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# MIKE'S 2008 SPRING BEAR HUNT REPORT

**We had a fantastic spring bear hunting season!** Everybody saw lots of bears along with quite a few big ones and several colored bears. The weather was very good with few rainy or cooking hot days. Most hunters saw between 15 and 30 different bears apiece. We had 20 hunters in total that could have all shot 2 bears each. They ended up shooting 32 bears for a 160% success rate. Almost half the hunters shot big, 6 ½ foot to 7 ½ ft. square hide, 18 plus inch skull boars.

The first big bear of the year was shot by **Jose "Pepe" Garcia** on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Pepe came with his son **Carlos**, both from Florida and they had a great time. For a bear in the huge class it was somewhat short at 6 ft. 9 in. square hide but he was hefty with a 50 inch chest girth and a 19 10/16 skull. The next big bear or bears actually, were shot half an hour apart by **Shawn Engel** from Wisconsin with his bow. The first giant came in at 6:30 pm and Shawn made a perfect shot with the bear piling up just 20 yards away, the next one came in at 7 pm and another perfect shot. The first bear was the biggest female bear that I have ever seen. Its hide squared just under 7 feet and the skull was 18 12/16. The first Pope & Young sow that we've ever taken, huge, but it was dwarfed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> bear. It was a 7 ft. 3 in., 20 1/16 skull giant. We all estimated their weights at 350-400 lbs for the sow and 450-500 lbs for the boar. The scale gave us weights of 300 lbs for the sow and 412 for the boar. That is what spring weight, huge, bears really weigh. Of course they would put on another 50-100 lbs or more by the fall.

The next gigantic bear was taken by **Scott Dulin** from Maryland. He sat on a bait that I said was really "hot" and by 9:30 pm he was wondering why he hadn't seen a thing. Then he found out why when the king of the bait showed up, one well placed arrow and Scott had an almost 400 lb, 7 ft. 5 in., 20 0/16 skull boar. An incredible bear. The final monster of the year was taken on the last day of the season, June 15. **Jeremy Hach** was the lucky rifle hunter and he got the biggest skull bear of the year at 20 6/16. It was another 400lb., 7 footer.

Other big, 18+ in. skull bears were shot by **Dan Stelzner**, Wisconsin, **Jack Pumphrey**, Maryland, 15 year old **Jordan Hach**, Wisconsin and **Lucas Zemlicka** from Montana. Lucas also got our first ever bow killed wolf, a nice male. Another wolf was taken with a rifle at 60 yds. and it was a big 120 lb. male. It was killed by the 14 year old killin' machine **Cody Meekins** from Maryland, Cody also got 2 very nice bears. Way to show the men how to get it done Cody!

Jack Pumphrey got 2 bears and both were colored, one a rare blonde and the other a big P & Y cinnamon. Like Shawn they were also killed on a double header evening. Overall we took 6 cinnamon bears. It was also the longest season we've ever done with the hunts stretched out from May 6 to June 15 and surprisingly all the weeks were very good. From start to finish it was a great group of hunters, lots of fun. Jason Gellings, the other guide, my wife Jen and baby Brooke all appreciate everyone's generosity too.

**I'm planning on running 4 baited fall bear bowhunts Aug. 25 to Sept. 6, 2008 so if you are interested give me a call.** This would be the best time to kill a legitimate 500+ lb bear. We can also make the hunt a **whitetail combo bowhunt**. They aren't easy to get at this time of the year but we do have some huge whitetails.

The only other hunt I have open for 2008 is one **whitetail rifle hunt** Nov 7-16, I will give a **discount** on the price. Hopefully you can make it up to see us in Alberta, Canada and experience the Big Game Hunters Paradise of **Mike's Outfitting Ltd.**