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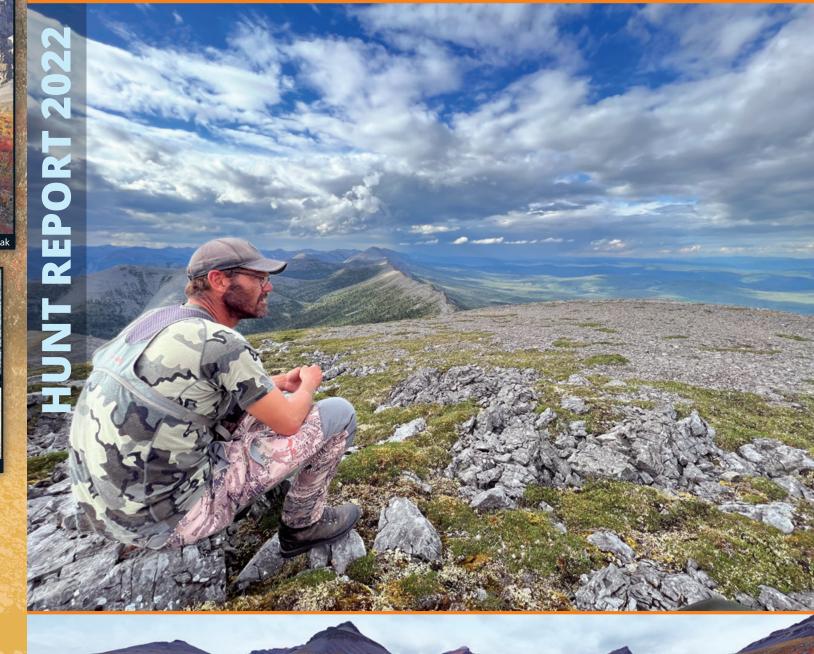
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This year's hunting season makes it into the top 5 of our 19 years of outfitting - hands down. The weather was phenomenal – hardly a rainy day (about five in three months), and hardly any frost either. It's the first time we flew home with snow free mountains under us, safe a few dusted peaks out in the Ragged Range, where the mountain goats live.

Good weather always makes for greater and easier sheep hunting, perfect hiking and glassing conditions, and happy camping. It's not necessarily the type of weather that enchants moose, but surprisingly moose hunting turned out to be very satisfactory with some really big racks in the mix. Caribou hunting, while successful, did not make it into the top five seasons in regards to trophy size but predators did with two large black bears and one wolverine when we usually only luck out on one or the other every three years or so. The **two wolves** were more or less in line with the yearly average. Three mountain goats rounded out the hunts handsomely.

Now to the inches: Guide Warren Lees and hunter Stefan took a ram that **measured 161 inches** and with it enters been demoted.

into the awards of the Boone & Crockett record book. And hunter Dan with guide Byron Gagne took a ram that went above the magical 40 inches in curl. But hard on the heels of these two rams were at least five others that inched towards the 160 inch mark! That is a very successful and gratifying average for all the hard work put in by hunters, guides, outfitters and pilots.

The largest moose was just shy of **210 inches**, the entry into the awards class. Guide Kish Sorenson guided the two largest bulls with hunters Jay and Enrique, but several others were in the same class, with a very large non-typical bull taken by 10 times repeat hunter **Hellmuth**, who spent 24 days with us! Hunter Mac and guide Ryan Deederly

scored their caribou in velvet at 420 inches (book starts at 390). There are several people who deserve

special mention: First of all, Roger who, at age 81, has – so far – been our oldest sheep hunter. His ram is one of the highest scoring for the season, taken and a wolverine! with guide Brent Sinclair and packer Lukas Aschbacher. Roger sent home the message that his first Dall has now

> Günther, age 70, is a hardcore, very fit sheep hunter, who – with guide Byron Gagne and packer Lynette Aschbacher – just didn't find any mature rams.



Luckily Günther was able to extend his hunt for a couple of days (thanks to outfitter helper/client Lukas S.) and then took a nice, old ram.

Unfortunately, hunter Gary will have to come back for his ram. He arrived with some sort of bug that kept him from scaling mountains the way he had wished. And three clients were unable to make it to South Nahanni at all (travel and health issues). Our hearts go out to these and we hope that one day they will be able to fulfill their South Nahanni dreams.

On the end of the happy spectrum was the first sheep hunter who, in 19 years, managed to take four animals during a 9-day August sheep hunt: hunter Attila with guide Warren Lees arrived back in camp with one of this season's biggest rams, the oldest billy, a nice caribou

And not only our hunters like to come back to hunt in South Nahanni – guide Jim Rae's heart has been yearning to be here again since 2011. Tom finished his 10th season, while Brent has guided with us since 2003.

Next year we are finally looking forward to hunting with the last of the clients who were bumped by the 2020/21 border closures – thank you for hanging in there!

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



















