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TROPHIES
OF 2006



Zig Kertenis



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Jim Hunnicutt



Joe Wishcamper



Jeff Bounsall



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Sam Finch



Eric Armstrong



Steve Williams



Nick Shaugnessy



Bill End



Bob Ward



Mike Jans

MIKE'S 2006 FALL HUNT REPORT

Mike's Outfitting Ltd. had a very successful and busy season this past fall 2006. We had hunts running in both Southern and Northern Alberta. I spent most of my time in the north and my great long term guides took care of the hunts in the south. In total we had 52 hunters, 28 rifle and 24 bow who took 47 animals consisting of 36 mule deer, 6 whitetails, 3 bears, 1 elk and 1 moose.

We did quite well on the mule deer considering the very challenging weather conditions we had to deal with in the north. Early in the season we had heat and drought that broke 15 to 20 year old records and then in November, record snowfall and temperatures of almost 40 below F. The 36 mule deer were taken by 43 hunters, 21 rifle and 22 bow. We took 21 mule deer bucks that scored over 170 and 10 over 180. Three of those 10 broke 190. Repeat hunter **Bob Ward** killed the first heavy, tall 190 non-typical with his bow on opening day of his hunt. The next biggest deer was another archery kill by 14 time repeat hunter **Zig Kertenis** from Connecticut. It was another massive deer in beautiful velvet. It scored 192 non-typical. The giant of the season was taken by 2nd time hunter **Jim Hunnicutt** from Washington. The deer was over 30 inches wide, had a drop tine and a big extra sticker, just an incredible deer. I think Jim is still smiling. You can read his story in an upcoming issue of Trophy Hunter Magazine. Honorable Mention also goes out to rifle hunter **Bill End** from Maine with a 189 clean typical. It had 6 ¼ inch bases, 18 inch G-2's and a dressed out body weight of 280 lbs. We have also restructured some of our hunts to take the best advantage of the peak mule deer hunting times so next year should be even better.

We only had a few hunters who seriously hunted the whitetails and the brutal weather conditions made it really tough. We did see quite a few 150 to 175 inch deer throughout November though. **Sam Finch** from Pennsylvania was the only one who managed to kill one of them anchoring a heavy 5 by 5 that scored 151. **Jeff Bounsall** from California took a 6 by 6 that came very close to 150 and a 181 inch mule deer on one of our November combo hunts. We do have a great whitetail zone with the perfect mix of habitat, big bush areas and small strips of trees that run up into the productive farm land. If we get some hunters who are willing to spend quite a bit of time in stands then next year we will kill some of those monster whitetails.

One of the other incredible species in our northern area is the moose. We have an unbelievable number of them. I saw 45 moose in a field at one time. There were 10 bulls and 3 of them were in the 40 to 50 inch class. Not huge, but very nice for an accessible farmland zone. The limited draw for resident hunters seems to be really working. Our one dedicated moose hunter **Steve Williams** from Oregon came on a whitetail deer/moose combo hunt and took a beautifully proportioned, high scoring 40 inch bull. He also put in some time on the whitetails, passing on a decent 145, 4 by 4 and coming oh so close to killing a 160 class deer. We have secured some more moose tags for our hunters, both Rut and November hunts and success will be practically 100% guaranteed.

The amount of elk in our area is also going up every year. We saw some really big herds and some good sized 260 to 310 bulls throughout the season. **Nick and Bruce Shaughnessy** came on a rifle elk hunt and they got to experience some exciting bugling, calling a rutted up bull across a half mile field. Nick took him with one shot. He was a heavy beamed 5 pointer that scored right at 260. Bruce missed a couple of long shots at a big 280, 6 pointer.

We are expanding our bear hunts this spring with 10 hunts now being offered to bow and rifle hunters. It is an exceptional bear hunting zone that we have been guiding in for over 10 years. Our hunters usually see upwards of 20 to 30 bears in a week. It is an almost guaranteed chance to kill 2 bears and a very good opportunity for a big or colored one.

My wife Jen and I are very excited about our switch to the North country of Alberta. It is truly the best place where an avid hunter, guide and outfitter could live. We can now offer top quality Trophy hunts for 6 big game species right out our back door, Mule Deer, Whitetail Deer, Moose, Elk, Black Bears and Wolves. We also have a big lodge that we will have set up to comfortably house 6 hunters and the guides. We will be working on our whole setup throughout the winter and summer along with year round scouting. Our priority will always be to sell hunts honestly, cater to your specific needs and deliver what we promise. We hope to have you up here sometime soon!