

Winner! Joseph L. DeMeyer

Whitetails

NORTH OF

The Border Sweepstakes

Joe DeMeyer of Richland, Washington, had “never won anything” he said, until we called to tell him that he had won the grand prize in the Boone and Crockett Club’s Whitetails North of the Border Sweepstakes. This was a follow up to our Whitetails South of the Border Sweepstakes, in which James Jarod won the grand prize of a Coues’ whitetail hunt donated by Kirk Kelso of Pusch Ridge Outfitters (Summer 2004 issue of *Fair Chase*).

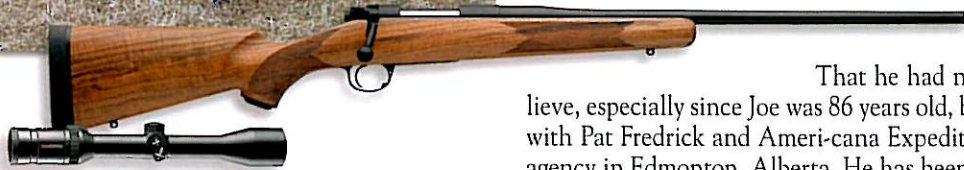
That he had never won anything in his life was hard to believe, especially since Joe was 86 years old, but nevertheless he traveled to Alberta to hunt with Pat Fredrick and Ameri-cana Expeditions. Pat owns a worldwide big-game booking agency in Edmonton, Alberta. He has been a long-time supporter of B&C and graciously agreed to host the winner at his Battle River Lodge hunting camp in the fall of 2004.

Joe’s age and physical condition were a challenge, but he was determined to make the trip. Long-time friend, Morris Owens agreed to drive Joe to and from the hunt, as well as aid in his effort to take one of the record-class whitetails Battle River Lodge was noted for. Along with the hunt, Joe had won a

Kimber Model 84 Custom rifle in .308 caliber topped with a Swarovski AV 3-9x36 scope.

Until a stroke left Joe without the use of his left arm and weakened his left leg, Joe was an avid hunter, dating back to the day his mother gave him a .22 rifle and shells to add squirrels and rabbits to the family dinner pot during the Depression years. Joe, 8 years old at the time, had lost his father at an early age, but hunting was in his blood. In his hunting lifetime Joe says he has taken 113 deer, 16 elk, 12 moose, 6 prong-horns and countless rock chucks. “I’m still an excellent shot, just get me in front of a buck and I’ll get him,” Joe proclaimed.

Our hats are off to Pat Fredrick and his guide, Trent Wahl, for going the extra mile to set up a pop-up ground blind for Joe’s hunt. Unfortunately, high winds the first two days kept deer movement down, and Joe was physically unable to “give it a go” any longer. He did see some game and the bucks brought in by other hunters in camp. Joe became a B&C Associate on October 27, 2003, at the age of 85. ■



Hunter, Mike Couch, may not have won the hunt, but he hit the jackpot during Joe’s week – both bucks taken the same day!

OTHER WINNERS

Timothy Molitor — Swarovski SCL 8x32 WB Binoculars

Michael Navrat — Crooked Horn Outfitters Master Guide Pack

Kyle Larsen — Danner Frontier Extreme 600G boots

Louis Griffin — Scent-Lok Technologies Supreme Suit

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