



SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Detroit Chapter, Hunt Report

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH HUNT.

Date: February, 2007

HUNT LOCATION: Country: U.S.A.

State/Province Alaska

Area or Concession: Yentna Valley

NAME OF HUNTER : Michael Balok

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

SCI CHAPTER : Detroit

REMINDER:Did you enclose a photo of your trophy?

OUTFITTER NAME/C OMPANY NAME: Chet Benson, Bearfoot Adventures

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GUIDE'S NAME: Chet Benson

BOOKING AGENT : Booked Direct

COST OF HUNT : \$10,000.

SPECIES TAKEN: Grizzly Bear

SPECIES HUNTED NOT TAKEN : None

REASON NOT TAKEN : N/A

TROPHY ANIMALS WERE: Abundant X

Occasional

Scarce

EVALUATION OF SUPPORT (Please check one in each category):

Camp Facilities	Excellent: X	Good:	Fair:	Poor:
Equipment	Excellent: X	Good:	Fair:	Poor:
Food	Excellent: X	Good:	Fair:	Poor:
Trophy Preparation	Excellent: X	Good:	Fair:	Poor:
Trophy Shipping	Excellent: X	Good:	Fair:	Poor:

Time Required for Delivery of Trophies: 2 Months

HUNT DATE : April, 2006

Dry:

Wet:

Cold: X

Hot:

HUNT TRANSPORTATION: Air: X

Boat:

Vehicle: X

Horse:

Foot: X

Other: Snowmobile

Please see other side

IMPORTANT: Please complete this section of personal views:

1. Did you encounter any problems? Everything was perfect. Big bears come out of hibernation first, so if you time the spring hunt properly, you will encounter fewer bears, but the ones you see are big. Also, black bears are not out as early as grizzly, so none were seen. Getting in shape is crucial for this hunt as you will be hiking up hills with your rifle, warm coat, and on snowshoes. Chet hauls most of the gear in his backpack. We stayed in a very nice cabin with a wood stove. Food was very good.

2. Personal highlights: First encounter with an 8-1/2 foot grizzly bear. If taking one of them doesn't get you excited, nothing will. We saw many wolverines as well, though their season was closed. Also saw moose, caribou, martens, and wolf. Check out the "Trophy gallery" on this website to see the bear.

3. Comments on performance of guide: Perfect. Even before the hunt, Chet recommended equipment I would need and helped me locate some things I didn't have. He's also very personable and fun to have in camp. He'll do everything in his power to find you a trophy.

4. Comments on performance of outfitter: Chet serves as guide and outfitter.

5. General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Service (Sportsmen against Hunger/Safari Care etc.): This is a relatively demanding hunt, physically. You cruise around on snowmobiles and look over mountainsides but then must get off and be prepared to hike.

6. Make & Model of Firearm/Bow: Win .338 Magnum

Type ammo bullet grain weight and amount taken: 225 grain Barnes X with RL 19 powder
Distances to expect and at what range were trophies taken? 100-300 yards. I shot my bear at 260 yards.

Optics: Scopes, bino's: Zeiss 10x42 Binos, Zeiss 15-45x Spotting Scope

Other Spec. Equip. Used: Satellite phone, GPS, Leica Rangefinder, and MSR ceramic water filter. Water was taken directly from moving streams up in the mountains. Chet will drink it direct, but I preferred filtering it into Nalgene water bottles. Neither of us got sick, but a bout of diarrhea out there would have been terrible.

6. Would you recommend this hunt to other SCI members? YES: X NO:
(Please explain in either case)

Member signature (signed) E. Michael Balok