

1. Looking back on 2014 and forward to 2015

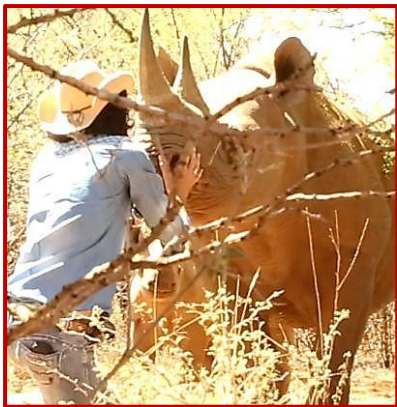
Dear Hunting Friends! The past year has been great, taking many quality trophies and meeting new friends. We would like to thank you all for your support and hope to see you again soon!

We will be attending the following shows:

- **DALLAS (DSC): 15th Jan – 18th Jan 2015 – BOOTH 4106-4108**
- **CALGARY: 23rd Jan – 25th Jan 2015 – at the Carriage House Inn, hosted by African Events**
- **SASKATOON: 30th Jan – 31st Jan 2015 – at the Saskatoon Inn, hosted by African Events**
- **LAS VEGAS (SCI): 4th Feb – 7th Feb 2015 – BOOTH 544-546**

The highlights of 2014 were many, but just to mention a few:

New offspring! Two baby hippos were born sometime end of the year, as well as three little baby elephants. Nossie, the black rhino that Annette raised, has given birth to the 6th rhino baby. Annette had the privilege of meeting the little one, named “Sita”, meaning “Number six” in Swahili.



Both Alex & Annette passed their theoretical exams for the **helicopter license** and survived their first solo flight on the 5th December – one day before Alex got married on the 6th December. Due to the very limited availability of helicopter flight instructors, progress is slow, but both Annette and Alex have achieved more in two weeks flying lessons than most students achieve within two months.

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Alex & Annette with their helicopter instructor: It is tradition to throw a bucket of cold water on successful students after a first solo flight!

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Game Capture! Due to the great surplus of animals on our hunting property, we at Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris had to catch and sell live animals ranging from Giraffe to Springbuck. A total of 1200 animals were successfully translocated to their new owners and destinations. Alex and the Oelofse family managed and oversaw the entire process, utilising the same game capturing method that Jan Oelofse himself developed many years ago.

Trophies! The Kudu population is slowly but surely recovering from the rabies epidemic that hit the whole of Namibia. Some beautiful animals were taken this year, below showing Tom & Sandy Hagan and PH Rudie with Tom's Kudu.



Yet another challenge, a privilege and great fun for Rudie was hunting with Nick Vanderwall, who, with the help of his dad and entire family still enjoys hunting despite of having lost his eyesight.



This year's worthy recipient of the **SCI Pathfinder Award** was Aaron Cross, who together with his brother Jason and PH Rudie had a very successful hunt in a track chair.



Aaron Cross hunting in his track chair.

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2. The Rhino Situation in Namibia

The past year has seen a dramatic increase in rhino horn poaching in Namibia, to an extent that private farmers and government have felt the urge to team up and to actively set up programs for the protection of our national heritage.

Namibia is not quite following suit to South Africa, where about 1000 rhinos are poached per year, but in 2014 several rhinos were poached near Palmwag, close to Windhoek, in Namibia's National Parks and on other farms, amounting to about 30 rhinos this year. The Namibian government and the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism gave formal approval to have the black rhinos dehorned. As the black rhino population is a National heritage, it is the government's responsibility to make a decision in the interest of the majestic species, but many private white rhino owners have taken this approach as a last resort to keep the greedy poachers at bay. Several projects have been initiated to involve the public, to raise funds, to capture the culprits but most importantly, to increase surveillance and protection. Helicopters, vehicles and ground teams have been deployed to watch and protect both black and white rhinos all over the country.

Several culprits have already been arrested and rhino horns confiscated at Namibia Hosea Kutako International airport. In almost all the cases Chinese nationals were involved.

For more information, visit HoRN.na – "Help our Rhinos Now Namibia".



It was our pleasure having family Donnie Moses hunt with us! Their daughter Anna-Claire experienced her first real hunt. Congratulations on the Warthog and Burchell Zebra!



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3. Alex & Carola Wedding – 6th Dec 2014

After eight years of ongoing friendship and companionship throughout University years and living together on the farm, Alex and Carola have tied the knot. The wedding was held at our own Mount Etjo Safari Lodge, with only close family and friends.

The theme of the wedding was “dung beetles”: these animals have extraordinary significance in ancient egyptian culture as well as maintaining a healthy ecosystem in Africa today. By pairing up and working together, they can achieve almost anything...



The color theme of the wedding: red, white, grey and silver. Bridesmaids and groomsmen were dressed accordingly... Above shows the mother of the groom Annette, tremendously proud of her handsome son Alex!



Happy new year and all the best!!!

From Annette, Alex & Carola, Naftali, Flippie, Steve, Rudie, Brigitte and the entire team at JAN OELOFSE HUNTING SAFARIS!

