

# DOUBLE DIAMOND WILDERNESS TRAILS



## GUIDING & OUTFITTING

### 2005 WHITETAIL HUNTING & MULE DEER HUNTING SUMMARY

#### ARCHERY HUNTS

Our archery season started with repeat hunters Carl Ackerman, Jeremy Ackerman, Mike Woodruff, and Dr Tom Laumann all from Jacksonville FL.. Carl was focused on Mule Deer this year and we did have action every day. On day 3 Carl missed a deer at 35 yards that we figured would go around that mid 175" mark. That deer did not like the close encounter and remained hidden for the remainder of the hunt. We did however find a non-typical 8x6 that definitely caught our eye and was our new focus. After many close encounters we did finally get a moving shot at 45 yards and shot just behind him. Carl went home empty but rebooked for 06. Carl's son Jeremy returned and managed to stick a real good whitetail at 20 yards but we could not find it. Jeremy was depressed to say the least but is also returning in 06 to try again. Mike Woodruff was back and trying to better his 04 deer that had 7" bases. Mike came close many times on 150" or better deer but just could not get them under that 60 yard mark. With that many opportunities Mike will once again return in 06 to hunt again. Tom Laumann returned to hunt with us to try archery tackle on one of our big whitetails. Tom rifled a deer with us in 04 on the first day of his hunt and wanted to get the whole experience this time, and see deer he did! He was close on a heavy horned monster that he figured in the mid 170's, at 30 yards but just could not see through his peep. Tom saw a number of other deer in the 150" class but just could not close the deal, he also rebooked for 2006. First time hunters, Marty Herman and Fran Kussler from PA. showed up in late October to try our archery hunt. Marty connected at 23 yards on a fine deer on day 5 of his hunt. His 6x5 scored in the 140" range and he was tickled with it. Frank hunted hard for 6 days and passed on a number of 130" deer but never laid eyes on mister big. We hope they will return in 2007.



Ryan Poland with his 2005 archery mule deer

#### RIFLE HUNTS

After seeing so many big deer in our archery hunts we were very excited going into November. Joe Plisco from NY booked a hunt with us and it took much convincing to get him up here. Joe had hunted Canada 3 times with other outfitters and had not even seen a respectable deer in 20+ days of hunting. Hunting with us turned out to be a great move on his part. Joe shot the 7th buck he saw on the first morning of his hunt scoring 149.3", needless to say Joe has rebooked for 2007. Hunting with Joe was father son team Harv & Doug Hurley from NY and Texas. We were now coming into a full moon and the weather was beyond warm, you could call it hot. The deer movement really slowed down and quality bucks were hiding well. Both guys passed on 145" deer looking for something breaking that 150" mark. Doug & I did see a deer that we figured to be in that 185" range but the No Hunting signs put a halt to any further action on our part. Harv and his guide Harold Grinde did manage to see a deer in the 155 class but no shot was offered. Although Harv and Doug were unsuccessful they have both rebooked for 2006.

Repeat hunters Carl Ackerman & Henry & Geanne Cannon, brought their friend Johnnie Bryan (FL) to hunt with us. Henry

started the ball rolling with a fine old drop tine buck which he had been craving for. His wife Geanne was next with a real heavy 8 point that carried some 5.5" circumferences and some stickers, a fine deer indeed. Carl Ackerman once again was successful, shooting a huge 8 point that scored 157", and he was ecstatic. This left Johnnie holding the torch, and he and guide Harold shot a deer on the second last day that had some ground shrinkage. John was still pleased with the deer and all will be back next year to try again. All in all, fun was had by everyone and we can't wait to hit the fields again next year.



I've finally found an outfitter that delivers what he sells. I will be back in 2007". Joe Plisco (NY)

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