



# Double Diamond Wilderness Hunts

## 2011 Season Report!



**Mike Leibfried (WI.)** returned to chase coyotes! Mike and I shot 18 coyotes in 3 days this year, calling in 28 and only missing 4. The weather was warm with little wind making it a pleasure to be out and about. A great time was had and we will see Mike again next year!



Our **spring bear hunts** were interesting to say the least! We showed up to start baiting with no snow and relatively warm weather. This was awesome and the bears were out in full force. 9 days into baiting we had seen 179 bears, with some true giants running around. Our cook, Gwen, managed to shoot a giant 7'5" right in camp. It was her first bear and she was some excited. Our first hunt was almost perfect with 4 hunters shooting 3 bears, while looking over 131+ bears in the 6 days. Then disaster struck on the first day of hunt #2. A forest fire hit us from the south completely running over camp. We narrowly escaped but luckily nobody was injured. This forced us to shut down operations and head home. 12 hunters were contacted and their hunts were cancelled. We returned a month later to salvage what was possible, luckily we only lost 3 bait sites and the 2012 season looks excellent. Camp was a right off however and we are now in the process of rebuilding. We want to thank all the clients who were so understanding and their offers of help etc... All but three of the hunters just pushed their hunt to 2012. We look forward to hunting with you guys and gals this spring!



I spent August in the NWT guiding two **Dall sheep hunts** for Arctic Red River Outfitters. The weather was horrible with what seemed like a constant drizzle for 21 days straight! The back pack hunts produced some tremendous old rams, which is par for the course hunting with Tavis Molnar of ARRO! I also hunted with Gana River Outfitters for 8 days, looking for a ram for myself. Trevor Shulist and I hunted hard and looked over 40+ rams but could not quite find what either of us were looking for, maybe next year?



Returning from the NWT in early September it was time to get ready for the **whitetail/mule deer archery hunts**. I took 2 archery hunters in late September and the weather cooperated for a change. Return hunters **Dr. Jim Wilson (ME)**, and **Mike Gauthier (ME)** were back looking for whitetail and mule deer. Mike was able to get the monkey of his back and shot his best whitetail to date! A beautiful 5x5 just missing 140" P&Y. Congrats Mike!

Jim Wilson was in hot pursuit of Mule Deer this year. The Mule deer hunting was the best I have ever seen in this area, with multiple bucks running around in the high 170" class. Well, all I can say is Jim had multiple opportunities, missing his dream buck at 38 and 42 yards. He will return to redeem himself in 2013! In late October **Pierre and Susanne Dumas from Ontario Canada** joined us for an archery hunt, with this being Sue's first ever archery hunt. Pierre made short work of his tags and harvested a nice 8 point on the evening of day 3 and a good looking mule deer at first light of day 4. Sue hunted very hard through some cold weather, seeing a bunch of deer but nothing close enough for a shot. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> last evening she had her buck standing at 30 yards but the FEVER got the best of her and she missed him twice. We hope to see you both again in the near future!



The **2011 rifle hunts** were again outstanding. We were once again booked solid and took 14 rifle deer hunters this fall. I have heard that throughout North America the hunting was slow. The deer were acting funny, maybe due to the moon, and no doubt, the severe winter we experienced in the winter of 2010. However we managed a fantastic season. Only 1 hunter did not have an opportunity to harvest a 140 class or better buck. We harvested 9 bucks, averaging 150"s. We only missed one deer this fall, which is awesome, compared to 2010. Big thanks go out to the deer hunters that were not prepared to settle for a marginal deer. They will be bigger and better in 2012 and it is true hunters like you that help maintain the quality of deer we like to

harvest here at DDWH! We will be seeing most of you again in 2012. I can't wait! As I write this, the winter here has been mild and the deer are happy and healthy. That means nothing but good things in 2012!



Season's greetings from Alberta, and we hope everyone has a fantastic holiday season. Shoot straight and often, and remember that when there is lead in the air there is hope!

*Happy Hunting,*

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*Jeremy, Tonya, Brooke, and Cali*