



# Buffalo Trails Safaris



## NEWSLETTER - JULY/AUGUST 2014

Our sincere apologies that it has been so long since our last newsletter. As always the winter months are our peak season and as such everyone has been busy out in the field on numerous hunts throughout the country. With a few days break we are catching up with ourselves and all of our "house-keeping" before we all depart again on the final hunts of the season leading up to the much anticipated rainy season.



Late July saw Jochen and Marc return for their 9th safari with us in as many consecutive years with P H Jannie Meyer Jnr . This year we started off in Sengwa, hunting a buffalo bull and a substantial plainsgame bag. Having shot the buffalo on the first day Jochen was then able to hunt a variety of species including his reedbuck (pictured above right). Marc then joined the safari a week in to the hunt and right off the bat shot a good zebra. Having finished at Sengwa we moved to Matetsi for the last few days of the hunt, primarily for small cats and plainsgame. Marc took a fine civet (pictured top right), a huge caracal (pictured top left), together with a nice specimen of a kudu (pictured above left). Weidmansheil Marc & Jochen on a great bag!! —as always such a privilege to spend time with both of you and we are already looking forward to next year's adventure.

Early August then saw the arrival of another father and son team—Gerhard and Paul to Chirundu/Nyakasanga to hunt an elephant bull. Guided by veteran P H Dawie many elephant bulls were located and passed up before an outstanding old bull, sporting substantial ivory presented itself. After a long day of tracking in the substantial heat, the team managed to catch up to their bull and with skill took a definitive shot. Weidmansheil to Gerhard and Paul on a great hunt and a fantastic trophy (pictured right). Paul and Gerhard then had a chance to relax on the mighty Zambezi River and reflect on their experience and acknowledge the true magnificence of the African Elephant.



Rod and his whole family then arrived in Chirundu to pursue Rod's dream of hunting leopard. Guided by Jannie Meyer, Rod's hard work, patience and determination, combined with being a great shot paid off and Rod was rewarded with a huge Tom (pictured above left) on day nine - finally fulfilling the life-long dream. Congratulations Rod—you really deserved it!!! They then carried on to bag a hyena early one morning (pictured above right) and an exceptional kudu (pictured above centre) was an added bonus. On the rare occasions that Rod's wife and daughter's didn't accompany the hunt they managed a few days fishing & game viewing with each landing a sizeable tiger fish. A quality hunt with quality people !!!

We still have numerous ongoing hunts, as well as having a few key species left over for this year. If you are interested in a late season hunt—please do contact us for details. Our booking sheets are also open for the 2015 season for those of you wanting to secure specific dates for next year.

**Until next time - Happy Hunting and as always—stay safe !!**