2012 FALL NEWSLETTER

This fall was a wet and windy year on the lakes in Alaska. Most all of you that hunted got to see mother nature at its roughest, but with that being said we were able to see many nice bears and get some great opportunities to harvest some nice bears.

The hunt started of with 2 guys from Penn. Coming in to help get the boats and motors out and set up to run. We moved gear and hunted at the same time. Several average bears where passed on , until we found that one big nicely fured up boar bear to hunt. Getting into position and having the bear spot us, we thought this one was going to get away, but then he came towards us and stepped out into the open just right. Things just didn't work out , and the bear was missed and lives to be hunted another day. Sorry to say John and Dale did not get another chance at a big bear.

The following week was Don and Darren's turn to try their luck and that it was, good luck. Don took his first bear on the first day while packing into camp. The next night it was Darren's turn and he took a nice chocolate boar bear. Well we packed out , got the bears sealed and got 2 more tags, as our hunt area allows for 2 bears per hunter per year, and we were hunting again. Looking for that just right bear, we covered a little more ground and passed on some bears. Spotting a really nice blondesh colored bear the hunt was on. After a little time waiting for the bear to show again, he came out of the brush at a short 70 yards and put down with one well placed shot. One to go, and we were all looking for that right bear to fill the last tag. Going to a new area to see some different country , we were gifted with a really nice bear just before dark, and making another good kill, we had filled 4 tags in 7 days. Great job Don and Darren, I really enjoyed hunting with you guys.

The following week saw the return of 2 past guest and we had some fun. The first night out we were in bears. After 2 set ups, we were finally in the right spot, with the bear coming down the beach right at us, he was closing the distance for that perfect shot. Coming to 80 yards he stopped and Mike's gun roared, hitting the bear. After a bit of tracking , it was beginning to look like this one was going to get away. Searching the next day with no results we were forced to move on with no bear. Hunting for several days looking for another big bear, we finally spot the type of bear we wanted. He would only come out at the end of the day in low light. We got close several times , but could never connect with him. Sorry, Ron maybe another time.

The last week saw some of the bears moving up the mountains, but we still saw several good bears. Mike was able to fill his second tag after not getting his first bear and what a joy to have a guy in camp like him. Thanks for all the laughs Mike. We hunted that big dark bear hard and he just kept staying out of reach , man did I want you to kill that bear Dave, you are a pleasure to hunt with.

In closing we ended up with 6 kills, 1 wounded bear and 3 misses, lots of fun and some hard work, well sort off wet work, you guys all know what I am talking about, I know your all grinning now.

Well, have a great Holiday season, Darwin Vander Esch