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Photos of the Season 2014 Fall & 2015 Winter

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Fall 2014/Winter 2015 Season Hunt Report

Hard to believe it is already March and we have completed another very successful season here at Mackin Outfitting! As I look back at the season it is very exciting to remember the great memories made with both new and repeat clients.

The season began in September with our exciting Mule Deer bow hunts. During the first hunt John Milhiser of Illinois arrowed a great 172" velvet buck on opening day. The second hunt we were surprised with 8 inches of heavy snow which made things very difficult but Derek Bell of Texas hung in there to harvest a nice wide framed 166". The third hunt I was joined by repeat hunter Mike Castillo and his friend Ken Lemner of Vermont to go after elk with their archery gear, we hunted hard and had a few close calls but could not connect on a bull. The fourth hunt brought back Brian Bauer and his pal Eric Kuhlman of Ohio on combination hunts. Brian and his guide Cody Symonds were thrilled when they connected on a non-typical brute scoring 184", great work guys!! They spent the remainder of the hunt in pursuit of a big bull elk, despite numerous close encounters they didn't get one but had a pile of fun. Eric and I were in search of a Shiras moose and a mule deer, on day 4 a nice bull was called in and Eric made a perfect shot tagging his first Alberta moose. The focus then was on a BIG mule deer, after looking at numerous trophy bucks we managed to sneak in to an awesome heavy old buck and once again Eric made the shot and put his tag on a 179" dandy. This completed a very successful 6 week archery season!

Rifle season started on October 25 and we were joined by new clients Luke Brown and his father Walter of Pennsylvania. Day 1 Walter tagged a large framed 170" buck after waiting him out all day in his bedding area. Luke hunted for a few more days until a classy sticker buck was located in one of our honey holes, after taking the longest shot of his career Luke proudly put his tag on a great 168" buck! The second rifle hunt, repeat client Neil Ritter, also of PA brought up his friend Craig English to once again pursue trophy mule deer in the porcupine hills. It wasn't until day 4 when things got exciting and both gentleman harvested awesome bucks on the same property. Craig got a huge bodied, high racked 181" and Neil took a very unique unicorn non-typical buck, great work guys!! Hunt 3, old friend Nick Jorae of Michigan came up to hunt another mule deer buck with us but unfortunately the weather was terrible with sub-zero temps and white outs, we did however pass up a few average sized bucks and had a good time hunting non the less. Week four of rifle season John West of West Virginia made the trip up to pursue his long-time goal of hunting big Alberta Mule Deer! With the weather now back to normal, the mule deer were out everywhere in peak rut and on day 2 John's dream came true when he harvested a magnificent 184" buck. The last week of the season good friend Paul Pierunek joined me to help guide a group of clients from California. To our demise winter returned with a vengeance, the temps fell and the visibility was poor however Angelo Lagoria managed to tag a nice dark horned timber buck and on the last day his pal Shawn Overmier nearly connected on a long shot at a true monarch of a buck. All in all our rifle season here at Mackin Outfitting was a huge success thanks to our great clients, super help and the quality of game that calls the south western corner of Alberta home.

As the New Year rolled in we began preparing for our very sought after cougar hunts. Our first hunter was Mike Snider of Texas who showed up just in time as our snow cover was disappearing with the warm chinook weather. Mike was successful early in the hunt by harvesting a beautiful tom cougar. The second client was Troy Chandler of West Virginia who hunted hard in 2014 for a big cougar but due to constant snow falls was unable to seal his tag. This time luck was on his side with very little snow on the ground Paul's terrific hounds managed to tree the huge cougar that Troy was hoping for and he connected, you deserved him pal! Our last client Kelly M. of North Dakota arrived in late February and we still did not have any snow! After two days of dry ground hunting we were blessed with a 6 inch dump which allowed us to get back on our snowmobiles in search of tracks. After two solid days of hunting a good track was located and we put the hounds to work. After a great hunt we all were rewarded when Kelly harvested a huge B & C cougar on a wonderful sunny Alberta day.

Thanks to all for making this another great and memorable season! We are now getting excited for spring to arrive so we can begin our black bear hunts, I can't wait. If you are interested in booking a hunt with Mackin Outfitting please contact myself Tyson, we are now taking bookings for the 2016 season.

Myself & my wife, Angie are directly involved in all aspects of our mule deer hunts, elk hunts, cougar hunts, black bear and coyote hunts, making sure that every detail of your hunting experience is looked after. For more information on our hunts please go to our website at www.mackinoutfitting.com or call 403-625-0657.