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"A Big Game Hunter's Paradise"
Bears of 2013



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MIKE'S 2013 SPRING BEAR HUNT REPORT

We had another fantastic year on our 2013 spring black bear hunts! With the late green up the number of shooter boars on our trail cameras at the start of the season was amazing, better than any of the previous years. The huge Peace River valley continually funnels new large, roaming bears right to our baits. We also feed the heck out of the local bears and many of them grow up on our baits from cubs till they are big boars and breeding sows. We truly try to manage our bear population so we have as many bears as possible on our 30 baits and of course lots of record book ones. We got off to a great start in the first 3 weeks of the season killing 10 big male bears, no females and no small ones. It was shaping up to be our best season ever. Then things changed with sudden hot weather and a fast green up, the big bear sightings continued but the mature male bears became random hitters, some wouldn't come right into the bait sites for a good bow shot and a few got wounded. Some of the novice bear hunters also had trouble recognizing the big male bears when they did show up, even though we give a thorough orientation with trail cam pictures and video. It just isn't easy to figure out sometimes. We ended up killing just 4 more big ones in the next 2 weeks, totaling 14 big bears for 25 hunters. We should have killed 18-20 big ones. Everyone was also being extra careful to not shoot breeding age sows and young bears which is what we want but this does keep the overall number of kills down. **We shot 44 bears for 28 hunters last year and this year we shot 27 bears for 25 hunters. With the average hunter seeing around 20 different bears and a 2 bear limit we could have easily shot 50 bears.**

This first big one of the year was a beautiful chocolate boar killed by **Chris Rabley** on his 2nd hunt with us. Then **Neal Weiler**, **Roy Zimmerman**, and brothers **Dan** and **Craig Hansen** all killed bears with hides squaring over 7 feet. Craig's was the giant of the week weighing **400 lbs** and having a skull of **20 4/16**. The next week **Cam Sembaluk** shot a solid Pope and Young bear earning himself \$250 future hunt credit with us. He then **passed on a big 300+ lb, 19+ skull bear** in search of a 400 lb giant that we had on trail cam but he ended up with no 2nd bear which also gave him another \$250 future hunt credit. We do this to reward those who hold out for big bears, we want to see big ones come into camp! Another 2nd time hunter **Mark Yajcaji** brought in one of those big ones with a **7 ft 3 in square hide, 19 12/16 giant**. That same week **John Hubbard** from Texas had probably the most successful hunt of all, killing a monstrous **415 lb, 7 ft 8 in hide, 20 in skull** bear and then a **big 18 12/16 in, Pope and Young chocolate**.

Six time repeat hunter Mark Fischer nailed, on video, a massive **430 lb, 20+ in skull** bear the 3rd week. **Ray Dohn** from PA came on his 2nd bear hunt with us and passed on 2 solid Poper bears because we had a possible Booner bear on the trail cams. It was not meant to be but Ray rebooked for 2014. The 4th week of hunters was the Mexican/Texas Longbow group organized by repeat hunter **Jose Gomez**. **Rodger Millar** and his son **Wes**, who has moose hunted with us before, also joined the group, a fun, full house of 8 guests. Everyone killed at least one bear even with several missed shots. **87 yr old Rodger shot his first ever bear** with Wes accompanying him in the exciting ground blind hunt. The final week was **Darren Wilson** and son **Cole**, **Rocky Magee** and his son **RJ**. They got 4 good bears and had lots of compliments on how they thought we have the big bear program nailed down. We really hope to have them back, another great group of guys.

Even with the bit of frustration on the big bear kills it was a really enjoyable season, spring bear hunting always is, you get to sleep in late, eat too much and get some adrenaline filled hunting. We are already half booked for 2014 so don't hesitate to contact us. My head guide, Kyle Mudge and I are also opening up an **incredible new Bear hunting area**, an underutilized, huge zone, **Eagle Eye Outfitting** it's called. Call me or Kyle at 780 850 9024 for details. **Also if you are interested in the very real possibility of killing a 500 lb bear or 2 and a trophy whitetail deer in one hunt call me right away, we are doing just 3 bear and whitetail deer combo bow hunts this fall for the same price as our spring bear only hunt.**

Other Top Quality 2013 Fall Hunts Still Available!

Besides our **3 Fall bear and Whitetail deer combo bow hunts** available for this year we also just acquired some other **new tags**. We now have **one Moose rifle hunt open Oct 31 to Nov 7** in our home zone. This is probably the best dates to see lots of moose and an almost 100% chance to kill one. We may also have **one peak rut elk rifle hunt still open, Sept 22-30**. I'm just waiting on final confirmation on the purchase of the elk tag.

We also have **some openings in our B.C. area, Nass Valley Outfitting**, which is still very lightly hunted and relatively inexpensive, compared to neighboring outfitters. We have made these fly-in hunts as cheap as possible and we have the equipment and guides to put on a great hunt. We have a **couple of openings in August for Goat and Mountain Caribou**. This is the easiest time to hunt them when you have nicer weather and long daylight hours. We have killed a couple of huge goats, including **2 Boone and Crockett qualifiers** and some very big caribou. I'm personally going in again to do a bowhunt August 1-10 to try for an even bigger Goat than last year! Whoohoo, can't wait. I'm flying into the same lake where **we also have 2 true Trophy Canada Moose hunt openings for October 1-10 this fall!** I was there last year and flew over the whole area, it is incredible, moose habitat and we have never done a peak rut moose hunt in the zone. It is completely unhunted. There is a fishing lodge at a very nearby lake and they say they have trouble with the moose in the rut all the time. We hope to cure some of their moose problems. It will be a lake based hunt in a remote wilderness area that shouldn't be too physically tough.

Call me if you are interested in any of our hunts or send me an email or visit our website for more info. Thanks!

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