

# SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

## UNITED STATES MICHIGAN



Gallacher's whitetail deer

SCI Life Member Gregory J. Gallacher reports on a hunt with outfitter **Larry Higgins – Red Pine Whitetails, Inc.** Gallacher took whitetail deer on the early October 2003 hunt in Otsego County.

Personal highlight for Gallacher: Taking a trophy whitetail that weighed 285 pounds.

Comments on performance of the guide: "Higgins was professional, easy, and fun to be with."

Performance of the outfitter: "Every detail is covered in a professional, but friendly manner. This is a comfortable, fun hunt with terrific accommodations and food. The outfitter Larry Higgins and wife Cindy are "hands on" and ready to accommodate your every need."

Gallacher recommends the hunt: "Quality white-tails. Friendly staff. Outstanding accommodations and food. Perfect."

## CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA

SCI Life Member Mike E. Neilson reports on a hunt with **Brett Thorpe** of **Bowron River Outfitters**. Neilson took a black bear on the mid September 2003 hunt.

Personal highlights for Neilson: "Stalking to within 15 yards of a black bear on more than one occasion. Seeing my first grizzly bear."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Brett did his utmost in our moose hunt. Although the moose didn't co-operate, Brett worked his tail off searching for the best opportunities. Brett was able to get me close to many black bears."



Neilson's black bear

Interesting sidelights: "This area (705) was thick with black bears. I saw an average of five bears a day while hunting."

Neilson recommends the hunt: "Brett runs a first class operation in some beautiful country in the heart of British Columbia."

Booking agent: **Bowhunting Safari Consultants**.  
Cost of the hunt: \$3,800.

## AFRICA BOTSWANA



Ohanesian's gemsbok

SCI National Member Nick Ohanesian reports on a hunt with outfitter **Sandy McDonald – McDonald Pro-Hunting**. Guide **Hans Enslin** led Ohanesian to take impala, gemsbok, kudu, blue wildebeest, zebra,

warthog, and red hartebeest in mid June 2003.

Ohanesian chose a Winchester .375 H&H with Federal Premium 300-grain bullets to take his trophies at 250 yards. He used a Leica 3.5x10 scope and Leica 10x42 binocular.

Personal highlights for Ohanesian: "Being in a game-rich area. Taking a gemsbok, a kudu, a great old wildebeest, a mature zebra stallion, excellent hartebeest, impala, and warthog with my wife, Carla, in the field with me for the entire trip."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Hans Enslin is an excellent PH. His knowledge of the hunting area and game is excellent. Hans is not only an excellent game guide, but he is also a great source of information of evolution and current status of the game and land we were in. Hans made our first trip to South Africa and Botswana perfect."

Performance of the outfitter: "McDonald Pro-Hunting performed flawlessly from first inquiry to our return home. Helen, Tracy, and Sandy McDonald are truly professionals in the hunting world. We hope to hunt with their company several more times in the next few years."

Ohanesian recommends the hunt: "McDonald Pro-Hunting is a company that works extremely hard to give a hunter the perfect safari."

Cost of the hunt: \$9,200 – not including air fare.

## ZIMBABWE



Newman's Cape buffalo

Lehigh Valley Chapter member Ronald S. Newman reports on a hunt with outfitters **Barry and Rob Style – Buffalo Range Safaris**. In early July 2003,

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## How To File A Hunt Report

SCI maintains a file of reports about outfitters, guides and hunting conditions. Members are invited to review them before booking their hunts by the Trophy Records Department at SCI Headquarters (520) 620-1220. This service is free to National, International and Chapter members who are, in turn, asked to contribute to the database by submitting detailed reports of their own hunts. SCI accepts reports of hunts taken by SCI members only. Reports

submitted by non-SCI members will not be accepted. Because of the volume of hunt reports received every month, *Safari Times* is unable to publish every report. However, all reports will be filed in the Trophy Records Department for member review.

Use only the official SCI Hunt Report forms. Report must be original, and must include the SCI member's signature and membership number. (For forms, write Hunt Reports, Safari Club International, 4800 W. Gates Pass Rd., Tucson, AZ. 85745.)

Send a separate report for each hunt. Reports are filed

for future use by other members. Put the hunt date on the form, along with the date that the report is submitted. Fill in all the blanks.

To be considered for use in *Safari Times*, photos must be good quality prints of trophy-class animals. Please do not staple. Use paper clips to attach pertinent hunt data such as your name, outfitter name, species, hunt date, trophy score, etc. on a separate piece of paper. Or use a gummed label to affix to back of photo. Never write directly on a photo. Photos cannot be returned.

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Newman took Cape buffalo, eland, zebra, waterbuck, bushbuck, impala, baboons, monkeys, duiker, serval, and jackals under the professional guidance of **Brent Leesmay** and **Mark Vallaro**.

Personal highlights for Newman: "Finally, after many videos of Cape buffalo being shot, I finally got mine - nothing like any video. What a rush! ... I'd do it again for sure. I took my Cape buffalo with a .416 Remington with iron sights - a one shot kill. Also, taking a serval."

Comments on performance of the guide: "This was my fourth safari with PH Brent. He did an excellent job. Everyday was an adventure. PH Mark Vallaro, another excellent PH, also helped for a few days. Buffalo Range Safaris is lucky to have both of them!"

Performance of the outfitter: "Barry and Rob Style - They always go far out of their way to make my safaris super including joining us at dinner some nights. I feel very relaxed and comfortable on safari with them all. They feel like one of the family."

Newman recommends the hunt: "I've hunted with Buffalo Range Safaris on four safaris, a total of 69 days. I have taken 80 trophies. I always had a great time, and I'm going back next year for sure."

Cost of the hunt: \$5,500 and trophy fees.

## AUSTARLIA NORTHERN TERRITORY

SCI Life Member Glenn H. Miller reports on a hunt with outfitter **Australia Wide Safaris** and **Mat Kelman**. Species taken were water buffalo, scrub bull, and wild boar.



Miller's water buffalo

Personal highlights for Miller: "Just visiting Australia ...the vastness of the top end of the Northern Territory. Mat's Carmor Plains Station encompasses 100,000 acres and is bordered on the east by Kakadu National Park and the Pacific Ocean on the north."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent companion and fanatic hunter. He knew the habits of the game and was well versed in the fauna and flora of Australia."

Performance of the outfitter: "Mat is the owner and guide of Australia Wide Safaris and did everything from picking us up at the airport to hunting, skinning, cooking, and being our local tour guide."

Interesting sidelights: "Toured Sydney, Ayers Rock, Alice Springs, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. Going to a real outback pub and taking Mat's pet pig along."

Miller recommends the hunt: "Mat has his own land and manages it strictly for the game. He also has access to surrounding stations with buffalo on them."



Hodgdon's water buffalo

SCI Kansas City Chapter member J. B. Hodgdon reports on a mid July 2002 hunt with outfitter **Hunt Australia Pty. Ltd.** Miller took water buffalo under the guidance of **Bob Penfold**.

Personal highlights for Hodgdon: "The camp is well organized and the guides are very knowledgeable. The camp location is excellent for getting to the buffalo."

Comments on performance of the guide: "The guide was excellent and knew the best places to find game."

Performance of the outfitter: "First rate."