

# Kodiak Outdoor Adventures

## 2022 Newsletter



Bryan LeBlanc

9 1/8" Billy

Oakdale, CA



Rusty Lewellen

10' 2", 28 3/8" B&C Brown Bear

Queen's Creek, AZ

Professionally guided fair-chase hunts on Kodiak Island, Alaska

All animals taken in 2022





Nick Sagar – Edwards, CO



Rob Register – Roswell, GA



Ken Miller – Halifax, PA



Kyle Miller – Halifax, PA



David Olzsowka – Simcoe, Canada



Randal Ragon – Canyon Lake, TX



Steve Lewellen – Queen’s Creek, AZ



Jim Lines – Colleyville, TX



Michael Grosse – Gunnison, CO



Jared Crast – New Woodstock, NY



Charley Beene – Auburn, AL



Jamieson Crast – Gillette, WY



Michael Grosse – Gunnison, CO





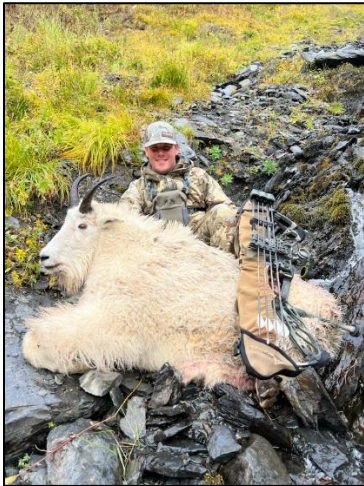
Doug Lindsey – Kansas City, MO



Brent Venenga – Harrisburg, SD



Brantley Heiser – Midland, TX



Chris Martin – Waco, TX



Justin Rita – Mesa, AZ



Ryan Castle retrieved Whit Freeman's goat – Kansas City, MO



## **About Us**

Kodiak Outdoor Adventures operates in the heart of the Kodiak Island Archipelago, hunting Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, State of Alaska, and Kodiak Native lands. We hunt in three diverse guide-use areas: Uganik Island/Terror Bay, Zachar Bay, and Sturgeon River; each differs in access, accommodations, and modes of travel. On your hunt, see and experience our diverse island and marine ecosystems. Learn about the island history, flora and fauna of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and the heritage of the Kodiak Native people. Our hardworking staff will ensure you have a fun, rewarding, safe, and productive trip. We are fully permitted and licensed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Alaska, U.S. Coast Guard, and Kodiak Native Corporations.





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## 2022 Summary and 2023 Forecast

2022 was another great year for bear hunting, with all 11 hunters getting their bears, averaging just shy of 9 ½ feet in size. 2022 threw all kinds of weather at us, but that's Kodiak! April was cool as spring was slow in arriving, though May saw activity pick up. Fall bear season continued to see wild weather, with cold temps and snow.

The fall mountain goat season saw 10 of the 11 hunters harvesting goats, 9 of which were billies. Our deer population saw an increase, providing opportunities to harvest mature bucks for some of our mountain goat hunters and all of our guided deer hunters.

The 2023 season looks very promising for both bear and mountain goat hunting. Their populations remain very strong and we're seeing a good number of mature animals while we're afield. Deer hunting should be very good as we are quite optimistic that our deer population will continue to recover with our easy winter weather to date. As always, we will monitor it closely before making any decisions to offer deer hunts to ensure a reasonable opportunity to harvest.

Thank you all so much for hunting with us, enabling us to do what we love!

### Acknowledgements

A huge thanks to all of the team—great job!

**Guides:** David Pingree, Cole Kramer, Stig Yngve, Ryan Castle, Levi Pingree, Derek Blake, Will Wilks, Rafe Oliphant, Nolan Cook, Dan Watson, and Trevor Thompson

**Packers:** Justin Burdett, Eli Hampson, and Doug Starrett

**Quartz Creek Lodge:** Pam, Amy, and Faith Pingree

**Enchantress First Mate:** Rubye Blake

**Air Taxis:** Kodiak Air Service—Willy Fulton and Vertigo—Jay Wattum

### Hunting Season Dates

Spring Bear	April 1–May 15
Fall Bear	Oct. 25–Nov. 30
Mt. Goat	Aug. 20–Oct. 20
Deer	Aug. 1–Dec. 31