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2011 Alaska News Letter

Well by now most of you have lived thru another hunting season, and we hope all of you have had a great time hunting and were successful , and if not hopefully some great memories were captured.

Our hunts in Alaska for Brown Bear and Wolf this spring were awesome. We had 10 hunters and eight were able to connect on boar bears. Size wise ranged from 8'8" to 10'3", with most of the bears ranging from 9' to 9'5" and having really nice coats. Color wise as you can see from the pictures enclosed are from blonde to dark chocolate. Derek Brady from NH has the honors of taking the 10'3" bear. It was quite the day.

We started out from Dillingham at 7 am riding 45 miles to stash some fuel at our camp on Lake Nerka. Then began hunting for bears that had been spotted the day before. On the way to the first bear , we cut a track on the snowmobile trail that looked fresh from the night before and no more then a few hours old. Following the track we jumped the bear and Derek's brother ,Shane, took him with one fine shot. After a hour of pictures , skinning, and reminiscing we brought the hide to camp, refueled and headed out again about noon. Traveling another 30 miles we went to check out a den and found it to be a Sow and cubs. We had to decided how we wanted to get home from there. We could back track or cross country it to a lake and check out more new country. The guys said lets go the long way home and boy did that pay off. After some great driving thru the trees and down a steep hill we were on the lake and 3 miles later there he was sitting by his den 1.5 miles from the shore at the base of the mountains." There's a 10 foot bear guys" I said and the heart rates jumped up in a hurry. We made our way to within 275 yards of the huge dark brown bear and Derek let him have it. Well we had some more work to do and a long ride home, but that was ok, you don't get days like this often and it felt good. We got home at 2:30 am and that bed felt good.

We also took 2 wolves this spring, and had a lot of fun hunting them, with several of them giving us the slip. Josh Jordan of Texas took a great wolf as you can see by the pics. also.

The fall hunt this year was also a great success, seeing 24 bears in 10 days, 9 boar bears and 15 sows with cubs all different bears. One nice 8'10" tri-colored boar being killed and a dark chocolate being shot, but we were unable to recover him. The hit must not have been as sold as we thought.

Great news for the future hunters coming to hunt with us. Our area in unit 17 has been upgraded to a 2 bear a year area because of the number of bears. Yes, you can buy 2 tags at once to now hunt brown bear with us.

There are many more stories to tell, but they will have to wait for now. We will be at the Dallas Safari Club Show, Jan. 5-8, 2012, if you would like to set up something for yourself in the future or for next year. You can also reach us at 208-628-3062 or 3256, our email and web site is below, I would be happy to visit more with you about hunting.

We have 4 brown bear / wolf hunts for April 2012 open yet and 2 of them are reduced in price due to 2 guys having to move their hunt to 2013 because of back surgery for one of them. There is 1 spot for a wolf only hunt from April 1-7 with another guy as a 2 on 1 hunt, and the last week of March is still there for 2 guys to hunt wolves, you could also kill a wolverine on the March hunt if we see one.

We are normally booked by show time , so if you want to do something let us know and we will take care of you.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and Good Luck Hunting wherever you are.

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