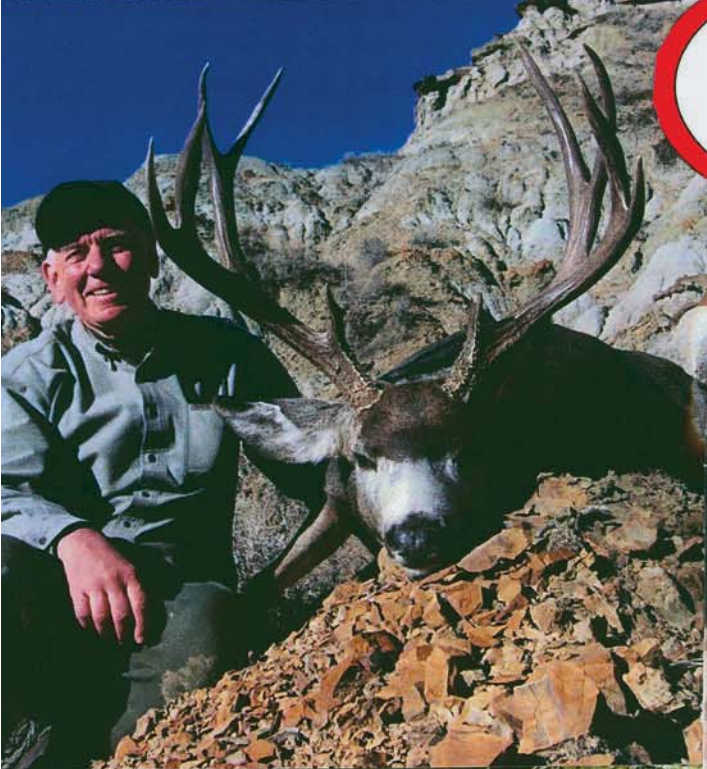


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Happy 2006 from all the Blue Bronna guides, cooks, staff, family, horses, pets, etc. We are still reeling from the fast pace of the 2005 hunting year. Like always it looked simple with everything lined up well in advance but it is amazing how things can change in a matter of hours when we work or play in the outdoors.

Bear hunting and fishing were the main concerns in May and like always the bears were there and so were the fish along with the wolves. Bear hunters Stan and Evette Copeland were our first hunters. They shot two black bears and saw quite a few more. We had a great time with them fishing up at the cabin and their guide Terence gave them some true north woods experiences for a hunt to remember. Elaine and Lyndon Earl came up and took 3 bears between them including a long-haired cinnamon. We concluded the spring bear hunt with a couple days of fishing, a wolf, a cinnamon and a dark chocolate with a beautiful white V, taken by Dan Tyrolt and Dave Ochu.

Jim Nick came back to try and find the huge bear he had seen the year prior, however we found that a poacher was still baiting in this area instead. We had reported finding a bait station the year prior and this spring we found that particular bait site was not being used but other sites were. Hopefully this will be turned around by this next season as someone operating a bait station is illegal in our area and could lead to smaller bears and fewer colored bears. It is precisely because we operate in a no-baiting area that we have good numbers of big and colored bears. Please book soon if you are intending to hunt bears this spring with us.

I was intending to finish writing this letter and tell you about each individual hunt but I am going to change my style as I think there is a much more important event which I will tell you about at the end of this letter. I apologized to those great hunters and guides who I may miss because of this abbreviation for the sake of space.

Our elk bow hunting strategies were definitely changed when in the space of twenty-four hours about three feet of snow were received in the beginning of September. After a couple unsuccessful shots, my hunter and I spent a full day tracking a wounded bull elk over mountains through this snow, and after losing this particular bull, Nick Brantner with guide Brad Brown finally took his first bull elk with a bow.

The first elk rifle hunt was a tough one as we had to rearrange all plans to accommodate changes in camps due to the movement of elk and other unforeseeable circumstances including the major snow. We knew of at least 9 bulls within two miles of one camp, but we had to adjust and ended up killing some good bulls pulling off a 75% kill rate under one of the most trying situations I have been in. Thanks Brad Brown, Dan Adkins, and Elliot Todd for going above and beyond the call of duty as guides.

One of the highlights of the year was finally getting a great Bull Shiras moose taken by Joe Arnt with guide Scott Chattaway. After 6 hours of nerve-wracking patience and waiting **we arrowed a new world record 59 inch Shiras(503&6/8ths SCI)** which shattered the old rifle record (461 &5/8ths). We knew this bull existed and spent four years until we finally got him and are now trying to get a couple more big bulls.

Dave Jensen, sons and company had a very good mountain muley hunt with everyone getting solid 4 point deer and even taking a nice Bull elk along with their muleys. Another snow moved the muleys out precisely when they should have been at their peek and so we went to the prairie hunts.

Our first bow muley hunt was a great success with three of four guys getting good bucks including a 33 inch beauty taken by Bob Shriever with guide Dan Adkins. All hunters saw bucks in the 180+ category. Matt Gibson and friends were some of the most fun hunters I have had the privilege to host.

Our rifle deer hunts with Jim Supina, Dick, Frank and John (another exceptional bunch) went well with everyone getting a good muley. Jim Nick and Colin Pietz shot at some good whitetail bucks with Collin taking a very nice 5*8 WT.

The classiest hunter award goes to Ray Robinson who has determined to shoot a 200+ muley or nothing. He has come with us for three years and seen a buck of that caliber each year but so far we have not been able to connect. This year Ray and guide Joel Wilkinson gave me a call one day while I was guiding Lloyd Whaley. Joel told me they had a great deer probably in the 190's which needed to be shot. Ray has seen bigger deer in the past and was turning this one down but Joel said we should look at it anyway. We went over and I asked Ray why he was not shooting and he said it was a great deer and that he would let his buddy have it as it was the first day of his own hunt and he has seen better deer in the past. Lloyd got the deer after a super effort on his and Joel's part and it ended up grossing approximately 204. Thanks Ray.

Brad Myszka came back after passing up on a good bull elk in fall and scored on a great 7*8 Mulley. We then proceeded to see several great whitetails but couldn't get the shot we needed. Eric Robinson shot a nice heavy white tail and I saw 6 great (160+) bucks in about a 10 mile stretch. Next year will definitely be a great year for whitetails.

Blue Bronna Wilderness Camp News

The most important thing I wanted to tell you about is Blue Bronna Wilderness Camp. BBWC is a non-profit Christian camp committed to showing teens, adults, and under privileged, God & creation through a wilderness experience utilizing archery (supplied through SCI chapters), horse packing, river rafting, and mountain hiking. After 3 years of dealing with government we have secured a contract for a 25 year renewable lease site of 23 acres in the forestry with a house, cook shack, and a couple outbuildings.

The deal was finally ratified in mid November with a need for \$45,000.00 to be paid inside of one month of getting the commitment. Needless to say Blue Bronna Outfitting was too busy to ask for help in raising this money during our deer hunts, however, we initiated a matching fund donation in order to give incentive to others to contribute to this worthy cause. Altogether \$48,000.00 was raised.

The property is now BBWC's and we will be hosting our annual pie auction on January 28th 2006 in order to raise money for additional needed cabins and site modifications. If you would be interested in helping us buy a pie please consider sending us a check or if you are going to be at Reno for the **International SCI show (booth 3025)** or the **FNAWS/MULE DEER Foundation show (booth 222)** consider stopping by and we will tell you more.

We are hoping to raise enough money to buy a pie in the ten to twenty thousand dollar range. I know this sounds nuts but it is the purpose that is worthwhile. BBWC should be able to now host 800-1200 campers a year once this site is up and running.

Wishing you the best of luck in all your hunting endeavors,



