



**Dear Clients, Hunters and Friends**

The Thormahlen & Cochran Safaris team arrived a few weeks ago from the USA where we attended various trade shows.



Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booths to say hello and reliving the memories of the past safaris.

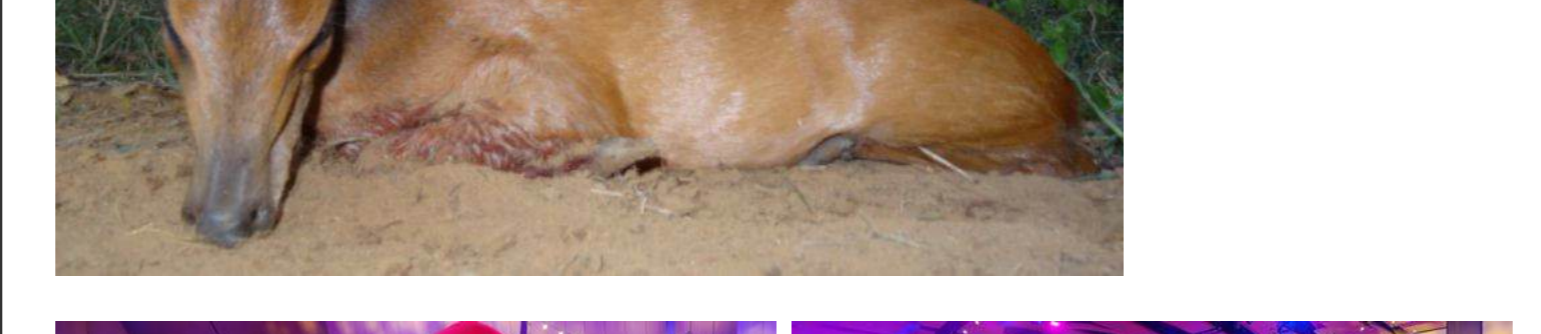


A special thank you to clients who trusted us with your safari — we truly appreciate it. We are grateful to connect in person and to strengthen our relationship with clients from previous years. It was also great to exchange feedback on the safari and aspects that we need to address. Those conversations help us to improve and elevate our service to a level where we can underline our motto of Ultimate Perfection.

We are thrilled to be the recipient of the Chapter Outfitter of the Year award from SCINE Wisconsin. It is a great honor and we are looking forward to a long lasting relationship with them.

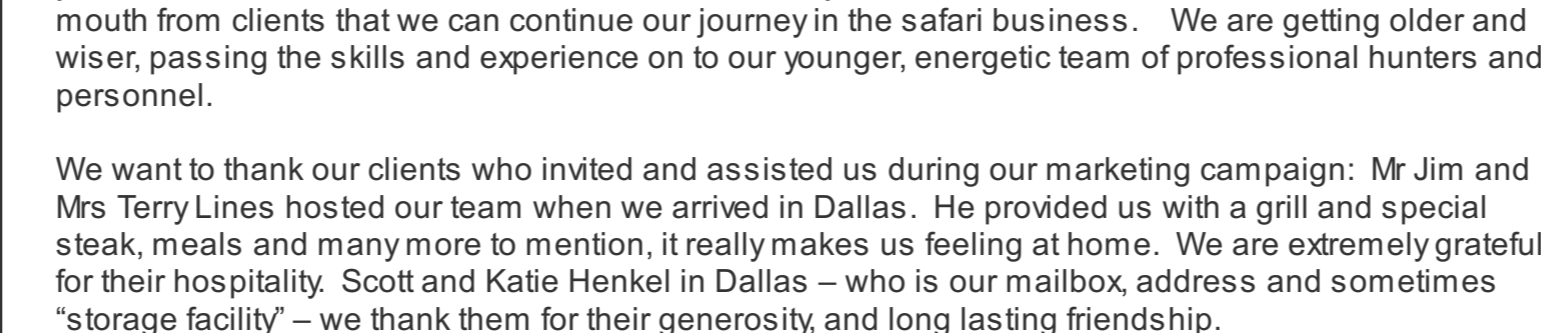


It was also a very rewarding feeling when M. Jan Dams, was chosen to be the prestigious Weatherby Award Winner of 2025, and he hunted with us. Thormahlen & Cochran Safaris have been associated with many past Weatherby award winners and we are actively working with other clients to achieve their awards and hunting goals - we are dedicated to make this happen! Of course, we all celebrated his success with a celebratory dinner.



Welcome to our new clients who signed up for the adventure of a lifetime! We will strive to make it your dream safari. We have been in business for 26 years and it is because of trust and word of mouth from clients that we can continue our journey in the safari business. We are getting older and wiser, passing the skills and experience on to our younger, energetic team of professional hunters and personnel.

We want to thank our clients who invited and assisted us during our marketing campaign: Mr. Jim and Mrs. Terry Lines hosted our team when we arrived in Dallas. He provided us with a grill and special steak, meals and many more to mention, it really makes us feeling at home. We are extremely grateful for their hospitality. Scott and Katie Henkel in Dallas - who is our mailbox, address and sometimes "storage facility" - we thank them for their generous and long lasting friendship.



We met interesting people with amazing mancaves and collections, like Gary Dillahunty's antiques and impressive rifle collection. The boys could spend more than a day just observing and absorbing. A visit to the Stockyards in Dallas Fort Worth, was another highlight and we enjoyed visiting with our oldest daughter, who is currently in Canada.



The weather threw a few curveballs to the Africans — it was for sure a scary, icy drive from Houston to Dallas. Ph. Philip Fourie had to spend 4 days without luggage at airports before he finally connected back to Dallas.

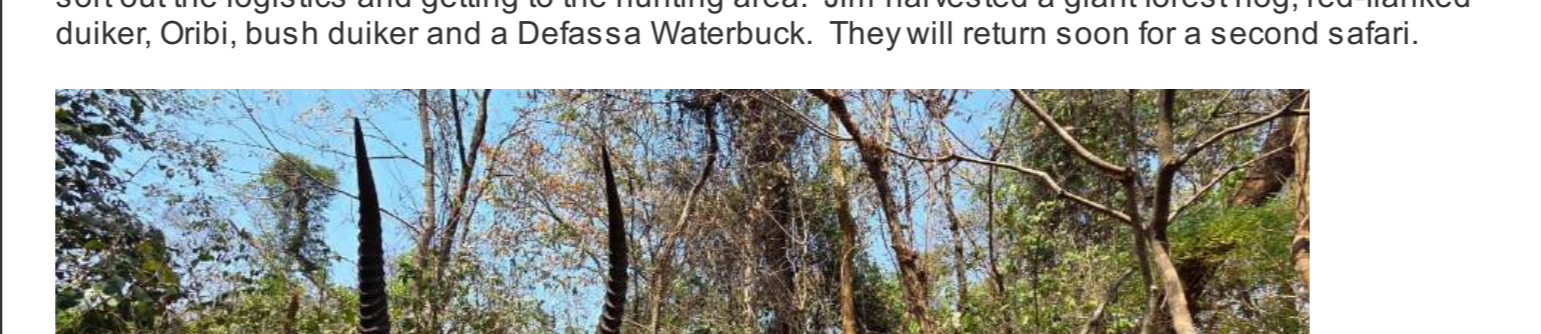


Mr. Dennis Cook hosted us in Tennessee whilst awaiting our turn to move into the SCI Conventions Music Centre. It is a beautiful house on the river, a true reflection of Dennis's successful swimming pool business, and his hospitality towards us, was unbelievable. We were defeated by the Louisiana species, but will always cherish the southern warmth and fun with Mr. Cook.



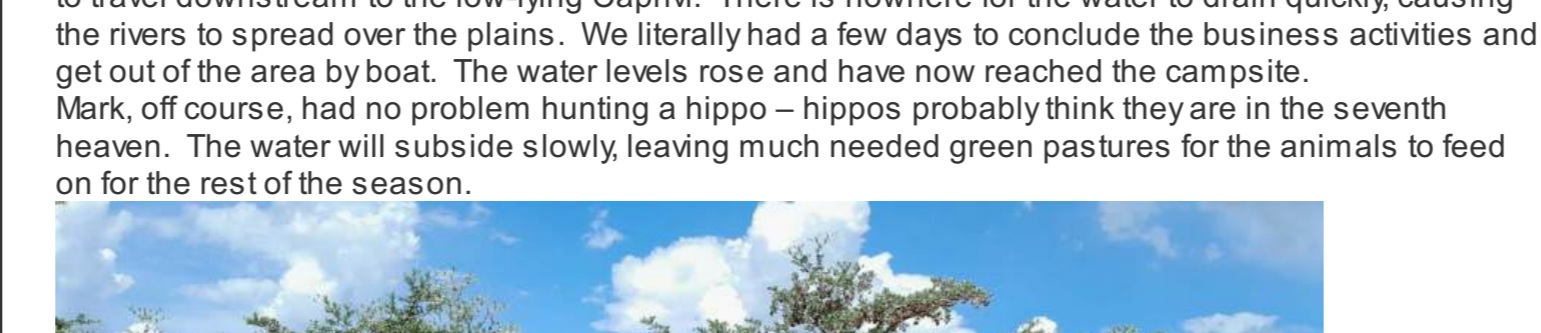
We added our new friends to this newsletter: the purpose is not to do solicitation or to irritate, it is simply to share information on a monthly basis about our company, progress or outcome of the various safaris and also special deals that we might have available. The safaris, illustrated with photos, also showcase what we offer in the different countries and how we operate.

Soon after the SCI Convention, Peter and client, Jim Lines, flew to Enlabe, the capital of Central African Republic. It was one of the most remote destinations for Peter and Jim, basically one of the last true wild frontiers in the hunting world that only a few hunters will ever experience. It took time to book out the logistics and getting to the hunting area. Jim harvested a giant forest hog, red flanked duiker, Orixi, bush duiker and a Delassa Waterbuck. They will return soon for a second safari.

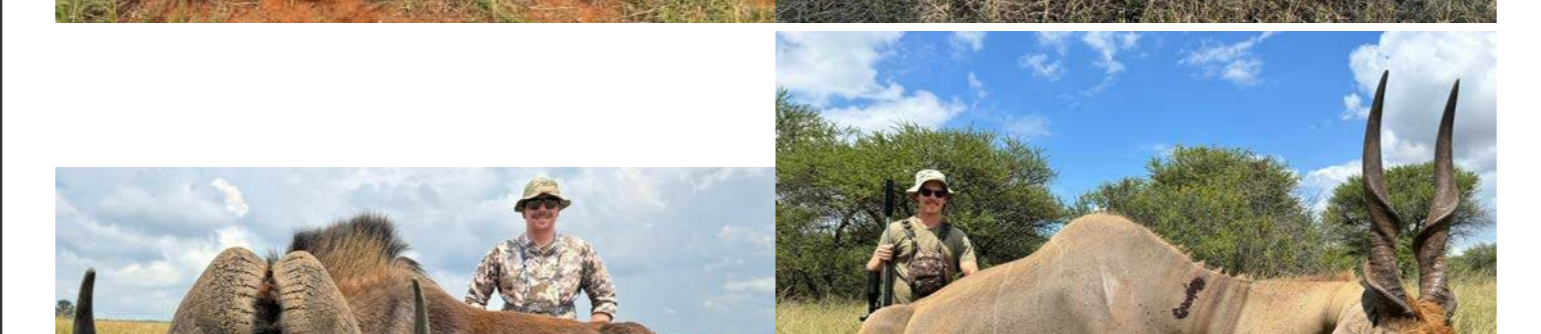


Our hunting season for 2026 has kicked off in both Namibia and in South Africa.

In Namibia the first client of the season, was Mark Gabrick, who hunted a non-exportable hippo in the Caprivi. At the time of renewing our concession for the next 3 years, we once again experienced the uniqueness of this area. The Caprivi is a floodplain and this time of the year, heavy seasonal rains in the catchments of the Zambezi River in Angola and western Zambia dump massive volumes of water to travel downstream to the low-lying Caprivi. There is nowhere for the water to drain quickly causing the rivers to spread over the plains. We literally had a few days to conclude the business activities and get out of the area by boat. The water levels rose and have now reached the campsites. Mark, off course, had no problem hunting a hippo — hippos probably think they are in the seventh heaven. The water will subside slowly leaving much needed green pastures for the animals to feed on for the rest of the season.



In South Africa, a group of 3 friends arrived mid-March: Dillon Rasmussen, Tomas Diaz and Wyatt Getto. The hunt quickly gathered momentum after 2 days of rainy weather, all the animals that were in their sights eventually landed in the salt. Videographer, Wilrene de Kock, remarked that on day 3 they broke our in-house record for harvesting 6 animals: a blue wildebeest, 2 impala, one red hartbeest, 1 kudu and a warthog. The same day they were rewarded with a beautiful African sunset. Wyatt concluded as follows: "We had an unforgettable time on the safari, and we truly appreciate the hospitality and professionalism shown by Christo and Jandre throughout the experience. It was a privilege to hunt in such an incredible setting, and we will carry the memories with us for years to come."



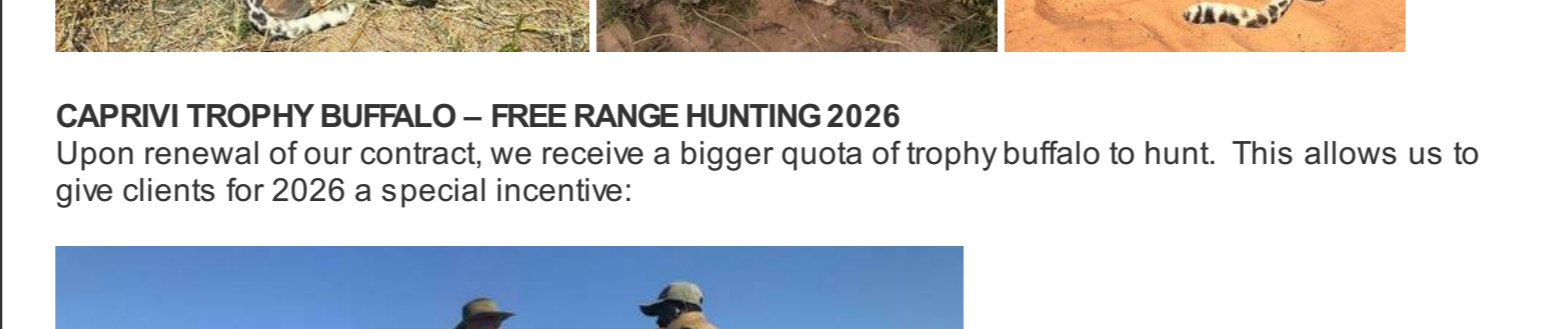
The hunt was filmed by our videographer, Wilrene de Kock - indeed lasting memories made! If you wish to book Wilrene's services for your safari, please email [anso@aftricotrophyhunting.com](mailto:anso@aftricotrophyhunting.com)

The next safari will start soon, and we will keep you posted on a monthly basis. We are also in the process of planning the upcoming safaris, confirming accommodation, burning itineraries and rifle permits. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to email [anso@aftricotrophyhunting.com](mailto:anso@aftricotrophyhunting.com). We adhere to strict quotas to prevent over-hunting in one season and not having outstanding trophy quality and natural breeding for the next season, so please bear with us when asking for waitlists of animals — it is just a way to help us planning your safari to perfection.

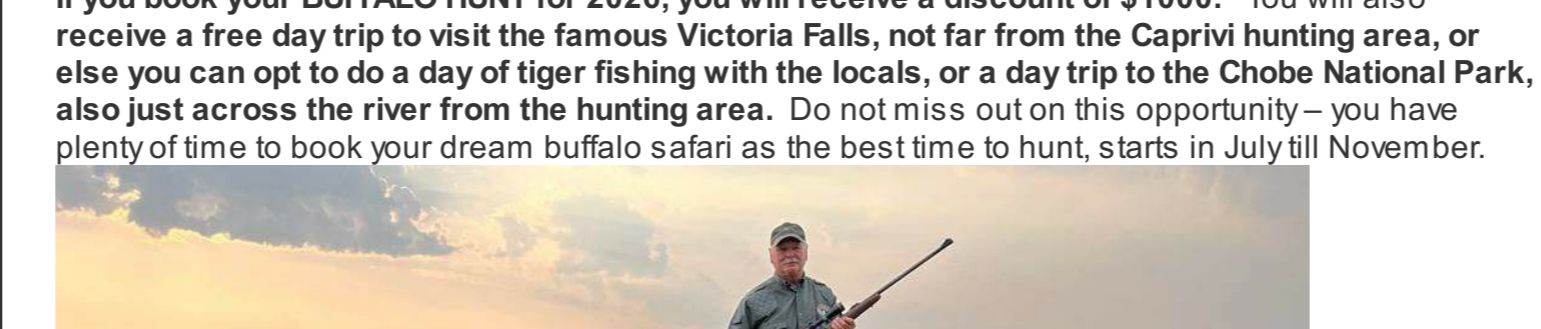
We are not being directly influenced by the ongoing wars — and it is safe to visit us in Africa. Our fuel price has shot up and travel with Qatar through the Middle-East is restricted, but there are no safety issues or problems with traveling to Southern Africa or visiting us. If you have travel concerns, please reach out to us or directly to the travel agents. They will review your itinerary, explain available options, and arrange alternative routing if needed.

We still have a few permits available for free range big game hunting and would like to offer them to our clients at an early discount, so that you will have enough time to take up the opportunity for 2026:

**NAMIBIA: LEOPARD 2026**  
We have a permit available in our best free range hunting area where we have a 100% success rate, 2 remote areas, totaling 2.4 million acres — completely free range hunting. Leopards, hunt over bait, and these leopards take bait in broad daylight. No illegal hunting and sitting in a blind till midnight or the early morning hours. You will be rewarded with a big, yellow head, mature male. Special price of \$38750, includes 14 days for 1 hunter and 1 observer.



**CAPRIVI TROPHY BUFFALO - FREE RANGE HUNTING 2026**  
Upon renewal of our contract, we received a bigger quota of trophy buffalo to hunt. This allows us to give clients for 2026 a special incentive:

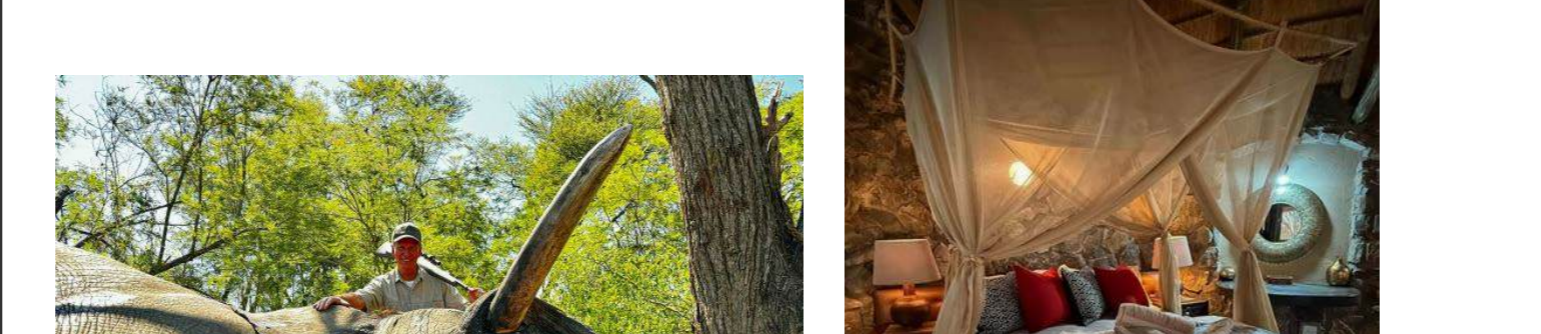


If you book your BUFFALO HUNT for 2026, you will receive a discount of \$1000. You will also receive a free day trip to visit the famous Victoria Falls, not far from the Caprivi hunting area, or else you can opt to do a day of spear fishing with the locals, or a day trip to the Chopi National Park, also just across the river from the hunting area. Do not miss out on this opportunity — you have plenty of time to book your dream buffalo safari as the best time to hunt, starts in July till November!



**Why hunting buffalo in the Caprivi?**  
It is a free range safari in the safest and most stable country in Africa  
No size limit, only matured post-productive bulls will be hunted. Own concession and exclusive hunting rights  
No terrorist activity or corrupt road blocks — easy access and a 1 page document to get a rifle permit  
No choppers or transportation cost or taxi/driver drop off fee — easy to reach with a choice of 2 airports  
No tsetse flies or excessive insect activity  
Regulated game hunting and successful conservation program  
Authentic tented safari camp, a lap and frepit, small bush spa and true African cuisine — why wait to book your dream buffalo safari?

In SOUTH AFRICA we have a 1 permit for a free-range hippo in the 75000 acre Resene — this is promised to be a spectacular safari. Please email us if you are interested. We also have two non-exportable elephants available in an area close to the Kruger National Park for \$19750. It is an adventurous hunt with a 5-star lodge.



We thank you for your time. We are looking forward to every safari on the booking sheet and will keep you posted on the outcome!

We conclude with this snapshot of the elephant drinking water in the Bushmenland camp.



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