

South Nahanni Outfitters

South Nahanni Outfitters stands for ancient wilderness hunts wrapped in modern efficiency in the lonely Mackenzie Mountains of Canada's Northwest Territories. Amid grey northern mountains we trophy-hunt for **Dall and Fannin Sheep, Alaska-Yukon Moose, Mountain Caribou, Mountain Goat, Bears, Wolves and Wolverines. Our backpack hunts** are supported by helicopter transportation, which allows for a new dimension in game management, usage of entire area without over-harvest of easily accessible populations, resulting in continuous good trophy qualities.



Air shuttles to hunting locations are done via supercub or...



...helicopter.

The Area

South Nahanni is situated in the southwestern part of the **Northwest Territories, Canada**, rising from the lowlands of the Mackenzie River to the peaks of the Ragged Range on the Yukon border. One of eight concessions in the Mackenzie Mountains it is the largest, ranging over **12,000 sq mi**, a wilderness of open spaces so vast it swallows Yellowstone three times and more. Its endless and varied topography supports different habitats, allowing for excellent hunts for sheep, moose, goats and caribou. This vast wilderness of rugged mountains, boreal plateaus and mountain lowlands, offers a hunting experience much like it was 50 years ago in Alaska.

The Hunt

How can you hunt such vastness successfully, tracts of unexplored ranges devoid of humans and lightly sprinkled with game? By becoming a modern nomad who takes advantage of a careful combination of bush plane, helicopter, lightweight **backpacking** gear, satellite phone communication and hiking, climbing feet. Moose hunters might take to the rivers and lakes by boat, or go spotting and stalking – backpacking style. And caribou hunters might not even leave the comforts of main camp, taking advantage of their feet, a flown in pick-up or a four-wheeler. All hunts are **spot and stalk**, and certainly **Fair Chase**.



Sheep and goat hunts may take place in difficult terrain. Your psychological and physical fitness are your biggest allies.



From low moose country...



...to ragged goat peaks...



Boats on rivers and lakes are primarily used during the moose rut for our moose hunters.



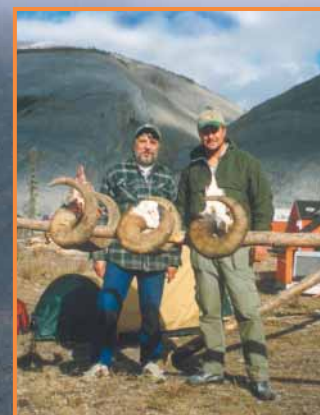
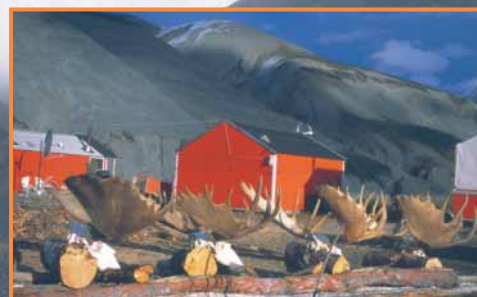
Typical fly camp during sheep hunt, this one has its own hot springs.



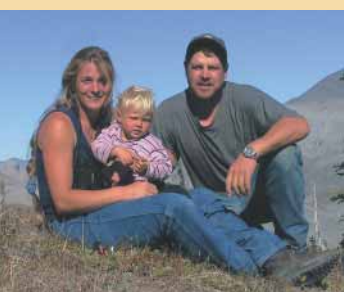
...to caribou valleys and sheep mountains.



Amazing vistas and successful hunts will be your rewards for hard work.



Your Outfitters



Our young family consisting of Sunny, Werner, Anika and Lynette Aschbacher are the sole owners and operators of **South Nahanni Outfitters**.

South Nahanni Outfitters is owned and operated by Werner Aschbacher and his wife Sunny. We have been engaged in outfitting for more than ten years, gathering experience and momentum in different places, some as far away as Chile, Europe and Australia. Most of our time though has been spent in the Canadian north, in the Yukon and now NWT. Having traveled a great deal ourselves

we are intimately familiar with different mentalities and hunting traditions, rendering us capable of making everyone feel at home by understanding their specific needs.

Outfitting to us is a way of life, one that we cherish because we love to hunt, love the wilderness, the game, flying bush planes and because we enjoy the challenges of running our very own business. It is something we wish to continue for a long time to come and it is something we would love to share with you.



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Hunt Report 2004



Thomas Pigeon's ram was a real trophy, heavy and long, even and old. This was Thomas's second Dall with South Nahanni Outfitters.



Guide Eric Rae called in this giant 67" moose for combination hunter David Martin, who took a great sheep and a beautiful caribou as well.



Jorge Calvo de Mora had to put down his coffee cup while enjoying a magazine in the main camp's kitchen to rush outside for his short and exciting caribou stalk, harvesting the biggest bull of the season.



One happy sheep hunter! Kevin Bell not only took this great ram during his 9-day sheep hunt but also a nice caribou and a mature billy.

MACKENZIE MOUNTAINS
Northwest Territories, Canada

2004 Hunt Report

We had a wonderful summer and are very pleased to share our season's results with you. Every single hunter went home very, very happy and to us this just says it all. The pleasure was derived from the overall experience, the game viewed and hunted, the awe inspiring beauty of the land, the interaction of hunters and guides with the feeling that the guiding was done in a professional, knowledgeable manner in true hunting zest, the flawlessness of the overall organization, and last but not least the trophies taken. Everyone was able to harvest mature trophy game **and that at a success rate of 100% on all booked species.**

All **sheep** taken were more than full curl rams, quite a few of these heavily broomed and genuine trophies. The age average with its 10.5 years was very pleasing and the vast majority of these mature rams had very heavy bases giving us a base average of 13.5 inches.



Our professional guides Pete Baudys and commercial bush pilot Volker Scherm, both former outfitters, during a late season moose hunt.

All **caribous** of the season were taken as add on animals. Patience and passing up of better bulls as well as luck paid off for several hunters. Migrations were late, not till September, but then the easy hunting started. Several caribou bulls were exceptional, going close to record book entry.

Our **combination hunters** were very successful and except for one were able to take three trophies each, mostly in the combination of sheep, moose and caribou, but goat and wolf were taken as well. Most combination hunters started off with their sheep, took their caribou at sheep hunting location or from main camp and finished off backpacking for moose in huge old burns.

Opportunities at **wolves** abounded, but as happens so often, most of the grey ghosts got away and no more than two were taken during the entire season.

Can you believe that we can't wait for July 2005 to do it all over again?!

We would like to thank all of our excellent hunters for their trust and friendship and would like to let them know that we enjoyed sharing a part of our lives with them that means so much to us. And to our guides and pilots: You guys better come back next year as promised because without you something BIG will be missing – for us and for the guests.



It doesn't get much better. Happy hunter Kevin Bell.

Several **sheep hunters** were able to harvest additional animals like mountain goat and mountain caribou, with one of the hunters taking all three species. **Goat** hunting proved to be exciting due to the steep terrain, encounters at close range and the taking of an exceptionally large Billy with very heavy, nine inch horns, scoring out just below record book entry.

As usual, **moose** hunting during the rut got everyone's adrenaline pumping. While the boat hunts on the river were more relaxed and scenic, the backpack hunts in old burns needed erotic guides to call the bulls out of thickets and often within 20-yard ranges. Trophies were incredible with an average of over 60 inch spreads, the biggest coming in at 67 inches with extremely wide "plywood sheets" for palms.

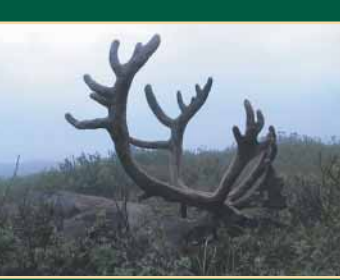


Professional guide Eric Rae caping in main camp.



Kevin Bell's August caribou

Kevin Bell, highest bidder on an SCI Utah Chapter donation, had an incredible 9-day sheep hunt, harvesting a caribou, a heavy Fannin ram and a mature goat!



Taking this billy on day 6 rounded up Kevin's great hunt.



On his first sheep hunt ever Hellmuth Eichhorn chose to harvest this 13 year old, broomed ram, going for age rather than lamb tips.



Bow Hunter Chase Fulcher took this nice full curl ram on day four with one incredible and spectacular 60+ yards shot.



Helge Witting hunted hard for this trophy moose, taking seven days out of nine to do so. Grizzlies, wolves and more moose were sighted during this moose hunt along the South Nahanni River.



Carsten Endter took this heavy, magnificent 14" base ram with guide Pete Baudys on day one of his combination hunt. Snow and fog then kept him from getting a shot at the goat he spotted.



Roger Davidson and guide Mike Fast had a great combination hunt in September, allowing Roger to take a good caribou,...



...an old moose with heavy brow tines and...



...a full curl, heavy ram during snowy conditions.

Heinrich Schonenbach's heavy billy measured more than 9" and scored just short of record book entry.



Sheep hunter Heinrich Schonenbach did a lot of hiking in steep terrain with guide Pete Baudys and outfitter Werner Aschbacher to successfully harvest a pretty, even and heavy ram as well as a mountain goat.



Combination hunter Lyle Whitmarsh fought adverse weather in late August/early September, allowing him to harvest a great caribou and...

...a 13.5" base, 37" length, 10-year old ram; but a 60+ " moose out walked him and guide Mike Fast in a snow storm.



...a black wolf out of a pack of seven.



Finally the fog lifted and Carsten was able to harvest his caribou and...



Roger's friend Thomas Pigeon took this beautiful moose full of points with guide Richard Aarson after a few days of exciting calling, spotting and stalking.



This heavy, long beamed, truly great caribou bull was taken from main camp during Thomas's combination hunt. His sheep can be seen on the cover page.



What a moose! 63", massive, crooked, amazing and truly ancient. He did not make for good eating. Swiss hunter Franz-Josef Wienekemeyer was very happy with his unique trophy.

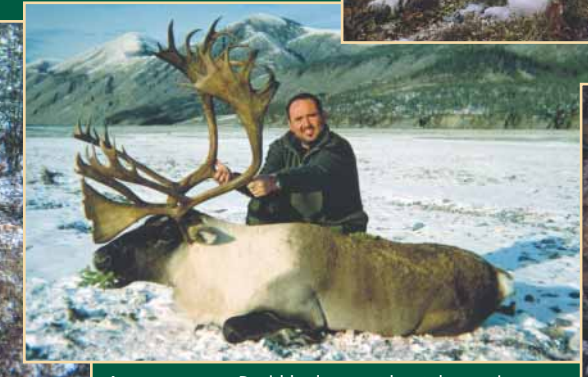


Franz-Josef also took the first caribou of his life and...

...this great, heavy, 14-year old ram! This was his first hunt in North America and he is coming back in 2005!



67" trophy of a life time! This moose with its incredibly wide palms, heavily massive and spectacular brow tines was taken by David Martin on his 14-day combination hunt in late September/early October.



As you can see, David had a great hunt, harvesting this beauty of a caribou as well as...



...a trophy dall ram, a successful hunt for which he worked very hard.



Moose hunting on the river was cold but successful for Jorge Calvo de Mora who took this even bull full of points during his combination hunt.



A magnificent caribou trophy bull, best of the season, was taken by Jorge while enjoying his morning coffee in main camp. The coffee did get cold.



Another late season combination hunter who is all smiles: Jose Gomez took a 37" ram on day 2, a trophy goat on day 4 and a caribou on day 13. The time in between was spent calling in and passing up 60+ inch moose.



Jorge Calvo de Mora used the beautiful weather during the last days of September to harvest this nice 12-year old, heavy trophy ram.



Jose's caribou



Moose hunter Norbert Stoppel harvested it all: moose, caribou and wolf. For starters he took this giant of a moose on day one. 63" spreads, wide palms, uneven and with brow tines that were completely fought off this was another spectacular moose trophy, which any moose lover would truly appreciate.



Norbert's wolf has a beautiful, true grey coat and a skull with completely worn down teeth, some missing. Ancient.



Norbert took this caribou on his second last day from main camp, completing a great hunting adventure with South Nahanni Outfitters.