

SAFARI TIMES HUNT REPORTS

UNITED STATES ALASKA



Strayhorn's caribou

September 2004. E. Bruce Strayhorn of Fort Myers, Florida booked a hunt with **Renfro's Alaskan Adventures, Inc.** Wade Renfro guided Bruce to take a Barren Ground caribou using his .270 Winchester rifle and 140-grain bullets. At 150 to 300 yards, Bruce used his Leica binocular, 3 x 9 Leupold scope, and a satellite phone he rented through MedJet, which worked very well. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. The animal was available within seven days of delivery to the taxidermist. Conditions, wet and cold. Air transportation. *Personal highlights:* It was my first time hunting in the Bethel, Alaska area: the scenery was outstanding and the wild game was abundant. The guides were knowledgeable and extremely confident both in their hunting and camping expertise. This was very important since we hunted out of tents on the tundra. *Comments on performance of guide:* Excellent, knowledgeable, hard-working. He wanted each of us to take a trophy animal. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* Superb! They assisted with shipping, deliveries, and transportation. Accommodations were excellent.

Cost of hunt: \$3,995

MICHIGAN

October 2004. Ken Miller of Warrior, Alabama booked a hunt with **Redpine Whitetails, Inc.** in Otsego County, Michigan. Larry Higgins guided Ken to kill a northern whitetail deer. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. *Personal highlights:* Overlooking approximately 33 bucks and 30-something does. It was very relaxing and I will remember it for a

lifetime. The country-side is breathtaking. *Comments on performance of guide:* Larry was very knowledgeable and experienced. He made sure all my needs were met. He worked very hard to get me the deer I wanted. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* The outfitter had the best facility and the most fabulous cook of anywhere. The hunting and use of the facilities were thoroughly explained. *Recommendations:* I would recommend this hunt to someone who wanted a great time of fellowship and to fulfill their hunting desires. You will get to see great northern whitetail in their natural habitat.

Cost of hunt: \$3,000



Miller's northern whitetail

MISSOURI



Johnson's fallow deer

August 2003. Susan J. Johnson of Viroqua, Wisconsin booked a hunt with **Fraley Ranch** in Missouri. Her guide, Tom Fraley, helped Susan kill a fallow deer using

her .270 Remington and CoreLokt bullets. Across a deep ravine and in heavy bush, Susan killed her fallow deer at 145 yards-her 3 x 9 Leupold helped her precision. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Wet conditions. Vehicle transportation. *Personal highlights:* Enjoying our fifth hunt with this outfitter. They are good people are there were great animals. *Comments on performance of guide:* He knew the terrain and animals very well. He does not bother the hunter with urgency or suggestions. Due to the fallow deer's aggressive, fighting nature, we really took the time to evaluate the buck and the conditions before I shot. I would never go to a place a second time if it were bad-I've been here five times!

Cost of hunt: \$2,500 (plus guide fee and tax)

SPAIN



Gonzalez's Gredos ibex

September 2002. Jorge H. Gonzalez of San Antonio, Texas booked a hunt with **Giuseppe Carrizosa** in the Toledo and Gredos Mountains of Toledo and Avila, Spain. Giuseppe, Curro, and Marco Carrizosa guided Jorge to a red stag and missed the Gredos ibex, though he was given an opportunity to return and hunt one for the daily fee only. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Conditions, wet and cold. Vehicle and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* The scenery was beautiful and the facilities were great for the red stag hunt. The guides were very good. It was very challenging. One must be in good shape and have good boots and equipment. *Comments on performance of guide:* The outfitter and his sons were always with us - they were very experienced. The local expert game keepers were also with us and they were very knowledgeable. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* Very good hunt and arrangements. They were flexible to change due to the weather conditions.

Cost of hunt: \$12,800

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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.

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RUSSIA TURKMENISTAN

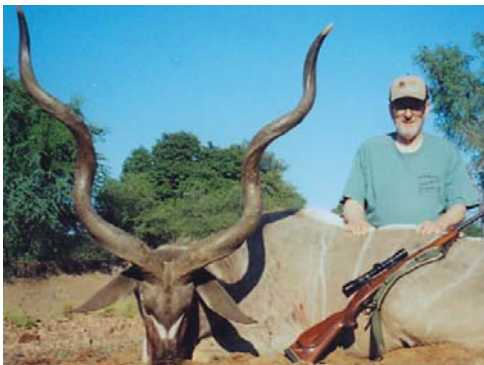


Yates' Afghan urial

February 2005. Edward D. Yates of Wrightsville, Pennsylvania booked a hunt with Safari Outfitters in the Bazar-Tepe area of Gaurdak, Turkmenistan. Turgun guided Edward to an Afghan urial. *Evaluation of support:* Good camp facilities, equipment, and food. Excellent trophy preparation and shipping. Conditions, dry and cold. Vehicle and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* Ashgabad (the capital) is living proof that George Orwell's book 1984 was not that far-fetched. The current President, who has been appointed for life, had his picture everywhere – inside and outside buildings, inside airplanes, and on book covers. Big Brother was watching us. *Comments on performance of guide:* Turgun had a great feel for the urial and planned a great stalk which he helped me execute. *General comments:* When traveling with a firearm, it helps if the hunter has a copy of the firearm permit issued by the country he is going to visit.

Cost of hunt: \$15,900 (plus airfare, hotel, and tips)

AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA



Hart's kudu

May 2005. John H. Hart of Cheyenne, Wyoming booked a hunt with Dumukwa Safari's in the Northern Province of South Africa. Peter Pretorius guided John to kill a kudu, impala, warthog, and blesbok with his Savage 110 30-06 150-grain reloads. Peter had seven one-shot kills from 50 to 200 yards away. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. The food was good, though Peter adds that "brewed coffee would have been nice". Conditions, dry and warm. Vehicle and foot transportation. *Personal highlights:* The non-hunting trips, which allowed me to see lions, wild dogs, and elephants.

Comments on performance of guide: Peter Pretorius was excellent at spotting game and judging trophy quality. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* Dumukwa was an extremely pleasant place to visit, especially their porch overlooking the Limpopo River. Elene Gerhardt, the owner, was a good hostess – always trying her best to keep us happy, which she did.

Cost of hunt: \$5,100 (about \$2,000 in additional trophy fees, etc.)



Murray's nyala

September 2003. Hoot Murray of La Luz, New Mexico booked a hunt with Swartkei Safaris in the Bower's Hope area of the Eastern Cape in South Africa. Charles Price guided Hoot to kill many animals, which included a red hartebeest, blesbok, nyala, bushbuck, a red lechwe, a mountain reedbuck, a bontebok, a white blesbok, a black wildebeest, a black springbok, and a cape springbok, though Hoot missed his chance to get a vaal reebok and a lynx. He killed his animals using a .300 H&H Magnum Winchester Model 70 with 180-grain handloads using Nosler partition bullets. He also brought his IOR 7 x 45 binocular and IOR 30 mm 2 1/2 x 10 scopes. Trophies were expected to be taken at 200 or more yards, and Hoot's were taken from a distance of 180 to 340 yards. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. *Personal highlights:* The whole safari was a highlight. The safari company was wonderful, the country was very beautiful, and the folks were personable – they went out of their way to cater to every whim. *Comments on performance of guide:* My guide was also the outfitter. Charles Price is an extremely good PH and is an excellent judge of trophy quality. Charles's enthusiasm for the hunt cannot be topped! We also had a learner PH with us. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* Our outfitters, Charles and Phillip Price, are as good as you can get. There were no surprises or hidden costs. They provided five-star accommodations even when this level was not expected. Everyone associated with Swartkei Safaris went out of their way to make sure our safari was a good one.

Cost of hunt: \$15,000 (with observer, trophy fees, etc.)



Westcott's hippo

May 2005. Jerry R. Westcott of Newark Valley, New York booked a hunt with Spear Safaris in the Thornybush area of Northern South Africa. Ernest Dayson guided Jerry to a darted rhino, a hippo, a nyala,

and an impala in an area of South Africa where trophy animals were abundant. *Evaluation of support:* Excellent. Delivery of trophies took four months. Dry conditions. Vehicle transportation. *Personal highlights:* Darting a 4,500 pound bull rhino at twenty yards with a .45 caliber gas-operated gun and seeing him go down nine minutes later. This now completes my Big Five. *Comments on performance of guide:* Excellent! Ernest is very organized and works hard to get you in the right position to take your trophies. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* Ernest and Marita Dyason cover all the right bases when running Spear Safaris. *General comments:* All of the Big Five and plentiful plains game are available at the 38,000 acre Thornybush area. We video-taped my rhino darting. Spear Safaris can place the hunter in one of its many areas in various countries throughout Africa. They're a high quality outfit!

Cost of hunt: \$16,500

PACIFIC/OCEANIA AUSTRALIA



Little's water buffalo

April 2005. David A. Little of Calgary, Alberta, Canada booked a hunt with Australian Big Game Safaris in the East Arnhemland area of the Northern Territory. Simon Kyle-Little guided David to kill an Australian Water Buffalo with his Hoyt X-tec bow with 84 pounds draw weight, 30 inch drawlength, and Carbon Express CX Hunter 400 Razorcap broadhead arrows with inserts weighing 627-grains. David also used his 8 x 30 binocular and wound up taking two bulls at about 15 yards, so his Bushnell YardagePro Compact 800 was unnecessary. *Personal highlights:* I killed two large old bulls – one over 98 inches and the other was over 101 inches long-each with a single arrow at very close range. The amount of potential game is spectacular – in one day alone we saw over 700 water buffalo. *Comments on performance of guide:* Simon Kyle-Little opened his camp early to accommodate my schedule, so with no one else in camp, he took over the job of guide. He is a very interesting and personable fellow, which is important when there are only two of you in camp. He knows his profession but did not dominate the decision-making, which is important in bowhunting where equipment and technique vary widely among individual hunters and where quarters are tight. *Comments on performance of outfitter:* Simon's camp and equipment were complete, comfortable, and first-rate. In spite of the remoteness, it was very well-equipped with electrical power generation, refrigeration, comfortable cabins, and good food. There were boats available for fishing and sightseeing, so we spent some time catching barramundi, Australia's premier salt-water sportfish. He spent special care on the trophies-skinning, scraping, salting, drying the hides to perfection, and boiling the horns off the skulls. When I returned home with the hides and horns, my local taxidermist complimented the work-not something I hear very often.

Cost of hunt: \$9,500 (plus air charters)