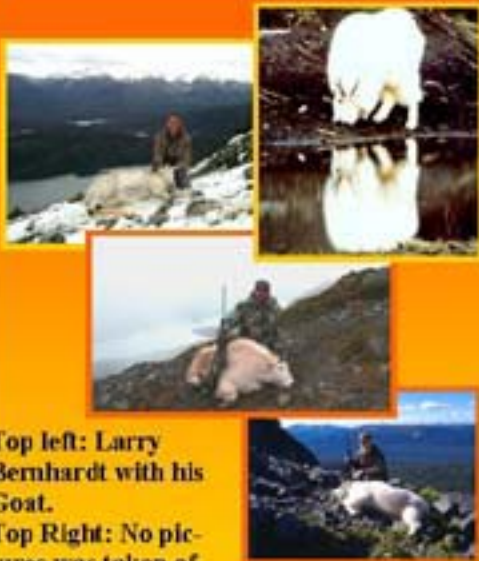
In 2006 I need to get into Nanika Lake for some more up grads and hope to finish the Kidprice Cabin, plus the repairs and upgrade to the lower cabin. Lots of work.

This last hunting season the Mountain Goat hunts were good. The success was 80%. Four Goats out of five were taken. The reason for the Boone and Crocket Goat not being photographed is due to the hunting trip the hunter from Oklahoma experienced. This was a 1:1 hunt. Loren Tourond was the Guide on this trip. He and the hunter spotted a big billy from the lake shore below and they watched it for a while to determine the size and the chances of getting close enough for a killing shot. They hiked up the mountain, which took a long time as the hunter found the terrain difficult and strenuous. The hunter and Guide dropped their packs some distance from where they were going to take a shot from. The hunter made a good shot on the Goat. Loren went back down the mountain for the packs as the hunter

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Loren had already spent a night on the mountain with a Goat hunter earlier in the season, but they had their camp part way up the mountain. It was snowy and cold that day also.

We took some nice trophy class Moose this fall and the Moose population is looking good for 2006. Nanika Guiding is already 85% booked for 2006, with booking for 2007 and 2008. We are looking forwards to hunting with return hunters and meeting new hunters. All the best to everyone in 2006 and we hope all your hunts are successful.



Top left: Larry Bernhardt with his Goat.

Top Right: No pictures was taken of Gary Crawford He took a Boone and Crocket Big Billy. Middle: Dennis Brown and his Goat. Bottom: Hans Soenkens with his old Goat. The Goat was 16 years old.

made his way to the dead Goat. Loren got the packs and proceeded up to the kill. It was getting late in the day and they knew they had to get to work and skin the animal out and load up. They started down the mountain and the hunter found he could not pack even his rifle and own pack. He left everything on the mountain side. Loren had the Goat meat, hide and horns, plus his rifle. Darkness set in and they were only part way down the mountain. The going got difficult with only their LED head lamps to show them the way. The weather that day was cold with snow, rain and sleet

2005 Nanika Team



Back Row

Dean Denlinger, Loren Tourond, Gary Hartnell, Vince Ross, Brian Smith,

Front Row

Chad Hanson, Naomi Hanson, Larry Koon, Jim Tourond and (Leah Tourond missing from Picture)