

Congratulations to Mark Nielsen on the Blackstone Slam!! Mark is our first hunter to take all 4 animals on one hunt. As you can see, they are all beautiful trophies. Mark backpack hunted with our long-time guide, Luke Deuling. There was no laying around on this mixed bag hunt, Mark & Luke even found time to help build a landing strip in some new hunting country!

## 2005 HUNT REPORT

### Grizzly Bear

We hope you enjoy this season's hunt report. As you can see, we had another great season here at the Blackstone. One thing about hunting in the northern Yukon is that it never seems to be the same from one year to the next. The game movement, weather and wind conditions are always changing. This year was no exception, with some of the worst weather our hunters and guides have ever had to deal with. Barring this, our hunters and guides managed to take some terrific animals.

Some highlights come to mind from this season. Fourteen year old, Cole Eddie put in an excellent effort, both physically and mentally on an archery sheep hunt. He was after a good ram with his bow, but just couldn't close the distance. His father, Dyrk and guides Brett Lucas and Luke Deuling did all their best to help on this hunt. Cole could have used a rifle on rams that were within 100 yards, but his comment was, "We came here to bow hunt, didn't we?" Cole walked off the mountain without a ram, but with some awesome memories and a huge amount of respect from his father, the guides and from us. Sometimes we forget, as guides and hunters, that it isn't necessarily the kill that makes a successful hunt.

It was great to see so many family-based hunting partners this year. We had 5 father-son teams, 2 sets of brothers and 2 wives who tagged along to help their husbands. It is fantastic to see a family tradition of hunting being passed on.

Mark Nielsen has been hunting with us for several years. His luck in the past has always been a bit tough, as most of his previous hunts have gone right to the bitter end. It all came together for him in a big way in September. He is our first hunter to take all four of our big game species in one 14-day hunt. Congratulations Mark and guide, Luke Deuling!

Once again, we had an exceptional crew. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work and perseverance through the weather that the north threw at us this year. We are also thankful for the wonderful clients that we had the opportunity to hunt with in 2005.

We hope to see you again somewhere along the trail!

Jim & Adrienne  
Logan, Warren & Colin

### Dall & Fannin Rams

We have a very good population of Dall and Fannin Sheep. Many award winning rams have come from this area. Some of the Fannin's are quite dark in colour and have the appearance of a true Stone. Mineral licks throughout the region help contribute to exceptional horn growth. Known for its old, heavy based rams, this area has excellent potential for harvesting a trophy of a lifetime.

- Ron Wright, on his third trip with us, found this huge silver-tip grizzly with guide Billy Jack Young. Ron was also successful in taking a nice Mountain Caribou. (#4)
- Les King's guide was out wrangling horses in the dark during their moose hunt and startled this grizzly. Blair Chisholm hustled back to camp for Les and they were able to find the bear again when daylight broke.

- Gordon Rockefeller with guide, Brett Lucas, found this heavy, old warrior high in the rocks
- Keith Bowen came to the Yukon with good friend, Chuck Jenkins and found this ram on opening day with guide Jory Cofield.
- Bryan Bailey and guide Jared Caldwell spotted this big-bodied, heavy-broomed Fannin ram low in the timber.
- Mark Ortega and guide Kyle Johnson spotted this ram in the heavy ram and managed to get it before it disappeared into the fog.
- Steve Van Tassel found this big Dall on his third hunt with us and his guide Dave Rivers.
- Tim & Les Cowan put in a great effort to find these 2 fantastic rams with Blair & Natalie Chisholm and horse wrangler, Logan Fink.
- Father & son, Charlie & Richard Luck took this heavy old ram on our first hunt with Brett Lucas and Kyle Johnson
- Jere Seibel went on a horseback hunt with Blair & Natalie Chisholm and found this full-curl Dall
- Blair & Natalie Chisholm guided another father/son team; Clint & Ross Taylor both harvested heavy, old broomed rams.
- Brett Lucas guided Paul Harris, our first archery hunter to take a ram, and what a great ram it was!
- Blaine Nimer took some awesome video of this heavy, broomed ram before harvesting it with guide Jory Cofield
- Chuck Jenkins and guide, Paul Weisser, backpacked many miles, collecting fossils along the way to this heavy old Fannin. This was Chuck's 2nd hunt with us.



### Mountain Caribou

Over the years the area has produced some tremendous trophy caribou. We have a healthy resident caribou herd in the southern part of the area.



### Alaska/Yukon Moose

There may not be a better opportunity to obtain a record book Alaska/Yukon moose. Huge tracts of fantastic moose country remain virtually untouched. If watching your guide call a big bull in close doesn't get your adrenaline going, nothing will! Mature bulls of 60" or better are usually taken on our limited number of moose hunts.

- Rocky Rhoten and guide Jared Caldwell called in this great moose at the beginning of the rut. They were also successful in taking this huge Mountain Caribou right behind their spike camp. (#3)
- Mark Zauhar and Jared Caldwell called this big moose across a big willow flat on the Blackstone River.
- Rob Holland brought his brother Neil all the way from "down under" to video his moose hunt. They endured some of the nastiest weather of the season on their float trip with Richard Nagano. The Aussie's toughed it out to find this good bull
- Luke Deuling guided Keenan McKee on a Hart River float trip where they found this great moose.
- Jim Neill was on his second hunt with us. Jim and guide Richard Nagano were just out of the Hart River cabin when they found this long-panned moose.
- John O'Brien and guide, Peter Jensen Jr., had to defend their camp as this big bull was coming hard through the trees towards them.
- Jim Hutchens was on his third hunt with us when he and guide Brett Lucas harvested our last moose of the season. This huge old bull had 9 cows cornered up high in a mountain draw. Jim was also lucky to take a great mountain caribou on this hunt.
- Neal Skinner horseback hunted out of one of our new camps with Blair Chisholm. After many days of riding they found this long-panned moose.
- Les & Melissa King also made the trek from "down under". Blair Chisholm guided Les to this great, wide bull.
- Guide Luke Deuling called this moose in 3 times before Tim Allen was able to get a great shot with his bow into one of our best moose of the season.



### The Area

Operating in a region of approximately 10,000 square miles located in the northern Yukon, we hunt the North slope of the Ogilvie Mountains along the Blackstone, Ogilvie, Peel, Hart, Whitestone and Porcupine River watersheds. The area encompasses a wide variety of terrains, with rugged mountains, beautiful river valleys, and large tundra flats. Wilderness in the true sense of the word, hunting this country can be an incredible experience.

### The Hunt

Blackstone Outfitters offers a variety of ways to enjoy your hunt. We offer traditional horseback hunts, river trips, and backpack hunts with pack dogs. A few cabins are scattered throughout the area and may be used as a hunt base or stopover. Light backpack dome tents are used on some of the hunts. All of our hunts have bush plane support and radio or satellite phone communication. No matter what type of hunt you choose, you can be confident that the equipment and personnel will be first rate.



### Getting There

Your adventure begins in Whitehorse, Yukon. Whitehorse has commercial flights from Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary. When you arrive in Whitehorse we will take you to the hotel for an over-night stay. The day before your hunt starts we will take you to the charter company for your flight to camp. During August & September, our hunters will be chartered direct from Whitehorse to base camp. In October, during the caribou hunts, the hunters will continue on Air North's scheduled flight to Dawson City where we will pick you up. We operate our own aircraft charter service, Nahoni Air, within our area, enabling us to move you to the places where the different species of game are located. Our aircraft may be used to resupply a horseback trip, drop off or pick up a backpack hunter or to move a hunter to other locations. We strive to make your hunt as efficient and enjoyable as possible.

### Your Outfitter

We are the sole owner and operator of Blackstone Outfitters. We have over 20 years of experience guiding hunters and fishermen and operating camps throughout western and northern Canada. Jim is also an experienced bush pilot and has been flying in the north since 1979. Because of our love of the country and the game it holds we have made a commitment to fair chase hunts. We are committed to making your hunt a great experience with the highest opportunity for success.

## Experience the Famous Porcupine Caribou Herd

Our area is the heart of the wintering range of the famous Porcupine Caribou Herd. These barrenground caribou migrate down from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Through our experience in the last few years, we have enabled our hunters to witness the migration & harvest some tremendous trophy class bulls.

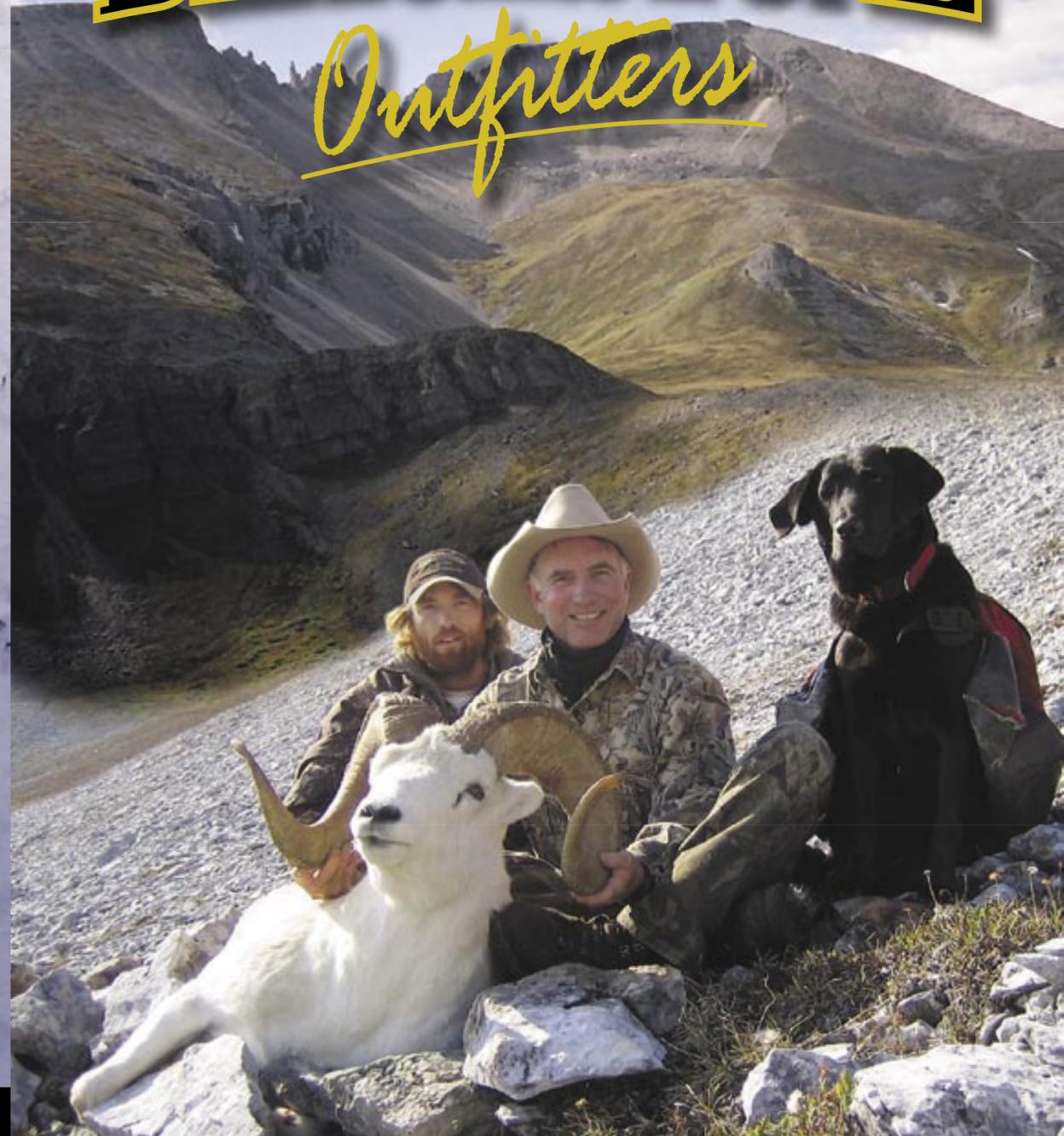
Many of our clients feel that this is an experience of a lifetime and is an awe-inspiring sight, which can be matched in very few other places in the world. It is common to see 4-5,000 caribou during a hunt. The herd has estimated numbers in excess of 120,000 and is the largest herd in the Yukon Territory.



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Art Pearce with guide, Jared Caldwell and trusty packdog, Sprocket, backpacked through some beautiful country and harvested this fantastic wide-flaring ram.

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## Winter Adventures

This group of wolf hunters from Michigan was very successful and had a lot of fun snowmobiling and scouting around for possibilities on a beautiful crisp Yukon winter day.



Jim & Adrienne Logan, Warren & Colin

