



Buffalo Trails Safaris



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2018 comes to close for us with a final hunt last month and what a hunt it was to end off another great season. Good friend Harry was joined on safari by Pero, in Nyakasanga, primarily for lion and buffalo.

It was our intention to hunt an old male lion past it's prime—and we stuck to the plan. Eight days later it paid off!!! Tip-toeing down the path to our blind, early on the 9th morning we found our male lying in the river bed, oblivious to our presence. Harry made a phenomenal quartering shot, anchoring the lion (above) and making this one of the highlights of my hunting career so far. Earlier in the hunt, Harry frontal-brained and old tuskless (below centre) with his double—also a great hunt and gave us much needed bait.

Pero's buffalo gave us more than a little excitement!!! Shot in one lung the old dagga boy (below left) still managed a full charge in the thick jesse. Thankfully it all ended well!! From beginning to end, a truly memorable and immensely enjoyable hunt !! - I am really look forward to the next one adventure with Harry & Pero!!!



It was great to attend the annual ZPHGA AGM and Hunter's Ball down in Bulawayo. It was an opportunity to catch up with friends and touch base with current issues affecting the industry. I was also fortunate to win "Best of Three Elephants" and be runner up for "Best Elephant" for the 2018 Hunting Awards. These elephants were shot early in the season adjacent to Gonarezhou National Park. A big thank-you and congratulations to Jim and Vladimir who made these awards possible by harvesting such great trophies!



It is that time of year again where we begin our preparations for the 2019 Hunting Conventions. Below are the details for the conventions we will be attending this year& we're so looking forward to seeing faces old and new!!!

<u>Convention</u>	<u>Booth #</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
S C I Reno	954 & 956	9th January 2019	12th January 2019
D S C Dallas	2819	17th January 2019	20th January 2019

We still have limited permits available for buffalo and leopard for the 2019 season - together with one early season elephant bull hunt available in Nyakasanga.

2018 has been a very memorable year—with many highs and sadly a few lows. The "new" Zimbabwe is still finding it's feet on a very rocky road - but we remain optimistic that things can only get better!!! Through it all—Buffalo Trails Safaris is going from strength to strength and for this we would like to say a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who have continued to support us. 2018 was a great year for us and 2019 looks to be even better. Thank-you again - you all know who you are and how much we appreciate your support!!!

