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Greetings from the Maine Woods!

Thanks to all of our hunters for a great 2012 season. The bear population and all signs in the woods indicate that the 2013 & 2014 seasons will be awesome! I look forward to seeing all of you again.

Preparations for 2013 have been in motion since August 2012. In addition to our already established and productive bait sites, 2013 & 2014 will open up even more land area, plus many new ground blinds and tree stands.

Feel free to give me a call - I love hearing from fellow hunters.

— Wayne the Bear Hunter 



What are NFL Hall of Famer John Riggins (L) and Wayne the Bear Hunter cooking up? — see page 2 for details

Highlights of our 2012 Bear Hunt

Our 2012 bear hunting season turned out to be a dandy – both in terms of bear seen and taken, and for adventures logged into notebooks and photo albums.

The season brought ideal conditions. Mother nature cooperated with cool weather, and due to a wet spring and dry July she had bear working hard to find any natural nuts and berry crops.

Wayne loves to face mother nature's challenges and was ready to apply his knowledge of black bear biology, his many years of hunting them, his strategies for selecting bait and stand sites, and of course his famous scents and lures.

To the pleasure of many Foggy Mountain hunters, they got into plenty of bear and took some nice ones too!

Unfortunately, we were only able to bag a few real monsters. Oh well, the bear will be even bigger for the 2013 season.

2012 Season Highlights

Here are a few highlights and a partial list of those who shot bear during our 2012 bear hunt:

- Mike Dennis brought a bear back home to New Hampshire.
- Veteran bear hunter Joanne Chianos, from Harrisburg, PA, bagged a real nice bear with her 45-70.
- Aaron and Candy Lehnert took their bear home to Middletown, MO.
- Indiana, PA, hunter Don Silver scored a solid hit.
- Veteran hunter John Ebner took another bear home to Shelbyville, KY.



Prime Maine trophy black bear

- Mike Wilkes of Oklahoma City, OK, got his bear.
- Gordon Hale from Byron, GA, went home a successful hunter.
- Outstanding veteran bear hunter Steve Raus of Plymouth, MA, shot his bear.
- George Thode, a long-time bear killer from Bridgewater, NJ, shot a bear.
- An outstanding crew from the Tiffin and Upper Sandusky area of Ohio were fine hunters, including Doug Wasserman, Frank Steinhauser, Keith Vehrs and Mike Gossard.
- James W. Webb took his bear home to Indianola, MS.
- Dad and son Bobby and Tony Buzbee of Texas, each got a bear.

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- Ken Laliberte of Dayville, CT, had a successful hunt.
- John Malarkey from Brooklyn, CT, got his bear.
- Bowhunter Tony Stokes of Victoria, MN, made a good shot into his bear.
- Al Gardner went back to Oakton, VA, with his bear.
- Matt Matson of Hinckley, MN, was successful with his 280 Remington.
- Jim Ward of Ashland, KY, got his bear.
- Steve Fannin went home to Catlettsburg, KY, with his bear.
- Dennis Hellweg of Clinton Twp, MI, got his bear with a Weatherby 300 Mag
- Maine bowhunter and outstanding woodsman Larry Totten killed a nice bear with his bow.
- Taxidermist Jim Craig from Newport, MI, took a bear home to his studio.
- Keith Strickland returned home to Frostproof, FL, with a bear.
- Veteran of three mid-east wars, West Palm Beach Sheriff Sgt. Jim Hightower of Loxahatchee, FL, landed a successful kill.
- East Stroudsburg, PA, had Anthony Diaz return home with his bear.

Seriously, Wayne was so busy this season skinning bear that he couldn't keep up with his recordkeeping! We apologize to our many guests not mentioned here who also shot and took home a trophy. 🐾

"We are telling all of our hunting friends, 'If you want to have a truly enjoyable bear hunt with a guide that knows bear, go see Wayne at Foggy Mountain.'"

— Ken Laliberte, Dayville, CT



RIGGO on the RANGE

“Riggo on the Range” Visits Foggy Mountain

Foggy Mountain enjoyed the company of NFL Hall of Famer John Riggins and cameraman James Montgomery this fall.

Sports fans will recognize Riggins by his professional nickname “the Diesel.” He was named New York Jets’ MVP in 1972 and 1975, and MVP for Super Bowl XVII with the Redskins.

Although he spent his professional life playing football, “Riggo,” as he is now known, has always had a passion for the outdoors and has hunted all over the globe. Riggo came to Foggy Mountain to film a bear hunt for his new show “Riggo on the Range.”

“Riggo on the Range” will treat viewers to a culinary twist on hunting, featuring guest celebrities from food, entertainment, music and sports worlds.

Each segment will follow Riggins around the world in pursuit of extraordinary hunting, outdoor and cooking adventures. The show will begin airing on the Sportsman Channel in January 2013.

Riggo spent every morning warming up his 454 Casull at our range. But you will have to watch his bear hunt episode to see what happened when a huge bear presented itself for a shot, and for some great tips for your next bear feast.

“Meat on the Pole”

Believe it or not, besides Riggo’s new show, there are other cooking shows featuring game meat, and a number of recent books about hunters’ dining experiences are now on the New York Times best sellers list!

Have these replaced our favorite hunting celebrities like Grits Gresham, Chuck Adams, Curt Gowdy, or even Ted Nugent (“Kill It & Grill It”)?

Not likely! But hey, isn’t it all just about “Meat on the Pole!” 🐾



“This has been one of the best hunting trips I have ever been on, not only killing the bear but catching smallmouth in the river and seeing all the additional wildlife was amazing. I can’t thank you enough.”

— Aaron Lehnen, Middletown, MO

“Had a great time. Thanks again.”

— Sgt. Jim Hightower
West Palm Beach, FL





Bowhunter Tony Stokes of "North American Hunter" in full camo with his trophy bear

Wayne's Bear Hunting Tip "Shoot More, Kill More"

Question: What is the best way to prepare for the hunt?

Answer: SHOOT – SHOOT – SHOOT!
Shooting Skill is the Top Reason
Hunters Lose Their Trophy

Your goal is to make a sure shot and a quick, clean kill. Lack of practice and preparation can and does result in many misses. In fact, in our brutally honest experience, hunters are missing too often these days. But the solution is simple.

When it comes to hunting, inaccurate shots, missed targets and lost game are typically not caused by the firearm. More often than not, a poor shot lies squarely on the hunter's shoulders.

The black bear demands shooting excellence before he will fall to a hunter. A bear is unlike any other game animal you have ever hunted. When hit, he will not lie down and bleed out like a deer. But rather, will run until he dies - which could be up to 20 miles! Even at close range, a precision shot is essential.

Shooting a bear in the field is much different than shooting targets at the range. In the field, the bear won't hold still; It might be cold and rainy, or hot and humid; You'll be dressed differently; Your shot angle won't be comfortable; Visibility might be poor; Your body *will* be throbbing from a rush of adrenaline.

Firearm or Bow?

Bowhunters – Most bowhunters realize that practice is critical for making a proper bow kill. Fortunately, the convenience of shooting in the backyard helps bowhunters stay in shape all year.

However, it makes no difference how good a shot you are - unless you wait for the bear to be positioned properly, and then you hit exactly in the boiler room with the arrow heading towards the bear's head, you will get nothing but a wounded bear that likely may never be recovered.

Firearm hunters – You have more options. You do not have to wait until the bear is on the bait for a good shot. A head and chest shot can produce a good kill, as can a shoulder shot when using a good caliber rifle (30-06 and up) and a big game hunting bullet to match.

But, No shot with a rifle is a given. You must still make an accurate shot or you too may never recover your bear.

Unfortunately, some rifle hunters don't spend as much time shooting their rifle prior to the hunt as they need to.

Like the best bowhunters, the best firearm hunters also make going to a range a regular event.

Pre-Season Practice Pays Off—Period!

No matter how often a hunter gets to hunt, he can never get enough practice shooting at live game. To become an expert at anything requires thousands of repetitions, and shooting that many game animals simply isn't feasible.

Pre-season target practice is a minimum requirement. To depend on last year's shooting performance is to ask for problems.

Shooting year-round is even better. Keeping in "shooting shape" during the off-season will *always* result in more success on a hunt.

"I would like to thank you for a fantastic hunt. You sir, have everything covered when it comes to bear hunting. A couple of things that really stood out for me were: 1) The way that you led your team the entire week; and 2) my guide recognizing that my original stand was not producing and asking me if I would like to move. Not many guides would straight out offer this. My guide realized that the bait was not producing and moved me right away."

– Ken Laliberte, Dayville, CT



Practice Like You Hunt "Simulate Hunting Conditions"

The fundamentals of marksmanship apply to bear hunting just as they do on the range, but in the field it is much more challenging to quickly steady oneself and shoot at the right time.

When you go to the range, you should strive to practice under field conditions. By setting up your range sessions to simulate hunting conditions, you can greatly improve your effectiveness.

Shooting off a bench is good for sighting in a rifle and developing the basic fundamentals of sight, breath control and trigger control. But once these have been achieved, it is time to move off the bench and shoot like you will when hunting.

Practice from a Stand

Foggy Mountain's hunters will be in a ground blind, tree stand or platform stand. Most will be sitting. Although Foggy Mountain's tree stands and ground blinds do have shooting rests, they are not the same solid benches you'll find at the range. And no stand is ever perfect when dealing with an unpredictable and moving target, so you may still need a few twists and turns to make a good shot.

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Bear taken with his scoped in-line

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Practice shooting from all positions – prone, kneeling, sitting, and offhand. The more familiar you are with the different positions, the better you will be able to use the position that best suits the opportunities that you get.

Trigger Control for Hunting

Proper trigger control is everything in shooting, and the more you practice it properly, the better you will get.

Unfortunately, in the field we usually don't have the luxury of taking a long time to execute our shot. The woods are thickly vegetated, and bear move around, so you may only have a few seconds when the bear is in an open lane, in the right position, and clear for a shot.

You will have to be able to properly squeeze the trigger to get your shot off in a shorter amount of time. Care must be taken when practicing this, so as not to start jerking the trigger.

A simple way to practice is to imagine the target is a bear, and only give yourself a few seconds to fire once you have your sight picture.

"This is one of my favorite times of year, writing you a check for the next bear hunt. There is not much I enjoy more than a week in your bear camp. It's what I look forward to each year. I can't wait."

– Gary Chamberlain, Sandusky, NY

Set Scopes for the Maine Woods

Rifle hunters will shoot at distances of 75 yards or less, and hand gunners will be shooting 20-30 yards. Scopes set at magnifications above 4x are not very helpful at these close ranges.

Lower settings help you to keep your eyes on the bear and bring you onto target faster. We have had hunters using 9x scope settings lose their bear because they couldn't get onto the target quickly enough to make a good shot.

One other major benefit of lower magnification is that while your target will appear smaller, your reticle will also appear to wobble much less. If you use too much magnification, your reticle will appear to wobble excessively which results in even more wobble when you instinctively attempt to compensate.

Prepare for "Bear Fever"

Hunting is exciting! When you finally get a shot at your bear, you will most likely experience symptoms of Bear Fever, the feeling you get in anticipation of shooting a large game animal. It is a natural reaction, and all hunters get Bear Fever to one degree or another. The challenge is learning to control it.

Everyone is different, but bowhunters seem to struggle less with Bear Fever. What's their secret? For many, the secret is this – bowhunters tend to practice shooting much more than gun hunters.

Practice accomplishes much more than just accuracy. Whether shooting a gun or a bow, practice helps to develop muscle memory. When you take that shot at a live bear, your past practice helps make



Honorable NY State Judge Gary Chamberlain usually hangs a bear during his annual Foggy Mountain hunt, but this year the bear eluded him!

"The cabin that you put my wife and I in was very nice. As you know, my wife is particular on where she stays and it was above even her standards."

– Aaron Lehnen, Middletown, MO

the shot seem like just one of hundreds you've taken before. Your muscle memory takes over and the adrenaline effects caused by your mind are reduced.

So shoot a lot. Shoot until you don't have to think about the shot.

Typically, Bear Fever makes your heart beat fast, and makes you a little shaky. One good way to simulate Bear Fever is to do some exercise that raises your heart rate, and then try shooting while your heart is really pounding.

Practice in 3-D

Being a great bench shooter doesn't automatically make you a good shooter in a hunting situation. Hunting shots are often either down or uphill and hunters tend to shoot over the game. Get out and practice some downhill and uphill shots. You will be amazed at the difference an angle can make.

It's also a good idea to practice on 3-D targets. Gun hunters included. Practicing on a 3-D target gets you more accustomed to picking an aim point, and will help immensely when you have to do it on the real thing.

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Make Every Practice Shot Count

Instead of trying to make as many shots as possible, make each shot as if it is the only one you get to shoot. You generally get only one shot during a hunt, so you have to make it count.

Practicing with this in mind helps prepare you to go on autopilot when things are happening fast and you have little time to think.

Final Chance for a Good Group

If your busy year-round schedule limits shooting opportunities, strive to get out during the month before your hunt. Rifle hunters should shoot at least one box of ammo. Bowhunters should shoot often and accurately from a variety of angles and body positions.

Finally, Foggy Mountain provides a shooting range for last minute sight-in and gear checks. If you haven't taken the time for some pre-season shooting practice, then take this opportunity and shoot a box of ammo. Make some good groups.

Even these last shots at our range will help improve your chances for taking home a nice bear. 🐾



NAHC Life Members admire their fresh kill

"A special thanks to you and your crew for making our bear hunt and vacation very memorable. Judy & I enjoyed you and your lovely wife's company very much. I can promise 'we'll be back'."

– Mike & Judy Wilkes
Oklahoma City, OK



Veteran hunter Joanne Chianos hangs another trophy

Do You Shoot Like This Girl?

Foggy Mountain has enjoyed having many women in hunting camp over the years. Our private lodging options make it especially easy to accommodate women, couples, children and even whole families.

Long time Foggy Mountain hunter Joanne Chianos from Harrisburg, PA, completed another successful bear hunt this fall, then returned home and took a nice buck and a turkey.

We thought you might like to hear some of her secrets...

FM: How long have you been hunting at Foggy Mountain?

JC: "I've hunted with Foggy Mountain almost every year since 1990."

FM: How long did it take for you to become a successful bear hunter?

JC: "I was successful on my very first year. Three of us went to Foggy Mountain that year and all three of us shot a bear on the first day! I attribute that to our having listened carefully to Wayne's advice, and all of us having gone shooting a whole lot before the season."

FM: Which hunting area do you prefer – the Katahdin-Moosehead or the West Branch?

JC: "I like both, and typically alternate my hunts from one area to the other each year. Each area is different, but I have had the same success in both regions. I love hanging out with fellow hunters at both camps."

FM: Any good bear hunting secrets?

JC: "1) Be really still & silent; 2) Do a lot of shooting practice all year long; 3) Listen to and take Wayne's advice; 4) Have lots of patience."

FM: How do you prepare for your hunts?

JC: "I do a lot of shooting all year long. If I will be bowhunting, then I practice at home just about every day right before the hunt, and I shoot from a variety of positions. If I will be using a rifle, then I get in a fair amount of range time with the rifle I plan to use. But believe me; shooting from a stand in the woods is nothing like shooting at the range. Your body is totally pumped up and that perfect shot at home is a real challenge in the woods. If you don't practice and get good at the range, then you're really hurting your chances on the hunt."

FM: Thanks Joanne, glad to have you on our hunts. 🐾



Al Gardner, of the US Dept of the Interior, took home this real nice Maine bear plus a few "trophy" moles for his collection at the Smithsonian!



Tony Stokes (R) of the North American Hunting Club hands out gifts donated by sponsors of the special 2012 Life Member bear hunt held at Foggy Mountain

NAHC Life Member 2012 Bear Hunt

No finer group of dedicated hunters has ever been Foggy Mountain's guests. Everyone had a great time and all were especially thankful for the latest gear donated by this super hunt's sponsors, including Rocky Boots, Lightfield Ammunition, ThermaCELL, Gerber Knives, Mountain Mike's and ScentLok. Thanks again to all. 🐾

"Thank you for such a great magnificent time. I'm going to remember this for the rest of my life. You're a great man and I've enjoyed my time with you and your team."

– Tony Stokes, Product Test Editor
North American Hunter
Minnetonka, MN



North American Hunting Club Life Member and hunting guide Matt Matson took this Maine trophy



Fish & Wildlife Experts Still Say "Take More Bears"

Foggy Mountain intentionally under harvests the bear in our hunting areas, and the population is increasing.

The State's bear biologist Jennifer Vashon estimates that the areas of Maine where we hunt have population densities of over one bear per square mile. Vashon recently said "The population has been increasing for a number of years."

Take More Bears

Maine's bear population is thriving and hunters are shooting fewer bears each year than the state's biologists would like, claims Randy Cross, the state's wildlife biologist who serves as field crew leader for Maine's highly respected thirty-six year bear research program.

During his 28 year tenure, Randy has become extremely knowledgeable about the 27,000 black bears that inhabit the Maine woods.

If Randy says take more bears, then Foggy Mountain aims to do so! 🐾



Maine hunting at its best



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Father & Son Bear Hunts

We are often asked if Foggy Mountain can accommodate a father and son hunt. We sure can, and sure do!

We also frequently have father-daughter, mother-son and even mother-daughter hunting teams.

Junior hunters from age ten to fifteen are welcome. Maine requires they hunt with an adult present. From sixteen on, hunters may hunt alone.

Foggy Mountain can make this family experience a great one for the youngster, and even give Dad a chance to test his hunting skills.

Call us for details on a special plan that Dads really like. After the Junior Hunter kills a bear, we can make it possible for you to hunt bear for the remainder of the week if conditions are right. We even have special pricing arrangements to help you out. 🐾



Happy Hunters? Oh Yeah!

Native Wild Brook Trout Bonus

Maine has 97% of all the wild brook trout waters east of the Mississippi River. In September, the larger trout come from lakes into the rivers on their annual spawning run. Their coloring is beautiful and 18" trout are not uncommon.

Many of Foggy Mountain's West Branch hunters enjoy fantastic wild brook trout fishing each morning right at the lodge or in the many pristine streams nearby. Our guides will direct you to the local hot spots. 🐾



Veteran Foggy Mountain hunter John Ebner from Kentucky took this bear with his muzzleloader

2013 Bear Hunts

Foggy Mountain offers two bear hunting packages to suit everyone's individual needs.

Both hunts are in bear infested regions where we have hunted or performed field research for decades. Bear hunting success is the same in both areas, but our accommodations are different.

Lodging for hunts in our Highlands, Katahdin and Moosehead Region is housekeeping style (each cabin has a full kitchen).

Lodging for hunts in the West Branch Region is American Plan (meals are included).

Both areas are on private lands with access controlled by gates, as are 95% of our total hunting territories.

Katahdin-Moosehead Hunts

2013 Bear Hunts:

Hunt August 26th (Arrive on the 25th) thru August 30th;
or hunt September 2nd (Arrive on the 1st) thru September 6th.

Maine's vast Highland, Katahdin and Moosehead Region lies between our Sebec base camp, and Mount Katahdin and Moosehead Lake to the north. You will be hosted at our Sebec main camp, where you can meet other hunters, share stories, and we even have wireless internet for those who "just can't get away from it all."

We offer excellent housekeeping accommodations in comfortable cottages or camps. We match your lodging to the size of your party and the area you are hunting. We provide bedding and household equipment. You'll have everything you need to prepare your own food inexpensively. There are also several places to eat within easy driving distance.

West Branch Hunts

2013 Bear Hunts:

Hunt September 9th (Arrive on the 8th) thru September 13th;
or hunt September 16th (Arrive on the 15th) thru September 20th.

This hunt is in Maine's famous West Branch Region between Moosehead Lake and the Canadian border.

This bear hunt is tailored the same as our Highlands, Katahdin & Moosehead hunts, except you will stay in the comfort of a fully restored Maine Lumberjack Lodge. The lodge is designated as an official National and Maine Historic Site, and features original turn-of-century architecture and decor.

What's more, you'll enjoy home-cooked, all-you-can-eat, lumberjack-style meals, reputed to be the biggest and the best in Maine. The coffee pot is always on. We even offer wireless internet if you "just can't get away from it all."

Private Lodging

Private & Flexible – Unlike bear hunts with most outfitters, lodges and sporting camps, Foggy Mountain's bear hunting guests are not doubled up in a bunk house with other guests.

Your party will enjoy the privacy of your own cabin or sleeping room, and the good night's sleep that is important for a good hunt - whether you come alone, with a large group, with your spouse or whole family.



"It sure was great to get out in the Maine woods with you for a few days. My father and I appreciate your hard work in putting up lots of birds for us. Walking in line through the woods, with the crisp morning air and the beautiful foliage brought back memories of learning to hunt with my dad back in the 1980's. I can't thank you enough for your hospitality and the good times."

– Jim Curcuruto, Director of Industry Research & Analysis, National Shooting Sports Foundation
Newtown, CT



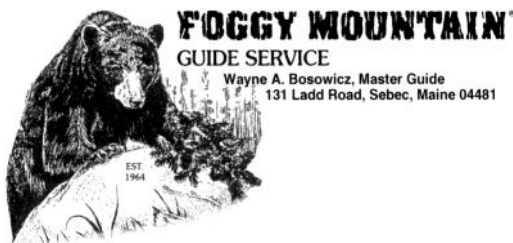
Texans Bobby, Tony & Patti Buzbee with Tony's bear

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This bear "messed with Texas" and gave it up to Tony Buzbee...Now its time for a cigar!



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Bird Hunters with a load of Grouse & Woodcock

"Thank you very much for the wonderful stay we had. We had an awesome week with good food, dedicated guides and interesting folks to talk to."

– Helmut Dittrich, Fellbach, Germany



Visit Wayne at these 2013 Sport Shows



Shot Show

January 15-18, 2013
Las Vegas, Nevada

Wayne will be visiting with folks, buying equipment, and attending appointments. If you are at the show and wish to visit with Wayne, call him during the show on his show phone at (207) 858-5541.



Detroit Outdoorama

February 21-24, 2013
Novi, Michigan

Stop by the Foggy Mountain booth and have a visit with Wayne.

Fall Grouse & Woodcock Hunting

2013 Grouse Hunts:

Open October 1st thru November 30th (8 Weeks). **Note:** The woodcock season is set by the federal government just prior to each fall season. Normally it runs from October 1st through November 1st. However, for the past two years the season was extended into mid-November.



Jim Curcuruto of the National Shooting Sports Foundation and his father enjoyed some great Grouse and Woodcock hunting

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