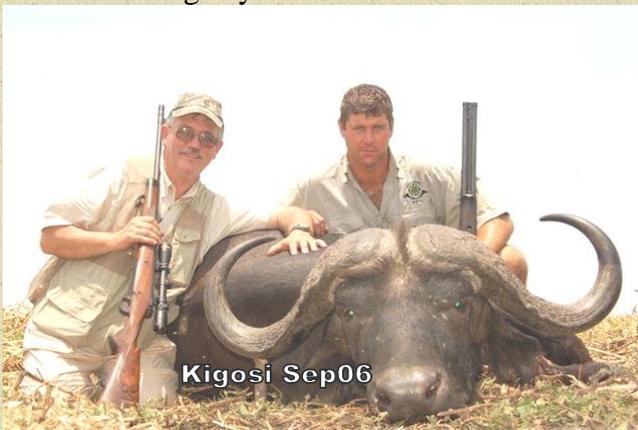


SAFARI NJEMA NEWS LETTER last for 06

Dear Fellow hunters and friends

It is that time of year again, where we as outfitters (PH) look back at the season and decide if it was a success or not. Well there were more good times than bad times, I am still alive and haven't been scratched or trampled on thus I can say I had a very good season. As far as the last part of the season went it was filled with buffalo hunts and hunts in Mto Wa Mbo near the Ngorongoro Crater. My last hunts were done in the Selous and believe me when I say it rained! The rain hasn't stopped this year and it was extremely difficult to hunt. If it carries on like this the R1, K4, M1 blocks will be transformed into a rain forest and we will be hunting forest buffalo and pigmy's. After my last newsletter I went to Kigosi where the big buffalo are and we were not disappointed. Hunting with MR Petersen and his son on a 2 x1 hunt we got both buffalo on the 1st and 2nd day - the last one was a real adrenalin pumping hunt. We saw a huge herd of buffalo in the swamp and cut around them for the wind. Then two warthogs spooked them and set the herd off running to the long grass at the end of the swamp (it is a dry swamp). I asked the client if he could "run a bit" (Col.Frank Foster would know what this means) with a nod of the head he say "yes"...and off we go. This swamp is full of termite hills and I would frequently use them to stand on top to get a better view. I saw a perfect termite hill just off the track from the herd that I would use as a perfect vantage point. Running hard to get to it with the client at my back about 6 yards away from it, it woke up and stood up!!!! IT WAS A BUFFALO SLEEPING. Well he snorted and we made sounds from the bottom. Lucky he turned and ran (not all buffalo charges immediately as people would think) the client shot and hit him in the hipbone and immediately followed up with a second shot. Then he disappears in to the long grass!! Silently, my tracker Hasani whispered "bwana angalia ndege wa mbogo" "Sir look a red bill ox pecker has landed about 20 yards into the long grass - that is where the buffalo is". Now this is where you need a good gun and trackers. With Hassani in front and the other tracker next to him we found the buffalo lying downas he saw us he turned and charged us! 5 bullets - 3 from the 416 ultra mag and 2 from the 500 nitro stopped him inches away. Another boring day in Africa.



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Here is some of the pictures taken in Mto-Wa-Mbo near the Ngorongoro crater hunting in this area is quite an experience as all the animals is amongst the cattle of the masai. Then there was this picture of a buffalo I took in the crater HOW BIG IS HE???



Ngorongoro



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Probably the saddest moment I had in my life is when you find an animal in the wild that had been snared by a poachers wire. The incredible pain this animal must go through is unbelievable .The best way to deal with it is to dispose of it in order to help it.

This is an on-going problem and needs money and staff to prevent it, something that is short in Africa. But there were also great moments and one just need to stop and savour them. Sometimes photos will help to describe it like this one in the Kigosi after a light drizzle.



This year as every year I must say thanks to my team and support staff. Without them it could not have been done. A special thanks to Kas from Shosolozza and Andrew from Mopane also to my wife Kathy who takes care of the business side in RSA when I'm not there.

I am looking forward to next year. Most of the dates in Tanzania are booked up with 3 buffalo left in Kigosi. The lion Quota has been cut and it will only be a matter of time before its completely closed. In RSA only wild free roaming lion will be hunted in the future. I do however have a few buffalo in RSA and some Rhino still available.

I will be in the USA from around the 23 Jan to 27 Feb 2007. I will also be doing the SEWE outdoor show so please come and visit.

Best regards
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