



NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM ALL OF US AT STIRLING SAFARIS!

Welcome back to another issue of the Stirling newsletter.

We hope you enjoy this edition!

Please feel free to share this newsletter with fellow hunters.

FAMILY NEWS

Stirling Welcomes A New Staff Member

We are beyond happy and excited to announce that our family has grown by two little feet.

Meet the new love of our lives and also the new boss in the house – **Richann Mahne**.

Also daddy's new hunting buddy and assistant PH and mommy's new man.

Born on July 6th at 10:10, he weighed 3.1kg and measured 50cm. We were blessed with a very smooth delivery and both mom and baby are doing great. Dad has not yet changed a diaper.

Hunters are encouraged to book early for Richann's first year as a Stirling PH in 2041.



PREPARING FOR AN AFRICAN SAFARI

Shot Placement On African Game & Hitting your Target: Where Should I Aim?



The vast majority of your shots should be aimed at the heart/lung area when you hunt an African animal. Only in specific circumstances, and when very accurate shots can be made, should you aim for the spine or head. A neck/spine shot will bring the animal down instantly, but it is a relatively small target and placed very differently on some of the African animals!

The heart/lung area however, presents a large target on the animals. Shots with large enough caliber bullets of the proper construction to penetrate bones etc, will typically bring the animal down very quickly, with a minimum of suffering and tracking involved.

While the anatomy of most African species of antelope is not radically different from the deer and elk you are probably used to hunt. it's not exactly the same either. Remember: most species of plains game in Africa are antelope, not deer.

In general, the shoulders on antelope are set a little bit farther back on the body than on deer. With that in mind, **on a broadside animal, aim at the middle of the shoulder about 1/3 the way up into the body, using the back of the front leg as your line.** That shot placement will hit both lungs and the heart.

Ideal shot placement can also vary significantly for some species of African game, and on some species the lungs or heart can be proportionally large or small, compared to the animals body size.

One thing that is always important to remember, is being able to visualize the location of the heart/lung area when the animals is quartering away or towards you.

Study all shot placements before the hunt, and **ALWAYS** listen to your PH's instructions! It is very important to rely on your professional hunter for the best advice.

The green markings are NOT recommended shot placements, but just an indication of the brain location. Brain shots are normally not recommended.

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PLACEMENT GUIDE**



PASSING IT ON

There is something magical in seeing your son, daughter or grandchild hunting his or her first animal and being taught the value of conservation and the true meaning of hunting.

Shooting the animal forms only a small part of the experience. Togetherness in nature strengthens a family bond and creates lifelong memories.

Stirling has recently hosted two safaris in which father/son teams participated.

Scott and Jordan Suell of Alabama and Bryan and Levi Barton of Kentucky were in camp at separate times conducting treasured experiences.

Shortly after these two hunts a grandfather/grandson team joined us for both of their's first African safari.

We also had a father-daughter team, also from Alabama, that joined us in camp for a short 7 day safari.

These multi-generational hunts are some of the most enjoyable to be a part of and Stirling is proud and honored to be involved in passing on this priceless heritage.

We enjoy hosting and guiding hunters of all ages and experience levels.

COOKING STIRLING STYLE

FEATURED RECIPE

“Braaibroodjie”

(South African Grilled Cheese, Tomato & Onion Sandwich)



Combine bread, cheese and live fire and you have a match straight from heaven – and no one does a finer version of this style of grilled cheese than the BBQ masters of South Africa!

It is usually served as a side dish with BBQ meat.

Braaibroodjie translates to “barbecue bread”, and this sandwich stacks slices of cheddar, tomato, onions, and chutney before grilling. The chutney is key: Mrs. Ball's, an iconic brand in South Africa, is made from dried fruits and vinegar, but any sweet and sour chutney will do.

Traditionally served at the end of the BBQ for good reason, because the temperature of the coals should not be exceedingly hot as the bread toasts rather quickly, so it is best to make your braaibroodjies only after the meat has been cooked. Wood coals always give a better flavor (than charcoal) to the toasting process.

Recipe Ingredients:

(For two sandwiches)

- 4 White Bread Slices
- Butter / Margarine
- Mrs Balls Original Fruit Chutney (Chutney Substitute: Sweet Chillie Sauce / Apricot Jam)
- 1 - 1½ Cup Cheddar/Gouda Cheese (Sliced Or Grated)
- 1 Tomato (Very Thinly Sliced) (2-3 Slices Per “Braaibroodjie”)
- 1 Red/White Onion (Very Thinly Sliced Rings) (3-4 Slices Per “Braaibroodjie”)
- Salt And Black Pepper

Recipe Directions:

1. Build the braaibroodjies: Spread butter on one side of each slice of bread (these sides will be outward-facing in the assembled braaibroodjie). Place half the bread slices butter-side down; (you can add butter on the inside as well) spread chutney on them and evenly distribute all the cheese, tomato and onion on top. Grind salt and pepper over that. Cover with the remaining bread slices, buttered sides facing upwards.
2. Braaibroodjies should be turned often and are braaied in a closed, hinged grid. You want medium-paced, gentle heat and the grid should be relatively high. Your aim is for the cheese to be melted and all other fillings to be completely heated by the time the outsides are golden brown. Slightly opening and closing your hinged grid a few times after the first few turns of the braai process helps the braaibroodjies not to get stuck to the grid.
3. Once done, slice each braaibroodjie in half. Generally, I believe that the correct way to slice braaibroodjies is diagonally and the correct time to serve is immediately.

OFF THE WALL

Some of our clients have recently received their taxidermy mounts of Stirling trophies taken in 2022.

While we do not handle the taxidermy process of your trophies ourselves, we work with trusted partners in the industry that provide quality service.

Clients usually receive their trophies within 7-12 months with some shipments taking up to 18 months.



DID YOU KNOW?

Honey badger skin is 6 millimetres thick. That is thicker than almost all other animals. To provide some perspective, that is similar to the skin of Cape buffalo, an animal that weighs 50 times more than the honey badger.

This skin has a rubbery quality and is far larger than the animal. Essentially, the skin is like a set of loose-fitting clothes that the animal can move around in.

Honey badgers can turn and twist within their own skin. That's not a fashion statement, it is a genius mode of self-defense.

They are one of very few non-primates known to manufacture and use tools. For example, they will roll fallen tree branches into position so they can climb to a food source. If they can't dig under an obstacle, they will build ladders to get over it.

Check out this incredible video showing how a honey badger escapes from multiple enclosures on a South African farm.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c36UNSoJenI>



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



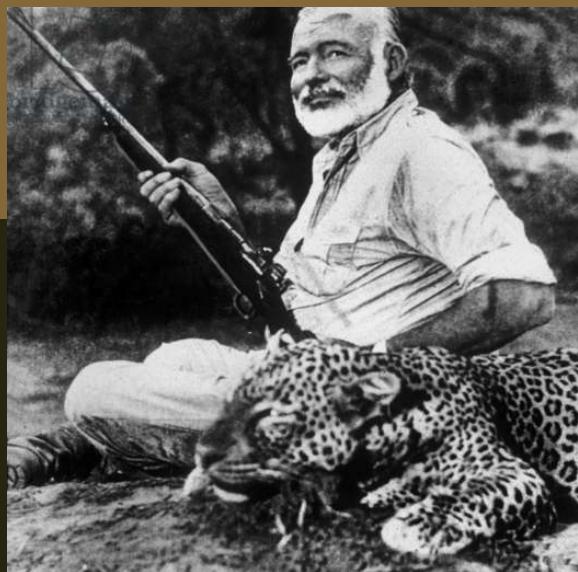


SCI RECORD BOOK ENTRIES

Over the past few years some magnificent trophies have been taken at Stirling and these animals along with their hunters deserve to be honored in SCI's record book.

With each entry into SCI's record book of trophies taken with Stirling, the hunter will be given a credit of \$35 toward the next safari at Stirling Safaris. Submitting an entry is simple and can be done completely online. Go to www.safariclub.org and submit an entry to get the recognition you and your trophy deserve.

Notify us when your entry is accepted and we will apply the credit toward an upcoming safari.



BOOK YOUR HUNT

We have only a few dates available for 2023. And the 2024 calendar is starting to fill up fast so don't delay in securing your dates.

Please get in contact and we will put together an unforgettable, customized hunting trip for you.

**Wishing you all the best!
Happy hunting!**



ROLAND &
THE STIRLING
TEAM

“I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not happy.”
-Ernest Hemmingway-