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Once again our hunting season has started off with a big bang, with many of our old friends and hunters returning for another adventure with us.

Tim Metcalf, a very long time friend and hunter, tried his luck with a Leopard in Zimbabwe. Hein Lottering collected him from Johannesburg International and took him to the hunting area. They had an exciting time, and Hein delivered him back to Johannesburg at the close of the hunt.

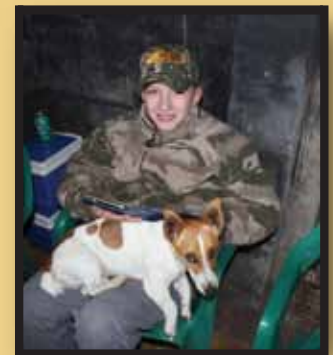
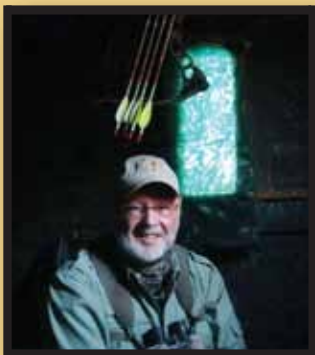
Jim Fitzgerald was thrilled with his 41" Sable, and went home a very happy chappy! Istvan Steve Ujvari was a first time in South Africa hunter, and did extremely well, taking all his package animals and then some!

Joan Catala, our agent in Spain, brought along his friend Fredi Magrans - they both did well despite the language barrier. Fredi managed to use sign language, and his PH Willem van Dyk, became an expert in interpreting those signs. Fredi went back home with an unexpected Sable - he just couldn't resist!

Randall Combs and Kevin Collins are new hunters from Alaska that joined us this year. John D Fuller and Craig Curry met each other in our main camp, and became fast friends. They are planning to return to us and hunt together again in 2015.

Adam Flod and his son, Tyler, were also first timers with us this year and got 3 gold medal trophies between them - Adam got a 44" Sable, while Tyler got a 25" Impala and a 28 3/8" Blue Wildebeest - congrats you guys!

Burke Pinnell, his son Ben and Tripp Buckley were at Hein's Lodge where Burke's wife joined them later. They had a bit of a battle as they are longbow hunters, but as the old saying goes - success crowns labour! They enjoyed the stay with Hein's family at their lodge very much.



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Jim Fitzgerald

On arrival at the Dries Visser Safaris home property of about 12000 acres, I was met by Willem, my PH. After depositing my luggage in the chalet, Willem said "if you are ready, grab your bow and let's go hunting". We drove a good part of the property and saw many animals including Gemsbuck, Kudu, Impala, Wildebeest, Zebra, Giraffe, Warthog, Blesbuck, Eland and much more. I thought if given the chance, I would like to take a Zebra and/or a Wildebeest, and my primary target would be a Sable.

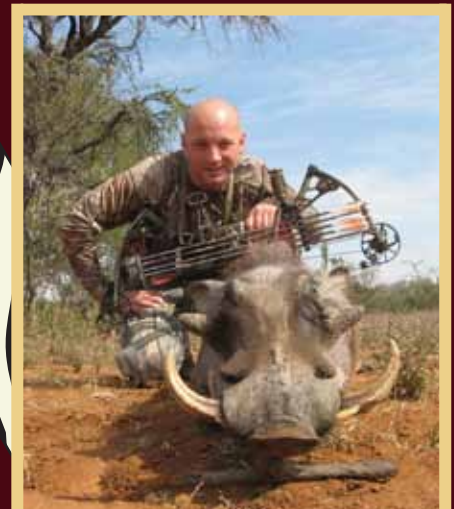
Towards the end of the second day 2 Sable bulls came in - they stood off at about 75 yards and began to fight. They went at it like a couple of Titans for about half an hour pushing each other back and forth, clashing their great horns, neither wanting to give in. Finally the younger bull tired and wanded off, while the larger bull came to drink, but never gave me a broad shot. Two days later, at about 10:30am a big Sable bull came in from the side and gave me a perfect 20 yards shot.

My release felt good, but I thought it was a little back. Willem was videoing the action and on replay we could see the shot was about 6" back. The Sable took off in what appeared to be a death run with the arrow still sticking out about 6". I consider myself a good tracker, and along with the other trackers we set off on the track. I thought they were leading me on a wild goose chase, when one stopped and listened to something. The Sable was behind a big bush, and suddenly busted out, blood running down his side and was gone again into thick brush. We tracked until dark and took up the track again the next day. Eventually we decided on a helicopter as I was afraid I was going to lose my bull! I caught a glimpse of something black and white and slightly out of place. We circled back, and there he was in his final resting place. I could finally let out a sigh of relief and put my hands on this beautiful animal. I said a prayer of thanksgiving and gave Willem a very big smile, letting him know how happy I was. I slept very well that night!



My hunt was fantastic, from start to finish, especially for a first timer!

Steve Ujvari



Both of us are going to come back for sure to this paradise for hunters!!!

Joan Catala & Fredi Magrans



We had been counting every single day for the last 3 months before the hunt, waiting to hunt with Dries Visser Safaris. After watching so many DVD's with hundreds of successful hunts we knew that our safari would be a complete success... and it was, and more than we expected!!!!

In 7 days I got seven quality trophies, although, if I had not been so selective, I could have taken more than 21!!!

I wanted a brown Hyena and 3 baits where prepared and visited. Trailcams showed photos and times.

I harvested a nice big one the 3rd day because the first day I missed one...also I got my big bulls of blue wildebeest and black wildebeest.

I harvested a big duiker, a nice blesbuck, an old Impala and an impressive warthog as well.

The lodge has many facilities and luxury, the service, food, trackers, skimmers...all was more than perfect.

I want to make an especial mention about Hein Lottering that, being my 5th safari, he was the best PH I have ever met. My friend Fredi Magrans was repeating his experience with Dries, being his 7th safari, and harvested at a very big waterhole, a stallion Burchell Zebra, a nice warthog and his lifetime Sable, a dream of so many years.

Both of us are going to come back for sure to this paradise for hunters... we left so many species that we have not harvested yet!

Joan Catala



Randall Combs



DJ Fuller





Wasn't sure what to expect with this being my first hunting trip to South Africa.

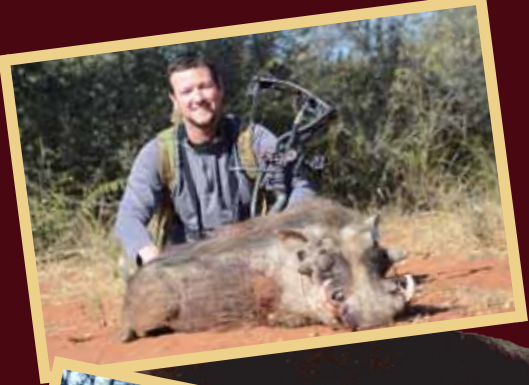
What I can say is that it far exceeded my expectations.

Staff, trackers and PH were all great!

On top of that I shot quite a few animals.

My only regret is that I was only here for a 10 day hunt.

Can't wait to come back. Thanks for a great time!



Kevin Collins



Craig Curry





*Burke
&
Benn Pinnell*

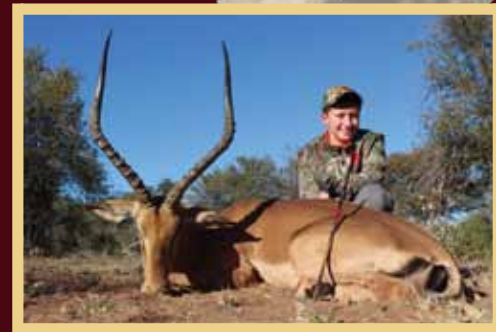


Tripp Buckley



Adam & Son Tyler Flod

We got to see lots of Africa, great for Tyler's first trip. The dinners were excellent and the steak was tremendous. The accommodations and hunting conditions were excellent. The PH was very accommodating for a 11 year old hunter.



Dries Visser Safaris is an excellent outfitter!