



# Buffalo Trails Safaris



## NEWSLETTER - DEC 2017/JAN 2018

We sincerely hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas surrounded by loved ones—and that 2018 has already begun well for you. This year we had a warm, wet Christmas here in Harare as Hayley's brother was out visiting from the UK. We had a bit of a break and are now back in the office and looking forward to 2018 - remaining cautiously optimistic that the "New Zimbabwe" will live up to expectations.



The 2017 hunting season drew to a close with a bang. Rudy our Grand Slam Club Ovis donated hunt winner came on a hippo & crocodile hunt in Nyakasanga. Brutal temperature in the late November period are normal, but we had above average temperatures making the hunt a little more challenging.

The first afternoon yielded a monster hippo bull on land, at close quarters. Rudy brained the bull at 20 yards to start off a great hunt. The following days were spent pursuing the elusive crocodile. The excessive temperatures meant that the big flatdogs only spent a little time out of the water. A few days later Rudy had an opportunity for a shot which he executed perfectly and he had a great croc. A few tiger fish whilst we were drifting looking for crocodiles was an added bonus. Thanks Rudy for a great hunt to end off another excellent season.



<u>Convention</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Booth #</u>
SCI Las Vegas - Las Vegas Convention Centre, Las Vegas	31/01/18 - 03/02/18	2918 & 2920
Die Hohe Jagd & Fischerei - Messezentrum Salzburg, Salzburg	22/02/18 - 25/02/16	-

The real work now begins—with the start of the "Convention Season". Unfortunately - this year is a bit of a whirlwind and I'm not able to make my usual stops in McConnells or Odessa. However, I am so looking forward to seeing very special friends Bill & Joyce in Las Vegas !!!

I will be leaving in late January and travelling directly to Las Vegas for the 46th Annual Convention. This year in the Buffalo Trails booth, as in 2016, PH Bert Keightley will be joining me. We're both looking forward to seeing old friends and touching base with those of you we have been in contact with but have never actually met notably Bruce & Les!!!!

From Las Vegas I travel to Mexico for a few days to see "The Other Shumba Brother and hopefully his new cub".

I then have a week in the UK with some "out-laws" and then on to the Jagd & Hund in Salzburg. I do not have a booth this year in Salzburg - however I am looking forward to all of the catch-ups scheduled - you know who you are!!!

Immediately after Salzburg I return to Zimbabwe for the first early season elephant bull hunt of the year. Given the rainy season we are currently having—it should be a great one!!

**AS ALWAYS THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT & UNTIL THE NEXT EDITION—SAFE & HAPPY HUNTING !!!!**

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