

Introduction

Dear Hunters, welcome to the first edition of the Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris Newsletter, which will from now on be sent out to subscribers bi-annually.

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Hunting is about living and sharing a dream!

Happy Reading!
Annette & Alex Oelofse with Carola

Lucky Leroy and his Lucky 21

One can mentally and physically prepare for a hunt. One can have the best PH and the best equipment (and the best rifle!). And one can be the best shot in the world – but eventually the success of a hunt boils down to that one factor: luck.

Leroy Wurst, accompanied by his friend, Dr Gerry Kuhl during his hunt with us in April 2013, brought so much of this indeterminable factor with him that he quickly earned himself the nickname “Lucky Leroy”.

Leroy had several animals on his shopping list, the main priority being a Lioness, a Leopard, a good Sable... and pretty much anything that he would be able to find during his first 14 day hunt in Namibia.

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“Leroy was smiling so hard when he got that Leopard, his smile would have seperated his head into two equal parts if it were not for his ears!” – Alta Koekemoer, Manageress at Jan Oelofse Hunting Camp

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Leroy ended up going home with 21 trophy animals. The lioness he got on the second night at Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris practically stormed the hunting vehicle when Leroy, his PH Steve Tors and his tracker Simon were on their way back to the hunting lodge. The Lynx is a hard to get animal, but Leroy got one of those, too. And the leopard, the most sought-after African cat, was literally waiting for Leroy on top of a termite hill in the early morning hours, while he and Steve were casually driving around.

When Leroy took his first shot at the Leopard, he realised that the safety was still on. But the Leopard remained frozen where he was and Leroy got him when aiming a second time. How many hunters sit in a blind waiting for a leopard night after night after night? How often does one see a leopard in the wild, and what are the chances that he will sit and wait for you to take aim (twice, even!)? The odds must surely be close to zero. But not if your name is Lucky Leroy!



Leroy Wurst and his three trophy cats at Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris with PH Steve Tors & Naftali Amvoologo. – April 2013.



Leroy amidst some of his 21 trophies. From left to right: Waterbuck, Roan, Lechwe, Blue Wildebeest, Sable, Gemsbuck, Springbuck, Impala, Kudu, Nyala, Hartebeest.

"How does one tell a good trophy Zebra from a mediocre one?" – "It has to have at least 18 stripes!" (Bill & Gail Phifer)

SCI Record Springbuck

Having been to Africa many times before and having obtained most trophies already, Bill & Gail Phifer were out for some more plainsgame hunting at Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris. But Bill did end up with a very special trophy indeed. Gail got a Kudu, a Gemsbuck and a Zebra, while Bill got a Springbuck that looked like a specie of it's own: a 18.5 inch Springbuck, base. Rudie De Klerk, their PH, immediately knew that this was a special specimen, but was amazed himself when the measuring tape showed that this trophy might be worthy a SCI record book entry.



Bill Phifer and his special trophy Springbuck.

Kudu Rabies Outbreak

Photos Recently

Below is a selection of the best wildlife photos taken by Annette Oelofse at Jan Oelofse Hunting Safaris recently!