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## 2003 HUNTING SEASON'S REVIEW - BLUE BRONNA OUTFITTING

Well it is that time of the year again. The time when I reflect on all that has happened over the past year and wish I could go back to some of the great times we had. This year Blue Bronna had a very, very good year. We had experienced guides, good weather conditions, great game to hunt and excellent hunters to spend our time with.

We started the year with average bear hunts. Ken Neubod took a nice black the first afternoon he arrived which is pictured on the back side. Valgene Vissler drove up and after a tough hunt finally got a couple chances but couldn't quite find the bear he really wanted. John Makara came back and hunted with guide Jamie Reynolds to get the blonde bear he was looking for. Bruce Brock came with his son Bob and shot a couple blacks with guide Dan Adkins. Bob took the black on shown on the front page with his dad and guides Tanner Walgenbach & Mark Cooper. Glenn and Steve Hochstetler hunted with us and saw the most unbelievably big rabbit colored bear we have ever seen with Glenn getting a couple chances and Steven taking another blonde. The fishing was excellent on Deep Lake and Dan's cooking was great as usual.

Dan and I had a great time hunting rabbits with our bows and I will try to have some video footage at the FNAWS and SCI Reno shows of the great sport this bunny hunting is. By the way if you are around these shows stop in and see us at booth 3025 SCI or 435 FNAWS. We may even show you some of the great elk seen or killed with Ambush Outfitters this fall.

Speaking of Ambush Outfitters(Mark Cooper) it was interesting to guide for him in 402. I loved the guiding part with no responsibility other than hunting. I guided Brad Myshka to his first elk with a bow. It was a great year with us seeing 20+ bulls and calling in 6 different ones before he killed his at 17 yds on video. I personally saw two Boone & Crocket bulls and have one on video. Brad was a great guy to hunt with enjoying videoing shiras moose and other game as we looked for his bull. My only problem on this hunt was riding a green horse which decided my ribs needed remodeling. I didn't realize they were broke until the next rifle elk hunt began. After the first day of hunting I ran out and got an x-ray because my ribs were killing me and found out they were broken. I gave them a couple days off and went to work again but I was not going real fast.

After guiding for Mark I had our two first Shiras moose rifle hunters in 402. Chuck Kass and Ken Walker. I guided both men who tagged out early with both taking good bulls. I really appreciated both these guys for not making me guide a grueling hunt as I don't know if I could have physically handled tough horseback hunting at this point.

Because Ken tagged out early I was able to squeeze in a few days of sheep hunting myself. I tagged out with a nice big horn on my last day. I spotted an older broomed-off ram and hiked up a couple hours to where he was. I spent 2 hours looking for him but could not find him so I shot a younger ram which still had 17 inch bases and was in a spot where it was all down hill to the ATV. The most fun was driving back out with this ram on the back of my quad through the middle of another camp and watching them all stare with envy.

I also was drawn for a Shiras moose in the area where we bow hunt for Shiras. I spent a day and a half down there and got two shots at 50 inch plus Shiras. The first was with a mechanical broadhead that did not penetrate at all on a very good shot and the second hit a twig which I did not see in the dusk. Both bulls I called in on Oct. 15th. We did notice that the rut was late for all species this year. I was also drawn for elk and saw a 400 pt bull just prior to our elk hunt but never had a chance to hunt for him. We have been truly spoiled in Alberta to have the great hunting we have.

The next hunters we had were for a combination mule deer and whitetail hunt. They were booked on a whitetail hunt the next week so they were really here for mulies. The first day Dan Gauthier guided by Tanner passed on a 160+ whitetail and Tanner almost died. However Dan made up for it by taking a great 184 mule deer a couple days later. Jamie guided Walt Kirby to a great drop tine buck on the second day of this hunt which meant that Walt could not go on to hunt whitetails again in Alberta. But the neat thing was that Walt has wanted a drop tined buck all his life and this one actually would have had two if he had not broke the left side off. Walt stayed for an extra week and shot a mule deer and got a chance at a big bull moose as well.

Guide Joel Wilkinson pulled his normal stunts and found Mike Wilmot a 178 mulie five minutes before closing with Brad Brown also getting Garry Tuohy a good last day 4\*4 after narrowly missing a huge non-typical. Dan and Carl Bullo almost got the buck they were looking for but did not drop their standards and were not able to get the shot needed to get a buck over the 180 mark. I guided Garry's wife Sue in one of the best hunts where we never killed a buck however we turned down about a 188 sticker buck because of 3-4 inches missing on the left main beam and came as close as one could come to killing a typical 200+ but he eluded us more than once.

I hunted this buck the whole next week with John McKnight and we came very close to getting him and the sticker buck but ended up with a last day 160 and a great whitetail as well. All whitetail hunters managed to get a buck in the last week even though we didn't get any of the real big bucks we saw. Alex Flemming turned down several including 150 class bucks but we couldn't get a chance at the 160 class he was looking for. Tony Urwick and Brad got a whitetail and a nice 4\*4 mule deer with Bill Gough also taking a good heavy whitetail with Jeff Miller. Neil Ring and Rick Cable shot 2 whitetails and a mule deer (pictured on the front) with Tanner and Joel in zone 206.

As always it is tough to figure out which zone will be the best zone for which client. We try to configure the needs of each person to the best spot and it was nice to have a year where almost everything worked out. The weather was great for hunting all through November which makes the biggest difference and I have seen 3 mule deer in three days after the season in zone 220 which are 175-195. I have seen some very good whitetails and even though we were a little concerned about how many good bucks were being taken this year, it definitely looks like we should have very very good whitetail and some great mule deer again for next year. The sticker buck and the 200 typical both made it through the season (I actually got a shot at the 200+ the very last day and missed) so we are already looking forward and planning for next year.

In 2004 I do have room for a couple more mule deer hunts as I have picked up a couple more great tags and 4-6 whitetail hunts. The moose have recovered in the north and we are looking forward to running our northern hunts for moose where we have some very good openings. If you have some time and want to help us stack up coyotes this January or February give me a call. This is a cheap hunt with \$25.00/coyote killed coming off the \$1500.00 value of this hunt. Please continue to book ahead for 2005 so we can get all our friends in before I go to the shows around January 15, 2004.

Glenn Brown



P.S. I also have room for 2 moose bow hunts in 2004. I have finally learnt how to call moose and this is a truly awesome hunt.



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