

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA



Kirsch's Stone sheep

SCI Life Member Patrick L. Kirsch reports an excellent Stone sheep hunt with outfitter and guide **Shawn Raymond - Coal River Outfitters**.

Personal highlights for Kirsch: Taking a record book ram that was 11 years old. Looked at 25 different rams.

Comments on performance of the guide/outfitter: "Excellent. He knew his area well and the game in it."

General comments: "Beautiful country. I saw many moose and mountain caribou."

Recommendation: "Excellent game populations with excellent trophy animals."

Cost of hunt: \$21,000

Hunt date: August 2004

AFRICA NAMIBIA

SCI Life Member Glenn Vondra reports on a hunt with outfitter **Omatako Ranch**.

Guide **Francois Robberts** led Vondra to take gemsbok, warthog, kudu, Kalahari springbok, and red hartebeest. Vondra used a .30-06 with 180-grain bullets to take his trophies at 200 yards.

Personal highlights for Vondra: "Taking my Namibian gemsbok."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Excellent skills."

Performance of the outfitter: "Excellent. Outfitter arranged a rental car and accommodations at Etosha National Park."

Recommendation: "Everything was first class and animals are very good trophy class."

Cost of hunt: \$4,400

Hunt date: April 2004



Vondra's gemsbok



Spevak's springbok

SCI Iowa Chapter member Nels Spevak reports on a hunt with guide **Timo of Ozonduno Safari**. Spevak took waterbuck, red hartebeest, springbok, baboon, francolins and guinea hens. He fired a Zastava .375 H&H with a Kahles fixed 6 power rig and 300-grain SP bullets.

Personal highlights for Spevak: "Seeing five different countries in two-and-a-half weeks. Visiting Victoria Falls and the Chobe National Park. Taking a sunset boat cruise

up the Zambezi River for the first time. Bagging a dream waterbuck, springbok, red hartebeest, and baboon in Namibia on a four-day hunt. Taking Marlene's 16-year old niece, Rebecca Anderson, hunting. Ozonduno let her shoot francolins and guinea hens at no extra cost. She had the best time of her life and wants to go back."

Comments on performance of the guide: "He worked hard and was very skilled in tracking and stalking of trophy animals, which makes for a great hunt."

Performance of the outfitter: "**Jannie and Heidi Du Preez** are the owners and operators of Ozonduno Safari. Excellent accommodations, and the food was gourmet everyday. Most importantly, they made us feel like we were part of their large family. We came as clients and left as good friends."

Interesting sidelights: "Being charged by two very mad and angry teenage bull elephants."

Recommendation: "Ozonduno makes it possible to hunt in Namibia at fair rates that accommodate the average hunter. This five-country safari would not have taken place if it was not for the help of **Tracking Africa**. This was our second safari with **George Gehrman**. George has the knowledge and ability to arrange and modify our busy and complex travel plans. George always made sure we were in the right place at the right time."

Booking agent: **Tracking Africa - George Gehrman**

Hunt date: June 2004

Cost of hunt: \$3,400



Buel's blesbok

SCI National Member Michael R. Buel reports an excellent hunt with outfitter and guide **Rainer Ling - Die Keiler**. Buel took gemsbok, blesbok, springbok, and blue wildebeest trophies.

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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.

Personal highlights for Buel: "I took my first blesbok with Rainer and I also took the biggest springbok they have ever taken. This was also my first time to ever be in the Kalahari Desert, a very fun and interesting place."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Rainer owned the ranches we hunted on and knew the area intimately. He knew where the animals would hang out at different times of the day and their habits. Very knowledgeable Rainer is a very good hunter. Excellent guide and fun to spend time with."

Performance of the outfitter: "A professional man with well run operation. Very nice housing. Good meals. Rainer and his wife Reinhold are very nice people and great company."

General comments: "Great time spent on typical Kalahari Desert ranch. Rainer is very involved with the Namibia Professional Hunter Association."

Cost of hunt: \$3,000

Hunt date: August 2003

ZIMBABWE



Chernick's elephant

SCI Senior Life Member Jeffrey P. Chernick reports on an elephant hunt guided by **Marc Butcher** of **Matupula Hunters**.

Personal highlights for Chernick: "As Marc said, this was a 'classic' elephant hunt walking through extremely thick bush of 14-to-16 feet in height. Visibility was from about 10 yards to no more than 25. This tracking on foot continued from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with no stopping for lunch."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Marc had been culling elephants for the national parks for many years, after which he started up his own company. He is a very experienced, professional and knowledgeable hunter. His operation is well deserving of high marks. This man knows his elephant well."

Performance of the outfitter: "**Sporting International Inc.** did a great job in coordinating my trip."

General comments: "I visited two primary schools and gave the children clothes, toys, and books we brought from home. Also distributed clothing, etc. to the people from the village in whose area the elephant was shot. They received most of the meat from the elephant and they were all very happy that day."

Hunt date: May to June 2004

ZIMBABWE

SCI Wisconsin Chapter member Rob Mehner reports on a hunt with outfitter Mokore Safaris and guide Hilton Nichols.

Mehner took kudu, waterbuck, eland, blue wildebeest, bushbuck, klipspringer, warthog, impala, duiker, and

zebra. Mehner chose a Remington rifle with Federal Trophy Bonded .30-06 180-grain bullets .375 H&H 300-grain solids and softs. His other equipment included a Bushnell Yardage Pro Scout rangefinder, a satellite phone, and a Stony Point bipod.



Mehner's kudu

Personal highlights: "Shooting a huge kudu after an exciting stalk amongst the cacti along an abandoned mine. Exciting eland stalk. Taking 14 animals total."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Hilton has 29 years of experience as a PH and it shows. He is very knowledgeable and provided me with a fun and highly successful first safari."

Performance of the outfitter: "They are a first class operation with quality lodging, staff and food. They make you feel like a part of their family. Well established in Zimbabwe for many years."

Cost of hunt: \$16,535

Hunt date: May 2004

**AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND/NEW CALEDONIA**



Dimmitt's red stag

SCI Life Member Dr. Kim M. Dimmitt reports on a hunt guided by **Mike Hodder** of **Reel Hunting Ltd.** Dimmitt took estate red stag, free range fallow deer, and free range rusa deer trophies.

Personal highlights for Dimmitt: "Taking a huge rusa free range was really fun. I saw many gold medal stags during the hunt. Mike has super leases to hunt on. Red stag was a beauty."

Comments on performance of the guide: "Top notch. Superb knowledge of game and hunting areas. Mike works very hard to have his client take the best available species. I consistently take record book quality animals with Mike."

Performance of the outfitter: "This was my second time with the Hodders. Service is their hallmark. A great family trip to go on. Luggage delayed getting there. **Julie** had already been shopping for us and had clothes, etc. waiting for us upon arrival at the house. The service is second to none."

General comments: "My family went on the Lord of the Rings tour while I hunted the South Island. Went sightseeing on New Caledonia to Noumea at a beachfront resort."

Recommendation: "It's nice to see someone still offering good old fashioned service. When it is all said and done, it may cost a little more for first rate services, but the trophy quality you will take home will last forever."

Cost of hunt: \$25,000

Hunt date: July 2004

**MEXICO
COAHUILA**



Teepe's whitetail

SCI Life Member William F. Teepe reports on a whitetail deer hunt guided by **William Van Der Mall** of **Rio Grande Ranch**.

Teepe took his trophy deer from 100 yards with a .300 Magnum and 180-grain Nosler bullets. His optics included a Swarovski 6-24x scope and Swarovski 8x32 SL binocular.

Personal highlights for Teepe: "An exceptional lodge with all the modern comforts of home. Very well equipped. First class cuisine. Never ending cups. I recommend this lodge highly."

Comments on performance of the guide: "My guide was well versed and knowledgeable of the property and animals. Transportation on the ranch as quite sufficient to get the job done."

Performance of the outfitter: "The owner was a real gentleman. He did not reside at the ranch, but made a special trip to meet me and welcome me. It was a real pleasant hunt, and I enjoyed myself completely."

Recommendation: "If you are looking for exceptional whitetails, an area that offers many, many deer, I can't suggest any trip or outfitter better. I recommend it highly."

Cost of hunt: \$6,000

Hunt date: January 2004