

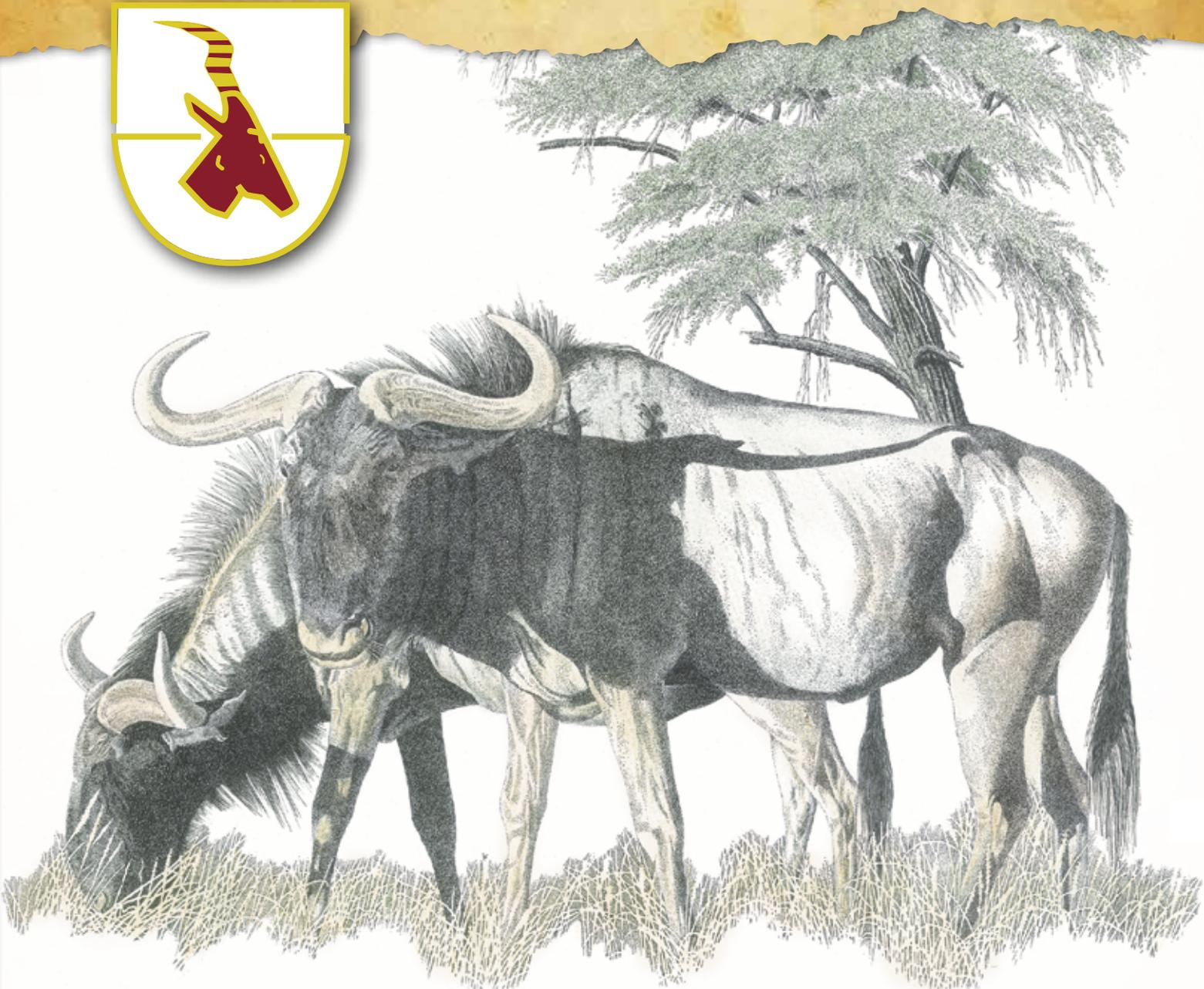
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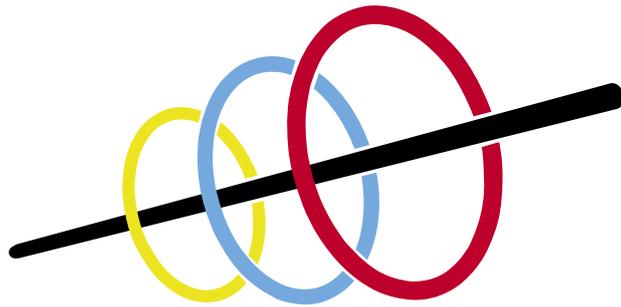
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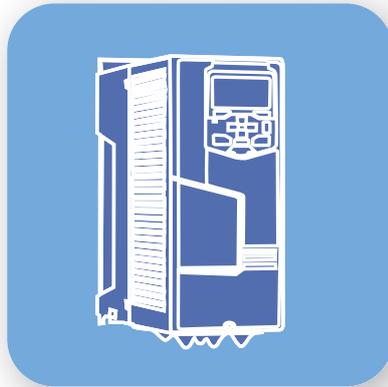
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EDITORIAL/REDAKSIONEEL

When you get to my age time seems to fly... just as the 80 kilometers to Vryburg seem so much further or a 50 kilogram bag of cement feels considerably *heavier*. Just the other day I was planning our annual hunt on Kingston... in 'n oogwink was dit verby... and so the year rushed past... the Magogong bird shoot a distant memory... **guns and rifles cleaned and safely tucked away for next year.**

Wat dit op neerkom vir my is dat die lewe is kort... gebruik dit met wysheid en maak die beste daarvan... en maak tyd om na te dink. Die afsterwe van Hendrik van Eck laat 'n enorme leemte in ons Noordkaap familie. Met Gio aan sy sy het hy diep spore getrap, en sy betrokkenheid en ondersteuning van die Jagtersvereniging was legioen.

He was unrelenting in his pursuit of ethical hunting and above all, Hendrik was a true gentleman. Our heartfelt condolences go to Gio and family. Ons onthou vir Hendrik op bladsy 58.

Wanneer ons die afgelope jaar in oënskou neem betreur ons die feit dat die Winterskool afgelas moes word weens die gebrek aan kandidate. *Die vlagskipgebeurtenis* lê na aan ons harte en op 'n skaal van 1-10 van belangrikheid... veral in die huidige klimaat van anti-jag sentimente, is dit 'n 11!

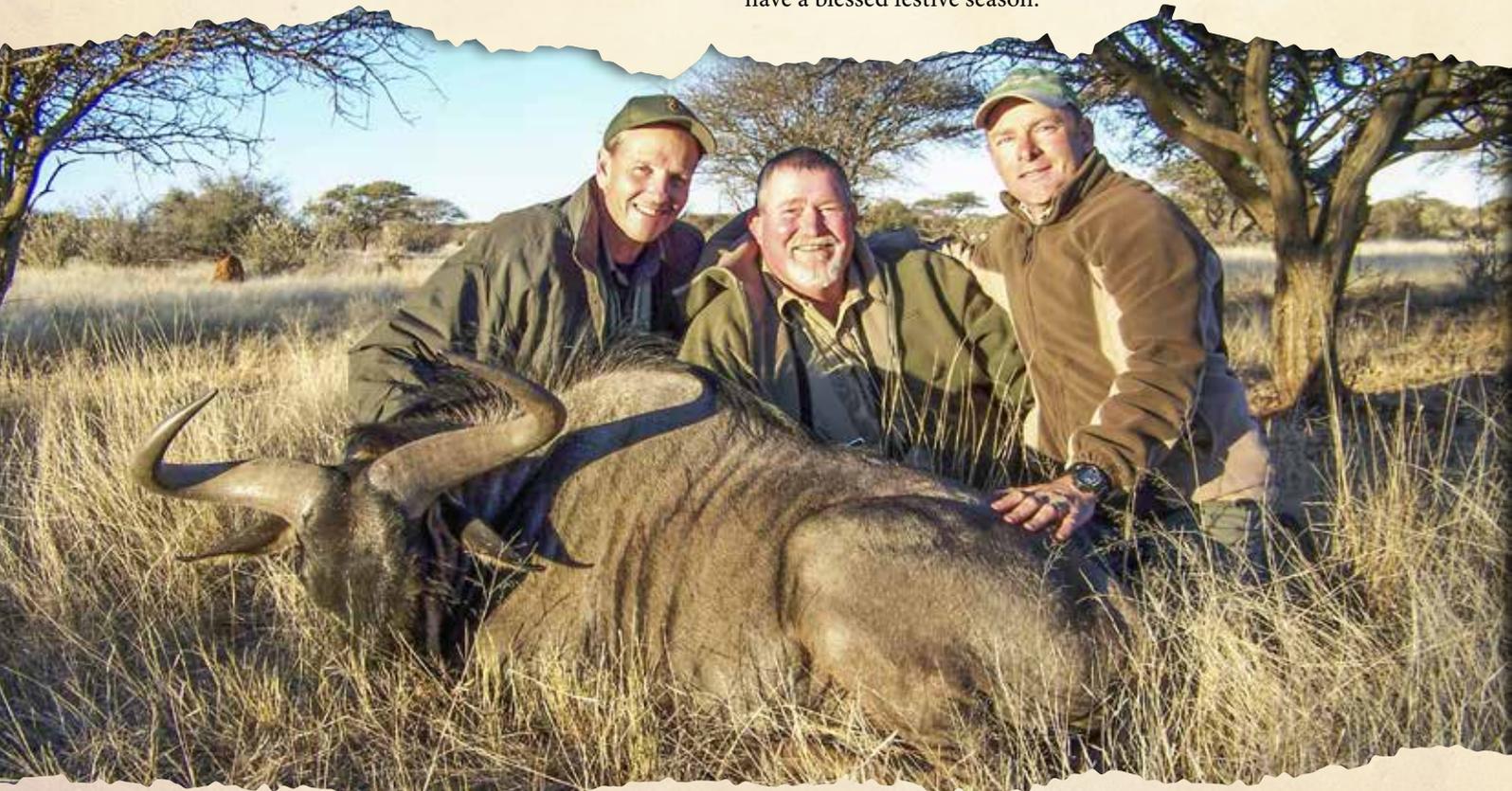
Now for something completely different and on a subject that I have strong and uncompromising views on. At the risk of sounding facetious I have always been very picky about whom I hunt with and about where I hunt. Obviously affordability plays a big part in all this, but when it comes to the personnel they have mostly been friends of long standing with the same passion for hunting as I have. Over the last 36

years the group has changed and evolved, but the underlying quality remains the same. People that *respect* each other, respect their equipment, adhere strictly to the game laws and seasons. People with a *sense of humour* and people that *add value* to the group. The kind of person that would without question follow the hunt master's instruction... for example walk a line that he knows will be unproductive, but does it anyway in the knowledge that it would benefit the shoot... and then above all, secure in the knowledge that *safety* is paramount... Now is there a point to all of this...!? or is this just the ramblings of a senior citizen. Hoe pas jy in bogaande paragraaf? You be the judge.

Ons President Koot du Toit se besluit om terug te staan is nie heeltemal onverwags nie... 18+ jaar se diens aan die Vereniging het grootliks bygedra tot die kwaliteit wat die komitee weerspieël en uitleef. Dankie Koot... vir als!

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Michael Misikin and Johan Kruger as they continue to battle cancer, as well as Arthur Gers who is recovering from major surgery and Bradley Augustin... who is undergoing extensive rehab in Cape Town.

Thank you Hayley for your collaboration, Wilma for your willing support and to all our members, may you and yours have a blessed festive season.



P.S. My friend Michael wrote a letter to the association and having secured his permission I would like to share it with you on pg 23

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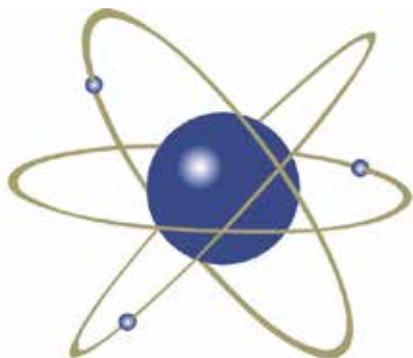
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VOORSITTER'S VERSLAG

CHARLES HALL



Nationally and internationally we find ourselves part of or witness to a myriad of rapid changes and related challenges. Locally, for example: South Africans are being hamstrung and found wanting firstly by our ineptness to effectively adapt to changing climatic “constraints” in terms of weather patterns and secondly by the inability of the country’s leadership to seek a “respectable” and much needed shift in political thinking.

Internationally, all eyes are on the USA and the recent presidential election. With Trump victorious, the question to ask is can the American people and the rest of the world adapt to the rapid and drastic changes he has proposed? Not easily I would suggest. Inherently, unless pushed, the “average” person is quick to establish a “comfort zone” and reside there quite happily resisting change as the resulting upheaval is too much to bear.

As responsible, passionate and committed hunters and conservationists, we need to ask ourselves, is it safe to be “average” and then at the same time expect our industry and sport to survive? My answer is a categorical no! We need to mold sufficiently to effectively digest and diplomatically counter the various challenges put to us by especially the anti-hunting brigade. My plea to some of our members therefore is to change your “comfort zone” outlook and proactively secure our freedom to hunt through being seen and heard, keenly demonstrating your position as a hunter. There are a number of ways to achieve this, but why not start by simply becoming active members. By becoming involved and showing interest you stimulate fellow members to follow suite and before long the planted seed germinates, grows and blossoms. You are now no longer “average” but have been part of initiating change by mobilizing others and ultimately you have grown the support base of individuals brave enough and committed enough to stand their ground for what they believe in. Think of it, your change of character could culminate in greater representation supporting the freedom to hunt which ultimately makes up part of the glove that encompasses the various aspects denoting sound conservation principles!

Following on the above, as a committee member of the NCHA for the past fifteen years I have learned much about association dynamics in general. One point which holds true for most associations or organizations is that you will always have those individuals that “do” and those that “don’t”! The minority “do” category keeps the ship afloat through planning, management and or participation. The majority “don’t” category prefers limited involvement but is equally important as funding through membership fees is critical. However, from time to time the “do” category gets agitated due to limited response and participation from the “don’t” category following the time and effort spent discussing, planning and initiating of events. This has been the status quo for as long as I can remember. Hopefully the paragraph above will ignite some sort of response that may narrow the gap between the two categories.

NKJV het in 2016 weereens twee gewilde en suksesvolle springbokjagte aangebied vir ons lede. Op aanvraag van CHASA is ’n derde een gereël toe ons as gasheer moes optree vir die tweede raadsvergadering van die jaar. Afgevaardigdes

wat deelgeneem het aan die jag was aangenaam verras met wat hulle beleef het. Dankie aan Johan Olivier en sy span vir hulle harde werk en entoesiasme in hierdie verband. Die uiteinde van die saak is dat daar ’n versoek uit CHASA geledere gekom het om dit ’n jaarlikse instelling te maak. Ons is besig om dit te oorweeg. Wat ook bygedra het tot die genot van die naweek was ’n jagpakket veiling waar amper R40 000 ingesamel is vir ons “Eiendoms Fonds”. Die jagte wat geborg is deur Kolobe Adventures, Mauritzfontein en Rooifontein is suksesvol afgehandel. Baie dankie julle vir die ondersteuning!

Verder het ons ’n propvol jaarprogram saamgestel vir die jaar. Nuwe aktiwiteite is ingesluit om ’n wyer spektrum van belangstelling van ons 1120 lede te probeer bevredig. Van die nuwe idees het gewerk en ander nie. Dit blyk dat die “golfball challenge” en nagskiet twee was wat gewerk het. James Haddad en sy span het hier ’n goeie initiatief beet waarop ons kan bou. Een van die belangriker items op die jaarprogram naamlik die Winterskool vir jong jagters moes ongelukkig hierdie jaar gekanselleer word weens ’n tekort aan belangstelling. Dit is hartseer en ek maak ’n beroep op almal om nou al te begin met bemerking om te verhoed dat so iets weer sal gebeur. Graag wil ek vir De Beers hartlik bedank vir die bereidwilligheid om vele van ons aktiwiteite te akkommodeer. Dit word opreg waardeer.

For the past two years as chairman, I have been privileged to work alongside an awesome committee and for an association steeped in tradition and culture. Dear NCHA members, the commitment shown by these individuals is inspirational. I would like to thank them all for their time, effort and guidance to ensure that our association remains healthy, vibrant and true to our constitution. The association is also privileged to have a young lady in the office who continues to impress and without whom we would be lost. Wilma, your thoroughness and willingness to always go the extra mile is much appreciated. Our term of office ends at this year’s AGM and having said this, it is with regret that I must inform you that Koot du Toit has called it a day and will not be available for re-election. His leadership, gentlemanly conduct, wisdom and array of sweet treats at the monthly meetings will be sorely missed. Together with me he has travelled extensively to represent NCHA on a national level as a member to the CHASA Board where he conducted himself most professionally. Koot has been extremely active on the committee and has gone beyond his call of duty. Mr. President thank you so very much for everything you have done for our association. You have truly set a standard which will be difficult to emulate. We wish you and your family well with your future endeavors.

Finally, my best wishes to all for the festive season and I hope that 2017 meets your wildest dreams.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KOOT DU TOIT

As we all know, no association is able to exist without its members supporting it. My plea to you today, is to support your association by participating in the events staged by the committee. During the past year, some of the events arranged for the benefit of the members had to be cancelled, purely due to lack of support.

The Winter School, where young hunters are taught various aspects of hunting and conservation, the breeding ground of future members who will undoubtedly ascertain the future existence of our Association, is an example of one of the events that could not take place during the past year.

Like all the events staged by the Association, it is planned and executed with meticulous detail by the committee members and other helpers on a 100% voluntary basis for which no remuneration is earned.

People who offer their precious time and knowledge entirely for their love and dedication of the cause. Time and knowledge which could have been spent profitably somewhere else.

Let us make a special effort to encourage our members to participate in the Association's activities and so doing, ensure its future existence.

Each of us should have goals which we set ourselves in life and strive to attain or achieve, and in the process, we adopt certain slogans or mottos to live by.

One of the mottos which I have adopted and also applied on various occasions in my life, is the one which says, "There is a time to come and there is a time to go "
My time to go has arrived.

I have spent many enjoyable years serving on the committee of The Northern Cape Hunters' Association and on the same basis as we able to qualify as Dedicated Hunters, I am on record as describing my colleagues on the committee as Dedicated Committee Members.

Thank you to each of them for the loyal support which I enjoyed from them and thank you to our members for affording me the opportunity to serve them for the past approximately 18 years, first as Committee Member, then as Vice Chairman and of late as President of this auspicious Association and also for the privilege of representing our Association on the CHASA Board.

Truly memorable times which I will treasure for the rest of my life and my wish are that this Association will grow from strength to strength in the years that lie ahead.

May my wife, Saartjie and I, wish you all a Blessed Festive Season and only everything of the Best for 2017.



Dis vir my 'n groot voorreg om verslag te doen van die jaar se gebeure by Vaalhartsjagters. Soos elke jaar hierdie tyd voel dit vir elkeen van ons of die jare al hoe korter word en ons nog nie eers kans gehad het om behoorlik ons nuwejaarsvoorneme op papier te sit nie, dan is die jaar verby en moet ons werk aan jaarverslae en afsluitingsfunksies en alles wat daarmee saamgaan.



Vaalhartsjagters het 'n goeie jaar gehad. Ons het nuwe lede wat aangesluit het, 'n klompie lede het hul Toegewyde jagters eksamen afgelê en verder het ons die regte en voorregte geniet wat Noordkaap Jagtersvereniging vir ons gebied het.

Op ons kalender is daar hoogtepunte wat altyd uitstaan en waarna ons almal baie uitsien. Die eerste van hierdie was die jaarlikse CHASA -spanskietkompetisie in Bloemfontein.

Ons tak het jagpakette aangebied wat baie goed gedoen het en, met die fondse hieruit gegeneer asook donasies van persone en instansies wat ons vereniging goedgesind is, kon ons twee spanne inskryf om te gaan deelneem.

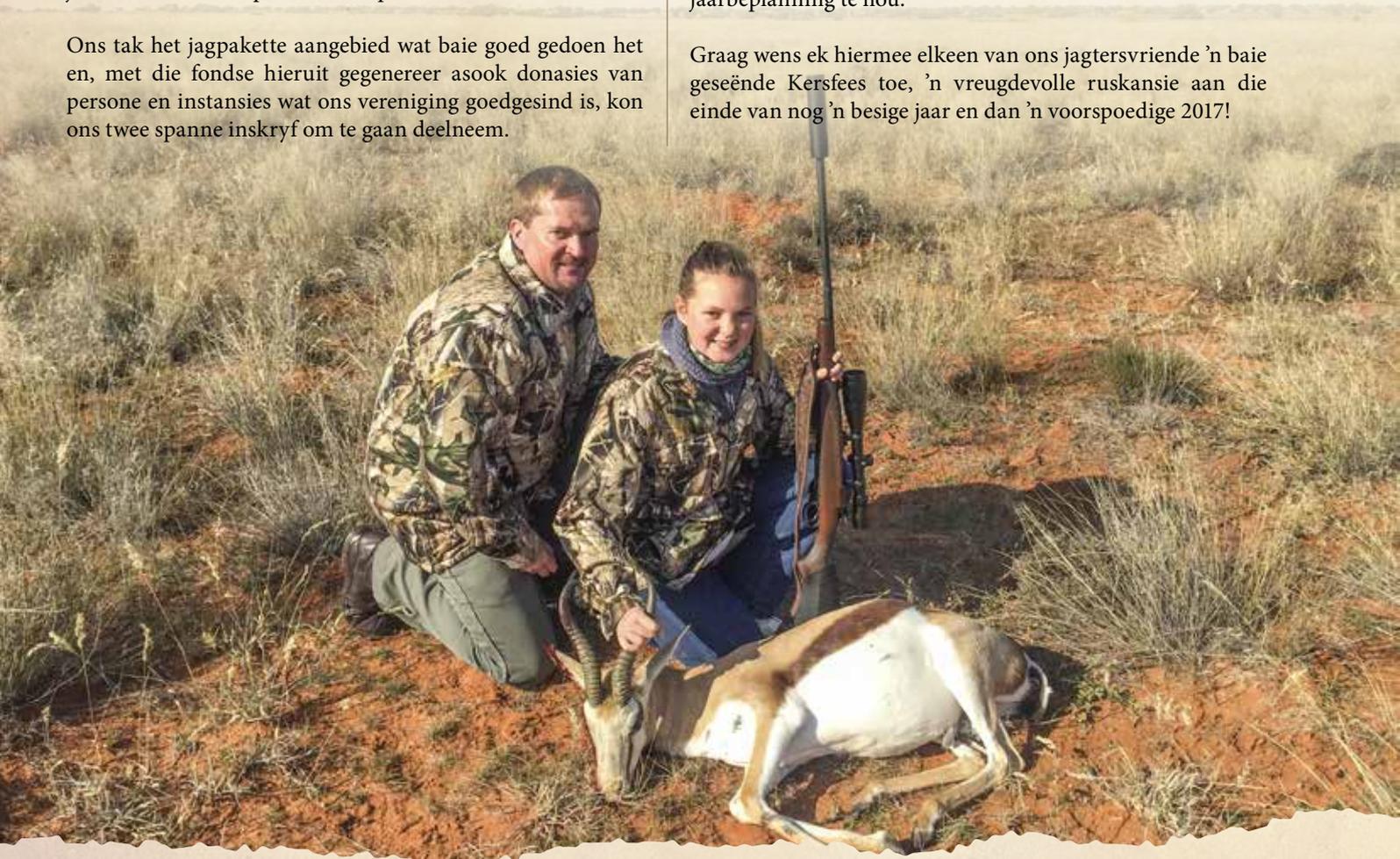
Van u sal dalk kan onthou dat ons hierdie jaar die hele Augustus se wind op Saterdag 30 April beleef het. Onder baie moeilike omstandighede was die dag steeds puik gereël en myns insiens 'n reuse sukses.

Die ander items op ons kalender is die voorsitjagte by Benfontein. Hierdie jagte kan net op een manier beskryf word – GREAT!

Dit word vir ons al hoe moeiliker as ouers en jagters om plekke te kry waar ons kinders ook welkom is, waar jagetiek en respek bo aan die lys van vereistes gestel word. Hierdie jagte is daardie plek. Ek weet daar word oë getrek as “Oom Sheriff” die koppie tamatiesous uithaal en die gesiggie bietjie inkleur na 'n eerste bok. Of as “Oom Deputy” 'n boete gee vir 'n swakker skoot. Maar ek dink almal moet met my saamstem, as meer jagters daar buite aan hierdie leerskool blootgestel was, was daar dalk minder getrekte ogies en media berigte van swak etiek in die jagveld en alles wat daarmee verband hou.

Baie dankie aan Noordkaap Jagters en elke persoon wat meewerk om hierdie 'n belangrike datum in ons jaarbeplanning te hou.

Graag wens ek hiermee elkeen van ons jagtersvriende 'n baie geseënde Kersfees toe, 'n vreugdevolle ruskansie aan die einde van nog 'n besige jaar en dan 'n voorspoedige 2017!





Chrisan Streak en Jonathan Nel by die Jaarafsluiting 2015



Ané, Jan en Irene van Zyl was ook daar.



Was dit nie vir Myburgh van Zyl nie sou die Goussard familie met al die louere weggestap het!

Myburgh: Jnr Klubkampioen
 Johannes: Klubkampioen
 Madri: Jnr Fellowship trofee
 Madelein: Ladies Grey Ghost
 Johanika: Jnr Jagter





Petrus met Martin Pearson



... en Andries Maritz



*Agter: Christine, , Martin, Sean, Heinrich, Myburgh, Johandré.
Middel: Dillon, Chris-Mari en Petrus in voorgrond.*



Johannes en Madri oefen op die skietbaan.



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Vaalhartslede het gejag...



Christine Wright het die waterbok op die plaas Berendina, Jan Kempdorp distrik, geskiet met haar 30-06.



Tarina Barnard slag gereed op Benfontein.



Christine het die gemsbok op Kalkpan, distrik Boshoff geskiet. By haar is die eenaar van die plaas, Piet van Niekerk en sy kleinseun Alexander van Niekerk.



Anro Burger met 'n knewel van 'n blouwildebees... mooi skoot!





Jan Briel het die blouwildebeesbul gejag op die plaas Springboknek.



Johann Barnard met 'n besondere rooibok.



Stephen and Bruce Oehly, Kevin van der Westhuizen and Piet Pieterse having lunch during a pigeon shoot in Magagong.



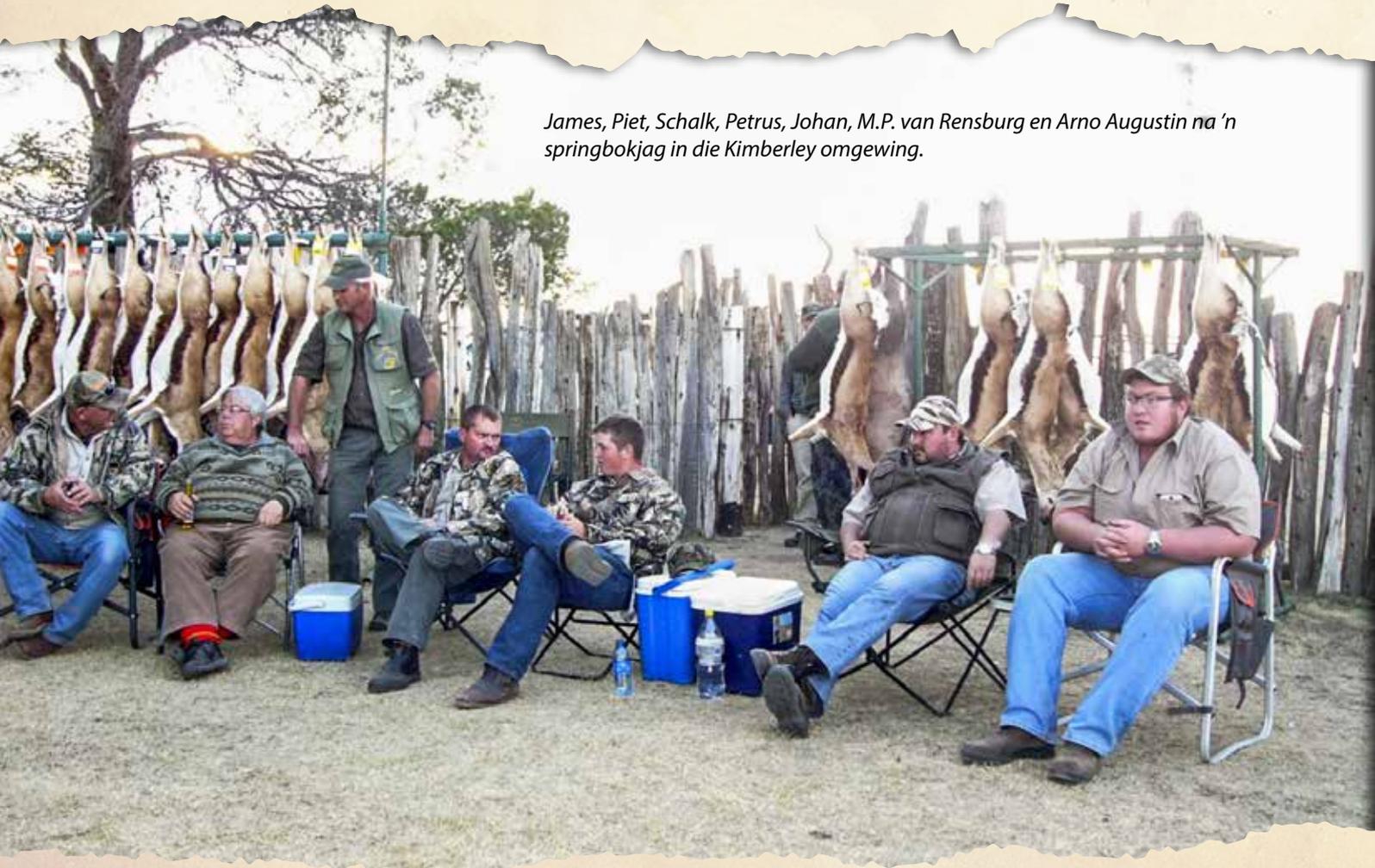
Chrisan...



... en Sam Streak het die hartebeeste binne minute van mekaar geskiet op die plaas Kingston.



Dok. P.J. het hierdie pragtige koedoebul gejaag op die plaas Rocklands... geluk P.J.!



James, Piet, Schalk, Petrus, Johan, M.P. van Rensburg en Arno Augustin na 'n springbokjag in die Kimberley omgewing.



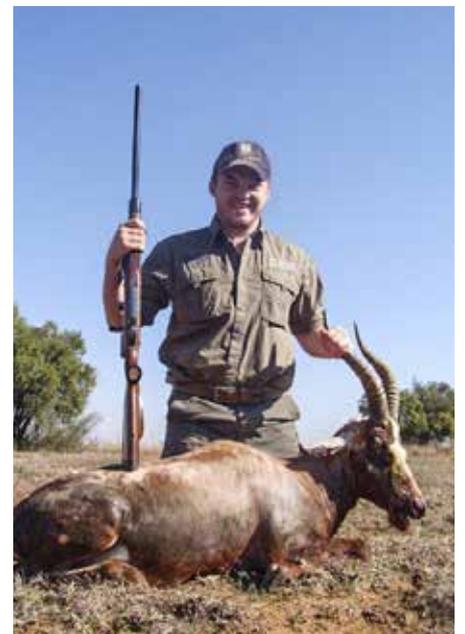
Eddy Robertson het naby Askam gejag.



Ronnie Lategan het vark gejag op Schoolplaats naby Warrenton.



Heinrich Duvenhage en Sean Howarth was agter springbok aan in die Kalahari.



Luan de Bruyn...



...sowel as Wian de Bruyn het albei goed gejag...



...pa Theo het self nie tereggestaan nie.

Die Goussards het gejag... tekort aan biltong by hierdie huisgesin is daar definitief nie!



Jandré...



... pa Johannes...



... ma Madelein saam met Johanika...



... Madri...



... is dit wat bekend staan as 'n 'pigeon pair'?



Eric Brink en seun André saam op 'n suksesvolle jag.



Jacques Cilliers met twee groot valkvarke...



Cliff Oosthuizen se 'kitchen' koedoe het gesorg dat daar ook wildsvleis in die freezer is. Cliff Jnr was saam!



...asook 'n prag springbok.



Jaco Heins se mooi koedoebul... gejag by skoonpa Zirk Jansen naby Griekwastad.



Eddy het hierdie zebra in die Reivilo distrik gejag.

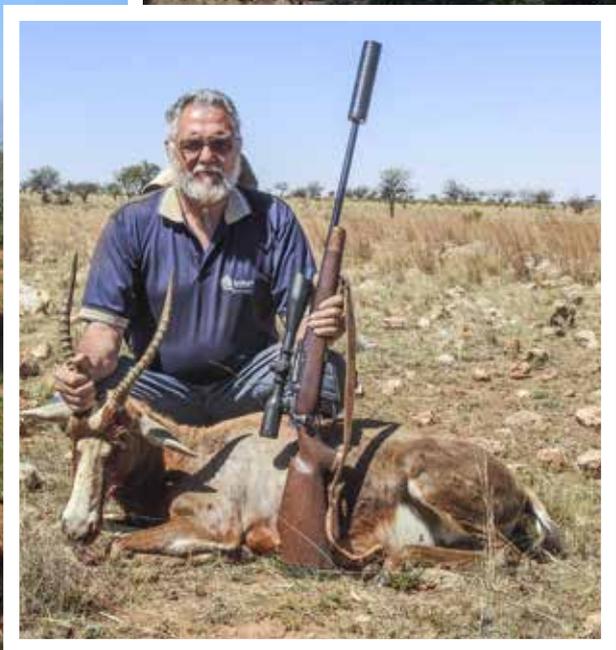
Frans de Vos se jagjaar...



... rooibok en gemsbok (onder) naby Bray...



... blouwildebees en blesbok (onder) op Buisfontein...



Arno Augustin met 'n uitstekende eland gejag op Springboknek.



*Tinus Burger sê hy het min gejag vanjaar...
ek glo hom nie!*



Eddie het ook met 'n boog gejag!



Tinus met 'n prag lechwe, gejag op die plaas Berendina. PW Smit was ook daar.



*Chris-Mari Burger... rooibok ram gejag op die plaas Eensaamkasteel,
Askam distrik... saam is pa Tinus en oupa Erus.*



*Sean, saam met pa Anton Howarth, het die springbokram
op die plaas Berendina geskiet.*

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KOOT DU TOIT

SPRINGBOK SHOOT



Being transported after the opening ceremony, to be off-loaded in the veld at the June Shoot, the chorus of a song written by Richard Rodgers came to mind:

*“Oh what a beautiful morning
Oh what a beautiful day
I’ve got a wonderful feeling
Everything’s going my way”*

It really was such a beautiful day that I cannot think that anyone had been disappointed. We were again fortunate enough to be afforded the opportunity to arrange two customary Springbok Shoots for our members during the past year. A special word of thanks is extended to our Landlords for the privilege of allowing us to make use of their Hospitality. Thank you also to Johan Olivier and the dedicated group of committee members and other helpers who so ably assisted him in making such a great success of both occasions.

These events are so popular that, although restrictions were imposed in order to enable more members to participate in these much sought after events, all vacancies were filled in a matter of two to three hours after the bookings opened.

As in the past, we are most grateful for the support enjoyed from our members from all over the country as well as from abroad. Support, without which, we would not have been able to stage these events.

On the June shoot, a special word of welcome was made to:

- Phillip Barton, Martin Preece, Piet Oosthuizen, Corne Anderson and Charles Hall from De Beers
- Rudi, his son Dieter and grandson Valentin from Germany
- Gavin Heale from Switzerland
- Johan and Styger Kruger from Somerset West
- Michael Miskin, Wim van Vliet, Harald Michel and Vernon Cloete from Johannesburg
- Hilton Miskin from Pietermaritzburg
- Rolf Eggers from Pretoria
- Lucas Steyn Senior and Junior from Vereniging
- André de Villiers our Sheriff from Hartswater

- All members and branch members, especially those who have taken part for the first time.

At the July Shoot, a special word of welcome was again directed to:

- Piet Oosthuizen, Corne Anderson and Charles Hall as well as to
- Charl Strydom, Grant and Samuel McKenzie from Johannesburg
- Jas Kruger from Pretoria and Johan Kruger from Somerset West
- Michael Miskin from Johannesburg
- Rolf Eggers and his children from Pretoria
- Duppie du Plessis from Mosselbay
- Gys, Pine and Willem from Schweizer Reneke and Petrusburg
- Guy Murdoch from Mauritzfontein
- André de Villiers, our Sheriff from Hartswater
- All members and branch members, especially those attending for the first time.

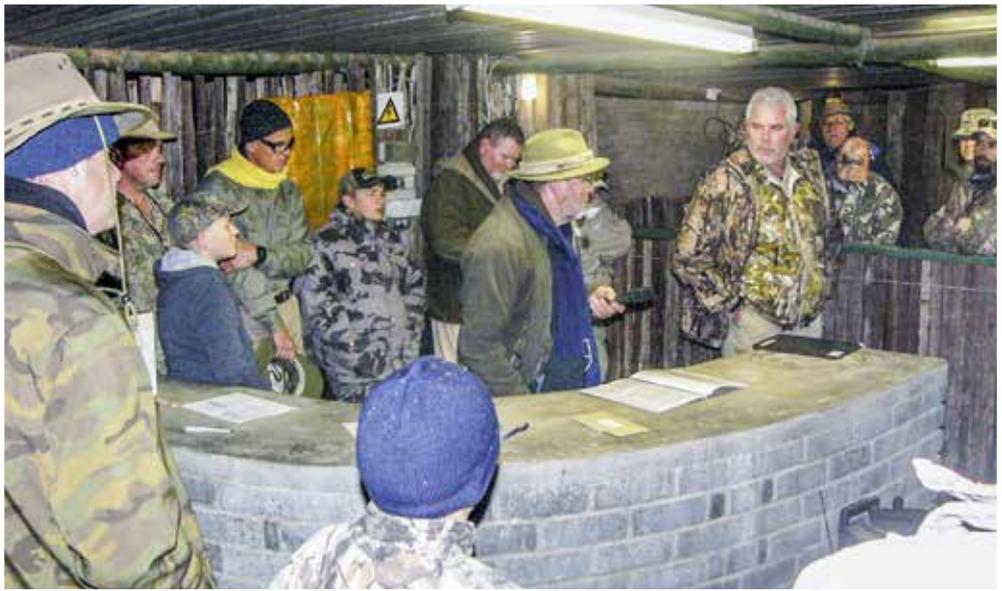
Unfortunately for our Sheriff, André de Villiers and Deputy Sheriff Douw Jacobs, there were not many bad shots deserving fines and the bag on both days as well as the ram – ewe ratios were virtually spot on. A magnificent effort by all and this helped to adhere to the Landowners wishes.

Thank you to Andrew for servicing the shooting positions as well as Koos, Joseph and their helpers for the food preparation as well as the slaughtering and cleaning team for a job very well done.

Thank you also to Johan Olivier and the dedicated group of committee members and other helpers who so ably assisted him in making such a great success of both occasions.

As a final remark, I would like to express the wish once more, that we all will be spared to enjoy many more outings like those mentioned above, in time to come!!!





Piet Oosthuizen aan't woord met jagmeester Johan wat bystaan.



Johan moes mooi aan die manne die reëls voorlê... Johan Kruger, Hilton en Michael Miskin, Wim van Vliet met Chrishan en Valentin Gerhardt op die bakkie luister aandagtig!





A proud Rudi watches as his grandson, Valentin, is welcomed into the hunting fraternity.



Piet en Schalk in gesprek...



Willem Swiegers, Pine Pienaar and Gys Verwey, stalwarts who can always be relied on to help wherever needed, being thanked by the sheriff for their continued enthusiasm and support.



Koos Fourie and Gavin van Zyl



André Niewoudt, Julian Turina and Raymond Ziegler



Clockwise: Noel Wewege, Achim Ernst, Jas Kruger, S.J. and Johann Visser, P.J., Jed, Carin and John Bartie



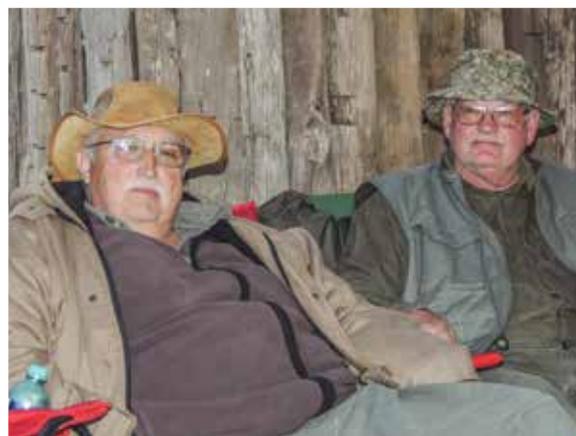
Valentin with his first buck!



Wim, Styger Kruger and Rolf Eggars



Mark and William Harding



Lucas Steyn and Harald Michel



Ian McRobie, Christelle and Corné Steyn



Janice Hall, Rudi, Valentin and Dieter Gerhardt





Hilton and Michael...

Dear Sirs

As the 2016 hunting season draws to an end, I firmly believe that it would be remiss of me not to briefly share with you what a memorable season I have had.

I have been privileged to enjoy a number of outings in your beautiful part of the world which have included shooting Rockies in the Hartswater district, a traditional voorsit on Benfontein and a walk and stalk at Kingston. The pleasure I have derived from these outings has been varied and immense: the richness and diversity of the Northern Cape's fauna and flora never fails to be a source of immense delight: be it the Vaal River, a statuesque Umbrella Thorn, a Kori Bustard striding through the grass, the brilliant splash of pink as one passes Kamfers Dam or a troop of springbuck daintily trotting across a pan to name but a few. Closely aligned to this are the magnificent vistas of open plains interspersed with hills and mounds, not to mention sunrises and sunsets that even a highly skilled photographer couldn't quite do justice to.

During these visits I have been fortunate to hunt in the company of some of the NCHA's members and, in the instance of Benfontein, under the auspices of the Association as well. The sincerity, hospitality, good humour and safety on display is always exemplary and a constant source of happy memories.

The Benfontein outings deserve special mention as they are a master class in planning, logistics and execution. I am absolutely convinced that it represents the best organised, outstanding value and most enjoyment to be had in hunting.

Furthermore, I have found the NCHA's administration and member liaison to be outstanding, not only is Wilma very competent but she is both friendly and helpful too.

In closing, thank you to yourselves, the committee and the team in general for running an outstanding show, the Northern Cape is a world class hunting destination and the NCHA does it justice.

Yours sincerely
Michael Misikin



Lucas van Vuuren en André van Nierkerk



Zack Reyneke, Jurgen Pietrangeli and Kobus Gous



Neville and Wilma Fritz



David



Douw Jacobs, Piet en Chris

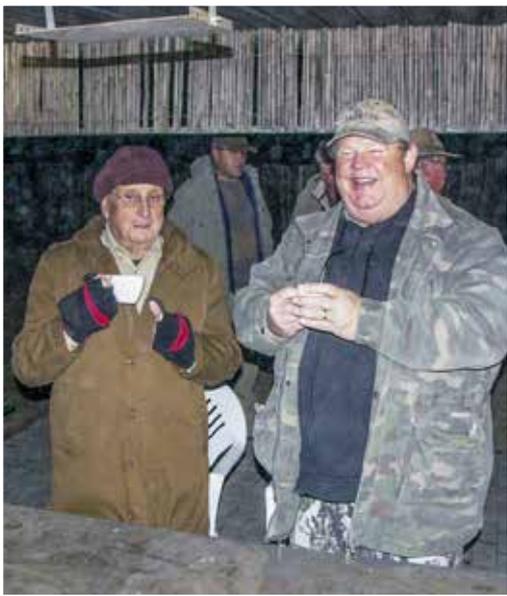


Corné and Richard Smart



Agter: Schalk
Fourie, Petrus,
Johannes,
Lou en Dries
Duvenhage

Voor: Frans,
Sam, Melanie,
James en
Chrisan



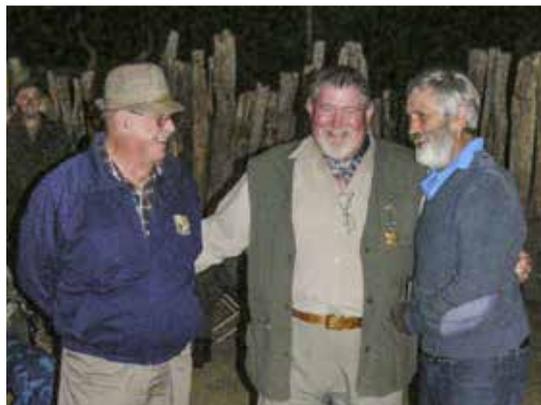
Theo May and Dennis Bredenkamp

Johan, Corné, Neville, Chris, Wilma, Charles,
Gawie, Phillip Kenny and David.

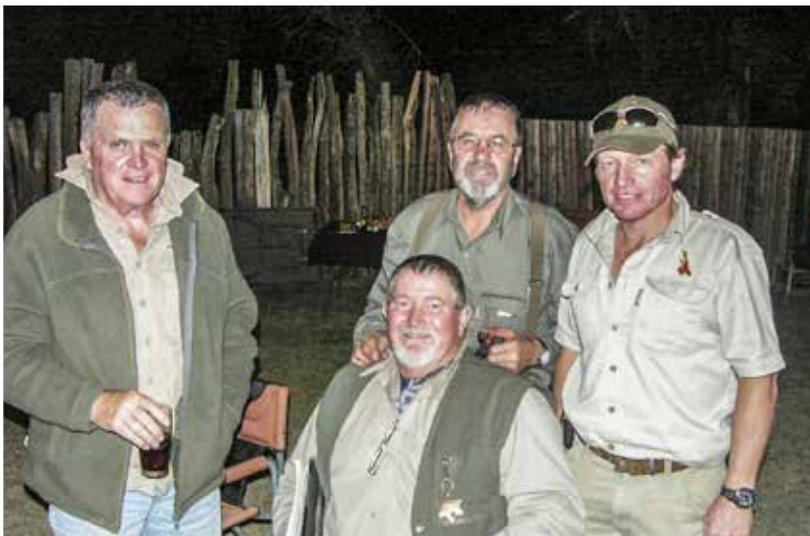


Scenes from the CHASA Hunt...

Kevin, Johan and Charles with the sheriff.



Daan Bodenstein, the sheriff and Pieter van Niekerk (CHASA president).



Abelines Schoeman, Charles, Johan Kapp (CHASA chairman) and Lucas look on as Stephen Palos demonstrates new shooting sticks.



Charles going to the trouble of taking a decent photo of Chris Jennings!



André van der Merwe in the foreground with Rory O' Moore, Annett, André and Braam. At the back are De Wet and Frik.



Charles addressing the board.



Charles with Dirk Laubscher and Henko de Jager.



David, Douw and Amelda Jacobs with Mandy Bothma



Chris, Gawie en David



Lucas en Hettie

PENKOP KAMP

DOUW JACOBS

The Penkop Camp was planned to take place on 8 and 9 April but was postponed due to bad weather to 22 and 23 April. This year we had 5 teams (three father / daughter teams and two father/ son teams) that participated and as predicted they had a most enjoyable time.



On Friday afternoon each team pitched their tents and unpacked their camping gear. Then the teams had to make ketties from scratch. Each individual team was scored on their performance for each activity during the camp. Later that evening the Penkoppe had to braai for the Dads and the Ooms. They did a sterling job. After supper, the

teams participated in a horn identification session by Charles Hall and David Knight (Chairman and Vice Chairman). Young and old learned a lot.

Saterdag oggend was die spanne vroeg uit die vere en na ontbyt het hulle ammunisie vir hulle ketties gaan bymekaar maak. Die aktiwiteite het ondermeer boog, kleidui, .22 en kettie skiet ingesluit. Die spanne wat hulle mis gaan opswot het, het 'n redelike verassing gekry toe hulle takkies en grasse van die Noordkaap moet uitken. Al die grasse lyk eenders en die takke het dorings! Hulle was redelik uitgebou. Ek wonder hoe die gesoute jagters van die NKJV sal vaar met so 'n toets? Na 'n dag se skiet en sommige se seer skouers het die dag tot 'n einde gekom. Alhoewel dit nie 'n kompetisie was nie het punte getel. Die top span was Sean en Jayden Kriel.

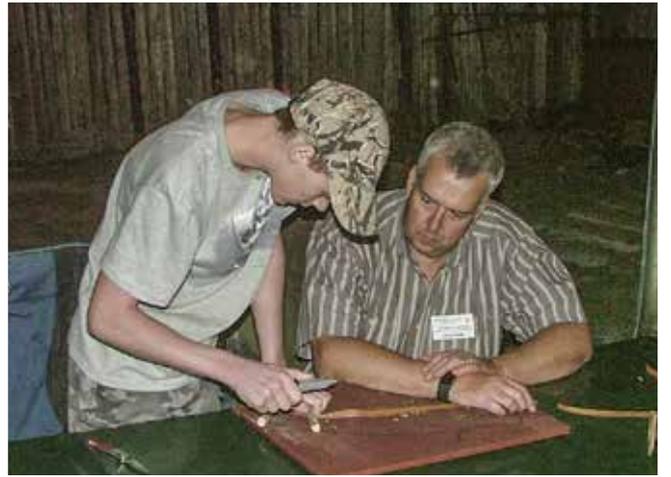
Baie dankie aan al die deelnemers en ook die helpers waarsonder die Penkopkamp nie moontlik sou wees nie. 2017 is om die draai, neem asseblief kennis van datums van die aktiwiteite op die jaarprogram, sodat julle betyds kan inskryf. Groetnis tot volgende keer.



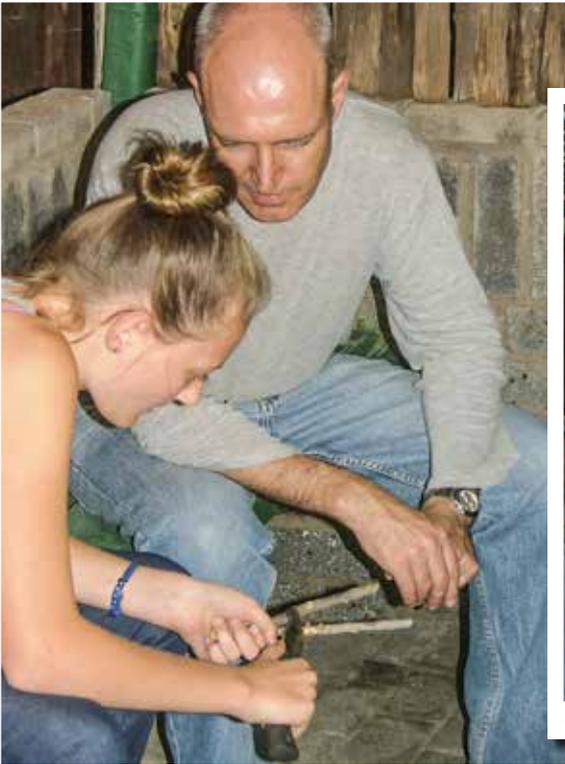
Hugh and Darren Murray, Jayden and Sean Kriel and Graham Steele



Hugh and Darren



Jayden and Sean



Sarah and Graham



David demonstrating the finer points of horn measuring.

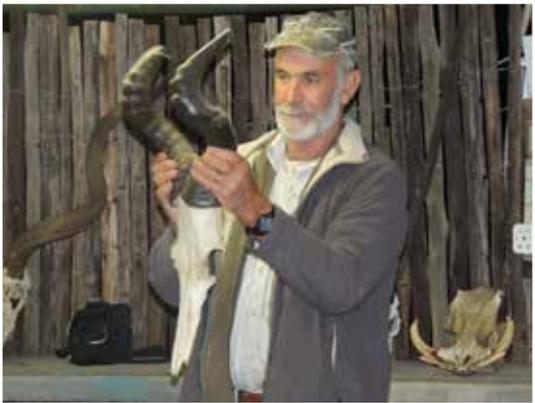




Ernst and Nicole du Toit



Gawie met Kobus en Liza van den Berg.



David continues the lecture.



Sarah and Liza





The top team was Sean and Jayden.

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BO-KAROO JAGTERS

JANNIE BREDENKAMP

So is 2016 ook in 'n oogwink verby. Dit was 'n moeilike jaar met min reën en 'n regering waarin mens min vertroue kan hê. **Ons jagters moet maar sorg dat ons betrokke bly aan ons jagaktiwiteite en reëls om ons wapens te beskerm.**

Ons tak het een van ons lede afgestaan aan die dood. Ons wil Johan Freund se familie sterkte toewens vir die toekoms.

Ons skietbaan het sy dak gekry en nou kan ons lekker in die skaduwee ons "skiete" doen. Ons het probeer om elke maand 'n aktiwiteit aan te bied. Daar is getroue lede wat altyd betrokke was en ek wil net my opregte dank aan hulle oordra. Met ons swartkruit- en -22-Skietdag het 'n rekord 42 skuts deelgeneem. Dit was omtrent 'n lekker vol dag.

Baie sterkte aan almal vir die nuwe jaar wat voorlê. Ons hoop en vertrou vir goeie reëns. Geseënde kerstyd aan almal. Lekker uitrus vir 'n goeie nuwe jaar.





BO-KAROO BESTUURSRAAD

Agter: Zelich Straszacker en Corrie Badenhorst
 Voor: Jannie en René Bredenkamp



Ons lede was aktief op die skietbaan





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Jan-Hendrik Straszacker met sy eerste springbok wat by Petrus Van der Merwe geskiet is.



Keller Straszacker en sy eerste springbok wat op dieselfde plaas geskiet is.

'n Baie lekker jag by Jannie wat oor die twee dae meer as 10 verskillende wildsoorte opgelewer het.



Deel van die jongspan se springbokjag...



PIKKIE DAY

CHRIS BOTHMA



Dit was 'n mooi sonskyn dag op Benfontein gewees, een van die De Beers plase op die N14, waar die Pikkie Dag aangebied word. De Beers is NKJV goedgesind en stel hul geriewe beskikbaar vir vele soortgelyke NKJV aktieweiteite.

Die sukses van die Pikkie Dag word gemeet aan die goeie beplanning en borge wat daartoe bydra. Die hoof borg van die dag is Vernon Cloete Makelaars. His financial support towards the Pikkies is noted and appreciated. It is because of such generous sponsors that the Pikkies can be educated on the protection and care of environment as well as having the opportunity to participate in the various shooting activities.

28 Pikkies, tussen die ouderdom van 7 – 12 jaar het die dag bygewoon. Die ooms wat elke jaar getrou behulpsaam is met die verrigtinge by die verskillende punte, het hulle touwys gemaak met die hanteering van die verskillende wapens, soos met die boogskiet, .22 skiet, 410 haelgeweer en ook die windbuks. Die ooms maak hulle ook touwys oor wapenveiligheid, hoe om die wapen te hanteer om te mik, asemhaling, druk van die sneller. Die Pikkies se veiligheid is baie belangrik en dit is deel van die ooms se werk om daarvoor te sorg.

Aan die begin is daar so 'n effense huiwering by die Pikkies, maar sodra hulle gemaklik voel met die wapen is dit omtrent 'n stryd om hulle te kry om bietjie 'n rus kans te neem sodat die wapens net kan "afkoel". Dit is amper nie moontlik nie, maar glo dit maar, die 410 haelgeweer is die gewildste wapen onder die Pikkies.

By lunch time the youngsters were exhausted, but I think the "ooms" welcomed the break more than the Pikkies. The day was ended with handing out certificates, prizegiving and giftpacks. It is worth mentioning that the girls did not stand back for the boys. They did well with the shooting, including the handling of the bow.

Dit is ook belangrik dat ons nie vergeet om die ouers te bedank dat hulle die dag afvat om hulle kinders na die Pikkie Dag te bring, en daarby ook die Noordkaap Jagtersvereniging ondersteun.

Lastly we would like to thank Wilma Fritz, our NCHA secretary for her hard work in preparing for the event and the printing of the certificates. She is certainly an asset to the Association.

I would like to urge all members to save the 2017 Pikkie Day date on their calendar and should you not have children of that age group, support us by advertising it. The continued success of this day is dependant on our members.

Beste wense vir die feesseisoen.



Johann Visser verduidelik.



Chris en Gawie was daar...



Allan Warren and Richard Smart giving instruction...



...Nico Fourie



Sandy and Carrol Cox



...David Brits



...Willie Oosthuizen



...Riaan Roets



Richard Baker holding up the tent.



Chris van Lill



WINTER SCHOOL 2016

As you are aware by now, the Winter school did not materialise this year. This was a huge embarrassment to the Northern Cape Hunters' Association that this was the first year that we had to cancel this prestigious event on our calendar.

What went wrong?

Ons wil graag vir al ons lede die versekering gee dat ons alle reëlings in plek gehad het, maar ongelukkig was daar net vier jong jagters wat ingeskryf het. Dieselfde bemarkingsstrategie wat al die vorige jare gewerk het, het skielik nie belangstelling gelok nie.

Hiermee doen ons 'n ernstige beroep op al ons lede, om ons te ondersteun deur kennis te neem van die aktiwiteite op die jaarprogram vir 2017, en alreeds datums van aktiwiteite waaraan hulle graag sal wil deelneem oophou en vroegetydig inskryf vir sulke aktiwiteite.

Die 2017 Junior Jagters Winterskool is voorlopig vanaf 9-15 Julie te Benfontein. Skoolgaande seuns en dogters tussen die ouderdom van 15 en 18 is welkom om in te skryf. Ons het 'n baie interessante program met nuwe aktiwiteite wat oudergewoonte afsluit met 'n tradisionele springbokjag vir die jong jagters op die Saterdag. Adverteer hierdie spesiale geleentheid by julle vriende en families.

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AN INVITATION TO A BUFFALO HUNT!

ANDRÉ DE VILLIERS

It came during the bird shoot in August last year... Johan Olivier and I were cordially invited to join the Strydom, Van Heerden and Portwig clans on their annual Klaserie Buffalo hunt, held in November. Grant McKenzie sponsored flights from Kimberley and the two of us were on our way. We travelled through the terrible hail devastation at Hoedspruit and one by one we drifted into the gathering point, as lion, elephant, wild dog and the like crossed the road in front of us. There were 16 of us, six 'ou manne' and 10 young men with more energy that should be legally allowed!

Grant and Lourence were each hunting a buffalo cow where as I was to shoot an impala for the staff. Eager anticipation mixed with a certain amount of anxiety and trepidation was evident, particularly with Grant, where as Lols' attitude was tempered with the advantage of carefree youth!

We were superbly fed... teams had been identified to cater for every evening and the competition was fierce... the result was delicious table fare! The game drives were fun filled... canapés at the Beacon and who'll forget the 'Fashion Shoot' on the hill with our interested neighbours looking on.

We were lucky with the weather...mostly overcast and cool with intermittent rain (Ons weet hoe warm die Laeveld kan raak in November). An afternoon spent next to the Olifants river, swimming with elephants and hippos in sight... and keeping a sharp lookout for crocodiles! An unforgettable experience! Every time we spotted impala Johan and I would

set off after them only for the buck to melt away in the thick Mopani. I did eventually harvest a 'bokkie'... with Carl, Grant and Johan in attendance and in pouring rain... the open nomad we were travelling in above ankle deep in water! A wonderful moment shared with dear friends. The actual buffalo hunts are best described by the hunters themselves...



...better you hear it from the proverbial horse's mouth!

LOURENCE PORTWIG

Thanks to my father Hein Portwig and the previous owner of Forna Park in Klaserie, Charl Strydom, I had been granted the opportunity to shoot my very first buffalo. Being the third person in my family and experiencing my father's buffalo hunt the previous year, I was nothing but excited.

We woke up just before sunrise to a cloudy sky the morning of the 18th and knowing that this was my big day I was filled with mixed emotions. Being excited, nervous and unsure of how the day would plan out I knew with everyone's help and my preparation I was ready. After having a cup of coffee and rusks we were off to headquarters to get the paperwork sorted out and met up with the PH. On our route there we stumbled across a scarce pack of wild dogs and as we drove away we all knew that this was going to be a special day.

For the first 2-3 hours we drove around trying to find the spoor of the buffalo crossing the road to start our walk and stalk. We stopped at a farm house to find out if they had heard or seen anything that day because we knew that the buffalo herd was in the vicinity. The worker told us that he had recently seen them traveling in a certain direction. At this point there was a slight drizzle and the sand was wet which made it challenging,

we then drove around for another 30 min circulating the area until we found some buffalo spoor. We then prepared and started our walk to track the herd of buffalo; my team consisted of my father as my back up, my brother, my best friend, the tracker and the PH.

About two hours into the walk we started noticing that the buffalo were very skittish by the way they were running... which was made clear to us shortly thereafter. We noticed lion spoor and a dead baby buffalo, the lions were hunting the same herd we were. At this point our adrenaline levels were high and our eyes wide open. About 20 minutes after that as I walked around a tree there they were 3 female and 2 male lions... all surrounding a buffalo cow grazing. They noticed us and ran away. We knew that we had a bigger challenge now... we had to be extra cautious to get within shooting distance of the buffalo. An hour after spotting the lions we finally found

the large buffalo herd. We noticed that they were on the move and we had to get the wind right so we started walking in half circles, getting closer and closer each time.

Finally after the 4th attempt we managed to close in on them and there was about a 2 meter gap between the trees that buffalo were walking past. We set up the long bipod were I rested my 375. The PH was on my right and my father just behind me. As we waited patiently the buffalo cow stopped between the trees, I placed the crosshair on her shoulder and the PH gave me the go ahead. I then fired and reloaded immediately... we moved another 15 meters closer and saw her standing there. I put in an insurance shot. We waited patiently... at this point my adrenaline was sky high and I was completely overwhelmed... all I wanted to do is run to make sure that the buffalo was down. After the longest 6 minutes of my life we heard her death call. We then walked to the dead buffalo with great relief and satisfaction. I was congratulated by the crew and we called for the pickup vehicle.

The experience of my very first buffalo hunt exceeded my expectations and was truly incredible. A memory was made that I will cherish forever, not only because of the hunt itself but a week full of laughs, memories and fun, shared with a group of friends and family that have a unique bond. I wouldn't have had it any other way.



Ammie, Frans and Casper... nice hats boys!

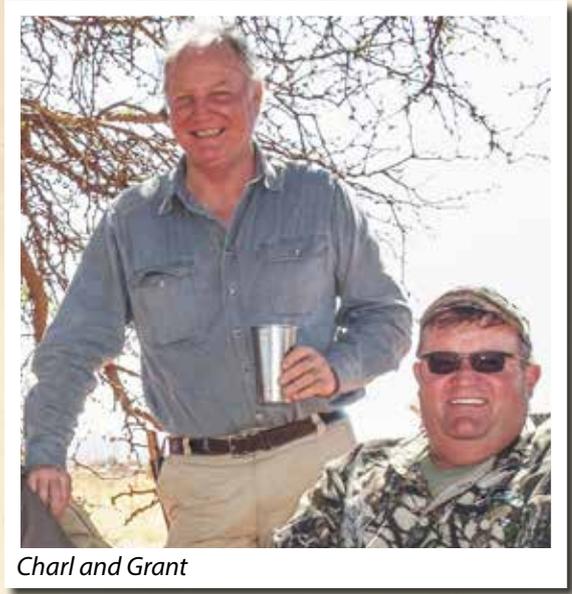


Back: Robert, Charl and Hein Jnr Front: a proud Lourence, Matthew and Hein Snr

It is often said: "Begin at the end and work backwards." One does not hunt in order to kill, we hunt for the thrill of the chase and that is exactly what we did that day. There is no greater gift from God or Mother Nature than to go hunting with friends and enjoy the fellowship around the campfire afterwards.

Amongst friends we roamed through the bush and scattered trees. We walk a deadly path, where the lions, elephants and the buffalo roam, I am hunting. There stands before me, the prey I seek, a tremble runs through me as my heart misses a beat. We circle in closer always keeping her spoor in sight, whilst avoiding the sound of trumpets, the beating of wings and the roar of lions. These are the mysteries and secrets of Klaserie. Now in behind, quickly we move, I take dead aim, I am the hunter. A single shot rings out!! I leave her still; I have hunted in the vast plains of Africa and come face to face with "black death."

Now I feel the hunters' fire, I roam through my thoughts... He shakes the earth beneath us and places the stars in the skies above us. As the evening sets in, I hear His soft whisperings as He speaks to my spirit. I felt His presence amongst the distant mountains, beside the flowing river. In the dead of night the watchmen proclaims: "Tomorrow beauty shall rise with the dawn from the east and enter the windows of sunset in the west." Beauty is an eternity gazing at all of God's creation.



Charl and Grant



Robert, Daniel and Charl





Johan Erasmus, Petrus, Johan en Johan Scholtz en Burry Erasmus braai saam na die skryf van die drie-uur lange CHASA eksamen.



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Luke with dad Neil Connan.



Young James Cox has been busy.



Mikyla increasingly adept behind a rifle... pa Doug Cox het haar mooi geleer!

Ek is terug in die wildverwerkings bedryf. Ek verskaf ook mince, wors & verouderde steak op bestelling en lewer af.



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Peter Hanley took a great black wildebeest on Kingston.



James with his first kudu bull... well done young man!!!



Mikyla with a mountain reed buck ewe... beautiful photograph.



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Sean Hanley with a heavy-horned impala taken on Kingston.



Peter Stubberfield also hunted impala there.



Hennie Venter het 'n hartebees...



...asook 'n koedoe op Kingston gejag.



John O'Connell took a springbuck.



Isak Potgieter sukkel ook met sy rug en knieë... (I know the feeling). Mooi blouwildebees Isak!

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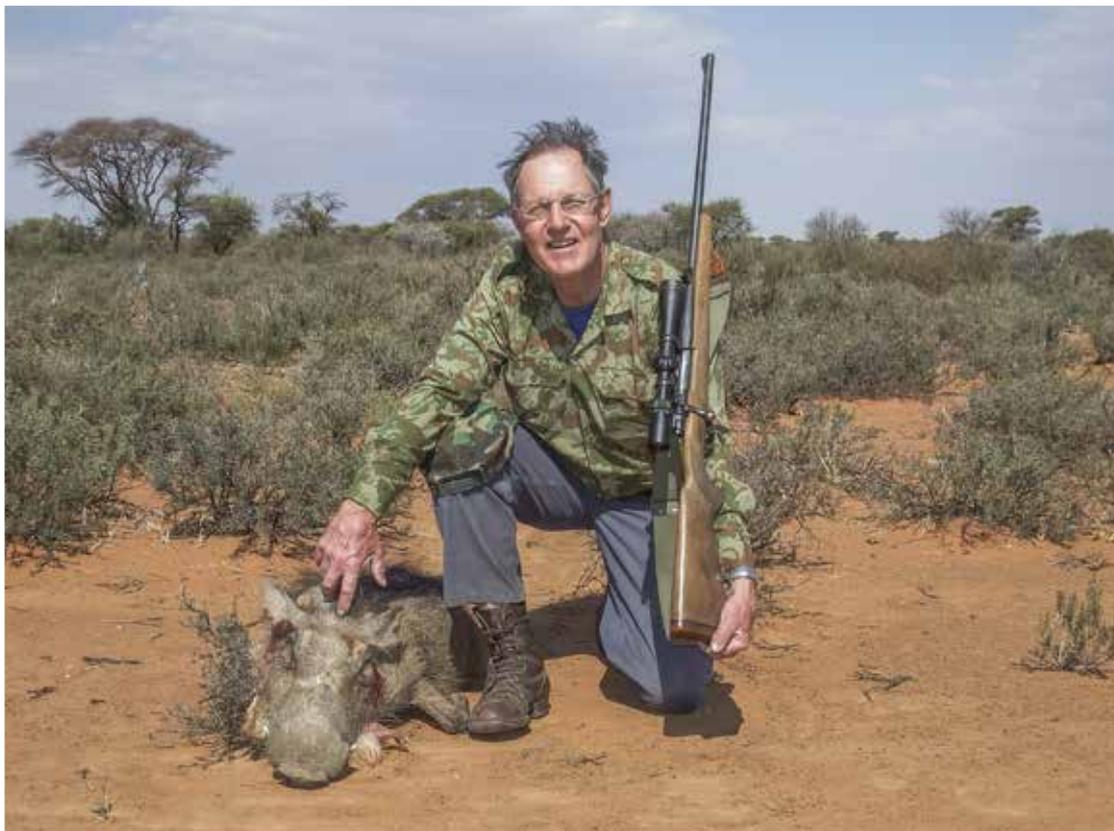


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Chris Jacobs het'n elandbul gejag, 155 grein 308 kal in die Plooyburg distrik op die plaas Loskop. Hier is 'n trotse Chris saam sy familie.





Neil with a good blue wildebeest bull.



Sandy still can... a great gemsbok hunted on Kingston.



Not to be outdone... Doug followed suit!



Craig Everett hunted this gnarly old kudu bull. Jan van Zyl (not in pic), André, Alan and Jonathan were there.



Burger Rust hunted this kudu in the 'Istin' Cape.



Jonica Oosthuizen and dad Piet hunting red hartebees...



... with great success!

CHASA Skiet...



NK B-Span: Andries Maritz, Eddie Robertson, Tinus Burger en Cliff Oosthuizen. Hulle het die beste presteer.

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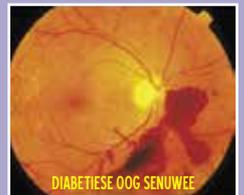
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VERNON CLOETE



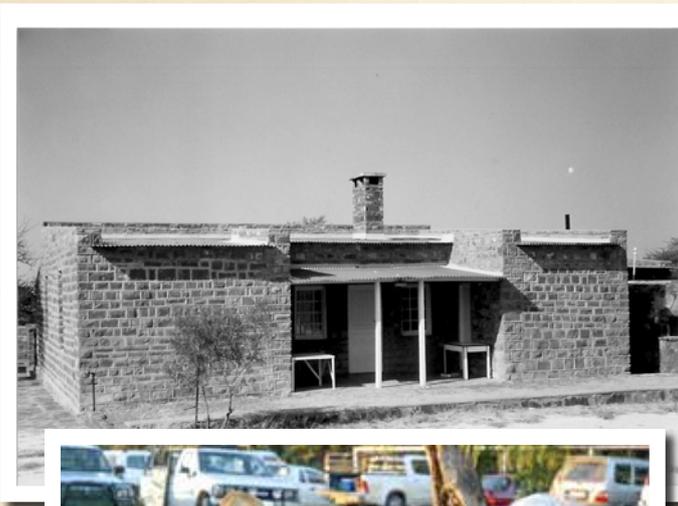
I was asked by the editor, André, to write a tribute to Hendrik van Eck... a past President of the Association who passed away at the age of 86 on 14 March this year.

Hendrik was the eldest of three sons and was named after his father Dr HJ van Eck, a highly respected Afrikaner Industrialist who made a significant contribution to the development of South Africa both economically and politically. He grew up in Houghton Johannesburg and attended King Edward School (KES) and thereafter studied at Natal University where he met Gio. He was elected to Parliament for Benoni and represented the United Party. After this he returned to the family farm Wildspan situated 10 km from Campbell on what is known in geological terms as the Ghaap Plateau.

I met Hendrik for the first time in the winter of 1997 and hunted on his farm for the first time and thereafter every year up to the year in which he died.

Hendrik was a remarkable man who will be missed by his family and friends. He was a humble man who achieved much during his life. I have included extracts of family tributes that were included for his memorial service. These extracts from his memorial service are a fitting tribute.

At the break of the dawn over the Ghaap plateau I shall always be reminded of Hendrik van Eck. Rest in peace 'Warejagter'.



It is with sadness that we say farewell to Hendrik van Eck of the farm Wildspan, Campbell, Northern Cape. He died on 14 March 2016. He was almost 87 and was married to Gio for 61 years. Hendrik was a dedicated husband and family man, a proud South African, a farmer, politician, nature and wildlife enthusiast. He was an inspiration to his family and made a difference to his family, his community and environment.

*With respect, love and appreciation from
Gio, his sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren*



Sandy, Ginger Olivier, Hendrik*, Gio, Joe Ernst*, Tony Vigne* and Peter Gibbs on Benfontein.*



Two old friends in conversation.

** Deceased*



Hendrik donated this magnificent buffalo bronze to the Hunters association. Here he is with his grandsons Ruan and Ivan as well as Michael Vigne who, as vice-chairman accepted the bronze on behalf of the NCHA.*

Kalahari-jag op Cramond...

Die span...



Japie, Karl Olivier, André, Johan, Styger en Johan

Styger, Japie, Johan, and Johan with
André and a 'spekvet' hartebeest.





Die Krugers kan skiet...! Die springbokke moes hul ontsnaproetes ken!



Karl with impala.



Johan and Hartebeest.



Japie het 'n 'great' skoot geskiet...



Father and son... the photo says it all... the Kalahari will always be a special place and this photo... just for the pure joy and awe of it's beauty and charm.

GOLFBALL CHALLENGE

*on Marrick
shooting range*



Wendell, Jurgen, Sven, James, Douw, Koot and Hennie with Christian and Siebert Wiid.

Kingston Group Hunts...



Happy hunters enjoying fellowship.



Nice eland Abri Loots! Mrs Loots, Saskia was along on the hunt.



Grant and Karl walked and stalked all morning for this impressive blue wildebeest bull.



Alan Craven followed suit. Here he is with Doug and quarry.



Great warthog Alan...!



Deano Mullin took a blue wildebeest.



Magogong Bird Shoots...



Pigeon shoot in Magogong. Standing are Deano, Clayton, Jimmy, Michael and André. Seated are Luke, Ian, Emma with Charl and Bianca



The duck were plentiful...!



Oom Albie and Richard

A DUCK HUNTER'S PARADISE...

I think the key to the success of this wetland is the fact that we do not over-shoot it. The rapport that exists between the landowners and myself is based on trust and many, many years of friendship, as well as mutual respect.

I want to thank Richard Smart for his hard work as well as the team for their support and continued compliance with the rules of the shoot. It makes the job of organising next year's event so much easier!

André

The team...





Doug, Johan, Chris, Allan and Johan





Kobus van Niekerk, Henk Kruger, Johan de Beer, al drie medici, Erasto van Wyk, Wimpie Maree en Chakkie het blouwildebeeste in die Waterberge gejag.



Stephan Deetlefs het 'n gemsbok naby Askam geoes.



Kobus het die buffulkoei in die Klaserie area gejag.



Duppie was agter koedoe aan op Rosslands, net buitekant Kimberley.

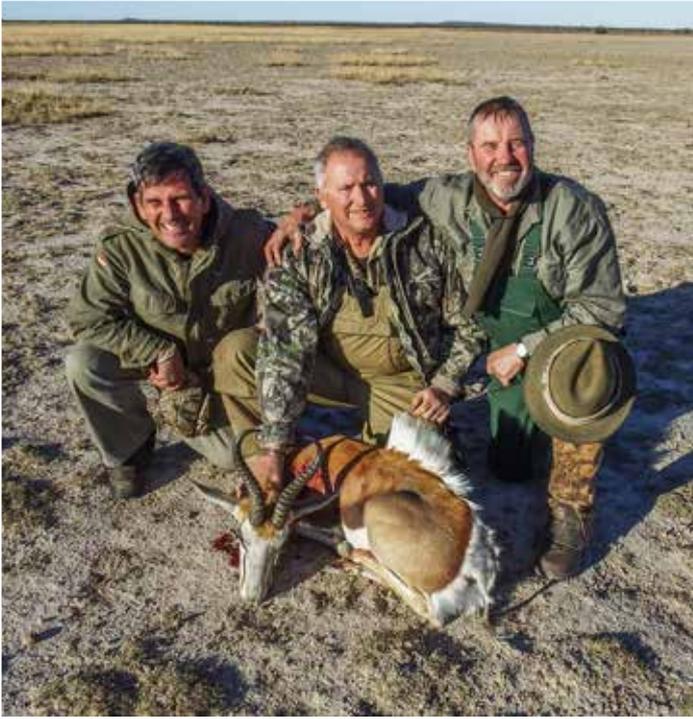


Scholtz van Wyk se besondere gemsbok... ook naby Askam geneem.

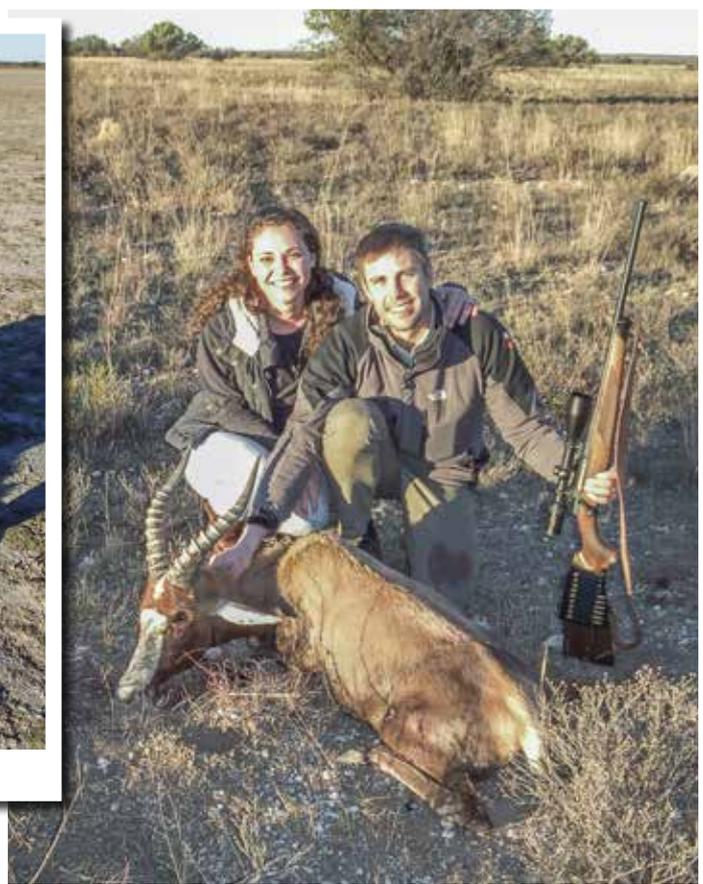


Kobus se dogter San-Mari het hierdie pragtige waterbok in die Barkly-Wes area gejaag.

Hunt on Kingston...



Hilton with the two Johans



Sumarie en Karl met 'n blesbok.





Die Oliviers... laat my dink aan die uitdrukking... 'Breëbors'!



Michael's first kudu... An old, one-horned specimen made it a great walk and stalk! Doug, Jonathan and André (not in pic) were there.



The group...

Hilton, having walked and stalked a springbuck, was welcomed into the hunting fraternity by his mentor, Johan.



A proud moment shared with friends and family.

Eastern Cape bushbuck hunt...



Richard, Doug, Keith Danckwerts, Johan and trackers



Johan and Doug



Doug and Johan... good one Douglas!



Casper, broer Frans en pa Carl het in Mariental, Namibia met groot sukses gejag. Rooi hartebeeste en 'n bergsebra!





Grant hunted this springbuck with Jannie



Marnel Louw het die koedoe geskiet te Williston distrik, plaas Witklip.



... asook gemsbok naby Okahandja gejag.

IT SADDENED MY HEART... BUT ENDED WITH APPRECIATION

On a trip to the Northern Cape at the end of 2015 it truly saddened my heart to see the effects of the continued drought gripping the area, as well as other areas of our country.



As far as the eye could see, kilometre after kilometre, the land was a dust bowl. Farmers ploughed their lands and planted seed as the skies filled with the promise of rain which never came. Sadly in recent years the rainfall has slowly diminished in certain areas of our country with the Northern Cape, parts of KZN, Eastern and Western Cape, North West and Limpopo being worst hit.

This brought to my mind the following scripture from the Holy Bible in 2 Chronicles 7 vs 13 and 14.

¹³ "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among My people,

¹⁴ if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

This certainly presents an opportunity for us to be on our knees seeking His face, grace and mercy not only for our people but also for our land.

We felt very anxious about hunting given the state of the land and the stress farmers and animals were under. As we left the tarred roads and travelled along onto the dirt road we were shocked by the farmland devoid of grass and no sign of water, which left me wondering if we would see any animals to hunt at all that day.

As we passed the Mokala National Park things looked even bleaker, what was once grassy hillside with thick bush on our previous visit was now a landscape barren, tired and bone dry. A short way further on we turned into the farm where the hunt was planned and to our amazement a burst of green trees, shrubs and bushes appeared. Tall, healthy looking grass gave us an immediate hope of a successful hunt.

Within minutes as we moved along the track with Barbara being first up she noticed a porky standing outside of its burrow. Taking immediate aim and one shot to the head it was all over... she was thrilled as this was her first warthog. Shortly after I was able with a single shot to the heart put down a porky as well. This was going to be a good day after all.

I had my heart set on a kudu bull as our deep freeze was low on venison. We criss-crossed the farm looking for these elusive bulls to no avail. We did spot a few females among the thick blackthorns and considered perhaps a mature bull could be among them, but not that day.

Time was of the essence and with the kudu no longer being an option I turned my thoughts towards an impala, however this too never materialised. Just when all hope was fading a magnificent red hartebeest came and stood right in front of us, facing directly toward me. I took aim, held back on squeezing the trigger... hoping that he would turn to give me a broadside shot as my concern was that the bullet would travel into the gut and spoil the meat. The hartebeest turned just sufficiently for me to hit the heart/lung area at an angle that the bullet would exit just behind its left leg. We have had the privilege and pleasure of enjoying this meat with family and friends, sharing many delicious meals as well as great stories about hunting adventures, life, our land and how much our country has to offer us all.

Our sincere and grateful thanks to the farmer whose land we hunted on. A wonderful experience yet again in this precious part of the Northern Cape. A memorable and happy time with good friends too. A hunt would not be a hunt for us without Noel Wewege, my best friend who introduced us to hunting. Our lives are changed forever in health due to this. Our thanks also to John Obbes for working our meat and taking extra care with Barbara's specific instructions.





Alan with hunting buddy Noel.

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So is nog 'n droë jaar alweer op sy einde, en met die Noordkaap wat die ergste droogte in dekades beleef kon sommige van ons nogsteeds hier en daar 'n jag inwerk.

Baie van ons het nie 'n keuse gehad nie maar om wild te verminder. Vanjaar is die eerste wettige koedoe geskiet in ons distrik. Met die hoeveelheid koedoes wat al hoe meer raak, sukkel ons steeds om koedoes wettig te mag jag in ons area.

Ons jaarvergadering het plaasgevind op 3 Maart 2016, met 23 lede teenwoordig. Dit is met groot vreugde gesê dat ons vanjaar weer 'n paar nuwe lede bygekry het. Ons jaarlikse skietdag het plaasgevind op 9 April 2016, en 25 skuts het deel geneem. Dawid Louw het die dag gewen, met Adriaan Louw in die 2de plek en Willem Symington in 3de plek (punte verskil tussen die 1ste en 2de plek was net een punt gewees, so die manne mos nog tot op die einde dit uitbaklei).

Vanjaar het ons ook 'n bietjie met die .22 geskiet, wat ek dink baie van die kinders wat heeldag gewag het, baie geniet het. Ons wil dit volgende jaar groter maak vir die jongspan. Met ons afstande van die plase wat so ver uitmekaar is, kom ons lede min bymekaar en geniet hulle die gesels en lag nog meer van so 'n dag.

Ek wil net almal bedank wat gehelp het die jaar en dalk 'n vriend saambring het na ons skietdag, hoe meer skuts ons is hoe groter sukses is die dag. Ek wens graag vir almal 'n Geseënde Kersfees en Voorspoedige 2017 toe.



Aberdeen... De Witt Hudgson, Hendrik Louw en Willem Van Zyl.



COOKING WITH...

BARBARA JELLIS



A trip to Cape Town to see our grandsons Huxley (age 6) and Holden (age 2) is never just a straight forward packed suitcase. We board the plane with at least 7kg of venison which my husband Alan very generously carries as his hand luggage. I am so pleased we have never been asked to open the fabric cooler bag or been questioned except for 'Madam, did you pack your own bags and do you have any sharp instruments or explosives?' I would love to answer and say "Yes I did pack my own bags and no, but I am carrying frozen warthog cuts ha ha ha ha ha".

A few days before our flight I get a call from Huxley reminding me about his favourite - 'don't forget to bring the warthog grannie George' - my alias given to me by Hux when he turned 2 and I love it! Hux is besotted with eating warthog and I have developed a repertoire of delicious uncomplicated dishes using this very underrated, delicious meat. The favourites are slow cooked stew, gourmet burgers, rissoles (frikkadels more traditionally known by us South Africans) and Italian meat balls in rich, fresh tomato gravy.

Selecting a recipe for this article was tough so I have inserted a few pictures of his favourite dishes and a recipe for the 'frikkadels'. I hope you enjoy the ease of this recipe and of course the deliciousness that follows. Oh Yum my mouth is watering!

Don't be put off by warthog... if well prepared it is superb. I have noticed that in drier seasons the warthog flavour is completely different to a wetter season when the meat has a slightly more 'herby' undertone and rather delicious when prepared just with salt and pepper. When hunting do your best not to leave your hog in the sun or on the back of your bakkie for too long, you really want to remove the guts and get your pig rinsed off and hung up and into refrigeration quickly... it makes a huge difference to the flavour and texture of your meat in my opinion.



What you need and how to do it :

"HUX'S FAVOURITE FRIKKADELS"

Prep process:

1kg warthog mince which must be well drained of any blood and then pat down with paper towel. Set aside in a large bowl.

Finely chop 2 medium onions and fry in a non-stick frying pan with a good splash of olive oil which you have pre-heated before adding the onions.

Gently cook through on a medium heat for a good 10 minutes, and then add at least 1 tsp of salt and sweat through until a lovely golden caramelised colour appears. Add a good few turns of freshly ground black pepper and 4 very finely grated cloves of garlic, a teaspoon of finely freshly grated ginger and half a teaspoon of dry ginger powder. Stir and mix well in your frying pan until you get that wonderful garlic aroma and all your ingredients in your pan have infused, continue to fry on a low heat for a further 2 minutes and be careful not to burn as this will make your dish bitter. Once done remove pan off the heat and set aside and allow to cool.

Once cooled add this delicious mixture to the raw mince and work in well with your hands. Decide what size you want your frikkadels, roll and mould them well with the palms of your hands and set aside onto a tray or a glass dish which is then covered and put into the fridge to 'set' the frikkadels. This 'setting process' is important as you don't need to use an egg to bind your mince together. However if you prefer to bind with an egg by all means go ahead and add 2 well beaten eggs to the mixture before making your frikkadels.

Cooking process:

A good splash of olive oil or oil of your choice into your non-stick pan. Place frikkadels one by one into your well heated oil and cook one side until you see the colour of your frikkadel changing half way up then gently turn over with a silicone spatula. Fry for another 2 minutes on a lower heat. A delicious touch to this dish is a good splash and sprinkle of low salt soy sauce which is optional and some fresh spring onion onto the cooked frikkadels to finish.

Serve on their own as a delicious snack with drinks on a platter warm or cold, packed for a hunting or fishing trip, school lunches, or serve as a main meal with a great salad or with jacket spuds or on mashed potato with a delicious gravy.

Variation:

* add ground cumin and coriander to your wet mix before cooking process this makes a delicious burger patty. Make larger frikkadels and then press down to size and set. Exclude ginger if not to your taste.





Ek wil wegspring en eerste vir die bestuur by name Rocky le Roux, Jaques de Klerk en Elize Cloete te bedank vir hulle aandeel in die jaar.

Ons het gedurende die jaar 'n advertensie na lede gehad vir die aanbod van die CHASA kursus en toegewyde status verwerwing. Ons het ook 'n herlaaikursus aangebied wat goed bygewoon was deur plaaslike en persone van ander dorpe. Die soeke na 'n eie skietbaan is nogsteeds 'n kwessie maar ek weet dit gaan ook opgelos word.

We are still very privileged to practise a hobby/sport so near Creation. Therefore we must always remember the responsibility that goes hand in hand with this privilege.

The newly elected team to steer this branch in the coming year is:

Chairman: Johan Wolvaardt
 Vice-chairman: Brits van den Berg
 Treasurer: Jacques de Klerk
 Committee: Elize Cloete, Eddie du Toit, Dawie Fourie

Ek vertrou VOJ gaan van krag tot krag gaan met die span aan stuur. My wense van voorspoed vergesel hulle.

Brits van den Berg se hoogtepunt van die jaar, eerste jag saam met kleinseuns en 'n pragtige koedoe met 47" horings.



NCHA Committee...



Standing: Neville Fritz, Gawie de Wit, Chris Bothma, Douw Jacobs, Richard Smart (secretary), Schalk van der Merwe
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Registration... with Schalk and Neville in attendance.



... a scene at the Annual General Meeting...



... at the dinner that night... Roelf en Connie Jacobs



Alan and Barbara with Carla van der Merwe



Eunice en Rinus Weenink



Magda, Arno en John Obbes



Julius Koen, hier by Janice Hall, was die gasspreker!



Japie en Salome Schreuder



Prizewinners:

Standing: Koot, Kobus Kok, John, Frans, Dewald Pretorius, Phillip, Chris, Charles

Seated: Piet Joubert, Arno, Barbara, Alan

LOOKING BACK...

JOHAN KRUGER

Where and when did it all start? For some, the love for hunting and guns came along as they were exposed to the sport. Others were just born to want to be in the veld, a love for wildlife and that ancestral stirring deep inside for the thrill of the hunt.



Of course as the competence developed, so did the understanding that one shoe didn't fit all. And so, one progressed from air rifle to .22 single shot rifle. At the time nothing else brought as much contentment as this little rifle. It did a lot of service till after school days. Guinea fowl, francolin, hares, steenbok, duiker etc. became the object of many stalks and night time walks with torches and candle lamps. Those were wonderful carefree times that bring back my fondest and dearest memories.

But, life moves on and the old 22 made way for proper hunting rifles. The first was bought as a student from money earned doing part time work - a 30-06 BRNO which is still in service today, almost 40 years later. With this rifle and an employment opportunity in Namibia at about the same time, a whole new exciting world of hunting opened up. Those years in Namibia (South West Africa then) were just fantastic. From the start of the hunting season till it closed at the end of August, hardly a weekend went by that we weren't hunting somewhere on a friend's or a friend of a friend's farm. Hunting in Namibia in those days had little or no commercial value for cattle and sheep farmers. In fact most of the farmers considered game to be competing for grazing and were happy to have them hunted. Living so remotely on their huge farms, they always enjoyed our company as visitors were few and far between.

These hunting trips were thus not expensive, making it possible to hunt all over Namibia - except for the very northern parts, where the bush war was still in full swing. Those were unforgettable times in the veld. Camping and hunting in those wide open spaces provided many challenges and very rewarding hunting. Most of the hunting was done on foot which made bagging your buck a real challenge. You had to work hard for your game. Springbuck were mostly hunted from the back of the bakkie and they were always distant and required keen marksmanship to get a couple of buck hanging in the cool room. Many pages could be written about each of those hunting trips but that's not important here. The real memory is that incredible sense of space in the Namibian wilderness, old steadfast rifles, the primitive

camping and most of all the simplicity of relationships and the fellowship that went with it.

Of course there were some special highlights and some low moments. The 61" kudu, the 45" gemsbok bull, all the interesting ones with 'gebreklikke' horns and the trip into Botswana with some professional hunters (yes, they were around in those days). Here big numbers of hartebeest, wildebeest, gemsbok and even some buffalo were shot for the Botswana government. Then there was the time when we left our meat at home and even worse, the time we forgot the beer! On another occasion the old bakkie kept on overheating and with the water finished, a devastating quantity of our precious beer went into the radiator. The worst was getting lost on a 120 000 ha farm to be rescued three days later - a near brush with death and valuable lessons learnt.

The realities of life caught up. A new job in Jo'burg called, along with new responsibilities of family life with children. The hunting didn't stop... although less frequently than in Namibia. Not necessarily bad news - game had attained commercial value and hunting at the rate one did in Namibia, would have resulted in certain bankruptcy and your wife kicking you out.

Despite the pressures of work, family commitments and budget constraints, every hunting season offered wonderful opportunities in environments very different to Namibia with new hunting partners and later on with the children. The finest moments of all the years of hunting were to take each of the children on their first hunts - all four of them, one by one. The expressions on those young faces when they got to their first buck lying in the grass, will stay in any hunting father's mind for the rest of his days, as it does in mine. What a wonderful privilege that was.

New relationships started and introducing new friends to the world of hunting and shooting was rewarding. They



Michal...

took to hunting like a fish to water and deep friendships developed from there. Eventually a band of brothers with like-minded views on hunting, ethics and conservation came together. Every year we are brought together from all over the country by the hunt. The hunting is always exciting and much talk about the day's events takes place around the fire every evening. However, when remembering these hunts, the first thing that comes to mind is not the pursuit, but rather the camaraderie and fellowship of dear friends sharing the same love for the sport and our Heavenly Father's magnificent creation.

Finding oneself in life's departure hall, leads to much reflection and questions whether you would have wanted things differently. Yes, there are some that fit this question, but thinking back and remembering all the years of hunting and the friendships that came with it, there isn't a single regret. Brothers in hunting are united for ever.



...Styger...



...Johan with Carolien and Annemie.



Michal, Annemie, Johan, Styger and Carolien



Lambert Jacobs het hierdie hartebees in Severn omgewing gejag...



...die 46" koedoe in Hopetown distrik...



... asook springbok naby Lukhoff.



Hier is hy saam met Jeffrey sy gids . Gemsbok in Griekwastad geskiet by Wicus Diedericks...

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