

2012

Blue Bronna Outfitting



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# Blue Bronna Outfitting - 2012 in Review

## Wishing your all the best in 2013

We have enjoyed another excellent year here at Blue Bronna. In the spring we again ran a father-son bear hunt and took some very good bears (sorry I put together the pictures for this newsletter and then realized I had not put in any bear pictures). We also had a great time chasing bears with our U.S. clients and enjoyed excellent weather throughout.

The fall brought on a SCI Shiras moose hunt with Justin Ragazzino. We worked hard during some pretty hot weather but just could not get the bulls to call. Finally we took him to another area and his first night on a water hole he killed a very good bull. The weather remained hot and return hunter Don Lafave also took a few days to find a bull willing to come in to guide Brad Brown's moans and grunts. Return hunter Mark Spillane was Brad's last moose hunter and he also took a very good 52 inch Shiras.

The elk were not quite as anxious to come in during the heat but we did manage to get several in close with two or three big bulls escaping us. Dave and his son Brian Zambotti hunted with me and although we killed a bull quickly with Brian, Dave and I were not as lucky and the big bull we finally enraged managed to get our wind and went from full roar to dead quiet and pulled a perfect vanishing act.

Paul Born and I, after letting a small bull go and spending a night out on the mountain, also pulled a big bull to within a hundred yards. I thought I could back up a bit and pull him past Paul in the timber but as soon as I backed up the bull decided he had won the battle and did not have to follow me. We never did manage to get that bull mad enough to leave caution to the wind but what a great time trying. There is nothing like being in great elk country with a bow or rifle during the rut.

Mountain mule deer hunting was absolutely frustrating this year. In 3 weeks of hunting we saw several mountain lions including one we got a picture of sitting on the road. Brad was guiding elk hunter Brad Ogle and saw a big drop tine and two other big bucks in the timber. The muley hunters, Bill Lerch, Gary Lumsden and Jim Ziemer worked and worked but we just could not seem to find a big deer for them. The bad luck continued into the first prairie rifle hunt and although Gary and Sue Tuohy saw big bucks they did not get the shot they needed.

The tide did turn however with guide Josh Johnson and bow hunters Pat and Nicole Reeve. Pat managed to arrow a 199" Muley with Nicole and guide Joel Wilkinson capturing the whole deal on video. I found another big buck for Nicole which, although he did not mind Pat taking his picture, he was not excited about hanging around for Nicole's arrow.



I have to put in a plug here for bow hunting. All of you who are wanting to take a big muley, moose, or elk with your bow have got to get booked. We have very experienced guides and there is just nothing like the great bow hunts we offer at Blue Bronna. We have under sold our archery hunts as it seems we fill up so quickly with rifle hunters and seldom do justice to the great bow hunts available. This year we are giving a **10% discount** to any hunter booking an archery hunt during the month of January so we hopefully do not fill up with rifle hunters prior to taking on bow hunters.

The first week of November Lawrence and Jerry Beckett arrived. Lawrence killed a very nice moose and muley with his muzzle loader. Guide Rob Purdie placed some great stands and although Jerry had a big whitetail cross in front of him he just wasn't able to put it down. Shannon Kollmeyer came moose hunting with his son Jason and killed a 50 inch bull with Jason getting shots at a 55" plus (one of the best Canadians I have seen) and another very respectable drop tine bull. Both moose left the country with no problems and we proceeded to check out his rifle at the range. The next day he made a perfect shot on a muley buck at 285 yards.

The last three weeks were a blur as we made new friends and saw plenty of repeat clients and friends. John Osborne and John Egan came with Bryan Bartlett. John Osborne did not find the buck he was looking for but John Egan took a very good buck with Bryan and guide Joel getting the biggest buck of the year (214" drop tine that had evaded Sue Tuohy earlier).

The next week I took Tom Grundman who made a great shot on a big whitetail and his wife Allison who dropped a dandy 185 inch muley with one shot. Brad was in the process of getting Bill Lerch a buck but cracked his hip in a fall so I ended up hiking Bill to the bottom of the river where he shot the heaviest muley of the year. Brent Ebling took a 192 inch deer with Joel and his buddy Paul took the most heavily bladed unique deer of the year with Josh.

The last week Brad was able to hobble around and get Jim Nick an excellent 7\*8. Joel got Daniel Olvitt to educate a couple muleys before taking a nice buck and then took a great 3\*3 muley with Jeff Mohney. Craig Mohney after regretfully turning down the 3\*3 Jeff shot did get a very good 185" muley. Tom Olvitt and I managed to get lucky one more time and ended up with a dandy 194 incher. We can't wait to hunt with you guys next year.

It seems that every time I think it can't get much better we end up with a year where we are blessed with clients that are so much fun. I want to thank you all for the great times we have had and look forward to seeing you down the road. Have a great 2013 and please email us ([bluebronna@gmail.com](mailto:bluebronna@gmail.com)), phone us (**403 443 5718**), or come visit us at booth **3013 Dallas SCI**, or booth **3016 SCI Reno**. Better yet book a hunt and come enjoy your holidays with us.

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