

# SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

## NORTH AMERICA



Gillott's nilgai

**February 2005.** Rocco D. Gillott of Centrehall, Pennsylvania, booked a hunt with **Garry Wright Safaris** to Willacy, Texas. Garry Wright guided Rocco to shoot his Nilgai antelope using a Winchester M70 stainless synthetic, 270-grain Hornady SP, Zeiss 10 x 40 binocular and Leupold 2 x 8 Vari X-III scope. The trophy was taken at 210 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Garry Wright made excellent arrangements to get us on the ranch with a good number of Nilgai antelope. There were no high fences and the animals were very wild. It was a very exciting hunt." **Comments of performance of guide:** "Garry has a good game eye and is an excellent judge of quality." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Garry Wright was both the guide and outfitter and met my expectations in both areas." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "Seeing some large trophy whitetails added to the enjoyment. It was gratifying to donate most of the meat to Hunters Feeding the Hungry." **Cost of hunt:** \$300 per day + trophy fees

## SOUTH AMERICA

**June 2005.** Lt. Col. Pat McMahon from Endeavor, Wisconsin, booked a hunt with **South American Adventure Safari** to Santa Fe, Argentina. Ricardo Fossatti was the guide. Ricardo guided Lt. Col. Pat McMahon to shoot his grey/brown brocket, collared peccary, fallow deer and blackbuck antelope using a 30 year old model 70 Winchester 7mm Mag, operated by a broken down WWII Grunt, utilizing yard sale ammo of unknown weight and a 14 year old German

scope with three chips and a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch crack. No misses and no trailing! **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Wet conditions. Transportation was done by boat, vehicle and foot. **Personal highlights:** "Having a pleasant hunt." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Superb." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Above reproach – Marcelo Sodero definitely qualifies for 2004 PH of the year." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "Tommy Morrison of Sporting International was my booking agent and he did a superb job of staying on top of weapons registration; flights; etc. Marcelo goes all out to insure your success and that the hunt is conducted to your satisfaction." **Cost of hunt:** \$400 per day plus trophy fees

## AFRICA



Mumper's Cape buffalo

**January 2005.** Kristin Mumper from Rapid City, South Dakota booked a hunt with **Northern Hunting Enterprises** to Tanzania. J.D. Andrews guided Kristin to shoot her Cape buffalo, impala, Thompson gazelle, and 2 wildebeests (white bearded). Kristin used a model 70 Winchester, 300-grain Trophy Bonded bullets, and Swarovski binocular. All Kristin's trophies were taken within a range of 6 – 100 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry, cold and hot conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Charge by Cape buffalo at about 15 paces. Charge by lioness. All animals taken of record book quality." **Comments on performance of guide:** "J.D. is an exception PH, with unfailing patience to my endless questions." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Hunting block was excellent – flooded with game. Tents were well maintained and private. Food was superb and staff was friendly." **Cost of hunt:** \$13,416



Lorren's Livingstone eland

**July 2005.** L. R. "PUG" Lorren, who lives in Louisiana, booked a hunt with **Bishopstone Safaris** to Zimbabwe near Beit Bridge. Wayne Bartlett guided PUG to shoot his leopard, steenbok and warthog using his Weatherby .300 Mag, 180-grain Swift Scirocco, and for his Livingstone eland, PUG used his Mauser .375 Mag, 300-grain Swift A-Frame along with Leupold scopes on both rifles, Swarovski Binocular and Bushnell rangefinder. He killed his trophies between the ranges of 100-225 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Learning about just how much effort and work goes into a leopard hunt. Without a great deal of hard work and skill on the part of the PH and the trackers, hunting leopards successfully would not be possible". **Comments on performance of guide:** "I have been on a dozens of guided hunts but I have never hunted with a more focused and intense PH as Wayne Bartlett. He truly knows his business and makes an all out effort to get you a very good leopard. His trackers are exceptional and they work very well as a team." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Brenden Parks is the owner/outfitter of Bishopstone Estates and Bishopstone Safaris. The safari operations managers are Gavin and Debbie Rabinovich. They operate two hunting camps on the main Bishopstone property and several other remote camps located in different parts of Zimbabwe depending on the animals being hunted. I stayed in a private chalet with complete bathroom facilities, fulltime electricity and it was even heated and cooled by a heat pump. The entire operation exceeded my expectations." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** Bishopstone Estates also operates a very large citrus and tomato farm operation, employing a large number of citizens of Zimbabwe. **Cost of hunt:** \$10,900 (excluding airfare, tips and miscellaneous spending)

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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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Diller's gemsbok

**July 2005.** George and Kiel Diller, who live in Ohio, booked a hunt with **Thaba Mmoyo Safaris** to South Africa - Northern Province. Fanie Steyn guided George and his son Kiel to Kiel's first safari. It being Kiel's first safari he did a great job and took a impala, kudu, bushbuck, common duiker, gemsbok, bushpig, warthog, baboon and a jackal with his .270 Winchester rifle. George on the other hand took a sharps grysbok, waterbuck, steenbok, blue wildebeest and vervet monkey with his Winchester .300 by Christensen Arms. **Elevation of support:** Excellent. Dry and cold conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Watching my son on his first African hunt." **Comments on performance of guide:** "The guide and his trackers did a very nice job. They all made a good team." **Cost of hunt:** \$17,000 (excluding airfare)

**August 2005.** David M. Richards & Elizabeth T. Gibson of Bozeman, Montana booked a hunt with **Coenraad Vermaak Safaris** to Botswana. Murray Hibbs guided David, to kill an elephant, tessebee, steenbok and impala and Elizabeth to kill a Cape buffalo and impala. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Conditions, dry and cold but not too cold. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Hunting, tracking, shooting elephant and buffalo. The entire safari experience with Vermaak in Botswana was outstanding. Murray Hibbs, the PH, made for delightful hunt." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Murray Hibbs was excellent - young but very mature and with good judgment as well as a good companion for a long hunt; good humored, well educated, skilled. What more could you ask for." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Excellent follow through and follow up on all issues related to hunt trophies, camp needs, etc. Best camp- food, service, accommodations, new and excellent conditions." **Interesting sidelights:** "Good, Good, Good! Queen size bed in camp! And unexpected treat, Lions in Camp!!!!" **Cost of hunt:** \$57,000

**August 2005.** Kirk Clark from Sand Coulee, Montana booked a hunt with **Dries Visser Safaris** to Limpopo. Hein Lottering guided Kirk to shoot his kudu, nyala, blue wildebeest, black wildebeest and impala. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry, and cold conditions. Foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Shot record book nyala." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Great." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Great." **Cost of hunt:** N/A

**September 2005.** Steve Johnson from Halltown, Missouri, booked a hunt with **CUS Safaris** to South Africa. Hans Vermaak and Coenraad guided Steve Johnson to shoot his kudu, nyala, bushbuck and leopard using his Davenport Custom, 225-grain Nosler Partition bullets. He took his trophies between the ranges of 50-250 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Nyala hunt with my son taking and excellent." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Impeccable as always." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Impeccable as always." **Cost of hunt:** N/A



Pitters' gemsbok

**June 2005.** Christopher Pitters from the state of Michigan booked a hunt with **McDonald Pro-Hunting** to South Africa - Northern Province. Chris guided Christopher to shoot a gemsbok, red hartebeest, impala, blue/black wildebeest, nyala, waterbuck, blesbok, zebra, duiker, steenbok and genet cat using his Weatherby .300, 180-grain X-bullets. Christopher took his trophies at 100-200 yards using his Zeiss scope and Leica rangefinder and Zeiss Binocular. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Conditions, dry. Vehicle transportation. Equipment and trophy shipping were excellent. **Personal highlights:** "I'm 16 years old, hunting with my dad and taking some really nice trophies. Putting down y gemsbok one shot at 200+ yards." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Was great, helped me get over missing a couple animals. Said its part of the sport everyone has or will miss sometime in their life." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "They were really nice. They found a couple of wounded animal after we left. Everyone at home told us they (outfitters) wouldn't put to much energy into looking. They did! It was a hunt of a lifetime for me and my dad, and they made it extra special. Everything was GREAT!" **Cost of hunt:** \$18,000 (excluding airfare)



Posada's klipspringer

**July 2005.** Felipe J. Posada from Yakima, Washington booked a hunt with **Phillip Bronkhorst Safaris** to South Africa - Limpopo, where Izak Kirsten was his guide. Izak guided Felipe to take a blesbok, impala, klipspringer and a warthog with his Tikka .308, using Barnes Triple Shock 168-grain bullets. Felipe took along a Pentax 8x 40 binocular, Burris 3x 9 scope and a Leica 800 rangefinder. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry and hot conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "There were no problems. Every detail of the hunt was well planned and executed. The facilities were first class. Seeing large numbers and a variety of animals. Along with hiking up a plateau and visiting ancient aboriginal dwellings and collecting above average trophies." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Izak Kirsten was a pleasure to hunt with. Izak personified the African Professional Hunter. Well educated, knowledgeable of flora and fauna, an excellent companion and indefatigable in the pursuit of game." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "A true gentleman, friendly. A tickler for detail and a perfectionist. The supporting staff at camp was above average and eager to please. Brenda, the camp manager, prepared exquisite African dishes." **Interesting sidelights:** "A perfect hunt in every aspect." **Cost of hunt:** \$5,000



McFadden's trophy

**August 2005.** James W. McFadden of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida booked a hunt with **Macumba Safaris** to Tanzania. Schalk Tait guided James to shoot his 3 buffalo, bushbuck, Lichtenstein hartebeest, honey badger, Bahor reedbok, roan, sable, sitatunga, topi, Defassa waterbuck. James used a H & H Weatherby .375 which wore a Zeiss 1.5 x 6 scope and 300 -grain Swift A-Frame and Sierra 300-grain SP BT / Remington 7mm Mag. which wore a Leupold 2.5 x 10 scope and 160-grain Sierra SPBT. Leica rangefinder, and Zeiss 10 x 40 binocular. **Evaluation of support:** Good. Dry conditions. Air and vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Taking roan with a score of 76 5/8 and sitatunga with a score of 63 6/8 - both will probably be certified in SCI Top 20, together with 5 other antelope that will score in gold medal class." **Comments on performance of guide:** "This was my 5<sup>th</sup> safari and BEST guide yet. His quality judgment and stalking ability were superb. His is intelligent and has an excellent personality." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Very good overall." **Cost of hunt:** \$38,000