

Alaska Trophy Adventures



2016 Hunts

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Kevin Small from Bakersfield, CA and guide Dan Montgomery, with Kevin's magnificent Chugach Mts. ram; 43 4/8 X 42 7/8 X 13 6/8, official B&C score 172 3/8. This was the kind of ram Kevin was hoping for when he purchased the Governor's Permit. Kevin has hunted sheep all over the world and he said the Chugach were the most rugged mountains by far. He was fearless on our 7 hour climb to get this great ram. **Guides: Dan Montgomery and Mark Schwartz**



Jeff Taylor from Raleigh, NC with his buster ram, 43 0/8 X 41 4/8 X 14 3/8, official B&C score 170 0/8. Jeff came lean and ready, and he could hardly sleep after seeing this big ram before opening day. **Guide: Nolan Eck**



Dave Tudor (l) and **Tony Ward** (r) from Helena, MT with Dave's big 9 4/8" billy. Dave made a great one shot kill at 350 yards, at a very steep angle. He had a wonderful time and didn't stop grinning the whole hunt. **Guide: Hank Flatow**



Steve Menore from Rockford, IL with his beautiful 7'10" grizzly/brown bear. Steve loves hunting these bears and he is coming back again in 2017. **Guide: Dan Montgomery**



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2016 was full of short hunts and very sweet success. We went 100% on our 3 sheep hunts and our 4 goat hunts. We took all of our rams and billies on opening day of their seasons. Seven trophies in 2 hunting days! Two of the rams made the all time B&C Record Book, scoring 172 3/8 and 170. We were also 100% on spring black bears and 3 for 5 on brown bears over bait. The 2 hunters that didn't harvest were only able to hunt half of their 10 days. Our thorough preparation and planning, plus overall good weather and hard work by everyone, paid great dividends this year.

SHEEP We went **3 for 3** on rams this year. We had very disappointing draw results. We only drew 2 tags, one in 13D and one in 14C. It was by far our worst draw since all of our areas went to draws in 2008, I think just due to bad luck. Kevin Small, the Governor's Permit holder this year, also booked with us. We went in very early before the season opened, and thorough scouting on the ground enabled us to take all 3 rams on opening day. Their horn lengths were 43 4/8, 43 0/8, and 38 3/8 (no lamb tips) with official B&C scores 172 3/8, 170 0/8 and 162. We still have low mature ram numbers in 13D East. They just seem to disappear the year they would be mature full curls. No one knows why but I'm hoping that ADF&G will do a study in this area. The rest of 13D and 14C are doing alright and holding their own. The over all hunting pressure is light and there are a good number of rams in the 40" category that didn't get taken this year and will be great ones in 2017! For the 6th year in a row we took the largest ram in the Chugach Mts. We've taken 30 unbroomed rams in 6 years with an average horn length of over 40 3/8". The big ones are out there!



Kenyon Young from Las Vegas, NV with the old 8 3/8" billy he took opening morning. Kenyon went from client to packer, and packed 2 goats back to camp while I was helping other hunters and flying.
Guide: Dan Montgomery

MTN. GOATS We took 4 mountain goat hunters this year and we had taken all 4 billies by 5 pm on the first day of the season. Their horn lengths were 9 4/8", 9 2/8", 9 1/8" and 8 3/8", for an average of just over 9". Two of our hunters had to climb 1000 feet on an easy slope and the other 2 had to walk down hill 600 feet over 1 1/4 miles on an easy glacier. I think I have the easiest mt. goat hunts in North America. That's the good news. The bad news is because of a perceived over harvest by non-residents, the ADF&G has put us on draw permits again. I have some real issues with this but it's a done deal for now.

BROWN BEAR AND BLACK BEAR OVER BAIT We went **3 for 5 on brown bear** over bait and the 2 hunters that didn't harvest brown bear only hunted 5 and 6 days out of their 10 day hunt. We were seeing bears but they had other obligations. We were **100% on our black bears**; the two hunters that didn't take browns took 2 and 3 black bears each. These bait hunts are fun and easy. They are great hunts for hunting buddies or family members to share.

ALASKA PENINSULA BROWN BEAR We ended up not taking anyone this spring on our Peninsula hunts. I had 2 hunters that wanted to come but could only stay 7 days, and I just didn't think that was long enough to have a good chance at success.

We would like to thank all of our hunters for working hard and shooting straight. You made some very difficult shots look easy. If you want to enjoy a thrilling, genuine Alaska hunting adventure please consider joining us someday. Nobody will work harder to make sure you have a fun, enjoyable and successful hunt. We can't say enough good things about our guides, packers and crew. It's because of their hard work, dedication and years of experience that all we do works so well. Thank you to the crew; Hank, Nolan, Doug, Mark, Carl, Drake, Rick, Steve and client turned packer Kenyon!



Melvin Moeding from Huron, SD with his nice 8' brown bear. Mel and his brother Marty have taken sheep, mtn. goat and now brown bear with me. He and his brother are great guys to hunt with and really have a good time. **Guide: Dan Montgomery**

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Tony Ward from Helena, MT and the great 9 2/8" billy that he took on opening day. Tony and Dave made great 60 + degree angle shots on their goats. Both were one shot kills. **Guide: Hank Flatow**



Kevin Oliver from Jamestown, CA with his fantastic, heavy, 12 year old ram; 38 3/8 X 38 2/8 X 13 7/8, official B & C score 162 0/8. Kevin already had a 38" Dall, and he was hoping for one that was old with lots of mass. He got both with this old warrior! **Guide: Doug Garner**



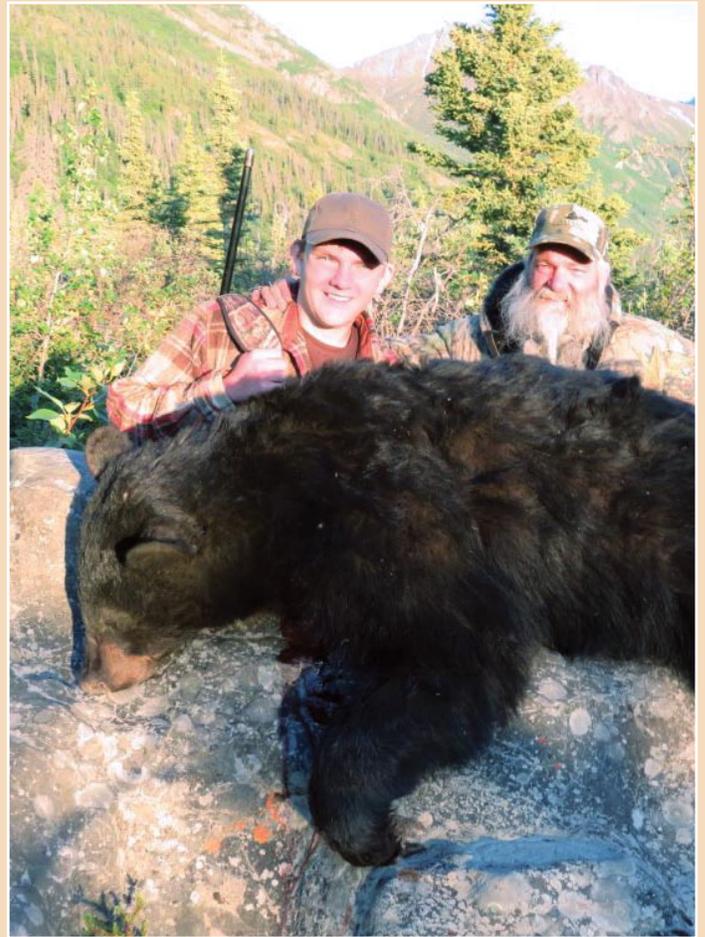
Marty Moeding from Huron, SD with his 8' boar. Marty finally took this bear on the 10th day of his hunt. There were some bigger bears coming to his bait, but they were coming in well after dark so he elected to take this one. **Guide: Hank Flatow**



Pat Grice (r) from Grove City, OH and guide Dan Montgomery (l) with the well haired 9 1/8" billy Pat took on opening morning. Pat could hardly believe his luck when he shot this billy at 26 yards at 8 am the first day! He anchored him in his bed. **Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Joe Castrogiovanni from Rockford, IL with his first big black bear, which has an 18 4/16" skull. Joe hunted this bear for 5 days and finally got a shot at him. He got his next 2 black bear in his first hour on a different bait. Joe had to leave early before he had a chance at a grizzly. **Guide: Mark Schwartz**



Ruger Andres and his father **Shawn**, from Arlee, MT with Ruger's first black bear. Ruger also took a cinnamon black bear with us but had to leave early before he had a chance at a grizzly. **Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Steve Menore (r) from Rockford, IL and guide **Dan Montgomery** (l) with Steve's nice big black bear. This bear had a 19 1/16" skull, and is the best we have taken to date. Steve has taken 2 grizzly/brown bear and 6 black bears with us in the last 2 years, and is coming back to do it again in 2017. **Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Joe Castrogiovanni from Rockford, IL with two of the three black bears he took. The big one squared 6'8" and had an 18 11/16" skull. Joe took both of these bears 10 minutes apart on the same bait. We had bears walk right up to within 30 feet of us showing no fear at all while we were rebaiting this remote site. **Guides: Dan Montgomery and Mark Schwartz**