

Dear friends in hunting

We hope that you are well and kicking! For us it has been a busy hunting season and much has happened, we hope you enjoy our newsletter!

Keira – born on 5th July 2018

At exactly the same length (53 cm), weight (3.465 g) and head circumference (34 cm) as her brother Jan, Keira was born by C-section on 5th July, at 08h01. She looks a lot like Jan, too! But she does look better in pink :-)

Jan was quite taken with his little sister right from the start and cannot wait for her to grow up a little more so he may play with her!



Jan turned 2 years old on 10th June 2018! His cake featured his favourite: a chocolate-digging excavator!



Happy Birthday! Mount Etjo Private School with two dedicated teachers and around 35 students every year celebrated its 25th anniversary this year! Inaugurated by his excellency Dr Sam Nujoma, first and former president of Namibia in 1993, the school prides itself in having produced top students, including Alex himself, who finished his final year of school here with top grades.

Thanks to all our hunters and the Amy Bell Scholarship fund for continued support!!!



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The record-breaking springbuck ewe with 17 inch horns sold at Kimberly auction – read on!

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Black Beauty... but his name is actually "Chobe" – measuring 49 inches. He has already conquered a female herd and will hopefully propagate his excellent genes.

Wintershoek Game Auction

Alex, Annette and Rudie attended a very prestigious Game Auction in Kimberly, South Africa, on 26th Sept 2018. Not only did we sell one of the biggest springback ewes ever to be placed on auction, but Annette was invited to give a speech on "Hunting, from then to now". Her speech had everyone mesmerized, reminding of the romantic olden days of hunting as her late husband Jan Oelofse had known it, warning of the dangers of public misconceptions to the hunting industry and placing the responsibility of conserving all wildlife in the hands of the hunters and the outfitters they choose.

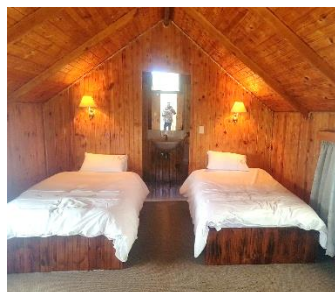


The springback ewe with horns measuring an astounding 17 inches sold at an incredible USD 8 000. Another six springback ewes with very long horns from Mount Etjo sold at USD 2 200 each. Alex and Annette also bought some game, including seven golden wildebeest and a few big sable bulls. The biggest sable to be introduced into the free-range Mount Etjo area measures 49 inches at only 4 years of age and can be expected to produce some beautiful offspring.



Rhino Lodge

Formerly very popular among Namibians, rhino lodge once offered 8 individual self-catering units in the heart of Okonjati game reserve. Annette and her team have refurnished and renovated and Rhino lodge has now found a new use for a variety of different programs: Stellenbosch University students doing research on game meat processing and production and the anti-poaching unit.



Namibia Wildlife Protection

With ever increasing rhino poaching activities in Namibia, Mr Salmon Vermaak and his team are providing a solution: highly professional anti-poaching training, logistics and services to the private and government sectors.

With rhino lodge refurnished and renovated, Namibia Wildlife Protection now has its permanent base for



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This is how the lining of a giraffe's mouth looks like! Covered in protective 'thorns', enabling them to consume the most spiky trees!

training programs here, at the same time offering protection to all the rhinos on the 36 000 hectares large Okonjati game reserve.

Training involves gun and rifle handling, tracking by car, on foot, air, fitness and coping with a variety of possible situations during poaching incidents. Security officials employed at private businesses and volunteers from around the world are currently undertaking their training here. It is hoped that these anti-poaching units will be strategically placed to benefit the long-term protection of rhinos throughout Namibia.

For an excellent training opportunity, and learning much about the African bush, perhaps the volunteer program offered here may be an excellent alternative for sending your kids to summer camp? Find out more about the program here <http://www.namwildlifeprotect.com/> or contact us directly!

Research on Giraffe Meat

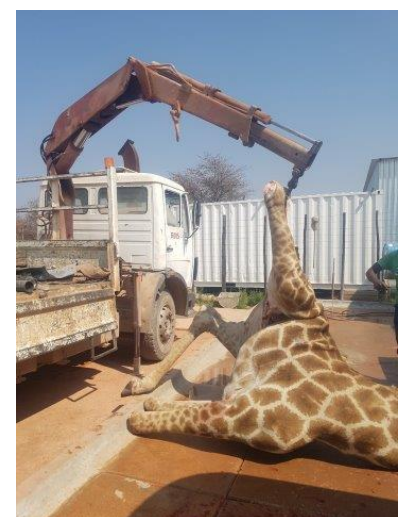
Prof Louw Hoffman of Stellenbosch University, South Africa, is interested in how the quality of meat between different game species compares. Eventually, his big aim is to market game meat to the European consumer, which would be a great source of income for game farmers and likely very popular among bio-conscious Europeans.

With his team of Masters and PhD students, Prof Louw shot, dissected and examined the meat of 16 giraffes during their 2 week stay at Okonjati game reserve, along with a couple of springbuck. He tested the effect of pH, temperature and maturity on the tenderness of the meat, measuring iron and fat content and a variety of other qualities determining the properties of the meat.

Over 1000 giraffes roam the Okonjati game reserve and their numbers need to be controlled, providing an excellent opportunity for the students to test the meat of this enormous animal. Alex has developed a fast and efficient method to process giraffe meat using a crane. Normally, the lions are the prime consumers of giraffe meat during photographic safaris at Mount Etjo Safari Lodge, but it was found to be very much suitable for human consumption – even though the thought of eating giraffe might still seem unorthodox to some!

The biggest challenge for the export of game meat is, however, the clean gutting of the animals such that specific bacteria in the stomachs of almost all game animals do not come in contact with the meat. As such, these bacteria are not dangerous, but European import regulations do not allow any contamination. Prof Hoffman has used several methods to gut game meat, but several samples still tested positive for bacterial contamination.

Undoubtedly, Prof Hoffmann will sooner or later prove that African game meat is of superior quality and hopefully pave the way to future African meat export.



The research team from Stellenbosch University dissecting, testing and recording data obtained from several Springbuck and 16 Giraffes. The students had to hunt their own "test objects". Apart from the meat samples taken, all excess meat was used at the lodge, sold, or consumed by lions, dogs or other animals!

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Prof Louw Hoffman and his team with a black-faced impala.

Little Jan LOVES helping his dad and does not mind getting his hands dirty...



Calypso Silencers

Alex and his best friend and engineering sidekick Sven Patzner have started mass producing their own silencers, based on Alex' own ingenious design. Housing seven baffles which are easily assembled into a very light-weight aluminium chamber, the silencer produces excellent sound and recoil reduction. The silencer was named after Calypso, the "goddess of silence".

In Namibia obtaining silencers requires no paper work, no registration. Using them for frequent meat hunting is highly advisable. If only Calypso had been in use when our own PH Steve had started his hunting career, he might still be able to hear when being called on the radio!!!

Alex and Sven are already selling their beautiful product at gun shops in Namibia and soon in South Africa.



See you there!!!

HUNTING SHOWS

SCI – Reno Sparks
Convention Centre,
9-12 January 2019
(Annette, Alex,
Steve & Rudie)

DSC – Kay Bailey
Hutchinson
Convention Center,
17-20 January 2019
(Alex & Steve)

**AFRICA HUNTING
EXPO CALGARY –**
Coast Plaza Hotel,
25-27 January 2019
(Alex, Steve)



PH Steve and Uschi's eldest son Christian got married to his beautiful wife Jana Marie on the 30th September 2018. Alex attended the wedding which was held on sunny Zanzibar island.

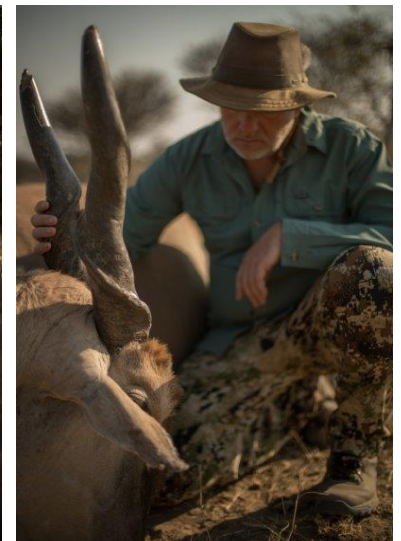
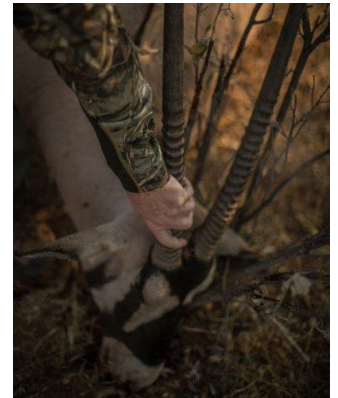


*It is better to sit in a
TREE thinking about GOD
than sitting in a CHURCH
thinking about
HUNTING...*

Trophy Pics and Social Media

A huge discussion was set off when some trophy photos taken in Namibia made their rounds on social media, the photos representing all that which hunting should NOT be: gruesome, bloodthirsty, without respect for the animal. The Namibian minister for Environment and Tourism responded immediately by setting a ban on all unethical promotional material that could potentially reach and offend the non-hunting community of the world and cause the hunting industry damage.

It is our responsibility to see to it that hunting, our passion and our lifestyle is not misunderstood! That we show those who are unfamiliar with the practice what hunting is and should be about: respect for the animal, love for the open skies, admiring the honest and pristine beauty of the wilderness... and so much more. Our PH Rudie has aimed to represent what words fail to describe in his photography. In this newsletter we show you a different version of trophy photo – enjoy!



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Debbie Nishijo has hunted with JOHS several times. Her husband Britt obtained a leopard and lion with us.

This great Kudu was hunted with us this year by Jim Crebbin, congratulations! Length: 57 inches, Base: 11 1/2 inches, Width: 48 inches



Story of a huntress—Debbie Nishijo

We thought our first trip to Jan Oelofse Hunting Safari would be the only time we would travel to Africa and I wanted to prepare, I looked on JOHS website to see what kind of animals I would come across while waiting in the Uri or as I walked with our PH and Britt on a stalk. As a non-hunter I thought that I would be the one that would get eaten by a hungry animal while waiting in the Uri or while walking behind the hunters on a stalk, which is totally not the case, however, I didn't want to take the chance and I asked Britt to teach me how to shoot. His rifle was too big for me so we bought a 270 Winchester, and I was ready for the hungry animal. We went to the shooting range weekly and got to talk to other hunters who hunted at JOHS and in other parts of Africa, they all shared their stories on Africa's beauty and how it would be a once in a lifetime experience. I got better with practice and one day I

Im memory of Jan Oelofse who passed away on 15th October 2012 – 6 years ago. He is still missed dearly and will always be remembered...

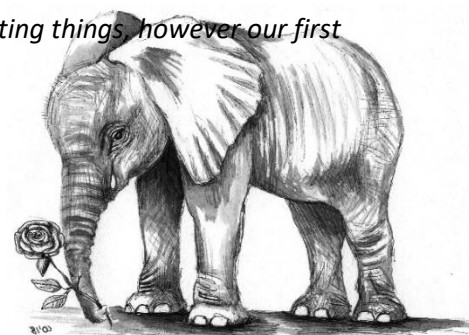
asked Britt if he thought my shooting was good enough to hunt, if we were going on a life changing journey, than why not change my life? Emotionally I wasn't sure if I could do it, take an animal, but at least it was an option.

Our first hunt day we looked for zebra, I wasn't going to miss Britt's first African animal. I was there behind Naftali and Britt when this magnificent zebra was taken, as we walked up to the zebra there was a look on Britt's face; one I had never seen on him before, and I what's happening, I then realized that I just witnessed his life changing experience! I saw it, I was a part of it, the journey is not just his, it was ours! That's what I wanted him to see with me, a life changing experience, I wanted him to have the same gift he gave me.

My first African animal is a springbok, Britt was there when I took him and he shared my life changing experience, he saw my gratefulness to this animal for its life and he saw how his teaching prepared me for my first hunt. I thank and honor each animal I take for their life is part of my hunting journey, one I can share with Britt, our kids and grandkids. I am looking forward to my next challenge, my leopard hunt...that's going to be an amazing journey!

Annette, you are my journey's first champion, when we spoke 2010 you asked if I would be joining Britt, I replied, "No, it's a guy thing, and besides, I don't hunt". You than said to me, "This trip to Africa will change his life; he will share this experience with you and it won't mean much to you" this one statement changed our life.

Life changing experiences should be shared with the ones you love. We have traveled all over the world and have seen many interesting things, however our first



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CONGRATULATIONS! To Jeff Richards from Hawaii, who got his leopard after spending much time in the blind!



hearing you, and still having enough nerve to take valuable photos for lip fold identification afterwards.

Both Rudie and Flippie have ended up in trees several times, narrowly escaping rhinos charging them at full speed... but much painstaking work goes into tracing the unique lines of each rhino's nose afterwards, categorizing and sorting the new births into the big rhino family tree.



One male black rhino, was tragically lost after succumbing to some heavy wounds he suffered when fighting another black rhino bull. The state vet was called in to operate, but the rhino was beyond saving. We can proudly report that the remaining rhino population is growing extremely well!



journey to Namibia has created a bond between Britt and I that cannot be broken, Namibia has been our compass and Jan Oelofse Hunting Safari has been our true north ever since.



It takes a quick reaction time, good eyes and skill to hunt caracal. Debbie got this beautiful specimen this year, in addition to a black springbuck. Next on her list: LEOPARD! We are proud to call Britt & Debbie dear friends!

We look forward to experiencing more life-changing, wonderful experiences with you!



On our Rhinos...

Every year, Annette, Rudie and Flippi go through great troubles taking stock of all white and black rhinos at Okonjati game reserve. It is especially challenging to get up close to the black rhinos, without them smelling or

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Escape artists... Six lions, a male, two females and three cubs went on an excursion outside of

Okonjati game reserve. Needless to say, all neighbours were on high alert during this time... and several plans were put in action trying to get them back. Naftali, Rudie and Flippie tracked the pride, finally spotting them on an oryx they had just killed approximately 20 km away from the Okonjati Game Reserve. The Vet was called in, but after immobilizing the two females and one cub, the other two cubs were hiding and the vet was not able to dart them during the same operation. The next logic step was to set up traps and let the captured lions call in the two missing cubs. One female cub was captured by trap, but the little male avoided the bait. Desperate after a few days of seeing the hungry cub lure around, Annette spent some long hours armed with a dart gun, but the cub remained evasive, presenting no good opportunity for tranquilization. We feared the worst when the cub was suddenly nowhere to be seen, and decided to take the family home. but were amazed when the only 7 month old little bugger crossed 4 farms and 30 km and made it back home all by himself!!! But when all finally seemed well, the complicated social structure of the pride was disturbed once again when the jealous male started chasing away the cubs whenever the female caught prey, leaving them hungry and prone to escaping once again. PH Rudie devoted much time on feeding them and in the process was nearly stormed by the male lion when a warthog almost got away... and despite all his time-consuming efforts he had to dart the male lion who had escaped once more. Finally, after a month of hair-raising events, (PH Rudie losing some more hair) the lions seem to be at peace. Rudie regularly checks up on them, making sure the cubs are well and the neighbour's cattle is safe! Photo above:

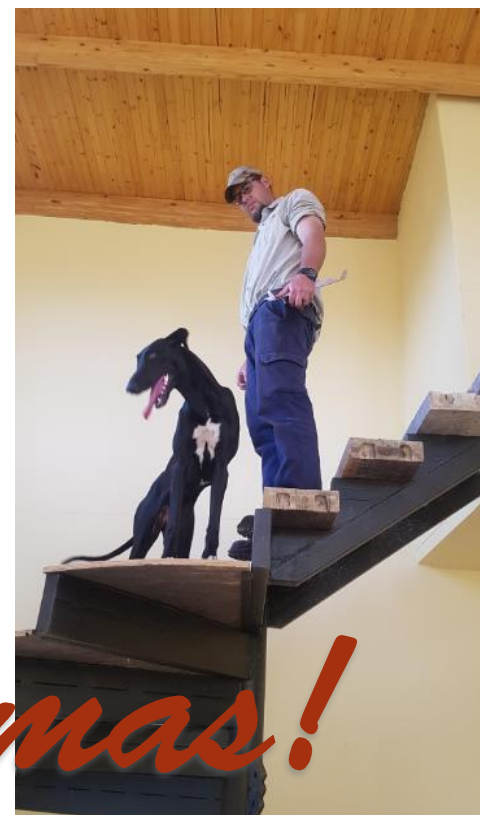
lions caught on trailcam. **Photo above: lions caught on trailcam.**



Little Jan has the best view of the world from up here: on dad's shoulders everything seems doable and within reach!

Building a family home...

After staying with Annette (and Jan) for rather long (almost 7 years), Alex and Carola with Keira and Jan are hoping to move into their own home by the end of the year. Alex has spent much time (which for him is hard to come by) building a wooden staircase and doing much of the work himself, and doing all the architectural and supervision work. Thanks to Annette, the best mother-in-law ever, for never once complaining about tons of toys lying around in all places, for her kitchen forever being a mess, tolerating Jan's tantrums and loving us none the less and even more so!!!



Merry Christmas!

Best wishes from all at Jan Oelofse!