



# MIKE'S 2014 BOW HUNT REPORT

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We had an excellent bowhunting season this past fall 2014! The animals were fat and healthy from record rainfall in the spring and summer of 2013 and a relatively mild 2013/14 winter. There were more giant mule deer around than we have seen in several years, lots of twin and even triplet deer fawns and high numbers of moose and elk. It was really great to see the animal numbers coming back so strong!

The first hunt of the year was our mule deer bow hunts, Aug 25 to Sept 6, where we had 8 hunters shoot 8 bucks, 5 kills and 3 flesh wounds. Even with short farm crops all of our hunters could have gone after 170 plus score deer and we were also able to target several 180 bucks and even a few 200 inchers! The first deer of the year was taken by Dennis Weller from PA. He started the hunt by saying that he knew how tough spot and stalk bowhunting could be and that he would be happy with taking a 150-160 score deer. Well, imagine how happy he was when he connected on a 206 inch monster! It had a huge 192 typical frame, 6 ½ inch bases and 14 inches of nontypical points. One arrow at 31 yds did the trick. Rob Westby from Minnesota also took a nice deer that week. The two other mule deer hunters in camp the opening week included three time repeat hunter Tad Crawford from Iowa and Curt Wells from Bowhunter Magazine. They were both after 180 or bigger bucks and they saw them but we couldn't close the deal. Scott Dyer from Wisconsin also did an archery Moose hunt that 1st week, putting in long hours hunting from a tree stand over natural mineral licks. It paid off with a 15 yd shot on a good eating bull. The 2nd week of mule deer hunters saw Blake Luse from Wyoming take a wide 178 typical and repeat hunter Jeremy Lengle from PA a good sized 4 by 4 buck.



Dennis Weller with his 206 score giant non typical!

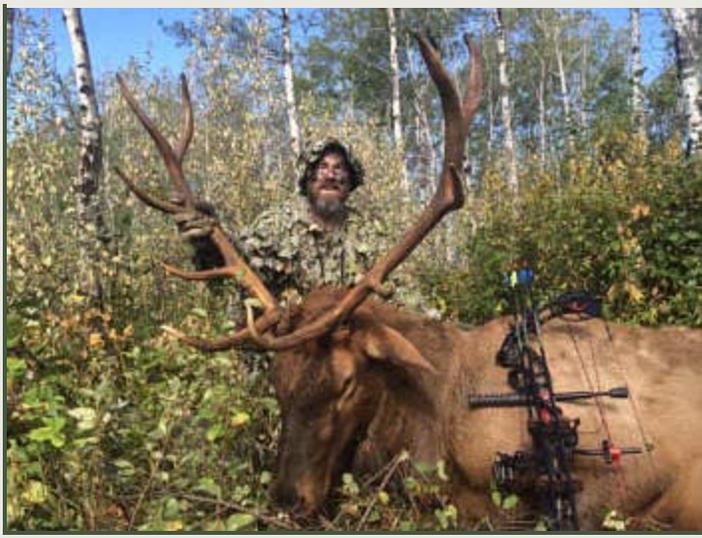


Blake Luse with a wide racked typical



Dale White and his 30 yard shot moose.

Father and son, Dale and Troy White came from Ontario for an exciting 2 week long mule deer, elk and moose combo bowhunt and they flung more than a few arrows at all three species. They ended up taking a good mule deer for Troy and a bull moose for Dale. Troy said they had a blast and he rebooked for next year with his son. It will be a great hunt!



Greg Pridgen and a heavy five point bull.



Mike Ukrainetz with his archery bull

The other 2 elk and moose bow hunters, that hunted Sept 6-15, were Greg Pridgen from Tennessee, via a 6 month stint in Afghanistan and repeat hunter Robb Gottenburg from North Dakota. (Robb killed a big grizzly with his bow in our BC area 2 years ago.) Robb and Greg both took good sized 5 point elk that were called into close range, they saw several moose but no moose kills. It is a ton of fun to hunt elk in the exciting bugling season where we sometimes encounter multiple bugling bulls and have a chance to kill a bull moose on the same hunt.

Well, that was about it for archery kills. Oh yeah, except for a big elk that I got with my bow and a bull moose that long time local guide and the Mayor of Blueberry Mountain, Sam Hampton, killed with his bow.

Most of the success of the hunts can be credited to my two talented, hard working archery guides, Kyle Mudge and Josh Harb, two of the best in the business! Ana Terhorst, our fantastic cook, rounded out what was probably our most successful bowhunting season ever!! I hope you can make it up here sometime soon to experience the Big Game Bowhunters Paradise of Mike's Outfitting Ltd. Feel free to call or email us about our bowhunts. We really do live in a Big Game Bowhunters Paradise!

P.S. You should see the Giant Typical Muley we took in opening week of the rifle season and the high success we had on our elk rifle hunts! You can see it on our facebook page and follow along with the rest of the season.

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