

2012 Success Rates

2011-2012 Lion Hunts

The first lion hunter showed up on Nov. 30 and killed a nice tom on Dec. 1st.

The second hunters started out mostly interested in wolves and a bobcat but that seemed to change towards mountain lion as the hunt progressed. One of the two hunters shot a bobcat, wounded a wolf and missed another wolf at 500-700 yards. He was comfortable at long range shooting but wolves are tough. We came close to treeing a large tom but it seemed the cat stayed one day ahead of us. The other hunter had an opportunity at 450 yards at a wolf but did not pull the trigger. He shot a coyote.

The third hunter showed up on Dec. 31st and shot a tom lion on Jan. 1st. The next hunter went into the wilderness with my brother and I. He killed a big tom lion. We also saw some wolves at 200 yards but could not get a shot.

The next two hunters shot a female lion, a large tom lion and a wolf in the wilderness. They also came close to getting shots at a pack of wolves at 300 yards. We saw several wolves but could not get close enough.

The next two hunters shot two coyotes, had two close calls with wolves and did not get any lions. They did teach me how to play Euchre. Lesson learned- don't bet against guys from Michigan who already know how to play the game. We did tree some small cats and passed them up.

The last wilderness hunters passed up some small cats, had close calls with wolves but had to leave early. The last day of their hunt, they chased a really large tom but could not get him treed.

The last hunters hunted in the front range. Conditions were tough. I cut two females with kittens but no big tom tracks. They came close to getting shots at wolves but the wolves gave them the slip. They called in a coyote and shot it. With three days left on their hunt, I offered to let them come bear hunting instead and they chose that.

Spring Bear Hunts

We took 8 hunters, killed 5 bears and missed 3 bears.

The first hunter shot his 5 ½ foot, cinnamon, boar bear the first day and left.

The second hunter chose to bow hunt over bait but had a bad cough that he could not stifle and he did not get a shot.

The third hunter almost shot a black bear the first day but it saw him while he was sitting over the bait. We ran dogs three times and got outrun twice and treed a sow with cubs the third time.

The fourth hunter and her husband only had three days to hunt. She did not get an opportunity. We had ten baits out and each day that she sat on the bait, the bears did not show up. Of course the bears made up for it by hitting all of the other baits other than the one she was on.

The fifth and sixth hunters missed a 5 ½ foot chocolate, boar, shot a 5 ½ foot sow and a 5' boar.

The 7th and 8th hunters shot a 5 ½ foot chocolate boar, missed two big boars and shot a 6 foot black boar with a large white chevron on its' chest. We had one of the biggest bears I have ever seen hitting our baits but we did not get it. The pictures are on the bear baiting photo gallery.

Fall Cast and Blast Hunts

We had two hunters. They shot one bear missed one bear and shot some grouse and caught some fish.

Fall Archery Hunts

We had three hunters. They missed two bulls, three deer and killed a deer.

Fall Combination Elk/Deer Hunts

We had 5 hunters on the first hunt. We had a hard time on the this hunt. We killed a large 7x8 bull. We saw some other elk but not many bulls. For those of you wanting to get your wives involved in hunting, do not chase your wife's bull away. It can be a very long hunt. We saw some small bucks and passed up some bears.

The second hunt we had 3 hunters. One hunter struggled to get around. The other hunters killed two large bears and a 24" 4 point buck.

The third hunt we had 4 hunters. We killed a 300 B and C bull and passed up some bucks and bears.

After the third hunt, we moved to the front range.

The fourth hunt we had two deer hunters and 3 combination hunters. Everyone tagged out. The deer hunters killed two large bucks and a wolf. The combination hunters killed 3 bulls and 3 good bucks. The bulls were a 5 point and two 6 points. We also had 4 drop campers. They shot 2 bucks and saw some elk and lots of deer.

The fifth hunt we had 4 combination hunters. They shot 2 bulls and 3 bucks. The largest bull scored 320 B & C. The other bull was a 5 point.

After the 5th hunt we moved back into the wilderness.

The 6th hunt we had two hunters. They both passed on a group of 5 bulls and they each shot 4 point bucks.

The 7th hunt we had 6 hunters. Two hunters cancelled out. The other 4 hunters had 2 elk tags and 4 deer tags. They shot a 5x6 bull, missed a 5 point bull and shot two, 4 point bucks.