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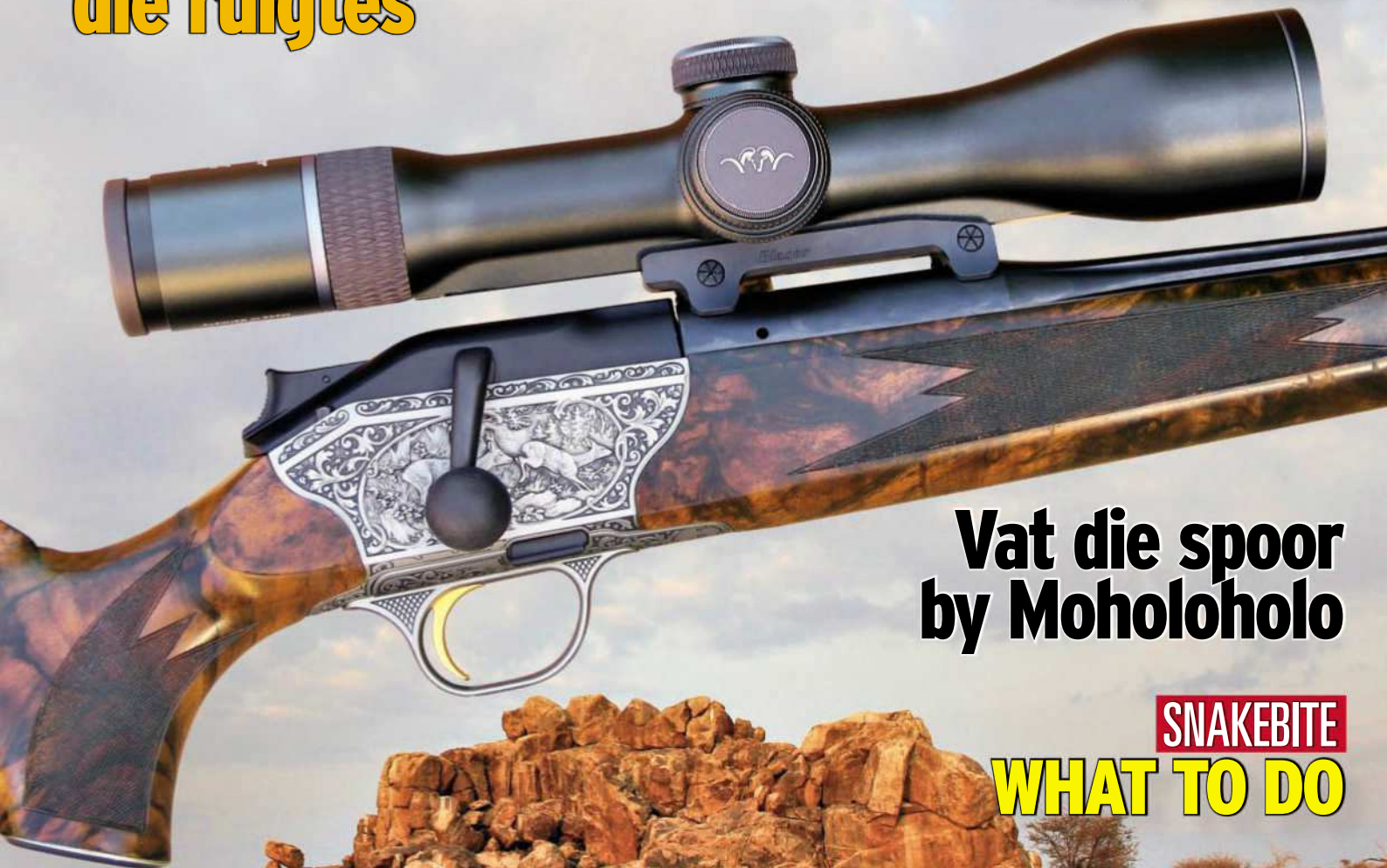
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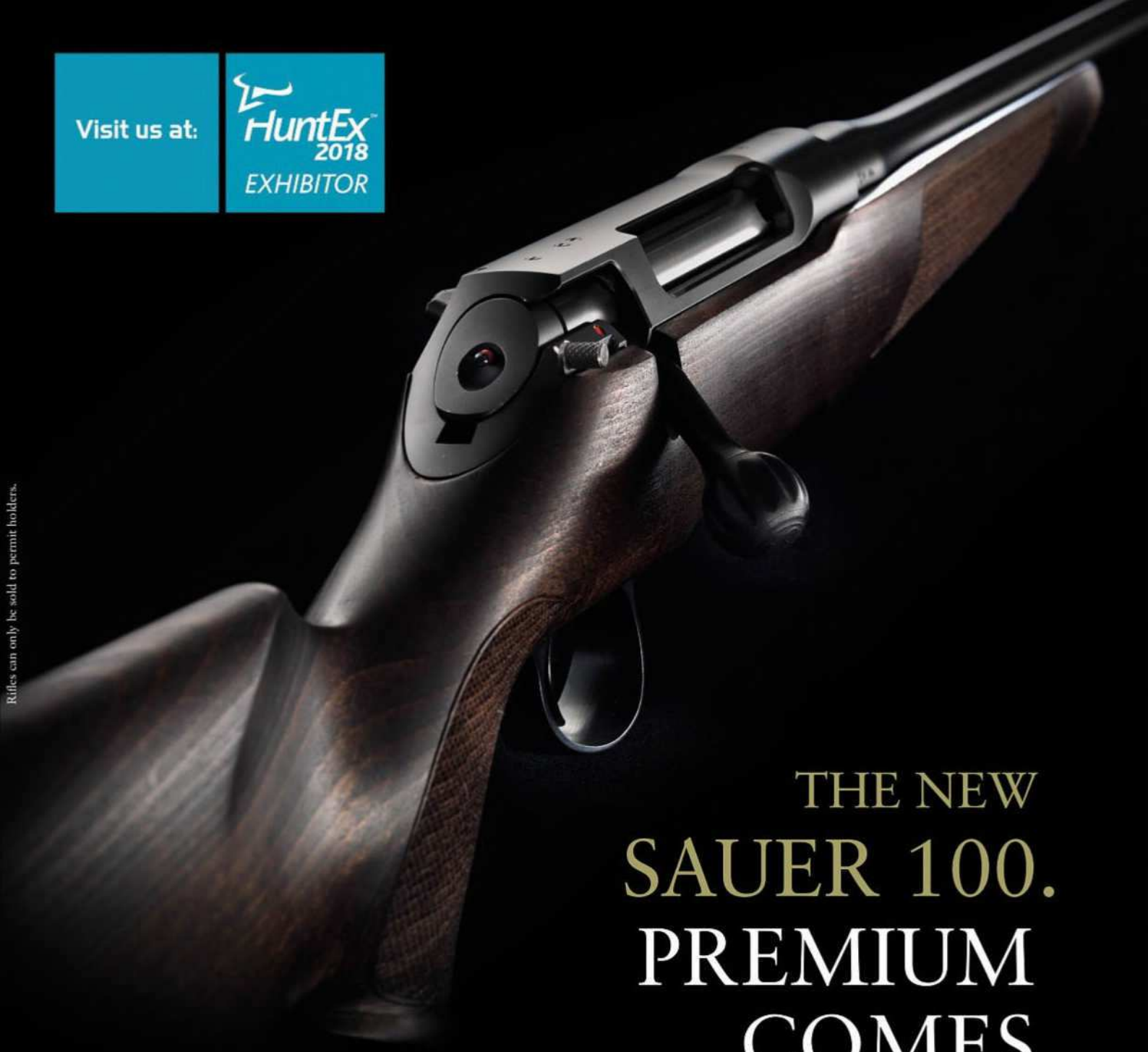


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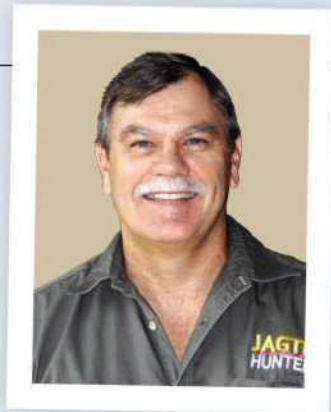
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Koos Barnard.



IN MY VISIER

# Bo blink onder stink



**D**is wat baie buitelandse jagters blykbaar van ons jagbedryf dink. Dis moeilik om 'n ander afleiding te maak, want die getal buitelandse jagters wat Suid-Afrika besoek, het sedert 2008 drasties afgeneem.

Vroeër jare het tot 16 000 buitelanders hul skote hier kom af-trek, maar daardie getal het gekrimp tot 7 366 in 2015 en 6 537 in 2016. Daar word baie redes voorgedra vir hierdie daling waarvan die droogte en persoonlike veiligheid twee is. Daar is egter verskeie ander dinge wat die bedryf kwel en intensiewe wildboerdery is een daarvan.

Natuurlik het hierdie tipe boerdery wat op 'n wetenskaplike wyse beoefen word nie net 'n baie belangrike plek in ons wildbedryf nie, dis eintlik broodnodig vir die volhoubaarheid van die wild- en jagbedryf. En tog blyk dit ook tot 'n mate die Achilleshiel van dié bedryf te wees.

Intensiewe wildboerdery het vir ons piepklein jagplase gebring: geteelde leeu-jag; kleurvariante; mak diere wat in klein kampies geteel is en jagters groot-oog staan en aankyk sonder om te probeer vlug; wild met oorplaatjies in en luukseboogskuilings by watergate (om maar net 'n paar dinge te noem).

Ek het onlangs 'n skuiling op 'n "jagvideo" gesien wat 'n bed-toilet en ander luukse in het. Dis so groot, 'n hele gesin kan

met gemak daarin rondstap.

Ons laat skiet ook buffels en ander wild by voerplekke. Daar was onlangs 'n video in omloop van iemand wat 'n buffel by 'n voerplek uit 'n skuiling met 'n grootkaliber-windbuks geskiet het. Dis dié tipe dinge wat ons as "jag" bemark en waarmee baie jagters nie saamstem nie. Dis die dinge wat ons naam beswadder. Die leeu-jagsage en PHASA se standpunt het natuurlik nóg troebel water veroorsaak.

Natuurlik gebeur sulke dinge in ander lande ook. In Brittanje en Amerika (om maar net twee te noem) word wild op groot skaal intensief geteel en veral Amerika is bekend daarvoor dat boog- en geweerjagters daar diere uit skuilings skiet. Om egter die vinger na ander te wys gaan nie jagters na Suid-Afrika toe lok nie.

Onlangs lees ek ook 'n stuk op Facebook van 'n gerespekteerde beroepsjagter wat by sy kollegas pleit om op te hou om vir jagters te lieg as hulle bemarking gaan doen. Soos die Engelse sê: "Enough said."

Die wildborrel het toe gebars of genoegsaam gebars dat baie wildboere nou skarrel om hul wild verkoop te kry. Waar daar voorheen hoofsaaklik beroepsjagters was wat oorsee gaan kliënte werf het, besoek 'n toene-mende getal wildboere nou self die buitelandse jagskoue. Hulle teelbedryf moes vinnig omskakel na 'n jagbedryf toe. Hierdie boe-

re omseil dus die beroepsjagters/jagondernemers wat reeds in die mark is en so word die druk op hierdie poel mense al groter om maniere te vind om hul ondernemings te bemark. 'n Ooraanbod van wild, beroepsjagters en wildboere op die oorsese mark kan net moeilikheid voorspel vir ons plaaslike bedryf.

Daar is volgens sommige mense se mening te veel beroepsjagters in die land, mense wat prys-gewys nie kan meeding met die wildboer wat sy eie wild bemark nie. Baie van hierdie onderne-mers het geen ander inkomste nie. Wat sal hulle moet doen om steeds kliënte te lok na 'n land wat vir baie mense 'n onaan-vaarbare jagbestemming geraak het? Wildboere en beroepsjagters knor nou vir mekaar en so ook beroepsjagters vir mekaar. Suid-Afrikaanse en Namibiese beroepsjagters slinger lekker modder heen en weer.

Selfs vir plaaslike jagters is daar nou 'n nóg meer gesonde aanbod van wild. Nog nooit vantevore is SA JAGTER/HUNTER se Koop en Verkoopblad op Facebook so oorval soos hierdie jaar met mense wat wild en jagplek probeer verkwasel nie.

Jag vir die pot of biltong het die afgelope paar jaar baie duur geraak, want skaarswildboere het vroulike diere gesoek (wat gewild is onder biltongjagters) vir die teel van hul gekleurde bokke. Daardie prentjie is nou besig om te verander. Kleurvari-

ante en ander sogenaamde eksotiese wildsoorte se pryse het sodanig gedaal dat dié diere nou teen veel meer bekostigbare pryse gejaag kan word. Trouens sommige pryse het so geval dat sommige wildboere baie groot verliese gely het en nou moet bontstaan om verdere skade te probeer voorkom.

Jag in Suid-Afrika het oor die afgelope twee dekades of so onherroeplik verander. Gierigheid en kortsigtigheid het ons laat beland waar ons nou is. Ons is ongelukkig bo blink maar onder stink. Ek moet egter byvoeg dat ons huidige politieke klimaat dit vir mense moeilik maak om nie "vandag" soveel as moontlik te wil probeer skep terwyl hulle kan nie, want môre is hulle dalk hul grond of hul onderne-mings kwyt.

Daar is baie mense wat glo dat ons ons jagbedryf kan om-draai. Dat ons weer die kroonjuweel kan raak wat ons eens was. Maar dit sal nugter denke verg en 'n terugkeer na sekere ou waardes en gebruike. Suid-Afrika is 'n wildparadys en ons kan dit weer 'n ware jagparadys ook maak. 'n Plek waar mense tou voor sal staan om te kom jag. Alle betrokkenes sal net moet **handevat en saamwerk**.

Of is dit dalk te veel gevra? Mooi loop!

*Koop*

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## WENBRIEF

### TAKEAWAY-JAGTERS

Die jageisoon is op hande en daar is baie manne wat graag wil gaan “jag”. Jy sien nou gereeld plasings op Facebook van mense wat jagplek soek binne ’n sekere radius van die stad waar hulle woon. Hulle dui ook die spesies aan wat gejag moet word. Dit het my laat dink aan ’n *takeaway*-restaurant – jy besluit waarvoor jy lus het, kyk waar die naaste *takeaway* is, ry daarheen en koop iets deur ’n venster.

Het die jagbedryf in Suid-Afrika ’n *takeaway*-besigheid geword? Wildboere in die Bosveld veral (ek mag verkeerd wees) begin spesies op plase aanhou wat nie natuurlik daar voorkom nie en dan eers moet aanpas voordat hulle gejag kan word. Wildplase raak net soos die wegneemete-restaurante met ’n verskeidenheid op die spyskaart. Die rede hiervoor is heel ekonomies: Daar is ’n groot mark, veral in Gauteng. Ja, ek weet ons omstandighede is vandag van so ’n aard dat tyd geld is en geld skaars is. Dit baan die weg vir boere om ’n groot verskeidenheid wild aan te bied vir die *takeaway*-jagter wat gou sy

bokspesie binne ’n dag wil skiet.

Maar waarin lê die genot as jy ’n Kalahari-gemsbok buite sy natuurlike habitat van rooi sandduine jag, of ’n buffel net ’n uur se ry uit Kaapstad? Die uit-tog na ’n spesifieke streek om ’n bok te gaan jag wat net dáár natuurlik voorkom, maak die ervaring mos soveel meer spesiaal. En wat is een of twee ekstra dae weg van die kantoor dan nou?

Ek is dalk ook ’n *takeaway*-jagter, maar kom, laat ons ons leefstyl verander. Kom ons begin “organies” jag.

**HEIN HANEKOM**

*\*Hein wen die R500-geskenk-bewys van Safari Outdoor.*

### BENUTTING IS BEWARING

Op pad na ’n troue in die Kaap, en met die voorneme om rustig te ry tot daar, het ek besluit om tydens die rit soveel as moontlik wildreservate (waar daar gejag word) te besoek. Nodeloos om te sê, die rit het vier dae geduur!

Tussen-die-Riviere se wildreservaat was eerste aan die beurt. Op die oog af het alles goed en gesond gelyk. Die behulpame personeel was baie vriendelik en kort voor lank was ons land en sand aan die gesels met hulle.

So met die geselsery hoor ek dat die betrokke minister se kantoor die afgelope drie jageisoonse geen jagpakkette goedkeur het vir hierdie, sowel as die Sandveld-wildreservaat nie. Nou waarom nie? Dit is die Departement van Omgewingsake se geheim, kom die antwoord.

Na my mening is selektiewe uitdunning van wild die behoud van volhoubare wildboerdery (ook in reservate) en die suksesvolle oordraging van die dominante gene. As wildgetalle in hierdie reservate handuitruk, sal die wanbalans nagevolg hê wat lank sal neem om te herstel.

Indien daar ’n finansiële ant-

woord op die departement se “geheim” is, waar kom die fondse nou vandaan om die nodige herstelwerk aan die geboue te doen? (By die ingang lê ’n gedeelte van die dak op die grond.)

As ons nie benut nie, kan ons ook nie bewaar nie.

**JOHAN REYNEKE**

### DIE VERGETE .303

In 1974 was my pa besig met sy laaste weermagkamp toe hy besluit om ’n .303-geweer by die Weermag te koop. Die wapen was nuut, nog in sy “oliesak”. Dit beteken die geweer was nog vol ghries en is nog nooit gebruik nie. Waar my pa op daardie stadium die geweer gebêre het, weet ek nie.

In 1980 het my pa se broer, oom Willie, ’n plaas in die Naboomspruit-area gekoop en besluit om ’n huis daar te bou. Dit het hy stuk-stuk gedoen en oor baie jare. Met die bouery en ander werk op die plaas het ons elke vakansie gaan help en elke beskikbare geleentheid wat ons gehad het, is ons gesin na oom Willie se plaas toe. My pa moes op een of ander stadium die ou .303 daar by oom Willie “gestoor” het.

Ek en my neefs (wat baie ouer as ek was) het graag gaan vlakvarke skiet met die .22 – geen korrel en geen teleskoop was op die geweer nie, ons het sommer so uit die heup uit geskiet! Lekker dae.

Toe ek 13 was, het ons Vrystaat toe getrek en ons is nie weer plaas toe nie. Na skool het ek in Pretoria gewoon. Ek en my gesinnetjie is een naweek Naboom toe en dit was wonderlik om my tannie Annetjie en oom Willie na jare weer te sien. Hulle het op die plaas afgetree. Na hulle op pensioen gegaan het, het hulle nog 20 jaar op die plaas gewoon. Daarna is die plaas verkoop.

Die nuwe eienaar het een dag uit die bloute gebel en laat weet dat hy ’n wapen in die plaashuis se dak gekry het. Ou mense het mos als van waarde bo-op die plafon weggesteek. Dit is natuurlik waar my pa toe die geweer weggesteek het nadat oom Willie se huis klaar gebou was! My pa het heeltemal vergeet van

sy .303 in die “kluis”!

Ek het die wapen gaan haal. Die wit wapensak was vuil en daar was los stukke in die sak. Die kolf was los en gekraak, die res van die hout was gebreek en daar het skroewe gekort. Dit was ’n 1916 SMLE (Small Magazine Lee Enfield) MK III. Gelukkig was die aksie nog pragtig en die loop roesvry.

Die .303 het sedert 1983 (ongeveer vir 34 jaar) daar in die dak van die huis gelê. Die hout het natuurlik nat geword en geswel. Met die hout van twee ou gedeaktiveerde wapens het ek die kolf na die beste van my vermoë herstel. Ek het amper op my rug geval toe ek by die SAP uitvind dat die ou .303 toe nog steeds op my pa se naam was. (My pa het in die 1980’s sy paspoort verloor waarin sy vergete .303-lisensie was.)

En vandag staan dié ou krygsman trots by my in ’n regte wapenkluis.

**OPPIES OPPERMAN**

### PERFEKTE DIENS

Ek het in 2015 vir my een van Mauritz Bosman se Perfect Bullet Pullers gekoop. Dit het uitstekend gewerk. Toe het ek ’n klompie ou herlaaide ammunisie in die hande gekry en wou die koeëls trek om die doppe te gebruik.

Die koeëls wou net nie uit nie en in die gestoei het die Bullet Puller Holder tot teenaan die pers gedraai en die ekstra krag wat daarop uitgeoefen is, het veroorsaak dat die metaal gekraak het. (My fout!)

Ek het Mauritz geskakel en vertel wat gebeur het en wou ’n nuwe Holder koop. Sy reaksie het my stomgeslaan: “Al wat jy moet doen, is om vir my jou naam en adres te SMS. My Perfect Buller Puller het ’n onvoorwaardelike waarborg. Ek stuur vir jou ’n nuwe een.”

In ’n wêreld waarin daar min te kies is tussen produkte, is dit dikwels die diens en veral naverkoopdiens wat die keuse bepaal. Die diens en waarborg van Mauritz Bosman was eersteklas. Nogmaals dankie, Mauritz.

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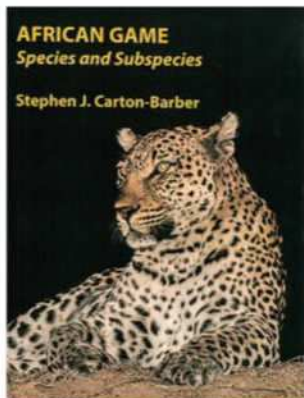
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Stephan dedicated this book to his late son Devlin who was murdered at age 27.

SA JAGTER/HUNTER highly recommends this wonderful book. It is a must have for all those who love and admire African game animals.

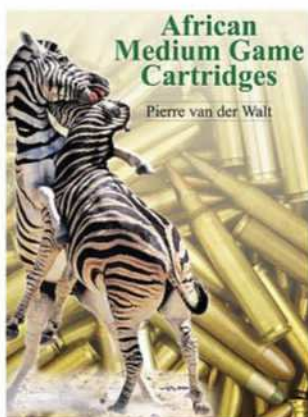
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## AFRICAN MEDIUM GAME CARTRIDGES

Pierre van der Walt het op 31 Maart sy nuutste boek, *African Medium Game Cartridges* bekend gestel. Dit handel, soos die titel aandui, oor kalibers wat geskik is vir gebruik op medium-grootte wild in Afrika. *African Medium Game Cartridges* is 'n hardebandboek in grootformaat gedruk (210x275mm) en beslaan 496 bladsye. Dié volkleurboek bevat 380 foto's wat oor nege hoofstukke versprei is.

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Herlaaidata wat in die boek vervat is, sluit 7 300 Somchemladings in. Ander inligting wat



saamgestel is en die struktuur van die boek vorm, is die 38 kaliberbesprekings met herlaaidata – van die .270 Win af tot by die .303 British.

\* Die boek kos R950. Bestel dit by adventure@aimshow.co.za



From left to right: Bernard Classen of Helber, sponsor of the Titan bullets and the impala hunt; Clive Aitchison, winner of the competition; and Jan Lubbe owner of Sons of Guns, sponsor of the rifle, scope and other accessories.

## SA HUNTERS' LUCKY DRAW WINNER

Clive Aitchison of Maanhaar-rand near Rustenburg is the lucky draw winner of a competition ran by SA Hunters to raise funds for the association's court case against the Minister of Police.

Clive, who is not a member of SA Hunters, won a hunting rifle (Howa .308 Win or 6.5 Creed-moor); a Delta rifle bag; an Allan rifle strap; and a Leupold VX-3i 6.5-20x40 telescope sponsored by Sons of Guns, a firearms dealer in Parys.

He also won two packets of Titan bullets, the development of suitable loads for these bullets for the rifle of his choice and an impala hunt, sponsored by Helber Safaris. The estimated combined value of this prize is R30 000. Not a bad return for

the R50 entry fee Clive paid (which goes towards the Legal Aid Fund of SA Hunters).

The SA Hunters Association has been involved in court action against the Minister of Police since 2016, regarding the relicensing of firearms and other matters related to the Firearms Control Act. The legal fees in this case are high and the competition was launched as a fundraising effort to cover some of the costs.

SA Hunters would like to thank its members, members of other associations, and the general public who bought tickets in support of the association's legal fund. A similar competition might be offered again later this year.

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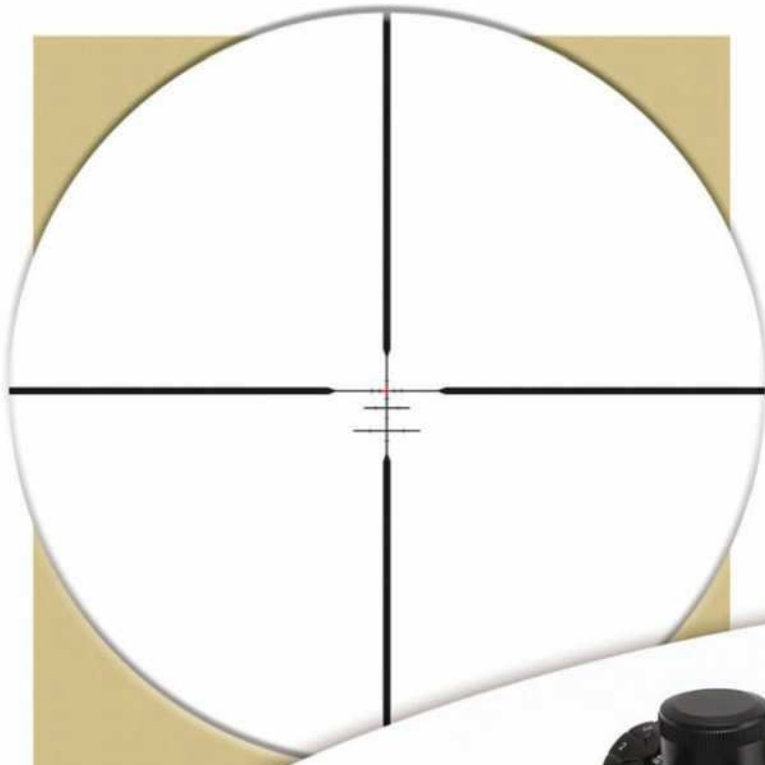
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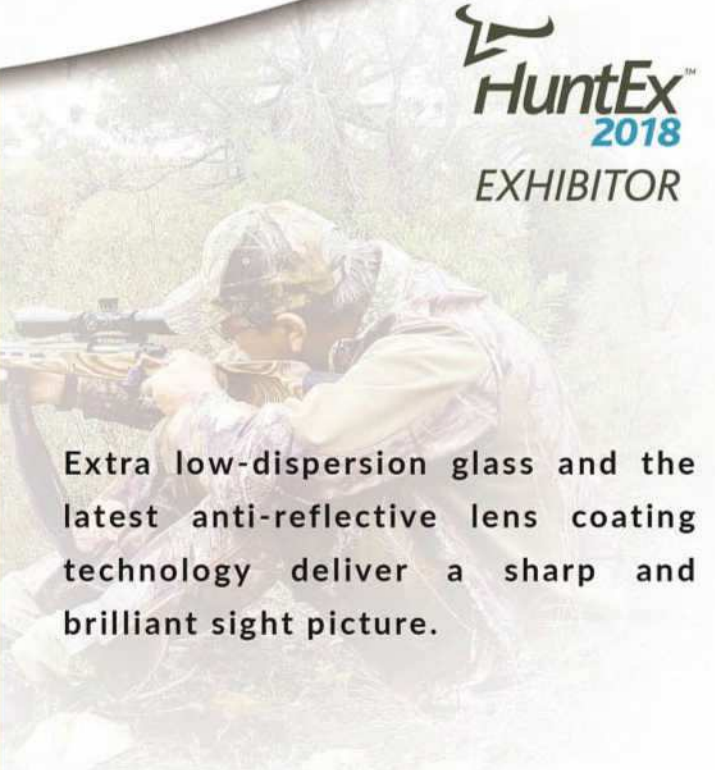
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## DOOIERUS

## Met 'peil' en boog

Deur HERMAN JONKER



Iemand het eenkeer verduidelik 'n mens het eintlik drie lewens: 'n Openbare lewe, 'n privaat lewe en dan ook 'n geheime lewe.

Wel, dit was seker in die ou dae. Want sedert Big Daddy met goed soos RICA en FICA en vuurwapenlisensies gekom het, voel dit vir my ek het net een lewe: Een in 'n glaskas.

Ek dink dit was die *army* wat my die eerste keer laat suur trek het vir 'n uitvraery. Hulle wou mos alles van jou weet – oumagrootjie se volle name, jou kerkverband, bloedgroep, skoengrootte, die lot – sodat hulle jou volledig kon besit. Of miskien was dit die skoolhoof, daardie keer toe hy my so ver probeer kry het om te split op die ander ouens wat ook gerook het. Of dalk was dit die stomme ou Ant Tossie, wat destyds oorkant die straat gebly het en mens oor en oor dieselfde ding kon vra in haar malligheid, foeitog.

Maak nie saak nie. Maar wat my uiteindelik verby gatvol gedryf het, is meningspeilings.

Aanvanklik doen 'n mens dit mos maar. Jy stem in om tien minute van jou tyd af te staan en jy maak jou kruisies in die blokkies en jy gee punte van een tot tien en jy krap kop en hark die hoeke van jou gewete vir eerlike antwoorde, want jy glo mos êrens gaan dit bydra om iets te verander. As die heelal net eers hoor hoe jy dinge sien, sal dit mos van die wêreld 'n beter plek maak.

Ja swaer. Was al daar.

Openhartig getuig oor watter soort sjampoe ek my hare mee was, gebieg oor watter radio-

stasies ek na luister en breedvoerig verduidelik wat ek dink van Nando's se spyskaart, *Playboy* se artikels en Nissan se naverkoopdiens. Om die waarheid te sê, ek kan aan geen persoonlike menings dink wat nie al êrens opgeteken en ontleed is nie.

En tog is daar daardie een vraag wat elke keer weer opduik.

*Hoekom jag jy?*

Miskien is dit net ek, of miskien is dit die kringe waarin ek beweeg, maar daardie vraag is vir my die mees deurtrapte pei-

'vraeboog'? Skuus as ek dom is, maar waar kom 'n 'boog' in die prentjie as dit pleinweg 'n lys vrae is wat ter sprake is?)

Hoekom jag ons?

Ja, ek weet. Bla, bla, bla, bla. Maar hoekom geniet ons dit werklik so? Hoekom voel die hele trippie, die hele wegbreek bos toe, dan net so... reg?

Want dit IS reg. Dit is per slot van sake waar ons eintlik hoort, waar ons DNS, ons oersweet, die hele aard van ons wese, histories lê: in die jagveld. Die veld

Om te jag is bloot normaal – dis al vir eeue en eeue *homo sapiens* se natuurlike gedrag – so wat daarvan?

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Jip. Alweer 'n jagpeiling. Nogmaals dieselfde vrae. En dan, maande later, met trompetgeskal asof student X se navorsing 'n totaal nuwe skat van kennis ontsluit het, dieselfde holrug bevindings:

Ons jag vir die buitelig ja, en die lekker organiese vleis, en die besondere konneksie met die natuur, en die uitdaging daarvan ja, en, en, en.

Almal 100% waar en 100% geldig.

Maar ons *weet* dit! Lankal! Om die waarheid te sê, dit was so vanselfsprekend dat ons nooit nodig gehad het om daaroor te dink tot dié simpel vraeboë gekom het nie.

(Terloops: Wat vir 'n woord is

en sy op-die-hoef spens is in ons bloed, dis ons erflike werklikheid, vir honderde en honderde geslagte al.

Dit is eerder die mens se ander lewe – daardie sielvernietigende een wat die afgode hom mettertyd geleer het om te ly – wat vals is.

Daar is robomens vasgevang in 'n dwelmbestaan waar sy brein daagliks gestimuleer word met 'n oordosis mededingende materialisme. Uur na uur trap hy die wiletjie vir beloning, met een oog deurgaans op die spieël van eie aansien.

Hy lewe in kunsmatige lig en versorgde lug en hy veer sy nes met allerhande luukses, en tog bring dit hom geen geluk nie. Intendeel, hy jaag en stres al meer tot hy bleek en ongesond is en uiteindelik sterf aan hart-

vatsiektes of een of ander gewelddadige gebeurtenis.

En al wat dit eintlik sou verg om hom uit so 'n gevange bestaan te ruk en 'n slag in voeling met sy natuurlike wese te bring, is 'n goeie bietjie bos.

In die bos, met die kampvuur se oeroue flikkers wat sy siel self, vind die mens homself weer. Hy ontdek wat hy langs die pad verloor het, hy kry weer 'n besef van sinvolle bestaan en hy ervaar weer die warm boesem van heil-same ou Moeder Natuur.

Uitsonderlik?

Glad nie. Dit is hoe dit is, en nog altyd was.

So asseblief, aan al die begeesterde studente en statistiekdeurklapte akademici daar buite: Moenie weer vir ons kom vra hoekom ons jag nie. Dis 'n dom vraag.

Om te jag is bloot normaal – dis al vir eeue en eeue *homo sapiens* se natuurlike gedrag – so wat daarvan?

Gaan doen eerder 'n studie oor mense se ONnatuurlike gedrag. Hoekom hulle kies om in vuil stede saam te bondel. Hoekom hulle al hulle dae daaraan wy om blink goed te versamel en dan mekaar se kele afsny in 'n stryd om die besit daarvan. Hoekom hulle tevrede is met flentertjies vleis vol chemikalieë wat uit voerkrale kom, en les bes, hoekom sulke gemuteerde aardlinge dan dink om te jag is 'n afwyking.

Gaan vind daai 'n bietjie uit asseblief. Veral laasgenoemde. Met peilings, boë, of wat ook al. Want wraggieswaar, dit bly vir my 'n raaisel. ☹

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Hierdie Duitse maatskappy bemark deesdae ook optiese produkte en Blaser-verkykers is reeds bekendgestel. Nuut in die mark is hul geweertelkope wat beslis aanklank by jagters sal vind. Blaser se Infinity-reeks is tydens die onlangse IWA-skou in Neurenberg, Duitsland bekend gestel. Daar is drie modelle, naamlik 'n 1-7x28, 'n 2.8-20x50

en 'n 4-20x58. Met hul leuse, *With the eyes of an eagle*, dui Blaser aan dat hierdie produkte se optiese kwaliteit uit die boonste rakke is.

SA JAGTER/HUNTER was gelukkig genoeg om 'n demonstrasiemodel, 'n 2.8-20x50, in die hande te kry vir 'n vinnige skietbaantoets.

Drie dinge het dadelik opgeval toe ek die teleskoop in my hande hou; die diepgroen kleur waarin dit afgewerk is, die sogenaamde *rail* of spoormonteersisteen en die slanke lyne van die

teleskoop. Laat ek sommer dadelik noem: Blaser gaan hierdie teleskope net met die spoorstelsel bemark, hulle het op die oomblik geen planne om hul teleskope so te bou dat dit met konvensionele ringe gemonteer kan word nie.

Vir Suid-Afrikaners wat gewoon is aan teleskoopringe, lyk die spoorstelsel vreemd en jy wonder dadelik of dit die teleskoop voldoende op die geweer sal anker. Wel, wees nie bevrees nie. Europeërs gebruik hierdie stelsel al vir baie jare en dit

werk uitstekend, selfs op grootkaliber-gewere wat kwaai skop.

Omdat dit 'n Blaser-teleskoop is, het ons besluit om dit op 'n Blaser-geweer te toets – een in .270 Win wat ek onlangs aangeskaf het. L&O van Pretoria, die plaaslike agent vir Blaser, het die teleskoop verskaf en ook van Norma se Kalahari-fabrieksammunisie wat met 120gr-mometaalkoeëls gelaai is.

Op die Premier-skietbaan naby Cullinan het ek die Normas oor Cassie Nienaber se chronograaf geskiet en gevind die

# Blaser se arendsoog

Deur KOOS BARNARD

Blaser se Infinity-teleskoop “kyk” 'n barshou.



Ons het die Blaser Infinity 2.8-20x50 op 'n Blaser-geweer in .270 Win getoets. Hierdie teleskope val in dieselfde klas as ander topgehalte Europese produkte.



**Foto 1** toon die stelknop vir hoogte in die af-posisie en die knop van die kruishaarskakelaar ingedruk. **Foto 2** wys die stelknop vir hoogte en die kruishaarskakelaar uitgetrek. In **Foto 3** word die stelknop vir rigting gewys sonder die beskermende propjie.

120-greiner wikkel teen 3 179vps so 5m van die tromp af (Norma se aanspraak is 3 248vps).

#### DIE KORT EN LANK

Voor ons die toets bespreek, eers so 'n bietjie algemene inligting. Die 2.8-20x50 is 34.3cm lank en weeg 770 gram. Dit het 'n vinnig-verstelbare oogstuk om die kruishaar te fokus en die oogafstand vir die oogstuk is 90mm – lank genoeg om te verhoed dat 'n magnum-kaliber jou op die oog sal piets. Die veldwydte wat jy kan sien op 100m is 13.2m op 2.8x-vergroting en 1.9m op 20x-vergroting.

Blaser se Infinity-reeks is duidelik teleskope wat vir jag bedoel is – die kruishaar is baie eenvoudig en het 'n swewende senterkolletjie. Daar is geen ekstra afmerkies en ander fieterjasies soos wat vervaardigers deesdae lief is om by die kruishaar te voeg nie. Die Blaser se senterkolletjie kan wel verlig, iets wat in Europa noodsaaklik is, want daar word baie in swakbeligte woude en in skemerlig gejag. Selfs hier by ons is 'n verligbare senterkolletjie baie handig onder sekere ligtoestande.

Dan is die kruishaar ook by die eerste fokuspunt (*first focal plane*) in die buis aangebring, wat beteken dat die kruishaar “groei” en “krimp” as die vergroting hoër of laer gedraai word – in gewone spreektaal praat ons sommer van FFP-teleskope. Wat in werklikheid gebeur, is dat die grootte of die afmetings van die kruishaar dieselfde bly, relatief tot die grootte van die

teiken (of wildsbok). Die spasie rondom die swewende senterkolletjie bly byvoorbeeld 2.5cm op 100m op alle vergrotings. Met teleskope waar die kruishaar op die tweede fokuspunt geplaas word, sal die spasie “kleiner” raak soos wat die vergroting hoër gedraai word.

Die stelknoppe vir hoogte, rigting, parallaks en kruishaarverligting is op die normale plek, maar Blaser het die stelknoppe vir rigting en parallaks/kruishaarverligting omgedraai. Die stelknop vir rigting sit links op die Blaser-teleskoop en die parallaks-stelknop regs. Soos deesdae algemeen aangetref word, vorm die parallaks-stelknop en die kruishaarverligting-skakelaar 'n integrale eenheid.

Hierdie stelknop het twee ringe waarvan die buitenste een die kruishaar-skakelaar is. Trek bloot dié ring uit en die kruishaar se senterkolletjie word helderder verlig. Die ring is ook “veerbelaa” – draai dit weg van jou af en hou dit vas om die helderheid van die kolletjie te laat toeneem. Draai dit in jou rigting, hou dit vas en die helderheid neem af.

Jy kan natuurlik hierdie kolletjie outomaties aanskakel as jy jou geweer se slagpenveer (*cocking slide*) span. Dit geld egter net vir gewere wat met die soognaamde *Illumination Control Cocking Slide* toegerus is. Dié oorhaalmeganismes is van Blaser beskikbaar. Hoe dit ook al sy, die senterkolletjie se verligting werk baie goed en die kolletjie is duidelik sigbaar, selfs in

die helderste sonlig.

Die 1-7x28 se senterkolletjie is ietwat uniek. Blaser noem dit die *Intelligent Variable Dot* (IVD). Die senterkolletjie word 'n bietjie groter van 1x-vergroting tot 4x-vergroting en kleiner teen 5x-, 6x- en 7x-vergroting. Teen die laer vergrotings is dit groter sodat die skut dit makliker kan sien wanneer daar byvoorbeeld tydens dryfjagte na hardlopende wild geskiet word.

Om die parallaks te stel, word die binneste ring van die stelknop, wat 'n bietjie uitstaan, ook uitgetrek (weg van die buis af) om dit te ontsluit. In die sluitposisie is die parallaks gestel vir 100m. Parallaks is verstelbaar vanaf 50m tot oneindigheid. Dis egter net vir 100m wat die stelring 'n sluitposisie het. Die binneste ring van die stelknop (vir

parallaks) wat uitstaan, maak dit makliker om te gebruik. Sommige teleskoopfabrikate se kruishaarverligting en parallaksring is bykans dieselfde grootte en is minder gebruiksvriendelik. Volpunte aan Blaser daarvoor.

Soos met baie Europese teleskope, stel die Blaser Infinity-teleskope ook 1cm per klikkie op 100m. Die stelknop vir hoogte het 'n sluitfunksie – jy moet eers die knop oplig of optrek voordat dit kan draai. Die sluitfunksie geld egter net vir jou instelafstand en vir die eerste vier klikkies (4cm) wat jy aan stel vir hoogte. Draai jy meer as vier klikkies aan vir langer afstande, sluit die stelknop nie meer nie. Blaser se motivering vir hierdie beperkte sluitfunksie is dat jagers hoofsaaklik hul gewere op 100m instel en meest->



Die Blaser-teleskoop het 'n eenvoudige kruishaar met 'n senterkolletjie wat kan verlig en waarvan die intensiteit kan stel.



Voor is die 1-7x28 Blaser en agter die 4-20x58-model. Soos ander topklas teleskope vanuit Europa is die Blasers peperduur.

» al op afstande van tussen 100m en 200m skiet. Sou jy by geleentheid verder skiet, sal die opgeligte stelknop jou met 'n oogopslag daaraan herinner om die teleskoop terug te stel na die afstand waarop jy die meeste skiet.

Met 'n spasie wat 2.5cm op 100m verteenwoordig tussen die senterkolletjie en elk van die vier bene van die kruishaar, kan die onderste vertikale been se bopunt as 'n afmikmerkie gebruik word. Met die .270 Win byvoorbeeld ingestel op 200m, sal die bopunt van die onderste vertikale been die zero-afstand verleng tot ongeveer 260m toe.

Omdat dit 'n jagteleskoop is wat vir realistiese jagafstande gebou is, is die totale verstelspektrum 115cm op 100m vir hoogte en 50cm vir rigting op dieselfde afstand.

**DIE TOETS**

Ek het net 27 patrone gehad vir die praktiese toets op die skietbaan, so daar was nie ammunisie om te mors nie. Die teiken is

op 33m opgesit, waarna ek 'n skoot geskiet het (ons het nie die teleskoop voor die tyd rofweg ingestel nie). My eerste skoot het laag en regs getref en nadat ek die koeël gat se afstand van die kol af gemeet het, het ek die nodige verstellings gemaak. Twee skote later was ek basies in die kol.

Op 100m het die geweer toe hoog geskiet (sowat 60mm) en ek het ses klikkies afgestel en twee klikkies na links toe. My drieskoot-groepering het sowat 30mm gemeet en mooi in die middel van die 5cm-kol gebondel. Die Blaser hou meer van 130gr-koeëls en swaarder (met Norma se 150gr Oxyx-ammunisie skiet dié geweer drieskoot-groepings van kleiner as 20mm op 100m).

Ek het die teleskoop weer vyf klikkies opgestel sodat die skote 5cm hoog land op 100m en nog 'n groepering geskiet – die Blaser het weereens getoon dat die 120-greiners nie heeltemal sy kos is nie en die groepering het

28mm gemeet.

'n Seer nek maak dit vir my deesdae moeilik om 'n klomp skote van 'n skiettafel af te skiet en ek het voortgegaan om oor my veldskietstokke te skiet. Daarmee kon ek twee keer drie skote kry om in net minder as 35mm te groepeer. Die laaste paar patrone het ek op klippe teen die skietwal losgelaat – sommige kere met die senterkolletjie se liggie aangeskakel en die laaste vyf skote met die kolletjie afgeskakel.

**DIE BEVINDING**

Dis moeilik om 'n teleskoop goed te beoordeel as jy net 27 skote skiet, maar die Blaser het elke keer presies en herhaalbaar gestel. Die klikkies was maklik voelbaar en die werking van die stelknoppe getuig van 'n hoë-kwaliteit produk. Ek was oor die algemeen baie beïndruk met die afwerking van die teleskoop en die vakmanskap wat in die produk ingebou is.

Soos te verwagte van 'n top-

klas-fabriek, is die optiese kwaliteit van die Blaser Infinity-reeks absoluut onverbeterlik. Dit is in dieselfde klas as byvoorbeeld Swarovski, Zeiss en ander topklasprodukte.

Groot, swaar teleskope met reuse-stelknoppe is deesdae aan die orde van die dag, maar die Blaser Infinity se lyne is sag op die oog en die oogstukke is nie so vet soos baie ander hoë-kwaliteit teleskope s'n nie. Ek het ook baie van die kruishaar gehou – daar is nie allerhande fierjassies aan wat jou oog se fokus wegtrek van die senterkolletjie af nie.

Wat Blaser reggekry het, is dat die kruishaar op die laagste vergroting nie so dun is dat jy dit byna glad nie kan sien nie. Die senterkolletjie wat verlig, help diegene soos ek wie se oë dit moeilik vind om dun kruishare raak te sien. Op die maksimum vergroting (20x in die geval van die toetsteleskoop) is die kruishaar ook glad nie te dik nie. Die Blaser Infinity se kruishaar is werklik van die beteres wat ek al in FFP-teleskope gesien het.

Ek is hoogs beïndruk met Blaser se eerste probeerslag in die teleskoopmark en beveel hierdie produk met die grootste vrymoedigheid aan. Blaser-teleskope sal later vanjaar in Suid-Afrika beskikbaar wees en demonstrasie-modelle sal by HuntEx besigtig kan word. Die verkoopprijs sal ongeveer tussen R52 000 en R54 000 wees.

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# Archery Trade Association Show

By DANIE GEEL

**T**his annual show in Indianapolis is the biggest of its kind. In 2018, 659 exhibitors showed off their goods in an exhibit space covering 52 800 square feet.

The number of products and brands on show was overwhelming – I haven't even heard of some of the bow manufacturers that were there. While many of the new products are practical and handy some are not and we saw stuff that would definitely not be suitable for the African market.

**However, there were products that stood out for me and here is a short summary of some of them:**

## THE GARMIN XERO BOWSIGHT

This incredible piece of equipment was one of the main attractions at the show. The Xero A1 and A1i sights are auto-ranging bowsights that automatically measure the distance to a target and provide a precise, virtual lighted sight-pin

for the shot.

These sights make the use of a rangefinder redundant as they range the distance and then automatically adjust the sight-pin for that distance. It weighs almost nothing and does not disturb the balance or feel of the bow. This smart sight also won't adjust the virtual sight-pin for a distance that you have not used before. Let's say your maximum distance when practicing was 50m, then the sight will only range and make adjustments to the sight-pin for 50m.

The A1i has extra features, such as Garmin's Laser Locate. This function saves the location when you take a shot – to help you return to the spot if necessary.

The Garmin Xero Bowsight is something that all spot-and-stalk hunters would find useful.

## THE NEW RAVIN R20 CROSSBOW

With the slogan "Meet your next rifle" this company makes quite a bold statement, however the proof of the pudding is in the eating, or should I say cross-

bow? With Ravin's HeliCoil technology, groups measuring three inches at 100 yards are possible. It is incredible accuracy from a crossbow and the product is something I am definitely going to field test this year. Capable of launching arrows up to 430fps, this compact crossbow is extremely lethal.

Those who regularly hunt in bushveld conditions where 100m is a long shot (and people who are tired of going through the schlep of trying to license a firearm) should look at this crossbow. Remember that no licenses are required to own and use crossbows.

## RAVEN IN-ARROW TRACKING SYSTEM:

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recover your arrow but also the game you have shot.

This lightweight system works with a battery that will last for 24 hours. I think this can be a game changer for game farms as well as serious bow hunters that go after hippo and crocodile. Normally these animals retreat to deeper water after being hit and the tracking system will thus make recovery much easier. In my opinion this will also make hunting buffalo with a bow much safer, especially if the hunter's first shot was a bad one and the arrow is still stuck in the animal. Knowing where that animal is will give the hunter/PH an advantage to deliver the *coup de grâce*.

## NEW COMPOUND BOWS

The leading brands such as Hoyt, Elite, Bear and Mathews, just to name a few, had their 2018 line-ups ready for everyone to test at the show. It is incredible how the bow manufacturers just keep on improving their bows each year.

For me the biggest surprise was to shoot the new Ritual from Elite Archery. This bow was a lot of fun to shoot! The draw cycle is very smooth and overall it just performed above my expectations. In my opinion this is a perfect bow for the hunter who doesn't get time to shoot on a daily or even a weekly basis. My dad, for example, would love this bow as he only starts practicing a few weeks before a hunt.

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» hand is well known for their incredible carbon bows. In my opinion they are the market leaders. This year's REDWRX line-up is no different – these bows are extremely well engineered and there is a distinctive difference in “feel” between them and other bows made from aluminium.

**RAMBO ELECTRIC BIKES**

This fat-tire electrically driven bicycle is something I wish we had in SA. This will make commuting from the lodge to the hide or even the spot where you want to hunt quieter and more efficient. These bikes are currently doing very well in the US, but unfortunately no South African company is importing them yet.

**NEW ARCHERY PRODUCTS' POP-UP BLIND**

NAP's new Mantis Ground Blind is one of the best designed pop ups I have seen so far. The asymmetrical design of this ground blind along with a peaked roof and exclusive camo



New Archery Products' pop-up blind.

design, specifically for ground blind use, provides the ultimate concealment.

This lightweight blind will make it easier to “brush in” and I think it will be very stable in windy conditions. I have heard many stories of blinds collapsing or breaking during windy or rainy weather. The sturdy Mantis can take a lot of weight (from water) and endure a lot of abuse from the wind.

**IQ.BOWSIGHTS – RANGEFINDER SIGHT**

IQ Archery also launched a bowsight with a build-in range-finder. It works like a charm and spot-and-stalk hunters will also find it useful. It is well built but a little on the heavy side. This is luckily easily fixable by using a heavy stabilizer on your bow.

**TACTACAM**

Tactacam has been on the market for a couple of years, and have made significant improvements to the quality of their products. This camera can be used on bows, crossbows or rifles. It's a lightweight unit that comes with a variety of mounts, enabling hunters to use these cameras on different weapons as well as in different locations on each weapon.

The 4th version has a 5x zoom and captures the footage in Ultra-HD at 2.7K at 30fps and 1 080p at 60fps. Fitted with only one operating button, this is a user-friendly product.

**ACCUBOW**

The AccuBow is an awesome

training device. It helps building form and strength in the comfort of your own home. The company launched the world's first augmented reality archery training app during the show. The app enables you to ‘shoot’ an arrow at a target and even an animal (when set to “hunting mode”). The app makes it more realistic and a lot of fun – a group of friends together will quickly get competitive with it.

The AccuBow is something that will help women and even young children to build archery-specific muscles that will help to increase their ability to draw high poundage bows. It is a very handy training device.

**CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES**

In addition to the bows and bow accessories, clothing brands such as Under Armour Hunt, Sitka, Nomad and Realtree had big booths at the show and it is amazing to see that they are still capable of coming up with new products every year.

Companies that manufacture and/or distribute broadheads displayed their wares as well. My favourites are the Muzzy Trocar Hybrid Titanium (I personally have hunted a lot of animals with this broadhead's predecessor) as well as G5's Deadmeat Broadhead.

Stealth Cam from GSM Outdoor also came up with amazing new trail cameras which will be available in the RSA very soon. The best part of the trail camera industry is that prices are coming down. Stealth Cam

by GSM Outdoors is a well-priced product.

On the accessories side of things, companies such as Spot Hogg, Scott, Axcel, TruFire and Carter brought a lot of new and exciting products to the table that will also soon be available in South Africa.

Meeting some of my role models and heroes was a big privilege – guys such as Adam Greentree, Cameron Hanes and John Dudley. Meeting Jim Shockey and talking about his adventures was surreal, he's truly a living legend (and yes, I did take a picture with his daughter, Eva). The guys from the Bone Collectors are super nice. The list just goes on and on...

Attending the 2018 ATA show was a real eye-opener for me. It made me realize that archery and bow hunting have a lot of potential to grow in South Africa. We are sitting in the middle of one of the world's prime hunting areas, something I think we take for granted at times. All of the people whom I have met have an African visit on their bucket lists.

If you haven't tried bow hunting yet, give it a shot. We have top-class shops in South Africa that will be more than willing to assist. If compounds or traditional bows do not excite you, try out a crossbow. Taking up archery and/or bow hunting is an exciting journey – I still learn new things every day and I really love the struggle to be successful on a hunt.

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Die koedoebul waarvan ek in die storie vertel. By my sit die gids, Boesman Voloo.

**E**k het nog nie baie in die verre noorde van ons land gejag nie en toe die geleentheid hom vroeg in die jaar voordoen, het ek die uitnodiging sonder skroom aanvaar.

My bestemming was die Limpopo Valley Conservancy, 'n

bewaar-area van sowat 4 700ha groot wat oos van Musina lê. In die noorde word dit begrens deur die Limpopo, in die weste die Nzhelele-rivier en aan die suide- en oostekante deur die Maremani Natuurreservaat.

Die terrein is heuwelagtig en die plantegroei bestaan hoofsaaklik uit ruie, gemengde bos-

veld met wildesering-, maroela-, njala-, koors- en die ikoniese kremetartbome. Groot dele word ook bedek met digte mopanieveld waar sig dikwels beperk is tot minder as 30 meter. 'n Groot aantal droë sandlope deurkruis ook die gebied.

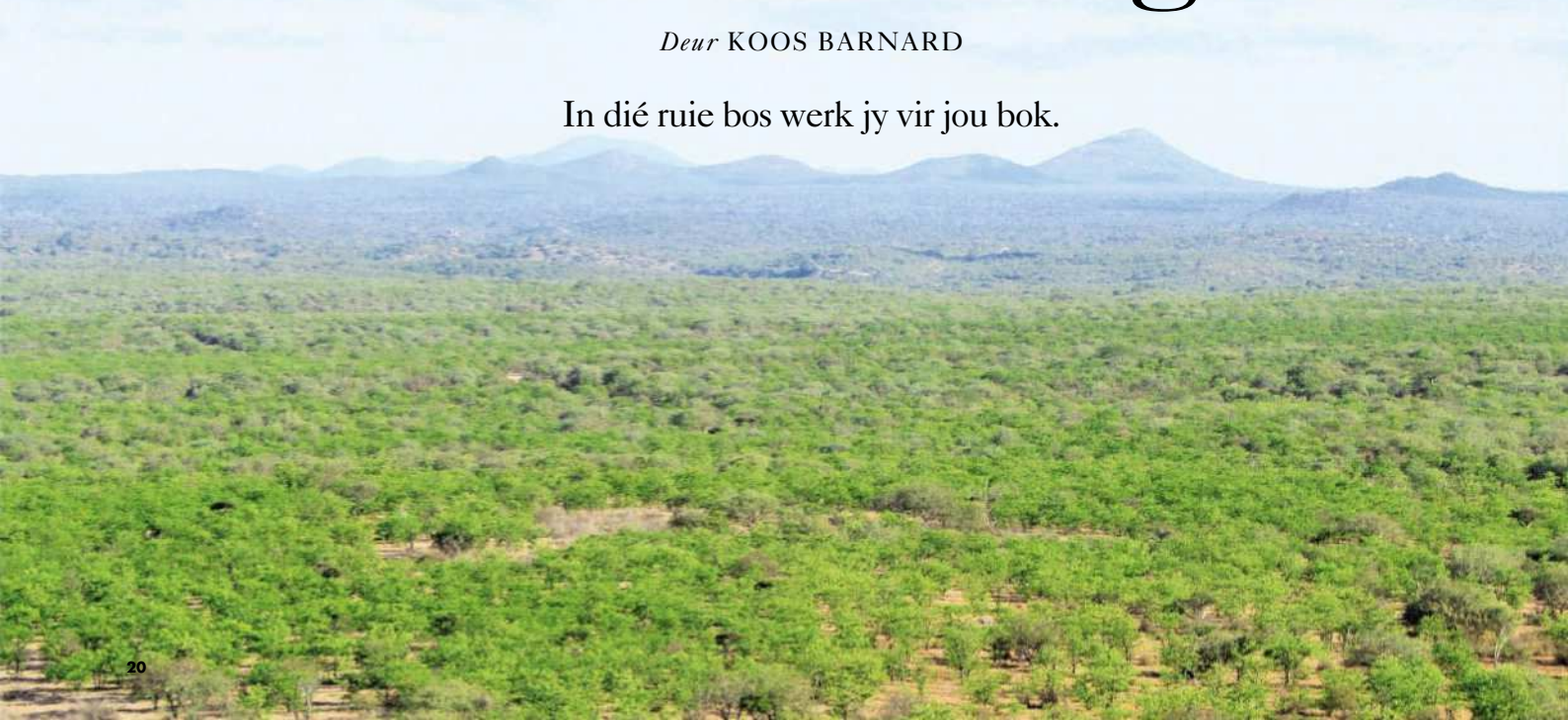
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bestuur deur 'n paar van die aandeelhouders wat as direksiegroep funksioneer. Een van die aandeelhouders, Herman Ackermann, bedryf Mashatu Hunting Safaris wat verantwoordelik is vir die bestuur van die wild in die reservaat. Die professionele jagter daar is Wayne van der Westhuizen. Herman se seun,

# Die bul in die ruigtes

Deur KOOS BARNARD

In dié ruie bos werk jy vir jou bok.





Mashatu Safaris se skietbaan is in 'n droë sandloop.

Dirk, hanteer die besprekings.

Kameelperde, sebras, koe-  
does, rooibokke, elande, water-  
bokke en njalas kom in goeie  
getalle voor. Daar is ook 'n  
klompie gemsbokke, 'n klein  
getal blouwildebeeste asook  
bosbokke en duikers. Roofdiere  
soos die rooijakkals, bruin hië-  
nas en luiperds kom algemeen  
voor. Wildehonde word soms  
waargeneem en daar is ook  
sivette (sivetkat) en rooikatte.

Soos te verwagte, is voëls vol-  
op en sowat 250 spesies is al  
aangetek, waarvan die skaars  
kuifkoptarentaal een is.

#### GEWEERKEUSE

Die doel van my besoek was om  
'n koedoebul, 'n sebra en 'n  
rooibok te skiet. Weens die ruie  
veld is skietafstande selde ver-  
der as 150m met die oorgrote  
meerderheid skote wat tussen  
25 en 100m geneem word. Ek  
het dus besluit om my Remington  
.30-06 te gebruik en dit met  
180gr Norma Oryx-koeëls te  
laai. Die Oryx is 'n loodkern-  
koeël waarvan die kern en die  
mantel deur 'n chemiese proses  
gebind is. Hierdie koeëls klink  
dus baie mooi om, breek nie  
sommers op nie en penetreer  
goed. Gelaai voor 46.5gr S355  
verlaat die Oryx-koeëls die kort  
loop van my .30-06 teen so 'n  
bietjie vinniger as 2 400vps.

Mashatu Safaris se skietbaan  
is in 'n droë rivierloop geleë en  
met die inskiet het ek gevind dat  
die koeëls omtrent 25mm hoog  
skiet op 100m, wat perfek is vir  
die korter afstande in die ruie  
bos. Ek het my Mauser in .375  
H&H ook saamgeneem, waar-  
voor ek 300gr PMP-koeëls teen  
sowat 2 250vps gelaai het. Die  
.375 het egter meestal in die  
kamp gebly en ek het toe niks  
daarmee geskiet nie.

#### UITDAGENDE JAG

Wanneer jy met Mashatu Safaris  
in die Limpopo Valley Con-  
servancy jag, moet jy jou klaarmaak  
vir 'n uitdagende jag. Die  
klipperige, heuwelagtige terrein  
en die digte bosveld bemoeilik

dinge. Ernstige jagters wat be-  
reid is om lang ure op hul voete  
deur te bring sal sukses behaal.  
Jy moet bereid wees om letterlik  
vir ure teen 'n slakkepas deur  
die bos te sluip en die hele tyd  
gereed wees om te skiet. Dit  
verg konsentrasie want in die  
dele waar die mopanies so dig  
soos hare op 'n hond staan, is  
sig baie dikwels beperk tot net  
'n paar meter. Hierdie bestem-  
ming is nie bedoel vir iemand  
wat gou-gou 'n paar bokke wil  
skiet nie.

Wil jy hier jag, beveel ek skoe-  
ne met speksole aan. Enige  
skoene met 'n harderige sool  
maak te veel geraas op die hoof-  
saaklik gruiserige grond.

Ek en Wayne het die eerste

namiddag na ons aankoms 'n  
draai gaan stap, maar behalwe  
vir 'n paar rooibokke wat ons  
net in die bos hoor blaas het, het  
ons niks gesien nie.

Die volgende oggend het ek  
saam met Boesman Voloo ge-  
stap, 'n veteraan-gids van Ma-  
shatu Safaris. Blouwildebeeste  
was nie op die spyskaart nie,  
maar soos Murphy dikwels  
maak, het ons deur die loop van  
die oggend drie maal van dié  
diere teengekom en ek sou mak-  
lik een kon skiet.

#### KOEDOEBUL

Dis warm in die Limpopovallei  
in Januarie en oor die middag-  
uur het ons 'n ruskansie ge-  
neem. Vir die namiddagsessie  
het Wayne ons na 'n ander deel  
van die plaas geneem en dis hier  
waar ons geluk gedraai het. Ter-  
wyl ons ry, het ek 'n koedoebul  
aan die linkerkant van die pad  
tussen die bosse opgemerk. Hy  
is op 'n lui galop 'n bietjie dieper  
die bosse in en ek het vir Wayne  
beduie om 'n hele ent aan te ry  
en dan te stop.

Toe ons afklim, het ek 'n  
180gr Oryx in die Remington se  
keel gestoot en toe is ek en  
Boesman terug al met die twee-  
spoorpad langs. Vir die eerste  
ent kon ons lekker gemaklik »

Wayne van der Westhuizen soek  
met die verkyker na wild in die  
ruie veld onder 'n koppie.





Wayne en Boesman by die rooibok wat ek kort voor twaalfuur die oggend geskiet het.

» stap, maar toe ons min of meer 200m van die plek af was waar ek die bul gesien het, het ons oorgeslaan na 'n slakkepas en voetjie vir voetjie vorentoe beweeg.

Soos die afstand krimp, het ek al meer bewus begin raak van die geknars van ons skoensole op die gruis. Beide van ons het die regte skoene gedra, maar 'n koedoe se gehoor is so goed dat ek steeds bevrees was die bul gaan ons hoor. Die laaste 50m of so het ons letterlik tree vir tree vorentoe beweeg en fyn geluister of ons nie enige geluid hoor nie. Die bos was stil... net hier en daar het groenvlekduifies se doee, doee, doee, doedoe-doe-doe... deur die warm lug gebeur.

Regoor die plek waar ons die bul gesien het, het ons die pad verlaat. Na elke paar meter het ons stil gaan staan om te luister. Toe ons weer stop, het 'n tak skuins voor ons in die ruigtes sag geklap. Het die bul ons gewaar en gehardloop of was hy besig om aan blare te peusel? Ons het vir lang rukke botstil gestaan, ons oë soekend. Toe hoor ons dit weer... iewers in die ruigtes skuins links van ons het 'n horing weer teen 'n tak geklap.

Nog 'n paar treë vorentoe... voor ons het 'n skaduwee in die



Anna, die mak sivet wat vir Edson (die sjef) as vriend gekies het.

ruigtes na links beweeg. Horingpunte het skielik bo 'n bos sigbaar geraak. Die bul het twee, drie treë vorentoe gegee en nou kon ons sy voorbene ook sien. Voor ons kon beweeg, het hy skielik na links gestap, maar na sowat 20 treë weer onder 'n boom vasgesteek. Hy was effens laer as ons en ons kon net die boonste helfte van sy horings sien beweeg soos hy wei.

Voetjie vir voetjie het ons nader beweeg... my hart het in my keel geklop, want al het ons so sag as moontlik beweeg, het dit steeds vir my geklink of ons

skoensole te veel geraas maak. Na ongeveer 25 treë het ons die bul se kop in sig gekry. Hy het met 'n uitgerekte nek aan die boomblare bo sy kop geknibbel. Met die .30-06 oor die skietstok het ek deur die teleskoop gekyk, maar daar was net eenvoudig te veel takke voor die koedoe.

Ons het hom vir 'n minuut of drie staan en dophou. En toe maak die bul 'n fout... hy gee so vyf treë vorentoe en begin aan 'n ander boom vreet. Sy hele lyf was nog agter takke, maar sy kop was mooi oop. Ek moes net vir die regte oomblik wag. Die

afstand was ongeveer 70m. Nadat hy weer 'n plukseltjie blare afgebyt het, het die bul sy kop vir 'n paar oomblikke stil gehou. Met die kruishaar geanker tussen die bul se oog en oor, het ek die sneller gedruk. Toe die .30-06 bulder, het ek in daardie splitsekonde voordat die terugskop my te veel affekteer, die koedoe sien verdwyn.

Ek en Boesman het na die plek gestaar waar die bok gestaan het. "Het hy geval?" het Boesman gevra. "Ek dink so," het ek geantwoord. Ons het nader gestap en na so 40m die bul onder die boom sien lê, daar waar hy staan en wei het. Dit was lekker om 'n koedoe te kon skiet sonder dat hy van ons bewus was, want dis 'n geluk wat jou nie aldag beskore is nie. Later by die slagplek sou ons die horings meet en vind dat die langste een 49.5" was.

#### BOSKAMP

Bouwerk aan Mashatu Safaris se boskamp is eers die week na ons besoek voltooi en daarom het ek en my vrou in 'n ander boskamp gebly wat deur die aandeelhouders gebruik word. Hierdie kamp word bestuur deur 'n Zimbabwër, Edson, wat ook die sjef is. Hy is 'n joviale man met baie staaltjies oor Zimbabwe en hy kan baie lekker kos maak. Toe ons daardie aand aansit vir ete, vertel Edson ons van Anna, sy mak sivet.

Blykbaar het Anna (Edson weet eintlik glad nie of sy werklik 'n sy is nie) uit haar eie al nader aan Edson se huis begin beweeg en na 'n paar maande het hy haar een aand op die tafel voor sy voordeur aangetref. Anna het mettertyd só mak geword dat sy/hy nie meer weggehardloop het as Edson uit sy huis kom nie. Hy het toe vir haar kos begin uitsit en nou kom eet sy uit sy hand en laat sy toe dat hy haar strel.

Wanneer Edson vir gaste sorg, kom Anna na die eetvertrek toe om haar aandete te kom haal. Ons het gewonder of die storie waar is, maar kort voor lank daag Anna toe wel »

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» op. Sy was baie skugter vir ons, maar toe sy eers die kos gewaar, het sy tot reg by ons gekom om te eet terwyl Edson haar streef. Wat 'n pragtige dier is dit nie!

#### DAG DRIE

Die volgende oggend het ek en Boesman baie vroeg begin stap, maar die wild het ons ontwyk. 'n Paar rooibokkramme het kat en muis met ons gespeel in die digte bos op 'n rantjie. Die gruiserige grond en die warrelende wind het ons telkens weggegee of as ons die bokke kon sien, was daar soveel takke in die pad dat ek nie kon skiet nie. Ek het die .375 gedra en die versoeking was partymaal groot om deur 'n bos te skiet.

Wayne het my die middag by 'n drinkplek afgelaai en ek het van daar af alleen gejag. Ons het afgespreek dat ek hom en Boesman by 'n volgende drinkplek so 'n paar kilometer verder sou ontmoet. Dankie tog vir tegnologie – ek het my GPS gebruik. Omdat ek dikwels alleen op vreemde plekke jag is dit een apparaat waarsonder ek nooit die kamp verlaat nie. Sommer naby aan die drinkplek het ek die vars spoor van 'n luiperd gekry.

Behalwe vir 'n gemsbok waarvan ek my byna vasgeloop het in 'n kol digte mopanies, het die eerste twee ure van my jag niks opgelewer nie. Later is ek met 'n sandlopie af en was gelukkig om twee koedoebulle te verras wat glad nie van my geweet het nie. Die een se regterhoring was halfpad afgebreek en die ander bul was 'n reus. Hy sou maklik kwalifiseer vir Rowland Ward. Ek wou sien hoe naby ek aan hulle kon kom, en het seker tot by 40m gevorder voor die groot bul my gewaar het.

#### LAASTE DAG

Op die laaste jagdag het ons vroegmôre die omringende veld van 'n koppie af bespied, maar die ruie veld maak dit baie moeilik om diere op te spoor. Ons het wel 'n paar blouwilbeeste, sebras en rooibokke gewaar en het probeer om die sebras te bekrui. Ongelukkig het 'n paar



Edson, die sjef, het goed na ons omgesien.



Aandete by Mashatu Safaris se jagkamp. Jerry Mollema stook die pot.



So lyk die braai- en ontspanningsarea van die jagkamp.

kameelperde ons gewaar en alarm gemaak. Dit was die einde van ons sebrajag.

Ek en Boesman het toe letterlik weer vir ure aaneen gestap. Dit was baie warm en ek moes hard konsentreer om nie oor te slaan in 'n kop-in-die-grond-strompel nie. Toe Boesman later vassteek, sweet afgee en sê: "Meneer, dis darem nou vreeslik warm," het dit my goed gedoen om te weet ek is nie die enigste een wat besig was om te suffer nie.

Net voor twaalfuur het ons 'n drinkplek genader en 'n troppie rooibokke opgemerk wat aan't wegbeweeg was van die water af. Ons is versigtig agter hulle aan en het hulle gewaar waar hulle aan die oorkant van 'n vlak lopiese effense hoogte klim. 'n Klomp ooie het deur 'n opening in die bos getou. Met die geweer op die skietstokke het ek byna hardop gebid dat daar 'n ram in die troppie moet wees. Daar was een en hy het heel laaste deur die opening beweeg.

Toe die ram in die opening inbeweeg, het ek hard na hom geroep. Hy het vasgesteek en skuins oor sy skouer in ons rigting gekyk. Met die hoek waarteen hy gestaan het, moes ek ver agter die blad mik om die hart/longarea te tref. Die koeël het met 'n luide plofslag getref en die ram het in sy spore neergeslaan. My afstandmeter het aangedui die bok was 116m ver.

Daarmee was my jag in die Limpopo Valley Conservancy afgehandel. Ek het die jag geniet, want 4 700 hektaar is lekker groot (in terme van die grootte van baie wildplase in Suid-Afrika) en jy kry die gevoel dat jy in 'n wildernis is.

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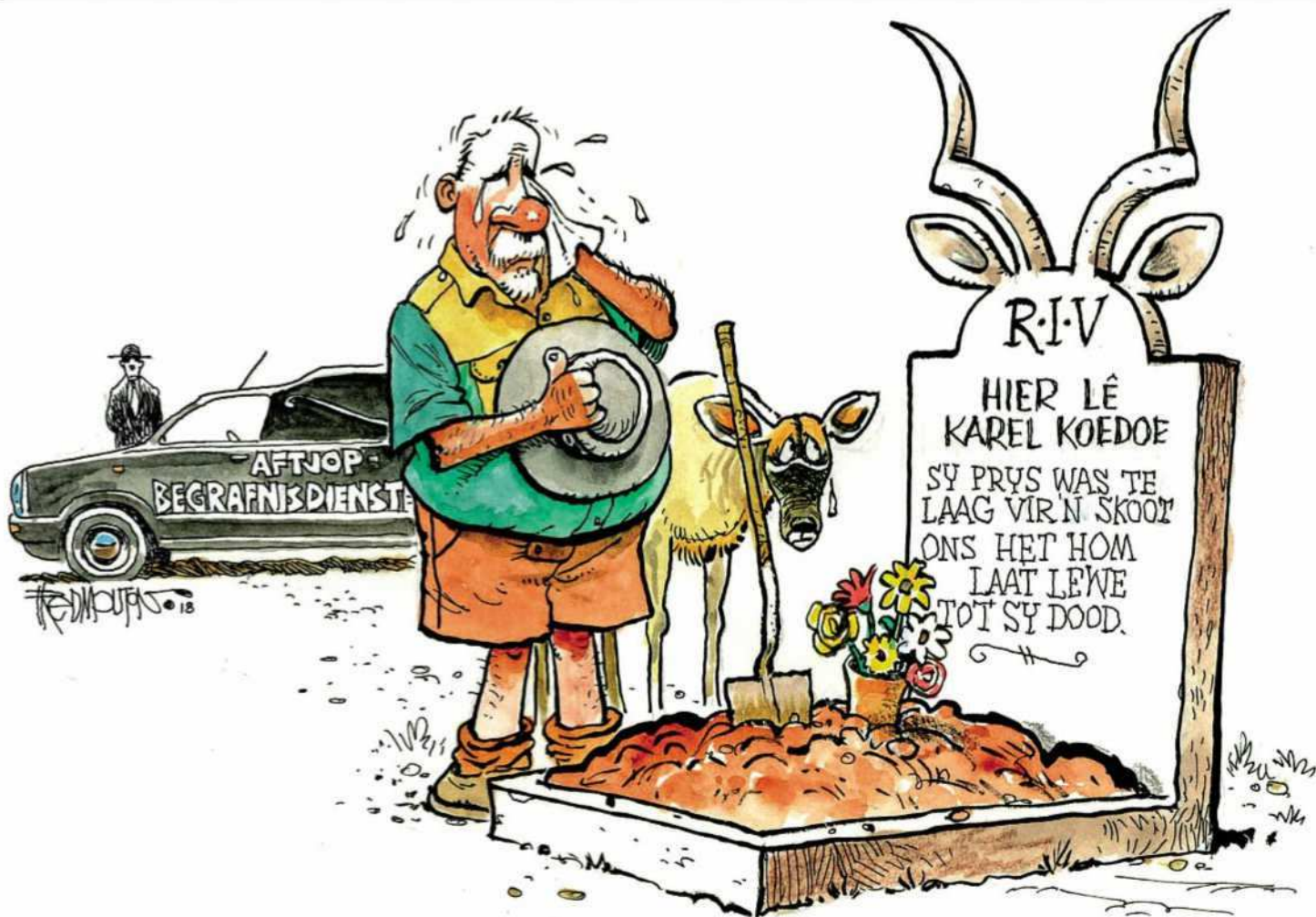
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Skaarswild se pryse daal, maar wildboere se planne raak nooit op nie...

Jy sou nooit in jou wildste drome kon glo (ja wel, 'n ou man het seker nie meer wilde drome nie, maar nogtans...) dat 'n dame ses helikopters met volbladfoto's en al, kon bekostig met geld wat sy uit diverse boerdery gemaak het nie.

Jy het oral rondgebel om vir jou ook 'n paar diverse en 'n bul aan te skaf, maar niemand kon jou help nie.

Jy sal aan ander opsies moet dink. Soos die meeste wildboere, besef jy dat dit deesdae meer lonend is om jou wild nie te laat jag nie en eerder van ouderdom

te laat vrek as om jagters te kry.

Nie dat jy ses helikopters wil hê nie, nee, net ses rolle sifdraad vir die jagkamp se grasdak wat so deur die bobbejane verniel word. Van bobbejane gepraat... Jy besef dat die ekologiese stelsel 'n ingewikkelde ketting van inter-afhanklikheid is waar elke spesie 'n onmisbare bydrae lewer tot ons almal se oorlewing.

Maar wat die doel en funksie van 'n bobbejaan en 'n buurman in die stelsel is, bly vir jou onverststaanbaar. Jy is seker die brose netwerk sal nie in duie stort as hierdie twee organismes se ska-

kels uitgehaak word nie.

Nie dat jy jou buurman met 'n bobbejaan wil vergelyk nie, nee, want dit is deesdae moeilikheid soek en buitendien, hier is baie intelligente bobbejane op die plaas. Kry jy 6mm reën, dan kry buurman 42. Kom parkeer Sondag by die kerk sy modderbesmeerde bakkie langs joune. Dis ydel, en dan sit hy boonop so skynheilig daar in die ouderlingsbanke.

Wat jou siel verder versondig is dat die sogenaamde eksotiese wild-eskapades wat die afgelope paar jaar hoogty gevier het, ons land die muishond van buitelandse jagters gemaak het. Snaaks hoe die "voorsanger" van die nasionale uitvoerende komitee van die wildbedryf, die huidige katastrofe toeskryf aan die swak wêreld ekonomie, droogte en die politiek. Jy kan apartheid en die Guptas ook by die verskonings voeg.

Borrel. Watse borrel?

Die pryse van dié goue kalwers het met net 86,19% gedaal – nie sleg in vergelyking met die meer as 88% van die Steinhoff-fiasko nie. Die wildboer moet dankbaar wees, sê hulle, die lae pryse gaan hierdie jaar nuwe gesigte na die wildbedryf lok. Maar wat van laasjaar se lang gesigte, wonder jy? Hulle kon seker net nie 'n grap vat nie.

Die dalende pryse bring skaarswild nou ook binne bereik van die gewone jagter, word daar verder verkondig. "Binne bereik" beteken seker in die voerkraal, want jy gaan nog steeds per millimeter vir die horings en per milligram vir die vleis betaal.

Al hierdie dinge het jou diep beswaard gemaak sodat jy op die bed gaan lê het, met jou gesig na die muur gedraai en vir vier dae nie geëet of gepraat het nie. Dit was net jy, jou gedagtes en die getjirr, tjirr van die dakwaaier in die spaarkamer.

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» was en die reuk van souskluitjies uit die kombuis kom, is dit vir jou geopenbaar. Die jagter sal eenvoudig meer moet betaal! Nie vir sy bok nie, maar vir diverse uitgawes. Soos hulle met jou gemaak het, die paar dae wat jy in die hospitaal was en jy vir *disposables, expendables* en *consumables* moes betaal.

Die geheim hier, is om jagters ekstra te laat betaal vir dinge waaraan hulle in die stad gewoond is, sodat hulle dit gelate met net 'n skouerophaling sal aanvaar. Jy het al BTW probeer vra, maar party jagters is so suiwig dat hulle dit wil terugeis, wat dinge vir jou warm gemaak het.

Die eerste heffing onder "diverse" is vir spoedoortredings en tolgeld. Al drie die 4x4's is op pad na die jagkamp deur 'n versteekte kamera in 'n maroela-boom betrap, waar hulle teen 22kph in 'n 8kph-sone gery het. Die voertuie is ook nie vooraf

op die plaas se *e-tag*-stelsel geregistreer nie.

Parkeergeld by die jagkamp word uurliks gehef, vanaf aankoms tot vertrek op Sondag teen onderdaktarief. Bokseile is vir dié doel beskikbaar op die

aapnis ook verwyder word op die dag van vertrek.

Brandhout is vryelik beskikbaar. Jagters sal merk dat elke stuk met 'n kode genommer is. Ontbrekende kodes sal Sondag teen hul rekening gefaktureer

vervoer- en hanteringskoste.

Die plaas beskik ook oor 'n tradisionele sangoma. Phineas, die slagter se vrou, Mama Ngo-beni, kan teen betaling geraadpleeg word vir onder meer: "*How to bring back lost lover or find kwes-gemsbok*". Ons konsultasiefooie vir dié dienste vergelyk baie goed met ander kliniese sielkundiges. Mama kan ook jagters se *camos* met 'n spesiale bossiemengsel besprinkel wat hulle heeltemal onsigbaar maak vir enige wildsbok.

Ons voorsien die hele pakket teen billike pryse om jagters se wildste drome waar te maak. Betaling is streng kontant en geen tjeks of EFF-oorbetalings word aanvaar nie. Terme en voorwaardes geld. Maar geld is nie alles nie. Soos in die verlede voorsien die plaas steeds biltonghakies, die gebruik van vlieëplakke en toiletpapier (een rol per jagter) absoluut gratis. ☺

## Ons voorsien die hele pakket teen billike pryse om jagters se wildste drome waar te maak.

jagkamp se stoep. So nie, sal onderboomtariewe geld.

Sekuriteit vir voertuie – 24/7. Ons diens is so diskreet, jagters sal dink dit bestaan nie. Ja, die SUV-tarief is effens hoog, maar onthou daar is geen bybetaling vir die Ventertjie nie.

*Carwash* – elke jagter se voertuig sal daagliks saam met die skottelgoed gewas word. Teen ekstra betaling kan die voël- en

word. Hardekool en rooibos, as stadige groeiers, sal teen dubbel die tarief verreken word.

Beurtkrag. Water en elektrisiteit is gratis by die jagkamp beskikbaar tussen 17h00 en 17h30. Vir na-uurse verbruik is Listerfooie betaalbaar. Loopkoste sal elke 15 minute gehef word. Diesel moet self voorsien word of is vir die jagter se gerief op die plaas beskikbaar teen pomppryse plus

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## PRODUKTOETS

# Beskermengele vir oë en ore

Deur KOOS BARNARD



Ons het die Impact Sport-gehoorbeskermers die afgelope twee maande gereeld gebruik en gevind hulle werk uitstekend. Die Honeywell-veiligheidsbrille het ook beïndruk.

Dis eers as 'n mens ouer word dat jy besef hoe belangrik dit is om jou ore teen harde klanke te beskerm. En eers as jy 'n ooggetuie was waar iemand se oog of beide oë deur vlieënde skrapnel of enige ander voorwerp beseer is, dat jy die belangrikheid van goeie oogbeskerming insien.

Ons het onlangs die geleentheid gehad om 'n stel Howard Leight Impact Sport-gehoorbeskermers asook Honeywell se beskermende brille te toets. Beide hierdie produkte word versprei deur HSE Solutions wat in Germiston geleë is.

Die Impact Sport-gehoorbeskermers (wat ook oorbeskermers genoem word) is van die elektroniese tipe wat met batterye werk. Dit word soos gewone oorbeskermers gedra en funksioneer ook so. Aktiveer jy egter die oorbeskermers se elektroniese funksie deur bloot 'n skakelaar te gebruik, versterk dit alle omringende normale klanke. Die volume is verstelbaar. Skielike harde klanke

(soos dié van 'n gewoenskoot) word egter gedoof, waarna die oorbeskermers weer in 'n breukdeel van 'n sekonde later die normale klanke deurlaat. Gehoorbeskermers met hierdie tipe funksie stel jou in staat om die bevel van baanoffisiere duidelik te hoor, maar dit demp die klank van gewoenskote baie effektief. Hierdie tegnologie is niks nuuts nie, sulke oorbeskermers is al jare lank op die mark. Die Howard Leight van HSE is nou net nog 'n opsie, maar 'n baie goeie een, moet ons byvoeg.

Hierdie oorbeskermers werk met twee AAA-batterye wat weggesteek lê onder 'n maklik-verwyderbare plastiekdekseltjie. Om te verhoed dat die batterye oornag pap raak as jy die skakelaar aan vergeet, sluit die kragtvoevoer outomaties af na 'n gebruik van vier ure. As jy dan nog wil aanhou om die oorbeskermers te gebruik, sit jy bloot die skakelaar af, wag vyf sekondes en skakel dit weer aan. Dan werk dit weer vir vier ure lank. Batteryleefyd volgens die vervaardiger is ongeveer 350 ure.

Ons het die oorbeskermers tydens verskeie skietbaansessies gebruik, ook tydens skietkompetisies waar baie skote rondom ons afgevuur is en die Impact Sport-stel het uitstekende resultate gelewer. Dis gehoorbeskermers wat ons met die grootste vrymoedigheid aanbeveel. Soos met al hierdie tipe oorbeskermers moet die volume liefies nie tot maksimum gedraai word nie, want dan kry jy 'n taamlike gesuis in jou ore en die skuurgeluide wat jou klere en jou normale bewegings maak, word erg versterk. Ingesluit by die gehoorbeskermers is ook 'n *jack* wat by 'n sok in die Impact Sport ingeprop kan word sodat jy musiek kan luister sonder om ander mense te pla.

Impact Sport-gehoorbeskermers is beskikbaar in vier kleure: *camo*, swart, olyfgroen en geel. Pryse wissel van R1 371 tot R1 953.

#### VEILIGHEIDSRILLE

Honeywell se A700-veiligheidsbrille wat basies 100% UV-beskerming bied, is wêreldwyd

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Hierdie brille sit baie gemaklik op die gesig en die lense is lekker groot – dit vou aan die kante om die gesig wat beter beskerming bied teen enige vlieënde voorwerpe en sommer ook teen lastige wind. Ons het 'n hele paar stelle van die brille aan mense uitgedeel (nie net skut nie, maar ook aan mense wat die bruin en blou brille as sonbrille gebruik het) en die terugvoer was baie positief. Hierdie brille is beslis aan te beveel.

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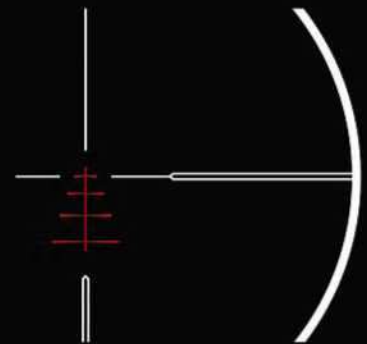
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clicks) for a specific distance. To ensure accurate readings the rangefinder even takes into account the inclination, temperature and the atmospheric pressure. Leica provides 12 different trajectory values that users can enter into the Rangemaster.

But there is more. You can also feed the trajectory value of your own specific calibre/bullet combination into the rangefinder. A micro SD card (on which you can download that information) is supplied with the Rangemaster. With the info on the card you simply insert it into the Rangemaster and voilà, there you go! The manual explains exactly how to download a specific bullet/load combination's information onto the micro card.

#### SET UP

To set up or to programme the Rangemaster 2700-B is easy. The main menu is made up of four items: metre/yard display (EUUS); ballistic curve (bALL); sight-in distance (Sid) and ABC formats (AbC).

First you choose the unit of measure; metres or yards and then the ballistic curve value (trajectory) according to the tables supplied by Leica in the manual. Next you set the sight-in distance (100m/yds or 200m/yds) and finally the ABC or ballistic output format.

The ABC gives you three choices, EHr, HOlD or a click adjustment function. You can only select one of these at a time.

EHr stands for equivalent horizontal range – this is handy to know when you shoot uphill or downhill as gravity works on the horizontal distance, not the line of sight distance. Say for instance you are on top of a hill with a 15° slope and the distance to a specific target is measured as

## Bull's-eye

# Leica Rangemaster 2700-B

By KOOS BARNARD

Small, light and fast, this Leica is a winner.

**L**eica Camera AG has recently launched a new version of their very popular compact hand-held rangefinder. Called the Rangemaster 2700-B, this model can

range up to distances of 2 700 yards (2 470m) and provide ballistic compensation up to 800m (875 yards).

Its ability to operate at extended ranges is not the Rangemaster's only feature. It also boasts

the renowned ballistic system called ABC (Advanced Ballistics Compensation) which, in addition to providing the range, can also indicate the right amount of holdover or scope adjustment (the number of

300m, then the equivalent horizontal distance might only be, say, 270m. To hit your target you need to use your 270m setting or the bullet will hit higher than intended. With the 2700-B being able to measure and display inclination I have found it quite interesting to measure the inclination of some slopes which I had estimated to be about 25°. To my great surprise the steepest one measured only 16°.

HOLD, when activated, will tell you how many centimetres you need to hold higher at ranges beyond your zero distance.

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#### THE BALLISTIC CURVE

We need to discuss the ballistic curve value a little bit more. Some manufacturers will indicate on the ammunition box how much that particular bullet

will drop at say 200m and 300m with a 100m or 200m zero. Say for instance the bullet-drop is 7.5cm at 200m with a 100m zero, then you choose the EU3 ballistic curve (drop 8.1cm at 200m) and enter that. As mentioned the values/ballistic curves are supplied in the Leica Rangemaster manual. If the EU3 value does not match the bullet drop statistics on the ammo box it will of course not give a precise zero at any measured distances but it will come close enough for one-shot kills at realistic hunting distances (say up to 300m) if you aim for the heart/lung area.

Alternatively, you will have to know the bullet drop at 200 and 300m of your specific bullet/load combination to enter the correct or closest ballistic curve. It is thus obvious that you need to do some range work before using the ballistic curve values supplied by Leica. To ensure the best accuracy, download your rifle's bullet/load information and trajectory on the SD card and stick that into the Rangemaster.

#### GENERAL INFO

Before I discuss our field test, just some general information about the Rangemaster 2700-B. It is supplied with a carry cord, battery (CR2) the SD card and a Cordura case that you can carry on your belt.

The Leica has a 7x magnification and boasts better optics than previous models. Instead of the old square reticle (or aiming mark), the new model has a circular one which obscures less of the target. Reaction time or measure speed is very fast, approximately 0.3 of a second. Its accuracy at measuring distances is also very good, ±2m at 800m. Another handy feature is that the Rangemaster gives decimal readings out to 200m (for instance 30.4m or 183.7m).

I have been using a Leica Geovid rangefinder/binocular for many years – the very first model – as well as a Leica 1600 compact rangefinder, one of the predecessors of the current Rangemaster. This new model is streets ahead of the old bino/rangefinder and also better than my 1600 model. It gives read- >



**MAIN PIC:** Sighting in the Strasser .243 before commencing with the testing. The target, placed at 200m is indicated by the red arrow. **INSET:** Notice the two bullet holes in the target (shots were taken downhill from a distance of 294m). The heart shot was the result when I used the EHR feature and the shot above the heart when using the click adjustment feature.

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We used the Leica to measure the distances to animals and other objects at extended ranges and we were very pleased by its performance.

» ings on surfaces and during certain times of the day when the old Leica Geovid fails.

Due to its narrower beam, it is also easier to range targets with the 2700-B than with my 1600 model, especially beyond 400m. This new model is simply a cut above the rest.

### THE TEST

We tested the Rangemaster 2700-B on Deon and Natalie de Klerk's farm Rietfontein (operating as Maraheki Hunting and Guest Farm) near the small town of Rooiberg.

The tests were run on top of the Rooiberg (a mountain on the farm) because I wanted to measure the inclination of some slopes and also find out what the differences are between true line of sight and equivalent horizontal distances. I started off by zeroing my .243 Strasser at 100m and then fired a group at 200m to determine the amount of bullet drop.

With the 100m zero the bullet drop at 200 was 7.5cm, so I chose the EU3 ballistic curve (drop at 200m, 8.1cm) and after selecting the EHR function (equivalent horizontal range) I set up a cut-out of the heart/lung area of a life-size springbuck target at the bottom of a valley and climbed one of the slopes. From the top the Leica indicated that the distance was 294m and the EHR 275m. I thus used my 300m setting, aimed slightly low for a heart shot and let fly. The bullet hit the heart at about the nine o'clock position.

Next I used the click adjustment function and the Leica indicated that I have to dial in 9 clicks (10mm/click). Remember that my rifle shoots 7.5cm low at 200 and the ballistic curve value was 8.1cm. From experience I know that I have to dial in 10 clicks for 300m, so the nine clicks for 275m would be right. The bullet hit slightly higher than intended, but it was still a perfect lung shot above the heart. My rest was not very good and with the rifle bobbing up and down that might have accounted for the slightly high hit.

When I repeated the click adjustment test about a week later on the shooting

range from 200m (the maximum range available at the Premier Shooting Range near Cullinan), the Rangemaster indicated that I needed to come up four clicks (that's with the 100m zero). With that done I fired two shots at 200m and they printed 10mm low. Although we have only tried the click adjustment test twice and at fairly short ranges, I am convinced that it works – at realistic hunting ranges at least.

While we were busy with the shooting test on Maraheki Hunting and Guest Farm, a kudu cow and a six-month-old bull calf popped over the mountain. I had no problem ranging the calf at 433m. The same morning I also ranged a mountain reedbuck female at well over 300m and later that day a family of mountain reedbuck at just under 300m. During our visit up the mountain I measured the distances to various rocks, tree stumps, anthills and small bushes at extended ranges and the 2700-B never disappointed. It is difficult to hold such a compact rangefinder steady when ranging targets at longer distances, but it is definitely easier to range small objects beyond 400m with the 2700-B than with my 1600 model.

Unfortunately, I could not range small antelope at really long distances (I would have liked to test the Leica on springbuck in the flat Karoo or Free State) but I spotted a troop of baboons from Maraheki's lodge about mid afternoon and ranged a big male at 581m. Later that afternoon I drove around the property but due to the dense bush only managed to range animals out to 270m and a mountain slope at just over 1 900m. Anyway, I am convinced that this small, lightweight Leica (it weighs only 185g, battery included) is a winner and I am very happy to recommend it.

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As much as I love cooking, I have never had much interest in inventing new recipes. This is because I think that all the exceptional ingredient combinations and cooking methods have already been discovered. Rather, my passion has been to explore existing recipes, ingredients and methods to see if I can bring out the best in them on an open fire or by substituting game for farmed meat.

My library is filled with cookbooks written by the food heroes of the past 150 years, such as Mrs Beeton, Hildagonda Duckitt, C Louis Leipoldt, Eve Palmer and Mrs Hewitt. I also love to recreate recipes from abroad that will turn an

otherwise ordinary braai into an unusual and often special treat. So our table has been graced with Cuban Congris, Scottish Stovies, Mauritian Dhal Puri, jerked pork and many spicy curries and kebabs, all cooked over the coals, sometimes with game.

And this is the story about my most recent adaptation of an all-American favourite which can be cooked over the coals, the New York bagel.

Bagels are one type of food that I would never have considered making and baking above the coals. It was my pig farming buddies, Colin and Cherry who were responsible for giving me the idea. They returned from a holiday in the USA having put on an unwelcome kilogram or so from a slight overindulgence



Bake the bagels in exactly the same way as *roosterkoek*.

# Bagels over the coals

By LAERTES (TUBBY) MELIDONIS

*Bakoond-baked roosterkoek bagels.*



of American deli foods. They could not stop talking about how different and delicious the New York bagels and pancakes were. Naturally I began to wonder if anybody had tried to bake real bagels over the coals, the same way as you would bake *roosterkoek*. I could not find a shred of evidence about bagels prepared over the coals on the internet, and have never seen any printed reference to them. So naturally I had to see if it could be done, and that was the beginning of my extremely rewarding *roosterkoek* bagel mission.

I began by researching in earnest to discover the best way to bake a bagel. After all, heat is heat whether it is applied to dough above the coals or in an oven. And, as with most things culinary, I discovered that there are a lot more to bagels than I had originally thought.

Migrants from Europe and elsewhere took their culture and recipes to wherever they settled or traded. So our South African cuisine became a fusion of immigrant Dutch, Malaysian, French, English and Indian delights combined with some indigenous recipes and ingredients. And in much the same way, the Americans have acquired a potpourri of cuisine and culture from all over the world. So simply speaking, we got the curry, milk tart, and wine, while the Americans got bagels, tacos and Bourbon whisky.

“Beygels” were brought to America by Jewish settlers and refugees from Eastern Europe and their origin is woven into the history of that region. This is a colourful history of survival and triumph in the face of brutal persecution. The little that I have read about the tenacity of Jewish communities in Eastern Europe is a fascinating story in itself. But let’s stay with bagels and begin by looking at the fundamental difference between them and normal bread or buns.

The obvious difference is that bagels have a hole in the middle. And until I began reading



**Step 1:** Yeast/sugar mix with half the water frothing after 10 minutes.



**Step 2:** Add the yeast and sugar mix to the flour/salt mix.



**Steps 3, 4 and 5:** Add rest of water gradually until dough is firm. Knead well for 10 minutes, cover and set aside to rise until double in size.



**Step 6:** Form into a sausage (left) and then slice into 20 even discs.

about them I simply assumed that they were just that, circular bread rolls that had been coated with a bit of egg wash to make them shiny and allow the sesame and poppy seeds to stick onto their surface. This is partly true.

But the fundamental part of the baking process that separates bagels from other bread

types is that once they have been shaped and have risen, they are boiled before baking. And it is this part of the process that gives them their unique crust, firm texture and flavour.

You see, boiling the shaped dough for 1 to 2 minutes a side allows the bagels to rise a bit more, and then partly cooks the

crust prior to baking. Two obvious advantages of boiling the dough for *roosterkoek* occurred to me immediately. Firstly, if the weather is chilly and your dough is not achieving an impressive second rise then the extra rise in the hot water would be a serious advantage. And secondly, a firm and parboiled crust would prevent the dough from slumping through the grid, as often happens when softer dough is used for *roosterkoek*. Both these advantages would be just perfect for bush camp cooking in cold weather. My only worry was that the egg wash would cause the bagels to stick to the grid. But this was not much of an issue at all.

After looking at numerous bagel recipes and taking the best information from them, I began experimenting and after two very tasty attempts I finally arrived at what could be called the perfect *roosterkoek* bagel recipe. And here it is:

**To make a batch of 20 bagels over the coals you will need:**

**FOR THE DOUGH**

- 1.2kg bread flour (you need high gluten so do not substitute with cake flour) plus a bit extra for your work surface
- 720ml lukewarm water (you might need slightly more or less depending on the flour)
- 2 x 10g packets of instant yeast
- 4 tbsp white sugar
- Salt to taste (I use 4 tsp) »



**Step 7 and 8:** Form into bagels and allow to rise for 10 to 15 minutes.



Boil the dough for 1 minute per side in water.

#### » FOR BOILING

A wide, flat-bottomed pot with boiling water to which you have added ½ cup of brown sugar

#### FOR COATING

- 1 egg that has been whisked with a dash of cold water
- Sesame or poppy seeds (optional), I prefer plain bagels

#### PREPARING THE DOUGH

1. Mix half the water with the yeast and sugar and let it stand for 5 to 10 minutes until it becomes frothy, then give it a stir to dissolve the last of the sugar at the bottom.
2. After mixing the flour and salt together in your mixing bowl, make a hollow in the middle and add your yeast and sugar mix.
3. Then gradually mix in the rest of the water until your dough is firm but moist.
4. Knead the dough well on a floured surface for at least 10 minutes to develop the gluten. It should be firm, springy and elastic after kneading.
5. Lightly oil your mixing bowl, pop the dough in, cover with a damp cloth and leave it in a warm spot to double in size (for about an hour).
6. Once risen, plop the dough back onto your work surface and divide it into 20 evenly-sized bits (I roll it into a sausage and slice it).
7. Then roll the dough pieces into balls and form them into bagels by pushing a hole into

the centre with your thumb and fingers and stretching them. I do not try to achieve “deli bakery” perfection because I like the look of slightly rustic imperfectly-shaped bagels. You can also plait or shape some of the dough like conventional *roosterkoek* for variety if you want to. (See photographs)

8. Place the bagels onto lightly oiled baking trays and leave them in a warm spot to rise again for 10 to 15 minutes.

**Note:** At this stage you are about 20 minutes from putting the bagels over the fire, so make sure that the coals are on the go.

**Once the shaped bagels have risen slightly you are ready for the next steps:**

#### BOILING, COATING AND BAKING

Add a half cup of (preferably brown) sugar to a large pot of boiling water. Then carefully pop the bagels into the water in batches that will fit the pot. Bear in mind that they rise and expand in the water. A slotted spatula and a set of tongs are perfect to pick up and work with the soft dough. I boil the bagels for 1 minute per side which gives them a really nice texture, but you can increase the time to as much as two minutes per side if you want really chewy bagels. Be careful when turning the bagels in the boiling water to prevent splashing yourself or bystanders. And I can



Paint with egg wash on one side.

promise you that if you are doing this for the first time in your bush camp then you will be surrounded by quite a crowd.

Transfer them from the water to a wire rack or your braai grid if you are camping (I put some newspaper underneath the grid to catch the drips of egg wash). Let the steam and moisture evaporate for a minute, then paint the egg wash onto the top surface. Then add a sprinkle of sesame or poppy seeds if desired. Once you have boiled and coated the whole batch you are ready to bake them over moderate coals in exactly the same way as you would for *roosterkoek*. Just be sure to start with the coated surface facing upwards away from the coals so that it dries slightly and does not stick when you turn them. Turn regularly and bake to golden brown. Break one apart to check if they are baked through. Put them in a basket and cover with a tea towel after a few minutes. This whole process might

sound complicated, but it actually is very quick and easy. The actual baking part of this process is much easier than for *roosterkoek* because the dough is firm and can be easily handled. It is also worth every bit of extra effort.

Now, in America bagels are traditionally served at breakfast or during the day with all sorts of fillings such as smoked salmon and cream cheese, avocado and radish, scrambled egg and bacon, cheese and hummus as well as berries in cottage cheese.

But this is South Africa, and bagels that have been cooked over the coals in the evening are a fantastic accompaniment to any braai. And they are perfect served in the true South African fashion, with a lashing of butter and homemade apricot jam. If by some miracle there are some left over in the morning then they are just as nice as the day before, thanks to their tough crust.

Colin and Cherry have less »



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Straight bagels, bake them in exactly the same way as roosterkoek.

» time to braai than I do, but they love to bake their own bagels using this same recipe. So instead of baking them over the coals they pop them into the oven for 20 minutes at 220 °C after boiling and coating. Their outcome is great and a bit more consistent than bagels over the coals, but they are just not as tasty. My traditional wood-fired *bakoond* is also perfect for baking bagels.

I hope that *roosterkoek* bagels will become a regular item on the side of South African braais. They have become a regular side dish at our house and I now bake them over the coals more often than I make normal *roosterkoek*, mainly because friends and family ask, beg and sometimes almost demand them! They certainly deserve to become part of our bush camp food. They are much easier to make than traditional *roosterkoek* and their texture is simply wonderful. Also, why should the

Americans have all the fun?

I have tested other recipes that involve boiling bagel dough to “set” it around woks and sausages and will discuss that next time.

Finally, you may ask why bagels have a hole in the middle. There are lots of theories about this. Some say that they were threaded onto a stick to take to market; others reckon that it allows for even baking. But the reason that I like best comes from Jewish folklore from a long time ago in Eastern Europe.

Jewish communities in that region were badly persecuted by a cruel and greedy Tsar. One day he came up with a new and nasty way of applying the 10% bread tax to all Jewish bakers. He insisted that they give his tax collectors the 10% of the middle of each loaf. In other words, they had to remove the best and softest part. So when his tax collectors next arrived in the village they were told to help themselves to the middle of the bagels! 🍩



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**D**aar is baie dinge wat jag lekker maak en die lekkerte begin reeds die dag as jy by die vuurwapenwinkel instap om 'n nuwe geweer, ammunisie of jagtoerusting te koop. Later is dit die beplanning wat jou opgewonde maak en uiteindelik daardie eerste kampvuur saam met lekker pëlle.

Van die jag self praat ek nie eens nie. Om met 'n geweer oor die skouer in die veld te wees is 'n lekkerte wat moeilik geklop kan word. Tog dink ek dat sekerre velde van jag nog braak lê.

Te veel van ons haak vas by die skiet van die dier.

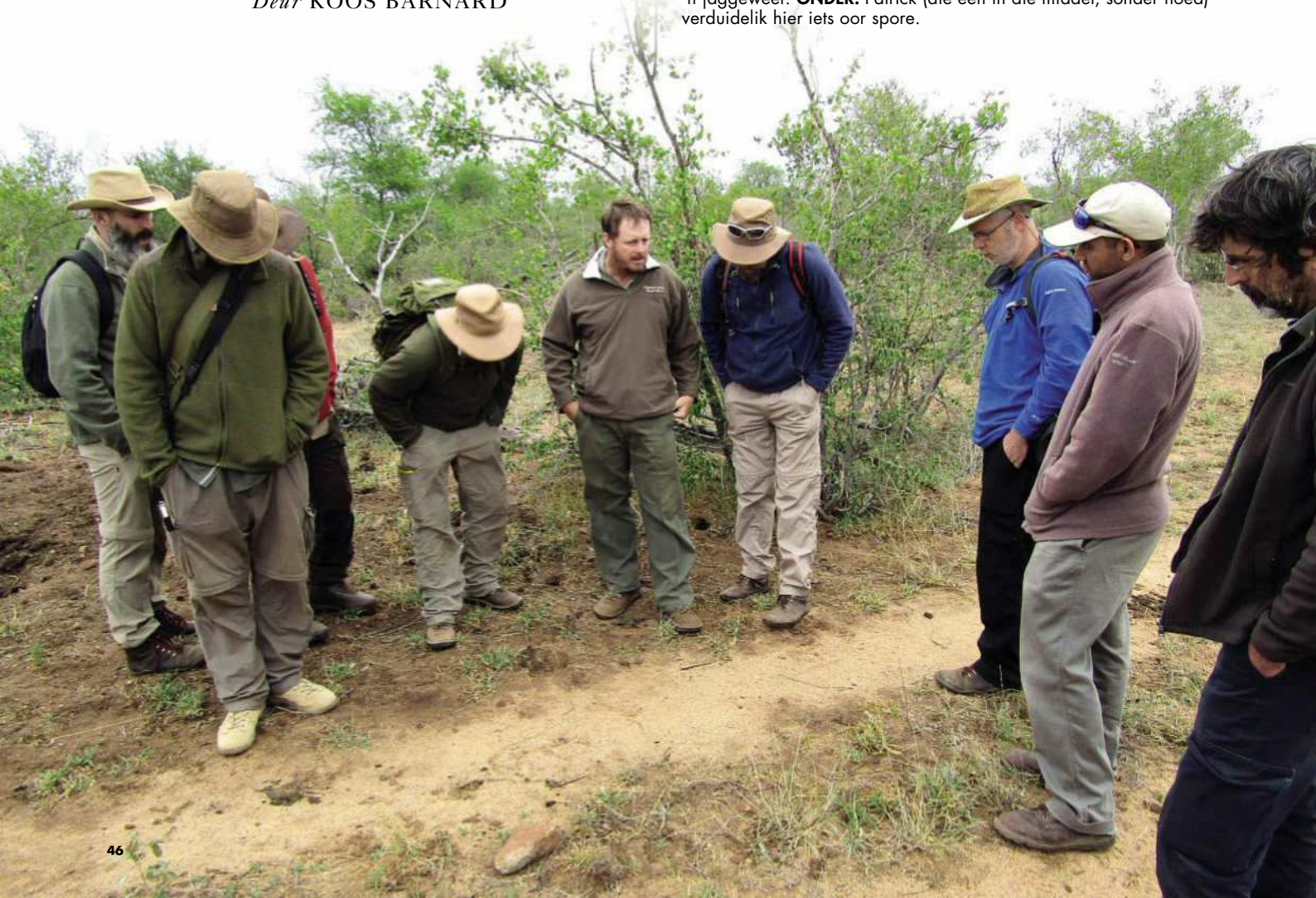
In die Februarie-uitgawe het Herman Jonker lekker gesels oor die veldkoerant en hoe hy gelees kan word. Die begrip veldkoerant word gebruik om na die tekens en spore te verwys wat diere in die veld laat en hoe hierdie tekens "gelees" en geïnterpreteer kan word. Hoeveel boksoorte se spore kan jy identifiseer? Kan jy onderskei tussen dié van 'n steenbok en duiker? Hoe verskil 'n waterbok se spoor van 'n blouwildebees s'n? Watter soort voël het in die pad gestap en hoe verskil 'n sivet se spoor



**BO:** Colin Patrick maak 'n kursusganger toudys in die gebruik van 'n jaggeweer. **ONDER:** Patrick (die een in die middel, sonder hoed) verduidelik hier iets oor spore.

# Vat sy spoor

Deur KOOS BARNARD



van 'n jakkals s'n. Het blou-aap se kind hier gestap of was dit 'n ystervark?

As jy 'n sekere dier se spoor kan identifiseer, hoe ver kan jy dit in die veld volg? Die veld is inderdaad 'n baie interessante koerant en as jy eers geleer het om die skrif te verstaan, voeg dit ontsettend baie waarde by tot jou jagervaring.

Om spore goed te kan identifiseer en te volg, verg oefening en stedelinge wat min in die veld kom, kry hopeloos te min oefening. Sommiges gee dus sommer moed op nog voor hulle begin leer het. Maar dis eintlik nie heeltemal so moeilik as jy 'n kenner het wat jou die basiese dinge kan leer nie. Het jy dit eers onder die knie, sal jy verbaas wees hoeveel makliker spoor-identifikasie en spoorsny raak.

Colin Patrick, die bestuurder van die Moholoholo Natuurreserve in Mpumalanga is so 'n kenner. Hy is nie net 'n FGASA Scout nie (die hoogste vlak van veldgids) maar ook 'n FGASA-opleier en assessor (FGASA staan vir Field Guides Association of South Africa). Hy is 'n meesterspoorsnyer wat gereeld kursusse aanbied vir voornemende veldgids, jagers en natuurliefhebbers. Patrick is ook die man wat die praktiese skiettoets wat FGASA-studente moet slaag, uitgewerk het.

Moholoholo behoort aan die Strydom-gesin van Pretoria. Gerhard Strydom het my verlede jaar gekontak en gevra of ek belang sou stel om te gaan kyk na die werk wat Colin Patrick doen tydens een van die kursusse wat hy op Moholoholo aanbied. Die kursusse wat Colin aanbied duur sewe dae of jy kan 'n volle maand-kursus doen waarin al die kursusse geïntegreer is. Die kort kursusse is die *Track and Sign*-kursus, *Trailing*-kursus (waar jy diere se spore volg) en die *Conservation*-kursus. Die spoor-kursusse word deur die bekende Cyber Tracker erken.

Die Moholoholo Mountain View-reservaat lê aan die voet van die Drakensberg so 26km

van Hoedspruit af. Colin was besig om die *Track and Sign*-kursus met 'n handvol Britse besoekers te doen en ek het vir twee dae by hulle aangesluit.

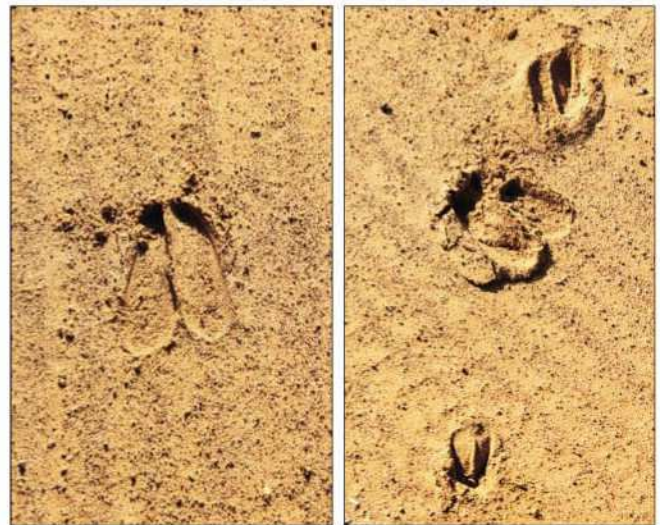
Hierdie kursus behels basiese die identifisering van diere- en voëlspore asook hulle mis (waar moontlik) in die veld en 'n bietjie spoorsny self. Selfs om spore te kan identifiseer, moet jy eers die teorie daarvan onder die knie kry en die kursus skop dus af met 'n hele stel lesings waartydens die kursusgangers sketse van diere- en voëlspore bestudeer. Tydens hierdie lesings leer hulle hoe die verskil tussen 'n bokspoor en 'n vlakvarkspoor lyk, die verskil tussen 'n duifspoor en 'n neushoringvoël s'n, ensovoorts. Die groottes van verskillende dierespesies se spore en hul unieke kenmerke word ook uitgewys.

Gewapen met hierdie teoretiese kennis sak die kursusgangers dan op die veld toe en onder leiding van Colin Patrick leer hulle hoe om spore in die veld te identifiseer. Leerders vind gou uit dat jy 'n spoor uit verskillende hoeke en van verskillende kante af moet bestudeer (om die beskikbare lig te gebruik) om die spoor te kan identifiseer – nie alle spore is pragtige teksboek-afdrukke nie. Jy moet ook weet watter spesies in die betrokke gebied voorkom en dus nie ander tipe diere se spore daar verwag nie. Aan die einde van die kursus is daar natuurlik 'n assessering of toets om te bepaal wat jy geleer het.

Oefening en nogmaals oefening is die wagwoord. 'n Tipiese veldoefening behels dat Colin op verskeie plekke spore en ander dieretekens omkring wat die studente dan moet identifiseer. Hierdie tipe oefening word oor en oor herhaal (soggens en namiddae) en Colin probeer om soveel as moontlik van die spesies wat in die gebied voorkom se spore en ander tekens uit te wys. Hy is ook 'n plaatjie en sal soms iets omkring wat glad nie 'n spoor is nie. Dan staan hy met duiweltjies in sy oë en »



'n Koedoebul se spore.



**LINKS:** Die spoor van 'n blouwildebees. **REGS:** 'n Blouwildebeesspore en rooibokspore.



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» luister hoe die studente die “dier” se spoor identifiseer.

Wanneer studente die tekens verkeerd identifiseer en interpreteer, help Colin hulle reg en hy verduidelik breedvoerig hoe-kom dit byvoorbeeld ’n duiker-spoor is en nie ’n steenbok s’n nie. Dit is werklik ’n openbaring om hierdie man in die veld te sien werk. Sy kennis van spore en sy vermoë om spore raak te sien waar ander mense skaars enige merkies in die sand sien, is merkwaardig. Colin Patrick is voorwaar ’n meester!

Behalwe vir die spoorsny het Colin sommer ook vir die Britse besoekers ’n bietjie praktiese veldgidsopleiding gegee. Op die dag van my aankoms het hy hulle die oefening laat doen waar daar na ’n “stormende leeu” geskiet word. Die teiken is ’n lewensgroot foto van ’n leeu wat deur ’n elektriese motor teen ’n hoë spoed in die rigting van die “veldgids” getrek word soos wanneer ’n leeu sou storm. Na goeie instruksie en ’n paar skote op statiese teikens het die studente toe met ’n .22-geweer en ’n .303 na die leeu geskiet.

Die opleiding geskied op die verskillende Moholoholo-reservate. Ek het Colin en die studente op die Mountain View-reservaat ontmoet wat ook Moholoholo se hoofkwartier is. Daarna is ons na die Balule-



Kursusgangers luister aandagtig terwyl Colin Patrick verduidelik en wys waarna ’n spoorsnyer moet oplet.

reservaat wat aan die Kruger-wildtuin grens en waar die Groot Vyf vrylik rondloop. Op die een dag wat ek daar was, het ons slegs ’n renoster en buffels teengekome, maar darem gedurende die nag leeus hoor brul. Ons het wel vars leeu- en luiperdspore gekry asook olifantspore wat ’n paar dae oud was.

Vir hierdie jaar is daar nog spookkursusse van 9 tot 15 Julie en 10 tot 16 September. Daar is ook ’n *Trailing*-kursus van 11 tot

17 Junie en ’n weeklange bewaeringskursus van 9 tot 14 Desember. Die een volledige maandkursus vir 2018 word vir 9 Julie tot 5 Augustus beplan.

Hierdie kursusse wat Colin Patrick aanbied, is regtig iets wat ek met groot vrymoedigheid aanbeveel.

\* *Indien jy meer inligting oor die kursusse verlang, stuur ’n e-pos na moholoholomountainview@worldonline.co.za of kontak die span by 082-907-5983.* 📧

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**LINKS:** Dit is jagters wat omgee.

boere in die Sutherland-omgewing gaan aflaai het. Aangegryp deur die ellende van mens en dier het Frank Esterhuizen en Essie Esterhuyze besluit om hul mede-jagters vir skenkings te nader sodat hulle meer voer na hierdie streek kon stuur.

Sutherland is een van vele streke in die land waar daar rampdroogte heers, maar weens sy ligging ver weg van hoofroetes af, kry dit min hulp van ander droogtehelpprojekte. Vervoer is een van die groot struikelblokke om voorraad by hierdie streek uit te kry aangesien die roete nie net weg is van die hoofroetes nie, maar ook moeilik toeganklik is.

Frank en Essie se uitreikprojek vir die gemeenskap van Sutherland het die lede van SA Jagters in die Overberg-tak en ander inwoners in die Overberg aangespoor om geld en voer te skenk. Verskeie boere van die omgewing het voer beskikbaar gestel terwyl kontantskenkings ingestroom het om voer en ander noodsaaklike items aan te koop wat die mense van Sutherland broodnodig het. Skenkers kon geld direk in Kaap Agri se bankrekening deponeer om vir nog voer te betaal. Kaap Agri het self ook mildelik bygedra terwyl ander sakelui in die omgewing op verskeie tasbare maniere hulle kant gebring het.

“Nie een van ons kon dink

dat droogtehelp so vinnig sou groei van twee bakkies na agt bakkievragte nie,” vertel Justus Harms, voorsitter van SA Jagters se Overberg-tak. “Toe ons sleepwaens nodig gehad het, het Jimmy’s Trailers van die Strand ingestem om vyf sleepwaens vir drie dae gratis te verskaf.”

Baie van die Overberg-boere wat begrip het vir die nood in die landbousektor, het sonder om te skroom, voer geskenk om die voertuie vol te pak. Die eerste konvooi het op 24 November 2017 om halfagt die oggend uit Villiersdorp vertrek en teen 12h00 was hulle in Sutherland. ’n Vrag van 15 ton voer is op die skouterrein aan Sutherland se droogtekomitee oorhandig, wat die voer onder die boere verdeel het.

Dit was nie die einde van die storie nie. Twee maande later, op 23 Februarie het dié spannetjie vrywilligers wêre so gemaak. Overberg-tak het sedert November 2017 reeds 480 ton droogtehelp na Sutherland geneem. Sommige van die plase het onlangs vir die eerste keer in vyf jaar reën gekry, maar dit gaan nog jare neem vir hierdie gebied om te herstel. Die mense kry baie swaar. Party dae is daar nie kos op hulle tafels nie. Daar is selfs gevalle van kinders wat nie skool toe gaan nie, doodgewoon omdat hulle ouers nie die geld kan bymekaarmaak om die skoolfooie te betaal nie.

#### TOTAAL VAN PROJEK

Na sewe konvoie se droogtehelp staan die Overberg-tak se Droogtehelp-projek tans op ’n waarde van R1.041 miljoen, wat naastenby soos volg saamgestel is:

- 82 ton mielies ter waarde van R287 000
- 333 ton strooibale ter waarde van R293 000
- Kruideniersware van R47 000
- Die totale afstand afgelê deur die konvooi voertuie is 36 000km
- Brandstofkoste van R164 000
- Kontantskenkings aangevend vir aankoop van voer, kruideniersware, brandstof, R250 000

Die vervoerkoste sluit net die direkte brandstofkoste in. Die gebruik van die bakkies, vragmotors en sleepwaens is nie hierby ingesluit nie en is deur individue en sakelui van die Overberg geskenk.

Die bestuur en lede van die Overberg-tak hoop dat ander takke van SA Jagters en hulle gemeenskappe hierdie voorbeeld sal volg en ook die hand sal uitsteek om droogtegeteisterde gebiede in ander dele van die land te help. (Daar is boere in die noorde van die Oos-Kaap wat hulle plase se sleutels by hulle buurman gaan aflaai het en weggeery het.)

Overberg-tak se droogtehelp is met groot verligting en dank-

baarheid ontvang. “Jy kon die dankbaarheid in hulle oë lees. Ons as jagters is ook bewaarders. Dit is waarvoor die Vereniging staan. Ek hoop dat die publiek sal besef dat ons nie net uit die natuur neem nie, maar dat ons teruggee.” Dit is Justus se woorde.

#### HOE KAN LEDE HELP?

Die droogtehelp-projek gaan voort. Overberg-tak wil nog meer voer bymekaar maak. Lewer asseblief ’n bydrae tot hierdie skitterende droogtehelpwerk wat gedoen word deur ’n handjievol vrywilligers.

Hier is ’n projek wat spontaan ontstaan het en waar die vrywilligers reeds die logistiek uitgewerk het en in plek het. Kom ons help om dit ’n nóg groter sukses te maak. Selfs ’n bydrae van so min as R10 kan ’n verskil maak aan een mens of dier se lewe.

Lesers en lede van SA Jagters, ondernemings en lede van die publiek wat ’n bydrae wil maak, kan met Justus in verbinding tree by 082-497-4230 of justus@supremespares.co.za. Enigiemand wat skenkings wil maak aan SA Jagters se Overberg-tak se droogtefond, kan geld in een van die volgende rekeningdeponeer:

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Kom ons wys vir die wêreld dat jagters die eintlike bewaarders is en dat ons omgee vir mens en dier wat swaarkry. Baie dankie by voorbaat vir enige bydrae. Vriendelike groete

**Fred Camphor**

HUB: SA Jagters 🐾

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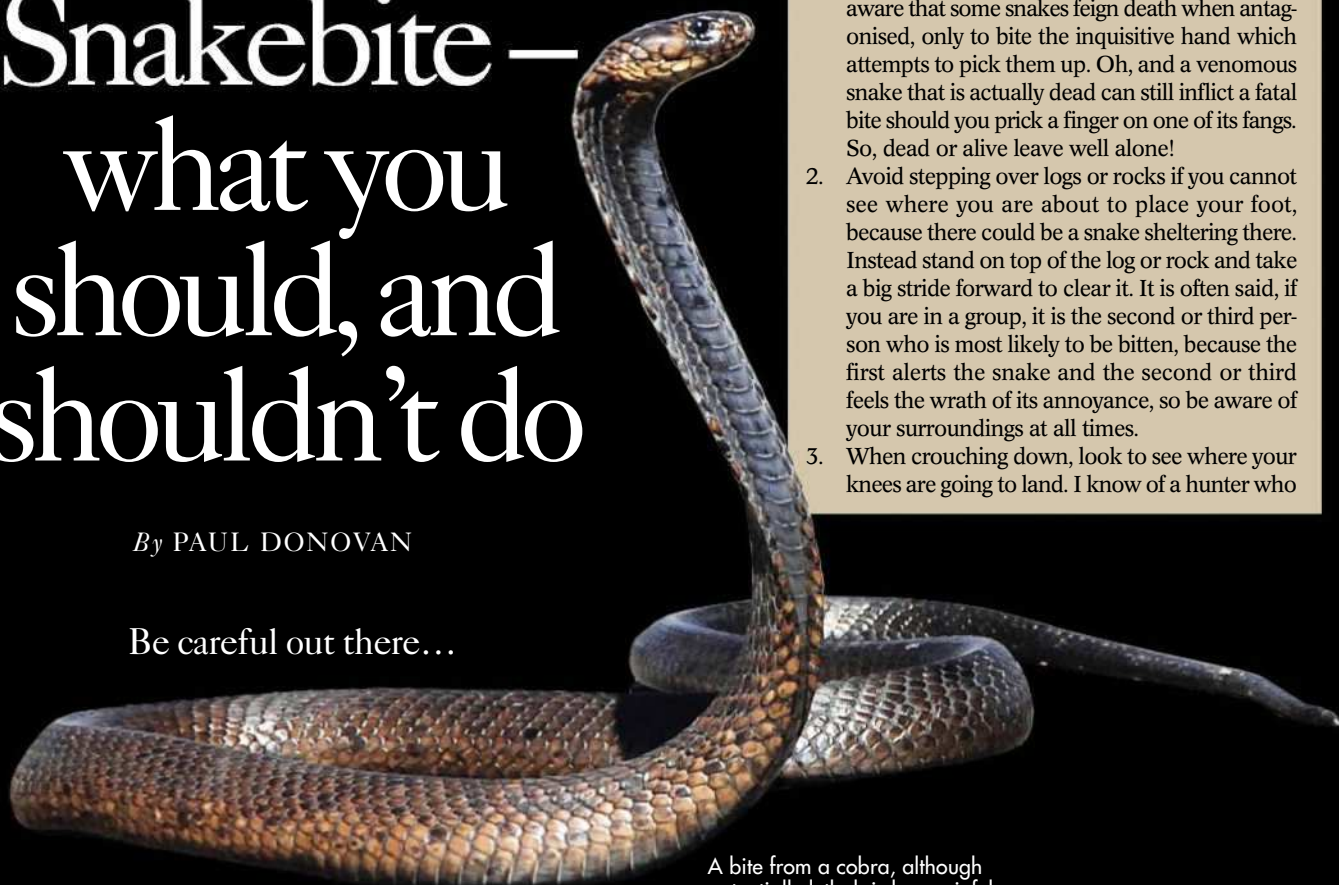


The puff adder is an extremely dangerous snake responsible for many bites.

# Snakebite – what you should, and shouldn't do

By PAUL DONOVAN

Be careful out there...



A bite from a cobra, although potentially lethal, is less painful than one from a viper.

**A**lthough the chances of being bitten by a snake are relatively small, the chance is still there, and knowing what to do when a bite does happen, can save a life. It is important to remember though, that deaths from snake bites are relatively few when compared to deaths by other creatures, for example such as the infamous mosquito.

With the advent of reliable antivenom, more constructive first aid techniques, and advanced medical care, a bite nowadays is survivable. And of course, don't automatically assume that the snake that bit you was venomous. There are more non-venomous snakes out there than there are venomous ones. It may also be comforting to know, that even if bitten by a venomous snake, no venom may have been injected. A snake has control over its venom system, and can deliver what is commonly called a 'dry bite'.

## PREVENTING A BITE

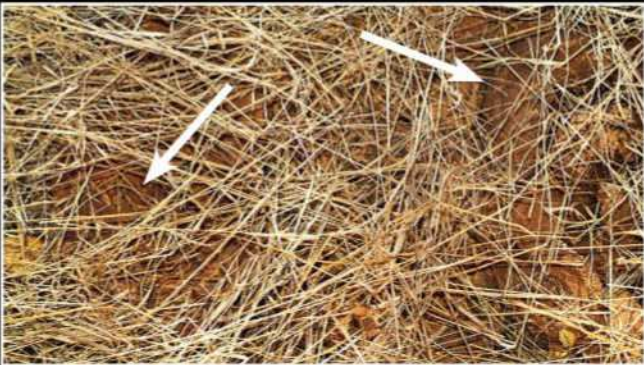
As the saying goes "prevention is better than cure", and there are a number of things you can do to decrease your chances of being bitten:

1. If you spot a snake, leave it alone, and remain still. By nature snakes will avoid humans if at all possible. Just let it go about its business. Snakes respond to movement, so if you remain still they do not perceive you as a threat. It is only when you move that they will strike. Be aware that some snakes feign death when antagonised, only to bite the inquisitive hand which attempts to pick them up. Oh, and a venomous snake that is actually dead can still inflict a fatal bite should you prick a finger on one of its fangs. So, dead or alive leave well alone!
2. Avoid stepping over logs or rocks if you cannot see where you are about to place your foot, because there could be a snake sheltering there. Instead stand on top of the log or rock and take a big stride forward to clear it. It is often said, if you are in a group, it is the second or third person who is most likely to be bitten, because the first alerts the snake and the second or third feels the wrath of its annoyance, so be aware of your surroundings at all times.
3. When crouching down, look to see where your knees are going to land. I know of a hunter who





Be careful when stepping over logs or rocks. A snake may be hiding beneath it.



Here are two puff adders hidden in the grass. This is why they are easily trodden on.



Never trust a bite from a boomslang, its venom is slow acting.



Vipers have long teeth and can inject venom deep into the muscle.

knelt on a puff adder he didn't see hidden in the grass. And a puff adder is a nasty snake to be bitten by; they are responsible for around 80% of all snake bites in Africa.

4. If camping, wear sensible shoes around camp and be careful when picking up firewood.
5. When answering the call of nature, watch where you relieve yourself. Make sure if you have to squat down that you are not going to do anything on a snake that it would take exception to. I know a lady who was bitten on the backside under such circumstances; fortunately it was by a harmless snake.

#### WAS IT VENOMOUS OR NOT?

If the unfortunate does happen and you are bitten by a snake, it is important to determine whether it was venomous or not. If you did not see the snake, this can be done by looking at the imprint of the bite mark. A bite from a venomous snake will generally leave two quite distinct puncture marks; as though someone had stabbed you with knitting needles. A non-venomous snake will leave two crescent-shaped marks with numerous 'pin-pricks'.

#### DID IT ACTUALLY INJECT ANY VENOM?

Snakes primarily use their venom to kill prey but also as a defence mechanism, so do not wantonly waste it. As I have mentioned already, a venomous snake has control over the amount of venom they inject into their prey/victim and can instigate a dry bite. This may be the reason why many so-called natural remedies are apparently effective in curing snake bites; the snake either did not inject any venom, or it was simply a harmless species.

#### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Before beginning any form of treatment, sit the victim down and wait calmly to see what

symptoms, if any, develop. If there are no symptoms after 15 to 20 minutes, you can be pretty sure it was either a dry bite or a harmless snake. That being said, the one exception is the boomslang (*Dispholidus typus*). Symptoms from this snake's bite may take 24 hours to develop. But to be bitten by a boomslang, you would have had to been up a tree and very unlucky.

With neurotoxic snakes (cobras, mambas, etc.) the bite itself is not painful but a gradual tingling sensation moving upwards from the bite wound and progressive paralysis will develop. This leads to difficulty in swallowing, slurred speech, giddiness and drooping eyelids. Death is due to paralysis of the diaphragm that makes it difficult to breathe.

Viper bites (puff adders, etc.) are extremely painful. The bite marks ooze blood and are accompanied by swelling that spreads rapidly up the bitten limb. Bleeding in other regions of the body such as the gums and nostrils is not uncommon, followed by nausea and vomiting. The bitten limb will also take on a bruised appearance with signs of blistering. An elevated heart rate may be detected which, if the victim is in poor health or frail, may lead to a heart attack. Blood may also be present in the urine.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Keep an eye out for signs of shock. Individuals bitten by non-venomous snakes have been known to die as a consequence of shock on the assumption that they had been bitten by a venomous snake. So, reassuring the victim and keeping him as calm as possible play an important role in his survival. Remove watches, rings and any other constricting items. If symptoms do follow a bite, first aid treatment is extremely effective.

However, before I cover those, snakebite treatments are full of myths. So, here is what you should NOT do: »

### » DO NOT CUT AND SUCK THE BITE

The time-honoured procedure of cutting and sucking the bite is extremely dangerous, and a lot of medical studies have cast doubt on its effectiveness anyway. And, of course, the person doing the sucking runs the risk of exposure to infectious blood diseases.

### DO NOT USE A TOURNIQUET

The idea behind tying a tourniquet tightly around the bitten limb is to limit the spread of venom. However, under normal circumstances you should NOT use it as a snake bite treatment. At the outset, the tourniquet might seem effective in 'containing' the venom in one area but you risk cutting off blood flow, starving the limb of oxygen thus killing it. There is also the risk of toxic shock syndrome, whereby, as the limb begins to break down, toxins are released into the body as soon as the tourniquet is loosened. The medical consensus is, don't do it.

### DO NOT USE SUCTION

There are many suction kits on the market which, when placed over the bitten area, are said to draw the venom out. Again, research has shown that these kits have little, if any, effect in removing venom from the bitten area, and can actually cause tissue damage.

### DO NOT USE POTASSIUM

I have heard of people tipping potassium permanganate on the bite and then igniting it in the belief that it will neutralise the venom. However, the only thing it will do is cause a serious burn!

### DO NOT PLACE ICE OR A COLD PACK ON THE BITE

This has no effect on breaking down the venom, and may actually make the bite area worse.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

#### THE BEST FIRST AID PROCEDURE

The most effective first aid treatment is the application of a pressure/immobilisation bandage. Some research question its effectiveness, but I must point



Paul Donovan administering first aid to himself with the help of others after being bitten by a puff adder.

out a pressure bandage is not a tourniquet and will not stop blood flow. Instead it compresses the lymph system (which takes up the venom first before it enters the blood system) therefore lessening the spread of it through the body. However take note that this treatment is only effective for elapid bites (cobras, mambas, etc.). Do not use it for viper (puff adder, etc.) or Mozambique spitting cobra bites, because a side-effect of these snakes' venom is tissue swelling and to place a constrictive bandage on a swelling limb will only result in even more serious tissue damage.

Apply the pressure bandage (or improvise with strips of clothing) to the site of the bite, and wind it upwards towards the armpit or groin (or as high as possible). Remember, a pressure bandage is NOT a tourniquet and the pressure should be similar to that of strapping a sprained ankle. To check that it is not too tight, test for an arterial pulse above and below the bandage. Keep the limb as immobile as possible at all times. Bandage an arm in a bent position so as to allow a splint to be applied to the forearm which can then be placed in a sling. The leg should also be splinted. Forget about trying to remove clothing, bandage over these, time is of the essence.

Where difficulty in breathing occurs, administer artificial res-

piration. Don't forget, the venom from elapid snakes (mambas and cobras) will cause paralysis of the diaphragm so the victim will experience difficulty in breathing.

### WHAT ABOUT FIRST AID FOR VIPER BITES?

Unfortunately if you are in a remote area and have to deal with a viper bite (the venom works by breaking down tissue) there is little you can do other than to cover the wound with a loose, sterile bandage and keeping the victim calm while getting him to a medical facility as soon as possible. Contrary to misconceptions you won't drop dead straight away. Depending on where you were bitten and the amount of venom injected, you will have more than enough time to seek medical attention. If you are on your own, walk out slowly but if you are with others have them carry you. Although venom is first taken up into the lymph system, you need to limit its movement around the body by limiting physical movement which will elevate the heart rate.

### TREATMENT OF VENOM IN THE EYES

Receiving a dose of venom to the eyes from a spitting cobra is extremely painful and I speak from experience. The eyes should immediately be flushed with any cool liquid at hand; water, milk, cola, beer, cold tea, even urine can be used. Avoid

the temptation to rub the eyes as this can rub the venom into the eyeball where it will cause more serious problems such as ulceration. And should you break a capillary it could enter the blood system and manifest as though you had been bitten by the snake.

The victim should then be placed in the shade with a cold compress covering his eyes as they will be extremely sensitive to sunlight. Although the eyelids will become red, swollen and difficult to open, they will return to normal within 24 hours providing that the venom has been flushed out. For safety reasons, a medical check-up should be sought.

### USING ANTIVENOM

Although commercial over-the-counter snakebite kits are available at pharmacies, administering antivenom is extremely hazardous. An allergic reaction leading to anaphylactic shock is a very real possibility. Most snakebite kits contain a polyvalent antivenom which covers a range of species. Unless you are in the deepest depths of Africa, days away from a hospital, and are sure it was a venomous snake responsible for the bite, leave antivenom treatment to properly trained medical staff.

### TAIL-END

Although a snakebite is a frightening experience (I can attest to that, having been bitten once by a puff adder), it is comforting to know that with proper first aid and prompt medical treatment, there is a more than good chance of recovery. Though some disfigurement, or the odd finger loss may result from a viper bite.

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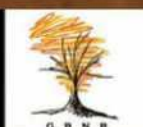


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