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Randy Ginest

**"A Big Game Hunter's Paradise"**  
*Bears of 2014*



Guide Josh Harb with Rick Duncan's Bear



Deena & Hearst Daman



Mark Fortman



Jacob-Pattee



Troy Thompson



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Ed Keppler



Aaron Seitz



Jason Erickson



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## MIKE'S 2014 SPRING BEAR HUNT REPORT

It is amazing to think that we had our 23<sup>rd</sup> year of successful bear hunting this past spring, 2014, and the hunting is as good as it has ever been! We hosted 32 hunters in our comfortable lodge over 5 weeks of hunting. Those 32 hunters shot 41 bears, giving a 129% success rate on our 2 bear limit. **We could have had a 200% success rate because our average hunter saw 20 different bears in a week of hunting and some guys saw over 40 bears.** We do try to target the mature boars though so that does limit our overall kill rate. We shot 20 big boars with 14 of them having skulls over the 18 inch Pope and Young record book minimum. Almost all of these big ones had hides that squared over 7 feet. We also shot 4 giants that had skulls well over 19 in. and two that went over 20. We flesh wounded 3 other huge bears too. We had about 10 different giant bears on our trail cameras so we thought we would kill a bear that would break the magical 21 in. Boone and Crockett mark but it just wasn't meant to be this year. **We have killed over a dozen Booners in the last several years where many larger outfits have struggled to shoot just a few. We do have great skull genetics.**

The first big skulled bear of the year at **18 8/16** was taken May 3<sup>rd</sup> by **Jason Erickson** who hunted deer with us 2 years ago. **Aaron Seitz**, a 3<sup>rd</sup> time repeat hunter, and Jason drove up from Minnesota and Aaron also took a solid 18 inch, 7 footer, then on the last day of their hunt Jason had to show off and shot a long framed **20 0/16, 345 lb., 7 ft. 4 in. huge boar.** **Terry Pifer** and **Jamie Shultz** also shot big male bears that week. They came up with **Doug Kizzar** and veteran bear hunter **Randy Ginest** from Kansas. Randy hunted the same bait for 4 days in a quest to kill a massive black bear or a huge cinnamon that were hitting his bait. He had a couple of zero bear evenings but he was finally rewarded with a shot at the big colored bear. He put it down with one arrow and it scored **19 5/16, 340 lbs and 7 ft. 2 in.** The much bigger black survived the season and should be there for next year. A few other repeat hunters were **Ray Dohn**, **Jerry Westfall** and **Art Arick**. They passed up dozens of good sized bears in search of something bigger than what they have already killed with us but only Jerry killed with a beautiful blonde bear on the last evening. New hunters, **Charles Rue** and **Michael Blain** both took 2 bears each including big, 18 inchers. Mike's biggest bear squared 7 ft. and weighed just under 300 lbs.

Another repeat hunter **Troy Thompson** was hunting with **Jeff Salmon**, **Mark** and **Steve Fortman**, **Rick Duncan** and **Tom Snell**. They took 9 bears for the 6 of them with the biggest one killed by Rick Duncan on the last evening hunt. It was a huge **360 lb., 7 footer with a 19 12/16 skull**. Seven more bears were taken the 4<sup>th</sup> week with hunters, **Deena** and **Hearst Daman**, **Robert Howell** and **Richard Crone** and **Sean** and **Jacob Pattee**. The most notable bears were a big one by Robert Howell and the most important one, his first bow killed bear, shot by 13 yr. old Jacob Pattee, a beautiful cinnamon. The final week of hunters was **Mike** and **Jim Baillie** from Calgary, **Blake Bird**, **Martin Pepper**, **Ed Keppler** and **Nick Snoke** all from Texas and Arkansas. They had a blast shooting 9 bears in total with 6 big boars. Ed stole the show that week taking an incredible **8 footer**, (well, 7 ft 11 in). It tipped the scales at **440 lbs** which is a gigantic, spring weight bear. The skull on this 15+ yr. old bear was **20 9/16**. It was a fantastic way to end an incredible spring bear season.

A huge part of the success of the bear hunts goes to my staff. I think we had the best crew ever with guides **Richard Ellens**, **Cody Colbourne**, **Josh Harb** and our great cook **Ana Terhorst**. My wife Jen and kids Brooke and Tyler helped out wherever they could too. I even did some of the work.

**We are booking up quickly for 2015 so call me right away if you are interested. We have changed our pricing to make it cheaper for those who want to just kill one big bear and then pay a trophy fee on a 2<sup>nd</sup> bear.** It is part of how we want to make our area even better for seeing lots of bears and for selectively harvesting big males. Visit our website for more details on our unique **Quality Bear Management System**.