



# Buffalo Trails Safaris



## NEWSLETTER - MARCH & APRIL 2013

It has been some time since our last Newsletter and we trust that you all had a fantastic festive season and some much deserved rest. The Buffalo Trails team had an exceptionally busy off-season attending many of the hunting conventions in the United States and Europe. It was great to see so many of our old clients and to make the acquaintance of so many new and avid hunters.

The 2013 hunting season has now begun and it kicked off to a fantastic start in Chirundu with Ted and Larry, two new clients from the United States. Congratulations to both Ted and Larry who had phenomenal success hunting elephant and buffalo with bows, guided by Jannie Meyer. After seeing 63 elephant bulls, on day three Ted made a perfect shot at 20 yards on a good elephant bull (pictured top left). Numerous approaches were made, getting them in the kill zone on a number of elephant bulls.

Larry also made an excellent shot under difficult circumstances at under 30 yards on an old "dagga boy" in the dense early season vegetation (pictured top right). Various plainsgame were also taken on this safari including bushpig, duiker, eland, giraffe and impala. All those involved in the hunt thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learned a great deal. Thanks Ted and Larry for some fantastic memories !!



Down in the south, Marc guided by Stephen Meyer shot a fantastic hippo bull (pictured left) under very exciting circumstances—well done Marc for keeping your cool !! Marc also harvested a good crocodile (pictured right) on the Runde River. A number of elephant bulls were seen and approached on this hunt including a 55lber on the first day but the quest for a bull over 70lbs is never easy and although an elephant of this size was located, Marc was unable to get a shot before the old bull slipped off—next time Marc !!!!



Further afield in Benin, valued client Gustav had a fantastic roan hunt guided by Pepe Chelet Snr. Gustav's roan (pictured right) was harvested in the Djona Safari Area next to Park W. The roan was the best of the season in the Djona Safari Area—Congratulations Gustav!!!



April also began well with Billy and his son Luis returning to Gonarezhou. Guided by PH Stephen Meyer, Billy hunted an outstanding old elephant bull (pictured left). As always it was an absolute pleasure to hunt with you Billy and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.



Up north, Jannie Meyer guided "Veteran Elephant Hunter", Dennis in the Chirundu/Nyakasanga areas. Dennis pulled off a classic brain shot to bag his bull early on in the hunt, thus giving them the opportunity to take an old "dagga boy" a few days later. The tracking and successful taking of an old "dagga boy" in the early season jesse is difficult to top !!!

The hunt then ended with a little down time at Mhondoro. As always Dennis thank-you so much for the company and memories and we look forward to seeing you again in August !!



Johan Bezuidenhout is currently on a crocodile and nyala hunt in the south and Martin Neuper will be departing shortly for Cameroon to guide our first bongo hunt of the season. We wish them all good luck and we will keep you updated on the outcome of these and all following hunts.

Buffalo Trails has very limited permits remaining for the 2013 hunting season—but we have opened our booking sheets for 2014 which are filling up fast!! If you do have any queries please contact Jannie or Martin on the details provided below.

After such a fantastic start to the year - we are optimistic that 2013 will be our best season yet !!! We are all really looking forward to all of the forthcoming hunts—with clients old and new, and as always safety and client satisfaction will be our highest priorities!!!

**To all our valued clients - past, present and future - thank-you for your loyal support !!**