



# 2007 HUNT REPORT



Above: Efficient organization for successful hunts starts in base camp with our own fleet of helicopter and planes.  
Left: The Boys – crazy hunters and excellent fun, responsible and professional. The BEST!



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2007 proved to be more challenging than other years. The main culprit was the weather, sending us summer rains and thunder storms all throughout July and August, filling the base camp creek from side to side (500 yards across).

Amazingly enough, sheep hunting wasn't affected too much by the weather conditions and gave us another 100% success rate. Moving into September though the water turned to snow which piled up ...



Land of Sheep Dreams – early September.



We wish to thank all hunters and staff who dealt with these miserable conditions in such admirable spirits!!! In spite of the weather and its accompanying problems like disrupted caribou migrations and white sheep stuck in white snow, we are again pleased to present you with the season's results. Our hunters all commented on their amazing experiences in South Nahanni, the game observed and hunted, the smooth organization and the professional, likeable guides and their hunting zeal.

As usual, all **sheep** were full curl rams with several of them going into or close to record book entry (awards). The age average with its 10.5 years was very nice to see. Several sheep hunters were able to harvest additional animals like mountain goat and mountain caribou.

**Moose** hunting this season was more pleasing than last year and the bulls started coming in fast and thick and big right from the beginning of September all the way into the snowy October. The two biggest moose scored 217 B & C points, and the largest spread was 67.5 inches.

**Caribou** hunting is usually a lot of fun in South Nahanni and being successful should be expected. While this comment rings true for 99% of this year's hunters we did wonder for a while where all the herds had disappeared to. They eventually came past base camp as usual though.



Our 14-day **mixed bag** hunters were very successful in early September. Within a few days they had the opportunity to hunt a whopping 3-4 trophies each. This reversed itself during the later half of the month, when fog and snow severely squashed the hunting. Our mixed bag hunters usually make extensive use of the helicopter, flying from one habitat to the next, losing no time hunting.

Sheep hunting is above the clouds.



Steep terrain in **goat** country often inhibits some hunting for this add on species but we took more trophy animals again this season.



Moderate to steep terrain will be encountered on all sheep and goat hunts.

Our grey ghosts, the **wolves** proved hard to hunt and only two were taken altogether; 18 wolves were missed.

A big thank you to all of our **excellent hunters** for their trust and friendship! We enjoyed your company and stories!

**And to our guides and pilots and cooks:** You got'er done! Thank you for all your hard, excellent, professional work; and for the fun times! See you in July!

Your outfitters,

*Werner and Sunny*

The best job in the world – Jim Rae has it made.



Moose hunting on the South Nahanni River.



The amazing loneliness of South Nahanni's wild mountains.



Ready for some fun hunting – guide Russ and hunter Piet.



One of guide Erik's scenic fly camps – South Nahanni accommodations.



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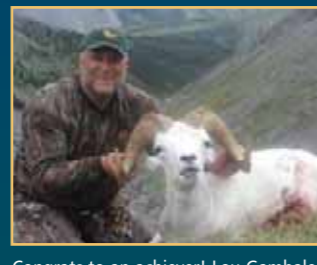


Coloradan Randy Carey's experienced guide was still in socks sipping coffee

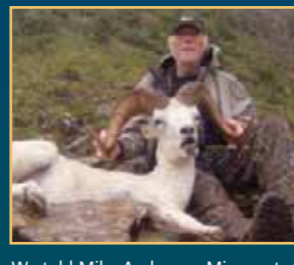
when this 162 B&C monster hit the ground. How are we going to top that on your upcoming hunt in 2010, Randy? He is also into artifacts...



Eduardo Gerlero, Argentina, has hunted sheep the world over and knows he got a major work out for this ram.



Congrats to an achiever! Lou Gambale, New Jersey. A blown knee couldn't keep this man off the mountain whose heartfelt gratitude over his ram was more than genuine.



We told Mike Andersen, Minnesota/Alaska, there was no chance he would see Alaskan type rains in the Northwest Territories. Let's hope we are right in '08, Mike!



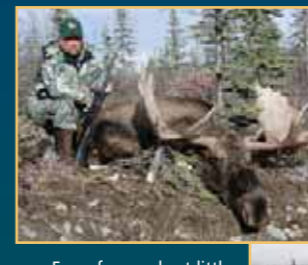
Peter Silling, Germany, came with an entourage of friends and enjoyed some of the best weather of the season with fast and fierce hunting. In four days the two hunters took two rams, two 217 B&C moose, one goat, and a huge caribou.



Walter Walch, Austria, with his four trophies taken in four days... I know he walked for it though.



One day of hunting for a ram and two days for moose got Dirk Verpoorten, Germany, these trophies.



For a funny, short little belled man Don Aposhian, California, did great during those cold river crossings, following ostrich legged guide Bernard Briggs to his ancient moose and his caribou.



Tom Shinn, also from California, didn't have trouble following the ostrich but his moose got away! We are positive in spotting it next season once it's bleached white so it can go onto the wall next to the caribou.



The third Californian, Ernie Fechter, didn't fool around and took his moose on day 1. Milling caribou in base camp caused confusion, but it was tender.



What a beautiful ram, Lon (Shelly, Pennsylvania)! Added happiness came with this wolf during the July sheep hunt.



78 years old and still on top of the mountain - hunting Fannin sheep! A hand to Hubert Thummler, Mexico.

Great hunt - great time - great guide - great hunter, two different feet with different boots on them, Emil Sechter, Missouri.



On his next hunt Phil Case, California, will read the paragraph on boots in the equipment list... Good ram, Phil!



Daughter Katrin had guide Erik Rae performing at his usual top notch achievement level, getting father Carsten Wöller tremendous trophies. A B&C awards hunt all the way around!



A once in a lifetime hunt for a once in a lifetime ram and hunter, Ron Elks, N. Carolina. Guide Russ Giesbrecht.



10-day mixed bag hunter Carlos Marcolino, Portugal, had a hard, long hunt, but in the end took it all: exceptional ram, 62" moose and great caribou! His wife Celia kept us good company in base camp!



After a very tough, successful moose hunt last season, Otmar Hauck, Germany, gave it another try and had exceptional trophies hitting the ground in no time flat: ram, goat, moose and caribou.



Hunting was great for Piet Jünemann, Germany, who hunted hard for five days. Unluckily his goat got hung up in the rocks and stayed there even after some admirable free climbing by guide Russ Giesbrecht.



Last year Ray Moher, Alberta, enjoyed beautiful weather and tremendous trophies. This year, he got stuck in the snow with friend Cary Nietfeld - and still kept smiling!



An amazing hunting trip for an amazingly nice guy - Tom Stecker, N. Dakota.



Tom Muza and his friend Craig Jones (both Wisconsin) were busy hunting: Biggest goat of the season, Fannin ram and a beginner's goat. They are booked for rams next year.



Paul Tellier, Alberta, couldn't resist this great ram on day 2 and then went to look for his caribou.



We really enjoyed having Tom and Jack LaChance (Montana and Wisconsin) back! Knowing they are tough and love a good hard hunt, we sent them into some engaging country. Good hunting, boys!



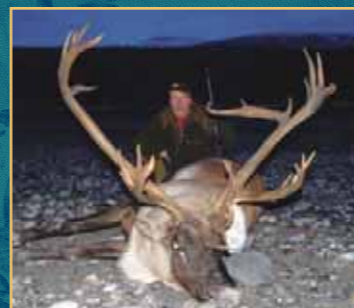
Peter Rock, Austria, returned for a top notch, hardcore family hunting adventure with his sons Andreas and Florian.



This September hunt was definitely not for sissies and Rüdiger Claas, Nebraska, proved every day he wasn't one. Good moose + caribou, Rüdiger!



Here is another one of those wonderful snow hunters who kept going with a smile on his face. Thank you, Rick Shipman, Missouri! Your moose makes up for some of the bad weather you endured.



Fog, snow, cold, frozen feet... The list goes on. Repeat hunter Jan Boenicke, Germany, tried very hard and he deserved to get the biggest caribou of the season right from base camp during supper!



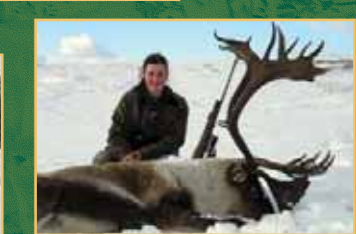
David's friend Leo Naylor, also England, is best remembered for keeping all the young guys up throughout the night, entertaining them handsomely.



This great old English gentleman, David Reffold, is one tough cookie and was rewarded with this wonderful caribou.



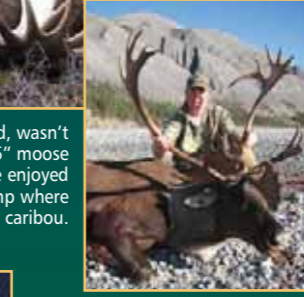
Jiri Dulava and Vladimir Benes from the Czech Republic came at the tail end of this snowy season and took some great bull caribou from spike camp on day 1.



Our lady hunter from Chile, Veronica Minte Hess, didn't fool around with guide Kaieb Molnar and took a beautiful trophy with one shot on day 1. Congrats to Vero!



Larry Weekley, Maryland, wasn't about to pass up this 67.5" moose on day 1 of his hunt. We enjoyed his company in base camp where he took the bull caribou.



Last year's cover boy, repeat hunter Mark Doering, Texas, experienced a beautiful moose rutting season and is all smiles about his "cute" caribou.



It is always great to see someone so utterly happy and relaxed! Hans-Joachim Buhlmann, Germany, had the trip of a lifetime with the trophies to match it.



South Africans Ronnie and Hermann Meyerdericks did some intense hunting until this most amazing, old, older, oldest moose arrived during breakfast - right in spike camp.



Bernd and Anke Volkenrath, Germany, enjoyed a nice vacation in South Nahanni, which included a breakfast caribou from base camp, grizzly excitement, a moose and evenings with wine, beer and company.



It is really, really hard to have to leave a world class record book moose - we are talking first page of the book - in the willows. They don't get big being stupid and besides - he is still there waiting to be outsmarted... Ken Hodgins, Australia



Franz' friend, Franz Stallinger, also Austria, felt similar about the snowy conditions. Both went home with new experiences - and moose and caribou trophies.



You've got to love those base camp hunts. The second best bull of the season was taken by Austrian Franz Huber. (Yes, they are really all three of them called Franz...)