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The Great RHINO Hunt

Danny & Robert (Punch) Deshotels

South Africa 2018

LET THE GAMES BEGIN



We started the hunt for Rhino in STYLE
A glass of wine and great big SMILE
September 13, 2018



I told her my uncle said she was border-line, drop-dead gorgeous.
She looked his way and said no one had ever told her anything that nice.
Border-line? Hmmmm!



September 15, 2018

Our first day on
Steyn Ranch in
South Africa



Getting a GOOD
Start on our first
evening.

SO GOOD!



We're on a MISSION to find THIS White Rhino

FIRST TROPHY OF THE TRIP



Danny took this beautiful mountain zebra at about 200 yds. with his 30-378 Weatherby

Danny & Punch

Pretty proud of
the first kill.

Danny used a
180 GR bullet



Danny with our Amazing Guide
Mr. Clayton Fletcher

Mountain Zebra
September 16, 2018

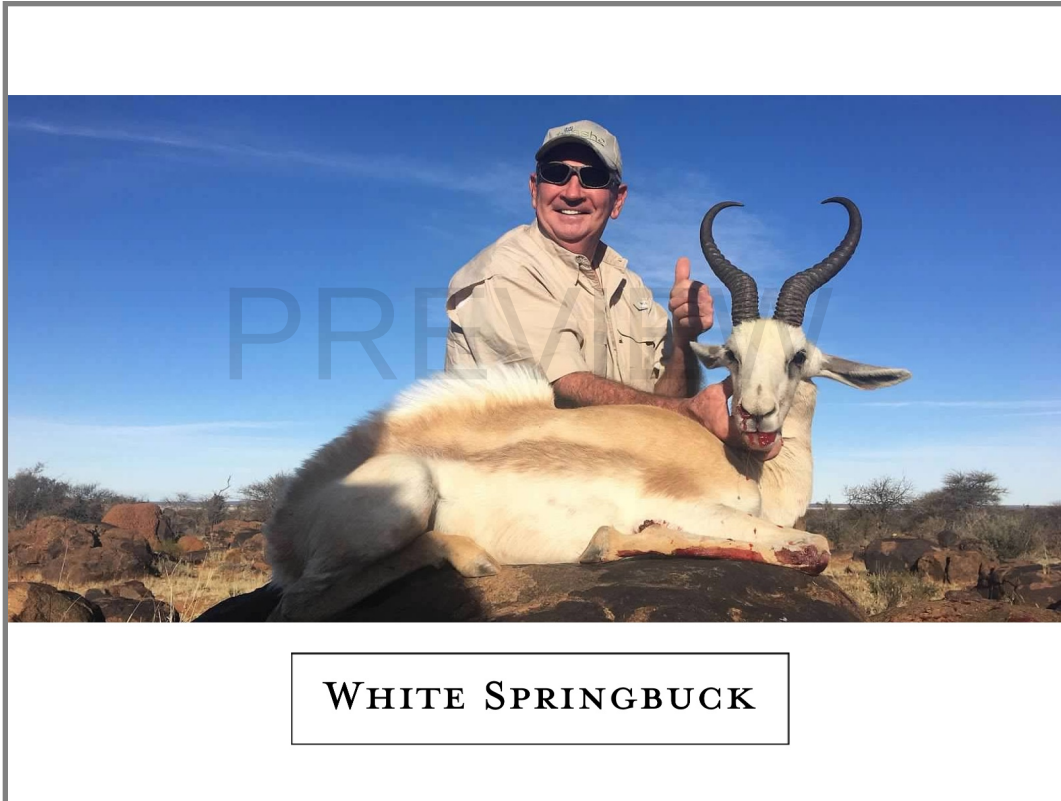


NAYLA

September 16, 2018



Day 1 was a good day!
Punch landed his first trophy of the trip.
This stunning Nayla was taken about 75 yds.
with Uncle Danny's 30-378 Weatherby



WHITE SPRINGBUCK

Hell Yes!



Punch took this White Springbuck at about 225 yds. with
Uncle Danny's 30-378 Weatherby.

September 16, 2018

WHITE RHINO

The white rhinoceros or square-lipped rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*) is the largest extant species of rhinoceros. It has a wide mouth used for grazing and is the most social of all rhino species. The white rhinoceros consists of two subspecies: the southern white rhinoceros, with an estimated 19,682,21,077 wild-living animals in the year 2015, and the much rarer northern white rhinoceros. The northern subspecies has very few remaining individuals, with only two confirmed left in 2018 (two females; Fatu, 17 and Najin, 27), both in captivity. Sudan, the world's last known male northern white rhinoceros, died in Kenya on 19 March 2018.







WHAT A MONSTER!



Our guide, Mr. Clayton Fletcher, Danny,
Mr. Alexander, owner of the Steyn Ranch,
and our Rhino guide, Mr. Courtney

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

- (1) It took a lot of man power to get this beast in position for the photo shoot.
- (2) Mr. Corney and his helpers spent about 2 hours detaching the main horn.
- (3) Uncle Danny telling how he could have shot sooner but he listened to the guide and it worked out for the best.
- (4) Punch & Danny
How many people get to be in a pic with a REAL RHINO? I didn't want to miss my chance.
- (5) Detaching the big horn.
- (6) Finally, they cut long enough and pushed hard enough and it broke loose.
- (7) Removing the smaller horn
- (8) Ready to transport.
- (9) Putting the hurt on that John Deere





STEYN RANCH

The perfect place to relax after an amazing day of hunting.



Danny with his Rhino horn.
A microchip was installed by a
government agent after it was
harvested.

Mr. Alex, the owner of the ranch
offered Danny \$200,000 for the horn,
but he decided he was just going to
keep it for a while.





These numbers were written on the horn by the government agent who was there with us to witness harvesting the Rhino. The numbers are required for tracking purposes.

They have very tight security on these animals as we all know.



Our Hosts
Mr. Alexander & his beautiful wife, Hester.

She just had to have a picture with us two studs!

PREVIEW



The high electric fence with video cameras monitors 24 hours per day. The rancher spends over 40K per MONTH, just for security to try and keep the poachers out!



LEAVING THE
STEYN RANCH

September 17, 2018





RED HARTEBEEST



Punch, with his first of
two hartebeests.
This one was taken at
about 100 yds.

September 18, 2018



This Springbuck was taken at about 225 yds.

Punch landed this Black Springbuck with Uncle Danny's 30-378 Weatherby SUPER FINE Rifle.

BLACK SPRINGBUCK

Two trophies in one day!





TROPHY GEMSBOK

September 19, 2018

This Gemsbok was taken at about 250 yds.



Danny and Punch admiring Punch's gorgeous Gemsbok



BLACK SABLE

This sable measured 45". This is truly a trophy considering the world record for this animal is 48". Danny took this gorgeous beast down with his favorite rifle, that Blaza Double 470 Nitro.

The handsome Sable Antelope is the national animal of Zimbabwe and is one of the most sought after for photographers and trophy hunters alike due to its scimitar horns.

They are very aggressive when it comes to danger, defending themselves fiercely against Lions, Hyenas and Wild Dogs. They will lie down and defend themselves with their horns as a last resort. Breeding herds are led by cows.



Trophy

September 19, 2018





KUDU ANTELOPE

September 20, 2018

Punch took this prize 51"
Kudu at about 45 yds. with
Uncle Danny's 30-378
Weatherby rifle.

Gorgeous animal!

BLACK IMPALA



September 20, 2018

Punch took this very rare Black Impala at about 230 yds. with "you know what".



Uncle Danny trying to make Punch a DEAL on his rifle. HA!

Below: Mr. Clayton, master tracker and guide with Punch. Both are pretty pleased with this rare find.

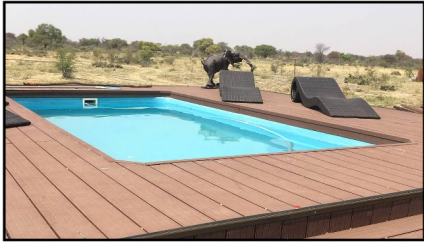
He looks brown in the photos because of the dust.

They are really jet black.





TINASHE LODGE & SAFARI
BOPHIRIMA, SOUTH AFRICA





Our hosts following the Rhino hunt were Mr. Clayton, his wife Sabrina Fletcher, and their son, Hunter.

The accommodations were first class. They provided presidential service whether we were having steak for dinner or just enjoying the veranda after a long day in the desert.





GOLDEN WILDEBEEST



September 21, 2018

This Golden Wildebeest was taken
by Danny at about 150 yds.



Special thanks to our fantastic guide, Mr. Clayton. Because of his relentless pursuit, Danny
was finally able to take him down after more than 4 hours of tracking.

BLACK MAMBA



You will see his tracks on the lower left side of pic.
This is the track of a black mamba.

To give you an idea of how bad these snakes are, about three months before we arrived to hunt our guide Mr. Clayton had a rhino killed by a mamba bite and he is pretty sure it was probably this one.

About two weeks before we arrived a neighboring rancher's horse was also bitten by one of these and fell over dead after 18 min!

They don't carry antivenom because the dosage would have to be so potent, it alone would kill you. You just try not to think about it when you are hunting, oh and by-the-way they can grow up to about 12' and can stand 2' from the end of its tail! Yes, that means they can stand up to 10' high. Just one of the reasons everyone is terrified of them and forget about outrunning them.

Ain't gonna happen !!!



TRACKER IN TRAINING

This is Bullet, a 6 month old wire-haired spaniel. Cute little fella but he's got a way to go. Some day Bullet will make a good tracker. For now, he provides entertainment.



BLESBOK

September 23, 2018

The blesbok or blesbuck (*Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi*) is an antelope endemic to South Africa.

It has a distinctive white face and forehead which inspired the name, because bles is the Afrikaans word for a blaze such as one might see on the forehead of a horse.

Punch: Smiling because he just made the his best shot of this hunt.
He took this Blesbok at 442 yds.

Uncle Danny: Smiling because the price on that SWEET 30-3078
Weatherby keeps going up!

SUPER KUDU

September 23, 2018



The chase for this Kudu took about 7 hours of really high, intense, tracking before Danny was finally able to take him down.

Without the help of Mr. Clayton Fletcher and his trackers, there is just no way he would have been able to take this trophy.



Punch's Kudu was a trophy at 51" but this Monster stretched out to 63"!



Current World Record is 66.9"
This can certainly be classified as a Super Trophy.



September 23, 2018

RED HARTEBEEST



This Red Hartebeest was taken by Punch at about 150 yds.

Young Hunter Fletcher, was our guide for the final hunt. He did a great job of finding this one.

The first and last are always the hardest, you know!!

Last Animal of This Amazing Hunt





FAREWELL

Punch & Uncle Danny

Enjoying a shot of Jack to
complete this fantastic trip,
before boarding the first plane
for home.

This was definitely another one
for the books!

