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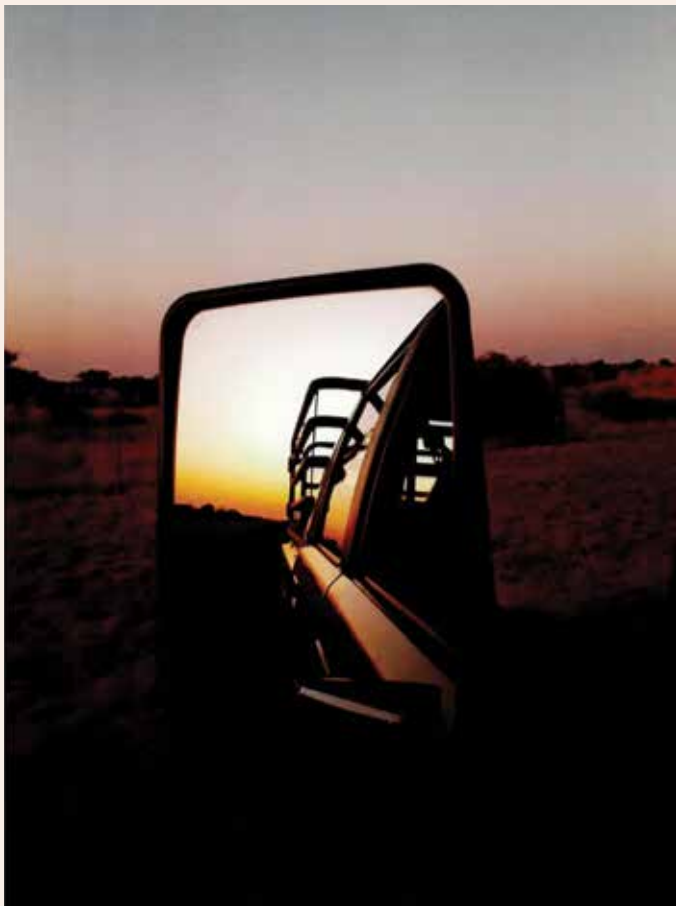


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EDITORIAL/REDAKSIONEEL

CHARLES HALL



This edition has been blessed with an overload of material as it covers activities from both 2022 and 2023. Any editor finding him- or herself in this position experiences bliss and takes on somewhat of a sunny disposition thanks to the absence of what one could colloquially term, "Die Redaksie Blues" resulting from either a shortage of material and/or late submissions.

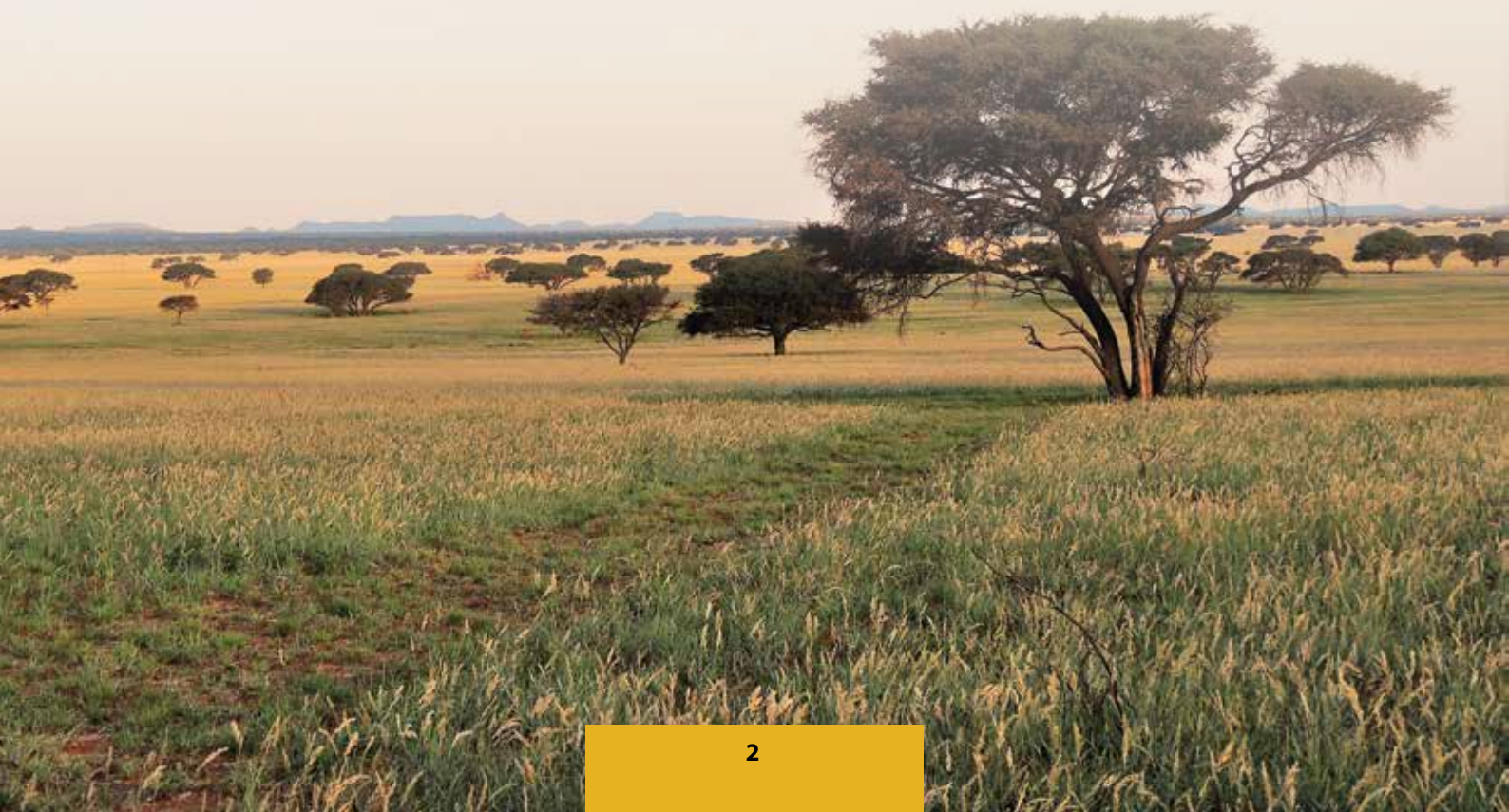
The essence of our being is portrayed in this 112-page precis of our activities and experiences throughout the past two years and is testimony to the fact that we, the local hunters, are the backbone to financing the wildlife industry and its related environmental conservation spin-offs. From the patter of little Pikkieday feet to creaky boned old souls ascending the treacherous "skietkas" ladder, there will always be one common denominator driving our actions and that my friends can be summarised in one word, "freedom"! The freedom to hunt and experiences that which so many don't understand. The freedom to walk where so many wouldn't dare. The freedom to match the footsteps etched out by our forefathers in pursuit of an essential quarry.... and most importantly, the freedom to call out those that threaten to deface our freedom. It is this very understanding that binds us together in organisations like the Northern Cape Hunters' Association and stimulates the support of publications like our Hartebees.

Gebaseer op die vele terugvoer wat ontvang is die afgelope twee jaar, was daar 'n duidelike toename in aktiwiteite in die jagveld, op die baan en veral met jeug opleiding. 'n Groot dankie aan almal wat die moeite gemaak het om hul ervarings met ons te deel deur hul fotos en skrywes in te stuur vir publikasie. Ek vra onverskoning vir sekere fotos wat nie gebruik is nie, daar is beperkings in terme van spasie en kwaliteit. Gepraat van kwaliteit, 'n vriendelike versoek om asseblief te verseker dat jou foto nie iemand gaan ontstel nie... "If you know what I mean"! Was daai rooi goed af en maak die bok mooi lê met 'n natuurlike agtergrond.

Ons het van ons lojale adverteerders behou en 'n paar nuwes bygekry... baie dankie vir julle ondersteuning. Kyk gerus na wat hulle offer en probeer daar ondersteun so veel as moontlik asseblief. Hulle maak 'n groot bydrae ten opsigte van die koste verbonde aan die druk van die tydskrif. Weereens 'n groot dankie aan Madelaine, ons sekretaresse, vir haar bystand en aan Hayley by Swiftprint vir haar uithouvermoë en kunstigheid om die ontwerp.

Finally, I would like draw your attention to a great loss that we are still trying to come to terms with. David Night, our long-standing Vice-Chairman, passed away earlier this year and has left a massive void in the leadership of the Association and as a friend to so many. We try and bring our respects to David on the adjacent page.

All that is left to say is, relax, ease the daily grind, pick up the magazine and enjoy.



DAVID ANTHONY KNIGHT

5 APRIL 1960 – 27 MARCH 2023

It was with great difficulty that we had to accept that a great soldier had eventually fallen after a valiant fight. Even during his illness, David was the epitome of how he portrayed life while he was active and healthy. This portrayal can be summed up using the following words or expressions:

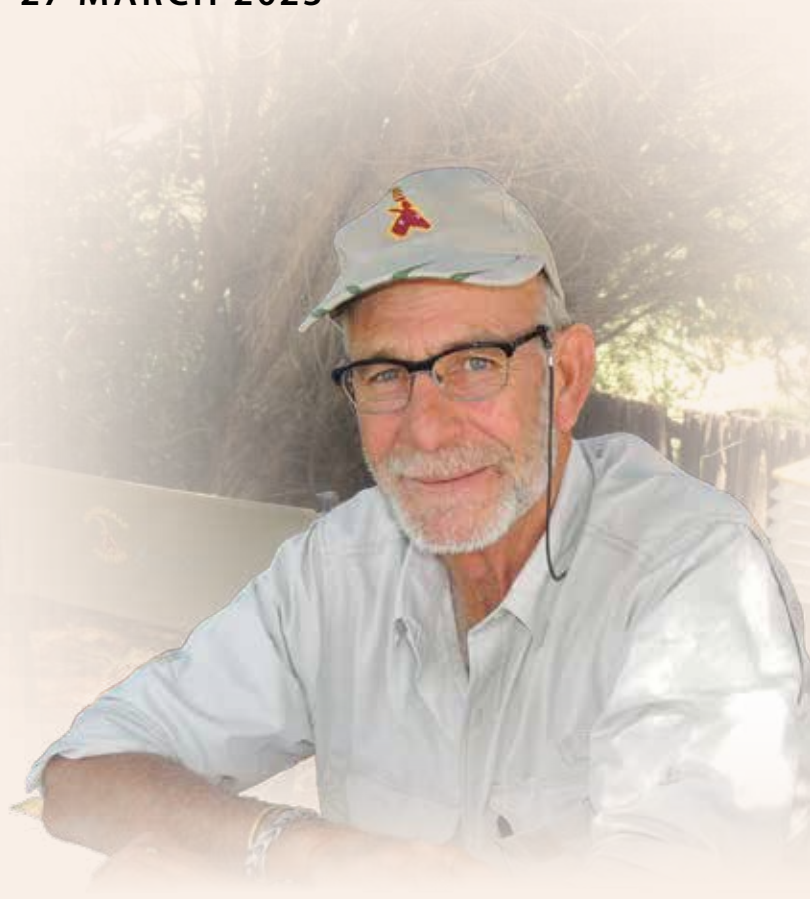
- Do it properly.
- Don't waste time.
- Call a spade a spade.
- Be practical.
- Have a sense of humour.
- Question things when need be.
- Be firm but caring and honest in leadership.
- Serve your community.
- Share knowledge i.e. teach others.
- Be presentable.
- Have passion for life and for what you do.
- Love your family and friends.
- Be a soldier for what you believe in until the very end.

Those that knew David well, would agree that he was a character of note and although he was not one that took easily to the lime-light, his many talents and personality easily drew people into his realm. As this is a Northern Cape Hunters' Association platform, it is important that I elaborate on his service to this esteemed organisation.

David was hands-on and extremely practical and hence shone when it came to any event that the NCHA might be arranging. His ideas and leadership were legendary which is why when he spoke, others listened! What immediately comes to mind, is the military style precision we sometimes experienced on "Voorlê Shoots" and the effort and detail he put into his lectures at our various junior events like the Winter Camp. Besides the above, he spent many hours around the table as a committee member and served as Vice-Chairman for eight years before falling ill. His commitment to the members of our association and his influence within the hunting fraternity in general is iconic. This service was fittingly rewarded when he was awarded the Hendrik van Eck Trophy in 2022.

We miss having David around, especially his words of wisdom, ethics in the field and unwavering friendship. Our condolences to Debbie, Kyle and Dayne and his extended family. RIP old friend. "The hunt together is ended but the memory lingers"

CHARLES HALL



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHARLES HALL

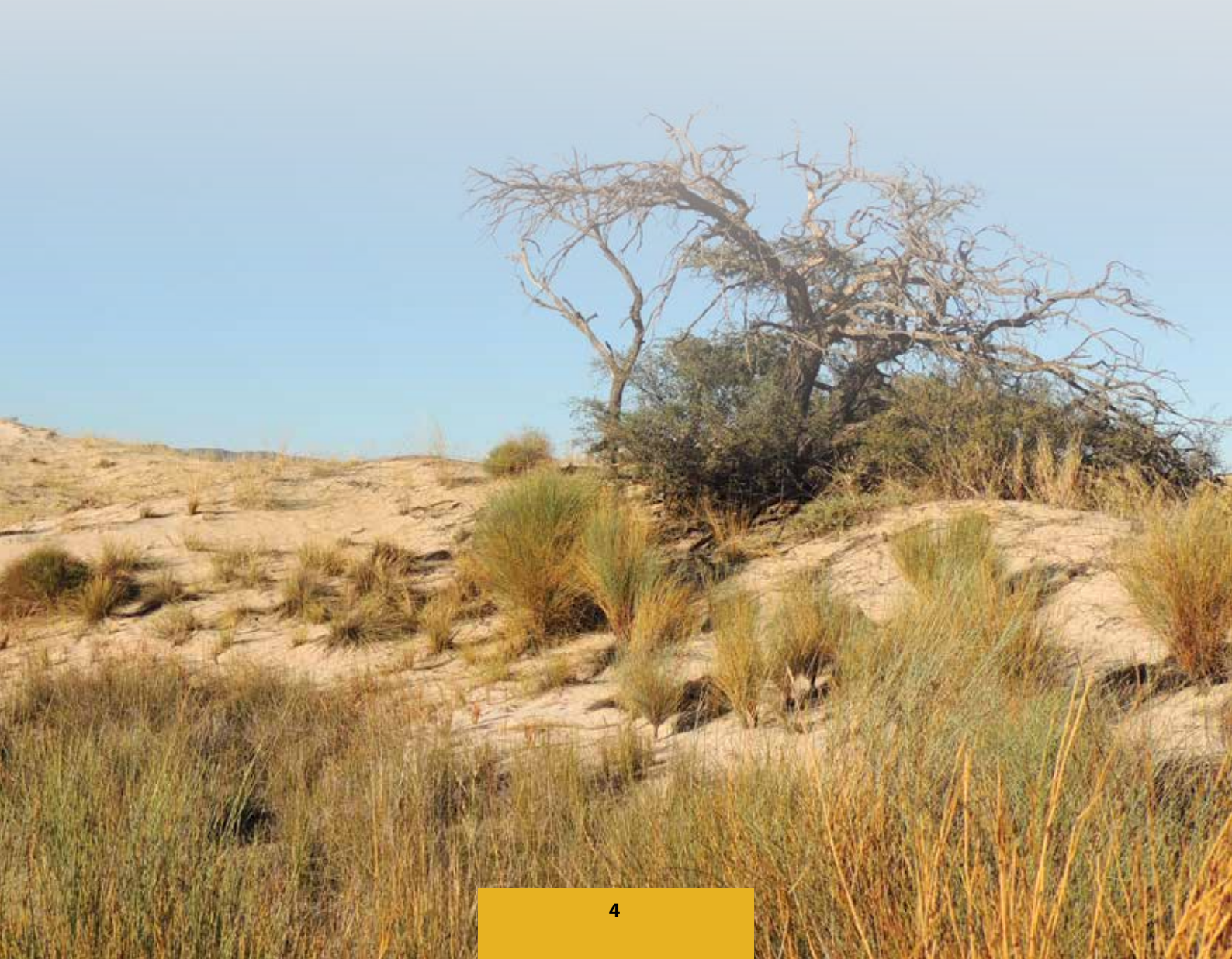
After four terms, this will be the last Chairman's Report flowing from my pen. It has been an honour serving the Northern Cape Hunters' Association and I wish the newly elected chairperson all the best of luck in taking the Association forward for the next couple of years. Also, a special thank you to my committee and Madelaine for the unwavering support, friendship and the honour and pride shown in the execution of their tasks and responsibilities over the years. I will remain committed to serving our members in whatever capacity might be requested of me in future.

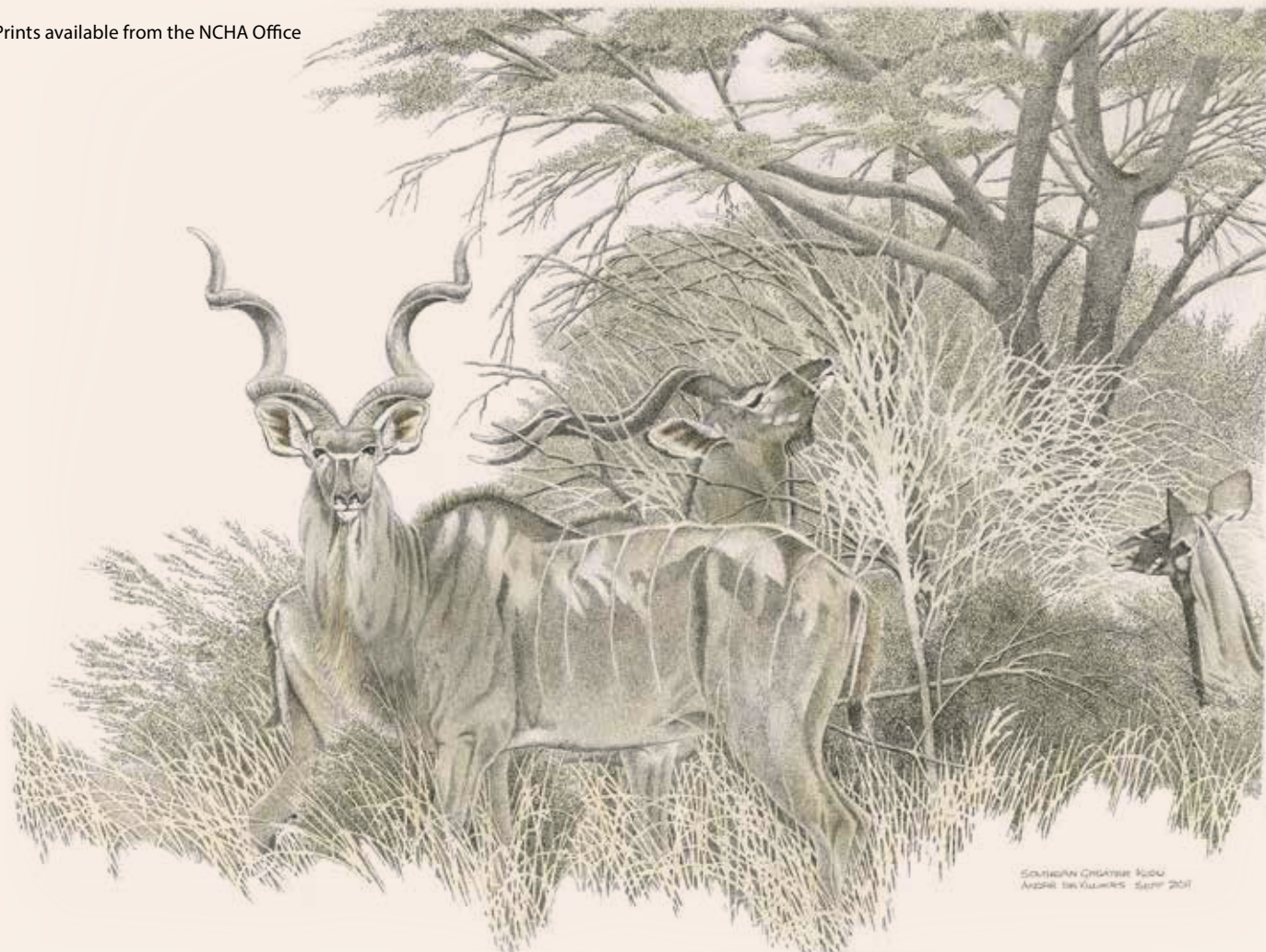
So, what is my attraction and that of many others to this special Association? I think by virtue of the fact that we are bound with respect to promoting hunting and conservation of wildlife has a lot to do with it. To expand on this, our drive regarding ethical hunting, respect of fellow hunters and wildlife, the esprit de corps within the NCHA and to be the spark that ignites the passion within our youth are the pillars on which our successes are based. How grateful we are to the wise men that in 1981 laid the foundation to what we now enjoy, 42 years later. Their passion for hunting and love

of our wildlife is clearly portrayed in the Association Coat of Arms which expresses, primarily, how beautifully special the Northern Cape is in what it can offer the outdoorsman. For those of you that have not seen the Coat of Arms, take the time and check the front cover of the NCHA Constitution. There is also a short description in the this edition of the Hartebees Magazine.

We enjoyed a fruitful AGM on 11 November and had lots of fun at the Year-end Function thereafter. My sincere gratitude to all involved in this day, your hard work does not go unnoticed. Further to this, we are ever grateful to Madelaine for always going the extra mile and keeping the business running while we are all busy with other things. Lastly, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and fruitful 2024.

"In a civilized and cultivated country wildlife only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen. The excellent people who protest against all hunting and consider sportsmen as enemies of wildlife, are ignorant of the fact that in reality the genuine sportsman is by all odds the most important factor in keeping the larger and more valuable wild creatures from total extermination." – **Theodore Roosevelt, 26th U.S. President.**





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MICHAEL A VIGNE



DEAR NCHA

I hope you are well?

Please accept my gratitude for allowing me the joy of being a member of your association for over 3 decades.

Thank you for electing me to serve the association in various capacities. I have been extremely enriched by the opportunity which has had me rub shoulders with the: Rudy Bigalke's, Ron Thomson's, Hennie Erasmus', Douglas Cox's, Sandy Cox 's,

Oom Daan Bodenstein's, Andre de Villiers', Andre Potgieter's,

Gadney Fisher's, Johan Olivier's, Hendrik van Eck's, Charles Hall's and Douw Jacobs', to name but a few, of this world.

Be on good terms, as far as possible, with CHASA, however, strive to become an independent, stand on one's own feet, entity. We have got our own accreditation 'nogal'.

All the best with the implementation of the Portal and may it prove the value of its expectation. We are not cut from the same cloth that the others are. In short, our hunter's ethic is not preached, policed or ruled but nurtured and trained. Our management style is from the bottom up and not from the top down. But you know all of the above.

May you be blessed with much wisdom and longevity.

With love and kisses from your retiring President and Honorary Member.

P.S. Good bye, but not farewell.





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ANSEL SMITH, 1906, PLATE 2018



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ANSEL SMITH, 1906, NOV 1906

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VAALHARTSTAK

CLAYTON BUTLER

GREETINGS MEMBERS,

So, 2023 is on its way out at a rate of knots ...

Another year passes by with a rush and a bag full of new challenges.

Thank you to the NCHA office and Madelaine in particular for the help and support throughout the year.



Vaalhartstak het die afgelope jaar 'n besige jaar beleef as dit met die vorige paar jaar vergelyk word. Meeste lede het 'n draai in die veld gemaak, ander het 'n paar keer die geleentheid gehad – maar ja, jag bly die hoogtepunt van meeste lede se winter.

Ek wil graag ons gedagtes rig na al die mense wat die ongekende hoeveelheid veldbrande in ons area moes verduur. Veld, lewendehawe, wild, toerusting en infrastruktuur was verwoes, nie te praat van beserings en verlies aan lewens nie. Alle sterkte aan julle almal, ek vertrou dat teen die tyd dat julle hierdie lees, ons al genoegsame reën ontvang het om die situasie aansienlik beter te maak.

Vaalharts het in die laaste siklus nege skietdae aangebied waar daar met jaggeweër, handwapen en haelgeweer geskiet is. By die eersgenoemde was daar onder andere gong skiet, CHASA Tabel en “dangerous game” oefeninge. Die handwapen skuts het “barricade”, “runner”, valplate en tyro geskiet terwyl die haelgeweer mense die kleiduiwe aangepak het. Altesaam het sestig skuts aan die skietdae deelgeneem, met een man wat almal bygewoon het en 'n hele klomp ander lede wat ses en meer bygewoon het. Welgedaan mense!

Die jaar-eind funksie en prysuitdeling is einde Oktober gehou. Dankie aan die Hartswater Rolbalkklub vir die lokaal en spyseniering.

Laaste maar glad nie die minste nie, baie dankie aan die bestuur vir julle puik diens aan die jagtersvereniging. Sonder mense wat die reëlings dryf sal daar niks gebeur nie. Van myself en al die lede 'n baie groot dankie.

Ons wens almal 'n voorspoedige nuwe jaar toe en veilige vakansietyd.

Vaalharts groete.

VAALHARTS GALERY



Bert Pelser was weer besig. Hy het onder andere hierdie mooi blouwildebees saam Velle Nel op die plaas Execelsior gejag...



...asook 'n Ghaapse Berg kombuisbulletjie



Die jonge Wicus van der Merwe word deur "Oom Thys Brits" gehelp op die baan. Guldenskat, Jan Kempdorp.



Jan Briel het die blesbok ram gejag op die plaas Greystone van Oom Pieter van Niekerk en die lechwe ram het hy in NW Provinsie by Wimpie du Plessis platgetrek.





Christine Wright, het 'n mooi blesbok ram "gesnipe" op Hard Rock in die Ulco distrik asook 'n paar varkies , een op die skema en een op Kareeput in die Boshoff distrik.



Die Fouché's



Thomas Fouché het sy 7mm laat praat en was beloon met hierdie pragtige waterbok bul op die plaas Loraine, Kroonstad area.



Thomas het ook hierdie hinks op die plaas Platau raakgeloop. Wel gedaan Thomas.

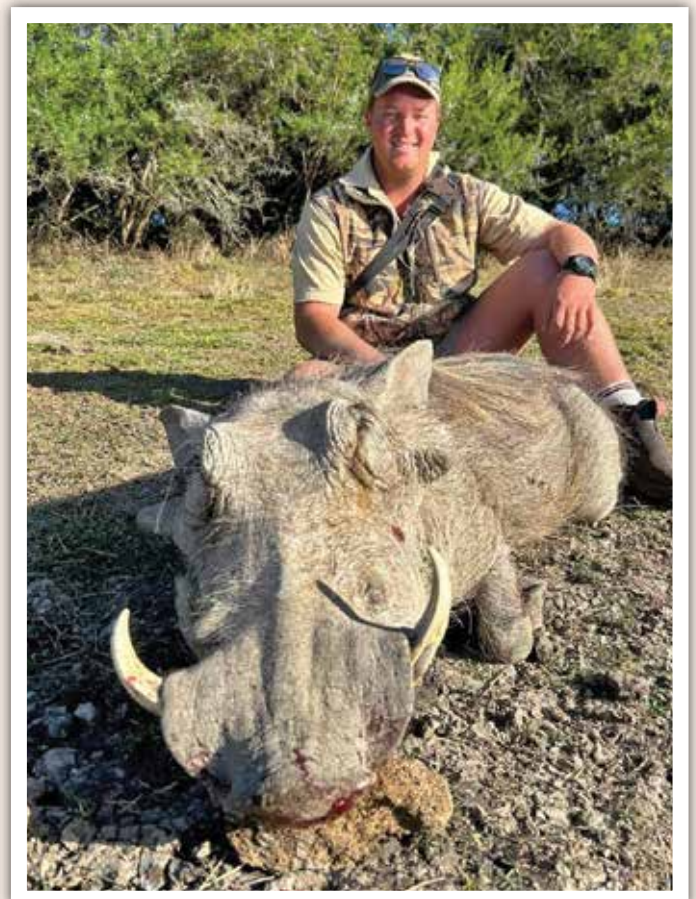


Tom Fouche met 'n Waterbok bul wat in die Kroonstad ongewing geoes is. Na sy jag het hy die volgende gerapporteer aan ons, "Die Vrystaat is mooi na al die somerreën, die diere is in baie goeie kondisie en troppe "trekwild" is volop te sien.



Tom het Hierdie paar ook op plaas Platau gejag.

Petrus en Johann Barnard was Fort Beaufort toe...



Johann het 'n paar vlakvarke en 'n waterbok bul gelaai.



Petrus met sy twee beeste.



WINTERKAMP

CARL VAN HEERDEN

In hierdie spesiale uitgawe van Die Hartebees sal beide 2022 (3-9 Julie) en 2023 (2-8 Julie) se Junior Jagters Winterkampe gedek word. Die kursus word aangebied op De Beers se plaas Benfontein wat naby Kimberley geleë is.



Die Sondag middag het 15 aspirant junior jagters tussen 15 en 18 jaar oud, bymekaar gekom op Benfontein min wetende watter leersame en interessante week vir hulle voorlê. Gou-gou is ouers en geliefdes gegroet en almal slaapplekke geallokeer in die tente wat hulle vir die volgende week teen die elemente beskerm het.

Eerste op die agenda is almal opgedeel in drie spanne met die volgende spanleiers:

2022: Blesbokke – Kean Topkin, Gemsbokke – Anri Duvenhage, Springbokke – Amone Jonas.

2023: Blesbokke – Luke Krüger, Gemsbokke – Yana Schoeman, Springbokke – Elouise Vorster.

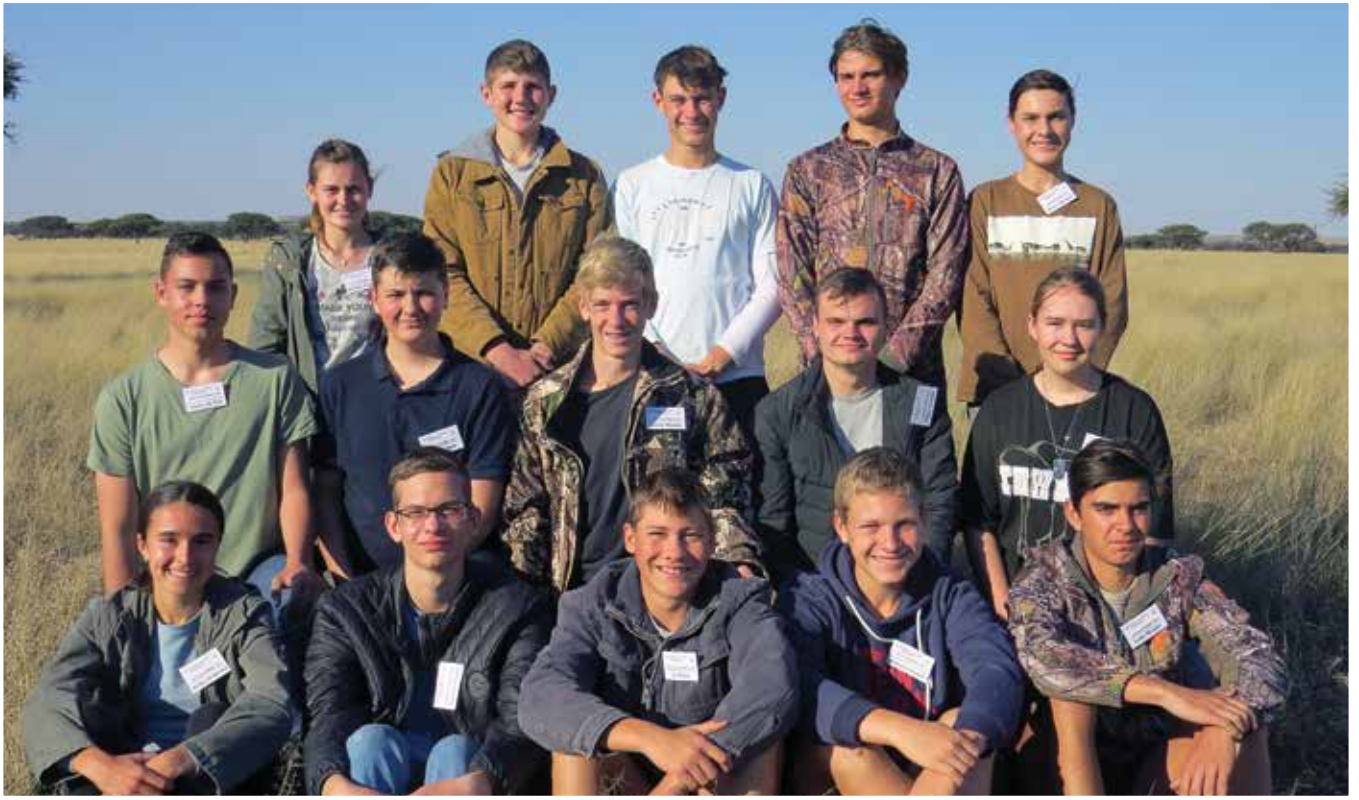
Die onderskeie spanne het op 'n roterende basis daaglikse diensbeurte gedeel vir terrein, kombuis en badkamer diens.



2022 Van l – r:

Staande: Anri Duvenhage, Lian Jonas, Stefan van der Walt, Dale Topkin, Francois Williams, Ethan van der Westhuizen, Waldo Oosthuizen, Janco Engelbrecht, Megan Crous

Sittende: Kean Topkin, Vasco Theron, Amone Jonas, Liam Collings, Joshua du Toit, Shakeel Bhyat.



2023 Van l – r:

Staande: Elouise Vorster, Eduan Naude, Liam Swart, Waldo Oosthuizen, Wihan Senekal

Middel: Jason du Toit, Blake Louw, Victor Marais, Pieter Vorster, Yana Schoeman

Sittende: Anika van der Merwe, Dian de Bruyn, J D Möller, Rohann Swart, Luke Krüger

Die volgende 5 dae was gevul met baie leersame lesings en praktiese demonstrasies van onder andere die volgende onderwerpe en aktiwiteite:

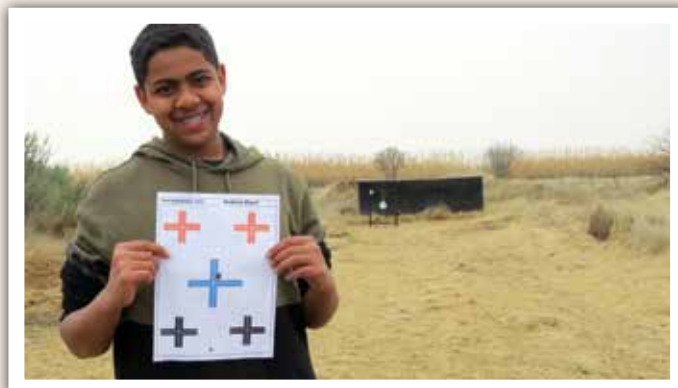
Kaartlees, rigting & oriëntering	Dave Raeburn & Douw Jacobs (2023)
Noodhulp	Andre Keyser
Jag met valke en honde	Julius Koen
Boogjag	Schalk van der Merwe
Herlaai tegnieke	Desmond Masuret & Noel Wewege (2023)
Haelgeweer hantering & veiligheid	Richard Smart
Knope	Nolan vd Merwe & Mark Orton (2023)
Pak van 'n Jagsak	Gawie de Wit
•243 Groepering skiet	Gawie de Wit & Desmond Masuret (2023)
Kleiduif skiet	Mark Harding
Kersskiet met •22 in die aand	Gawie de Wit
Slyp & onderhoud van jagmesse	Douw Jacobs
Nagmars	Johan Olivier
Slag & Bewerking van 'n karkas	Gawie de Wit & Douw Jacobs
Jag regulasies in die Noord-Kaap	Lewellen Festus
Wildsvleis voorbereiding & biltong maak	Gawie de Wit
Sterre & nagtelike oriëntasie in die veld	Neville Fritz
Inleiding tot plante, diere & praktiese geologie	Charles Hall
Vuurwapen wetgewing in SA	Gawie de Wit & Noel Wewege (2023)
Voorlêjag van Springbokke	Johan Olivier
Vuurmaak (sonder vuurhoutjies) en eier kook	Gawie de Wit
Wild, Skedels & Bene identifikasie & Wildsplaas bestuur	Charles Hall
Bestuur in die veld en voertuig herwinning	Carl van Heerden

Die NKJV wil graag al bogenoemde persone wat bygedra het tot 'n baie suksesvolle en insiggewende week bedank vir hulle tyd en insette!

'n Paar hoogtepunte waar die junior jagters op 'n meer praktiese vlak blootstelling gekry het aan, was onder meer die volgende:

Kleiduiw skiet met 'n haelgeweer was vir die meeste 'n eerste blootstelling en almal het dit terdeë geniet. In 2022 het Kean Topkin 15 uit 15 kleiduiwe en in 2023 het J D Möller 18 uit 25 kleiduiwe raakgeskiet.

Meeste van die studente het darem al vantevore met 'n koëlgeweer geskiet (reeds hoekom hulle die kursus bygewoon het) en tydens die 25 meter groepering skiet het Shakeel Bhyat in 2022 geseëvier met die beste groepering van 3.2 mm.



Tydens 2023 was Luke Krüger die wenner met 'n groepering van 9.08 mm



Elke span moes met die basiese bestanddele wat beskikbaar was in die kamp kombuis 'n hoender op die vuur gaarmaak. Die lekkerste hoender in 2022 was opgedis deur die Springbokke: Amone Jonas (K), Ethan van der Westhuizen, Francois Williams en Janco Engelbrecht



2023 se hoenderdis wenspan was die Gemsbokke: Blake Louw, Victor Marais, Pieter Vorster, Yana Schoeman (K) en Jason du Toit.

Die spanne het die lang en uitgerekte nagmars, Donderdag nag terdeë geniet.



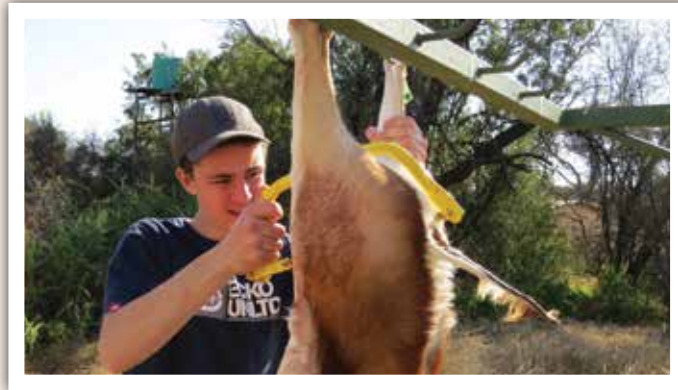
'n Definitiewe hoogtepunt van die week was die voorlê jag Saterdag onder die bekwame leiding van senior jagters waartydens meeste van die junior jagters daarin kon slaag om elk 'n springbok te skiet.







Elke junior jagter moes sy/haar eie springbok slag.



2022 Winterkamp



2023 Winterkamp



Baie geluk aan die volgende junior jagters wat tydens die prysuitdelings die volgende toekennings ontvang het:

	2022	2023
Beste Akademiese Student	Vasco Theron	Anika van der Merwe
Beste Groepering	Shakeel Bhyat	Luke Krüger
Beste Kleiduiif Skut	Kean Topkin	J D Möller
Beste Algehele Skut	Vasco Theron	Anika van der Merwe
Beste Span	Die Blesbokke	Die Springbokke
Beste Algehele Student	Vasco Theron	Anika van der Merwe

Die kursus is afgesluit Saterdagand met 'n prysuitdeling en lekker ete vir die junior jagters en hulle ouers.



Die hoogs respekteerde Sean Klemp Gedenk trofee is in 2022 toegeken aan Lian Jonas



Met JD Möller wat met hierdie eer weggestap het in 2023.



Beste span vir 2022 was die Blesbokke bestaande uit Kean Topkin (spanleier), Lian Jonas, Megan Crous, Shakeel Bhyat en Vasco Theron



Tydens 2023 was die beste span die Springbokke onder leiding van Elouise Vorster as spanleier vir Waldo Oosthuizen, Eduan Naude, Wihan Senekal en Liam Swart.

Baie dankie aan Douw Jacobs, Gawie de Wit en Carl van Heerden vir hulle opofferings om weereens die suksesvolle winterkampe te koördineer en aan te bied.

Die NKJV wil graag verskeie borge wat bygedra het tot die week en pryse wat hulle geskenk het bedank vir hulle insette!



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Below are some notes received from students who attended the 2022 Winter Camp:



Dear Ooms

Thank you so much for everything you did for us all at camp. I appreciate your hard work and everything you put in to make this camp possible. It was such a pleasure coming and everything you do is so educational and fun. I enjoyed every last bit of it. Everyone worked so hard to make the camp possible and I appreciate that.

The food was so great and the activities were so fun. I especially thank you all for going out of your way to speak English for me. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to come. I will never forget the experiences I endured.

Megan



Hallo Ooms

Ek wil net baie baie dankie sê vir die "amazing" week. Ek het dit verskriklik baie geniet. As 'n tipiese stadsmeisie was dit n "great" ervaring. Ek het so baie dinge geleer wat ek nie 'n "clue" oor gehad het van te vore nie. Dit was 'n eer om saam met oom-hulle te werk.

Dit was 'n wonderlike, onvergeetlike week en ek is besonders dankbaar vir oom-hulle se moeite. Dit was definitief "worth it"! Van die besige, praterigste, "one and only".

Amoné



Liewe Ooms en Tannie

Aan die begin was ek baie huiwerig, maar dit was een van die beste weke van my lewe!

Dit was baie wonderlik om nuwe mense te ontmoet en so baie nuwe goed te leer.

Dit was ook n heel nuwe ervaring wat ek baie naby aan my hart sal hou.

Baie dankie vir all julle vriendelikheid en moeite

Anri



Dear Hunting Association

I want to thank you for giving me one of my most memorable weeks to date and priceless information which I will use to the best of my abilities. Thank you for dealing with our nonsense and a special thanks to Oom Gawie for not throwing water at me in the mornings.

Vasco



Ek het baie van die lekker kos gehou en dankie vir die koue wakkermaak in die oggende.

Francois



The Topkin brothers would just like to say thank you very much for the opportunity that we had. We are very grateful for the time that we could spend learning new things and meeting new people. We would also like to say thank you to everyone who stayed with us. My brother and I are very grateful for our sponsors and to all the other sponsors who could make the entire camp possible.

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Thanks for giving me lessons and helping me get back to camp.

Joshua



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BO-KAROO JAGTERSTAK

BO-KAROO BESTUUR SPAN

Die Bo-Karoo Tak het 2 skietdae gehad die jaar waar lede hulself weer bietjie op die baan kon bewys. Ons het ongelukkig 'n te kort aan baan offisiere en beloop die kursus fooi vir dit redelik hoog by ons omgewing se wapen opleidings sentrum. Zelich is tans Bo-Karoo se enigste baan offisier. Zelich het ook onlangs 'n groot operasie gehad en wens ons hom 'n spoedige gesond en beter word toe.

Die jaar het Danie Badenhorst ons skietdae gereël en seker gemaak vir 'n goeie gees waar die mense op die baan was.

Ons wil graag vir 2024 probeer om meer skiet dae aan te

bied vir ons lede, asook van die bestuur span op die baan offisier kursus te stuur.

Ons beplan ook om by ons baan die veiligheid op te skerp en sekeriteits kameras op te sit om vandalisme te probeer uit sny.

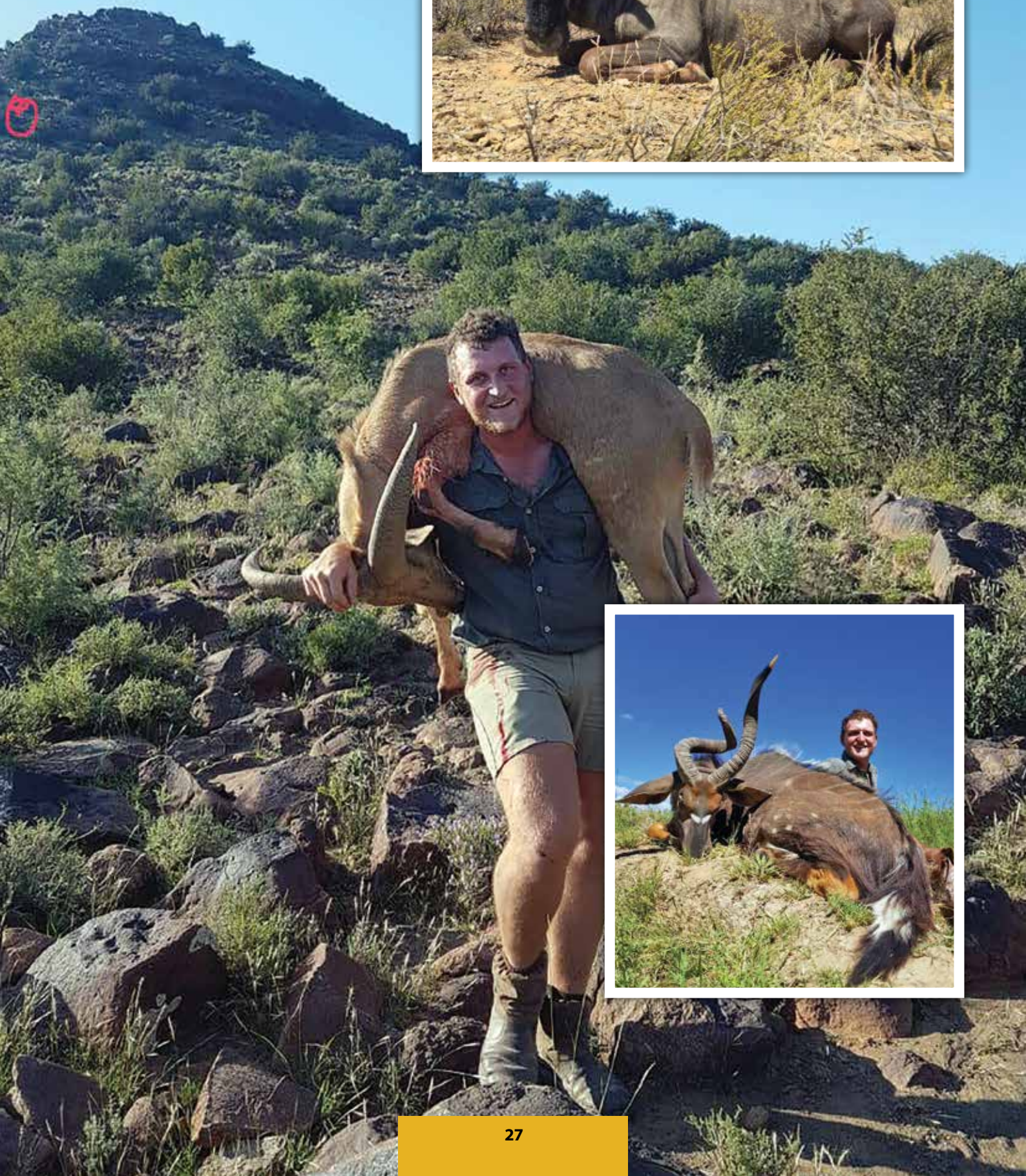
Die baan is ook altyd beskikbaar vir lede wat gewere wil inskiet, nuwe laadings toets of net die loop wil kom opwarm.

Ons hoop almal gaan 'n lekker feeseisoen hê en die familie tyd geniet.



**BO-KAROO
JAGTERS**

Marnus Bredenkamp was aktief, baie aktief! So word 'n bok gedra my maat. Trots op jou.



WILLISTONTAK

FRANCOIS LOUW

Ons eerste skiet van 2023 is gehou die 18^{de} Februarie te Williston skietbaan. Dit was 'n handwapen dag, want so baie word dit nagelaat om met die handwapens te skiet en net vertrou daarmee te raak. Daar is na papier teikens geskiet op 8 en 10m asook verskeie gonge tussen 15 en 30 meter. Na elke rondte kon die verbetering in groepering gesien word, namate meer selfvertroue en tyd met wapen spandeer is.

Op die 1ste April 2023 het Willistontak sy veldskiet aangebied, waar daar uit verskeie posisies na papier teikens geskiet is tussen die afstande van 50 en 300m. As deel van die kompetisie was daar ook 'n gong baan, met bekende afstande tussen 100 en 400m wat teen tyd op geskiet moes word. Nie deel van die kompetisie, was daar 'n 3-in-'n-span "challenge" waar daar eers na 'n 60mm "explosive" teiken oor 200m geskiet moes word, waarna die res van die span na 'n teiken met die orige beskikbare rondtes oor 250m moes skiet, en het dit vir groot opgewondenheid gesorg! Baie geluk aan Marnel Louw, Adriaan Louw en Willem Symington wat die "challenge" gewen het. Die aand is ons jaarvergadering gehou, waar die pryse uitgedeel is. De Witt Hodgson was die wenner van die dag, met Francois Louw tweede en derde.

'n 22 LR Skietdag is gehou die 20ste Mei waar daar meer gemik was op die kinders om hul liefde aan te wakker vir die sport en is dan net aan hulle pryse oorhandig. Deelname sertifikate is aan almal oorhandig sowel as medaljes aan die eerste drie posisies. Die kinders se baan het bestaan uit 'n papier teiken op 25 en 50m en 'n ballon op 'n 100m wat met 'n bietjie kalk gevul was. Die ope baan was 'n 20mm gong op 25m, 'n papier teiken op 50m en op 75m was daar weer na 'n 40x60mm gong geskiet en 'n 100mm gong op 'n 100m. Daar was 24 inskrywings vir die ope klas waar Marilize Louw as die algehele wenner weggestap het. Geluk Marilize.

Die 16 de Julie is weer 'n 22 LR dag aangebied met net een baan wat deur die groot mense en kinders geskiet is. Dit is geteken as "know your limits" waar daar na 8 gongs op 25m geskiet is wat gewissel het tussen 25mm en 5mm in grote, waar die 5mm as die "joker" bekend gestaan het maar hy was nie veilig nie! Op 100 meter was ook 8 gonge in verskillende grotes en vorms, wat gewissel het tussen 100 en 40mm.

Baie dankie aan almal wat die dae bygewoon het en dankie aan almal wat skouer aan die wiel gesit het met die voorbereidings, die reëlings en die kos. Dit word waardeur en nie mis gekyk nie. Aan al ons borge deur die jaar, 'n spesiale woord van dank.



Williston Skietbaan Aksie



Die huidige Voorsitter - Francois Louw (links) en gewese Voorsitter - Adriaan Louw. Julle is ysters manne!



...en nog meer aksie



De Witt Hodgson (links) was die wenner van die veldskiet kompetisie. By hom is die Voorsitter wat baie netjies lyk.





Francois en Gert Voster.



BLESBOK JAG OP ROOIDAM

GAVIN VAN ZYL

Ek is passievol vir die natuur en jag al sedert my jong dae en het in die tyd baie goeie vriende gemaak. Ek wil graag die volgende storie met julle deel omdat dit vir my n besonderse voorreg was om by te wees met my twee kleinkinders se eerste blesbok jag. Hierdie jag het op 2 verskillende datums gebeur. Ons moes op Rooidam n paar blesbokke uitskiet en het goedgedink om hierdie geleentheid te gebruik om die 2 jong outjies se lewe te verander.

Ek moet ook sê dat die opgewondenheid hoog geloop het en ek was toegegooi met vroeë oor wanneer en hoeveel slabies nog oor was. Nou ja hier volg elkeen se storie.

Jayden 10 jaar oud (5 Maart 2023)

Daar was 'n wit blesbok ooi op sy spyskaart en ons was eers skietbaan toe om 'n paar skote af te trek. Hierdie was ook dan 'n guldige geleentheid om bietjie van wapen veiligheid en skootplasing te gesels. Sy Pa en Boetie was saam en die het bygedra tot 'n klein bietjie senuwees. Dit was nie lank nie en die bokke het tot ruste gekom en 'n geleentheid

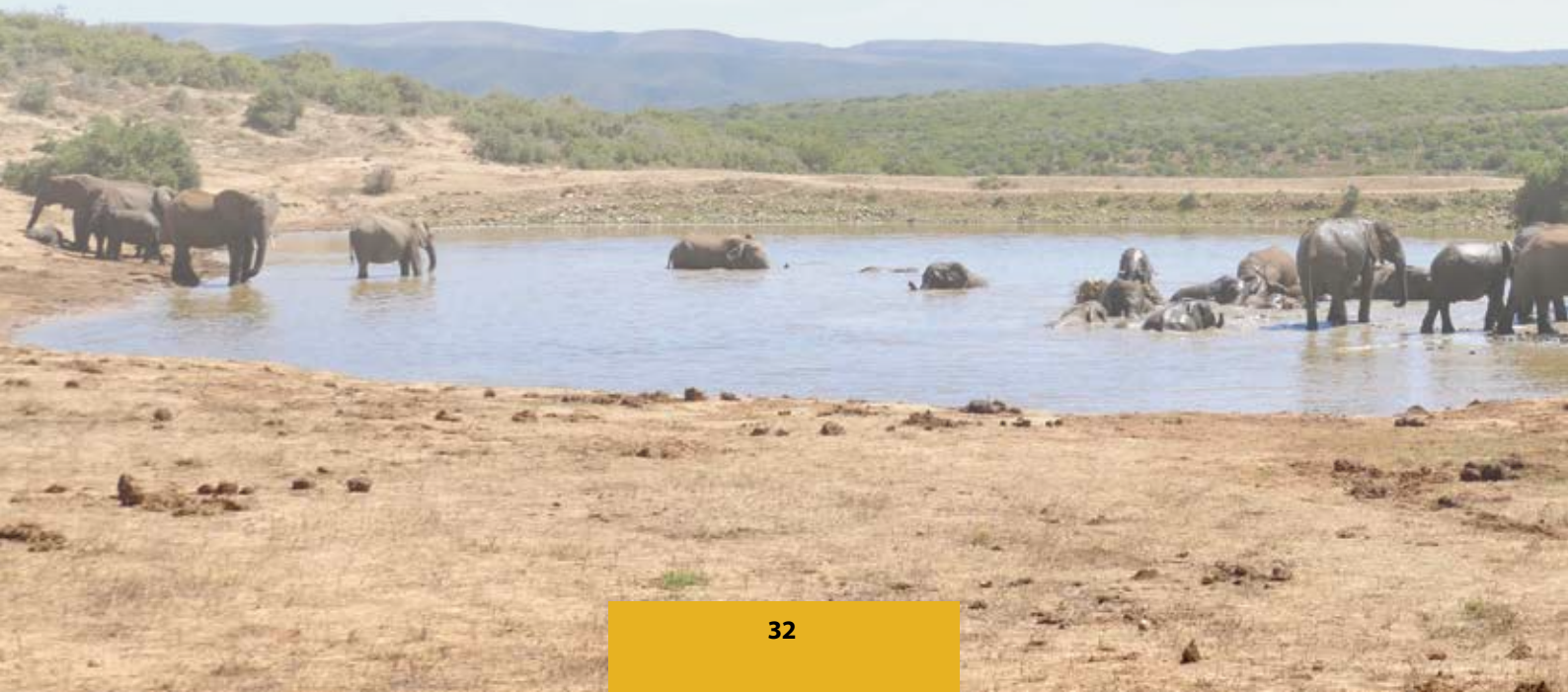
gebied, 'n mooi skoot op die skouer en die bok het geval. Vreugde vir almal.

Juan 8 jaar oud (25 Maart 2023)

Deel van die blesbok oes was 'n paar gewone ooie wat ons wou uithaal. Juan sou dan een van hulle skiet. Hy was ook soos boetie skietbaan toe en sy lesse gekry. Twee raakskote op die 100m gong en ek was tevrede. Ons was gelukkig vinnig op die bokke en 'n mooi ooi het geval met n hoë nek skoot

Altwee bokke was ongeveer 80 meter en hulle het albei met my 22-250 geskiet. Die geweer is toegerus met n knaldemper wat hom bietjie langer en moeiliker maak vir die klein outjies maar hulle het hulle goed van die taak gekwyt.

Ten slotte – die twee is sedertdien Pikkiedag toe en hulle het dit baie geniet. Ek dink ons het 2 nuwe jagters in ons midde. Doug the younger one is already making plans to shoot an eland by you next year.





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Mr. van der Merwe taking aim.



Mark Harding handling the shotgun range.



Megan Viviers span die boog soos 'n professioneel.



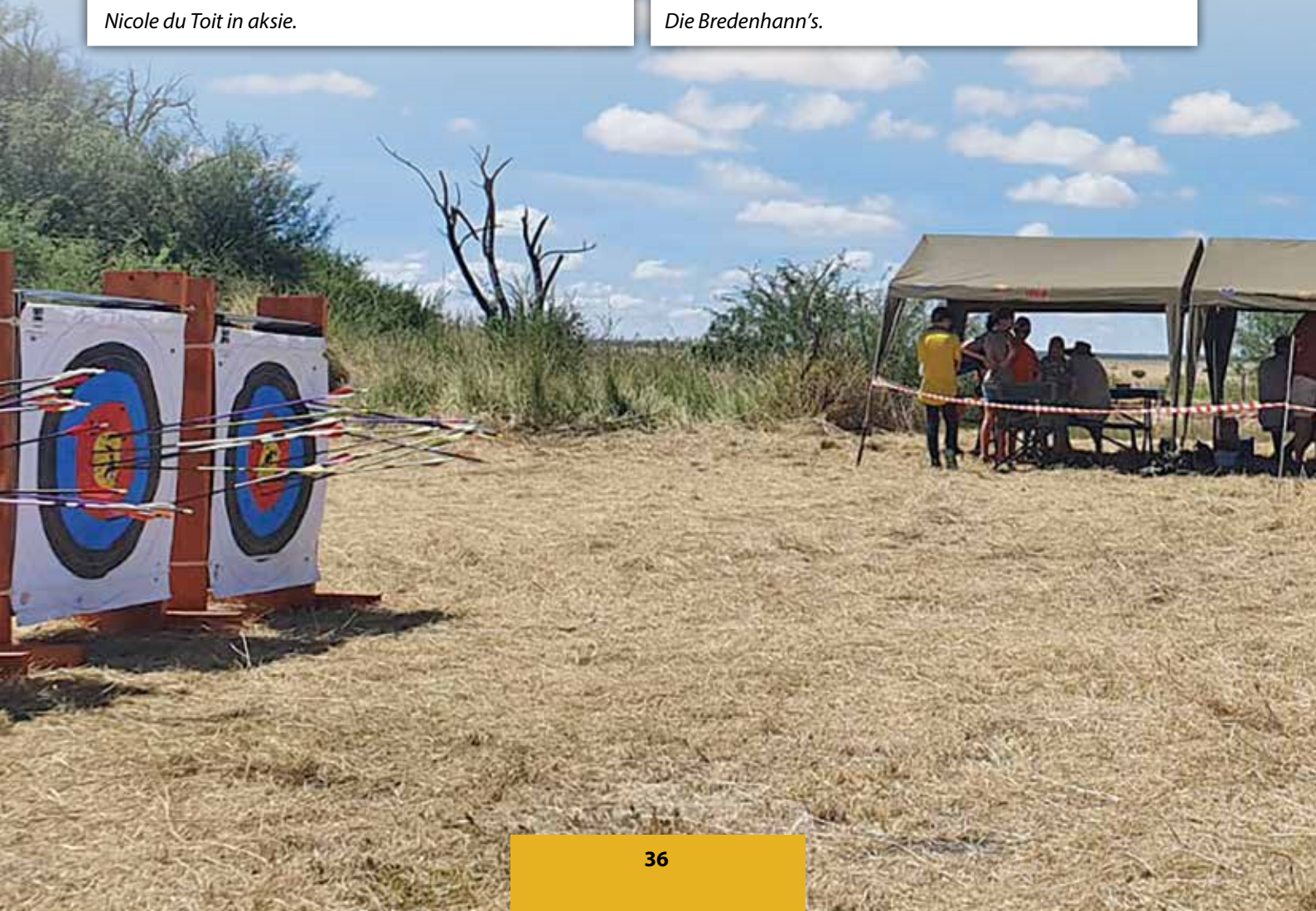
Noel Wewege gee'n helpende hand.



Nicole du Toit in aksie.



Die Bredenhann's.





Die manne vlnr: Henru Brunette, Luka du Plessis en Jayden Nortje.



Die "girls" vlnr: Mekayla en Megan Viviers saam met Miné Kriek.



Schalk vd Merwe in beheer van die boogskiet. 'n Man met jare se kennis!





Miné Kriek en boetie Tiaan met hulle bewys van bywooning. Hulle het "ge-quality" papa!



Gawie de Wit, Desmond Masuret en Jannie Engelbrecht neem 'n blaaskaans!





Amelda en Madelaine het die kombuis en die admin aan die gang gehou. Dankie julle!



PENKOP KAMP

...Die oorgang van Pikkiedae tot Winterskampe vir die 12-15 jarige. Dit is uniek deur dat dit 'n naweek is waar die ouer sy of haar kind bystaan tydens die verskeie aktiwiteite wat aangebied word. Hoofsaaklik gerug op vuurwapen hantering sluit dit ook 'n aantal ander interessante praktiese oefeninge in wat van nut kan wees in die veld.



Die deelnemers hierdie jaar VLNR Agter: Elmo van Wyk, Willie Oosthuizen, Gawie De Wit (kamp afrigter), Douw Jacobs (kamp afrigter), Waldo Oosthuizen. VLNR voor : Elmo van Wyk jnr., Janco Engelbrecht en Jannie Engelbercht.





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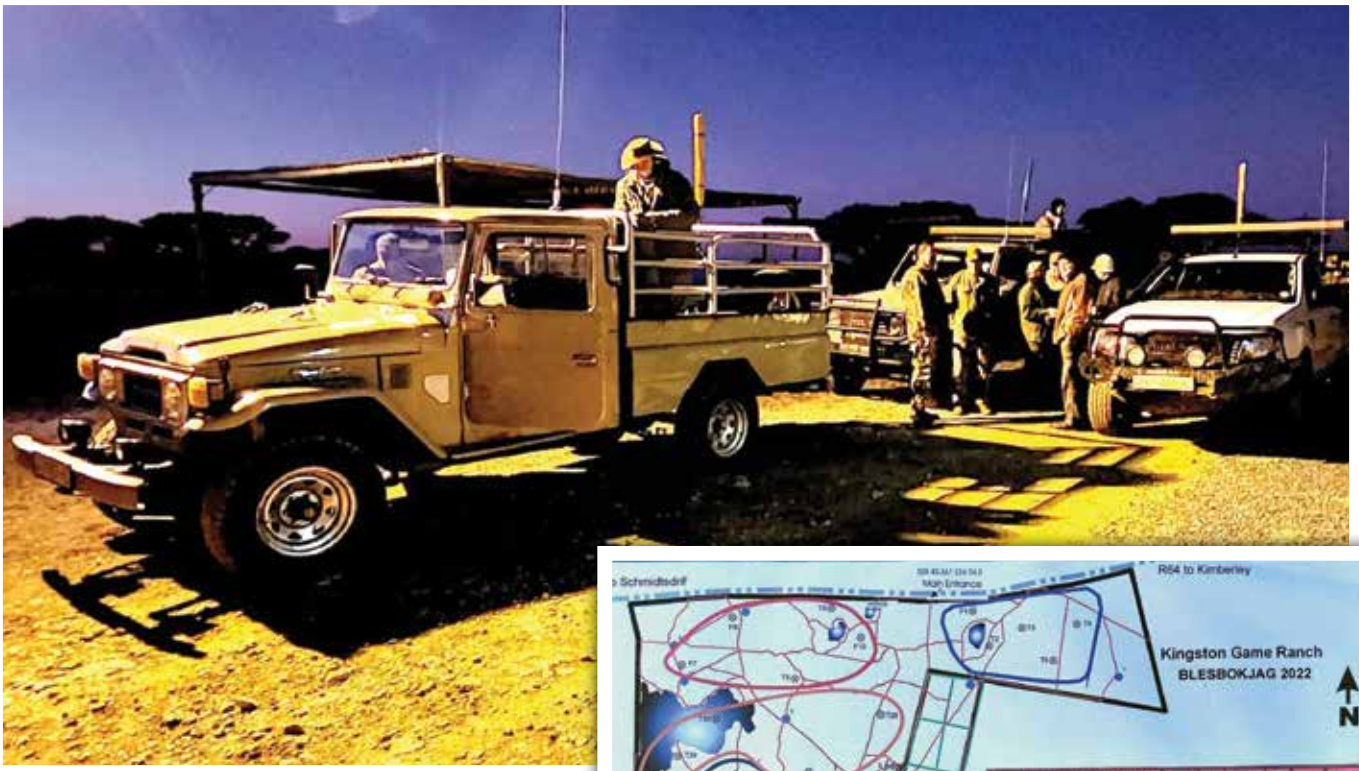
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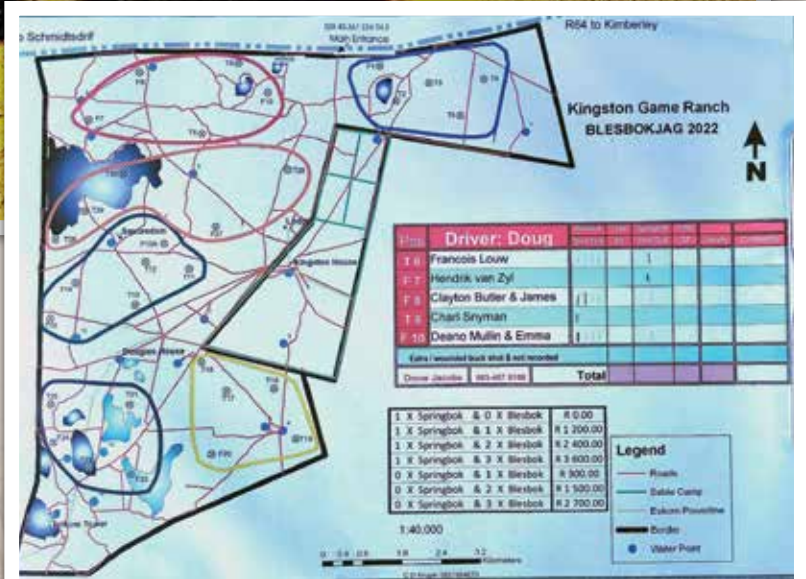
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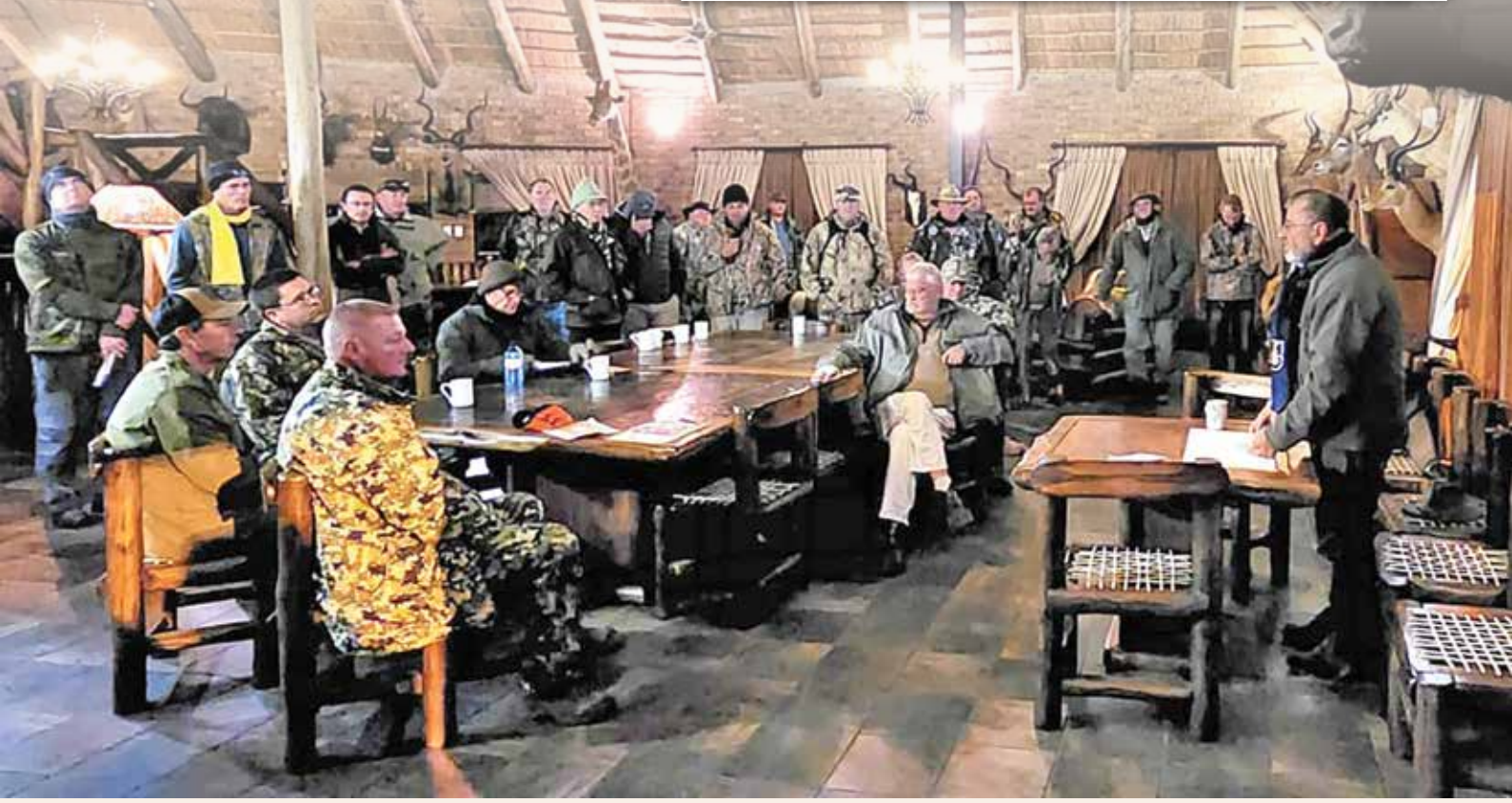


Preparing for an exciting day.



Is this organised or what?

Johan Olivier, our Hunt Master, with the early morning brief.





Francois Louw het kas gesit maar die blesbokke wou nie saamwerk nie...



... Hy kry toe darem 'n kans op hierdie mooi springbok ram



Selfs Landcruisers sit vas op Kingston na die reën. Charles verlig nadat Doug hom kon uitsleep.





Deano and Megan Mullin were successful.





Clayton Butler and son Luke were also in on the action.



Delivery at the "Slagpale".... front row from left: Willie Oosthuizen, Madelaine Fouche, blesbokke and JJ Scherman. Back row from left : Douw Jacobs, Kevin Harding and Waldo Oosthuizen.



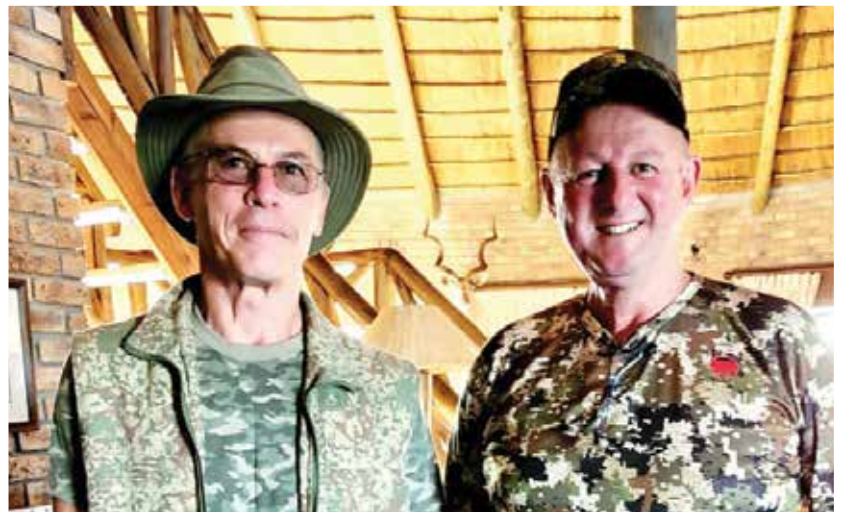
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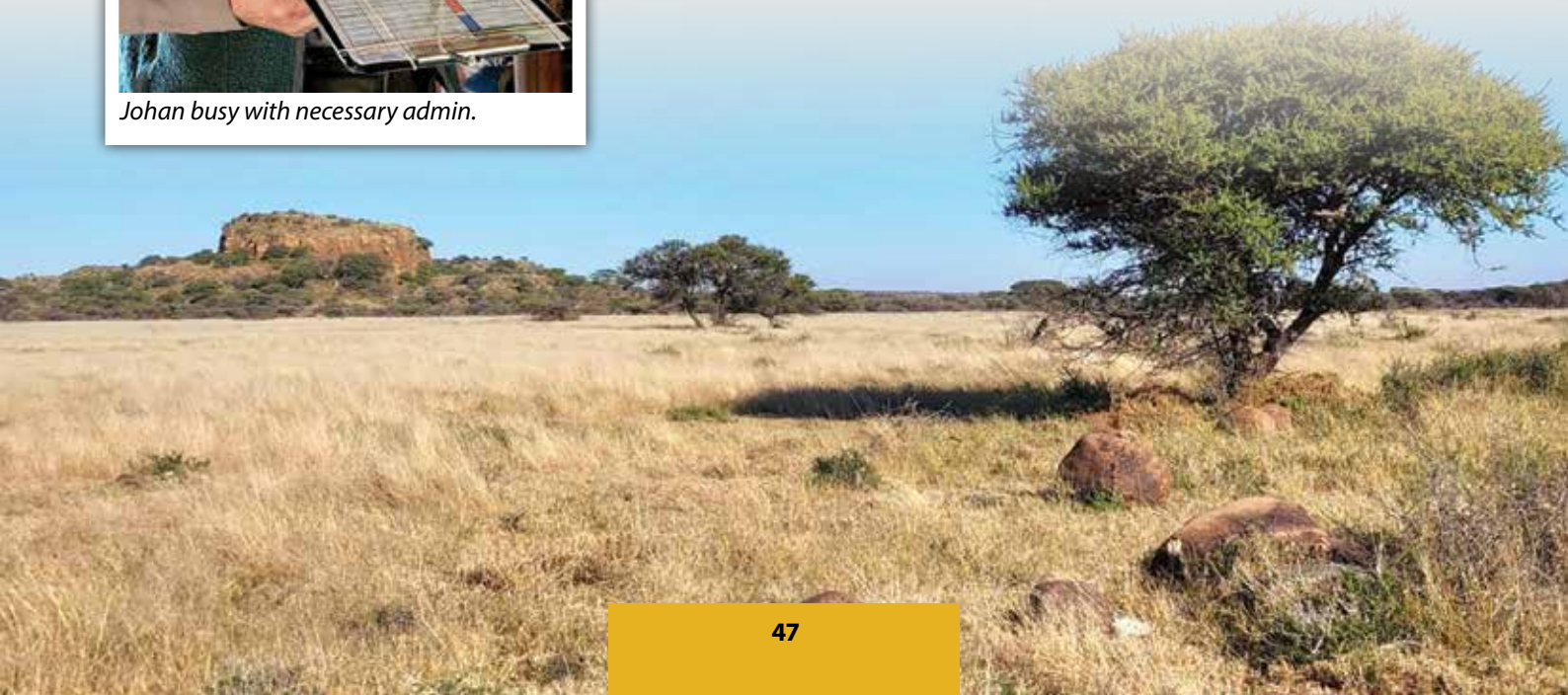
Braai time after a fun day in the bush.



Johan busy with necessary admin.

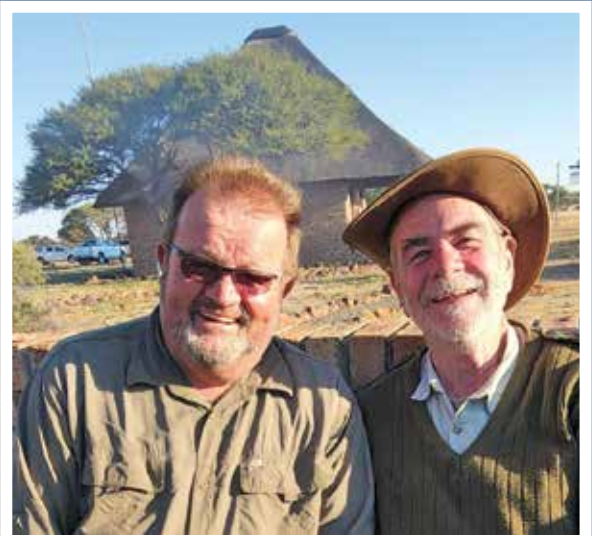


Achim Ernst and Rio Greyling enjoying a chat.





Wessel Pieterse (seated) with Wessel jnr back left and Hendrik van Zyl.



Grant Mckenzie and Carl van Heerden enjoying that afternoon peace around the fire.



Eric van Rensburg and Richard Smart were also there.



Ammie van Heerden, Clayton Butler and Frans Van Heerden are all smiles.... obviously enjoying themselves thoroughly.



Schalk van der Merwe masterfully taking care of the chow.

'N VERWERKING VAN TONTIE EN DIE JAGPARTIE UIT ORIX RALLY IN DIE NAMIB

NIEK VAN ZYL

JY VRA MY NA HAELGEWEERJAG?

Kom sit saam met my langs my kampvuur van gister, dan vertel ek jou.

In die Weskaap en die Swartland word al van dourie tyd en jare met haelpompe kleinwild gejag. Nie soos ek en jy, hier in die Noordkaap en die binneland, waar ons met koeëlgewere jag nie.

Daardie jare was die enigste jagbare bokke in die Swartland, steenbokke en duikers. Ja, net kleinwild. Die boer het sy veld in stroke gekap om die wind te keer wat dit dan ook vir die jagter makliker gemaak het. Wanneer 'n bok skrik, hardloop die uit die bosgedeelte uit die kortveld in en die jagter kry so 'n oop kans om te skiet.

Boeta Fanie word al vir baie jare deur sy swaer, Jochim, genooi om elke jagseisoen op Tweeriviere in die Hopefield distrik te kom jag. Hy en sy twee vriende, Tokkie en Koos met sy hond, Tontie, het die pad gevat vanaf Stellenbosch jagveld toe. Daar was groot opgewondenheid in die 1954 Hudson. Selfs Koos se hond, Tontie, het deur die gesels en baie praat van die manne 'n fyn blaf-tjankie gegee net om te sê dat hy ook die uitstappie geniet.

Dis 'n oor-en-weer groetery. Van vra na mekaar se welstand tot spog oor 'n nuwe haelgeweer onlangs aangeskaf. Ander vertel van jagte uit die verlede wat enige jagter jaloers sou maak.

Eers 'n vinnige wildsworsie op die kole met 'n boerbeskuit in die een hand en swart, soet koffie in die ander. Dis mos soos dit hoort by 'n jagpartie. Die jagreëls, soos elke jaar, word voorgedra en die manne begin een-een hul gewere uit hul gewearsakke haal.

Die manne stap twee-twee in die bosstrook, 'n paar tree uit mekaar. Een skiet effe regs na vore, die ander effe links na vore. As groep hou hulle mekaar dop en beweeg in 'n linie as veiligheidsmaatreël om so seker te maak dat hulle nie mekaar raakskiet nie. Jy hoor kort-kort 'n doef-doef soos die haelgewere blaf en nie lank nie of die eerste bokke word deur die bakkie wat die groep volg opgelaai. Daar word nog 'n paar steenbokke geskiet en die manne begin terugkeer vir middagete.

Die jag word in die fynste besonderhede om die vuur herleef en elkeen vertel sy weergawe van wat hy ondervind het. 'n Paar Roodebergproppe waai en die gesels vlot goed. Die bokke was lewendig en die Suidooster het met rukke gestoot. Bulle moes ver en vinnig skiet. Dit is nou as veertig treë as ver beskou kan word hier in die Noordkaap. Skuins uit die dwarste kom kommentaar: "Wat jy vandag nodig had is 'n lekker lang loop met 'n bottelnek wat jou die nodige akkuraatheid gee."

"Nee," protesteer Boeta Fanie. "Ek soek 'n kort loop wat nie agter die bosse haak nie, vir vinnig skiet."

So verskil die manne onder mekaar oor die fynere punte

van haelgeweerjag. Daar word geëet en gedrink en selfs resepte oor-en-weer uitgegruil oor die maak van skilpadjies, pofadders en wildswors. Ander laat proe mekaar van hul vorige jaar se biltong en droëwors. Hier eenkant sit en kerf 'n oukêrel aan 'n heel gepaste steenbokboudjie-biltong wat hy volgens sy eie resep en smaak gemaak het.



Na middag-ete gaan stap twee van die manne nog 'n draai met die hoop om ook iets te skiete te kry. Die geluk is aan hulle kant. Die Ford kom laai hul bokke by die slagters af. 'n Steenbok en 'n duiker het in die stof gebly.

Die manne maak aanstalles om te ry. Die karkasse en gewere word gelaai, vleispermitte word uitgereik. Ander kom bedank en groet die plaaseienaar vriendelik met die gedagte en die hoop in die agterkop om volgende jaar weer genooi te word.

Die Hudson brul hard en skop 'n stofwolk op. Koos en Tokkie op die voorste sitplek, Boeta, Fanie en Tontie op die agtesitplek. Almal het goed geëet en gedrink. Boeta Fanie het hom egter halfwat vergryp aan 'n stuk geil, maar smullekter pofadder. Hy voel hoe die drukking begin opbou, vryf oor sy maag, lig sy linkerboud ongemerk en laat dit sag heengaan, sonder dat iemand iets sê. Twintig myl verder herhaal die proses homself. Dis toe dat Koos begin onraad merk, aan sy neus vat en na agter omkyk.

Nog 'n paar myl verder is dit weer so en toe spreek Koos vir Tontie ernstig aan, "Nee man, geen mens kan dit hou nie." Boeta Fanie sprak geen woord, maar vryf weereens oor sy maag asof dit sou help.

Die volgende een is hewig, maar tot 'n mate onder beheer, want geen vastigheid pla nie. Koos skop die rem vas, gee 'n knoop, "nee, magtag Tontie, mens sal verstik in die stank." Hy gryp vir Tontie aan die nekvel en boender hom in die kattebak in.

Nou is daar nie meer genade vir Boeta Fanie nie. Dis nou vasbyt en knyp tot in Stellenbosch, wat gelukkig toe nie meer ver was nie.

Twee jaar later met die jaarlikse jagpartie op Tweeriviere, na 'n paar glasies rooiwijn raak die tonge los. Koos vertel Tontie se storie van twee jaar gelede. Dis toe wat Boeta Fanie tussenbyde kom met, "nee man!" en Boeta laat verlee sy kop sak.

"Ek sluit toe vir arme ou Tontie in die kattebak toe en dit was wragtag toe al die tyd jy wat so stink geskiet het." En die manne bars uit van die lag.

"Dis nou stank vir dank," kom dit van Tokkie se kant.



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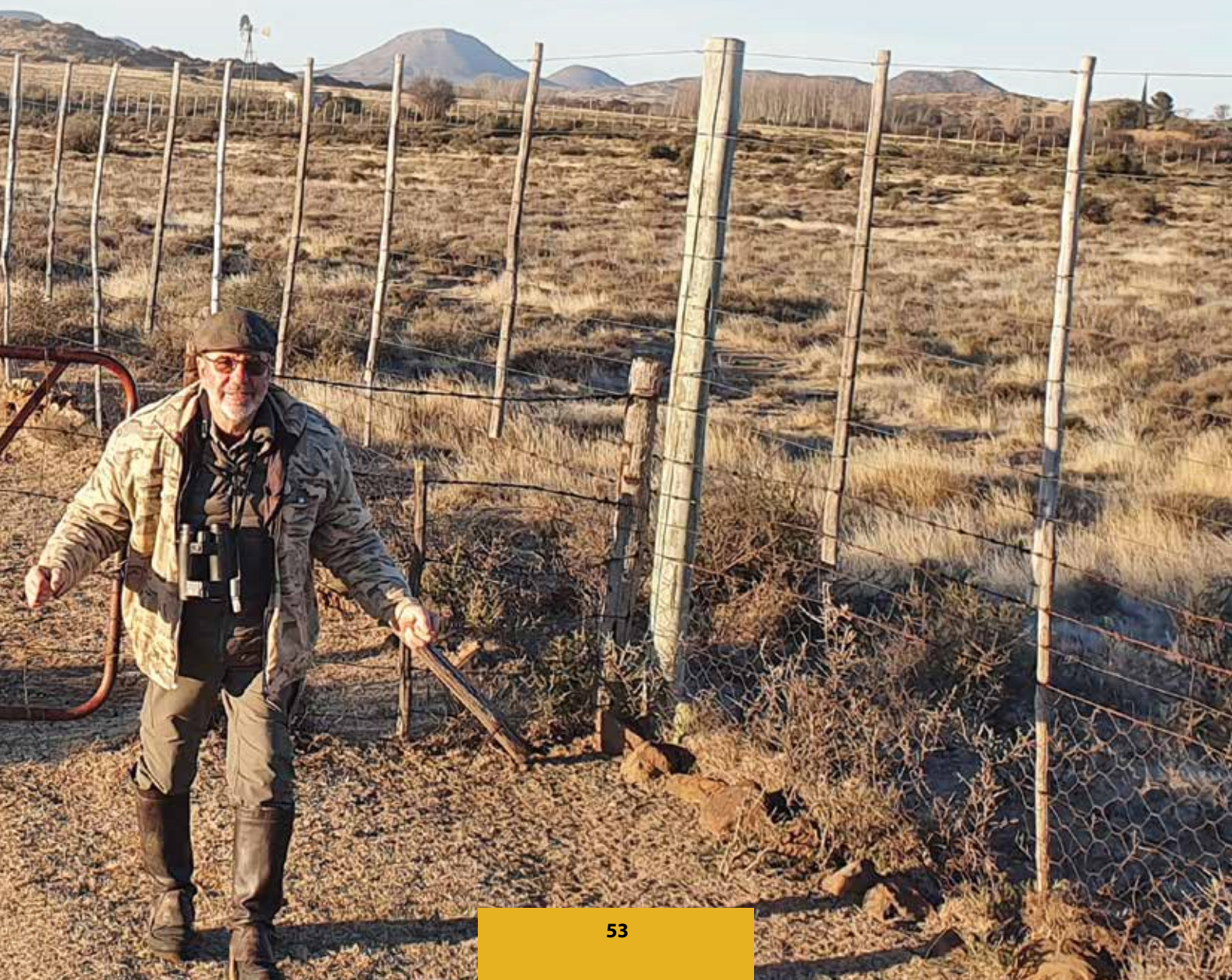
Dit was koud. Vra vir Mr. Cox.



Johan met 'n mooi springbokkie



Johan, Doug en Dr. Kenny oppad om springbokke voor te lê.





Charles met 'n rooiribbok in die randte. Die stap en die rondkruipery was die moeite werd.

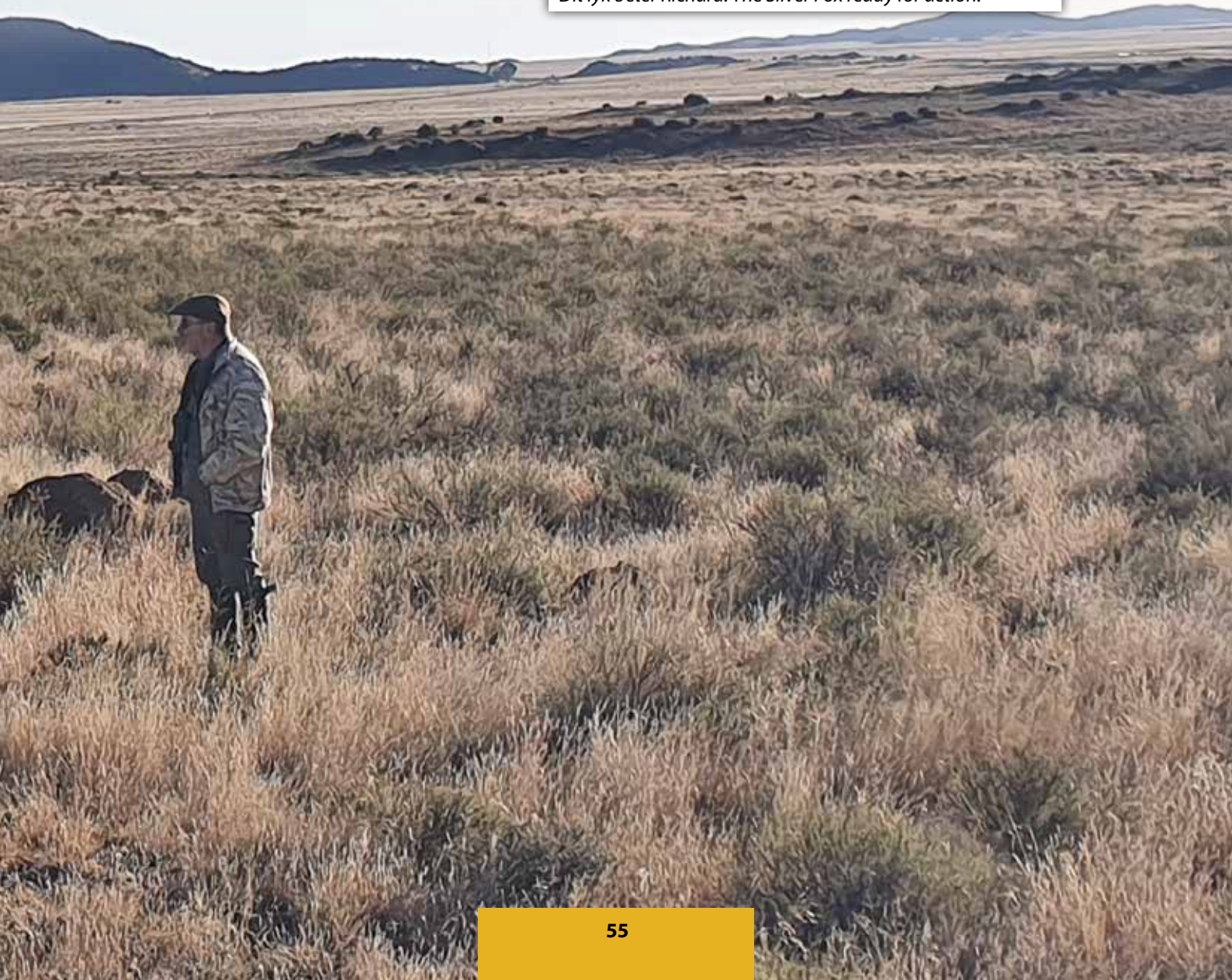




Richard ... aai tog, shame, help 'n bietjie daar Doug! Klaas Vakie het kom kuier.



Dit lyk beter Richard. The Silver Fox ready for action!



THE REAL MIDLANDS MEANDER, A REEDBUCK ODYSSEY

ROBBIE VIGNE

In the heart of the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, where young bucks embark on solitary journeys, my own adventure unfolded just outside the charming town of Nottingham Road. This region, a true mecca for outdoor enthusiasts, boasts rolling green hills an hour from the Drakensberg, two hours from the sea, and merely a heartbeat away from the thornveld in the North.

After a year living in the area the time had come for a new endeavour—a rendezvous with a common reedbuck (*Redunca arundinum*.) I reached out to my KZN Hunters' Association on how to pursue this classic and protected species. A fortuitous connection with a farmer, Tim Hodgkinson, in the Fort Nottingham area opened a door of opportunity; however, it required the acquisition of necessary permits.

The submission of the required documents led to a visit from the Ezemvelo Nature Department to the farm and culminated in the granting of four permits—two males and two females. The stage was set for a great adventure.

The farm, about 30 minutes from Nottingham Road, is a commercial cattle farm which was home to a couple of good

reedbuck herds. Our timeline: three months to fill the tags before the year's end. Tim, bound by weekend duties, made time every third weekend for a hunt. I arrived early in the morning for coffee before we set out to hunt.

The absence of commercial hunting operations and the vigilance of local farmers against poaching made us hopeful for an easy hunt. However, nature's instincts proved formidable as always. The reedbuck wired by instinct were not easily fooled. The reconnaissance mission began with a drive to the edge of the hill where we proceeded on foot, carefully circumnavigating the ridge in search of reedbuck. Approaching a freshly burnt hillside the sight of a colossal ram on the far end of the mountain sparked our excitement! The ram was grazing in the middle of a family group of about ten animals. We attempted to close the gap by continuing our side shuffle around the hill. Unfortunately, we ran out of mountain and the buck was across the valley just out of reach! The buck was no nearer than 400m from us, which some may argue is an achievable shot. We had limited permits and did not want to take unnecessary risks. We emerged from our concealed position opting for the ethical choice—another day would present another opportunity.

The ram measured 13" without the pulp, on the day.



As the herd bounded away across the rolling green hills with the sharp whistles and seesaw motion Tim and I were satisfied with the success of our first mission. We had identified our ram!

Back home, a casual braai concluded our first hunting day. A couple of weeks passed, and anticipation built as another Saturday beckoned. Following our routine, we ascended the hillside after a cup of coffee, ready to weave our way through the landscape with the finesse of seasoned stalkers. Creeping along the ridge we discovered the herd nestled amongst rocks on the same burnt hillside, our elusive ram was bedded in the open grass. The real stalk commenced as we snaked our way closer, inching on our bellies towards a shooting position. Finally, about 200 meters from the ram I steadied my CZ 550 .308 over a rock in the prone position. The buck was still bedded, and I had to compose myself in the anticipation of his imminent ascension. Eventually he stood up and started sparring with the young ram in his

vicinity. When he stopped broadside, I took a deep breath and sent my shot flying. I hit the ram in the lung region, and he stood stiff after the loud thump. The buck drew blood and keeled over within seconds! I had shot my first reedbuck! The triumphant handshake with Tim marked the culmination of our journey.

We rode across the valley to retrieve my ram when an inconspicuous ewe appeared nestled behind a rock. We could not pass the opportunity to fill our permits and Tim promptly sized it with a classic shoulder shot. A day of triumph on the hills was preserved with some photographs with our quarry.

A hunt is not merely the moment and thrill of the kill, some of the finest parts of the hunt is the build up. Hunting is the dreams of a young boy, admiration of the reedbuck in my uncle Andre De Villiers's Den. Hunting is the campfire tales of wild adventures, stories of larger-than-life characters and friendships carved in the hunter's soul!

Tim with his first reedbuck too



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EARLY DAYS

HLM SWEETNAM

My involvement with NCHA goes back to the very inception of the association, and actually predates my membership! Let me explain:

In January 1973, I accepted a transfer from the De Beers Group mining operations in Oranjemund, Namibia, ('CDM'- as it was commonly referred to), to the Legal Division in Kimberley.

In 1976 the company asked me to assume administrative responsibility for the farm properties under the control of Head Office, which totalled some 100 000 hectares. This was in addition to my legal portfolio. Most of these farm properties had game on them and many of them were leased to local farmers who, by and large, were unreliable in that they, with few exceptions, seriously over-grazed the properties despite the fact that they were required to pay fairly low rentals. Many of the farms had homesteads that without exception were allowed to fall into ruin through lack of maintenance. I made it my mission to correct matters.

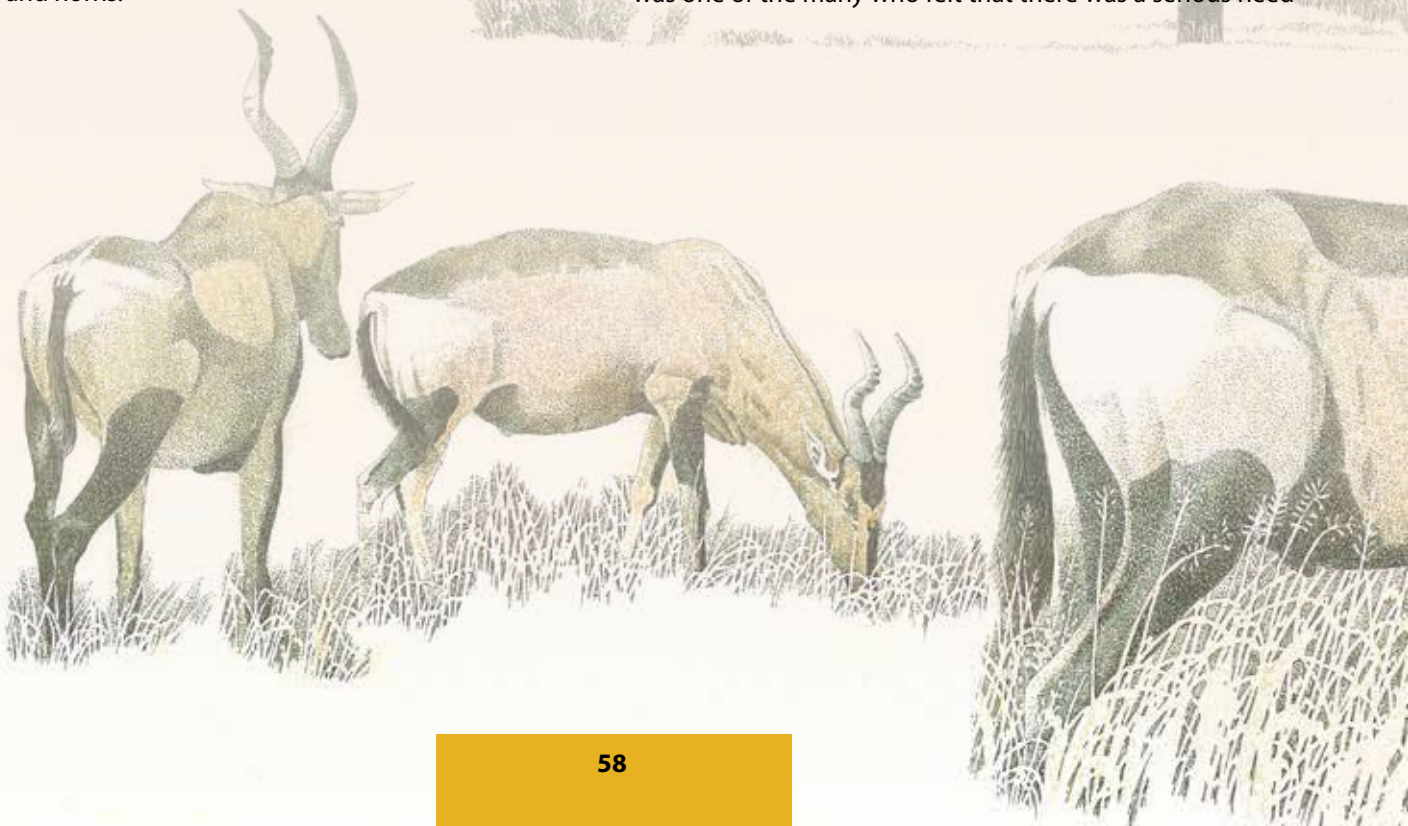
The 1970's was a period when game farming in the Northern Cape was largely in its infancy. In contrast, poaching was rife and farmers who had game on their properties suffered heavy losses from the severe levels of criminal predation. As De Beers was particularly vulnerable we sought the assistance of the Cape Nature Conservation Department in combating this plague. It did not help that the SAP of the 'old order or regime' did not take this criminal activity seriously. Sadly, members of that service were among the most active and notorious of the perpetrators; and it was a commonly held view that the police LDV canopies were specially designed to accommodate a kudu bull minus their heads and horns!

My association with the late Dr. Richard Liversidge and the late Johan Lensing of the aforesaid Department resulted in me meeting a number of game farmers including members of the Northern Cape Game Ranchers Association. At my urging De Beers joined the Association in 1977. Leading members of this association included Andrew Conroy from the Victoria West region, Albrecht Meylahn of Pniel, Sandy Cox and the esteemed Hendrik van Eck. I was subsequently invited to serve on the Association's committee.

Poaching featured high on our agenda and following many discussions it was decided to establish a Rewards Fund from which we could encourage the reporting of poaching incidents with the view to securing criminal convictions. In the event, a Rewards Committee was established consisting of the Late Richard Liversidge, the Late Hennie Erasmus (both of them in their private capacities), and me. Funds were secured from various donors such as the aforesaid Game Ranchers Association, De Beers and Anglo American Farms who were leasing the Bellsbank farms from De Beers. There were other donors but I cannot recall exactly who they all were. The fund was mostly administered by Richard, Hennie and me. E

With the passage of time and following the death of Richard, Hennie and I, as the only remaining committee members, agreed to transfer the fund to NCHA to be used at its discretion. It may perhaps be of some historical interest to learn that at the time of the establishment of the Rewards Committee the Northern Cape Hunters' Association had only just come into existence.

I had considered joining NCHA from the outset because I was one of the many who felt that there was a serious need



for such an organization that would have as its main object the creation of a hunting ethic; something that was woefully missing within in the greater hunting fraternity of the Northern Cape. As it happened, however, the promoters of NCHA cast their net far and wide, with the result that among the new members were certain individuals who were well known poachers; albeit that they were by and large very personable and likeable fellows!

This presented me with a bit of a problem. As a representative of the Northern Cape Game Ranchers and also of De Beers, both of which entities were sponsoring the anti-poaching Rewards Committee's endeavours, I was tasked with approaching NCHA to get their support, both financial and moral, for our anti-poaching endeavours. I duly met with a sub-committee of NCHA at the Pniel homestead. The late Albrecht Meylahn (who also happened to be a committee member of Game Farmers Association), chaired the meeting; and he was deeply embarrassed and angered when one of his NCHA sub-committee members (who's name I will withhold) vociferously opposed the idea of paying rewards for information. He likened this to Hitler's tactics!! Thankfully he was outvoted and we got the sought after support.

Suffice it to say that I decided against joining NCHA because I believed that I would have a louder voice as a representative of both De Beers and of the Game Farmers Ass. in matters of mutual interest to us all. I therefore delayed applying for membership for a number of years.

A few years later I was able to persuade De Beers to allow me to open Dronfield farm, which was well stocked with game, to commercial hunting for local hunters who were obliged to abide by strict rules of behaviour. This was done as a gesture of good will toward the hunting fraternity and also as a demonstration that there existed a "win-win" formula

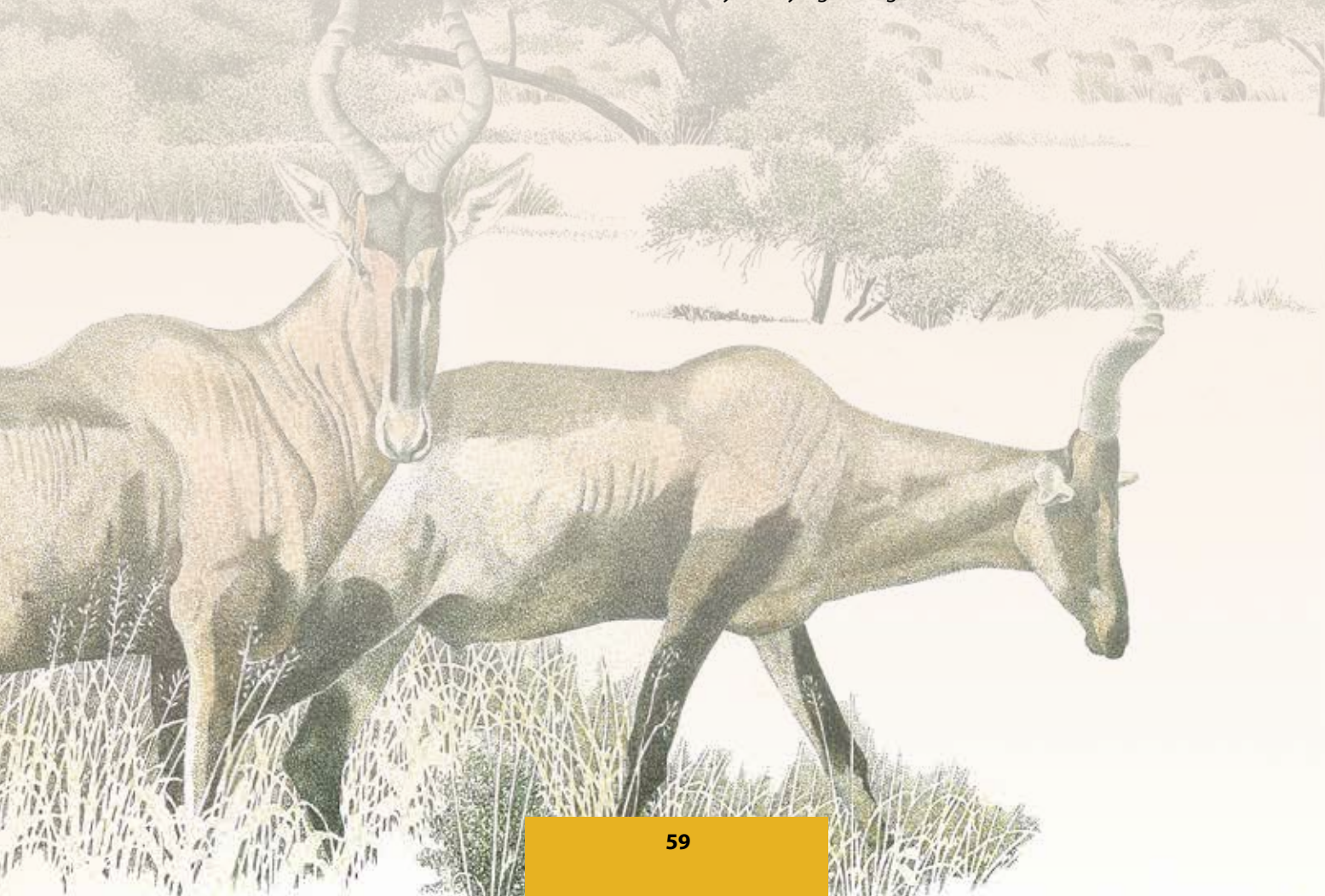
that would allow game farmers and hunters to cooperate to their mutual advantage. All with the view to discouraging poaching.

This experiment was highly successful and it eventually led to me being given permission to open Rooipoort up to commercial hunting as well. A further development led to me getting permission to allow Pniel safaris and Secretarius safaris under Albrecht Meylahn and Sandy Cox respectively, to extend their operations onto Rooipoort; (these two operators were not able to offer trophies such as eland from their own estates). This was moderately successful but the idea was actually to assist both these operations to become viable and in so doing to strengthen our joint efforts in resisting the moves by National Parks Board to expropriate all three estates. It was well known that the pressure on the NPB to justify expropriation came from local Nationalist Party politicians.

Our joint endeavours eventually won the fight.

During this interesting period a few of us (notably Albrecht Meylahn, Joe Ernst, Stoppie Stopforth and myself) felt that in order to make progress with a instilling a hunting ethic within the hunting community we should concentrate our efforts on educating the youth. We approached Richard Liversidge who was very supportive of the idea and shared his views on the educational theme. Thus the Winter School was conceived. At Andre De Villiers' urging I wrote an article about the Winter School's genesis for 'The Hartebeest' (cf the December 2011 edition?).

I am now in my 80th year and do not hunt as often as I should like. However, I do still enjoy the camaraderie of the hunt but largely confine myself to shooting with my camera. Target shooting is not as physically challenging but is nevertheless very satisfying for a 'gun nut'.



MACNAB

10 Jaar MacNab by Fish Eagle Safaris, Vanderkloof

18 tot 22 Oktober 2023

MARNUS BREDEKAMP

Hierdie jaar was dit 'n groot voorreg om ons 10de MacNab by Fish Eagle Safaris by te kon woon. Vir my is dit 'n ongelooflike ervaring om die MacNab in my pa se naam voort te sit en 'n groep jagters, wat elkeen van ver af kom, te verwelkom vir 'n paar dae se jag en kameraadskap.

Soos gewoonte nou al vasgelê het, het die groep mekaar ingewag by hulle ontmoetings punt "Javu" in Vanderkloof 12uur die Woensdag middag. Na 'n hamburger en drankie het hulle na die Bo-Karoo Jagters skietbaan gegaan om seker te maak almal se gewere is reg vir die 2 dae se MacNab wat voorlê. Die eerste aand is altyd 'n groot gesels en opvang aand. Rondom die vuur by Stoney Rapids Lodge het die manne stories van hulle jaar vertel en planne vir die jagtog wat voorlê, bespreek. Elke deelnemer het 'n Stanley beker met sy naam daarop ontvang om die 10 jaar MacNab behoorlik af te skop. Na 'n tafelgebed het almal weggeleë aan lekker skaaptjoppies en bykosse uit die kombuis. Môre moet ons 6uur al in die veld wees.

Dag 1 van die MacNab spring weg op 'n goeie voet waar die jagters kort-kort 'n bok skiet om die eerste item van hulle lys te voltooi, Grant Mc Kenzie het ook vroeg 'n kans gekry om 'n tarentaal, wat voor hom opgevlieg het, te skiet met sy haelgeweer. Die jagters vorder goed en so kry die eerste groep klaar voor die hitte van die dag te erg raak. Die visvang beloop spoedig, weens die hitte beweeg die visse baie meer. My pa het altyd gesê, mens vang ook net vis in die maande met 'n "r" in hulle naam. Middagete in en almal gaan ontspan so ruk om die warm Karoo son te ontduik. So by 5uur maak almal gereed om die ganse te gaan inwag om die vlei op die plaas. Soos klok-werk, net voor die son sak,

begin die ganse en eende in te kom vlei toe. Haelgeweer skote het die koel skemer lug gevul met die bekende reuk van kruit soos die watervoëls swerm na swerm ingekom het. Soos die laaste lig van die son wat minder raak, so ook het die skote begin stiller raak. 'n MacNab is slegs van sonop tot sononder en teen sononder het elke lid van die eerste span hul MacNab lys voltooi. Fotos word geneem en ons neem 'n verversing langs die vlei saam 'n smaaklike plankie steak wat deur die volgende dag se span gebrui was. Ons verkeer toe weer terug lodge toe vir aandete en bewerk weer aan planne vir die volgende dag se MacNab.

Dag 2 spring weg weer met groot sukses in die jagveld en die jagters sorg vir hulle eerste merk op die lys om hul MacNab te voltooi. Die dag het die son ook besluit om regtig neer te lê en was almal dankbaar om klaar te maak voor die hitte te veeleisend geraak het. Die Oranje Rivier het almal bederf met 'n vinnige vis en na middagete kon die son weer vermy word met 'n rustige fiesta om krag op te bou. Vyfuur is ons weer langs die vlei vir die kans om die ganse en eende te roer. Die wind het ander planne gehad vir die groep vandag. Die voëls het hoog gebly en nie met gister se gretigheid kom in sweef vlei toe nie. Dit het van die kant af gelyk of die son gaan verdwyn sonder dat enige een 'n kans gaan kry om hulle MacNab te kan voltooi. Skielik het die wind rustig geraak en die ganse en eende besluit dit is nou hulle geleentheid om water toe te kom. Met dit het die skote presies en geoefen geland en weer teen son onder het elke man sy MacNab voltooi. Ons is inderhaas lodge toe vir aandete en om die rugby te gaan kyk. Elkeen gelukkig en tevrede na die dag se avontuur en vars natuurlug.



Dag 3 Begin bietjie rustiger en die jagters is na die skietbaan vir kompetisie skiet en 'n lekker ontbyt wat deur die personeel by die baan gemaak was. Na die afhandeling van die oggend se aktiwiteit is almal op na "Jan se Gat", Ons MacNab span se gunsteling plek om die natuur en buite lug te geniet. Daar is natuurlik lekker gesels oor die jag se gebeure asook bietjie speletjies gespeel vir die kameraadskap. Die skaap spit het lekker geblink oor die kole en die dag beweeg toe na ons prysuitdeeling.

Die jaar het elkeen van die jagters hul MacNab voltooi wat beteken almal het 'n sertifikaat ontvang. Saam met die het Fish Eagle Safaris ook vir elkeen 'n 10 jaar MacNab trofee gegee. Vir ons wisseltrofee het ons die volgende wenners gehad.

Beste bok – Robert Kelbrick (blouwildebees)

Beste vis – Daniel Strydom (grootste geelvis)

Beste voël – Johan Olivier (beste skoot met healgeweer en die eend het geval)

Algehele MacNab Meriete Trofee – Christiaan van der Walt.

Dit was Christiaan se eerste keer by die MacNab en hy het verseker homself bewys as 'n man wat in 'n span kan werk. Christiaan het ook sy eerste bok geskiet met die MacNab en ons almal was baie beïndruk met hom as persoon.

Hein Portwig (snr) het ons "Broken-Key" trofee ontvang weens omstandighede wat die eerste aand plaasgevind het en bes gelos word vir 'n lag storie om die vuur vir volgende jaar.

Ek kan met soveel trots sê dat my pa vir ons kyk en saam ons was op die lekker MacNab. Hy sou elke middagslapie ten volle geniet het, elke storie sou hy na geluister het en elke man wat sy MacNab kon maak met 'n groot glimlag geluk gewens het.

Dankie aan elkeen wat hier was! Julle maak dit een van ons hoogste punte van die jaar .

OP DIE VOLGENDE 10 JAAR



Suksesvolle MacNab agter die rug. Daniel Strydom met sy bokkie, gaansie en vissie.. Veels geluk.





*Dr. Phillip Kenny (bo) en Robert Calbrick
het ook sukses behaal.*





Oom Carl van Heerden met sy hoeveelste MacNab? Wat 'n Yster!





Well done, George Kleynhans.





Johan Olivier en Ammie van Heerden het ook bygedra tot die pot.





*Richard Smart en Deon Rall
het ook lekker gejag. Geluk
met jou bergskaap Deon*





Charl Snyman met sy waterbok en geelvis



Charl, Lloyd, Johan en Richard na 'n sessie by die vlei.



Grant McKenzie en Douglas Cox. Mooi so manne!





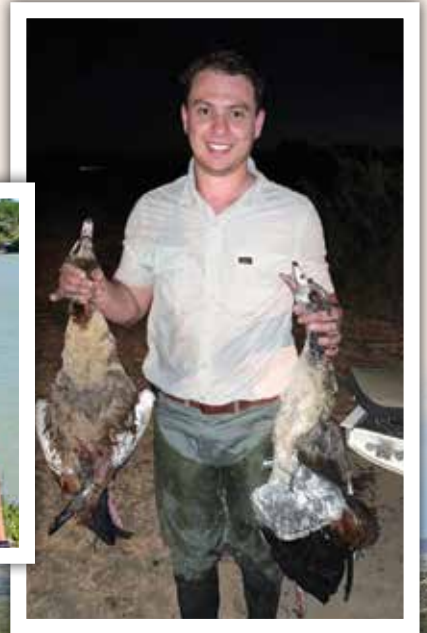
Charl Strydom met 'n waterbok ooi en 'n mooi kleinbekgeelvis.

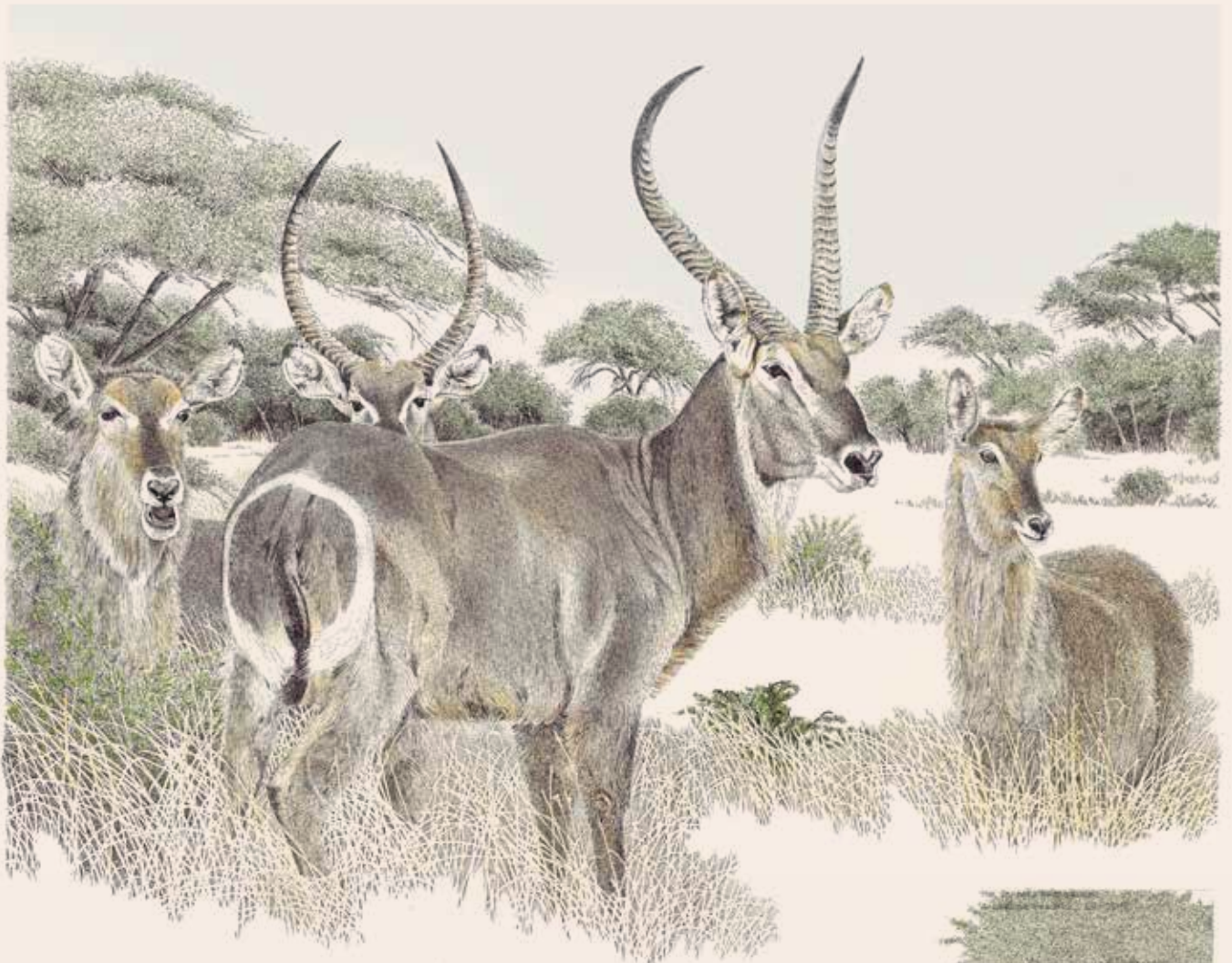


Hein Portwig het hierdie bontebok raakgeloop. Mooi vis Heyn.

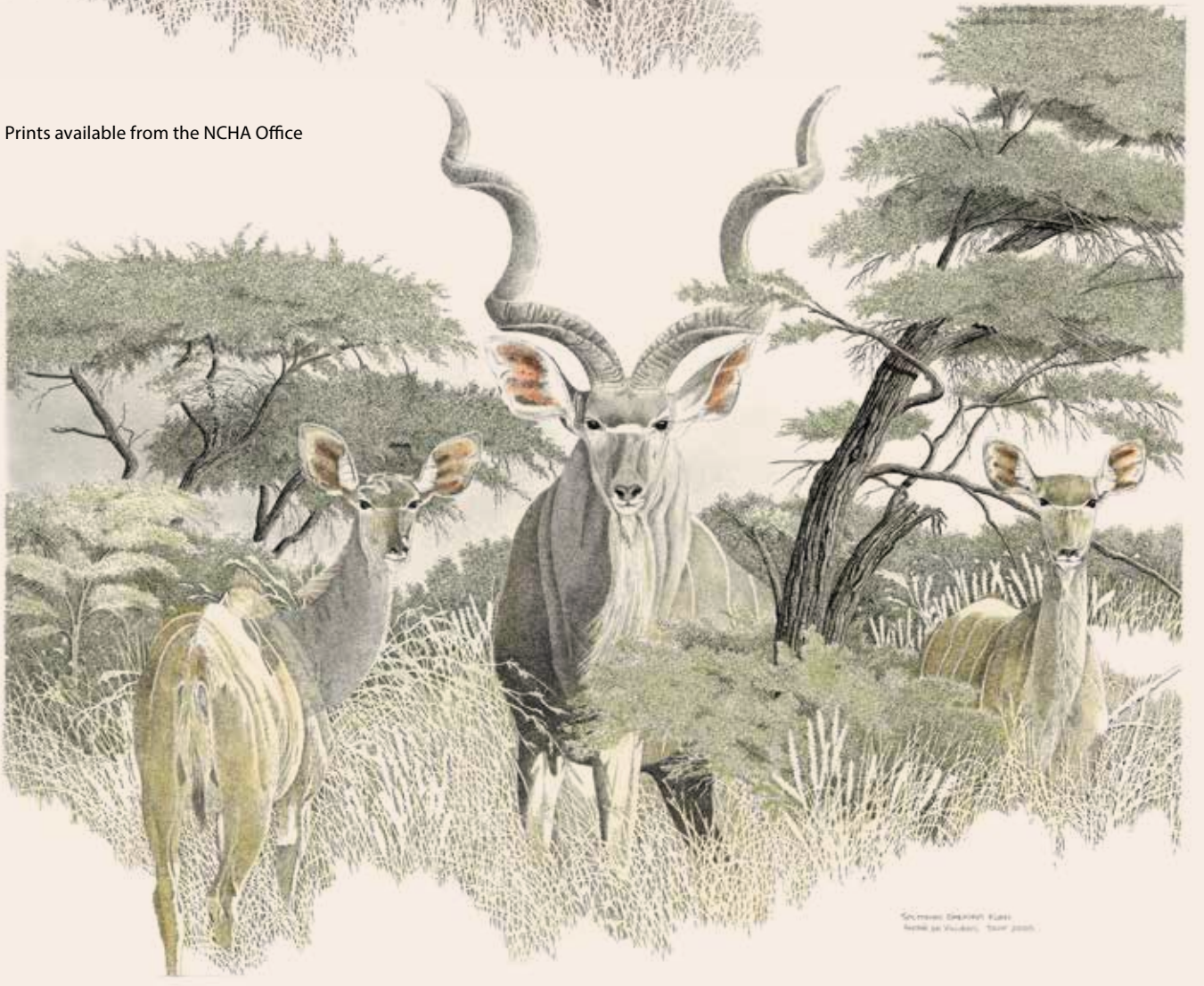


Lloyd Quinn (bo), Lourens Portwig (links) en Christoffel vd Walt met hulle buit.





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HISTORY OF THE COAT OF ARMS

DR. C.M. KEEVY

After the founding of the NCHA on 18 April 1981, a need was expressed by the Association for a Coat of Arms. Everybody was welcome to submit a design which could be used. On 1 November 1981, the current concept was accepted by the Committee. The Coat of Arms displayed in our constitution was painted and designed by Dr Clyde Keevy.

DESCRIPTION OF COAT OF ARMS

It consists of:

1. Helmet
2. Foliage
3. Guards of the Coat of Arms
4. Shield – with compartments, namely 4 and a diamond in the middle
5. Base on which the shield/coat of arms rests
6. Logo

1. Helmet and fish eagle

These represent the Committee and leader corps – a fish eagle is strong, wide awake – also known as “the call of Africa”, is deadly accurate, fast, beautiful, sharp sighted and free as the plains.

2. The foliage, normally in the form of a climber

- a) Green represents the green grass, trees, leaves and all other beautiful plants of the Northern Cape
- b) Red leaves represent young foaming blood, youth and life.

3. Guards of the Coat of Arms

- a) Kudu – elegant, graceful and light of foot in motion and jumps – a beautiful wild animal
- b) Gemsbok – beautiful, strong, muscular, deadly accurate with its sharp horns – content with little

4. Shield – 4 compartments

- a) Springbok – beautiful – represents the buck of our area.
- b) Sandgrouse – first sighted in 1826 near Griekwastad. Represents our rich bird life.
- c) Water life represented by the Large Mouth Yellow Fish (*Labeobarbus kimberleyensis*) – record fish are regularly caught in Kimberley.
- d) Aloe hereroensis represents our beautiful plants of the area – abovementioned Aloes found north of the Orange River – near Campbell area.
- e) The diamond in the centre - worldwide linked to Kimberley and the Northern Cape with its beauty, value and hardness.

5. The base on which the Coat of Arms rests

Growing in the red soil is depicted three unique plants to the Northern Cape, namely Thorn Tree (*Acacia* varieties), grass and Aloe *claviflora* (*kraalaalwyn*).

6. Logo

A deo factum diligamus – in Latin means - God’s creation, our appreciation.

KIMBERLEY GALLERY



Die Van Deventer's was Tarkastad se kontrei toe. Ignus het hierdie pragtige vaalribbok met sy 22-250 raakgeloop en Markus het die 25-06 laat praat en hierdie besondere mooi takbok platgetrek. Beide bokke is in die Winterberge gejag.





Die Knoetze familie was weer bedrywing. Hier is pa Dirk op die plaas Tulbach naby Groblersdal met 'n pragtige rooibok en blouwildebees, alby geskiet met sy Howa 300wm met 180gr Sierra Game King punte. Seun Steven en kleinseun Dirkie was Big J Farms toe in Noordwes. Steven het blouwildebees en waterbok gejag terwyl Dirkie sy eerste bok, 'n mooi blessie, gejag het met 'n 30-06 Howa op 184m. Trots op jou Dirkie!



Die Noeth family het groot gegaan.



Christie Noeth Snr en Jnr het onder andere swartwitpens, bastergemsbok, hartebeest, blouwildebees en eland gejag. Die eland bull wat naby Hanover geskiet is het 371kg uitgeslag.





Christie Snr. met dogter Ellouise end skoonseun Hans Oosthuizen met sy gemsbok.







Eduard le Roux het lekker op Kingston gejag. Die buffel is egter in die bosveld gejag.



James Haddad lived out his passion for hunting and harvested some quality animals.



A zebra on Rooifontein just outside Kimberley,



...a kudu



...and a piggie near Reivilo



...and a super buffalo near Koffiefontein. Well done James.

**Johan Kros op Kossan Game Reserve het weer kwaliteit wild beskikbaar gestel.
Hier is bewys daarvan.**



B.H. Botha met 'n ordentlike blouwildebees.



Chané Geldenhuys met haar Eland.



Mia Geldenhuys van Memel met a bielie van 'n springbok ram.



48.5" Swarwitpens bul gejag deur Dr. Jaco Fourie, Kanada



Tienie Swanepoel met 'n kwaliteit rooihartebes bul.



Skip Botha van Memel met 'n 42" gemsbok.



Kobus en Louwrika van Niekerk het in Harrismith se omgewing gaan kuier en is met 'n mooi blesbok en takbok huis toe.



Kobus en Michiel van Niekerk by die gemsbok wat hulle op Rooifontein gejag het.



Die van Zyls ... Oom Niek het laat weet dat Hein Oos Kaap toe was om dié bosbok te jag en dat Heinrich 'n pragtige springbok en Kudu gejag het. Hy self het saam met Heinrich en sy jaghondjie Mika, 'n bontebok op Grootfontein platgetrek.





Willie Oosthuizen en seun Waldo het bietjie op Kingston gaan kuier. Die fotos vertel die res.





Siebert Wiid hulle het Blesbokke gejaag.



Luka Erasmus met 'n cropper wat hy op net oor nie 300m "gezap" het.



Desmond Masuret met 'n springbok op Kanonkop.



Jannie en Janco Engelbrecht met 'n varkie en blesbok.

Die du Plessis was ook besig op Surrey ...



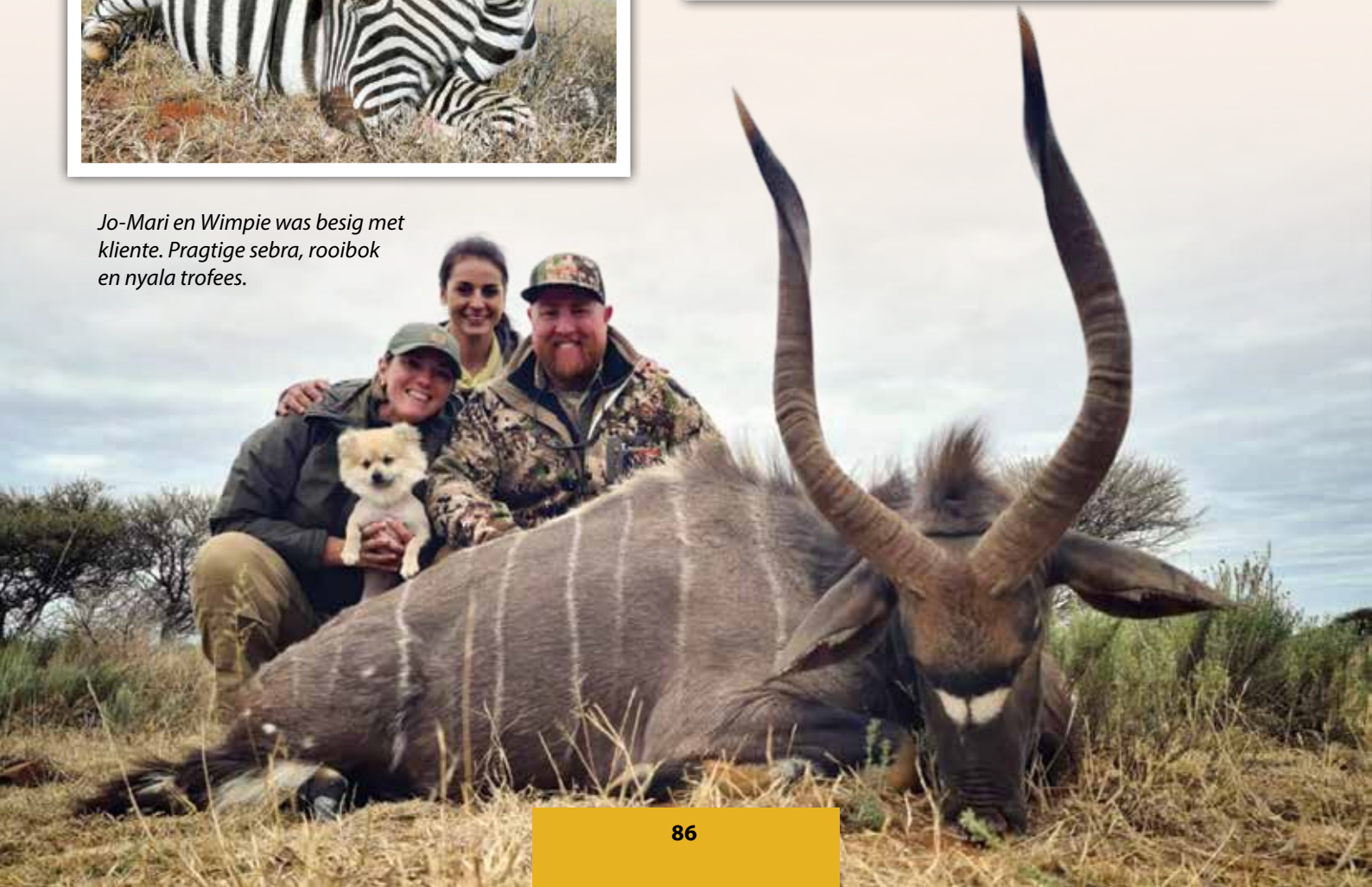
Jo- Mari en Renier.



Michelle du Plessis en pa Wimpie met 'n swartwitpens gejag op plaas Surrey. Veels geluk Michelle.



Jo-Mari en Wimpie was besig met kliente. Pragtige sebra, rooibok en nyala trofees.





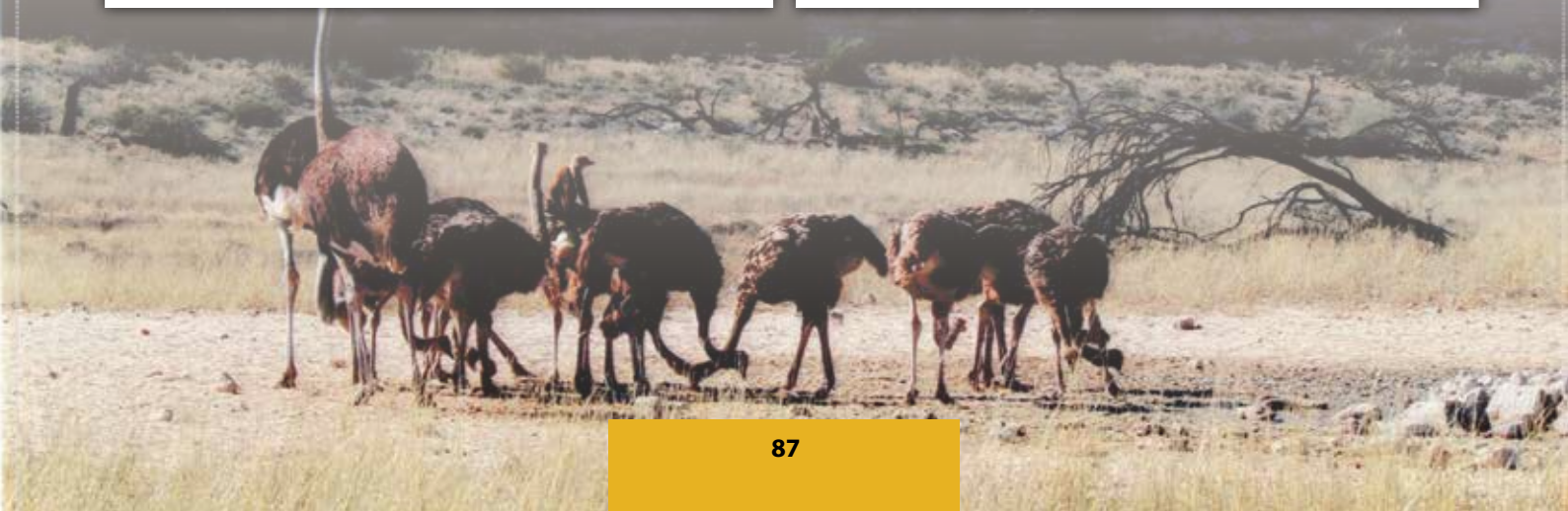
Vooruitzicht . Johan Olivier en Louis de Wet het beide gemmies gejag saam Roelf Jacobs.



Familie vlakvark jag, Hopetown. 3 Geslagte – Wessel Pieterse Snr en Jnr en jong Wehan.



Schalk Botma (links) en Mike Louw op Slypklip. Mooi gemmies wat daar loop.





Jacques van Eck with his Rowland Ward Buffalo.
Congrats old chap!



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Cape buffalo
 Central African buffalo
 Nile buffalo

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Trophy Cape Buffalo

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CRAMOND - KALAHARIJAG

Jag in die Kalahari is iets besonder, moeilik om te beskryf maar maklik om te voel. Geen wonder dat jagters nie te lank kan wegbly as hulle dit eers ervaar het nie. Die groot woestyn aangepaste gemsbok en Kalahari springbok is die teken vir meeste jagters wat die gebied besoek. 'n paar manne wat gereeld besoek aflê daar het weer daar loop draai.



Johan Olivier met 'n gemsbok in die rooi sand. Saam met hom is seun Karl Olivier en "buddy" Douglas Cox.



Rudi Gerhardt en sy springbok teen die duin.





Karl

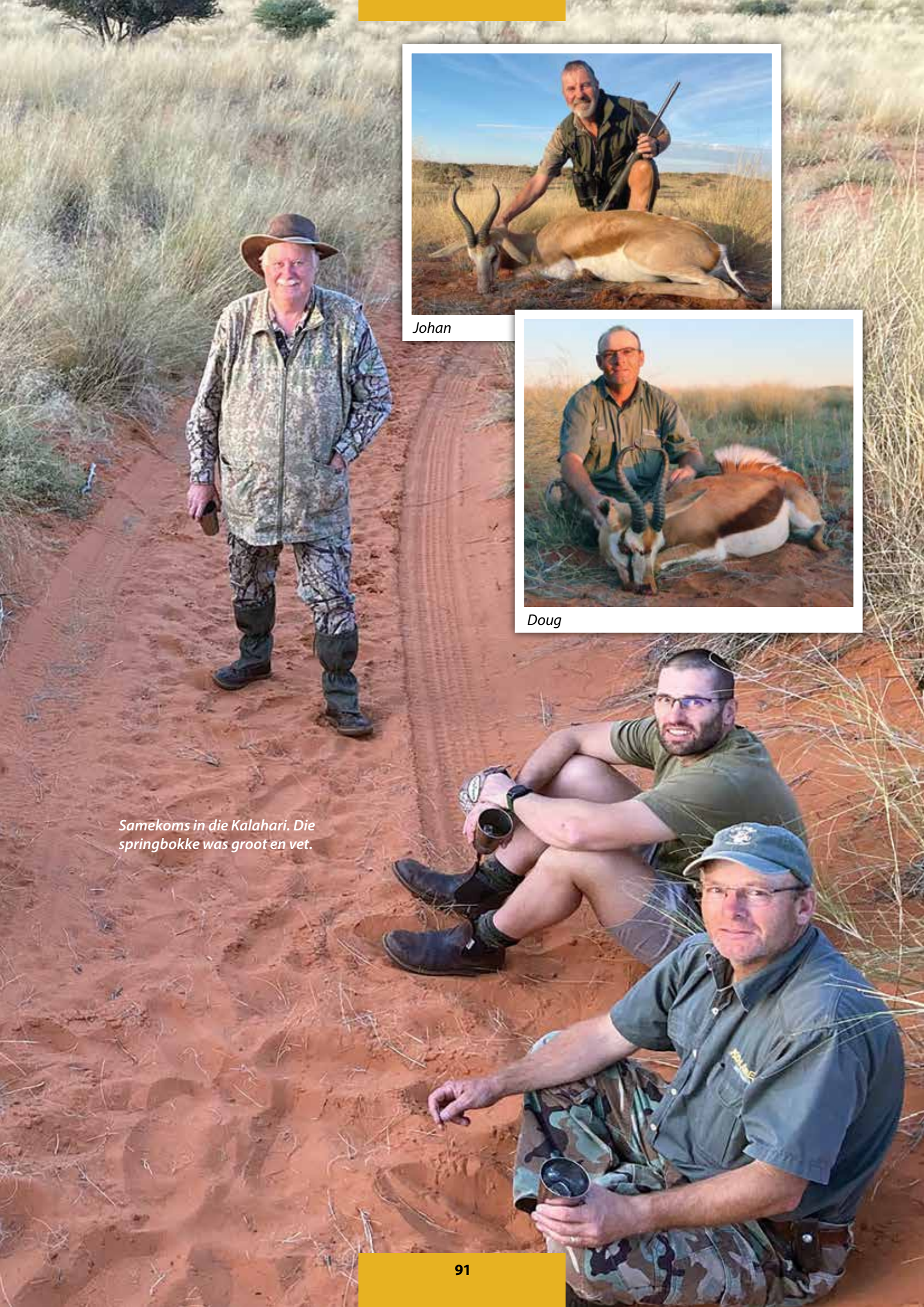


Japie



Richard



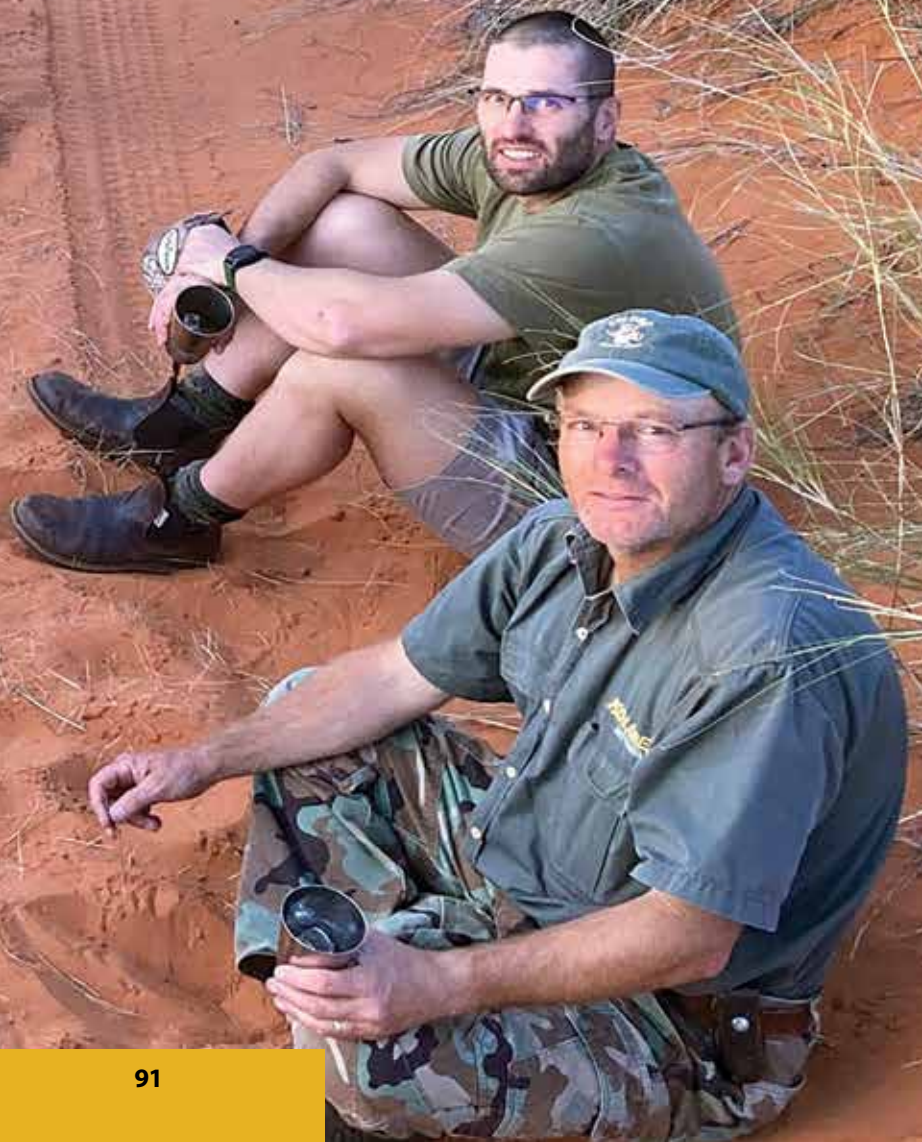


Johan



Doug

Samekoms in die Kalahari. Die springbokke was groot en vet.



KINGSTON



Hilton Miskin with a blue wildebeest. Richard Smart and Johan Olivier enjoyed the moment with him.



Richard with a hog. Japie and Hilton were there in support.



Japie Schreuder with a good looking blesbuck.



Japie also bagged this blue. Take note of the beautiful brindling.





Ammie van Heerden with an impressive kudu bull



The van Heerden clan: Carl with his sons Karl, Ammie and Casper.





Alan Craven hunted this beauty of a zebra. Check out those classic shadow stripes.



Deano Mullin hunted this jumping goat ...



... and a super red hartebeest.



Annemarie Scholtz paid Kingston a visit and harvested this "blessie".



Alex de Witt with his brindled gnu.



Annemarie also had success with an eland hunt.... enough meat for a year!



Rudi Gerhardt once again travelled all the way from Germany to enjoy the Northern Cape hospitality and hunting.



Lynne de Villiers with her daughters Nicole and Gabi and all the grandkids at Halfkop after visiting Andre's memorial plaque at Kingston in August 2023. Jenny Olivier joined them.



The centre of South Africa

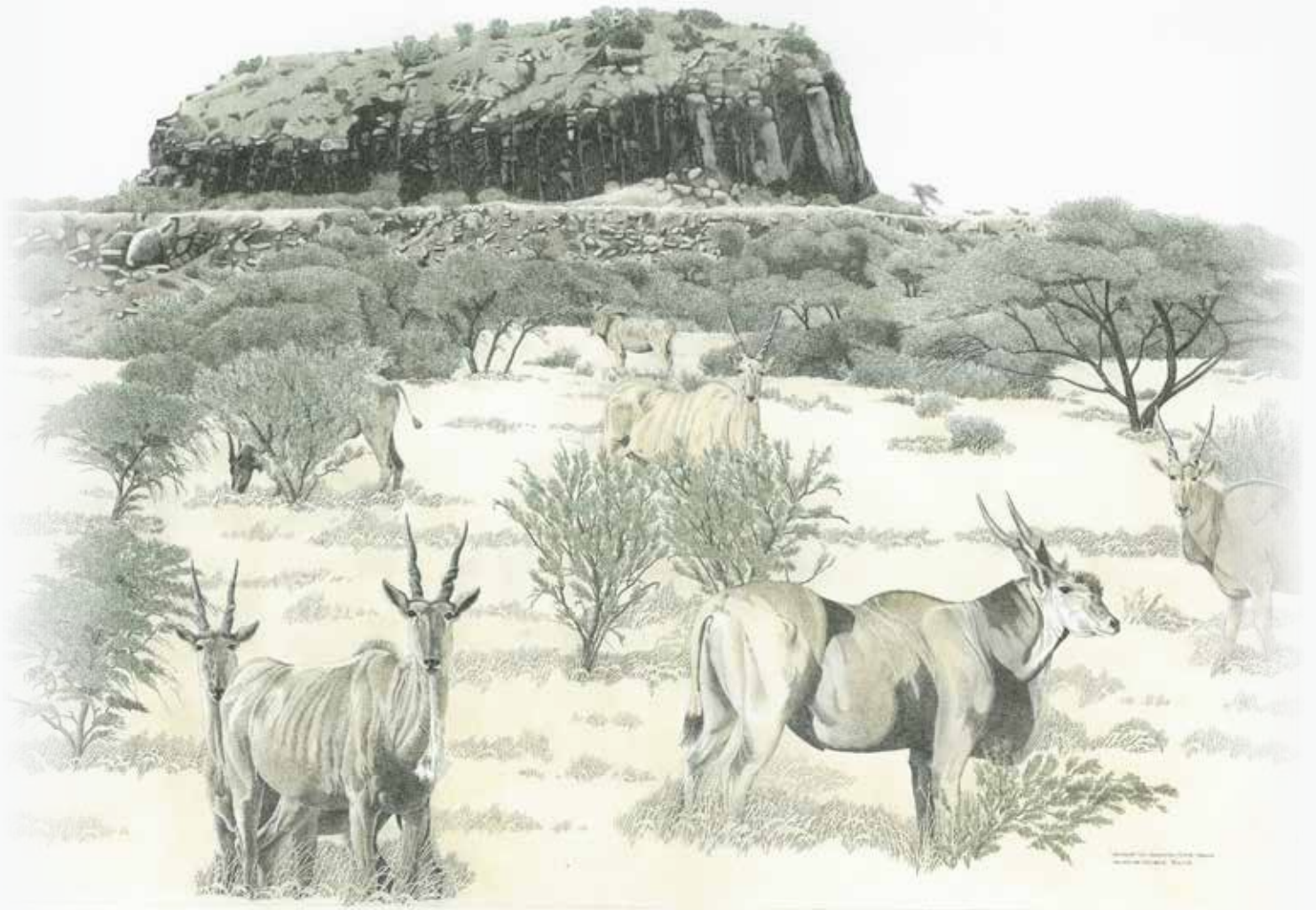


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HORSESHOE

The trophy and photographic competitions were once again on offer. There was a difference though this time round in that prize money was awarded to the persons with the best overall trophy as well as the best overall photograph. Waldo Oosthuizen and Douglas Cox each took home R2000 for the best photograph and best trophy respectively. The aforementioned activities were followed by the Annual General Meeting and a well-attended Year-end Function and prize giving. Coenraad Groenewald won the lucky draw prize of R1000. Well done to the organising committee for a great day and thank you to all those that participated.



Werner du Plessis and son Kobus were once again active in the trophy measuring department. Thanks guys for your support over the years.



Niek van Zyl bragging with his buffalo trophy. Well done Uncle Niek!



David Herselman and Pietman Kotze also assisted with horns. Thanks guys.



The admin staff on the day: Piet Cronjé (NCHA Treasurer), Madelaine Fouche (NCHA Secretary) and René Bredenkamp (Bo-Karoo branch management).



Gavin van Zyl and Charles Hall (back) with James and Doug Cox (seated).



Left to right: Phillip Kenny, Niek van Zyl and Willie Oosthuizen having a chat



*Charles and Phillip with the judges for the photographic competition.
From left: John Filmalter, Jaco Powell, Lizéll Muller and Paul Job*

Action at the meeting.



Hannes and Rinus attended...



... Piet made sums...



...Charles chaired ...



....and Richard took minutes.



Gawie de Wit and Madelaine pushing to get the certificates printed in time for prize-giving.



Carl van Heerden explaining the workings of the planned Hunters' Portal.



Mr. President, Mike Vigne, with some words of wisdom.



Charles takes note.





John Bartie: DARSHA Trophy - best red hartebeest.



Niek van Zyl: Jannie Schoeman Trophy - best buffalo.



David Herselman: Popes Shield - overall winner.



PJ Bartie: William Dickson Shield - best mountain reedbuck.



Gavin van Zyl: Taxidermy International Trophy - best impala.



Jed Bartie: André de Villiers Trophy - best warthog.





Dayne Knight receives the Hendrik van Eck Trophy on behalf of his dad, David, for outstanding service to the NCHA.



Doug receives the Wiid Oberholzer Trophy and R2000 from Madelaine for the best overall trophy of the day.



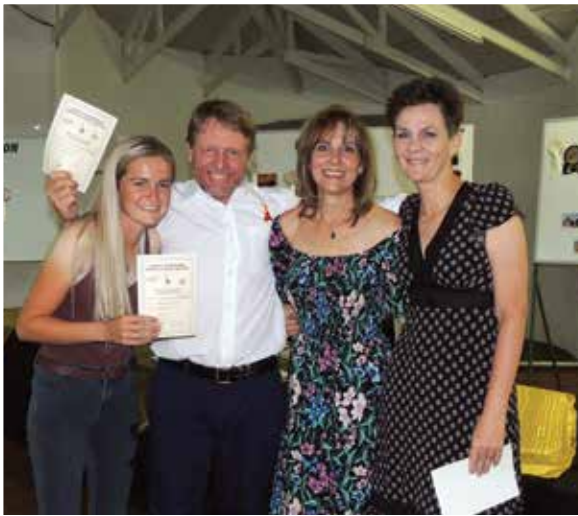
Coenraad Groenewald receives the lucky draw of R1000 from Janice Hall.



Janice receiving a certificate for her photographic prowess.



Waldo Oosthuizen was the overall winner of the photographic competition and took home R2000. Well done boet!



Aneska Almendo, Charles, Madelaine and Carin Bartie



The two tall fellows Dale Topkin(left) and Vasco Theron both attended the Winter-Camp and were part of some of our junior hunters that won lucky draw cash prizes through a CHASA initiative.





The Steyns were also there in full force. Lucas, Sonja and little Sarah.

Good to see the youngsters having fun. PJ, Aneska, Christiaan and Jed.





Looks like the van der Merwes enjoyed themselves ...



... as did the Weweges ...



... and the Groenewalds.



Jannie Engelbrecht joined by the Lambrechts.

Janice Hall and Hettie Steyn with Karin and Dirk Knoetze... all smiles.





Richard and Sonette Proudman representing Wildman.



Pietman Kotze with Monica Herselman.



David Herselman taking a breather.



Madelaine and René relaxing after a long day.



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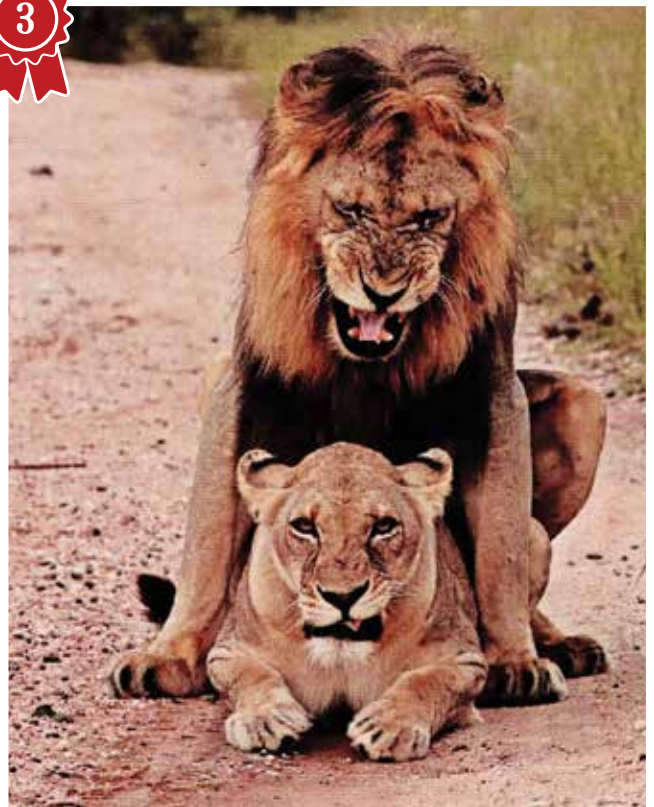
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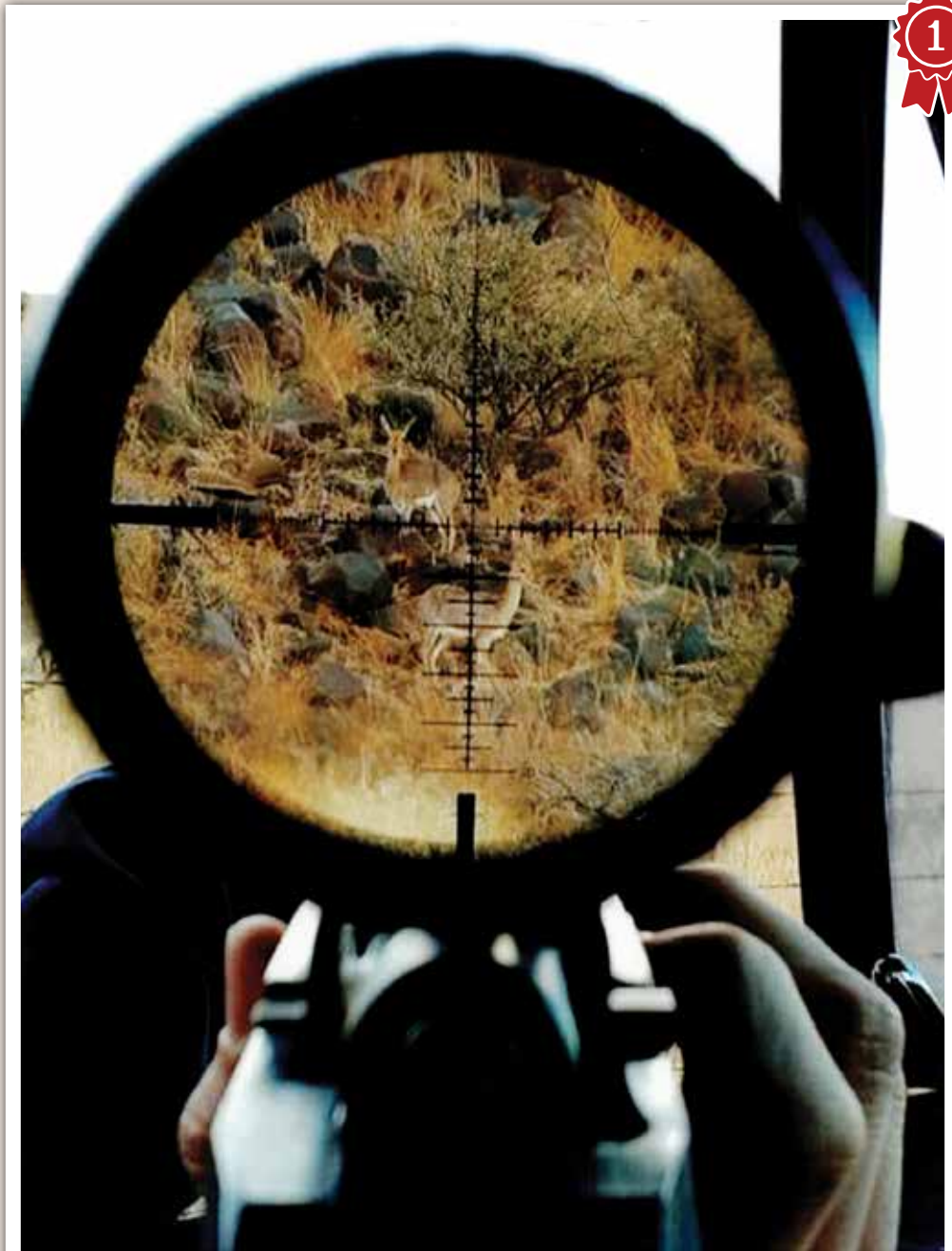


Third – Aneska Almendro



Special mention – Danell Bartie

HUNTER AND QUARRY CATEGORY:



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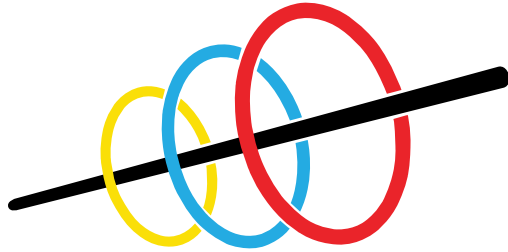


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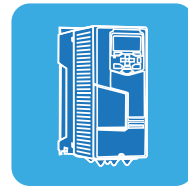
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