

We had a very good fall 2015 bowhunting season! We hosted 13 bowhunters who shot 5 mule deer, 2 elk, 2 moose, had several misses, and lots of screwed up stalks and shot opportunities. Not everyone was successful in taking an animal but everyone seemed to have a great time, lots of laughs and all the hunters threatened to do a return trip in the future!

FIRST BOW HUNTS OF THE SEASON

The first bowhunt of the year was our mule deer and early season moose hunts where Matt Nezych from Michigan broke the ice on the first day of hunting, Aug 25, with an archery moose kill. It was a bit of a long shot in a farm field but Matt made it count, one arrow kill. Then the next kill was by Joe Demasi from New York city with a crazy 34 yard shot right through an old barn, in and out both doors! The deer scored 176. Matt retook the spotlight the next day with another perfect shot on a long tined 177 score buck. Guide Josh Harb helped Matt pull off the stalk in a huge canola field with a Tad Crawford designed deer hat decoy. Tad was also hunting opening week on his 4th hunt with me as his guide and we chased around two solid 180 class bucks all week but it just wasn't meant to be for us. It was meant to be for Chad Boyd from Colorado though when him and super guide Kyle Mudge whacked an absolute giant 205 inch beast of a deer! Chad is probably still smiling about that buck. (Just don't ask him about the 2 missed shots he had earlier in the week at the same deer! Sorry Chad, couldn't resist.) The final kill of opening week was a big ole moose by Todd Welch from Arkansas to finally complete his Ruminant Slam, (his idea, not mine, haha). Super Duper early moose season calling guide Josh Harb brought the swamp donkey into 10 yards!



Chad Boyd with his 205 beast of a deer!



Todd Welch with his archery moose



Matt Nezych with a 177 score muley



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Nick Slocum with his 177 mule deer

2ND WEEK OF BOW SEASON

We must have used up all of our luck on opening week because even though we still seeing good bucks and had decent crop conditions we really struggled to kill more muleys for the four guys in camp the 2nd week. The hunters were Vince Leonard, Clint Welding, and repeat hunters Jeremy Lengle and Nick Slocum. We got one flesh wound, a miss and Nick was the only one who killed, a long tined 177 inch deer on a longer than we like to take shot. So we ended the mule deer bowhunts with 4 kills for 8 guys and the early season moose hunts with 2 kills for 2 hunters.

3RD WEEK OF BOW SEASON

The 3rd week of bow season is our elk and moose combination bowhunts. Newcomers Chris Konarski and Jack Olson joined repeat hunter Troy White and his son Lukas for the combo hunts. It is a tough time to hunt the moose after they rub off their velvet but an excellent time to bowhunt the elk, right at the start of the rut before the elk group up into big rutting herds. The bugling was excellent last year but this year it was mediocre and off and on all week. All of us persevered though and 3 out of the 4 hunters got good bow shots. We only killed one elk who came charging into the calls and it was a beauty of a bull for deserving hunter Troy White from Ontario, 315 score, our biggest elk in 10 years, bow or rifle, 35 yard shot. We only had two 50 and 60 yard long shot opportunities at moose but both hunters declined to take the shots.



Troy White 315 score, our biggest elk in 10 years

Guide Josh wrapped up the bow season with one morning to hunt and a 66 yard kill on a nice 5 by 5 elk. Congrats to Josh and all of our dedicated bowhunting clients. Long time guide Sam Hampton also helped out on the hunts and our fantastic cook, Ana Terhorst, made all of us a little fatter with her great cooking.

We can't wait for next year! All of our mule deer hunts are full for 2016 and we only have one early season moose bowhunt open. We are also getting quite a few bookings for 2017 on all of our hunts. Contact us right away if you are interested in a great bow or rifle hunt with top notch guides, an awesome cook, all based out of a nice lodge.

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