



Dennis Weller



"A Big Game Hunter's Paradise"
Trophies of Fall 2014



Clarence Wohlwend



Mike Ukrainetz



Greg Pridgen



Robb Gottenburg



Chris Ramsey



Nate Oliver



Dale White



Ron Johnson



Mark Swift



Blake Luse



Eric Anderson



Wally Jurowicz



Stace Karikis



Tad Anderson



Mike & Jen Ukrainetz



Josh Harb

[MIKE'S 2014 FALL HUNT REPORT](#)

This past fall 2014 hunting season was one of the best we have ever had, especially on our main species, Mule Deer, Moose and Elk. Both the rifle and bowhunts were excellent! This was my 28th year of guiding, 23rd year of running an outfitting business and our 9th year exclusively in the Peace River region of Northern Alberta. Hopefully in 2015, on our 10th Anniversary, we can do better but it could be tough to beat. Almost all of our hunters this year came properly prepared with the right expectations and they made their shots count. We also had several fantastic guides creating those opportunities, **Kyle Mudge, Josh Harb** and **Sam Hampton**. Plus our fantastic cook, **Ana Terhorst**, kept everyone happy and a bit fatter.

Now for some of the hunt stats. On our bowhunts we had 8 mule deer bowhunters shoot 8 bucks, 5 kills and 3 flesh wounds. The biggest deer was a **giant 206 score non-typical** by **Dennis Weller** on a 31 yard shot. Then we took 2 early season archery moose and 2 good bull elk. Plus we had countless blown opportunities and more missed shots than I care to talk about. Oh well, that is the fun of bowhunting! You can see our [full bowhunt report](#) in PDF format on our website.

On the rifle hunts we took **10 mule deer for 11 hunters, 5 elk for 6 hunters** and **20 moose for 22 hunters**. I do feel bad for the unsuccessful hunters, I'm sure they would disagree about what a great season we had and I do wish we could get 100% kill success on every hunt but it is free range hunting not killing. Some of the best mule deer were a **180 typical** taken by **Wally Jurowicz from Australia**, a long tined, symmetrical **182 score** buck taken by **Eric Anderson** from Colorado, and another 200 inch deer, a **giant 206 gross, 192 net typical** by **Clarence Wohlwend** from Montana. A few other huge 190 plus bucks eluded us too. Several other great deer were taken by **Paul Wolski** from IL, **Nick and Gary Slocum** MI, **Jim Bowe** and **Joe Palmer** BC, **Stace Karikas** and **Carl Henczel** Australia.

On the elk hunts our first week of successful hunters were father and son **Tad and Perry Anderson**. Tad was more happy that his Dad finally got a bull elk than he was about his own elk! **Tom Dugard** from Illinois was the most fit 72 yr old that we have ever had and he got a nice bull too. I also guided **Chris Ramsey from Savage Outdoors TV show** and after 5 days of hard hunting and lots of bugling we finally called a heavy 5 point bull into 30 yards and Chris took him with one shot, all on video! Awesome footage and the show will air soon. **Tony Rounds** and **Chuck Peeling** came from BC and they both had encounters with rutting elk but only Tony killed his bull. They had a blast and rebooked for 2015. Guide Josh Harb and I also shot 6 point bulls and guide Kyle got to fling an arrow at a solid 300 inch, 6 pointer too. The bugling was good throughout the rut, much better than last year.

Our moose hunts were equally successful with 22 hunters taking 20 bulls. The 2 unsuccessful hunters were a bowhunter who had 2 opportunities and could have killed with a gun. The other unsuccessful hunter was, I hate to admit it, guided by me and it was 6 time repeat hunter and now only 5 time successful hunter, **Carl Jorgensen**. I made him pass on a bull early in the hunt and then I screwed up 2 other solid opportunities. An apology goes out here to Carl and I plan to make it up to him in 2015, 2016 and 2017 which he has already booked. We had several other repeat moose hunters, **Nate Oliver, Ty** and **Barry Stillman**, and **Ron Johnson**, 3rd time. We had a heck of a moose season, no real big bulls but lots of 1st and 2nd day kills. Plenty of time to get the bull to the butcher! We have now taken 120 Bull Moose in 9 years of hunting and we have got almost all of them back to the lodge whole!!

As for the **whitetail deer hunts** we only run a few of those hunts and we did have several big **150-170 class deer on trail cameras** but we just didn't put any good ones on the ground. We tried hard but as they say you just can't win them all. It didn't help that we got some very warm temperatures during the peak of the rut. My apologies goes out to those unsuccessful hunters too. Our whitetail population does continue to grow every year.

We only have a few hunts left for 2015, our spring bear hunts are booked full and so are our mule deer bow and rifle hunts. The hunts we have open are for Moose, Elk and Whitetails and we are booking for 2016 and 2017. Give me a call at 780-864-3770 or an email at info@mikesoutfitting.com if you want to come experience the **Big Game Hunter's Paradise of Mike's Outfitting Ltd!** You can also see pictures of every animal we took in 2014 on our [website photo gallery](#) or on our [facebook page](#).