

Alaska Trophy Adventures



2017 Hunts

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Troy Tidwell from Bellevue, WA (right) and guides Nolan Eck (middle) and Rick Parker (left) with Troy's big ram. 40 4/8 x 39 3/8 x 14 2/8, official B&C score 164 1/8. These guys camped on this ram for 3 days and took him on opening morning. This is a dream ram for Troy. **Unit 13D. Guides: Nolan Eck and Rick Parker**



John Jordan from Louisville, KY with his big 9' 6" swamp boar. 26 14/16" B&C skull. We played hide and seek with this ancient guy for 3 days and John made it count when we finally got a chance at him on day 4. Good shooting John. **Alaska Peninsula Unit 9. Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Pete Dellafiora from Whitestone, NY with his very old 9' 4" boar. 26 4/16" B&C skull. Pete was charmed on his hunt when he took a wolf on opening day and this very good bear on the second day. Pete made great shots on both. Congrats Pete. **Alaska Peninsula Unit 9. Guide: Shawn Andres**



Ken Svenningsen from Mountain Lakes, NJ (left) and guide Hank Flatow (right) with Ken's 9" opening day billy. We barely got in on the glacier with our 2 hunters before the opener because of weather. Ken made it pay off by taking this guy in his bed the next morning. **Unit 14C. Guide: Hank Flatow**



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2017 was a great year for us. We were 100% on our brown bear, mountain goat and grizzly/black bear hunts, and 4 for 6 on our sheep hunts. We had some real challenges with adverse weather this year. High winds throughout most of our seasons made airplane access very problematic at times. All of our hunters stuck it out and almost everyone was successful in the end. We give a big Thank You to them for working hard and persevering.

SHEEP: We rebounded from our poor draw results last year (only 2 hunters drew), and our hunters drew 5 permits, plus we also took the governor's permit holder. We were not able to locate "THE RAM" for the holder of the governor's permit. He had a goal of finding and taking a ram that would make the B & C all time record book. After passing up numerous rams that we didn't think would quite make this goal, he took a great old warrior ram that was 11 years old and scored in the low 160s on the last day of the season.

Our two hunters who didn't get rams this year hunted hard. One was after the same big ram all 13 days of his season, but the ram was living a charmed life and between fog and other weather issues our hunter never had an opportunity at him. The other hunter had some physical limitations and finally had a chance at a big 40 inch class ram on the 6th day at 198 yards but he missed multiple times.

Our biggest ram this year was 40 4/8" and officially scored 164 1/8 B & C. We averaged 39 inches on our rams, and our horn lengths were 40 4/8", 38 7/8", 38 4/8", and 38 3/8". There are a good number of big rams that we looked at this year that were not harvested and 2018 looks very promising.

GOATS: We were 3 for 3 on mountain goats this year. Two were taken by rifle on opening day and one was taken by bow. Our bow hunter took his on the third day of his hunt. Their horn lengths were



Dusty Strachan from Helena, MT (right) and guide **Hank Flatow** (left) with Dusty's 10 year old ram. 38 4/8 x 38 4/8 x 13. B&C green score 158 3/8. Climbing through the mountains to get this old warrior stressed Dusty to his limits but he persevered and got his trophy. **Unit 14C. Guide: Hank Flatow**

9 2/8", 9" and 8 5/8". Due to winds and low clouds, we didn't get our two rifle hunters in the field until the last minute before the opener. They walked down to their goats and had them both by noon opening day. We have high numbers of mature billies in our area and it can be an easy hunt.

BROWN BEAR – ALASKA PENINSULA: We went 6 for 6 on our brown bear hunts this year. Five were boars and one was a big, dark sow that was mistaken for a boar. Our bear population seems to be rebounding some, with more sows with cubs and more young bears observed. We had many days of high winds during the season, which made hunting and moving camps very difficult at times. This is the first in many years that we did not take a true 10' bear on these fall hunts, although one in this class was shot at and missed on opening morning. The bears we harvested this fall squared 9'6", 9'4", 9', 8'5", 8'4" and 8'2". Our largest two skulls were 26 14/16 and 26 4/16. The future looks good for these hunts, with a good number of big boars spotted. We are planning on taking 8 hunters in the fall of 2019.

BROWN/GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEAR OVER BAIT: These hunts are a lot of fun because there is always something going on to observe. We took 3 combination brown/grizzly and black bear hunters this year and one black bear only hunter. All were 100% successful. We harvested a total of 3 brown/grizzly bears and 7 black bears. Everyone had a great time watching bears interact with each other around the baits. The hair quality on these bears is superb. Our biggest brown/grizzly bear was 8'8" and had a 24 14/16 skull. The other two squared 7'10" and 7'5". Our biggest black bears squared 6'10" and had 18 12/16 skulls. These hunts are done one on one and are a great family hunt. You will see high numbers of bear.

A heartfelt **THANKS** goes out to all of our crew this year. They did an **outstanding job** for all of our clients. GREAT JOB: Hank, Mark, Nolan, Doug, Rick, Shawn, Kay, Carl, Drake, Aaron, Mike, Tucker and Parker!



Steve Minore from Rockford, IL. with his gorgeously haired 7'5" grizzly boar. Steve has taken 3 grizzlies and 9 black bears with us in the last 3 years. This is his prettiest griz to date and he is coming back in 2018. **Unit 13D. Guide: Dan Montgomery**

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Fred Sauby from Carrington, ND with his pretty 7'10" grizzly. Fred saw a bigger bear than this one but he thought this one was just too good looking to pass up. Fred had a great time and is considering doing it again. **Unit 13D. Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Gabriel Reedy from Boise, ID with his beautiful ram. 38 7/8 x 38 5/8 x 13 1/8. B&C green score 155 6/8. This ram was a bit of a fooler because he had a small body and he was all by himself but Gabe couldn't be happier with him and rightfully so. **Unit 13D. Guide Doug Garner**



Mark Jordan from Louisville, KY (right) and brother John (left) with Mark's beautiful 9' boar. These two brothers were so excited they could hardly talk when this bear stepped out in front of us and started fishing. I had a lot of fun and laughs guiding these guys to good bears. **Unit 9 Alaska Peninsula. Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Bill Goss from Black Diamond, Alberta, CAN with his great 8'8" boar grizzly. 24 14/16" B&C skull. We thought this big boy was a sow and cub when we first saw him with a sow but we quickly realized our mistake and he gave us another chance to take him. Great shooting Bill. **Unit 13D. Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Shay Schmidt with a smaller but beautiful blondish color phase black bear. This bear was just too darn pretty for her to pass up. Great shooting Shay. **Unit 13D. Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Shay Schmidt from Willows, CA and her father Stan with her good mature boar black bear. Shay is quite the sharp shooter. She took two bears with two good shots. She and her dad had a blast. **Unit 13D. Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Aaron Kelly from Cashmere, WA with his 8 5/8" billy. P&Y score 41 6/8. We had a tough time getting on the glacier we wanted to because of weather. Aaron took this 2 1/4 year old billy with his bow on day 3 of his hunt. He makes the P&Y book. **Unit 14C. Guide: Mark Schwartz**



This is an 11 year old ram that we took on the last day of the season and the hunter prefers to stay anonymous. I'm sure this old guy was a great champion of many battles and I think he needs to be honored so we are. 38 3/8 x 38 3/8 x 13 4/8. B&C green score 161 4/8. **Unit 14C. Guides: Dan Montgomery and Hank Flatow**



Fred Sauby with his 6'10" big boar black bear. B&C skull 18 12/16". We had just finished skinning Fred's grizzly when this big guy just walked out and started eating at the bait station 40 yards away. Fred asked, "Can I shoot him?" As you can see, "YES" was the answer. **Unit 13D. Guide: Dan Montgomery**



Eric Gould from Anderson, CA with his 9 2/8" billy he took on opening day. This big billy was just waiting for Eric to find him and he did. Great job Eric. **Unit 14C. Guide: Hank Flatow**