

BLUE BRONNA OUTFITTING 2010 REVIEW

Hi to all our old and new friends. 2010 was Grrrreat. We had an excellent year with just about everyone getting their animals in spite of some fairly poor weather. Our guides again proved why we consider them to be the best in the business.

We started off with a different black bear season this spring. We ran a father son camp with 6 dads and 8 sons. Every hunter had an opportunity to harvest at least one bear. Several blacks and coloured bears were taken. One of the dads admitted that although it was his son's graduating year in high school they had never taken the time to do something like this before and it was quite special for them.

In the fall we started off with a bang when a man came across the center line on a two lane highway and ran into us absolutely destroying our truck, Donnas RV, and the quad trailer with two quads on it. We were 2 days from setting up camp in the mountains and everything turned into hi gear at that point. We ended up going back to using tents and horses like we used to.

The first bow hunters came in for moose George Lawrence, his son and Lee Cope. George flung some arrows with me while his son videoed but did not connect with the bow and ended up coming back in November and getting a mule deer and a 48 inch moose with his rifle. He also helped Brad educate some white tails. Lee was guided by Brad in the mountains and took a great 56 inch Shiras with his bow which ended up being #7 in the world SCI.

Next we had Mollie and Jennifer come in to try for moose with a rifle. In the first three days we did not see much as the weather was very poor. Mollie came back a week later, the weather had cleared, the moose were calling and she got a great moose (48 Inch) along with the bear she always wanted. Danny Dietriech also came in and guided by the "moose magnet" (Brad) killed a 48" Shiras.

While Danny was there patiently trying to come up with a good moose Ash Court was working on a 30 inch muley. Ash and Danny were the most incredible guys helping me pull a camp and set it up again in another location as the animals had dropped farther down due to the snow we were having. Ash did not get his 30 incher but settled for a 197 inch heavy northern muley.

Brad's mom and dad came in while these guys were all hunting and Brad took them out as well as Gord (another friend) for elk. They both got elk and we were treated to a great concert by the Browns. This will become an annual part of our mountain hunts as they are very talented and sang for hours. Donna like always put together the best food available on the planet and it was just another bonus when Brad and his family brought in a gorgeous chocolate bear as well.

As I turned fifty this fall I decided it was my turn to hunt so Donna allowed me to go to Kyrgyzstan and hunt a Marco Polo and Ibex. The hunt went great and was successful as well. I got a great sheep (48 inch) and had an experience of a life time. If you would like to see some pictures come by our booth at **Dallas SCI** or the **SCI show in Reno (booth 3047)**. We hope to see a bunch of our friends at these shows again. In case you haven't noticed the 48 inch theme seemed to be in full affect throughout September and October. It was a great year for animals and did not stop in October.

November started with a warm 8 days and the four moose hunters worked hard for their animals. It was tougher than normal but we managed to connect with all the guys from Michigan taking home a moose. This was a fun bunch to hunt with and we really appreciated their fun loving hunting antics together with the "true hunting

sportsmanship" exhibited by all. Rich Dalm came this week and although he came close on a great muley it just did not quite happen.

The second week of November started the colder weather with myself guiding John Monson who took a fantastic muley after hiking to the bottom of the river at least 6-7 times. Duane Jensen was guided by Brad Brown and although he got several shots at a great white tail and a number of chances at big muleys it was just not to be.

Josh guided John Knaus again who also did not get the shot he needed although he did see a great deer and came very close. Yukon Joel took returner Barry Wood for the second time and again got him a fantastic deer on the first day of his hunt. We are not sure what is happening but the connection of these two seems to turn Joel from a typical last day hunter into a first day. Dallas Burns guided Tom Hufnagel and Ray Middleman. Both guys got good solid muleys along with a cold as Dallas seemed to not be able to get over his lung infection or whatever he had that continued to have him coughing throughout the season.

The third week of November was bitterly cold and the returning Texans from last year had to endure the toughest shot of weather we had this year. I guided Kerry and Mark with both of them seeing a couple big deer but not getting the shot needed. They settled for quality deer with Marc making a 550 yard shot in the last five minutes of his hunt. Kerry survived a tough climb to the bottom of the canyon and helped me pack his 110 pounds of deer meet out while convinced he was going to die trying.

The big deer Kerry and Marc had seen was finally taken by Jim Epps and Joel. Jim insisted that you cannot get a big deer unless you pass up the small ones. He was right. After turning down a great big framed deer twice Jason Epps guided by Dallas killed the buck of the year. A three point muley which scored 190 inches. Jason also killed a nice White tail. Rob & his brother Pat were guided by Dan Adkins and Josh and both got good muleys along with one white tail.

The last week saw all of us guides very tired but the hunting was still good with Josh and Mark Duggar taking a great white tail and the biggest muley of the year. Chris Goodwin and guide Brad were not able to connect and unfortunately for the first time in 7 years Lloyd Whaley and Joel did not find a muley which tickled Lloyd's fancy. Dallas and Frank Lawrence got a great muley while Paul Born and I searched for a 200 inch muley but just could not find one I definitely thought would go that high. We looked at over 60 bucks during that time and let go one which was in the 190-195 range but Paul finally settled on a good deer as the season was drawing to a close.





Have a great new year and come visit us again.

Glenn & Donna Brown

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