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BJ bags huge waterbuck on 2nd safari



Don & BJ Tolleson visited Africa and East Cape Safaris for the second time during the first half of April; this time around BJ had set her sights on a waterbuck, but only if we could find a “BIG” waterbuck. By the second day of hunting BJ had a beautiful 31 and 1/2 inch waterbuck bagged with her trusty 30-06. Celebrations continued well into the safari after this magnificent trophy was successfully hunted. After this fantastic hunt BJ took a liking to the nyala and soon we were hunting for a good nyala too. With another well executed shot BJ bagged a beautiful nyala to go with her prized waterbuck. (See above pics) Don had again chosen his 375 for his return trip and shot amongst others a blue wildebeest, a good zebra and impala trophy. Then he used BJ’s 30-06 to bag the two trophy animals pictured below; on the left a very big steenbok and a great duiker to match each other. Both these trophies fall into the Gold Medal class. Smaller antelope are often overlooked but do provide for some great hunting and make very special mounts. Don & BJ further enjoyed time in Africa by taking two trips to Addo Elephant Park and an overnight outing to the Mountain Zebra Park.



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Rich & Georgiana bag "Copper & White"



Our Friends from Grand Junction visited again and between relaxing with their African Family they were able to get some good hunting done. Rich bagged a good white springbuk (Pictured below) while Georgiana hit "Copper" with a exceptional Copper Springbuk. They were able to hunt many other animals and again we thank you both for everything you do for East Cape Safaris.
Thank you our friends



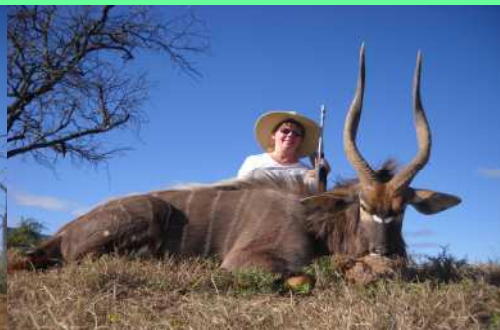
Tom & Janet return for 2nd Safari with Ray on his 7th Safari

Tom and Janet Abbott together with Ray Montgomery also returned for their second and Ray's 7th safari during April. Janet had now become an avid hunter after her first visit to East Cape Safaris in 2009. Janet used a 7mm-08 rifle Tom had Ray build for her. She was successful in hunting a good white springbuk (pictured below left) as well as a good common springbuk, a blesbuk and a very nice fallow deer. Tom hunted a great 30 inch waterbuk (pictured below right) as well as a blue wildebeest, common reedbuk and a mountain reedbuk. A good bushbuk also provided much excitement. Ray Montgomery was able to hunt this huge one horned nyala with a horn length of 31 inches (picture below middle) as well as a few other antelope while on safari. Much fun was had by all and we certainly look forward to another enjoyable safari with you all soon. Good luck with the new Trophy Room development Tom & Janet!



Scott & Sherri Albertson on a special 2nd Safari

Two more Coloradoans joined us for their 2nd Safari during July this year, Scott had a trophy list and was again guided by Johann Schoeman who had guided him back in 2009. Sherri accompanied Scott on most of his hunts and was somewhat of a good luck companion. Scott hunted a very nice 31 inch waterbuk pictured left as well as the good nyala pictured right with Sherri.



LIMITED SABLE SPECIALS FOR 2012

The amazing Mike Leibhart and his Little Sharps

Mike and Barbara Leibhart had planned their return trip for two years and Mike was set on hunting with his .54 caliber flintlock long rifle that was made by his friend Charles Heistand of Marietta, Pennsylvania and his Sharps rifle in a 32-78 Winchester made by Ron Otto and Aaron Pursley of Big Sandy, Montana. Mike had a wish list that was pretty long; but that is why he called it a wish list. Little did we know that this hunt would be a most interesting and memorable occasion with a success rate nobody would ever have dreamed of. We had 14 days set aside for hunting and at the end of these days Mike had successfully hunted 18 trophy animals with these beautiful historical rifles. Take the time to read Mike and Barbara's full Hunt Journal of their safari on the Hunt Reports at: www.eastcapecap safaris.co.za
Below Mike with his zebra, nyala taken with the Sharps & a fallow deer taken with the flintlock.



John, Jane, Tim, Trina & Jonathan return for 2nd Safari

Our 2011 season again started off with the return safari for the Wood's family from New York State. John, Jane, Tim and Trina joined on this trip by son and grandson Jonathan and this time taking 2 x management packages of 26 animals each with a few trophy upgrades. Everyone got into the action from day one and amongst the 56 animals they hunted were these trophy animals below; Tim with his Kudu; John with his beautiful nyala; Jonathan with his Kudu; Trina with her blue wildebeest and Jane with her zebra. A fishing trip to the coast for a day was also most successful with 33 fish caught in the day.



Richard Hayes enjoys a cull/trophy hunt



Richard Hayes selected a management package for his first safari that included a few trophy animals. This kudu bull pictured left, was taken by Richard during his management hunt. Other animals taken included blesbuck, springbuck, impala, warthog, black wildebeest, steenbok and a good baboon. As a first timer to Africa Richard's expectations were surpassed and he has indicated that there will be many more trips to East Cape Safaris in the years to come.

Colorado hunting buddies visit East Cape Safaris

Our good friend Harold Lee from Denver had told some friends about East Cape Safaris and was able to convince them to come over for a safari. Harold accompanied hunters Mark Campbell, Terry Humbargar, Howie & Gigi Lynse and Andy Novikis on a 7 day safari. Mark and Terry have been hunting buddies for years and were able to hunt various species which included a great fallow deer trophy pictured below left. Terry also hunted springbuck, black wildebeest, warthog and blesbuck. Read Terry's short account of this safari at www.eastcapecsafaris.co.za Mark hunted this good impala centre below as well as warthog, springbuck and blesbuck.. Howie and Andy hunted impala pictured right top & bottom as well as black wildebeest, springbuck, warthog and fallow deer with Gigi keeping an eye on the men to keep them in place!! Harold did get a little hunting in and bagged this nice springbuck picture right centre as well as a warthog. It was great having this group in camp and look forward to many more visits in the future.



Patrick & Rose enjoy a relaxing safari

From Greeley Colorado came Patrick and Rose Grashorn. They had met me at the Denver show two years ago and had the difficult task of choosing an African Outfit for a trip to Africa with. Fortunately East Cape Safaris was their choice and we were set for a fantastic time. Patrick and Rose were relaxed from the start so fun and good hunting was in the cards from day one. Both hunted good gemsbuck, Kudu and springbuck with Rose adding a very nice black springbuck and warthog. Other animals included a zebra, blue wildebeest, warthog and impala for Pat. Below from left, Rose and Pat with Rose's gemsbok, Rose & Pat with their great springbucks, Black and Common and Rose with her gold medal kudu.



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Keith and Linda Key: Sable & Nyala success!

During the 2011 Denver show Keith and Linda Key came to our booth interested in an African Safari. In August their African Safari dream had become a reality and we had the pleasure of hosting these new friends for their dream safari. Linda had her # 1 wish, a good sable bull and Keith had chosen a nyala as his #1 trophy. Pictured below are Keith & Linda middle; "happy hunters" with Linda and her Sable trophy and Keith with his nyala trophy. Linda also hunted two gemsbuck and a good mountain reedbuck while Keith also hunted warthog and a good kudu bull. Another fun safari.



Tom, Pam, Bill, Alison, Jim & Barbara

From Washington State and Arizona came brothers, sister and friends; Tom & Pam Gardner; Brother Jim Gardner and sister Barbara; Rick & Sharon Fields from Arizona and Bill and Alison Fernelius from Washington also. This was our last group for the season and it turned out to be a fantastic safari to end a very memorable year. Two management trophy packages were chosen. Tom & Bill would share one while Jim and Rick would share the other 26 animal package. The big management trophy packages saw the hunters bag over 50 animals and ten species. Below clockwise from top left we have Jim with a blesbuck, Alison, Barbara, Pam and Sharon on safari, Rick with his warthog, Bill with one of his kudu, Sharon with her springbuck and Tom with his nice red hartebeest. The shooting was good from these hunters and Bill managed many shots out to 650 yards. You can read his story at www.eastcapecsafaris.co.za at the Newsletter and articles page on his using of the Huskamaw scope on his 7mm rem mag. Kudu and springbuck were taken at 600 yard plus ranges. This long range shooting was done by an experienced shooter in Bill having experience in this field and thus shots were taken responsibly at the targeted game. Here is to the next time Guys.



Henry Forrest returns with son Alex for another Father Son hunt.

Henry Forrest had visited us during 2010 with son Michael and this year again visited with son Alex at his side for another management & trophy package. Over the 10 days they would hunt in excess of 26 animals that include trophy blue wildebeest; impala; mountain reedbuck; Springbuck; steenbok; fallow deer and blesbuck. The management animals included Black wildebeest; eland cow; springbuck; warthog; kudu and impala. Pictured right is Henry with a good eland cow and left & centre Alex with a magnificent fallow deer & kudu. The time spent in camp was enjoyed and we look forward to again seeing this family in Harrisburg next February.



Traditional long bow hunt for Doug Carl

For three years I had been talking to Doug Carl about a traditional archery hunt. Not wanting to make any promises we might not be able to meet, I told Doug it was definitely possible but with a traditional bow we would need time, patience and accurate shooting. Doug had made a dedicated study of this fine hunting art, and was meticulous in every way when it came to his procedures. Doug's first success was on a very nice waterbuck pictured below right and what a way to start off a safari. Second was a nyala a couple of days later and then this good kudu below centre was animal number three with the beautiful recurve bow. One animal that had eluded Doug's arrow the whole safari was the lechwe. Late in the afternoon of last day of safari Doug had his final chance on a good lechwe bull. With one last accurate shot he was able to bag trophy number 4, the lechwe! A fantastic safari using this ancient traditional hunting method, well done Doug!



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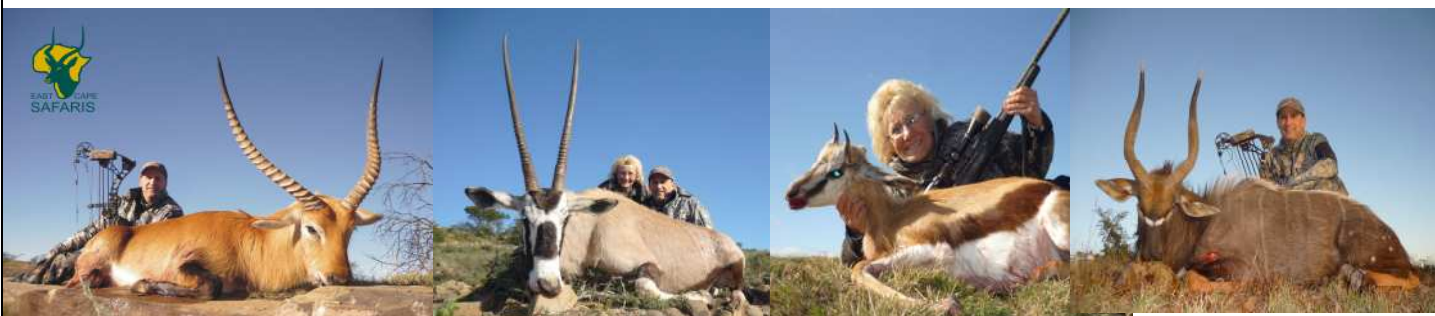
Colorado & Texas combine for a reunion Safari

Our good friends Tim and Garret Seltzer had been spreading the good word about East Cape Safaris and Paul Franks had heard that if you wanted a great safari and vacation; the only place to go was East Cape Safaris in South Africa. We met Paul at the Denver show and he planned on bringing friends Gene Nelson, Roger DeMuth and Teresa Gail Stroud. This group was great fun and with Paul and Roger pulling the Mickey out of each other and everyone else There was plenty of laughter. Paul was guided by Roubel Thomas and was successful with this nice eland bull below 2nd from left as well as blue & black wildebeest, springbuck, impala, zebra, gemsbuck, kudu, warthog, red hartebeest and blesbuck. Rodger, guided by Abrie Pretorius, took this nice kudu below left as well as blue & black wildebeest, impala, gemsbuck, springbuck, red hartebeest, gemsbuck and warthog. Gene Nelson, guided by Johan Schoeman, hunted this gemsbuck below right as well as kudu, impala, black wildebeest, blesbuck, a great warthog, duiker and springbuck. Thanks guys; and thanks Teresa for keeping the men in check for us; a real fantastic time was had by all and we look forward to seeing you all here again soon. Sorry Rodger, but the wooden spoon goes to Paul!!



Kevin & Debi visit from Billings Montana

Kevin Biegle had booked this hunt 4 years ago and in June this year the time had finally arrived for his safari. Kevin's sister Debi accompanied him as an observer. Soon after arrival Kevin opted to try hunting with a bow which is his preferred method of hunting. He had the great fortune of being able to bag this fantastic lechwe bull pictured below left. The bull would eventually score very high in SCI. The nyala pictured right was taken with bow walk and stalk technique. Other species taken were gemsbuck, warthog, black wildebeest, impala springbuck, blesbuck, kudu, and steenbuck. We managed to get a reluctant Debi to hunt a springbuck for lodge meat. Pictured 2nd from right Debi with her first animal.



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Dwight & Sonja Engwall and Family

The lovely Engwall family were to be a party of five but unfortunately daughter Chelsea could not make it. However, son-in-law Jacob Stebbins and son Evan joined Dad Dwight and Mom Sonja for a safari vacation. A great time was had by all and the hunting was serious but fun. Evan used guide Abrie's bow and was able to hunt a great lechwe bull pictured below right, a real trophy to be proud of Evan. The ever friendly Jacob although missing Chelsea had a great hunt and was able to bag a good gemsbuck pictured below left. Dwight and Sonja were not to be left behind and some good shooting saw them both bag a good kudu and mountain reedbuck pictured below. Other species successfully hunted included another bow kill for Evan on a great impala ram, numerous wart-hogs, springbuck, black wildebeest, a zebra for Dwight, and a couple of blesbuck. We look forward to their next visit with Chelsea.



Bow & Rifle success for hunting duo from Buffalo NY

Todd and Debi Craggs come from Buffalo NY and are avid bow hunters. Guide Abrie had hunted with Todd and Debi in the USA and had suggested they come and visit us all at East Cape Safaris for a bow hunt combined with some rifle hunting. Todd wanted to only bow hunt and with Abrie he was able to successfully hunt various species that included good lechwe and eland bulls below left. Other trophy animals were springbuck, blesbuck, impala and warthog. Debi did a rifle bow combo hunt and was successful in walking and stalking this beautiful nyala pictured below right with her bow and this red hartebeest with rifle below. Other trophy animals included a white springbuck and common springbuck. It was great having you visit us and look forward to the next time together.



Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you All

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