

Dale Guillory and his 5 foot Black bear.



Rossano Caligari and his 6 foot Black bear



Larry Bernhardt and his nice cinnamon Black bear



Francisco Rossi and his 5 foot Black Bear



Peter Warlinge And his 5 foot Black Bear.



This year I worked with Lakes District Air and a new company, Ootsa Air. Ootsa Air is owned and operated by Mac Blackwell. Mac has worked many years as a bush pilot and as a Hunting Guide. He knows both businesses well. Mac operates a Beaver and Cessna, which are both on floats. Mac plans to build Fly-in wilderness fishing business, as well as taking hunters to remote locations. I hope to be able to work with Ootsa Air to accommodate fishing groups at Nanika Lake and Kidprice Lake in the future. Lou Dubuc owner of Lakes District Air is looking to sell and retire from his business soon.



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A few days before Halloween, Mark Huxford's group arrived and over night we had a dump of 41 inches of snow. We could not even move around our yard. We were unable to drive anywhere. Rob Henning and George Bradford were part of Mark's group and they could not drive out of Burns Lake. They had to stay in Burns Lake for two days. Rolf Kahn and Mark Jefferson were caught in Prince George. Burns Lake along with us, did not have electricity. With no electricity we had no water. So we melted snow on the wood heater and used propane lanterns and camp stoves. Naomi was finding ways to cook one dish meals for the hunters and staff. In a few days the roads were being plowed open and we were able to get out on a limited basis to hunt. The stranded hunters were able to get to base and able to hunt. Rolf and Mark were going to head home right a way, but we talked them into staying and trying the hunt. The first evening they shot a Bull, but decided to leave the next day. The Moose were moving out of the back country in large numbers and I knew that in a few days we were going to see lots of Moose. Mark Huxford group all took a Bull except for Rob. Sam Myers group of six hunters arrived the next week and they ended up with a Moose each. The one day we took five Moose. Ron and Dave Brookhart arrived for the last days of the season and they were successful in two days. Many of this years hunters have already booked over the next three years. I am looking forwards to seeing you all again in 2007, 2008 and 2009.



Chris Ebert with his Mountain Goat taken on the steep slopes above Nanika Lake. Loren was the Guide on this trip.

This fall I opened a new area for Moose hunting at Rum Lake. This is a Wall tent Camp with a Canoe for transportation on the small lake. We saw Moose, but only one Bull which Mike Witthar from Idaho took. In fact he shot the Bull at 200 yards, right in front of the tent. He laid down on the beach and waited until I called the Bull from about 400 yards to 200 yards. We saw a large Grizzly feeding on wild berries on the mountain slope above and a sow Grizzly and her cub walking along the lake shore. Plus we saw many Mountain Goats feeding on the mountains. I am sure this location will be a great success in the future. It is already booked for 2008. I am starting another new hunt in the Morice Meadows. This hunt will require a boat ride up Morice lake and a Wall Tent camp at the far end. This is a new area and Mike Whited and I will be hunting it in 2007. I know this will be another hot spot. I am only offering one hunt a year in this area, to keep the success high.

This years hunting success was up from last year. We managed to have a 67% success on our Moose hunts. The Black Bears were over 100% due to some of the hunters taking two bears each. We only had one Mountain Goat hunter and he took a nice Billy, so that was 100% success. We had one Grizzly hunter this last spring and he was not successful. Chad and the Hunter saw Grizzly but did not take any. That is Grizzly hunting, the most difficult hunt I have.

Only one large Bull was taken this year. As Sam Myers has witnessed, not every Bull taken is a trophy. In over ten years with us, Sam has had many successful meat hunts, but as yet has not taken a large trophy. Perhaps his time will come when he is with us in 2008 and 2009.

This year we had spring Black Bear hunters and fall Black Bear hunters, I prefer to do spring Black bear hunts as the hide is in better condition. In the fall the hides can be rubbed and the hair tips maybe brittle from the summer sun. Something to consider before booking a Black Bear hunt.



Mike Whited and his Bull Trout caught in the Nanika River.

