

ALASKA BROWN BEAR





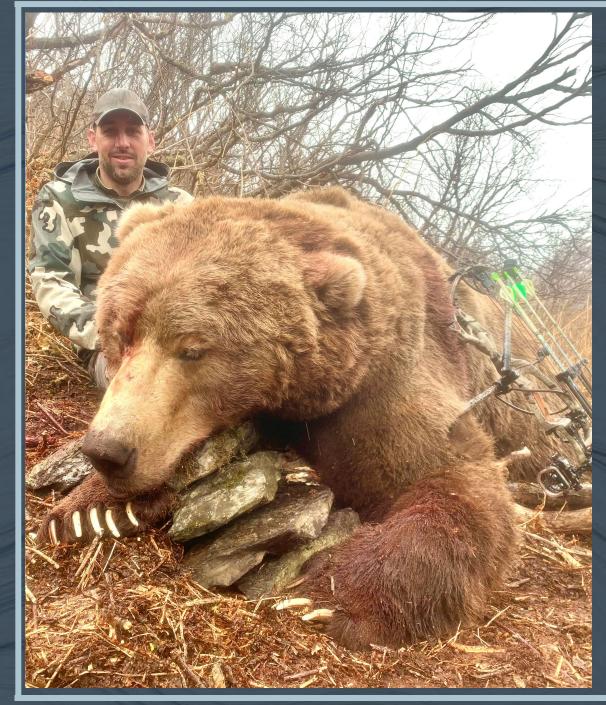






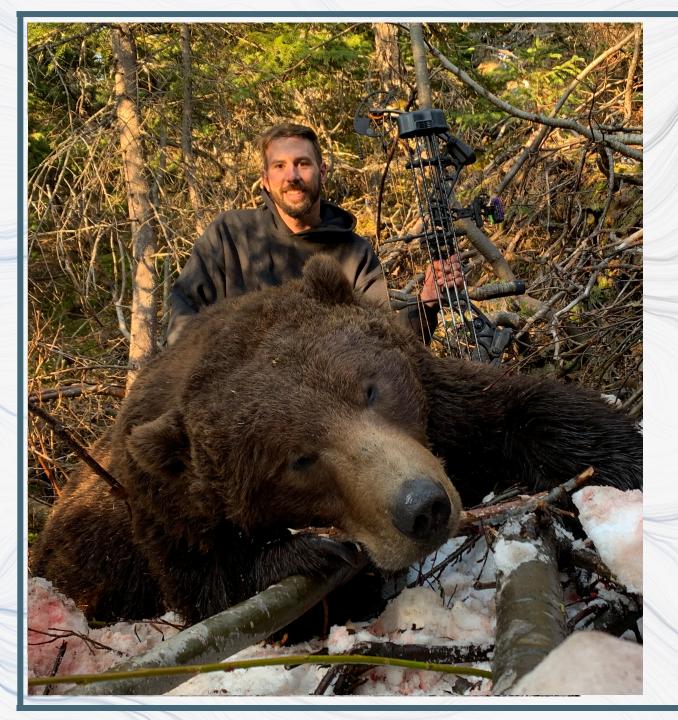






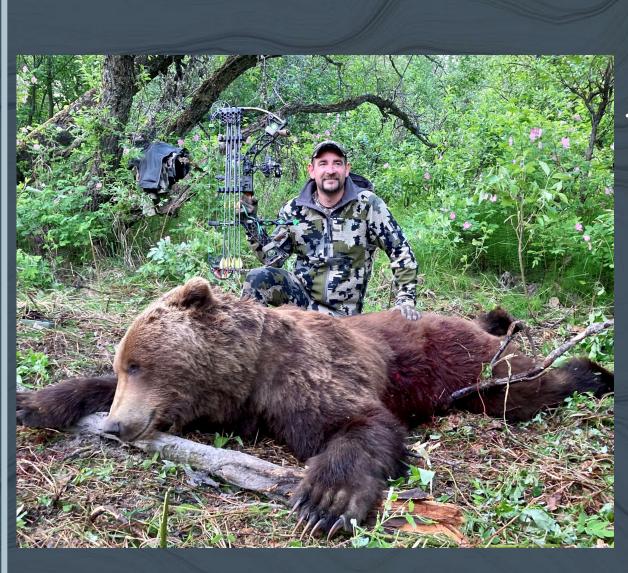
After 10 days of enduring every type of weather that Kodiak Island has to offer, we finally spotted my dream bear. As he worked into an alder patch for a mid-day snooze he came face to face with another giant bear. After a fight that took them to the top of the mountain he finally bedded, and the stalk was on. A couple of hours later I was sitting 45 yards above him. He woke about 45 minutes later and stood. Seconds later he was running down the mountain with a broadhead hole through each lung.

~ DAN EVENSON KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2021



Spring bear hunting is the best remedy to a long winter in Alaska. It's the start to warmer weather and adventures in the Last Frontier. As residents, we're fortunate enough to chase these magnificent animals year after year. This particular bear was paired up with a sow, waiting for her to go into heat.

~ BRIAN WATKINS KENAI PENINSULA, AK - 2022



My Uncle Mutt and I decided to go on an Alaskan spring brown bear hunt in 2022. After hunting in 80-degree temps from 8 PM to 8 AM for 6 days without seeing a brown bear, I was beginning to think that I was going home empty. Well on the last morning of our hunt, at 4:15 AM, this big boar came in trailing a sow at 28 yards. I can't begin to explain the adrenaline pumping through my veins as I drew my bow back, settled my nose on my string, and released an arrow on my first Alaskan brown bear.

~ TANNER WILSON WASILLA, AK - 2022



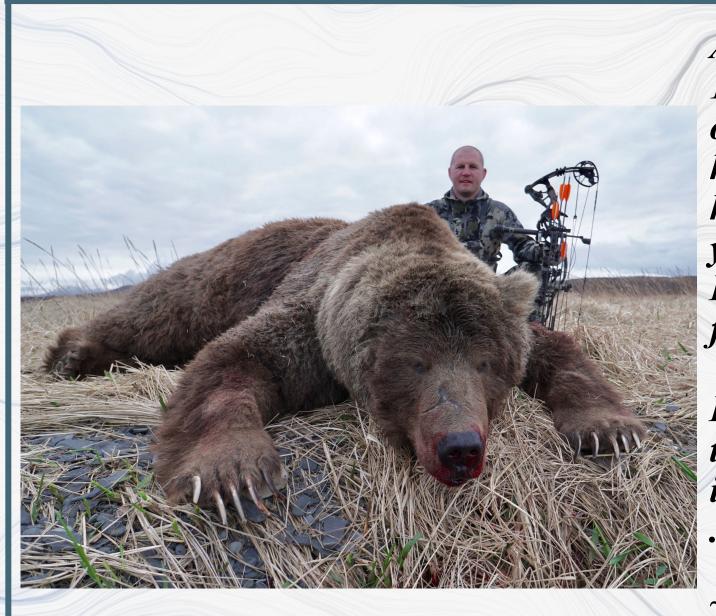
An Alaskan Brown Bear hunt with my bow was always on my list of hunts to complete, this hunt far exceeded my expectations. Looking forward to my grizzly bear hunt in Alaska with my bow.

~ KEVIN SMITH ILLIAMNA, AK - 2021



We spotted this bear from a distance and moved to cut him off. He used a different trail than anticipated and I opted to shoot him through the front of the chest before he walked right into us.

~ ALLEN BOLEN KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2022



Arrowed this giant brown bear at 12 yards after a long day sitting on him and a quick stalk. Once hit, he came looking for what had bit him, passing by me at 4 yards as I hid in plain sight. Bear died in 17 seconds which felt like an eternity at that range!

Proud to be the first bowhunter to have two bears over 28 inches in Pope & Young.

~ BRENDAN BURNS CINDER RIVER, AK - 2018

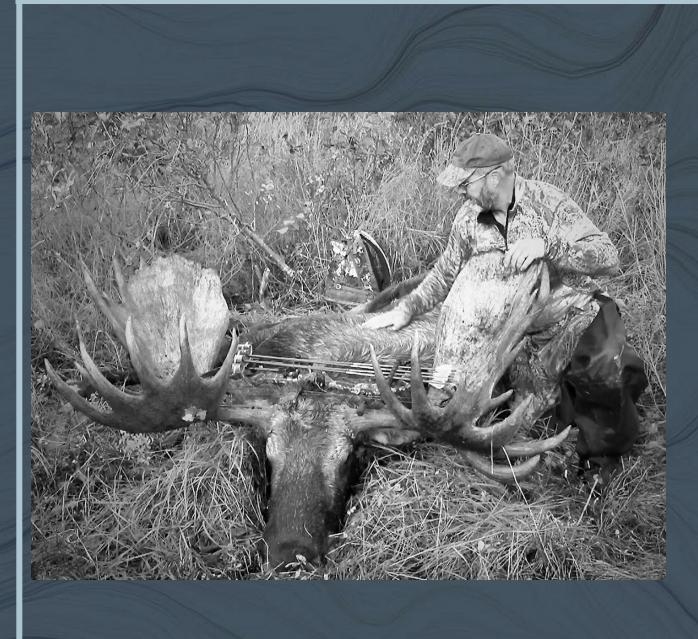
ALASKA - YUKON MOOSE











In September 2020 I walked into a perfect scenario with a bull moose bedded in tall grass. After a short stalk I was fortunate enough to put the whole game together and tag this magnificent animal. I am so blessed to not only have been able to spend 2 weeks in the Alaskan wilderness with my hunting partners, but to have been given the opportunity to harvest such a beautiful moose.

~ JEFF MCCRARY LOWER YUKON DELTA, AK - 2020



I've dreamed of this since reading my dad's Outdoor Life as a child. At 78 a bucket list item for me. We saw him the night before. Darkness and tall grass prevented a shot opportunity. The next night we called him out of the grass and he presented a broadside shot at 10 yds. Complete pass through both shoulders and top of the lung.

~ GEORGE OWREN HOGATZA RIVER, AK - 2021



My hunting partner, Scott, and I went on a self-guided float hunt for Alaska-Youkon moose. We spent just over three weeks in the bush and covered about 100 river miles. This was the fourth time I had hunted this area, and this was the second largest bull I have taken from that area. I arrowed the bull on the 15th day of the hunt while building a fire for lunch!

~ DAVE TERHAAR MCGRATH COUNTY, AK - 2021



The old bull started coming and I could hear the clinking of his antlers against the branches, I was starting to shake and calmed myself as best I could. He stepped into the opening at 35 yards, I blatted at him, he didn't hear me, so I half grunted half yelled at him. He stopped and turned his head at which point I let my arrow fly.

~ JACK MULVIHILL MOUNTAIN RIVER, NWT - 2021

BARREN GROUND CARIBOU











I'll preface this with I know this will never happen again!

After a 24-hour, and a 1,000 mile drive, we arrived in Prudhoe Bay Alaska ready for my first ever hunt. 5 minutes into our hunt we spotted a large caribou, later named Kevin, bedded down near the roadway. While grabbing my bow, Kevin stood up and I was able to get a perfect quartering away shot at 25 yards.

~ ALEXANDRA WHITE NORTH SLOPE, AK - 2021



This caribou hunt only lasted one day, but it was an incredible day. 100's of animals with several great bulls in an area with perfect cover for stalking.

~ EUGENE 'GENE' FLEMING CHANDALAR RIVER, AK - 2021

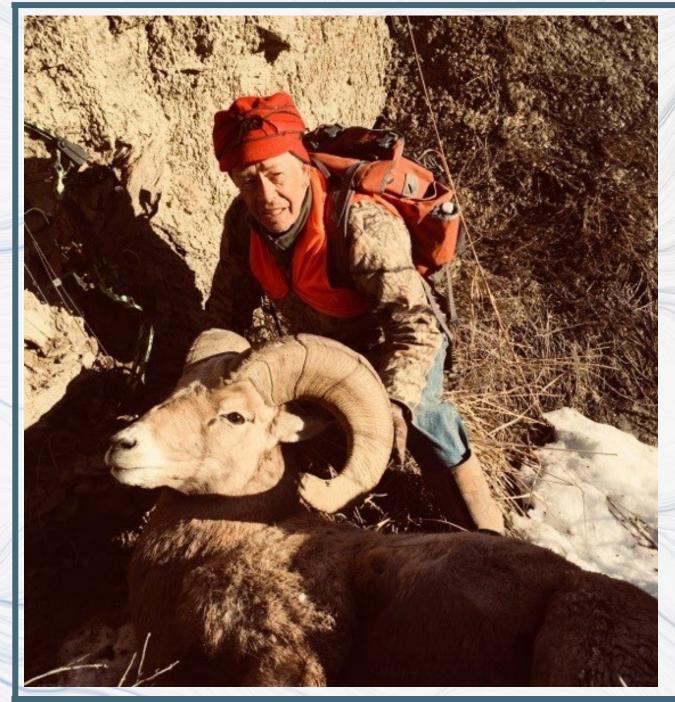
BIGHORN SHEEP











My Montana bighorn hunting opportunity arrived after 40+ years of applying for a tag. My wife, Kay and I hunted unguided for over 30 days. We enjoyed hot sun, snow, a frozen river and the infamous Missouri breaks mud. After a much-anticipated true sheep hunting experience, and as a lifelong bowhunter at the age of 74, I arrowed my trophy ram. A proud Pope & Young member for 42 years.

~ DON DAVIDSON JR. CHOUTEAU COUNTY, MT - 2020



The hunt was more than memorable in many ways. Taking this beautiful ram completed my 2nd sheep slam, it took place in an amazing classic alpine setting and was blessed to have some great people there to experience it with me. My heart felt thanks to friends John Gardner and Mac Plymale for traveling down to be part of the hunt. A big thank you to outfitter and friend Bill Lewellen and his staff for all that they did to ensure a successful hunt.

Chocolate was the name we had for this ram and he was one of two rams we were hoping to get an opportunity on. As expected, he bedded at base of the bluff, which allowed for us to stalk down to within 30 yards. What a beautiful animal!

~ BRIAN BENYO TAOS COUNT, NM - 2021



The herd for this sheep hunt live along the urban interface of Colorado Springs. The sheep move freely between the neighborhoods of town and an old quarry scar in the national forest. The challenges of this hunt are not typical of a typical backcountry hunt, but instead were centered around navigating the politics of a hunt in this challenging urban location. With three hunters all competing for the same few quality trophy rams, tensions were high. I was able to take this wonderful ram after spending an entire morning within the herd watching the sheep rut from my front row seat.

~ T.J. THRASHER EL PASO COUNTY, CO - 2021

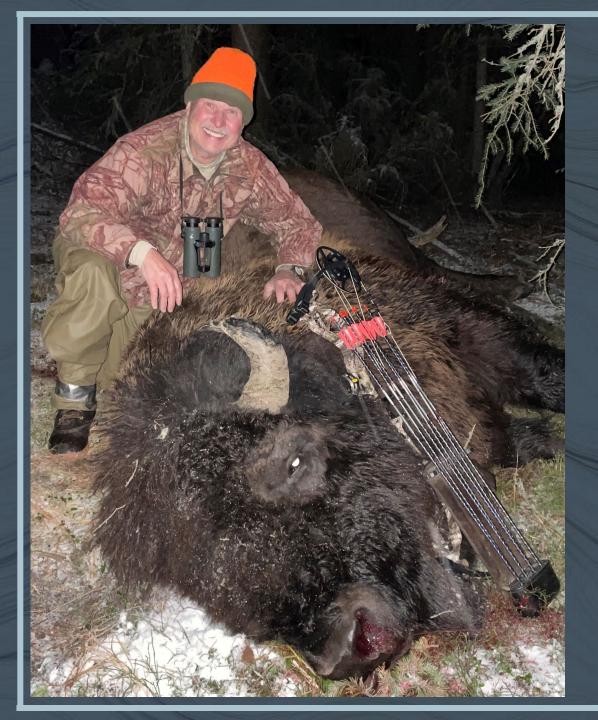
BISON





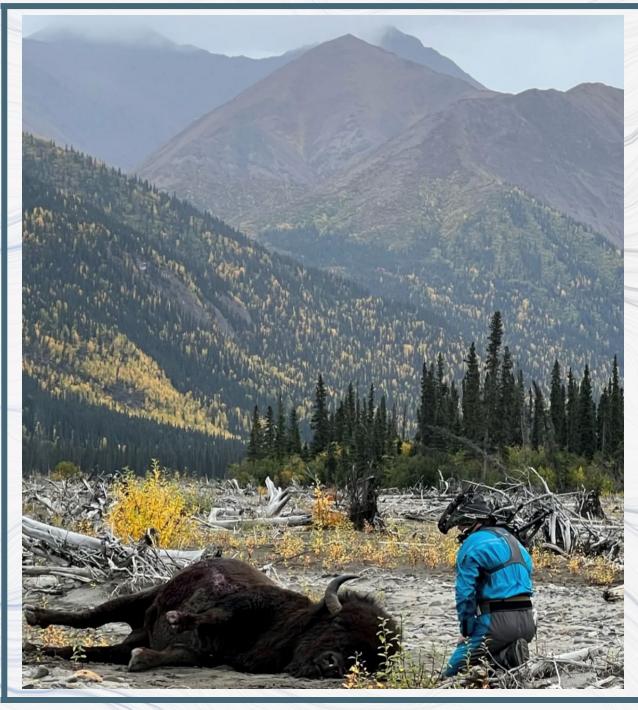


POPE & YOUNG



I like close shots, but last year I got too close to a two-ton critter with sharp horns. After seeing only two bison during my long 2022 Wyoming bow hunt, I sneaked through thick timber and bumped into one of those bulls at less than three yards. Fortunately, the buff ran the other way and stopped at 25 yards. He went less than 100 yards with my arrow through both lungs.

~ CHUCK ADAMS
PARK COUNTY, WY - 2022



We had floated the river about 35 miles north, before running into two bulls bedded down in a sandy, dried-up, portion of the river. After securing the raft, I made my stalk from about 300 yards out, slowly closing the distance until I got to within 45 yards. While crouched down, the animal looked like it was about to stand up, so I did too. I drew back and settled in just behind his front quarter. After about ten seconds, I let my arrow fly. I could hear it penetrate and as the animal, moved from the shot I could hear the arrow snap. The Bison trotted away maybe 100 yards, laid down and expired shortly after. Four guys and 10 hours later, our bison was quartered, bagged and secured for the night, ready to float the next 40 miles north to Nikolai, AK.

~ DAVID BROPHY EGYPT MOUNTAIN, AK - 2022

BLACK BEAR











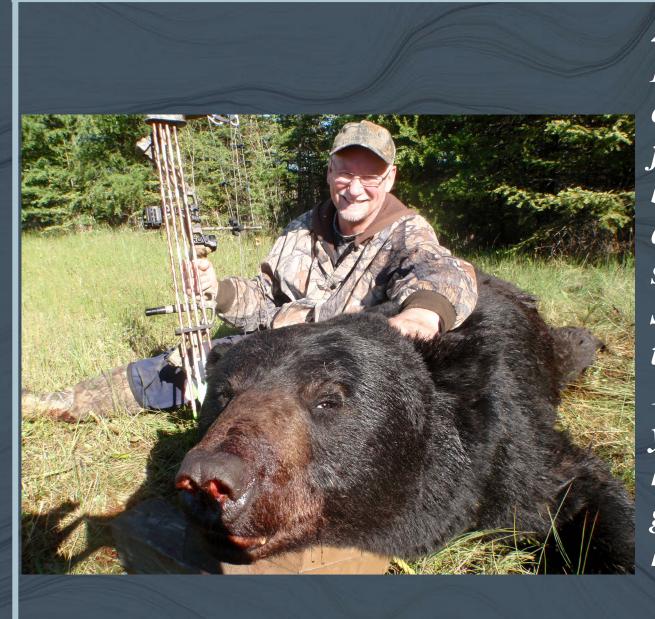






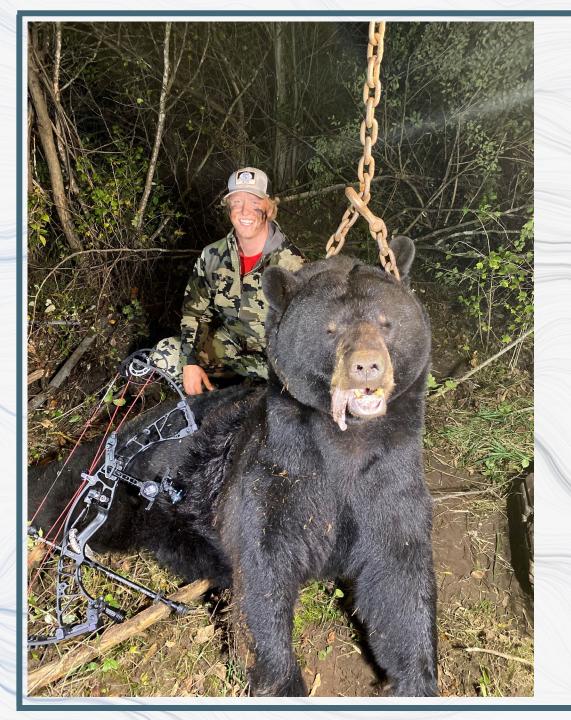
September 5th 2022, I woke up early and headed out to the stand. It was about a ten-minute drive to the state land, and a half hour walk to the stand. I was in my stand by 5:30am and at 6:01am, he came in and laid down on the bait quartering away. I waited until 6:15am, just past legal shooting, and I took a 12-yard quartering away laying down shot. I heard the bear death moan about 60 yards away. It was a perfect, well placed, shot and a hell of an adrenaline rush.

~ JACOB GREEN AITKIN COUNTY, MN - 2022



2021 was my 39th spring bear season. I watched several nervous bears, and on my walk out I sensed I was being followed, I turned around and the biggest bear I've ever seen was 18 yds away on my trail. 3 weeks later I snuck back in on a rainy afternoon. Several cautious bears were around, then 1/2 hour later I see the "Brute" 10 yds away, he was The Boss! At 8 yds quartering away I released, and I heard him go down quickly. When I got to him, I couldn't believe how big he was! Great 39th bear season!

~ RON B. KEHLER TELFORD LAKE, MAN - 2021



On the second to the last day of the season I shot him with what seemed to be the perfect shot. The arrow plugged in his back shoulder, I watched as the bear bit and ripped half the arrow off. With night falling, and minimal blood, made it difficult to track him. My family came to help, and eventually my younger brother found him in an old abandoned well. We then used a skid steer to hoist him out.

Incredible experience, the story emulates the bear's legacy.

~ STEVEN SCHEURER II BARRON COUNTY, WI - 2021



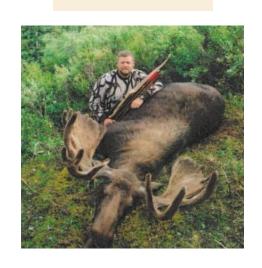
On September 8th, 2022, I was in the stand wishing the wind would die down. A squirrel that had been barking for 30 minutes finally started to move deeper into the woods. Stepping out of the swamp, working his way down wind of me, here he came. Noticeably nervous, I knew I had to take the first opportunity he gave me. I released my arrow, and it found its mark.

~ BILL FOSTER BURNETT, WI - 2022

CANADA MOOSE











My hunt for Canada Moose started in 2002 when I hunted Alberta with Chad Lenz of Savage Encounters. On that hunt, I glassed this moose and made a stalk to shooting range, but my range finder did not give me a reading, so I passed on the shot.

The next year I went back and knew where I wanted to start hunting. On opening night, I was in the same location as the year before. He stepped out about 300 yards above me. I made a similar stalk to the prior year; this time getting a broadside shot. The bull ran into heavy timber and a short track, we recovered the animal.

~ TRAVIS PETERSON LIMESTONE MOUNTAIN, ALB - 2003

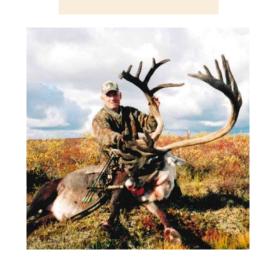


My ONLY archery animal, a Pope & Young - Canada Velvet Moose. With family and friends assisting opening day, my lone arrow EVER traveled 27 yards! Tremendous landowner interactions; dozens of quality animals; thousands of miles; and days of glassing, made this hunt possible. I still cannot believe it. What an amazing 2.5 year experience so far!! Indebted to my Grandpa, Uncles, Boys and Friends for lifelong memories, I'll forever cherish! I hope you enjoy our animal, Cheers!

~ DUSTIN WALD RENVILLE COUNTY, ND - 2020

CENTRAL CANADA BARREN GROUND CARIBOU











In 2009 I went on a Caribou hunt in the NWT. On the third day of the hunt, I passed up this caribou at 30 yards, I didn't take the shot. On our way back to camp I asked the guide to take me to where I passed on him earlier in the day. To all of our surprise, he was right where we left him. Here I stand today.

~ RODNEY COCKERAM HUMPY LAKE, NWT - 2005

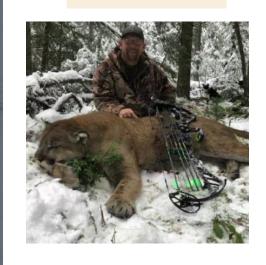


After four Central Canada Barren Ground caribou hunts, I had become the most experienced, yet unsuccessful, hunter that I knew for that species. 3 hours into this hunt lighting would finally strike. We found 5 bulls feeding and I stalked into 10 yards before I could get a clear shot. He went down in sight and the monkey was finally off my back.

~ DAN EVENSON BAKER LAKE, NUNAVUT - 2022

COUGAR







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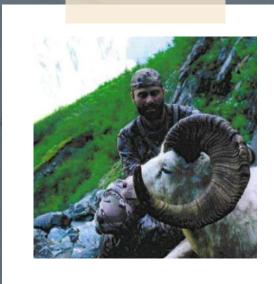


The morning of February 12, 2020, in the first hours of the first day hunting Western Alberta, we released the dogs. We followed them along the Simonette River, and as I climbed the snow-covered hillside, I found the massive cougar 20yds. up a tree. I drew my Bowtech and placed a single Solid broadhead through the 200lbs. tom scoring 15 1/16". The stars aligned with luck on this one.

~ PAUL BIRINYI SIMONETTE RIVER, ALB - 2020

DALL'S SHEEP







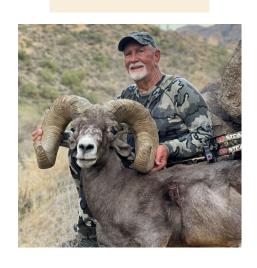


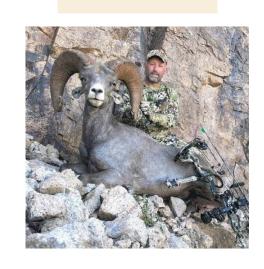


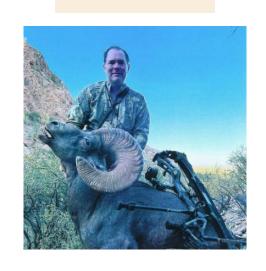
This is my 8th Dall Sheep from Alaska, self guided. This ram is my largest so far. I hunted for a few days without seeing any sheep. When I finally found a group of rams, this big one was with them. I stalked in as close as I could, then patiently waited behind a large rock pile. The ram moved in my direction, and I ended up shooting him at around 20 yards!

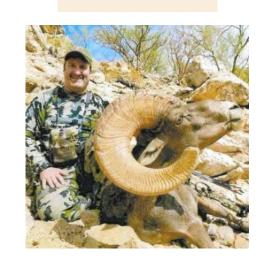
~ FRANK S. NOSKA IV YUKON-CHARLEY RIVERS, AK - 2021

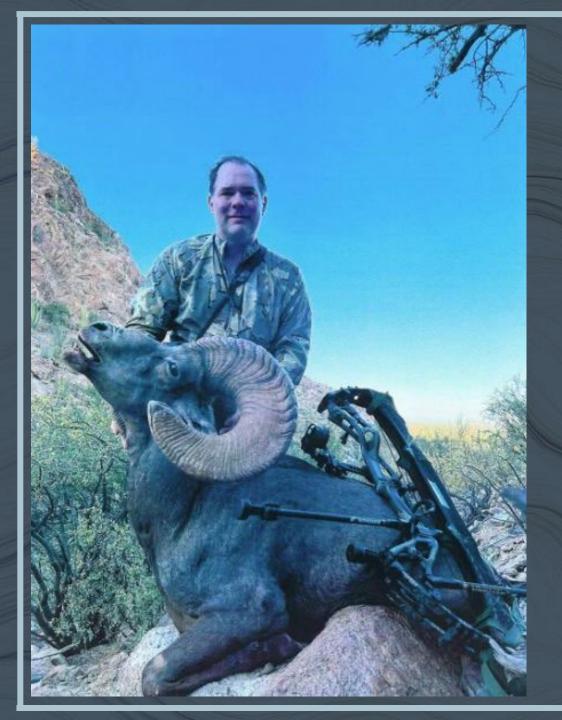
DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP





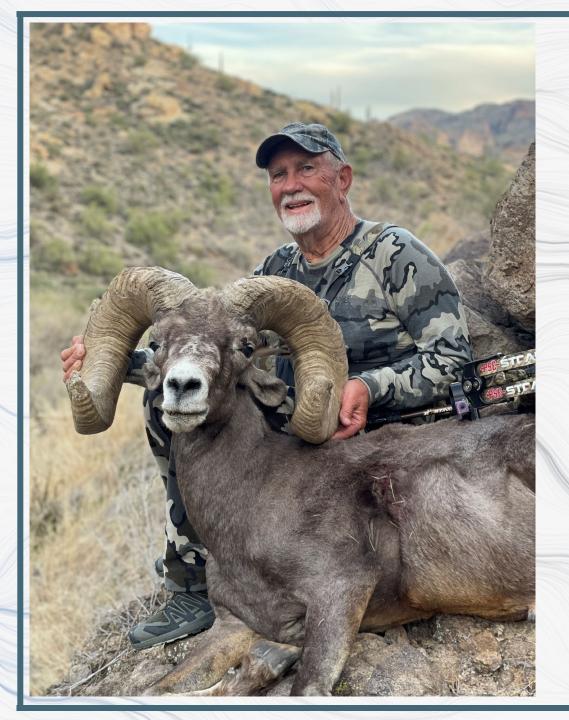






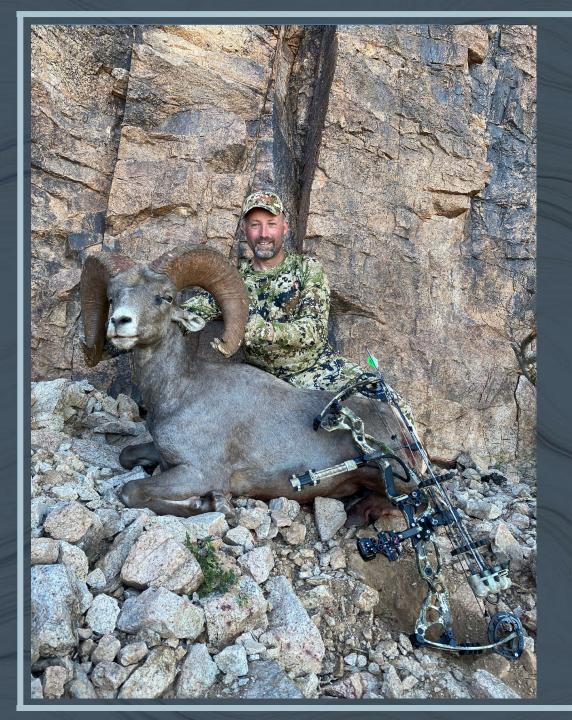
We started glassing the red rocks of mountains for a flash of the obvious white hind quarters of a desert bighorn sheep. After spotting a small herd that held an exceptional ram, our hearts sank as we thought the stock was failed when we heard the crack of hooves running on the rocks. As we peek over the crest, we see ewes and lambs leaving across the skyline, but the band of rams were just below us. The smaller rams were feeding while the big ram was bedded. A slow stock to a shootable position allowed me to rise and release on my target. We hear the echoing of the exiting arrow shaft hitting the rocks on the opposite side of the ram as it reverberated though that valley.

~ RICARDO LONGORIA SONORA, MEXICO - 2021



The unit had a bad die off, but I was fortunate to have this old warrior survive it. I targeted him in hopes to get him in a killable location. That opportunity came on day 10, but unfortunately, he busted me when I snuck in on him at 25 yards. Determined to get this ram, I was able to locate him 3 days later in another good spot. After stalking in on him and his ewes, he bedded and gave me no shot. I waited for 2 ½ hours before he finally stood up and gave me a 32 yard kill shot.

~ RANDY LILJENQUIST MARICOPA COUNTY, AZ - 2021



After a couple days of scouting, we found a target ram. We had him in a good spot only to get there and find that he had gotten up and was on the move. He stopped at 85 yards, and I took the shot. He ran over the top of the rock ridge. We were tracking the blood only for both the blood and the ram to disappear in the cliff below us. We came to determine that we were standing only 30 ft above him. As I climbed over the ledge, I could see that he was tucked into a cave. He burst out of the cave and stopped at 18 yard to look back up at me. I made a great shot.

~ TIM VANCE SONORA, MEXICO - 2020

GRIZZLY BEAR





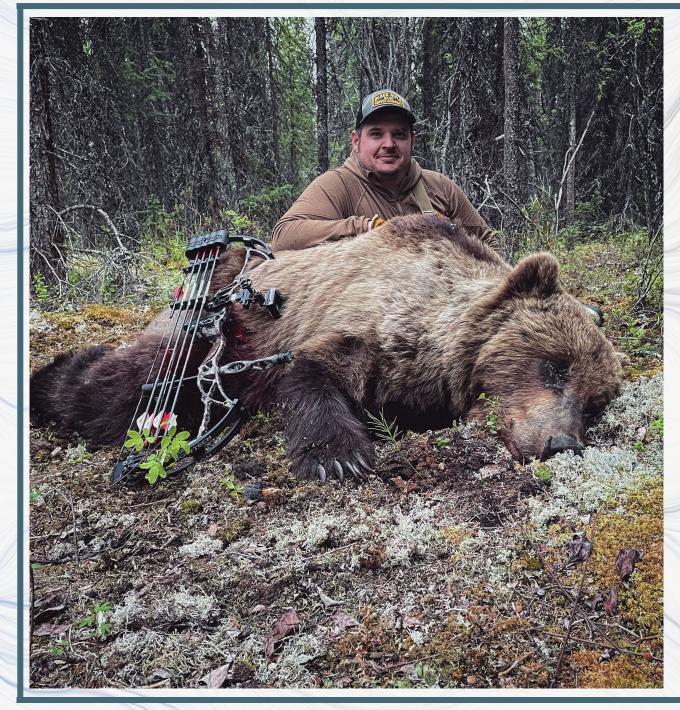












It was my third year running this bait. This year it was primarily grizzly bear using it, and several big ones. One night this big guy came in with a large sow and they both knew we were there and would not fully commit to the bait. He finally offered a shot about 7 yards beyond the bait, I was already at full draw and slipped an arrow through the trees.

~ JAKE KING RAY RIVER, AK - 2022



Big Bears with a bow is the most exciting hunts for me.

This is a very intense hunt, one that pushes you to the limit mentally and I love every second of it.

It takes the same skill set to get close to these amazing animals but the thing that separates them from the rest of the animals we hunt is they are always ready and willing to fight back.

~ SHAD PYPER YUKON FLATS, AK - 2015

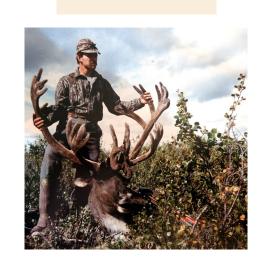


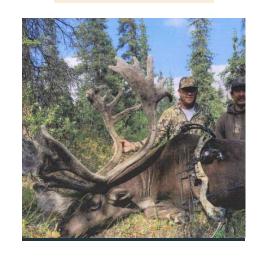
Extremely physical hunt similar to a sheep hunt. Incredible country and a couple incredible friends along for this hunt. Couldn't have asked for a better experience.

~ WILLIAM PETTETT JR. UNALAKLEET, AK - 2022

MOUNTAIN CARIBOU - VELVET

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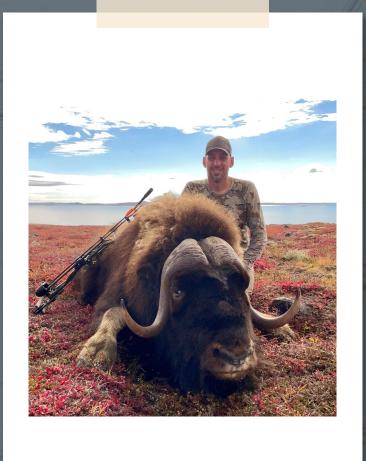


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This Mountain Caribou was taken in 1990 in the MacKenzie Mountains of the N.W.T. He lived his life around O'Grady Lake. He was seen on a number of occasions and then would disappear. The guides started calling him "The O'Grady Lake Ghost". Finally on the last morning of hunting, we located and stalked him!

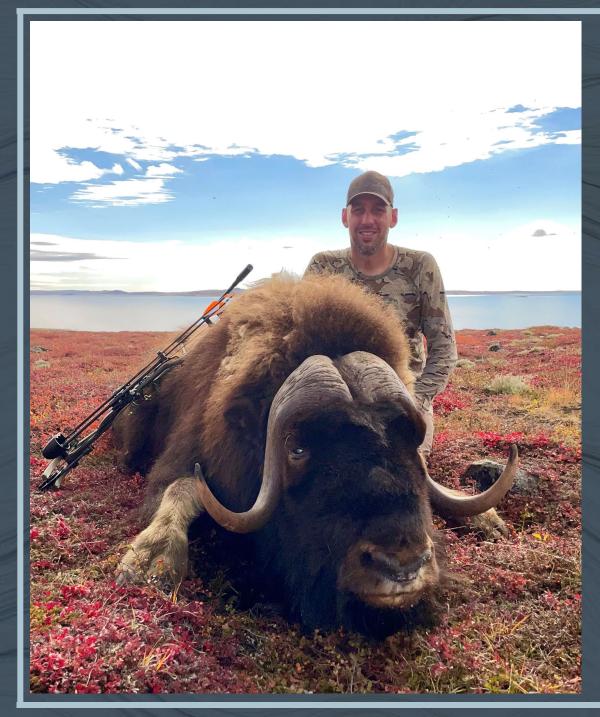
~ J. DEAN BODOH O'GRADY LAKE, NWT - 1990







MUSKOX



After spotting a herd of 45 rutting muskox on this fall hunt, a plan was made to get close. They were out in the wide-open tundra rutting like elk. I decided to crawl as close as possible and see what the terrain would allow. I ran out of cover and was spotted. I pretended to feed like them, and after an hour or so they accepted me as part of the herd. They were spread out and it took quite some time to slowly mingle closer to the big one. It was one of the most intense situations I've been in on a hunt. I finally got into bow range and the shot was good.

~ DAN EVENSON BAKER LAKE, NUNAVUT - 2022



My 2020 Musk Ox hunt was cancelled 3 days before "wheelsup". March 2022 rolls around and I was finally up to bat. I lost the "who shoots first" coin toss at the airport so I was going to shoot second. On Day 1 we found 3 Musk Oxen, only 1 was a shooter. The other hunter wound up shooting one of the smaller bulls and I took this big one home.

~ ERIC BETHUNE KUGLUGTUK, NUNAVUT - 2022



I won this hunt at this convention in 2019 so buy tickets! My guide talked a lot about his culture, and they believe that if you respect the animals, they will give themselves up to you. In the last hour of this hunt, this bull left the herd. Walked 200 yards in my direction and presented me with an easy shot.

~ JIM HORNECK CHESTERFIELD INLET, NUNAVUT - 2019

NONTYPICAL AMERICAN ELK

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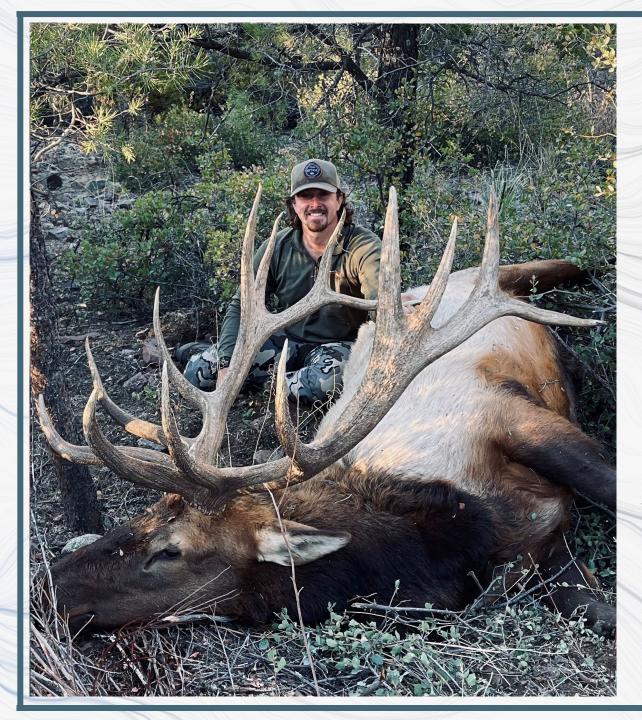








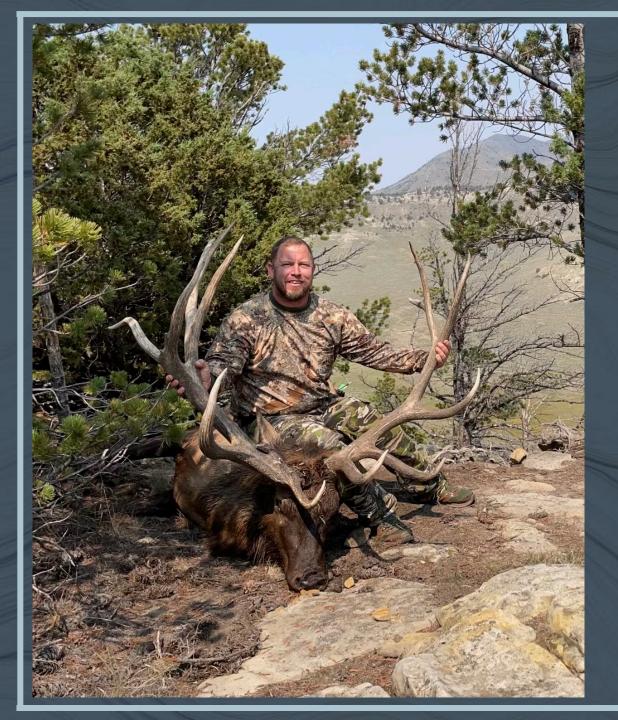




We found this bull far away, only making out his frame, but we can tell it's a good bull. After a four-hour stalk I get to 20 yards and take a shot. The bull does the death run down the canyon.

We searched for a few hours and without locating any blood or the arrow, my friend picked up his track and we found the bull not 30 yards from where I shot him. Very thick and nasty country.

~ COLTON GUILLIAMS GILA COUNTY, AZ - 2021



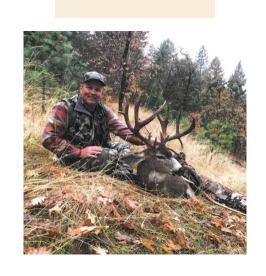
The plan was to spend 5 days hunting during the archery season to learn the layout of the land. I would then be able to formulate a plan for rifle season. On day 1 this guy came out with his herd. We stalked him all morning until the only opportunity presented itself. I let the arrow fly and the rest is history.

~ CHAD T. HALEY CARBON COUNTY, WY - 2021

NON-TYPICAL COLUMBIAN BLACKTAIL DEER











After two months of scouting and 21 days of hunting one specific buck, patience and hard work finally paid-off. There he was standing broadside just 13 yards from my tree stand. The most majestic blacktail buck I had ever seen. He had made his one and only mistake, and I was there waiting and prepared to take full advantage of it." On the 21st day of the season my dream came true.

Little did I know it would become the World Record Columbian Blacktail Nontypical in Velvet!

~ ANGELO NOGARA SONOMA COUNTY, CA - 2005



The possibility of even seeing a buck like this in a lifetime of hunting is extremely rare. Getting into bow range, holding it together, and making a good shot borders on the impossible! I have been extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to see and take this buck of many lifetimes with my longbow!

~ TAVIS ROGERS

JACKSON COUNTY, OR - 2020

NONTYPICAL COUES DEER

















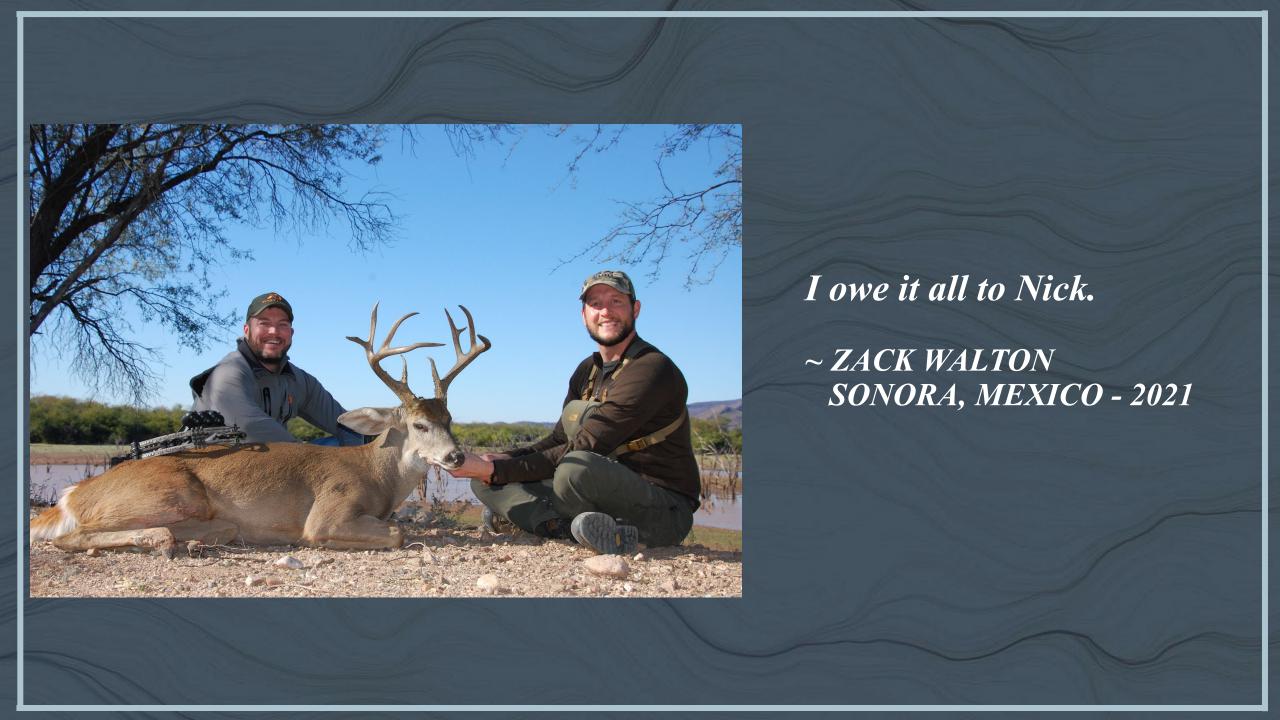
In 2020 I drew my 3rd archery deer tag. While scouting in late August, I found "Rattlesnake". I knew immediately this deer was a once in a lifetime buck and I was going to have to put everything I had into this hunt. I hunted for 2 days, passing on good quality bucks in hopes of getting an opportunity at Rattlesnake. On day 3, at about 10:30am, I got my opportunity. I was able to get a 20yard shot and he only made it 30 vards before he fell.

~ TRISTEN LITTLETON CATRON COUNTY, NM - 2020



It was near the end of deer season in Mexico. I had about a day and a half to hunt and wanted to hunt this particular non-typical Coues deer. I had seen a trail cam photo of him. None of the other hunters were successful at getting him during the season. Sitting in my blind, I could not believe it when I first laid eyes on him. He stayed out of range and was extremely cautious for a couple of hours. Then he finally came close enough to the blind and I was able to make a good shot on him.

~ FRANK S. NOSKA IV SONORA, MEXICO - 2022





My grandfather once told me scouting is key to finding mature bucks. I found this buck in a big canyon a few weeks before open season. Opening day I hiked into the canyon and hung my tree stand next to the exact trail I spotted the buck using. Two hours into the hunt, I spotted a buck heading my way and quickly realized it was the big buck I was after. He ended up directly below me at about 5 yards and I was able to seal the deal with a perfect double lung shot. Ever since that day I have been obsessed with the elusive grey ghost!

~ BRIAN ADAMS GILA COUNTY, AZ - 2004

NONTYPICAL MULE DEER





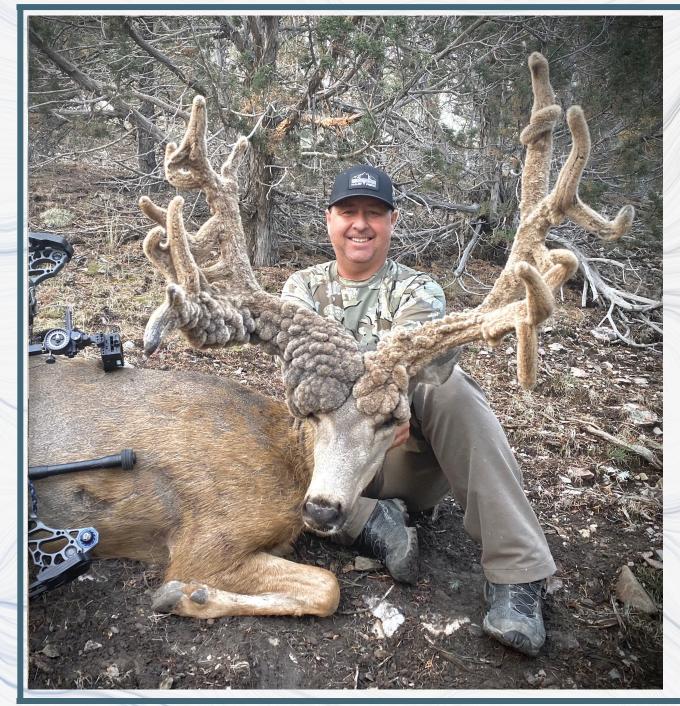












Truly a buck of a lifetime for me! I have bow hunted for over 30 years and have been blessed by the opportunity to enjoy so many days hunting. I will be forever grateful to my family and people I have met through this lifelong journey. The lessons learned, friendships gained, and memories I have fostered along the way will be forever cherished. This Utah buck will rank amongst my greatest hunting experiences!

~ BRENT D. SCOTT TOELE COUNTY, UT - 2021



After the quartering away hit, the buck ran frantically downhill to a point where I thought I had heard a crash about 125 yards away. After calming my nerves and letting things calm down, it was dark. I slowly tracked up to the point I had last heard the deer when out of the silence arose the sound of huffing and teeth smacking. I looked up to see a large black bear in the midst of his bluff charge, attempting to protect his last find. The stand-off continued, but I eventually shooed it away.

~ CLAYTON KUKLICK TOELE COUNTY, UT - 2021



I followed this monster for 5 years and consider myself to be extremely fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to be able to hunt him. Opening morning was a feeling that I have never had before, being able to be in a position at full draw on a goliath of a deer. Jeff, by hunting parter, whispered the bucks range to me, I pulled the trigger, and we both watched the arrow disappear into the king. So many things lined up that season that its hard to believe that it wasn't just meant to be.

~ BRAD LYNK GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALB - 2022

NON-TYPICAL SITKA BLACKTAIL DEER











After 26 do-it-yourself days on Kodiak, I spotted a huge non-typical Sitka buck. I circled to get the wind right and crawled between tundra humps until the bedded buck's oddball antlers appeared. Finally, the giant 5x7 stood up and presented a 33-yard shot. This is by far the largest Sitka I have ever seen, and I consider it the single best animal I have ever taken with a bow.

~ CHUCK ADAMS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2022



Buck fell several hundred feet down a near vertical rocky slope, busted off the end of his right main beam and G4, was mostly concerned about getting him out of that predicament at the time.

~ BOB AMEEN KOSIOSKO ISLAND, AK - 2022



In 2022, I decided to bow hunt Sitka blacktails by myself in the only place I had ever seen non-typical bucks. An oddball gene was definitely there. In early August, I found a buck with three extra points. I watched him bed and crawled from three different angles before getting within bow range. One shot through the heart dropped him fast—my first-ever non-typical Sitka buck.

~ CHUCK ADAMS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2022



I spotted my second non-typical Sitka deer feeding under a cliff about 200 yards below me. A smaller buck fed up behind me, spooked, and leaped off the ledge. Every deer in the area thundered away, but the 4x5 weirdo settled down again about 1-1/2 miles across a wide-open basin. I watched until he bedded, stalked for two hours, peeked over a ridge, and drilled him from 40 yards.

~ CHUCK ADAMS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2022

NON-TYPICAL WHITETAIL DEER











Having a close encounter with "velvet" the previous year and passing him, due to a portion of rack broke, made for a fun summer of feeding and patterning "velvet". We lost him for a month in the summer, but two weeks before season we were able to pattern him. Opening day rolls around and I have him at 35 yards, but it is too dark to shoot. The next day I adjusted the stand placement but didn't hunt. September 13, with 30 minutes of light left, he stepped out at 37 yards and the rest is history!

~ BENNY OVERHOLT MACON COUNTY, GA - 2021



It was November 15, 2021, with highs in the upper 60's, and during the rut. I put a new set in the day before, after watching this deer for several weeks. He was bedding in a pasture south of me and was cruising the winter wheat field that I had permission to hunt on. At 4:30 he showed himself and headed towards me. He stopped at a water hole where I had no shot. A doe came up behind me and he started heading towards her. I drew my Mathews and drilled him at 30 yards. He went 80 yards and laid down.

~ DARIN HESS RILEY COUNTY, KS - 2021



Opening evening bowhunt on grandpa's farm two bucks appeared. One was my target buck, Moses. Both bucks came my direction. First buck walked by at 18 yds, Moses followed. Already at full draw I waited for a broadside shot and released the arrow. The shot looked good. The buck ran out of site. Blood trail was slim. The next morning dad and I found Moses. Dream Buck Down!!

~ TOM MILLER WELLS COUNTY, ND - 2005

POLAR BEAR











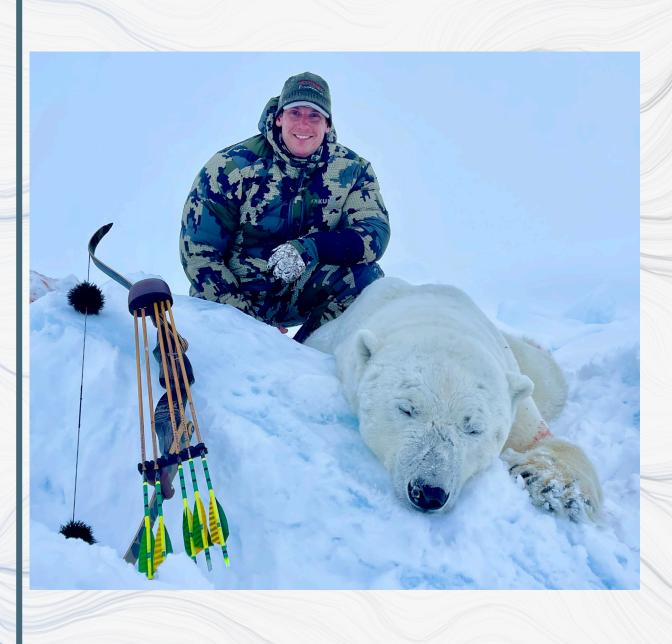






Incredible adventure! Weather was better than expected and the bears were plentiful. Shared the hunt with a great friend adding to the experience!

~ WILLIAM PETTETT JR.
NORWEGIAN BAY, NUNAVUT - 2022



In April of 2022 I got a call from Joe Verni with a deal on a last-minute polar bear hunt. After just missing a previous cancellation hunt, I snapped this one up immediately. We hunted out of Hall Beach, Nunavut with an 11-hour Qamutiik sled ride between us and bear country. After waiting out 2.5 days of weather I was lucky enough to take a great bear with my recurve!

~ ERIC BETHUNE GULF OF BOOTHIA, NUN - 2022



My hunt was shaping up to be your typical polar bear hunt until the moment of truth came. We spotted my bear off in the distant horizon and the chase was on. When they sense they're being chased by a snow mobile they tend to run but mine seemed intent on holding his ground. The dogs panicked and ran the opposite direction, and the guide says "you better shoot, he is going to charge us!' The arrow was true, and his charge stopped at 10 feet.

~ ERNESTO SANTANA JONES SOUND, NUNAVUT - 2022



We arrived Norwegian Bay, scouted for two days, and came upon a huge set of bear tracks. We followed this track for a couple miles until it joined another track which we figured was a sow. After a couple more miles we started to see the bear, but he was onto us. After a couple more mile the bear headed onto an iceberg where he felt safe. I stalked to 28 yard where I took the shot.

~ TIM VANCE NORWEGIAN BAY, NUN - 2022

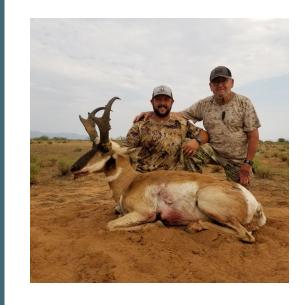
PRONGHORN

















2022 was a year that will never be forgotten. In July I came across this buck while traveling for work. I knew that this one was for the wall. I kept close tabs on him as I knew he had to survive the earlier antelope seasons.

I found him during the archery season, and when he got to 80 yards I stood up, drew back. The rest was history.

~ DERECK SINKS GRAHAM COUNTY, MT - 2022



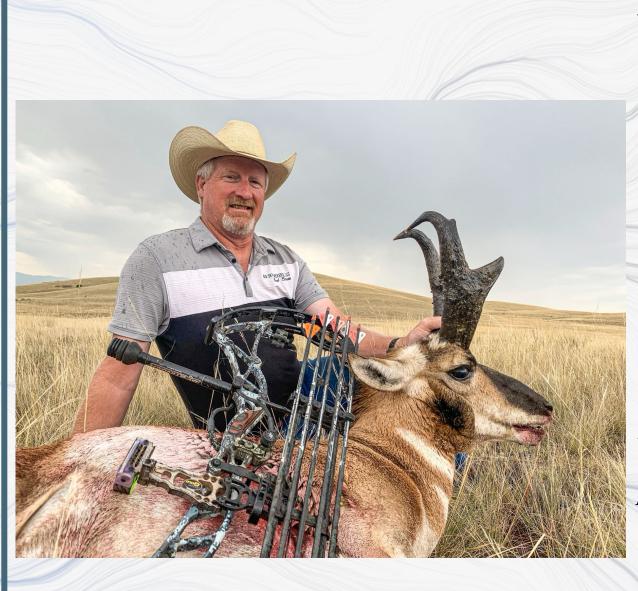
After many days of scouting the hunt unit prior to the season, things came together a couple hours into opening morning. With knee pads and leather gloves on, I crawled my way out into the brush well before daylight to set up for the ambush. As animals began to move around, so did I. I found myself 19 yards from my buck, and the rest is history.

~ JUSTIN ROZICH MILLARD COUNTY, UT - 2020



It was a quick hunt. It was pretty awesome getting so close to his harem, as he had a big group of does, probably totaling more than 40. He was quartering away from me and when I drew back my bow was like butter and my pins held perfectly behind his shoulder. When I cut the arrow loose it hit right behind his shoulder, and he fell right there. I couldn't believe it. I'm very thankful for how everything worked out.

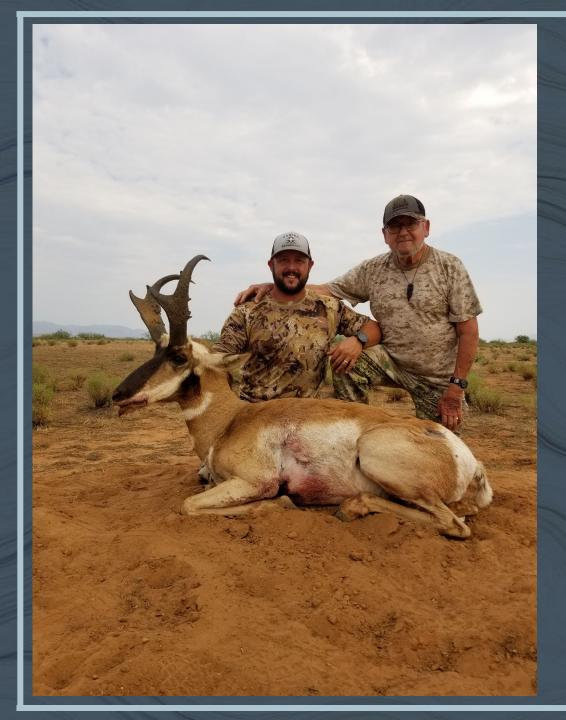
~ JUSTIN LONG DUCHESNE COUNTY, UT - 2020



A morning before work I took a drive out to where my son and I archery hunt Antelope. I saw a buck and does running down this draw. I was out of the truck with bow in my hand and ran down in the same draw using the road as cover. I could see the bucks' horns getting closer, so I drew back. They saw my cowboy hat and work clothes and stopped at 60 yards. They started to walk, so I grunted with my voice and the buck turned to look. Arrow on the way. Called my son to see what he was doing. He had just got done hunting and had missed a huge buck, saying the buck and two does were running down to the dirt road.

I commented that I was sitting on that road and saw them, but I didn't see the buck anymore. Long pause... Dad, you suck. My son was only a couple miles away, so he came up and we found him only a few yards away.

~ JAY SHERLEY LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY, MT - 2020

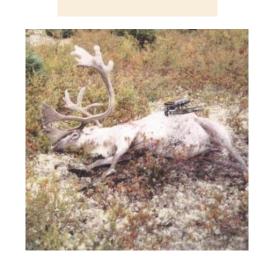


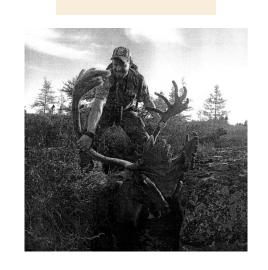
Being a full-time outfitter really restricts the amount of time when it comes to hunting for yourself, friends and with family. This hunt was super special to me because I had the opportunity to hunt not only friends but most importantly with my father Dennis Ward. Little did I know this would be the last time Pops would watch me harvest and animal. See you later Dad.

~ STEVEN WARD GRAHAM COUNTY, AZ - 2020

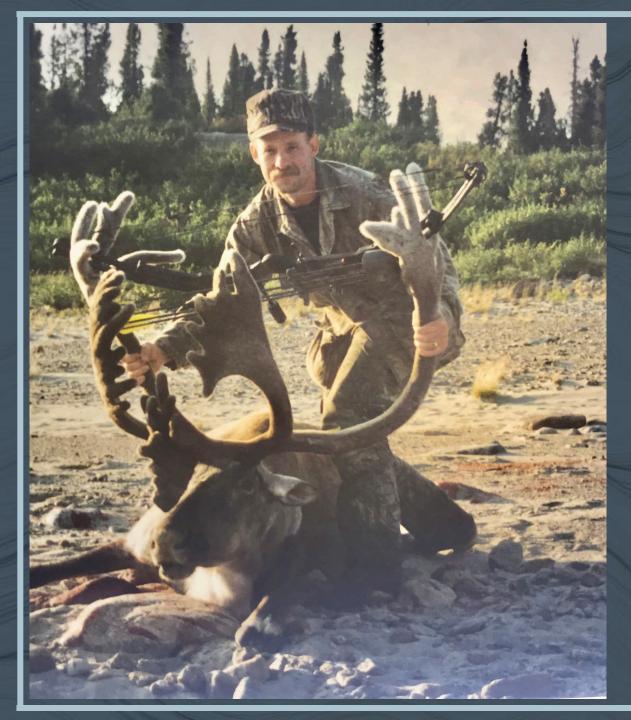
QUBEC - LABRADOR CARIBOU











After years of graciously declining invitations to hunt caribou from my friends, I finally agreed, but only with a bow. On the last night of the last day, after a brutal week of bad weather, we were headed back to camp when we spotted a bachelor heard of bulls on a sandy beach. I quickly got out of the boat at the beginning of the island and hid, while my hunting partner traveled past them in the boat. The bulls spooked and ran 150 yards right to me. After two well placed arrows, I had two bulls down in two minutes.

~ JEFFREY FITZ-MAURICE SCHEFFERVILLE, QUE - 1994



One of my friends took this picture just before I shot. I had ranged the rock behind the caribou at 40 yards. When I shot, it was a complete pass through, and my arrow hit the rock and ricocheted 50 feet in the air and my buddy said, "you missed". I said I don't think so. The caribou walked just over the hill, and we could see the tops of his antlers start to weave and move back and forth and he fell right there. Did not know it was a record until a Montreal biologist called and said he wanted to measure it because it was the biggest caribou he'd ever seen.

~ WOODY GROVES CLEAR WATER LAKE, QUE - 2005







ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT



After 26 days of scouting and hunting, this billy was actually # 2 on the hit list. After blowing a stock on #1 I turned my attention back to this one. We watched him all day and made a plan for the next morning. I hiked in the dark for 3 hours to get in position. When I got to the top he was rutting Nannie's pretty hard. Like clockwork he left his Nannie's to go lay down in the area we had watched him the day before. I shot him at 11 yard's almost straight down. He went about 30 yards and died just before going off the edge. Definitely my most memorable hunt!

~ JASON DUBY KITTITAS COUNTY, WA - 2020



In 2019, the late Buzz Martin, with Hosted Hunts, set me up on a proven destination in British Columbia to hunt Mt. Goats. After a multitude of re-scheduling and travel restriction due to the pandemic I was able to make my journey north in September 2021. Then the pilot dropped us of a 3 days hike away from where planned, but I felt it was all for a reason. Just as I was setting up camp, my guide Levi said he had spotted a Billie. The next morning, we left camp at crack of dawn to get above the rock ledge where we had last seen the Billie. I nocked an arrow, came to full draw, ease around and to my surprise the Billie was 13 yards away bedded. The arrow hit perfectly. We discovered the Billie had fallen off a 100-foot cliff and was lying on about a 5 feet ledge.

~ KEITH MERRITT CRAB LAKE, BC - 2021

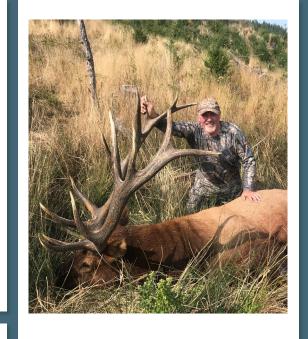


21 Days hunting solo Once in a lifetime tag and effort Countless Emotions 13.6k - Highest elevation 204 hrs packing 147 miles total 45.25K" elevation gain and loss -90.5K" total 9 - 4 plus hour stalks 2 arrows 1 record billy!

~ JOHN WADE LA PLATA COUNTY, CO - 2021

ROOSEVELT'S ELK





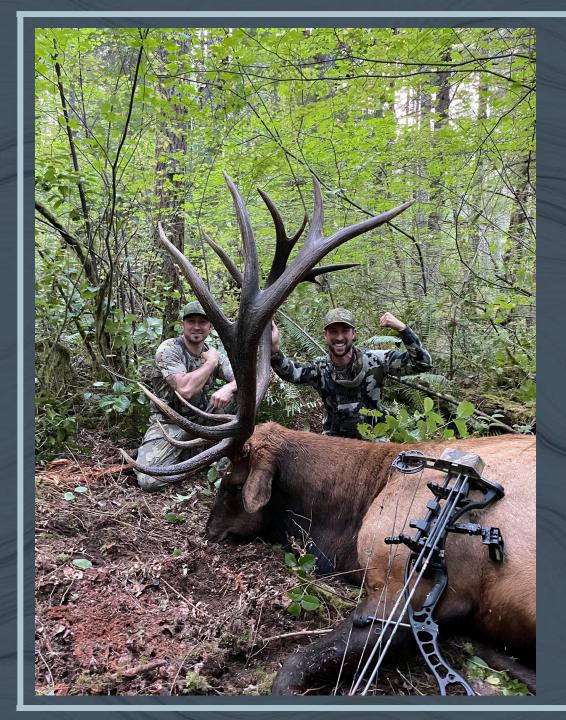












Hunting alone the last day of Oregon general archery season, following a month of struggles, I visited a familiar area closer to home. Against all odds, after an early morning 80yd pass followed by hours of tracking, I arrowed "Mega Bull" mid-day at 60yds in thick brushy timber. The best part of it all was sharing the news with my brother, Evan, who'd sparked my hunting passion years earlier.

~ MATTHEW COLLVER LANE COUNTY, OR - 2021



While hunting with Spoon Creek Outfitters in September 2020 I was fortunate enough to harvest this magnificent Roosevelts Elk. We were cold-calling steep, thickly timbered ridges on public land when this bull silently came to our calls.

~ GORDON HOFFNAGLE COOS COUNTY, OR - 2020



The three days scouting before season lead us into our passion opening day. It was spot on, but the shot had to be rushed as the bull came in faster than we would have liked. Fortunately, all the countless hours practicing paid off. The arrow entered slightly behind the crease of his shoulder and into the opposite one. He went from 12 yards to 60 and it was all over as quickly as it began.

~ DANIEL WELKER VANCOUVER ISLAND, BC - 2022

SHIRAS' MOOSE



















It started with an email from Utah Fish and Game informing me that I'd drawn an OIL tag for Shiras Moose. My next move was to book a flight from OH to UT and spend 8 days with boots on the ground for summer scouting. Scouting was the key to my success along with 3 amazing friends that took time away from their families to join me on this adventure. You can watch the video on Youtube, just look for "Utah moose archery success".

~ D.J. STINCHCOMB UINTAH COUNTY, UT - 2020



My hubby and I watched him nap from 25 yards for an hour before the bull rose to his feet offering a broadside shot. A well-placed arrow put the bull down in less than 75 yards, in a beaver pond!

Our boys (ages 12 & 11) began hooping and hollering from their perch 300 yards away where they watched it all unfold. They've always been great pack mules too.

~ STACEY WEYAND GUNNISON COUNTY, CO - 2021



I'm Robert Washburn, age 66. Taking my two sons and a grandson on my hunt was Exciting!

We started hunting an area where we scouted bulls a week before. We spotted a nice bull so we made a plan! My son and grandson started bugling on my homemade call. My oldest son set up to video as I set up for the shot. Worked out Great - 20 YARDS SHOT! Glad I could share this experience with my family!

~ ROBERT WASHBURN CASSIA COUNTY, ID - 2020



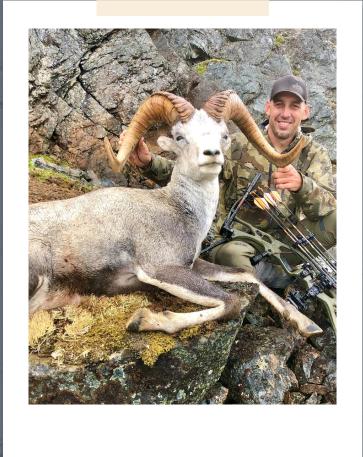
The story of this Colorado moose of a lifetime began when I was just 12 years old and my dad wisely began putting me in for the preference points. 17 years later the tag arrived with my name on it. Six days into the hunt we had not seen any bulls, until this bull and I crossed paths and I took the shot at just 5 yards.

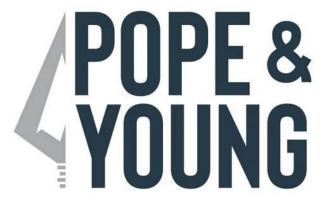
~ JEFFREY METZGER SUMMIT COUNTY, CO - 2020



I was lucky enough to draw a coveted Colorado Shiras moose tag in the unit I lived in. After drawing the tag, I spent every available moment scouting for the moose of my dreams. With no luck finding the moose I was after the first two days, I moved to a new drainage. I was blind calling when I hear the faint sound of a bull grunt back. I continued calling and the bull stepped out at 30 yards giving me a perfect broadside shot. I let my arrow fly and the bull ran 30 yards and was out of sight and crashed. When I walked up on the bull, I knew he was the bull I had found while scouting. I could not have been more pleased with the bull, a 51 ½" giant.

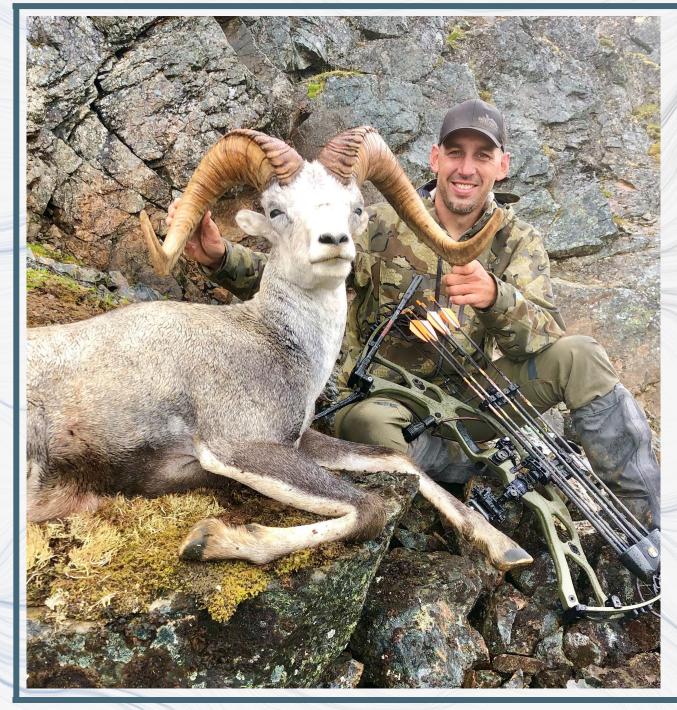
~ LANCE A. PRYCE ROUTT COUNTY, CO - 2021





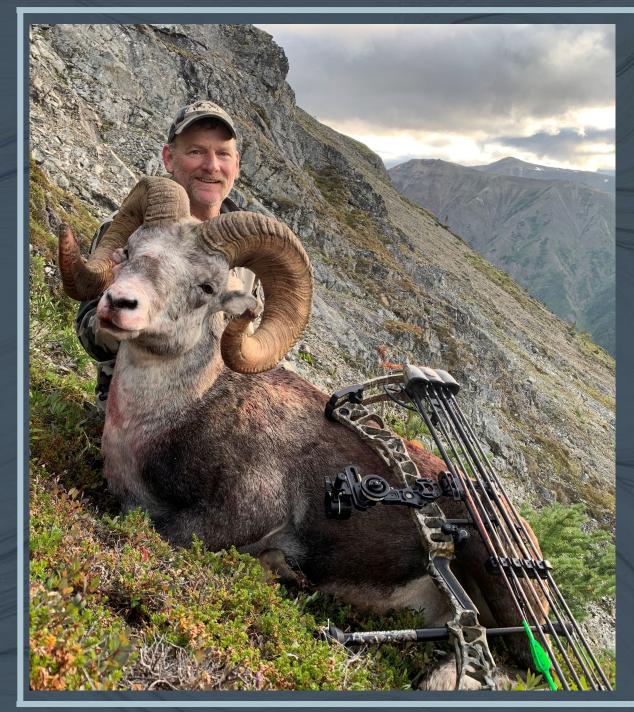


STONE SHEEP



We spotted this ram at about noon on the opening day of the British Columbia sheep season. We made a play on him and his buddy but they went the other way. Shortly before dark we found them back in a good spot and crept in for a shot. My arrow hit where I was aiming and got to put my hands on one of the most beautiful animals in the world shortly after.

~ DAN EVENSON BOYA LAKE, BC - 2022



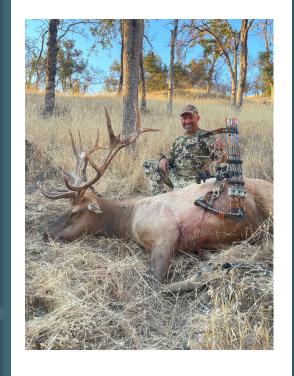
This was my fourth stone sheep hunt, almost seven full weeks of hunting, and this guy was my first shot opportunity. I got to 64 yards, almost straight downhill; so happy the hard work paid off.

Thanks to all that helped along the way!! Happiest pack out ever!

~ PRESTON FARRIOR BIG HORN CREEK, BC - 2021

TULE ELK





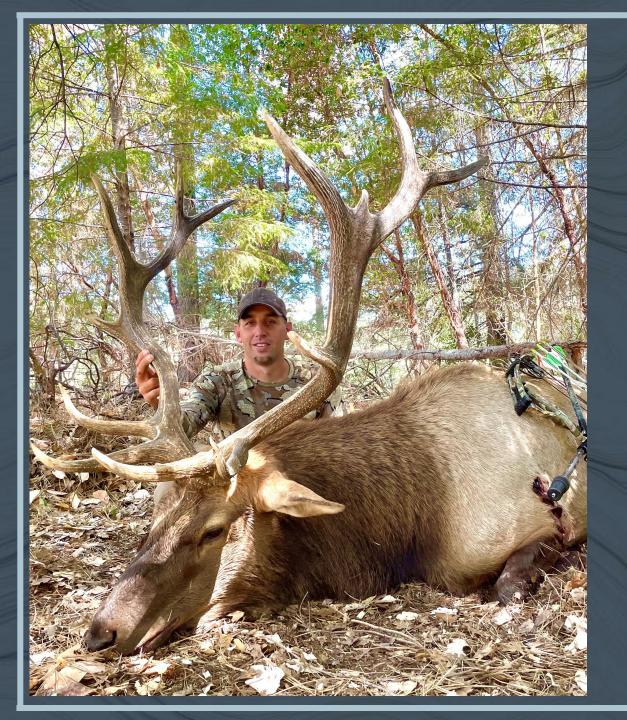








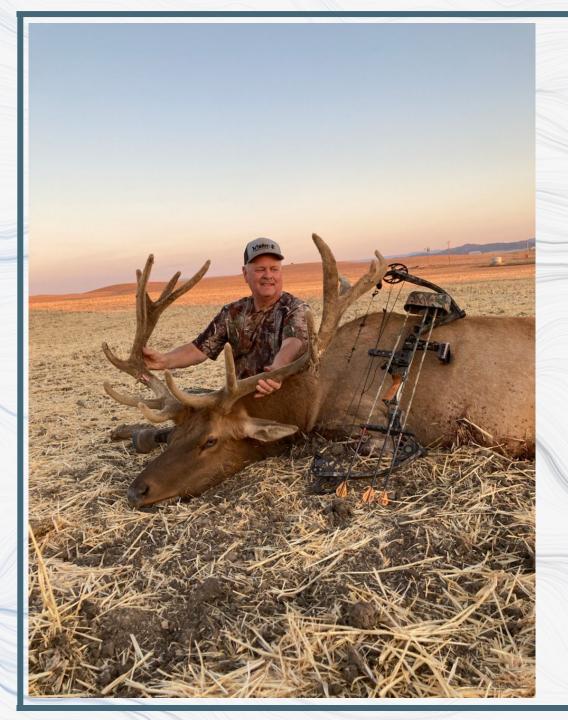




I was on my tractor on an early September day when my phone rang from a tule elk outfitter friend of mine. He said that a week had just opened up and asked if I could get out there. 14 hours after the call I had made it from Wisconsin to California to elk camp.

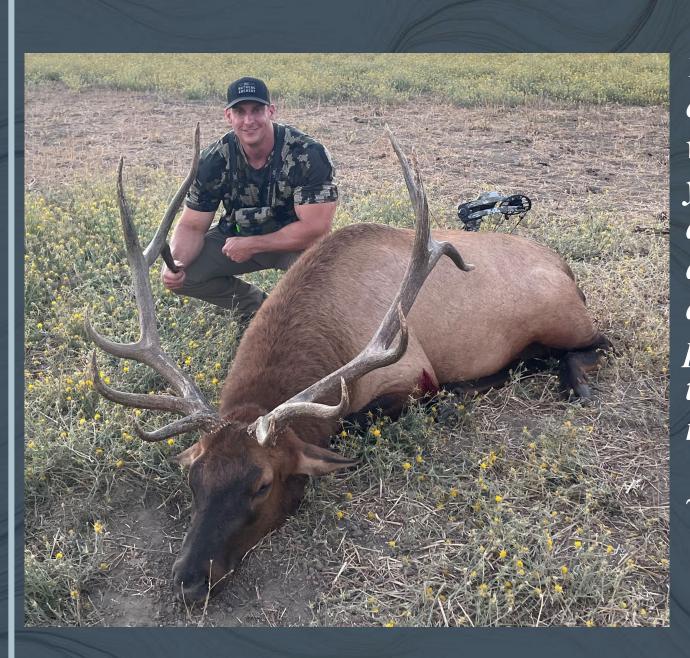
After 2 hours of sleep, we went out and 45 minutes into the hunt this bull came to our calls screaming his head off. He piled up about 40 yards after a 12-yard shot.

~ DAN EVENSON MENDOCINO COUNTY, CA - 2021



I am an archery super-slammer. This is my 3rd Tule Bull Elk. He was the biggest of 9 bulls that walked by me. I shot him at 30 yards, and he expired just 100 yards away.

~ JIM WONDZELL SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CA - 2021



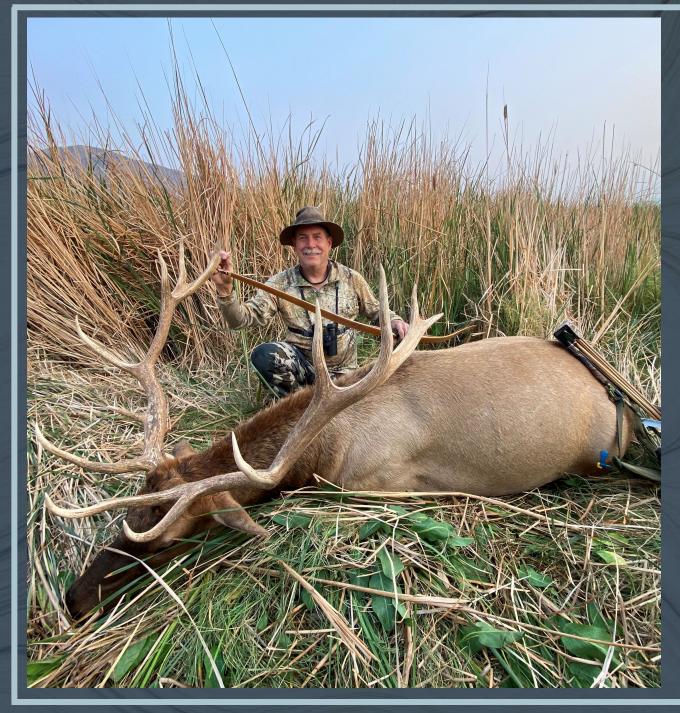
While researching outfitters for Tule Elk hunts only two names came up. I made the decision to go with Richard Eriksen based off his years of experience as an archer and his understanding of what an archer needs in a hunt. After a quick walk of the property, we put a plan together for the next day when this brute came in for a drink. The rest is history!

~ ERIC BETHUNE MENDOCINO COUNTY, CA - 2022



Arrived in Potter Valley just at dark. We were on the mountain at first light where we spotted two bull onto the adjacent ridge. By time we got there the bulls had disappeared into the thick brush. We went to a lookout point, and after a couple hours, we found the bulls bedded on the hillside. I located a rock formation that I was going to use as a reference. We drove back around to top of the mountain, and I set a foot. Just as planned the bull were up and feeding. I made a perfect 45-yard shot.

~ TIM VANCE MENDOCINO COUNTY, CA - 2021



Tule Elk, a smaller version of their cousins, yet no less different to hunt during their rut. Locate a bull, move in close, get your set-up right, provoke him into seeking you out. A Longbow of my own design and make, loosing an arrow at 26 yards, proved very fatal. Enduring 110-degreeAugust temperatures is extreme. A trophy Tule bull elk is extreme.

~ KEVIN L. HALL INYO COUNTY, CA - 2021

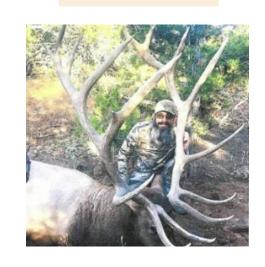


I began the long drive from Texas to California for my Tule Elk in September 2021. While driving with my wife Annie the Outfitter text a photo of a large Bull that showed up on his ranch. He was beyond my expectations. We arrived the next day and made a plan of how to hunt this Bull. Thanks to Ed, James and the Lord above I was able to harvest this magnificent Tule Elk with a well-placed arrow at 43 yards and enter him into the Pope & Young records.

~ FRED SWEISTHAL MENDOCINO COUNTY, CA - 2021

TYPICAL AMERICAN ELK











To have the opportunity to draw on a bull of this caliber is once in a lifetime experience. Having my dad, brothers, nephews, and friends there was the real prize for me. Fred Bear stated, "A hunt based only on trophies taken falls far short of what the ultimate goal should be." My goals of preparation, opportunities, memories made, and passing the love of bow hunting on all came together on this incredible hunt.

~ BRADY ARNOLD GARFIELD COUNTY, UT - 2021



15 straight days of heat, sweat, and missed opportunity's, oh and a mountain lion sneaking in on me!

Finally, it all came together to get this bull. A big thanks to my family and friends that were with me on this DIY Utah hunt!

~ CLIFF ANDERSON DAGGETT COUNTY, UT - 2020

TYPICAL COLUMBIAN BLACKTAIL DEER











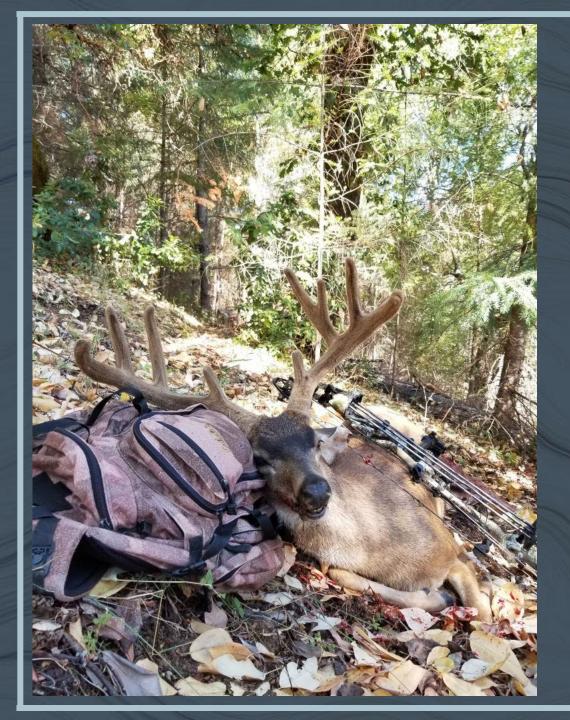






After two months of studying this deer's pattern and gazing at it through my spotting scope, August 28th, 2021, finally arrived - opening day. After what felt like an eternity, he finally stepped into an opening at 68 yards. I steadied myself, loosed my arrow, and it struck true. After allowing him to expire, I was awarded the opportunity to put my hand on the most beautiful buck I could have ever imagined.

~ LEVI WING MARION COUNTY, OR - 2021



After first spotting this buck in April, I spent 20 days, pre-season, scouting for and keeping tabs on just this one buck. But ten days before archery season, he disappeared. I hunted 11 consecutive days before finding him again. He was just 100 yards away in heavy cover. I was able to close the gap to 28 yards, to get that one shot with my Hoyt REDWRX bow and GrimReaper broadhead.

~ REDHAWK PALLESEN
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CA - 2021



On an early season hunt in California, we had patterned this beautiful 4x4. We set up a blind on his route to where he had been feeding each night. He read the script the first day that I hunted him, and I was able to watch my arrow sail just over his back. Two days later he decided that it was safe to go back to his pattern and I didn't miss the second time.

~ DAN EVENSON TRINITY COUNTY, CA - 2020



My close friend Butch Carly and I found this amazing buck the first day we were there and set our sights on it. On day 4 of our adventure, we split up and went into different locations in hopes the buck would show himself. I was the luckier of the two of us and was able to get a 30-yard shot to seal the deal.

~ RANDY LILJENQUIST MENDOCINO COUNTY, CA - 2020



Walking along a ridgeline, I looked down into the basin and saw nothing. I decided to drop down and look around. I peered through a bunch of trees and my heart jumped because there was a nice buck. The wind was perfect, and I circled above him. I made my approach and got to within 20 yards and shot. Thank you to my friend for telling me to measure him.

~ BRANDON TIRADO TRINITY COUNTY, CA - 2019

TYPICAL COUES DEER

















While hunting Arizona for Mule deer, I stumbled in on a beautiful Coues. This encounter changed my plans for the next 4 days, until I finally him through the thick Oak; the stalk was on. He was with 2 other bucks, and until this buck stepped out, I hadn't realized I was on the wrong buck. It all happened so fast. I set my sight to 65 yards and made a great shot, and he expired within 100 yards. I still can't believe buck-fever didn't bite me. Not realizing how big he really was, I was very calm until I walked up on him! I consider it a family effort and thank God and my wife for supporting me in my effort to pursue him. Without her holding the fort down, I couldn't have slipped away for that long to hunt!

~ JAMES STEWART SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, AZ - 2022



This was another great hunt in Sonora, and I owe most of my success to American Airlines for losing my friends bows so I could sit in the best stand.

Thanks to my incredible guide, Zack, for waking up long enough in between naps to keep me from shooting smaller bucks before this one presented a shot.

~ NICHOLAS MUCHE SONORA, MEXICO - 2022



My First Coues Deer!

~ GARRETT CHAVEZ GILA COUNTY, AZ - 2020



Adam and his son was sitting a waterhole we call Canyon Tank, and I was sitting a waterhole we call Powerline Tank about 1/2 mile apart. Adam text me at 11:30am informing me he had shot a small Coues Buck and that he did not need help with recovery. Adam and his son recovered the buck by noon and headed to a processor.

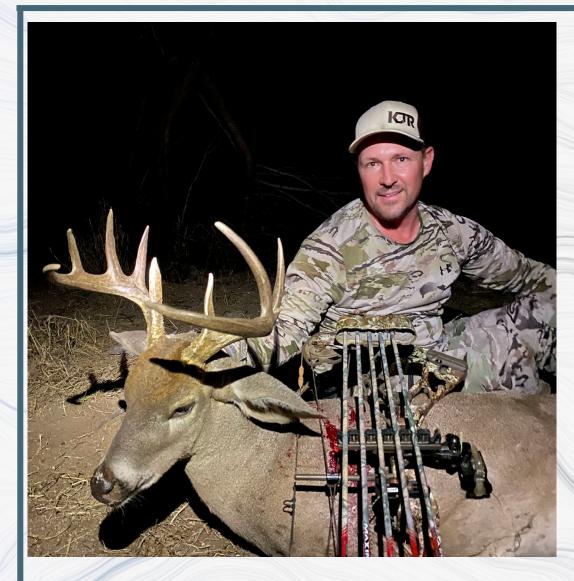
Later in the afternoon, about 1:15pm, I had 3 Coues bucks come into my waterhole and the biggest of the three positioned closet to me and gave me a good broadside look. I launch my arrow within 30 seconds of their arrival, perfect hit. The buck traveled less than 30 yards.

~ RODNEY RONNEBAUM GILA COUNTY, AZ - 2017



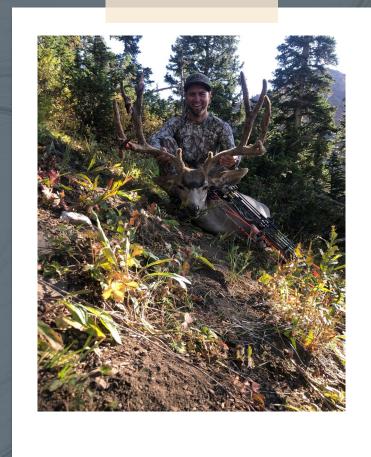
On the fifth day of my hunt sitting in a ground blind in the forest, I spotted a really nice buck, I put the Bino's on him and range found him at 36 yards. I watched another really nice buck walk by him going away. The buck turned around quartering away took a couple steps and stood there. I put the 40-yard pin on his side and executed the shot. He traveled about 50 yards and went down. I can't thank Dallas, Toby and Darrell of Antler Canyon Outfitters enough. What a great hunt!

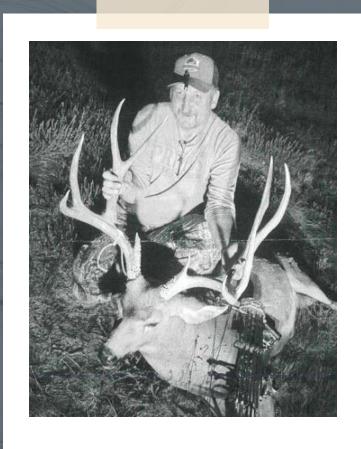
~ BOB "JAKE" JACOBSEN
GREENLEE COUNTY, AZ - 2022



In January of 2021 we were once again headed South of the border to chase ghosts. After taking a great buck with my rifle early in the hunt, the rest of this trip would be long sits with my bow and no real expectations, other than enjoying the Sonoran Desert. On the last evening, as the warm winter desert cooled and the green brush turned gray, when there was maybe 5 minutes of light left, he appeared from the creek headed towards the drinker, I froze. As he made a scrape at 80 yds before he committed to drink, I repeated my rhyme.... Be Calm, Be Quiet, Be Quick. At 29 yds the arrow hit true, and he didn't make it 50 vds.

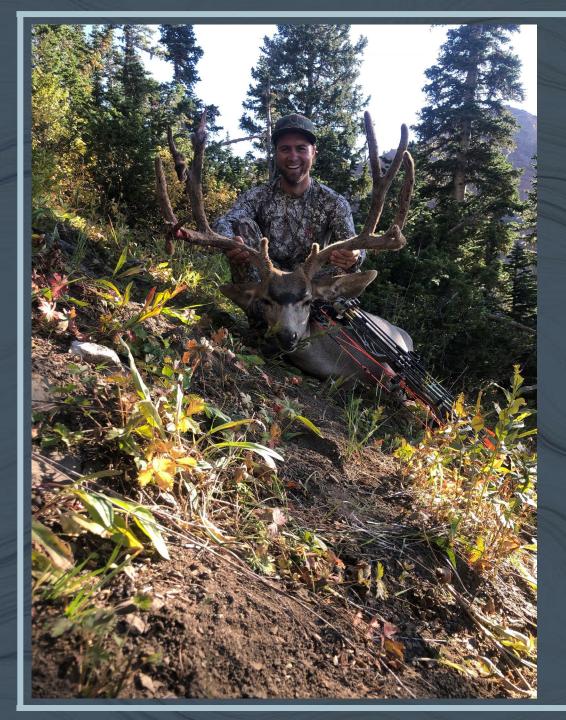
~ KEVIN RAILSBACK SONORA, MEX - 2021







TYPICAL MULE DEER



2021 scouting season had confirmed my target buck had made it another year and was bigger than ever. With camp on my back, I hiked into the high country looking for an opportunity. Unable to get eyes on the target deer, I hiked into another basin found this buck bedded 600 yards. In a few hours I had cut the distance to 47 yards. As I knocked my arrow the buck was alerted and stood staring straight at me giving me a narrow window to make the shot. I trusted my hours of practice, drew my bow, and let the arrow fly! I could see from the amount of blood he was pouring out I wouldn't need a follow up shot.!

~ TYLER ROBINSON LINCOLN COUNTY, WY - 2021

TYPICAL MULE DEER VELVET





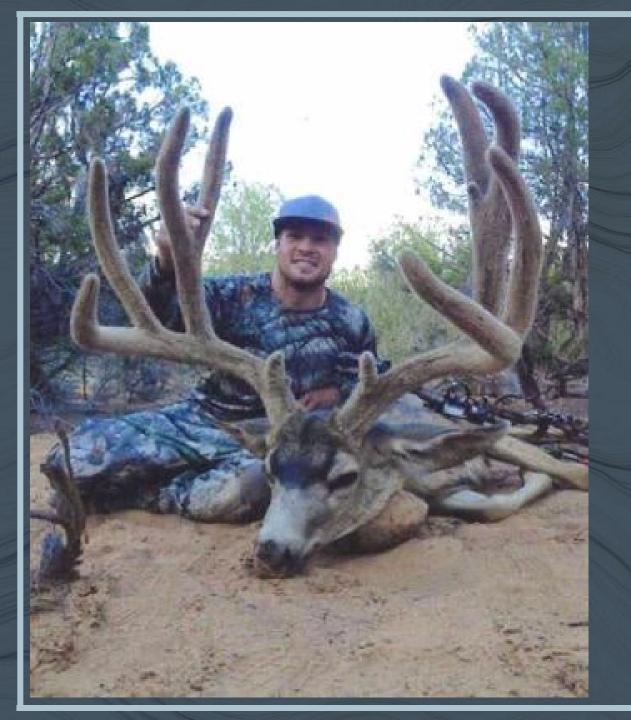






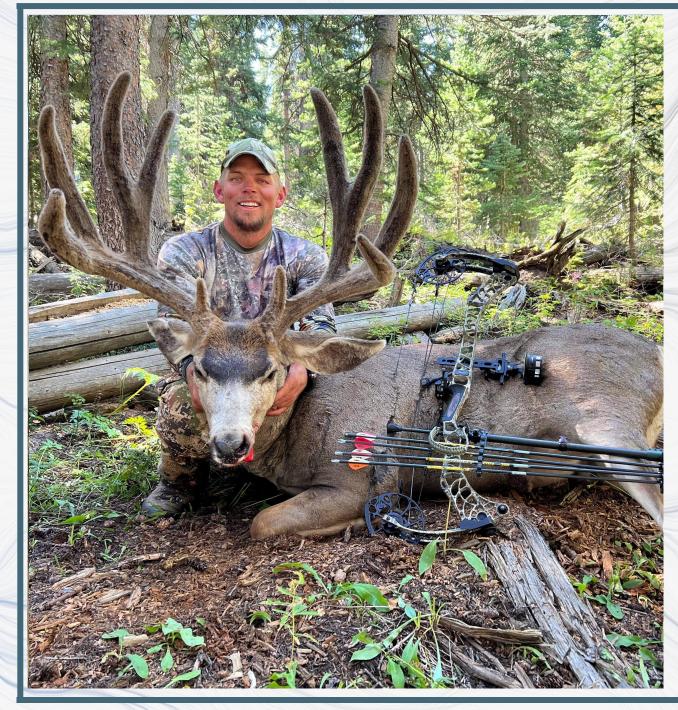






Gardner acquired a deer tag and hunted the Heaton Ranch with Color Country Outfitters. After several days of hunting, the hunter finally made a successful stalk; killing the buck!

~ BOWDY GARDNER KANE COUNTY, UT - 2012



Archery hunting is my passion. Mule deer is my favorite animal to hunt because of the challenge, hard work and dedication that it takes every season. I first laid eyes on this buck in 2021. As luck would have it, I was able to locate him the next season and take him on the 3rd day. Harvesting this deer has been my biggest achievement. This experience is one I'll never forget. I feel truly blessed.

~ JACOB CLICK MESA COUNTY, CO - 2022



My 2021 Utah Archery, general season, public lands, spot & stalk mule deer. This buck is a representation of a lifelong dream, family, proper ethics, and a win for the good guys. This was a lot of years of relentless pursuit with a lot of highs and lows. Without the mentorship of my dad and brother, the companionship and support of family and friends, this never would have happened. Cheers!

~ TREVER THOMPSON KANE COUNTY, UT - 2021



I bumped this buck while hiking into a spot I had not been to before. He jumped up on the other side of some brush about 3 yards from me and bounded away. I followed him across a field and through 2 deep draws where I watched him hide in a thick small patch of bush. I waited for an hour and a half to get a shot when he came out. I executed a perfect 60 yard shot from the opposite side of the draw where I was waiting for him to appear.

~ LEVI SHIPTON CONSORT, ALB - 2021



Mule Deer Hunt 2006 The 2nd day of archery deer season on public land in Colorado. It was drizzling rain as I made my way through the oak brush. Daylight was soon coming to an end when I spotted this giant buck. As he moved through, I shot and hit. I decided to wait until the morning to look. Fortunately, with some help from camp I was able to recover this beautiful buck!

~ TIM ROBERTS MESA COUNTY, CO - 2006

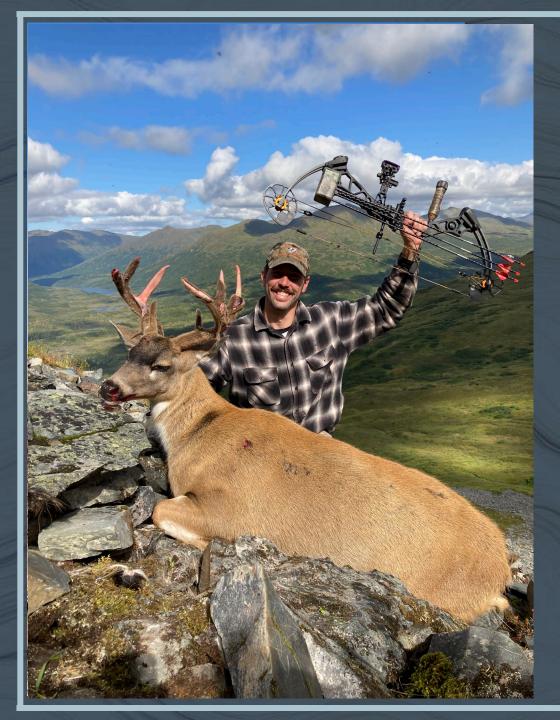
TYPICAL SITKA BLACKTAIL DEER











I'll never forget this buck. We were chasing goats and deer on Kodiak. The trip of a lifetime; Trevor Embry and I had taken 3 deer and 2 goats in 5 days. I was watching a decent buck in the valley below when this giant stepped out. The sun seemed to glisten off him in a spotlight fashion. My jaw dropped. A good friend, Dave Moore, and I stalked into within 22 yards of this buck.

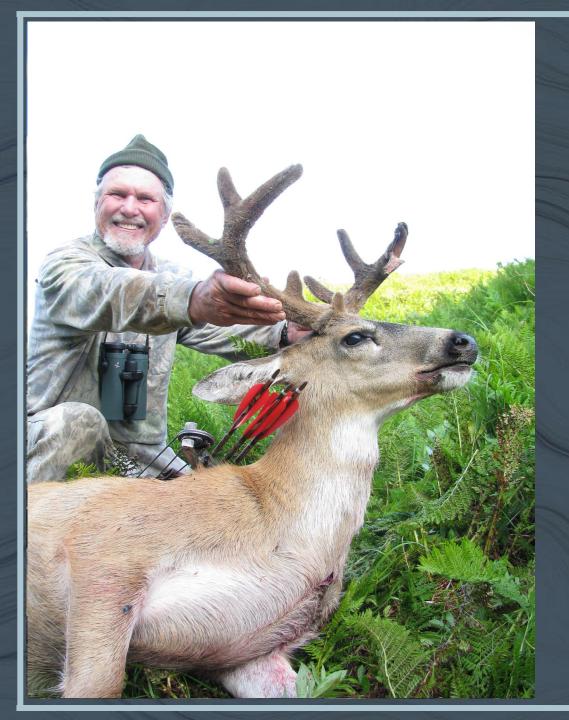
~ BRIAN WATKINS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2021



Afognak Island, off of Kodiak Island, was a total blast. Rain, snow, and sleet almost daily. Thankful he didn't go too far; I didn't want to fight a bear off him.

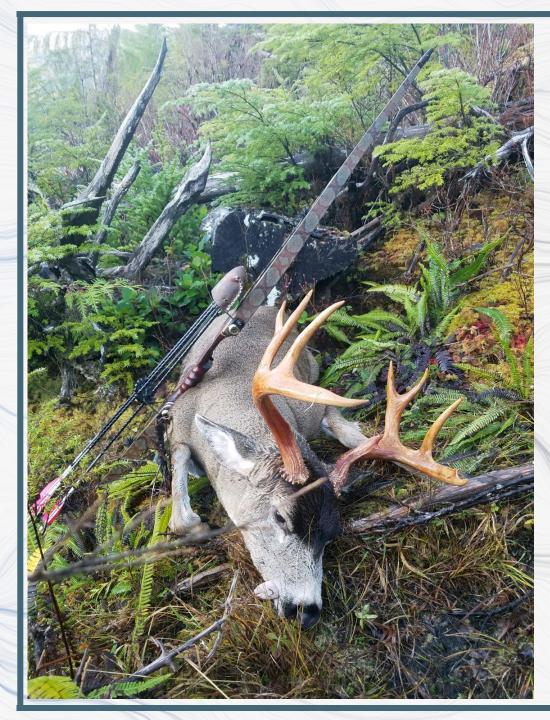
We weren't sure if we were going to make it out. Happened at the same time as the Anchorage earthquake. Our phones were going off with tsunami warnings, didn't know what was coming at us. It all worked out:)

~ PRESTON FARRIOR AFOGNAK ISLAND, AK - 2018



This buck was feeding one morning across rolling hills toward a high ridge. I hung back and followed more than a mile before the deer bedded below a knob. The wind was wrong, so I waited all day until evening air currents switched. My arrow drilled both lungs, and the deer tumbled down a rocky slope. The velvet was ripped, and one tine broken, but still a beautiful buck.

~ CHUCK ADAMS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2021

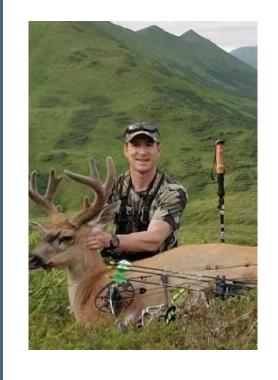


In 2018, before Thanksgiving, I went to a spot I enjoy hunting. I brought my Bear Paw long bow custom built by Neil Jacobsen. Being at the peak of the rut, I began calling from stop to spot for several miles of timbered and open "Muskeg". After passing small bucks, I returned to my original where I caught a buck staring at me. I could see instantly he was a mature. I instinctively knocked an arrow and shot, the buck spun instantly and was gone. I found my arrow broken in half near where I shot. I had to watch him pass away for some time just 50 yards away. I have to say the stars were lined up for me that day and it wasn't for over 2 years later I had it measured.

~ CHARLES HAYDU PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND, AK - 2018

TYPICAL SITKA BLACKTAIL DEER VELVET





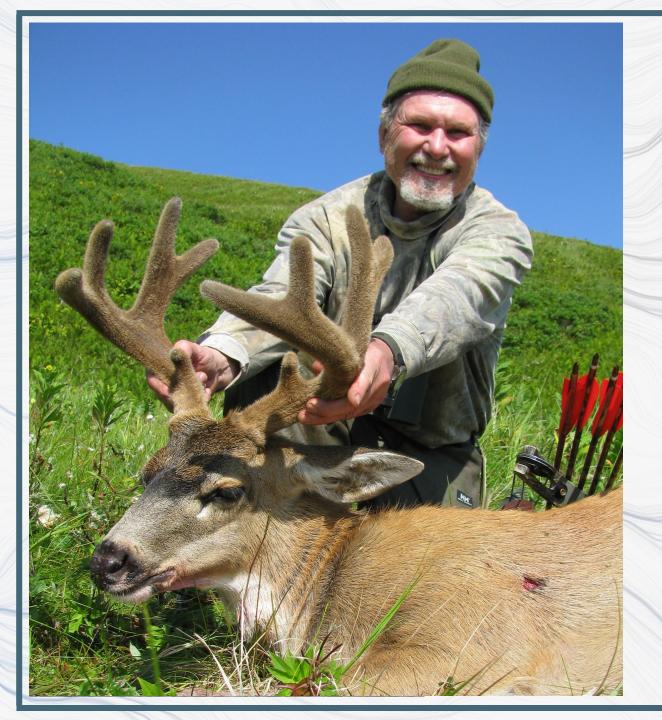












Amazingly, the very first deer I saw on my 2021 Alaskan bow hunt was a giant 5x5. I had been hiking for an hour and spotted big antlers above a ridge. I told myself it might be the largest Sitka rack I had ever seen. After a long crawl, I shot the buck from 36 yards. This is the best scoring typical blacktail I have ever taken during 18 trips to Kodiak, and a P&Y World Record!

~ CHUCK ADAMS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2021



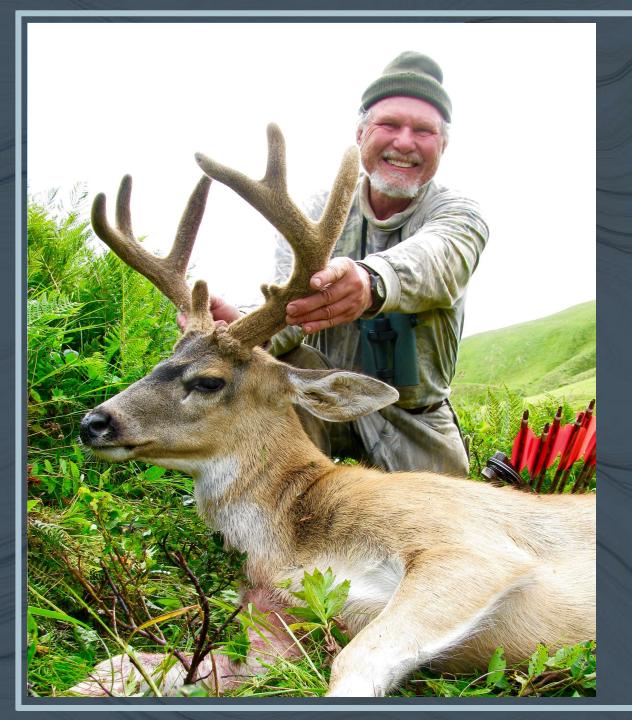
Although I had hunted Sitka deer many times, this was my first time hunting them on Kodiak Island. Jim Witcombe and I had a fantastic time dodging brown bears and stalking velvet bucks on the higher peaks. I got this buck on about the 6th day of an 8-day hunt, my biggest at the time.

~ JIM WILLEMS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2021



The plane disappeared over the mountains for my second DIY attempt. Solo with only my bow might not have been a good idea but to achieve my quest of booking each deer species, it had to be. The previous years lessons taught me where and where not to be. Taking full advantage of the only good weather day, it happen. Two cow parsnip trips later got me behind the fence.

~ ROBERT LAW KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2021



It was late August on Kodiak when I glassed up a buck with tall velvet antlers. The deer was over a mile away, with two groups of does in between. I trotted across a canyon, sneaked past the first females, and waited until the second bunch fed out of sight. The buck had bedded in tall grass, so I sneaked close and waited for him to stand. One arrow did the trick.

~ CHUCK ADAMS KODIAK ISLAND, AK - 2021



I intend to hunt Sitka Blacktail somewhere every year. I prefer to hunt early August, simply because there are no other hunts going on at that time. After several poor years, the hunting on POW last season was much better. I was excited to see a few really good bucks and was lucky to get this buck on the first day.

~ JIM WILLEMS KOSCIUSKO ISLAND, AK - 2022

TYPICAL WHITETAIL DEER

















At the start of this opening day hunt (September 1st) it was 93 degrees out. A storm shower set in around 5pm and lasted for an hour. I knew if I could sit through the storm and be patient, there was a good chance my target buck would step out. As I gather my stuff together to leave, I happen to glance up and catch him walking straight for me just 100 yards out. He then followed a well-used trail to 12 yards, and the rest is history!

~ JORDAN BARTH GOSHEN COUNTY, WY - 2021



Had this buck on camera for 2 years previous during early season and mostly he disappeared after the first month. Found his sheds and got him back on camera the next year early. Hunted on the 5th day of season after a small weather front came through and took him that night. Absolutely the luckiest hunter ever to get this guy!

~ MARLIN MCGINNIS MERCER COUNTY, KY - 2021



I want to first thank Matthew Mader for being such a great friend and helping out each year.

I was blessed to have harvested this amazing animal the same year we had lost my father to ALS. Though my father did not hunt, he loved hearing my stories and was the first person I called after every successful hunt.

Thanks "Pops," you and God get the glory for this one!

~ NATHAN C. THOMAS LAKE COUNTY, IN - 2021



When my dad gifted me my first bow, I never imagined it would lead me on such an incredible journey. This remarkable whitetail managed to survive unthinkable odds, surviving season after season. A four-year chase ended on a dreary October morning. That day will forever remain one of the highlights of my life. Special thanks to my dad for sharing your passion and to my husband for all your support along the way.

~ NICOLE MILLER GUERNSEY COUNTY, OH - 2021

WOODLAND CARIBOU







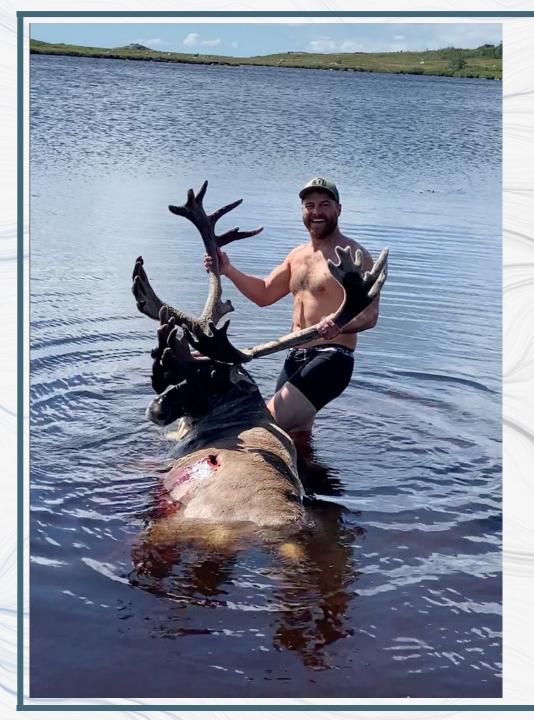












Finally, it's opening day for Woodland Caribou season. The sun is rising and we're in the perfect spot. Not even five minutes passed, and we had our eyes on the Bull. Without hesitation, we discussed and executed our plan. We were all blown away as I put my hands on him for the first time. I now had my second Top Ten entry into the Pope & Young club!

~ DANIEL WELKER BERGEO, NFL - 2021



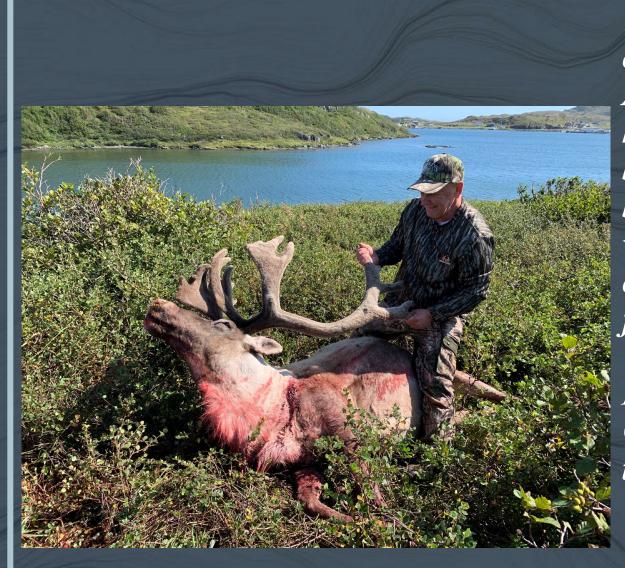
We found small bulls the first few days. On the third day, I stalked a big bull with his herd. They remained alert staying 100 yards away. They disappeared behind a small hill, and we stalked up the opposite side. At 60 yards, the bull boldly walked quartering toward me as we were challenging him with a shed antler. Success! My son-in-law, Matt, was successful - but bigger, of course.

~ JEFF FURSTENAU DEER LAKE, NFL - 2009



A story of patience. I'm a person of little patience, unless it involves hunting or fishing. My patience on this Newfoundland Woodland Caribou hunt through Ray's Hunting Lodge definitely was put to the test. I was able to put several stalks on these majestic animals. The multiple stalks over several days enabled me to better understand their tolerance and distance. This enabled me to harvest my trophy Woodland Caribou!

~ LLOYD "BUDDY" SCHAUT BUCHANS PLATEAU, NFL - 2021



The guides had scouted a group of 4 caribou with one really nice one in it. After crawling for 500 yards over a two hour period, I missed my first shot and the busted. My guide was able to find the big bull alone, three hours later and the stock was on again. At 45 yards, I got a second chance. Despite my nerves, my arrow found a jugular and he didn't go far.

Interestingly, I am now known as "Jugular Gerry" because I also took a Black Bear the next day with a neck shot.

~ GERARD O'HARE GREAT NORTHERN PENINSULA, NFL - 2019



The island Newfoundland is the only place in the world where you can hunt Woodland Caribou. I've been fortunate to be able to hunt Woodland Caribou many times in my life. Living there, it's sometimes easy to take for granted what a truly Magnificent species these animals are. To see mine and the other Caribou being honored here tonight is truly amazing & I'd like to congratulate those and all the hunters in attendance!

~ STEPHEN J. ERBLAND MIDDLE RIDGE, NFL - 2021



Hunted for three days looking for a good bull. Found an exceptional one only to get winded on the stalk. The next day came upon a small herd, but they were not coming our way and didn't look like we were going to be able to close the distance. Then suddenly the herd decided to turn and come straight towards us. I took the shot at about 10 yard.

~ TIM VANCE MAIN BROOK, NFL - 2021

