



## Newsletter 2

This edition of our newsletter includes trophy animals such as Lion, Rhino, Buffalo, Sable and a few other plainsgame taken with bow and rifle!

**Dries Visser Safaris  
made my hunt special!**

*I have trophies and memories  
to tell my grandson and friends*

**A TRULY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE!**

**Superior hunting  
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*Al Hartwig*



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Dries Visser  
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a lifetime!

**Bowhunting.....**

**dedicated to exceed your expectations**

# Brian Cheys

My experience at Dries Visser Safaris was outstanding.

The accommodation was great, place was clean, food was always good, staff were friendly and the PH's were professional.

The hunting experience was beyond my expectations. It was unbelievable how many animals I saw in 7 days, at least 100 per day.

There are just too many to list. I shot a nice Gemsbuck bull on my second day, he went about 60 yards.

The same day an Impala from the same tree stand. The very next day a warthog, but never found it.

After reviewing the PH's video, I shot high in the shoulder - that's hunting!

Just to experience Africa was exciting in itself, not to mention my great hunting experience.

Dries Visser made it special.

Hope to be back one day.



# Preston Cope

My wife and I went on safari with Dries this year (our first) and had a great time.

I was able to get 8 different trophies in 7 days.

The whole crew were exceptional.

Dolf, my PH, was great! He kept the whole hunt fun and educational plus he is a bow hunter so he knew what he was doing.

The trackers were unbelievable and of course I needed them.

I am setting up another hunt for 2014 or 2015 for 10 days instead of 7 so I can have time to hunt the mountains and sightsee.

I would recommend this hunt to any bow hunter, bring along your family even if they don't hunt, the food and amenities are exceptional.

Thanks to Dries and the crew I have memories and trophies to tell my grandson and friends.

Thanks again

I'm based in the UK where bowhunting is illegal and therefore I decided that a trip to Africa was an appropriate way to celebrate a significant birthday. A friend and business partner, Tim came along as an observer and together we set off on an African adventure.

We were met at the airport and our driver Bennie proved to be a fountain of knowledge, answering all our questions on our trip to camp which provided a great opportunity to see more of the country. This was my very first bowhunt and Dries and his team made us very welcome and our PH, Carel worked hard to ensure that we made the most of our trip.

I had a gemsbuck and warthog on my wishlist and we had them in the bag after a couple of days so the offer and additional package to secure some cull animals tempted Tim to try his hand with a bow. Two impala and a blue wildebeest later we had time to fit in a dove hunting trip and a tour of Pilansberg Game Reserve before heading home.

A truly memorable experience!

## *Calum Innes*



## *Mike Neilson*



## *Vincent Dougherty*



I had a great 5 day plainsgame hunt followed by an awesome Buffalo hunt. Willem was an incredible PH and taught me how to judge the animals and how they react to the hunting conditions.

I received a great education as well as a hunt!

The red hartebeest and bushpig eluded me this time so I guess I will have to come back to collect them.

My one regret is that I did not book a longer plainsgame safari.

Thank you for providing a superior hunting experience and a very memorable safari.



*Jason Major*



What an amazing 7 days my daughter and I experienced during our first vacation to South Africa. The beautiful camp with very friendly staff and PH's greeted us on arrival. During our week of hunting my PH, Johan, explained all about the animals we were seeing - their habits, and how to determine a trophy class animal. The quality of game animals surpassed my high expectations. Thank you very much for such a great hunting adventure. Looking forward to returning for another hunt, this time, bringing my other daughter

*Russell Aradine*





## *Horace Smith*

After several years and over 28 days of searching for lion in various countries, my son and I continued our adventure to the Kalahari Desert. Our third day, unlike the hot muggy mornings in Florida, met us with a chilly beginning for late July. Searching for tracks from our open air Toyota added to our chill so it was a welcome relief to find some Lion prints in the four inch desert sand allowing us to warm up while tracking on foot.

As we trudged along the open plain our strides were inconsistent due to the sinking of our feet. Being used to a long hike, as a result of our previous excursions, we were guilty of not paying as close attention to business as normal and our main focus was to keep our eyes on the unusually large footprints of an obviously male lion. That focus quickly changed when our tracker observed a large dark spot in the thick bushes some 10 yards ahead.

A movement of the thick bushes and an undeniable growl unmistakably shouted to us "I am here and you are too close". I cannot remember ever seeing grown men simultaneously backtrack and retreat at such a rapid pace. A distinctive roar confirmed our apprehension, i.e. we were too close and caught by surprise. Fortunately, our opponent was similarly surprised having been awakened from a warming nap. As a result, he scampered as did we, and immediately climbed in a small Acacia tree adjoining the bush, similar to a leopard after bait. His actions allowed us to calm our trepidation and harvest the majestic creature after a 10 yr. journey. The pictures of this 6-700 lb 9 year old completes a memorable safari for my son and I.



## *Will Primos*



*Jimmy Primos*

*Keith Burgess*



*Chris Ashley*



*Kevin Meacham*



*Cody Kelly*



## Bob Chiusano



I just returned from my second safari with Dries Visser Safaris. My second experience was even better than my first, a feat hard to accomplish!

My long time friend/PH, Hein and I worked half a day to hunt true trophy species on my list.

Results were 9 arrows, 9 animals, none lost.

Food was outstanding, local cuisine and the accommodation superb.

Dries Visser Safaris does everything feasible to make your experience one of a lifetime.

From airport pick up to drop off and everything in between.

Dries Visser Safaris would be tough to beat.

Trophy preparation for delivery to your taxidermist is worry free with Swift Dip Trophy Services right on site!

Will be back again.

## Dave Lavin

This is my third hunt with Dries Visser Safaris. Each experience has been unique and memorable.

My hunt in 2013 was for 10 days for Eland, Bushbuck, Nyala and Zebra. I was able to collect all but the Nyala, which I shot and hit with a non-fatal wound - yes they will jump the string!

I was finally able to harvest a bushbuck at the 11th hour of the hunt - an animal that had eluded me on the previous two hunts.

Manuel my PH, was hardworking and did everything in this power to give me an opportunity to harvest each animal on my wishlist. We played cat and mouse with the eland for days before I was finally able to shoot him.

The 2 days of bushbuck hunting was intense, but a great hunting experience.

You can't go wrong hunting with Dries Visser Safaris.





# Terry Cockburn



My wife and I just completed our third trip of a lifetime with Dries Visser Safaris. The accommodation, food, staff, PH, quantity and quality of game were up to the excellent standards that we have experienced on each trip. First class in every way.

I saw tons of game each trip to the blinds. I admit that I was being a little picky this year on which animals I wanted to hunt. Antonie, my PH, worked his butt off to be sure that I had a shot opportunity for the animals on my list. Eland, the first animal on my list, showed up on the second day of the hunt. After observing several bulls younger than I wanted to take, I was able to get a 23 yard shot at this beautiful animal. He only went another 30 yards before going down. There is no ground shrinkage on these huge animals.

My wife really wanted a zebra with her bow. Zebra is one tough animal for anyone to get with a bow so it was quite a challenge for her. She saw zebra on two different days without being able to get a shot due to other animals and swirling winds. However, on the third time, she finally got her opportunity. She got it done with a great shot at 22 yards. She was thrilled with her beautiful stallion. I think I got more nervous when she was trying to get a shot than I did when I was shooting.

I was lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time when a huge bush pig came in right at dark. After a perfectly placed arrow at 18 yards, we recovered this animal that had the looks that only a mother could love. This was an unexpected bonus to my trip for which I am very grateful.

Since I had already taken 50" kudu in 2010, I was looking for 55"+. After passing up several kudu in the lower 50" class, I finally got a chance on day 8 on a 55"+ bull. Somehow, I made a good shot at 24 yards and he only went about another 50 yards or so. After a quick measurement I was thrilled to discover he was 56" on one side and 58" on the other.

I also arrowed a 16" common blesbuck, a spectacular 25" nyala and, on the last day, a black wildebeest. The wildebeest proved to be quite a challenge. Antonie had trail cameras set up in three different blinds. For several days the wildebeest always showed up at the blind where we were not hunting at. Antonie was agonizing on which blind to spend my last afternoon trying for the wildebeest. My PH made this decision and it paid off. Right at last light, on the last day, the wildebeest finally showed up. After 10 minutes of back and forth he finally came in offering me a 20 yards shot. It was done. My wishlist was complete.

Anyone reading this is probably thinking of going to Africa and who to go with. I just can't say enough good things about Dries Visser Safaris.

I guess the fact that I have just completed my third trip with them says it all.

Just do it!!

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*Dean Stauffer*



*Tom Edlund*



As our first time hunting with Dries Visser Safaris , I must say that I can't imagine a better place for an archery hunter.  
My wife came along as an observer and we both had the experience of a lifetime. The variety of animals was exceptional and everything is set up for the bowhunter.  
The attention to detail was taken into account at every blind we hunted out of.  
On the 7 day hunt we did not see the same blind.  
Thanks Dries and staff for everything. I can't say enough about our PH, Dolf, he was the best!  
Tom Edlund

# Joe and Tammy Ventura



Although the animals are coming to food and water placed by Dries Visser Safaris, it does not take away the challenge experienced every day. They are spooked at the slightest of noises and you find yourself listening to your heart pounding for what seems like an eternity as you wait for a particular species to come close enough. In between all that you're snapping pictures or video of the species you're not after. This was an unexpected addition to the overall hunting experience. Loved every minute!

*For All African Bowhunting  
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