



Newsletter 1 -2013

Our Hunting season kicked off with Payton Lockey who had a successful Leopard hunt in Zimbabwe.

Jeremy Goux and Scott Ashbrook returned this year to hunt Lions at our concession. After the successful Lion hunt they returned to the Limpopo hunting area and Jeremy Goux took a Sable and other plainsgame while Scott took all three springbuck species, a giraffe and other plainsgame.

Our hunting season for 2013 has gone very well so far. We have had many of our hunter friends return this year, and some even booked for 2014. We have had quite some fun with the Buffalo hunts - they were hunted on a very difficult terrain, making tracking and retrieving the Buffalo quite a nerve wracking task.

Jay Hoffman's Buffalo went A.W.O.L. after making a perfect shot! This Buffalo was found a week later, with the broadhead still in the top of his lung - he kept going for a full week before being finally taken down.

Jay's son David joined him this year, as a graduation present from Dad! David also done well with his wish list.

Jeff Furstenau with his son Cody, and son-in-law, Justin Boseck, joined us again after skipping one hunting season. Between the three of them they took 25 trophies.

Our first group of hunters at the new Lodge, John Stone, Jack Elbert and Justin Padget, also did very well, and enjoyed the hospitality of Hein and his family very much.

Dustin Webb had a high quality, free range, plainsgame hunt in Namibia with our old friend and PH Wenzel Badenhorst. Dustin and Roydston House came away very happy chappies.

David Little and his wife Cindi also stayed with Hein (in the honeymoon suite, no less), and went on to renew their marriage vows at a luxury resort bordering on the Kruger National Park.

Rick Getz, Brad Motz, Darcy Nelson, Dick Brakele and Jeff

Knowlton were at Citadel and also managed to take most of their wish list. Unfortunately a Buffalo was left behind - but we are keeping an eye out!

Dick, being a Dutchman by birth, managed to read an Afrikaans e mail forwarded to him in error! Well done, Dick!

Tom Beckman and Erika Brownlee were also here at the time and we enjoyed having Erika in the camp most days.

Mark and Sue Becker were among the hunters this year, after having to postpone 2 years in a row. Mark managed to take his Buffalo as well as a few plainsgame.

Our old friend Phil Norse returned again this year, and also got his Buffalo after a long and trying hunt!

Dries Visser Safaris thanks each and every hunter and observer who supported us during this hunting season. We hope to see you all again in the very near future!

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Jeremy Goux
(985 898 0504)





Scott Ashbrook

(318 381 1426)



Justin Boseck

(701 371 1206)



John Stone

This hunt started about 6-7 years ago at Safari club in Reno. Dries Visser Safaris were selling video's at their booth. Lots of action, lots of animals. The Ph's seemed very pleasant so every year we bought another DVD. We finally saved enough money to book a trip to Africa and Dries Visser Safaris seemed the logical choice.

We did talk to a few other outfitters who were also very cordial but Dries Visser seemed to pop up. My #1 animal was a Sable, it has been on my bucket list for some time. Hein picked me up at the Afton Guest House and we were off.

On the way I was told it would be a walk and stalk hunt in open country. I wasn't prepared for that one. I had my heart set on a 40 incher but after seeing what I was up against, thought something bit smaller might be ok. Thanks to a dedicated PH, we got our sable. I ended up with 8 animals. After bowhunting for over 55 years every animal was still a real thrill, still get buck fever but that is what all is about. I will try to make another trip. Still a few other critters I would like to take with Dries Visser Safaris of course.



John Stone

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Dave Little - (919 815 8224)



Upon arrival in Johannesburg our driver Bennie was waiting to pick us up. We had one problem though, my bow had not shown up. It was not an issue, because Bennie went back and forth with the airline people and was able to get it for me. We drove up to the camp in a van, and it was a comfortable and scenic ride.

The camp we stayed at was an overflow camp that was brand new and run by a wonderful lady named Magda. My wife is not an outdoors person and the camp could not have been a better fit for her. Our room and bathroom were very nice and the great room had a special family atmosphere to it. The food was excellent all week and they went out of their way to take care of my wife while I was hunting during the day. What a great family and awesome jack russel terrier dogs too!

My PH was named William and he was extremely knowledgeable, witty and enjoyable person to spend time with during the trip. Our tracker's name was Philemon and what an amazing job he did tracking my warthog.

Speaking of the hunting, it was a ton of fun and great to see so many different types of animals. The property we hunted on was beautiful and loaded with game. You can tell that they cater to bowhunters as all of the sets were strategically placed with the wind and water in mind. The interesting thing to me is the best times to see the animals were between 10am - 2 pm unlike whitetail hunting back in the US where it is dawn and dusk.

The highlight of the trip was killing my Gemsbuck because that was my wife's favorite African animal. We saw shooter animals every day and my favorite to watch was the warthog especially when they ran with their tails sticking straight up in the air.

We will go back again soon and will absolutely hunt with Dries Visser Safaris again. Thanks for making this such a special trip for both me and my wife!





Rick Getz
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I very much enjoyed my first time hunting safari experience. I collected some beautiful trophies, impala, warthog, blue wildebeest, zebra and the most impressive to me was the waterbuck and kudu. I was blessed to received very impressive animals my PH pointed out to me. Dries and all staff, thank you very much, I will be back one day with my son.

It was a hunt of a lifetime

Brad Motz (403 846 7466)



Darcy Nelson

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Jeff Knowlton - (780 639 2349)

On my trip to Dries Visser Safaris, I was impressed with the detail to the small stuff. I harvested all the animals on my wish list. The ones that stand out in my mind is the Black wildebeest, (that did not seem to be as easy as I thought), by far. My guide, Antonie did an awesome job setting cameras in different positions which would be the best for our set up. A ground blind was selected that morning and the afternoon, we sat in the heat of the day for 5.5 hours and finally the wildebeest showed up and I got a shot (by far my best). Martiens, my tracker got on the track that night but had to quit because of the dark. We resumed the track the next morning, this is where it gets impressive the two trackers tracked wildebeest for 3 hours. When Antonie and I got on a trail to hopefully cut the wildebeest off. The plan worked and we got my wildebeest. The next was an impressive warthog in or around the 15". In all it was a successful trip. My thanks you to all your staff for a job well done.



Tom Beckman - (617 683 1024)



Mark Becker - (715 498 1187)



Phil Norse - (337 344 5365)

Had a wonderful time. I enjoyed the camaraderie and the hunt. My Ph Hein was wonderful and we had a lot of fun. The food and accommodation was excellent, everything was great.

Phil Norse





My hunt with Dries Visser Safaris in June was excellent! My friend and I took high quality free range animals every day. Our PH Wenzel Badenhorst did everthing he could to make this trip amazing. The game was plentiful, and the food and accommodations were excellent! This was our first trip to Africa and we are already trying to figure out how to get back next year. Thanks to Dries, Mariana, Wenzel and the Kleins for making this trip a memorable hunt. We couldn't have asked for more!

Dustin Webb
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Jack Elbert - (541 883 2131)

Justin Padgett
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Dick Brakele
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We had a great time, at least I did. Antonie met all my expectations and more so, as he was not feeling well. The support provided by him and Martiens was superb.



Jay & Dave Hoffman

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Jeff Furstenuau

&

Cody Furstenuau

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