

South Nahanni

OUTFITTERS



Did we have another great season? Yes!

But what does that encompass? The thoughts of each of us involved will run down different trails, were I to do a survey on the outstanding moment of the 2019 season.

Guide Foster might immediately think **inches**. Two of his other hunters though will never forget celebrating their wedding anniversary with a 61 inch moose.

Francis and guide Cass might chuckle about taking a **goat and a sheep in one single day**. Others remember a very frustrating beginning of September when it was summerly warm for the first time, and wholly unsuited to moose hunting. Yet another hunter celebrated a personal victory by getting the ram that eluded him last year due to a bad fall.

Hunters and guides triumphed with **big rams** over snow and cold in August, when global warming did not reach the

Mackenzie Mtns. (that same snow is now working towards a new glacier pack). Still, outstanding moments of breathtaking beauty and wonder, nature and mountains in immense solitude and total wilderness abounded. Others will not have noticed how far they had ventured off the beaten path but are proudly showing smartphone trophy shots to friends. One hunter had his mind on a 170 B&C ram and closed the deal at **just under 160**, barely missing book. And someone else had, very badly, wanted to come to South Nahanni for



of getting the **largest ram at 163 B&C** over a decade and now had the chance to enjoy it to its fullest.

> Guide Brent, guiding 39" and 42" rams, was thinking of his son Tanner who used to hunt these mountains. Guide Cole's sweetest moment might hang in Murder Valley with the Chileans, who set a **new record** for a double guided 12-day hunt: two rams, two caribou, two goats, a moose, a black bear – and yeah they missed a wolf, too. I doubt we

will ever beat this result. Or Cole might think of the fun end of season hunt with a record book caribou and a spectacular moose.

Guide Byron very much enjoyed the luxury of a packer (Peter), while guide Anton made the leap from packer to guide on his first hunt – I am sure getting that ram was the highlight of his season. Guide Tom was finally able to boat Carlson Lake and check into moose and fishing opportunities, while Stacey added to his list of guided rams (60+).

Pilot Mike has outstanding moments every time he gets to start up the nelicopter, but I do think scouting must have been the most fun for him. Sunny's happiness corrals itself around berry picking at Little Dal, and Werner, if asked, would tell you that he doesn't actually have an outstanding moment and that the entire season was great! (I asked him after I wrote this. I was right.)



There are ups and downs, triumphs, disappointments, sweat and anger and pure elation during every season and every hunt – for hunters, guides and outfitters. And while I may have written a completely different report in early September, I do look back now and have to agree with Werner: Yes, it was another awesome season and I am ready for another, can't wait for July to come! The question is, whether we will see you there – as a hunter, a guide, a packer, a pilot, a guest? One thing I can promise for sure: There will be an outstanding moment for each of you.

Thank you all - hunters, guests, guides, pilots, packers for another wonderful season! Good hunting to you!











Repeat hunter Kenny (California) Guides Tom and Anton





Uli (Germany): broomed off half a horn between scouting and hunting day Guides Stacey and Anton



Guide Stacey













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