



BOKPOORT SAFARIS

Christo Roos - Professional Hunter & Owner

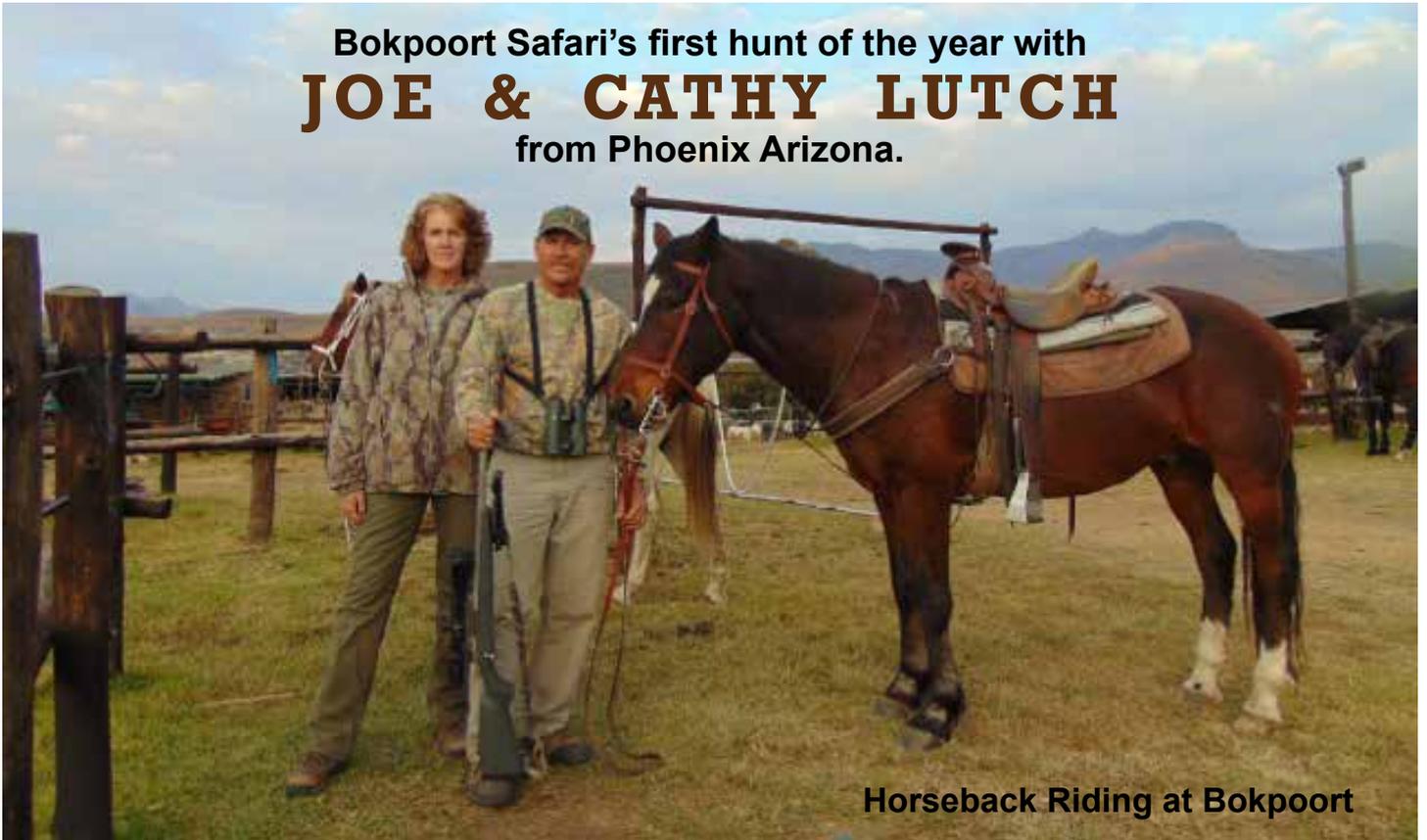
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Bokpoort Safari's first hunt of the year with
JOE & CATHY LUTCH
from Phoenix Arizona.



Horseback Riding at Bokpoort

A Impala Ram. His first one down on his trip with Bokpoort Safaris.



Our journey to South Africa began in early 2015 when my wife and I met Christo Roos of Bokpoort safaris and his friend Steve at a show in Phoenix. After visiting several booths I chose Christo because he is a small outfitter where we would be the only clients involved at the time of our stay. I knew I would not just be another number and all of his attention would be directed at us. Steve Skrypzak is a friend of

Christo's and has been to South Africa nine times and was a wealth of knowledge and very patient with me and all my questions. I could call him anytime. I contacted two people on his reference list and both could not say enough about Christo and Bokpoort Safaris. Shortly after the show our hunt was booked and the wait began. I cannot count the times I looked at his website and watched the videos in anticipation of our upcoming safari.

Hanging Out



Gemsbuck



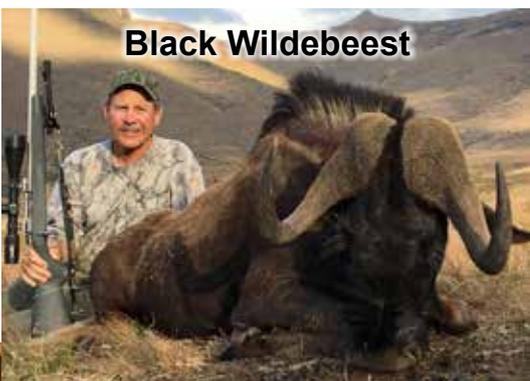
Blue Wildebeest



Zebra



Black Wildebeest



After the long wait our journey began. We were picked up by Christo at the airport and travelled north to the Limpopo province to hunt a friends farm for kudu, impala, blue wildebeest, and warthog. After dinner and a short night our safari began. Late in the morning while on a walk some Impala moved in front of us and after a short stalk I had my first African game animal. No detail is left out in taking pictures. The second afternoon we spotted a lone blue wildebeest which was judged to be an old trophy bull, the shot was made, and I had my second animal. I was on cloud nine. After pictures we continued hunting and on a walk right at dark we spotted a kudu bull. He ran out and stopped a little over a hundred yards and Christo advised it is a good one take him. After the shot he ran and we trailed him in the dark. The trackers found him in less than a hundred yards in the dark. The beauty of a kudu bull is unbelievable and ours had a beautiful cape. The only thing left on our list was warthog and we bagged two the next day. The second one was shot in the afternoon and was an exceptional trophy.

With our list complete there we travelled south towards Bokpoort, but stopped on a farm late morning to hunt gemsbok. After a short hunt my gemsbok was down. Now I was really on cloud nine. After lunch we headed toward Clarens in the Free State where Bokpoort is located. We arrived late afternoon and settled in. We met Christos wife, Helena, their two sons, and Phillip, Christos young assistant. We were made to feel right at home. Here is where our horseback safari began in the Maluti Mountains where Christo grew up. The next morning while on horseback we spotted two zebra and the stalk was on. After a long shot a nice stallion zebra was down. We had to skin it on the side of the mountain and packed it out with the horses. The next day we were after black wildebeest, but while in the mountains Christo spotted a trophy blesbok and asked if I would like to take him. He didn't have to ask twice.

After a very long shot the blesbok was down. From there we had lunch at Christo's high mountain camp and relaxed a little. On the way out the hunt was on for the black wildebeest. After spotting a group and a stalk to approximately four hundred yards Christo was able to pick out a big bull in the group. After the shot the bull was down and that was the end of our hunting safari. The horseback safari was truly an unbelievable experience.

The next couple of days were spent relaxing and shopping. Christo took us to town where we shopped, had lunch and listened to stories. On our last day he took us to the airport with our horns, skins, and luggage. We dropped the trophies off at the taxidermist and were taken to one last place to shop for African trinkets as Christo would call them. We said our goodbyes at the airport and the long journey home began. I cannot say enough about Christo, his family, Phillip, and our first African safari. If we go back and we would truly like to in two years, it would be with Bokpoort safaris! We were treated like friends and not customers!

Joe and Cathie Lutch



Warthog



Kudu



At the Range



Blesbuck



Interaction with Lion Cubs

