

## 2017 Newsletter

This newsletter has taken awhile to write and complete simply because 2017 was a very busy and productive year.

We started off our year with Nico & Alida retiring to the Cape. They finally decided it was time for them to put their feet up for some well-deserved rest.

Corey Schaefer, who most of our clients already know as he has spent so much time with Pelsers Bowhunting, has since become a fully-fledged partner of Pelsers Bowhunting.

To you as our client and friend, it will not change anything, - we are still doing what we do best.



Unfortunately, we lost a great man this year, Mr Gary Schaefer, Corey's dad passed away. He will be missed dearly.

We had a few cancellations this year due to illness and family crises. We trust, hope and pray that 2018 will be a happy and healthy year for all of our friends, family and clients to be.

We started off our hunting season with two avid hunters, who first hunted with Willie when he had just qualified at the age of 16. Lots of stories were shared and memories relived. Ron and Jerry shot some awesome trophies – a 44” Sable being the highlight of Ron’s trip. We can’t wait to see all those animals in their full glory on display. These two gentlemen have undertaken the mammoth task of filling up an old church with mostly life size animal mounts.



Next we had the father and daughter team from Dallas. Carley and Greg Almond were absolute killing machines. Carley is an amazing huntress. She harvested a beautiful waterbuck, eland, Impala and warthog. Her dad added an Impala, warthog, klipspringer and Nyala to his trophy list. Carely returned to the states to start with Grad School and left with a promise to return with her brother.



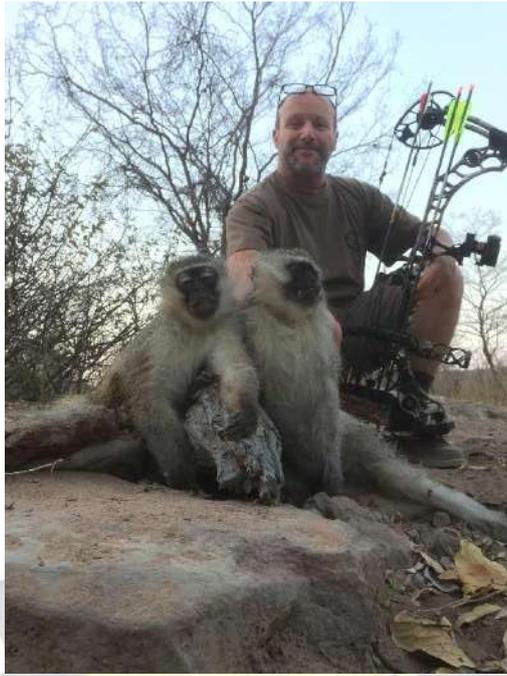
We then had the Eyre's family joining us for a family trip. Nick was back for this elusive Cape Buffalo. Connor was just ready to shoot anything that stood still long enough. Nick was able to bring the Cape Buffalo down after a long, hard hunt. Connor added a Golden Wildebeest and a beautiful Livingstone eland to his trophy list along with a few animals that he had already harvested on previous trips.



Then we had another blast from the past – Mr Dick Davis hunted with Willie when he was 18, he was joined by an old time friend Ron Spees from Michigan. They were joined by Greg Duncan from Mississippi. They were able to all harvest some beautiful animals.



We ended our year with a bang. John & Tamara Hagler returned for their 4th trip and Scott Smith joined us for his first hunt. John was on a very serious hunt for Vervet Monkeys among other things. He was able to get 2 Vervet Monkeys, a beautiful Nyala, wildebeest and warthogs. Tamara got to try out the airbow for the first time and was able to add a Red Hartebeest, warthog and Impala to her list of kills. Scott had an awesome first hunt with us, he added a Mountain Reedbuck, Zebra, Klipspringer, Warthog and Nyala to his trophy list.



After an eventful hunting trip we took John & Tamara to Cape Town for some sightseeing. We stayed at a hotel at the foot of Table Mountain. Our first day in Cape Town we took full advantage of the beautiful weather and visited Table Mountain, one of the 7 wonders of the world. It was a busy day trying to make

sure that John stayed on top of the Mountain. Then we drove along the coast, did some roadside curio shopping and had lunch in Hout Bay. John and Willie got to feed the resident seal at the docks. Then we headed to the Seapoint Promenade for some ice-cream and a sunset walk along the beach...with abit of shell collecting thrown in for good measure.

The next day we moved to a beach location, in Bloubergstrand. We had amazing views of the cold Atlantic Ocean.

We went to Somerset West to visit a bird and Monkey Park, then off to Boulders Beach for Tamara to be able to cross Penguins off her bucket list. We were able to see and enjoy the little tuxedo sporting birds in their natural environment.

So much to see, so little time – Saturday was their last day so we went to the V&A Waterfront for some much needed curio shopping before the long flight home.



We then had Lexi Schupbach joining us for a few days, she decided she wanted to come and visit Pelsers Bowhunting when her ship docked in Cape Town. Due

to bad weather her trip was cut short but she was still able to shoot a beautiful Wildebeest – her first African animal.



Pelser Bowhunting has a brand new entrance to the property, we gave the gate a complete facelift. This coming year you will be seeing some changes to the lodge, some improvements and and upgrades are happening as you read this letter.



We have also added to our species list – we now have Golden Wildebeest and Black Impala available to hunt.



Corey also got to take some time off to finish his Big 5, all guided by Willie. He went of a hunt in November and added some more species to his ever growing list. He added a black Wildebeest, Lechwe, springbuck, Golden Wildebeest, a 44" Sable, a beautiful Roan and of course the Rhino to his list. He took advantage of the last Hunt of the year before he fills his boot's completely as PH at Pelsers Bowhunting. He completed his course and passed with flying colours.

