

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

NORTH AMERICA



Helm's mountain lion

January 2005. Tom Helm of Allentown, Pennsylvania, booked a hunt with **Triple H. Outfitters** to Orangeville, Utah. Dustan and Chase Hinkins were Tom's guides and guided him to shoot his 2 mountain lions. The first lion was a male 200 lbs between 9-10 years old. The second lion was a female 110 lbs 2 1-2-3 years old. Tom used a Remington, .243 WSM, and Swarovski binocular to take his two mountain lions. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Cold, wet and snow conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "This was a terrific hunt – these guys had you up everyday at 3-4 a.m. and in the mountains looking for signs well before light and didn't quit until after dark everyday. I saw 4 mountain lions, 3 of them treed and 1 of them running up a mountain. A bobcat was treed, but was too small to take. Because of the license opportunities overlapping I was able to hunt and harvest 2 mountain lions in one week. This was the hunt of lifetime." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Absolutely excellent. The guides Dustan and Chase Hinkins always full of energy, expert in finding and reading mountain lion sign, handling the dog's, determining size of lion by track and most importantly; ensuring they got me to where the lions was treed quickly but safely." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "The accommodations were more than adequate with the evening meals being superb, which were taken with the outfitters family. This outfitter had good equipment and did everything humanly possible to make this a successful hunt, which they did!" **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "I'm going back to hunt bear and bobcats. It was beautiful area to hunt and the sights were fabulous." **Cost of hunt:** \$3,000



Folmer's eland

March 2005. Edward Folmar and his wife who live in Modesto, California, booked a hunt with **Indianhead Ranch** in Del Rio, Texas. Jessie Garcia was their guide. Jessie guided Edward to shoot his eland and axis deer. Edward used a T.C. Contender .45-70, with 300-grain Nosler Partition bullets. It was also tapped with a Bushnell 2 x 6 scope. He also used a Bushnell 600 rangefinder. The eland was taken at 50+ yards and the axis deer was taken at 85+ yards. Edward was expecting to take trophies at 100 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Wet and cold conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** When I took both animals with my handgun scoped Contender in 45-70." **Comments on performance of guide:** "First class." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "First class." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "A fun hunt. A fenced hunt, but with only 3 fences and on natural boundary! There was 10,000 acres of free-ranging animals. The lodging and people were all first class. We will be going back again!" **Cost of hunt:** \$6,750



Pepper's Armenian sheep

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

April 2005. Melanie Pepper of Houston, Texas, booked a hunt with **Indianhead Ranch** in Del Rio, Texas. Laurent DeLagrange was her guide. Laurent guided Melanie to shoot her Armenian sheep using a Weatherby .300, 200-grain trophy bonded. **Evaluation of support:** Good. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "The hunting area was very scenic. The DeLagrange are very friendly, warm and engaging hosts." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Very good and very knowledgeable." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** Very good facilities and equipment." **Cost of hunt:** N/A

SOUTH PACIFIC



Gilliland's red stag

June 2005. John H. Gilliland from York, Pennsylvania, booked a hunt with **New Zealand 4 Season Safaris** to both the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Shane Johnston was his guide. Shane guided John to shoot his red stag, chamois, tahr, rusa, sika, sambar, fallow deer, goat and sheep using his Remington Model 700 7mm Mag, 140 & 160-grain bullets, tapped with a Leupold scope. Other equipment used were a Leica rangefinder and Garmin GPS. Trophies were taken from a minimum range of 265 yards to a maximum range of 324 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Wet and cold conditions. Vehicle, foot and helicopter were uses of transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Shooting two 400-class stags with my sister 3 seconds apart and on video. Every hunt was a great stalk. Huge sambar and rusa. Good shooting – most shots around 300 yards." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Very personable and professional. They had great areas to hunt, the best equipment and worked hard to get us what we wanted. We hunted 20 days straight! The guides for my father and sister were also very good." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "We ate what we shot most days – delicious!"

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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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Shane took meat to the butcher for us to take home. Everyone worked very hard to make us happy. I highly recommend them." **Interesting sidelights:** "Beautiful scenery." **Cost of hunt:** \$45,000 +/-

REST OF THE WORLD

November 2002. Mike W. Honeycutt of Cabool, Missouri booked a hunt with **Safari Outfitters** in Tajikistan, about 40 kilometers from the Afganistan border. Clark Jeffs and Sergia guided Mike to shoot a Marco Polo argali sheep and a mid-Asian ibex using his Federal 7mm Remington Mag. A-Bolt Browning with 165-grain bullets. Mike used his Leupold scope and Steiner binocular. In addition, an iridium satellite phone, world Nextel phone, and Leica rangefinder were used. **Evaluation of support:** Good. Two days for delivery of trophies. Cold conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Hunting Marco Polo from the plains to the mountains, seeing ibex 400 yards up the side of the mountain, and shooting from 350 to 400 yards with animals running at high speed." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Good performance and the ability to spot animals." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "My hunt was well-organized from the beginning!" **Recommendations:** "Prepare for high altitude sickness, be in good shape, and practice shooting at long distances." **Cost of hunt:** \$30,000

AFRICA



Clark's gemsbuck

From May to June 2005, Jonathan Clark of Otego, New York booked a hunt with **Thorny Bush Safaris** in the Grootpan, Thabazimbi area of the Limpopo Province of South Africa. Malcolm Maker guided Jonathan to shoot a gemsbuck, zebra, kudu, impala, and warthog with his Savage 116 SE .375 H&H using 270-grain Fail Safe bullets. Jonathan took his trophies at 75 yards and under. Arthur Maker, the outfitter, "had a rangefinder, but it wasn't needed because the PH got me close enough. I used a Steiner 8x32 binocular and a Leupold VX-III 2.5x8 scope on my rifle." **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Equipment and trophy shipping were good. Conditions, dry and hot. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Having my 18 year old daughter accompany me on a gemsbuck hunt, when I harvested a magnificent bull scoring 99 1/8 inches." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Malcolm had an uncanny ability to predict the movement and location of the animals, even after we were spotted and the game got spooked. Malcolm was an excellent judge of trophy quality." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "The outfitter, Arthur Maker, was very punctual and paid attention to the smallest details, from pick-up to the final departure

from the airport. He made us feel at home—we laughed like we were old friends. He took us on sightseeing daytrips, was respectful of the game and his staff, and donated the meat to the local church for distribution." **Cost of hunt:** \$4,500



King's Cape buffalo

May 2005. Chuck King of Ozark, Alabama booked a hunt with **Savannah Safaris** where he hunted on a private ranch on the Limpopo River/Beit Bridge area in Zimbabwe. Alec Strauss guided Chuck to kill a 42-inch-plus Cape buffalo, kudu, eland, warthog, and a baboon. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Two wonderful weeks of personal service by our host, Alec and Jan Strauss of Savannah Safaris. The countryside and scenery is absolutely breathtaking! My wife, Susan, and I saw wild elephants, visited ancient bushmen caves with paintings, sat in ancient baobab trees, killed a dream 42-inch Cape buffalo, a 58-inch kudu, and an outstanding eland and warthog." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Alec Strauss is an outstanding PH in every respect. I am going back to hunt leopard with him!" **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Alec and Jan had every detail covered from the time we arrived to the time we departed. Super!" **Interesting sidelights:** "First-rate camp and staff. Spectacular scenery! Fabulous trip! Book with them and you won't be sorry!" **Cost of hunt:** negotiated price



Camron's black wildebeest

October 2004. Richard W. Camron of Milwaukie, Oregon booked a hunt with **Namib-Sun Safaris** north of Windhoek, Namibia. Peter Reinhardt guided Richard to kill a black wildebeest, oryx, mountain zebra, blesbok, springbok, steenbok, and a baboon using his custom Powers .338-06 using Hornady 225-grain bullets. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Being within eight feet of three rhinos." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Outstanding! I would hunt with Peter anytime, anyplace!" **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "The camp and food were excellent! I had a

great time and purchased another six days! All of the game I killed made the Record Book!" **Cost of hunt:** \$4,650 (bought seven more days at \$230 a day)



McClanahan's blesbok

June 2005. Christopher McClanahan of Corsicana, Texas booked a hunt with **Phillip Bronkhorst Safaris** in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. Izak Kirsten guided Christopher and his sister, Leslie, to kill a kudu. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. 12 months for delivery of trophies. Conditions, dry and cold. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Having the family (sister, mother, father) all on the hunt. My sister took one animal. It was my sister and mother's first trip to Africa!" **Comments on performance of guide:** "He was very aware and knowledgeable of animals, their characteristic movements, and trophy judging. He was also very personable!" **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Very attentive! He checked on us every day to make sure all was going well. He was very concerned about pleasing the entire family and making the hunt enjoyable for everyone!" **Interesting sidelights:** "Phillip arranged an excellent trip to Victoria Falls including an elephant-back safari and a helicopter tour over the falls." **Cost of hunt:** \$6,900 (basic)



Wass' kudu

June 2005. Leonard R. Wass of Oswego, Illinois booked a hunt with **Nkanga River Conservancy** in Choma, Zambia. Ian Bruce Miller guided Leonard to kill a kudu, zebra, wildebeest, bushbuck, and a sable using his Remington Model 700 .30-06 with a Leupold 3x9 scope and 180-grain bullets at a range of 40 to 160 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Killing the 56 inch kudu." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Superior! This is my third hunt with him!" **Recommendations:** "Johannesburg police are still a big problem prior to an overnight stay. Upon return, Dutch police confiscated our firearms in checked KLM/NWA baggage because they passed a new licensing law while we were in Africa." **Cost of hunt:** \$5,500 (plus airfare)