

South Nahanni

OUTFITTERS

HUNT REPORT 2021



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES > CANADA

After being barred from operating in 2020 due to the Canadian as well as the NWT border closures, we were allowed back into the territory as wilderness operators with special permitting. Canadian borders opened with restrictions (double 'vaccinated', Covid tested) for Americans on August 9 and for the rest of the world on September 7. All in all, this allowed us to take about half of the 2021 clients on their hunts.

The weather was, on the whole, favorable with a lot of nice, sunny, dry days, good visibility and good camping.

Early September still saw excellent weather – which is not conducive to moose hunting and slowed down that part till the middle of the month. Colours and blueberries though were likely the best and longest we have seen in 18 years! **Four bulls were taken** – one being particularly awesome with large and very wide paddles. Seeing **moose** from the helicopter moving through the burn, **huge antlers** swaying above their dark backs amongst yellow leaves made our hearts leap in excitement as usual.

While **caribou** were generally average in trophy size, **two did make the record book with over 390 inches**. These bulls were taken from mid-August – amongst the greens of summer – to the end of September with snow swirling. They change their colours from a chocolate brown to a beautiful white mane by season's end.



One goat was harvested in late August by a father/son team that deserves special mention: **They hunted two rams, one goat and one caribou in 8 days**, happiness and enjoyment shining out of both of them in every camp, hiking, and hunting photo they shot!

We usually say good bye to our last hunters, guides and pilot around October 7 but this year the date was set for the end of September. The family ended up in camp for an extra week – waiting for air traffic to navigate the skies between Fort Simpson, South Nahanni and Whitehorse for trophy export permits and small plane/helicopter friendly weather.

We were grateful to be back in South Nahanni with our guides and clients doing what we like doing best – outfitting, flying, hunting, exploring. **Thank you all for making such a large effort to come!** And those who got bumped by another year or two – we are so very much looking forward to making it happen and to seeing your rams and 'boos and bulls and billies! Thank you for hanging in there!

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

Dewey and Sunny



The sheep season was phenomenal! Three of the 23 rams went **above 160 Boone & Crockett points** and with it into the **awards part of the book** – two of these **40 inch+ rams** fell just short of the all-time record requirement of **170 inches**. Everyone went home with a trophy ram, including all double guided hunters (father/son as well as friend teams). A good number of **very old, heavily broomed**, and quite a few **coloured "Fannin" rams** added to the excitement of the **100% success rate**.



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Kevin (California) – Guide Tom Wood



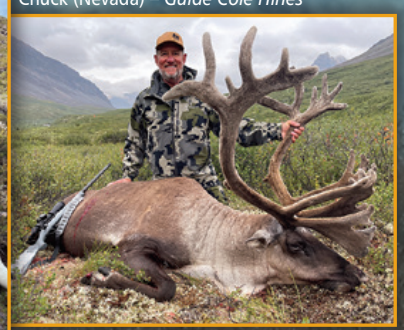
Matt (Nevada) – Guide Anton Spudic



Naisan (British Columbia) – Guide Brent Sinclair



Jeff (Texas) – Guide Kish Sorenson



Chuck (Nevada) – Guide Cole Hines



Robert (Ohio) – Guide Stacey Keeler



Kris (Alberta) – Guide Cole



Rick and his wife Jodi (Alberta) **COVER** Guide Brent



Stephen and son Wyatt (New York) – Guide Cole



John (Pennsylvania) – Guide Tom



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Colin (Alberta) **COVER** – Guide Stacey



Friends Corvin and Braden (Alberta) **COVER** Guide Cole



Nathan (Texas) – Guide Stacey



Piero (Italy) – Guide Anton



Bill (New York) Guide Stacey



Mike (Alberta) Guide Tom



Friends Jared and Steve (Alberta) – Guide Cole



Curtis and son Cameron (Manitoba) Guide Brent



Craig (British Columbia) Guide Anton



Repeat hunter Joe (California) Guide Tom



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OUR GUIDE GALLERY



Guide Tom Wood



Guide Anton Spudic



Guide Cole Hines



Guide Stacey Keeler



Guide Brent Sinclair (right)



Pilot Damon Juss



Guide Kish Sorenson



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