

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

NORTH AMERICA CANADA



Pickett's Rocky Mountain elk

September 2005. Victor Pickett from Utah booked a hunt with **Northsask Frontier Adventures, LTD** to Saskatchewan, Canada. Rick Green guided Victor Pickett to shoot his Rocky Mountain elk, fallow deer and Russian boar using his Christensen Arms .300 Ultra Mag, with 180-grain Nosler Partition bullets. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry, and wet conditions. Vehicle transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Food, animal prep, trophies, and accommodations. Possibly 2nd biggest (Estate/Rocky Mountain elk ever taken 484 4/8)." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Fabulous." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "I can't give enough kudos to Jim and Adrienne Fink of Blackstone Outfitters. They have a great area and staff and work hard to make sure the client goes home happy and feeling like a part of the family." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "I have hunted with Blackstone Outfitters two times now and am planning to return in 2008. I highly recommend this hunt." **Cost of hunt:** \$7,900



Hadler's caribou

September 2005. Donald G. Hadler from Indiana booked a hunt with **Arctic Adventure** to Quebec, Canada. Alain Segvin guided Donald G. Hadler to shoot

his 2 caribou using his 700 Remington, using 7mm Remington Mag handloads, 139-grain Hornady BTSP/72 Grain IMR 7828. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry, wet and cold conditions. Air, Boat and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "My first time in this area. To see so many caribou and the weather changed every day. To see the northern lights on land where it looks like nothing could live in the winter." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Guide did a great job of getting us to the caribou and telling which one was a trophy. Did a great job preparing cape and meat." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Outfitter Stephen Ashton and his staff had hotel and airline reservation all taken care of. They had personnel to meet us at the hotel and airport. Everything went as you hoped it would." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "We had a short lay over in Kuujjaq. It was interesting to see how the natives lived in this small town." **Cost of hunt:** \$5,200

NORTH AMERICA UNITED STATES



Grimes' antelope

September 2005. Donald H. Grimes of California booked a hunt with **Cougar Mountain Outfitters** to New Mexico. Robert and Laura Seeds were Donald's guides and guided him to shoot his antelope, which had 17 1/8-inch horns and 6-inch prongs. He took his trophy at 180 yards. Donald used a Sako .270 WSM with 4.5 x 14 Vari-X III Leupold scope, 130-grain Barnes TSX bullets. He also used a Leica binocular, 10-15 x 50, Leica 20 x 60 spotting scope and Leica rangefinder. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry 85° conditions. Vehicle and foot transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Looking at a great many trophy antelope on this 25, 000 acre ranch and planning the strategy. To stalk in close enough for a shot. We worked hard for 2 days to collect my buck, however some of the other hunters had easy shots." **Comments on performance of guide:** "My guide was

Laura Seeds who has the eyes of an eagle, and the stamina of a prize fighter. She is very selective on what trophy animal you should shoot, and is an excellent judge of horn length and weight. This hunt is for trophy antelope. If you can shoot straight, the guides will go that extra mile to make sure you have a good hunting experience." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "The outfitter Robert and Laura took 14 hunters on the 2-day hunt and filled out all 14 hunters by noon of the second day, several trophy bucks were taken. The spring rains in New Mexico this year was great for horn growth." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "Robert Seeds takes excellent care of the meat, and for the hunters that don't take the meat, Robert has a list of people waiting for the good-tasting antelope." **Cost of hunt:** \$3,500



Sacco's Axis deer

September 2005. Dominick Sacco from New Port Beach, California booked a hunt with **M and M Hunts - Randy Miers** to Texas. Randy Miers guided Dominick Sacco to shoot his 2 axis non-typical deer using a black powder pistol. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle and transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Shooting 2 axis non-typical in top 10 with black powder pistol- built by Gordon Kahnke. Was looking for top 10 typical - saw one in July, never came back this trip. Passed on one excellent typical." **Comments of performance of guide:** "Excellent were watching 20-25 bucks per day - these were never seen before the 2 non-typical." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Everything excellent. Randy Miers has plenty of free range axis on 3 ranches - I will be going back in November." **General comments, interesting sidelights, Humanitarian Services:** "We went by the Baptist Encampment in Leakey, Texas and sent clothes for Katrina Hurricane people after hearing about the storm." **Cost of hunt:** \$4,800

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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.



Neilson's alligators

September 2005. Mike E. Neilson from Danville, Indiana, booked a hunt with **Hampton & Hampton Guide Services** to Florida. Don Hampton guided Mike Neilson to shoot his 2 American alligators using his recurve bow. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry and hot conditions. Boat transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Taking 2, 10-foot alligators with my recurve bow. Meeting Jay Vetzal of Panther Airboats. Cruising in an airboat at night!" **Comments on performance of guide:** "Don was able to spot alligators in the tall grass and bring the boat close for perfect shots. Don's knowledge of his area and alligators is amazing." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Same as previous statement." **General comments, interesting sidelights:** "Sailing along the river at night in an airboat is a fantastic experience. Shooting 2 trophy gators was beyond my expectations." **Cost of hunt:** \$2,500



Ellis' Alaskan brown bear

May 2005. Thomas M. Ellis from Texas booked a hunt with **Glacier Guides Inc.** in Alaska. Mott Mahoney and Jimmie C. Rosenbruch guided Thomas Ellis to shoot his brown bear and his black bear using a KDF Custom .375 H & H Magnum, 300-grain bullets, Swarovski 1x6 scope and Zeiss 10x40 binoculars. Thomas M. Ellis took his brown bear at 57 yards and his black bear at 20 yards. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Dry and cold conditions. Boat transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Just being associated with super intelligent, knowledgeable people – entire family, with complete in depth knowledge about hunting the area and the periphery." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Brown Bear: Guide was outstanding in his pursuit of the bear demonstrated superior knowledge of the area and the bears habits. Black Bear: Guides were outfitters daughter and her husband both were outstanding, never saw better." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "The outfitter and his family are the entire operation. I have never seen more personable, knowledgeable or dedicated to anticipating and meeting your every need. Equipment is maintained impeccably." **Cost of hunt:** \$119,900

AFRICA



Salzinger's kudu

September 2005. Hans K. Salzinger from Arlington, Virginia booked a hunt with **African Twilight Safaris** to Namibia, Africa. Jaco Van Der Merwe was Hans Salzinger's guide. Jaco guided Hans to shoot his gemsbok, springbok and kudu with his .338 Winchester, Remington factory ammo tipped with 225-grain Swift A-Frame. His scope was a Leupold VXII 3x9 he also used a Bushnell 10x42 binocular and a Bushnell rangefinder. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Conditions were dry. Transportation was either by vehicle or foot. **Personal highlights:** "Taking a 12 year old kudu bull at 200 meters on the morning of our last day hunting." **Comments on performance of guide:** "The PH (Jaco) and his brother Mare own and operate a 109,000 acre ranch – on which they were raised and know like the back of their hand. The spotters and trackers were also outstanding." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Guide (PH) and outfitter are one and the same." **General comments:** "A lot of safari for the money! The location is remote and the topography is a combination of plains/mountains. Elevation is 5,500-6,000 feet." **Cost of hunt:** \$3,500



House's red hartebeest

August 2005. James B. House from San Antonio, Texas booked a hunt with Maritz Jansen Van Vuuren / Panthera Hunting to Namibia, Africa. Maritz Jansen Van Vuuren was James B. House's guide. Maritz guided James to shoot his kudu bull, sable, oryx, 2 zebra- Hartman Mountain species, Burchell Gold Medal red hartebeest, blesbok, and steenbok using his Ruger .338 Win Mag and 210-grain Nosler Partition bullets, Zeiss binocular, rangefinder, satellite phone, and digital camera. **Evaluation of support:** Excellent. Conditions were dry and transportation was a vehicle. **Personal highlights:** "Killing trophy class animals, watching our guide kill an 8-foot black mamba. Great food every night over a camp fire under the African stars. Enjoyed meeting the various farm owners." **Comments on performance of guide:** Hardworking – with a short time to prepare, he did an excellent job getting us on trophy animals." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Same." **Cost of hunt:** \$15,000

RUSSIA

September 2005. Edward D. Yates Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, booked a hunt with **Kulu Safaris** to Magadan Russia. Peter Samiralov was his guide. Peter guided Edward to shoot his 2 Kolyma Siberian snow sheep using a 7mm



Yates' Siberian snow sheep

Remington Mag. Trophies were taken from a range of 150 yards one was even an offhand running shot. **Evaluation of support:** Good. Most days were nice but we also had rain, fog, snow and high winds at time. Foot was the use of transportation. **Personal highlights:** "Taking an excellent 160 SCI class ram with very thick bases." **Comments on performance of guide:** "Excellent, hard working." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Very well run organization. This is my second hunt with Kulu – I think they are the best in Russia." **Interesting sidelights:** "Abundant trophy rams - beautiful area only about 2 miles from the Pacific Coast, terrain only moderately difficult; plus a very good outfitter." **Cost of hunt:** \$19,500

**ASIA
MONGOLIA**



McVey's Altai ibex

September 2005. Terry McVey from Cambridge, Ohio booked a hunt with **Can-Asia Expeditions** to Mongolia. Tumroo was Terry McVey's guide. Tumroo guided Terry McVey to shoot his Altai ibex using his Browning A-Bolt Stainless Synthetic in .300 Winchester Mag, 180-grain Barnes X bullet hand loads, Leupold Vari-X II 3x9 scope, Steiner 9x40 binocular, Bushnell Yardage Pro 1000 rangefinder, Bushnell 15-45 zoom spotting scope. Trophies were taken at 160 yards, expected 150 yards to greatest ethical shooting distance. **Elevation of support:** Excellent. Conditions were dry, hot, wet and cold depending upon the day and hour. Transportation was horse or foot. **Personal highlights:** "The opportunity to live and hunt with local hunters in Mongolia. Aside from a great hunt, this was an opportunity to enjoy a very different country and culture. It seemed every time I turned around I encountered a new experience." **Comments on performance of guide:** "My local guide, Tumroo, and the men working with him were very knowledgeable of the land, game and hunting strategies. They were skilled hunters, but also very good companions." **Comments on performance of outfitter:** "Can-Asia Expeditions and Global Expeditions worked very well together to coordinate all aspects of this hunt. I could not be more satisfied with their performance." **General comments:** "Absolutely a thrilling, challenging hunt with friendly, capable people in an exotic land." **Cost of hunt:** \$4,250