Dear friends, family and clients,

Another year has passed us by and WXS is busier than ever.

This year saw many firsts for us:

. A wedding - Heidi Weiland and Simon Pierce combined a hunt with Tshipise Safaris and a beautiful and romantic wedding at Royal Chundu Luxury Zambeze Lodge in Zambia.

. A Namibian group bird hunt with Bird Hunters Namibia - over 20,000 shots fired in ten days - lots of laughter and great hunting.

. Hunting the Caprivi Strip in Namibia with African Safari Trails

. A new area in the north of Mozambique – M’Tsewa – with Zambeze Delta Safaris

. Hunting with a new Outfitter – Albert Alberts Lowveld Safaris – a specialist in lion hunting

Thank you one and all for sharing your great photos, and for your continued support of WSX. I hope the following report will inspire you to hunt in 2014:

**Albert Alberts Lowveld Safaris, South Africa**

A magnificent ‘MGM’ lion was taken by one of our most Prolific hunting clients from Queensland. This new Outfitter has several lion hunting areas near Kimberley and closer to Botswana. He also has a new area for 2014 called ‘Letaba’ which boasts the best ‘free range’ area in South Africa for Elephants up to 70lb, enormous Cape Buffalo and Hippo.

**Ngahere Game Lodge, New Zealand**

Pat Condon and Geoff Monson both hunted Red Deer. Pat also took an Arapawa Ram. A bird hunting group unfortunately experienced some of the worst weather for many years, but did manage one exceptional day on Paradise Duck. Ngahere Game Lodge have now No 1 and 2 SCI Arapawa Rams to their name.

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Pat Condon said:  I loved the hunt, the food, the accommodation, Bruce and Mieke - in fact the whole setup!! I will definitely hunt with Ngahere again
James Iaconese also hunted birds in New Zealand with Twilight Hunting. For those of you who have previously hunted with Twilight Hunting you will be saddened to learn that Bevan Knowles passed away earlier this year.

**Tshipise Safaris, South Africa**

Another very busy year for Tshipise Safaris who continue to provide exceptional hunting. Owner Peet Bezuidenhout definitely puts in the effort required to have return hunters year after year.

Regular client **Beau Bugter** added to his collection of trophies a Kudu, Blesbuck, Red Hartebeest, Lechwe, Bontebuck, and Caracal. Beau also completed his Springbuck ‘Grand Slam’ (4 varieties).

**Christopher Loft and Kane Maniapoto** both first time hunters in Africa.
Kane used both bow and rifle and hunted a Kudu, Impala, Warthog, Burchell’s Zebra and Nyala. Christopher shot Impala, Warthog, Gemsbok, Burchell’s Zebra and Nyala.

**Simon Pierce and Heidi Weiland** combined their hunt at Tshipise Safaris with a wedding at Royal Chundu Luxury Lodge in Zambia. Simon’s dad, David, and brother Nick also joined the hunt at Tshipise. As well as the wedding in Zambia and sightseeing at Victoria Falls, they had time for a spot of Tiger fishing in the mighty Zambeze.

We cannot sing the praises enough for you Ian, Pam, Chris & Watto. You guys (especially Chris & Ian) have dedicated many months of your time to ensure that my husband and I, and family & friends, experienced the most magical “African” wedding and hunting holiday ever! A strange combination I know to have a wedding and go on Safari, but you guys think outside the square and brought our dream holiday and hunt to life. Nothing is too much trouble for you all and you saw to every minute detail of our wedding & hunt so that it was seamless. It was exceptionally well planned and executed and you have definitely exceeded all our expectations. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed and we have appreciated everything you have done for us. There have been so many unexpected gestures of kindness from you all that have touched us deeply. You are family to us now, and we look forward to planning many more exciting hunting & non-hunting adventures with you in the future. Once is Never enough Ian – you are so right! Heidi & Simon Pierce
Scott Mitchell and Sean Fagan our first Northern Territory clients hunted in both the Kalahari and Limpopo areas of South Africa. Scott’s list of trophies included a Kudu, Impala, Warthog, Blue Wildebeest, Gemsbok and Zebra. Sean took a Kudu, Impala, Warthog, Gemsbok, Zebra and Bushbuck.

Ian Head took a ‘mangy’ lion at Tshipise Safaris – it turned out to be not so very ‘mangy’ – not a large mane, but a large body and keen to make a kill! Ian took him at 20 metres when he thought he was about to be eaten!

Julie and Sam Casilli hunted with Tshipise Safaris and celebrated a wedding anniversary at &Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge.

Mark Jones loved his hunt so much last year that he backed it up again this year taking a bevy of trophies including Gemsbok, Eland, Grysbok, Klipspringer, Steenbuck and Croc.
Good friends Mario Mori and Neil Kermeen also hunted for the first time in Africa. Unfortunately Neil had to cut his time short but still managed to take a Zebra, Nyala and Impala in only three days. Mario had a much more leisurely hunt and took Impala, Nyala, Zebra, Kudu and Eland.

Maria Mori wrote:

From the moment we booked with World Safari Xpeditions we felt at ease, from the pickups and the drop offs and the actual hunting Safari - this was amazing. It was so well run we felt very at home, comfortable, and most importantly safe. Peet, and his wife Tania, who ran the Sigonde camp, at Popallin Ranch, were very hospitable, always going out of their way to please us and made sure every detail was 100%. The actual hunt was extremely well run and our Professional Hunters (PH) - Dion and Peet - were terrific and true to their title - incredibly professional. The trackers provided to us were wonderful. In fact all the staff at the camp were great, and always smiling and nothing was a problem. We would highly recommend this adventure to anyone interested in going on a Safari and to book through World Safari Xpeditions.

Zambeze Delta Safaris, Mozambique

Four hunts in Mozambique including one in a new area out of Pemba in the north. Paul Collis took a Buffalo and Sable. Jerry Giddings took a Buffalo, Bushpig and Warthog. Tim Reeve took a Buffalo and Warthog. John Sutherland took a Buffalo hunting in the new area of M’Tsewa.

John Sutherland wrote:

'I would like to thank you again for your superb organizational skills, it made the trip so much easier. I look forward to my next trip overseas with you'.
**Bird Hunters Namibia, Namibia**

Our first bird hunt in Namibia was a success and heaps of fun. 20,000 shots in ten days. Charlie Merceica, Charlie Zahra, John Camilleri, Paul Holt, Mark Rogers, Ron Benington, Brian Watson and Ian Head. Two excellent Sand Grouse shoots were an unbelievable experience and a highlight of the trip.

**African Safari Trails – Namibia**

**Brian Watson** and **Ian Head** hunted three elephants in the famed reed beds and swamps of the **Caprivi Strip** in Namibia. Ian said of the trip:

"The Caprivi was fantastic - real hunting. Everything there either wants to stomp you, eat you, suck the life out or you're just simply wants to kill you. It's an amazing place to hunt and you _will_ hunt – it's no walk in the park, just a swamp and reed beds, so you need to like water".

Brian Watson wrote:

"My dream was once limited to hunting a big male lion. Once done, the bar has just been getting higher. Achieving the 'Big Five' along the way, is another milestone that I may not have attained without 'Heady' by my side. His ability to find that little extra is extraordinary. How many more buttons can he push?"

**Marromeu Safaris, Mozambique**

**Ron Bennington** fulfilled a long time wish to hunt buffalo in Mozambique. Animals taken were Buffalo, Bushpig and Warthog. Ron then joined up with the group bird hunt in Namibia where he also took a Zebra and a Warthog.
High Pheasant Shoots, Australia
Five groups, comprising of six guns participated once again in the picturesque area around Pyalong in northern Victoria.

Ian Waldron wrote:
I don’t usually write many emails of praise but in this case it would be remiss if I didn’t congratulate you on the professional manner in which the shoot was run yesterday. As you are aware I regularly shoot driven pheasant in England and have shot many of the famous drives on large estates. Your birds were presented high and flew well, they were in excellent feather, (no sign of cage rearing) on cleaning the birds they truly are of restaurant quality not shot up which confirms the presentation of the drives. The spit roast lunch at the wool shed was a most enjoyable finish to an excellent day. Thank you once again.

Coming up in 2014:

Wild Deer Hunting and Outdoor Show is being held in Bendigo on February 1 and 2. Our stand numbers are 121, 122 and 123. We are helping with the Charity Dinner/Auction on the Saturday evening to raise money for Parents for Cancer Research. Please ring Christine on 03 9775 1916 if you would like a ticket. Don’t miss out on a great night.

SSAA is being held at Rosehill Gardens and Event Centre in Sydney on June 21 and 22. Our stand numbers are 235 and 236.

ADA Ipswich dates are October 18 and 19.

We are also taking a stand at the Holiday & Travel Show in Melbourne on March 29 and 30. We will be promoting safari holidays with our partner &Beyond, a well respected and world award winning eco tourism company.

So if you are planning a hunt, a wedding or just a safari holiday then give World Safari Xpeditions a call, or come by one of our expo stands and say hello.

I am once again off to SCI in Las Vegas in early February to seek out the best deals for our clients – if you are looking for a particular hunt, then let me know. I am already planning with my good friend and client Brian Watson, to investigate an area in Namibia called ‘Bushmanland’ which is known for its Roan and non-trophy bull elephants.

Thank you to all those who have booked to go on my 60th birthday bird hunt with Bird Hunters Africa. We are also running another shoot with Bird Hunters Namibia in October – only three places left for those who would like to experience Sand Grouse shooting at its best.

Merry Christmas, and safe hunting to you all.

Ian and Pam Head and Christine Coles