

First of all, we would like to bring to your attention that we will be attending the following Hunting Shows next year!

- **Dallas Safari Club - Dallas: 9,10,11 & 12 January 2014**
- **Edmonton: 18 & 19 January 2014**
- **Calgary: 24,15 & 26 January 2014**
- **Legends Taxidermy in Grand Rapids: 30, 31 January & 1 February 2014**
- **Safari Club International - Las Vegas: 5,6,7 & 8 February 2014**

For more information and links to respective hunting shows, see our website at [www.janoelofsesafaris.com](http://www.janoelofsesafaris.com)! We hope to see many of you at the upcoming shows!

We hope that you enjoy the second edition of our newsletter!

*Happy Reading!*

## 1. Record Trophies

Several trophies harvested in the past months are worth mentioning. The first is a trophy Hartebeest collected by Paul Kison with a length of 25.6 inches and an astoundingly thick base of 13.4 inches – deserving the 6<sup>th</sup> place in the SCI record book. The Eland taken by Michael Wilt amazed us with 39 inches and a base of 11.8 inches. Last but not least Joe Lander got a Kudu with 52 inches, base 10.6 inch. Congratulations



This **Itemago** was spotted during the night! These nocturnal species are not seen in the bush often – opportunities for a photo are rare!

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to Joe! Because of the current rabies episode in Namibia, finding a good Kudu is hard work. Congratulations to all our hunters who were able to collect representable trophies recently!



**Caracal – Peter Grant (Canada)**



**Black Wildebeest – Raul Bergese (Argentina)**



**Hartebeest – Juan Grahn (Argentina)**



**Gemsbuck – Randolph Newberger (USA)**

## 2. Simon Soda Pop

Over the past months, our bushman tracker (who is conventionally known by the name of Simon) has managed to collect several original nicknames. When he first started working for Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris, Jan Oelofse had asked him whether he was capable of speaking English? “Yes”, replied Simon. Not quite convinced, Jan then asked him in English if he was an a#&\$^hole? “Yes”, replied Simon! Despite of this little misunderstanding Simon was immediately employed because of his friendly nature and because he in fact can speak 11 languages and dialects quite fluently, English being one of them. But for the time being, he earned himself the nickname a#&\$^hole. That undeserving nickname fortunately did not stick very long, and was adjusted to “awesome” when family Greg Kowalski from Texas came to hunt in 2012 and found that Simon had quite “awesome” tracking skills. Awesome a#&\$^hole Simon had made progress.

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This year, Christine and Peter Grant came to like Simon so much that he earned himself an even better name, "Simon Soda Pop", probably because of his sweet, bubbly personality. We have no idea what Simon is called in all the 11 different languages that he speaks, but would like to thank Christine and Peter for giving Simon the most fitting name to date!



**Christine & Peter Grant with "Soda Pop" – notice the writing on his cap?**

## 3. Brigitte to return

Alta Koekemoer, our dedicated manageress at the hunting lodge, has decided to return to the city to spend more time with family. After



**Alta Koekemoer – thank you & farewell!**

working for Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris for more than 5 years, we thank Alta for her hard work, her fantastic cooking and efforts throughout the years. She will be missed, and we wish her all the very best!

At the same time we are excited and overjoyed to welcome back Brigitte, who has worked as manageress for our outfit some time ago and who is ready to take over where Alta left! Brigitte will be commencing in February 2014.

## 4. Ovikere

We are proud to pronounce that we have extended our hunting grounds by another 4600 hectares (11 000 acres) by purchasing an adjacent property, known as Ovikere.



**Erecting fences at Ovikere.**

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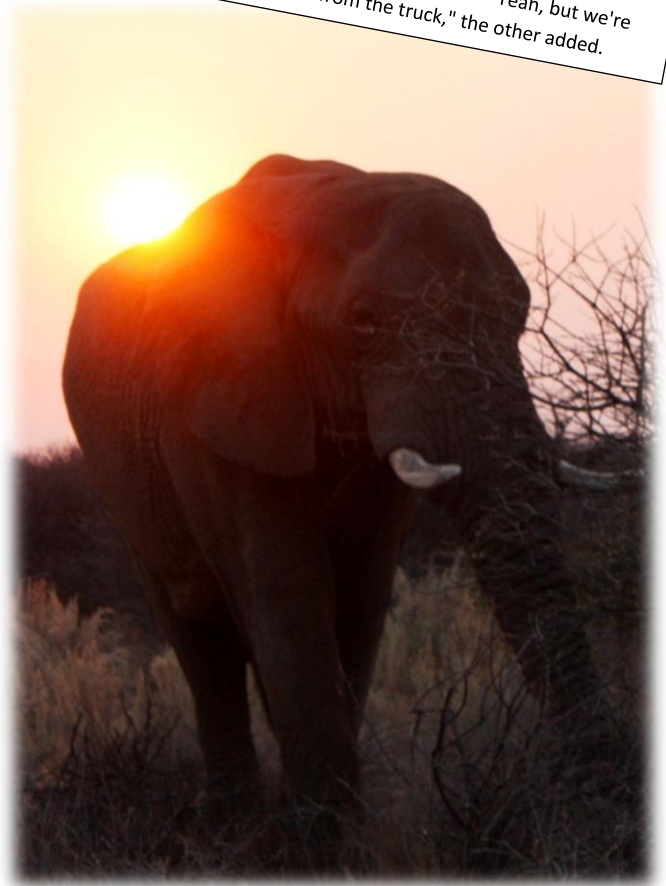
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Two hunters were dragging their dead deer back to their car. Another hunter approached pulling his along too. "Hey, I don't want to tell you how to do something ... but I can tell you that it's much easier if you drag the deer in the other direction. Then the antlers won't dig into the ground." After the third hunter left, the two decided to try it. A little while later one hunter said to the other, "You know, that guy was right. This is a lot easier!" "Yeah, but we're getting farther from the truck," the other added.

This beautiful piece of land was formerly a cattle ranch and thus needs to be equipped with the proper infrastructure to be suitable for game farming. Alex and his team have progressed tremendously in erecting new fences and hopefully the new property will become available to our game within the next months!

Obtaining another piece of land will be of tremendous benefit to our animals since this year – like so many years before – has not seen good rains. Grass, food and water is already scarce in September. Much of the hunting proceeds will be reinvested in obtaining alfalfa and fodder (mostly from South Africa) for feeding our game this year. We hope that the rains will be upon us soon!

In preparation to the upcoming dry season and in order to reduce the amount of animals on our property, many of our animals were sold and translocated to different parts of the country, including Springbuck, Roan, Zebra and Eland.



**Lone elephant bull at sunset.**



**Alex releasing captured Hartmann Zebra on the adjacent property – where more grass is available.**