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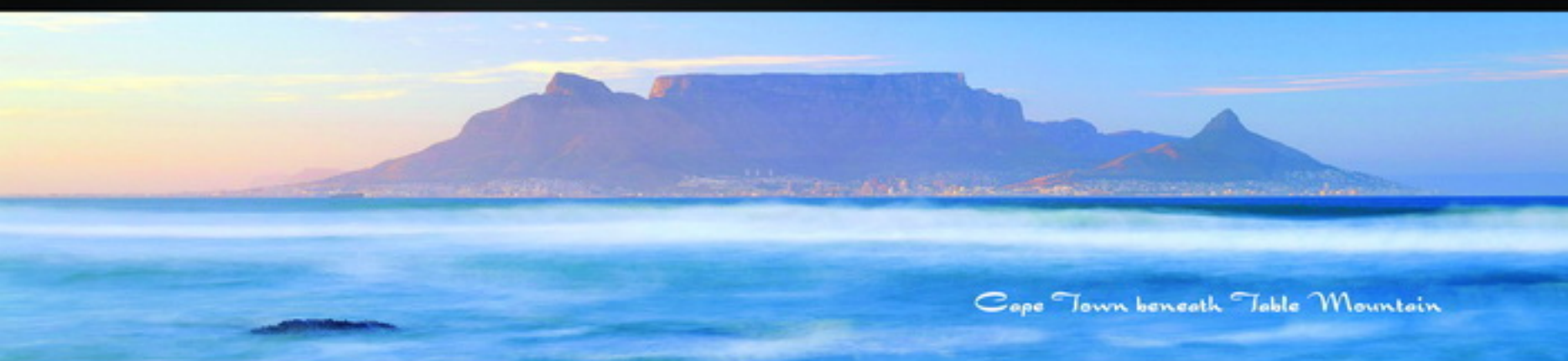
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THE TEAM



Cape Town beneath Table Mountain

Iain Robertson	(Captain)	Great Britain	Scotland	Oxfordshire
Alwyn McLean	(Vice-Captain)	Great Britain	Ireland	Ulster
David Crispin	(Adjutant)	Great Britain	England	Surrey
David Calvert	(Chief Coach)	Great Britain	Ireland	Ulster
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Gary Alexander		Great Britain	Ireland	Tyrone
Jonny Borland*			Scotland	East of Scotland
James Bullock		Great Britain	England	Nottinghamshire
Simon Carson*			Ireland	Ulster
Chris Claridge*			England	Sussex
Gareth Davies*			England	Norfolk
Steve East*			England	Berkshire
Colin Johnston		Great Britain	Ireland	Ulster
Neil Moxon		Great Britain	England	Wiltshire
Julie Ouston		Great Britain	England	Hertfordshire
Nigel Penn		Great Britain	England	Northants, Leics & Rutland
Peter Seebohm*			Scotland	Hertfordshire
Rick Shouler		Great Britain	England	Nottinghamshire
Mick Silver*			England	Oxfordshire
Ben Stevens*				London
Jon Underwood		Great Britain	England	Surrey
<i>Reserve:</i>				
Lauren Crowson				

* denotes New Caps



H.R.H. The Prince Of Wales



CLARENCE HOUSE

As President of the National Rifle Association, I am delighted that the Great Britain Rifle Teams continue to compete strongly throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. These exchanges do much to cement relationships and understanding between countries, forged through a shared history and culture. Added benefits include the broader personal perspectives which arise from experiences in the international arena and the friendships which grow from a mutual commitment to amateur sport in its purest form.

It gives me great pride to see such a strong team leave these shores, and I have no doubt that it will be shown a warm welcome by its South African hosts, as well as challenging competition on the ranges. I am particularly pleased to learn that the team has a balance of youth and experience and this will no doubt be a wonderful opportunity for the older shots to pass on their knowledge to the next generation and to ensure that the high standards of the Great Britain Rifle Team are maintained in the future.

I wish the team every possible success and all participants the very best of luck, and look forward to hearing all about the tour upon its completion.

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MARCH 2012

- Saturday 10** Depart Bisley. Fly Heathrow to Johannesburg – BA55 and VS601
Sunday 11 Arrive Johannesburg and travel to Greater Kruger National Park
 Mohlabetsi Safari Lodge www.mohlabetsi.co.za
Monday 12 Acclimatisation – game drives and relaxation
Tuesday 13 Acclimatisation – game drives and relaxation
Wednesday 14 Travel to Nambiti Game Reserve
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Thursday 15 Tour of Battlefields or game drives
Friday 16 Travel to Nottingham Road
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- Saturday 17** Shooting at Nottingham Road
Sunday 18 Shooting at Nottingham Road
Monday 19 Canopy tour for the brave!
Tuesday 20 Travel to Bloemfontein
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- Wednesday 21** Free day to explore Bloemfontein and prepare for shooting
Thursday 22 09:20 Free State Championships
Friday 23 am Free State Championships Pairs Match
 13:30 Scottish Sword (2 + 10 at 300 & 900m)
Saturday 24 08:00 Hamilton Cup (Club teams of six 2 + 7 at 300, 500 & 600m)
 13:30 Rhodes Cup (Club teams of six 2 + 10 at 800 & 900m)
Sunday 25 Free day
Monday 26 08:00 Free State Cup (2 + 7 at 300, 500 and 600m)
 12:15 Official Opening Ceremony
 14:00 Dewar Shield (Club teams of six 2 + 10 at 300 & 600m)
Tuesday 27 08:00 Dalrymple Cup (2 + 10 at 300m, 2 + 11 at 600m)
 11:30 Kings Norton Cup (2 + 10 at 600m)
 14:00 Municipal Cup (2 + 10 at 800m)
 15:45 Dave Smith Cup (2 + 10 at 900m)
Wednesday 28 08:00 State President's First Stage (2 + 7 at 300, 500 and 600m)
 13:30 RSA International Match (Team of twelve 2 + 15 at 800
 and 900m)
 18:00 First Prizegiving
Thursday 29 08:00 Jack Mitchley (2 + 10 at 300m)
 09:45 President Cup (2 + 10 at 600m)
 11:30 President Cup (2 + 10 at 800m)
 14:15 Col R Bodley Memorial Match (2 + 10 at 900m)
 16:15 Tie shoots
 19:30 Protea Function and Announcing of Teams
Friday 30 08:00 State President's Second Stage (2 + 10 at 300, 500 and 600m)
 14:00 Team Practice alongside Inter-Provincial Matches
Saturday 31 08:15 Protea International Match
 (Team of twelve 2 + 10 at 300, 600 and 900m)
 13:30 State President's Third Stage (2 + 15 at 800 and 900m)
 18:00 Final Presentation of Prizes

APRIL 2012


- Sunday 1** Free day
Monday 2 Drive to Johannesburg. Fly Johannesburg to Heathrow
 - BA54 and VS602
Tuesday 3 Arrive back at Bisley

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The ultimate honour in sport is to lead one's country. To lead Great Britain in fullbore shooting is a particular privilege, one which for most captains comes only once in a lifetime. For me, to lead Great Britain in South Africa is the greatest step on a sporting road that began in 1974 when a coincidence of the layout of the Freshers Fair saw me join the University Air Squadron (which I had always intended to do) and the University Rifle Club (which had never occurred to me until that moment) in quick succession. The UAS led me to join the Royal Air Force, where the shooting led me to Bisley, where I met the RAF Target Rifle Club, who took me to South Africa on tour, where I was captivated by the country and the competition.

Since that first tour I have returned several times with the RAF team, with the Scottish team and as an individual competitor. Always, the welcome, like the country, has been big; the competition, like the cats, fearsome; and the sportsmanship, like the steaks, magnificent.

In a tour such as this the team effort is not just on the firing point. I must thank all the team members, first for placing their trust in me as captain, and second for putting in the effort needed to make the tour happen. Hours of work has gone into testing and loading ammunition, seeking and earning the substantial funds needed through donations, sales, corporate days at Bisley and so on and training to become a cohesive unit rather than a group of shooters.

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I thank the National Rifle Association, firstly for granting me the great privilege of leading this team on tour and secondly for support with finance, facilities and equipment in these difficult times.

Above all I must thank my wife Karen, herself a seasoned competitor in South Africa, who has supported, encouraged and bullied me into doing the tasks a captain must, while herself, as team manager, spending uncounted hours on the huge administrative burden that a touring team generates. My darling, I owe you a leopard.

To compete against South Africa on their home range is a huge challenge. Bernard de Beer leads a finely-honed and superbly-drilled team who put up a magnificent challenge at the recent World Championships. As well as pure skill, the test will be of discipline, organisation, preparation, commitment, tenacity and resolve. We are ready to do our best, to compete with honour and to continue to build the bonds of friendship that so characterise our sport.

Iain Robertson
Captain - Great Britain Rifle Team





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Over the years the competition between our two countries has always been fierce – we expect nothing less this year. The presence of a Great Britain Rifle Team at our championships, just make it so much more special for all our shottists.

To Iain Robertson and his team, we are looking forward to seeing all our old friends again and making new ones and experience the great camaraderie and intense competition between our two countries.

May everybody gather enough memories on this tour to last them a lifetime.

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Bernard De Beer
Chairman





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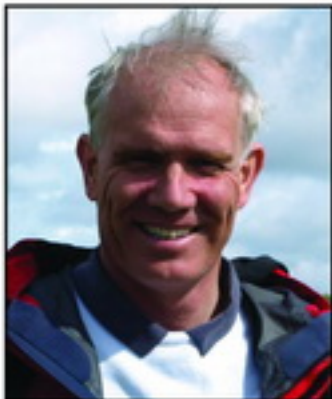
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CAPTAIN - IAIN ROBERTSON SM



Compared to many of the team, Iain came late to fullbore shooting, first visiting Bisley with the RAF in 1979. Amongst the machine-guns and pistols there was a Target Rifle match, and the 'expert' handed Iain an L39 saying "treat it like an overgrown .22". One fat lip later and having kept score literally on the back of a fag packet, Iain was hooked. Iain first appeared for Scotland in the 1988 National Match and about then started touring with RAF teams to Australia, Kenya, Germany and Jersey.

Iain first visited South Africa with the RAF team in 1994. That team was fairly successful in shooting and hugely successful in socialising. Iain being an enthusiast for both ill-advisedly volunteered to manage RAF tours in 1996 and 1998. One evening in Potchefstroom Iain found himself on a moonlit lakeside with a gorgeous girl called Karen. Some very bad behaviour followed. Iain and Karen were married in 1999 and have visited South Africa almost every year since shooting as individuals and with Scottish, Irish and RAF teams. They toured Canada on Iain's first GB appearance in 2002. Having been left behind for Iain's second GB tour to Kenya and Namibia, thus missing the leopards in Masai Mara, Karen decided that Iain needed organising. Karen is travelling as GB Team Manager. Despite

visiting South Africa at least 15 times Iain is having kittens at the prospect of leading Great Britain. If they turn out to be leopard cubs, that will keep Karen happy.

VICE-CAPTAIN - ALWYN MCLEAN QM

Alwyn is a retired Regular Army infantry Major who has transferred into the Reserve Forces and works on semi-permanent basis as the Training Major of a Medical Regiment based in Northern Ireland. He also dabbles in farming, light engineering and gunsmithing.

Alwyn has previously shot service rifle for the British Army and was on the GB Service Rifle team that toured South Africa in 1994. He won the Queens Medal in 1996 prompting his returned to target rifle shooting in 1997. This is his fourth GB tour having previously toured to New Zealand, Canada and the USA. This will be his seventh shooting visit to South Africa and he was last in South Africa as Vice-Captain of the Ireland team in 2009. He was the full-bore coach for the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games team to Delhi in 2010, is Captain of the Territorial Army Target Rifle Team, Captain of the Ireland Mackinnon Team and is the touring Armourer for the Athelings team each year to Canada.

Alwyn is married to Diane and they have two children, Keri and James. He is a keen all round sportsman. His greatest sporting moment was captaining the winning Ireland team in the National Match at Bisley in 2002.



ADJUTANT - DAVID CRISPIN



David works for an American IT company as a Technical Account Manager specialising in Network Attached Storage. He has never been to South Africa before and is really looking forward to experiencing many new things. It's hard to believe, looking at the very youthful picture, that he will celebrate his 50th birthday while on tour. Hopefully, he'll still be able to walk, unaided, to the firing point and even lift a few weighty beers to commemorate his half century.

This is David's third GB tour after New Zealand in 2010 and Canada last year. He spends a lot of time at Bisley as Chairman of the Surrey Rifle Association and is very proud of the recent work done by a very active committee. His other interest is flying light aircraft. David has a private pilots licence and flies a single engine Piper Archer from Fair Oaks airport in Surrey on hamburger runs to the Isle of Wight.



Why stage Corporate Days?

Shooting, in particular 7.62mm Target Rifle, has seen a dramatic drop in external financial support over the last decade. Although TR is a Commonwealth Games event and GB are the current World Champions, the sport is largely a mystery to the British public despite successes such as the 2010 Commonwealth Games where out of a possible nine medals, six went to shooters from Scotland, Northern Ireland and England. Great Britain Rifle Teams of recent years have run Corporate Hospitality events to raise awareness of shooting disciplines and their place in sport. They also allow people to try various types of firearm in competition against friends and colleagues. However from a competitor's point of view they are done to raise money for what is largely a self-funded sport.



What happens on the day?

The day will start off in one of the club houses on the historic Bisley Ranges with breakfast and a full safety brief. Guests will be organised into groups of about six who will be escorted from discipline to discipline by Great Britain team members. At each discipline expert coaches provide one-to-one instruction to ensure guests have a safe, enjoyable and successful experience.

The full range of disciplines supported by the NRA can be made available. Fullbore and smallbore rifle, Running Deer (Target), Gallery Rifle, Shotgun (Clay pigeon), Black Powder Pistol and more are all possibilities by arrangement.

Do guests need to bring anything?

All events with the exception of Fullbore Target Rifle are held under cover, but shooting is an outdoor sport; bring something warm and waterproof. All shooting is done under one-to-one supervision and all training and equipment is supplied. Breakfast, lunch and tea with light refreshments afterwards are provided. No previous experience is necessary. A small quantity of adventurousness is useful, and a sense of humour is occasionally handy, particularly if the weather is wet, windy or both.

We are now taking bookings for 2012 (even after the tour). To book your tailored day simply contact the team by telephone, email or through our website.

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MAIN COACH - DAVID CALVERT GM, SC, QM

David started fullbore target rifle shooting in Northern Ireland at Campbell College School, Belfast in 1965. His first international team experience followed three years later as a member of the Ireland National Match team, and he has since shot competitively on 6 Continents, touring with GB, Ireland, the Royal Air Force and Northern Ireland.

It is, however, South Africa that holds a special place in his heart, and the country that he has toured to most frequently, participating in the South African Championships every year since 1998 after first visiting with the Protea Match winning RAF team in 1996. What keeps him coming back? "It is combination of things: the high quality, early season competition; the interesting and challenging winds; the warm and sunny weather at the end of a UK winter; but, most importantly, it is the warm welcome, hospitality and sportsmanship of our South African hosts".



GARY ALEXANDER



Gary Alexander is an optometrist and company director of Specsavers Opticians in Newbury. Having started shooting at the Royal School Dungannon (Northern Ireland) his first visit to England was at the age of 13 to shoot the Imperial at Bisley and his attendance has been uninterrupted since. Touring and team shooting is much loved and with six GB tours and many more with Ireland, he has covered five continents and four countries within Africa. This has accumulated some practice as both coach and shooter and fond memories of the National and Elcho matches with Ireland and Kolapore, Protea, America and New Zealand matches with GB.

Gary also enjoys game shooting and with the passing on of his beloved Springer Spaniels finds his hands full in training his partner Zoe in the etiquette of the field. Training the Wiltshire Army Cadets, scuba diving and planning the "Fullbore World Tour" for 2013 seems to leave little free time.

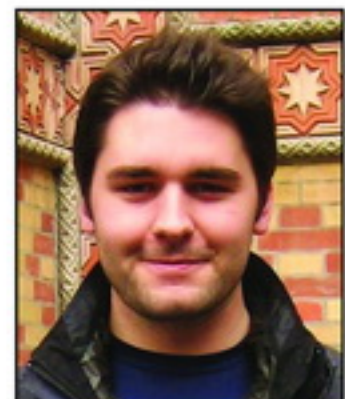
On this seventh visit to South Africa, Gary is very much looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and seeing new parts of this beautiful country, not forgetting the red wine and red meats yet to be enjoyed.

JONNY BORLAND

Jonny started shooting at Dollar Academy in 2001, and first discovered the wonderful world of Bisley that same year. Since then, he has shot for the World Championship winning GB Under 25 team, and placed a mere six places behind fellow handsome teammate (and Scot) Peter Seeböhm.

Jonny has represented Scotland since 2002, and in 2011 helped them retain the National. One of three athletes funded by sportscotland to travel to the World Championships in Brisbane, Jonny is also training in the Scotland High Performance Squad towards the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014. This is his first GB cap and second tour to South Africa, where he hopes to continue to be unbeaten in all matches, and with any luck catch a Super Rugby game.

Away from shooting, Jonny works in private equity for SL Capital Partners in Edinburgh. He can be found on the golf course, rowing a boat, lifting something heavy, doing something dangerous on the side of a mountain, or failing those, standing outside Domino's Pizza waiting for it to open.





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JAMES BULLOCK



James started life as a smallbore shooter, where he was a member of the GB Junior Squad more years ago than he cares to remember, but saw the light and made the transition to fullbore shooting about 20 years ago. He immediately started shooting for the Nottinghamshire fullbore team and has represented his county on over 100 occasions.

His first taste of touring came as a member of the NRA team to the Channel Islands in 1997. He has since shot for England in the European Long Range Championships, the National and also the Mackinnon. James represented Great Britain previously as a member of the team to Canada in 2000. Individually he has won the Admiral Hutton and managed to collect ten Queens / St Georges Final badges.

Shooting in South Africa has been an ambition for many years and James is really looking forward to touring in such a fascinating country. He has been following a gruelling pre-tour training regime to prepare for the fine red wine and steaks that form such an integral part of the tour.

In the real world, James juggles a busy family life with Judith, Tom and Hannah, and running the family business which is the UK's leading supplier of spare parts to the concrete industry (don't get him started).

SIMON CARSON



Simon started shooting in his last year at Campbell College, Belfast, and went to Bisley with the school that July. Since then he has improved very slowly. He joined Comber Rifle Club and has been attending Bisley regularly since. Although his main interest is fullbore target rifle he did go away from this for several years to concentrate on match rifle and now shoots both disciplines with a little smallbore in the winter. He has shot for Ireland in the Elcho, National and Mackinnon and won the Irish Open in 2010. He has toured with Ireland teams to Canada and South Africa.

Outside shooting he worked for a computer firm for 20 years in Human Resources and is now an independent HR Consultant specialising in Employee Relations. When not on the range he enjoys playing golf.

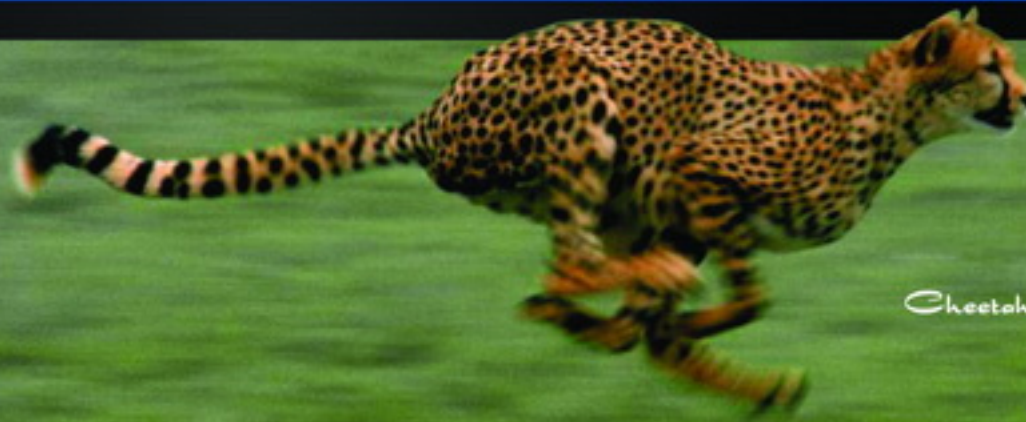
CHRIS CLARIDGE



This is Chris's first GB cap and he is looking forward to the challenge and excitement of shooting in South Africa again. Chris was an Atheling many years ago, he represented England in the National Match as a reserve and has shot for Sussex.

After joining the Army in 1982, overseas postings prevented any regular appearances at Bisley and, following a long absence from target rifle, Chris returned to the fold in 1999 and has spent the years since trying to build on those early signs of promise. He has shot for the British Army and Combined Services regularly, visited the Channel Islands with the NRA Team and twice shot in South Africa with the Army Team.

Outside of shooting Chris devotes as much time as he can to renovating his recently purchased cottage in Gloucestershire. He is working for the Ministry of Defence in Bath but is planning to leave the Forces soon to take his chances working in the civilian world.



Cheetah on the hunt

The one thing that nearly everyone knows about the cheetah is that it is the fastest land animal on the planet. Clocked at 64mph it easily outpaces the fastest human on earth - Usain Bolt 30mph and 100 metres in 9.58 seconds - and, at 0 to 60mph in less than three seconds. The Cheetah is faster off the mark than a Caterham 7 JPE Special, never mind such expensive toys as a Ferrari Enzo and about ten times as fast as any vehicle with a comparable cross-country capability!

Cheetah (*Acinonyx Jubatus*) get their name from the Sanskrit word "chita" meaning "spotted one". They are admired for their majestic beauty, unrivalled speed and agility. The cheetah earns its place as one of the most amazing creatures on Earth however its very existence as a species is under serious threat. At the turn of the 20th Century it was estimated that there were over 100,000 cheetahs in the wilds of Africa, The Middle East and Central Asia. Today it is estimated that there are between 7,500 and 10,000 left - less than 1,000 in South Africa. Let us explore the reasons why.

Social Structure

The cheetah social structure contributes to very high infant mortality. As a comparator, lions are unique in that they are the only true social cat. A dominant male will have a pride of females and cubs, and males without a pride will form a coalition family. Cheetahs have a social system with much less mutual support. Male cheetahs will form groups from their litter mates after their mother has raised them and moved on. Females remain solitary unless they have cubs of their own. As females are solitary, when hunting they have to leave their cubs open to danger. Often the cubs will be killed and eaten by large predators, or even raptors. Only 10% of cheetah cubs survive in the wild.



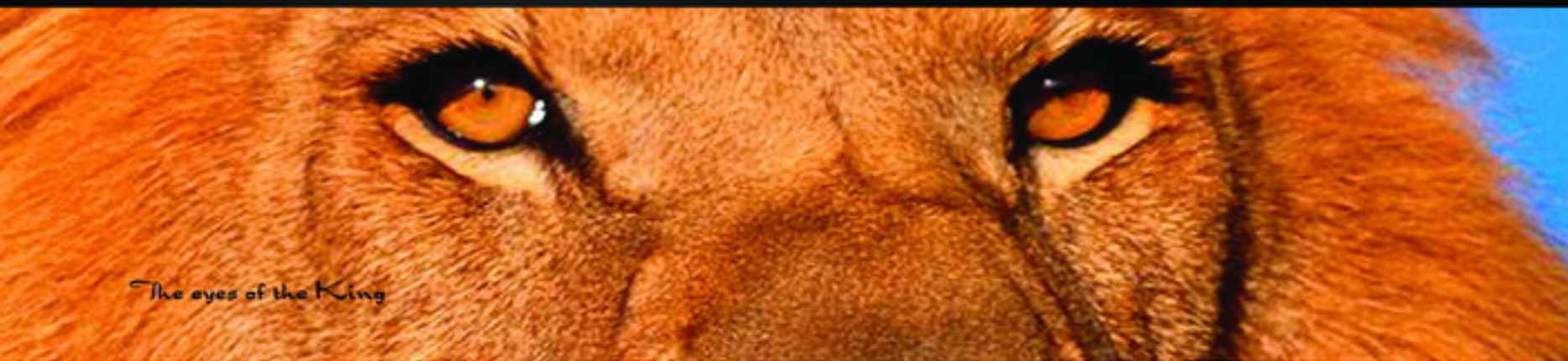
Territory

Most females will not 'own' a territory as they will follow their favourite food - the wandering Thomson's Gazelle - and as such must wander with them. Some males also follow the gazelle and female cheetah. However, some males will claim small territories which are hotspots for females to gather at certain times of the year to mate.

Genetics

Recent studies of cheetah genetics show that the cheetah has no genetic 'heterozygosity' and no 'polymorphic loci'. Heterozygous refers to alleles (two sets of genes; one from the father and one from the mother) that are not the same. If a mutation occurs in one copy of the gene then the individual is considered heterozygous. If both copies of the gene are mutated then the individual is homozygous genotype. Polymorphic locus occurs when two or more clearly different phenotypes exist in the same population of a species. Essentially it is related to biodiversity, genetic variation and adaptation and usually functions to retain variety of form in a population living in a varied environment. Most species have 10 to 60% polymorphic loci within the species and 1 to 36% of the individuals loci are heterozygous. Essentially this means the genetic make-up of the cheetah species is similar to an inbred strain of laboratory mice.

So why does the cheetah lack genetic diversity? This is likely due to a population bottleneck. Studies were carried out investigating the relationship between the East African cheetah (*Acinonyx Jubatus Raineyi*) and the South African cheetah (*Acinonyx Jubatus Jubatus*) and the genetic difference is almost unquantifiable. This leads to the assumption that there were indeed not one but two bottlenecks in population. One was likely to have been in the late Pleistocene period (from approximately 2.6 million years ago until approximately 10,000 years ago) where the species divided into two subspecies. The other was more recent and was subsequent to the geographic isolation of the two groups perhaps within the last century.



GARETH DAVIES

Gareth began shooting six years ago, after a rugby injury, when he was told by Matthew Purdy to try shooting. He then spent five years under the leadership of Freddie Grounds with Gresham's Rifle Team, spending his final year as their fullbore captain and main coach. He now studies Civil Engineering at the University of Warwick.

Gareth's international fullbore debut was in 2008, when he was the youngest person to shoot for the England National Team (achieving sixth highest score in the process). Since then, he has attended all the junior tours to Jersey, Canada and South Africa, and was a member of the GBU25 World Championship Team to Brisbane in 2011. He has also toured to Trinidad and Jamaica with Gresham's.

In his free time, Gareth is a keen percussionist and regularly attends jazz, funk and latin sessions. Gareth looks forward to returning to South Africa and to rekindling old friendships he made there. He is also eagerly anticipating the inevitable tan and pigging out on South Africa's AMAZING food!



STEVE EAST



Steve started shooting in the 1970s with .303s and .22 rifles at his local rifle club with limited success.

Joining the RAF Steve improved his skills and started a long career of shooting Service Rifle and Pistol and was fortunate to have represented the RAF in these disciplines both at home and overseas. Shooting Target Rifle did not happen until the early 1990s but when it did, Steve was hooked with the whole Bisley experience. During the 1996 Imperial Meeting Steve won the Tyro Grand Aggregate, narrowly beating another team member, a certain Mick Silver. Target Rifle is now firmly in Steve's blood and he has achieved team success in representing the RAF and Combined Services as well as the Royal County of Berkshire. In 2011 Steve was selected to shoot for England in the National Match.

Now retired from the RAF Steve works for one of the largest Rail Companies in England as a train technician.

This will be Steve's seventh visit to the South African Championships and is looking forward to renewing acquaintances with both the shooters and the wine!

When not shooting TR, Steve is often found at Bisley shooting his .303s or touring Europe on his motorcycles.

COLIN JOHNSTON

Colin began target rifle shooting at Belfast Royal Academy in 1978 and his first international team experience followed in 1980 with Ireland in the National and Mackinnon Matches and then with the Athelings in 1981. He has captained his school, University of St. Andrews, Territorial Army and NRA teams and is a regular member of the Ulster, Ireland National and Ireland Mackinnon teams.

CJ (as he is widely known) has toured Canada, New Zealand, Germany and the Channel Islands and this is his second tour with a GB team. Team shooting is CJ's favourite but as an individual he has managed to accumulate a bag of Queens and St. Georges Final badges and the odd pot or two over the years.

When not on the range CJ is kept busy as Group Chief Risk Officer for a FTSE 100 Financial Services Firm and occasionally helping his wife Caroline run around after their three young sons, Tom, Henry and Freddie who are already Bisley regulars. Sometimes he even finds time for game shooting and stalking.





There is another problem which is a critical concern for the species. This is the seminal traits of a cheetah in that the motile spermatozoa (the ability of sperm to be able to swim and find or locate the egg) in both wild and captive cheetah is approximately one sixth of that of domestic cats! A comparison in other mammal species would be to consider the creature to be infertile.

These genetic problems put the cheetah on the critical list for survival. In summary due to the lack of genetic diversity, reproductive and congenital abnormalities and high cub mortality the future doesn't look bright. Humans also play their part in destruction of habitat for their own urban spread.



Taxonomy

Taxonomy can be determined in many different ways e.g. biochemically based on blood proteins, morphologically, or using paleontologic evidence etc, hence, there is rarely an answer that is agreed upon by systematists. It is however widely agreed that the cheetah falls into its own genus (*Acinonyx*) within the felids, and it is the only member of this genus. There are two other genera in the family, *Panthera* and *Felis*. *Panthera* includes the lion, tiger, leopard and jaguar, while *Felis* includes the domestic cats and small wild cats.

The cheetah is unique due to some of its morphological features. An example are their claws which are only partly retractable as opposed to the fully retractable claws on all other cats. There are also features unique to them because of their need for speed and agility.

Based on biochemical data, the closest relative of the cheetah is the puma. There does exist a colour mutant among the cheetah called the king cheetah which has stripes as opposed to spots on its neck and extending down onto parts of the body. This animal had been thought to be a distinct subspecies, but has been found to be merely a colour phase arising from a recessive gene, much like the melanistic/black colour phases of the leopard (often referred to as the black panther).

Captivity

It is not known when the first cheetah was kept in captivity. There is evidence that the King of Thebes had a pet cheetah around 1600 BC. It has been realised by observing and proactively intervening that breeding cheetah in captivity is rarely successful, despite the advances in captive propagation and management techniques. It has yet to be demonstrated that captive propagation is a viable alternative for the survival of the species.

This beautiful, unique animal is at a critical juncture in its evolution and survival. Due to habitat destruction and poor genetics its survival both in nature and captivity is in question. Man has the ability to stop the destruction of creatures' habitats and also the ability to preserve what we have now for the future for the most part. What the future holds for the cheetah species is unknown and whether or not future descendents of ours will get to see this beautiful animal remains unanswered. It would seem however that the cheetah's future will rely heavily on human aid and now is the time to understand the problems facing the species whilst it is hopefully not too late.





NEIL MOXON



Neil started shooting at school in the early 70s and competed in his first Imperial in 1984 finishing on the Grand board. A near continuous string of Meeting appearances started 5 years later and he has now represented the RAF in 24 Inter-Service Matches, captaining the last 15. Neil has been a frequent team member of his adopted county of Wiltshire but has only managed to represent England once, in the Mackinnon!

When away from the ranges Neil works as a flying instructor in the RAF and supports Julie in running her business.

Neil has toured to Canada with GB twice and from 1994 has been a frequent visitor to South Africa with the RAF, competing in ten SABU championships. He has many fantastic memories from the Bloemfontein Ranges but would like to repeat his one experience of winning the Protea Match.

JULIE OUSTON



Julie started shooting at school when she moved to Epsom College for her A levels. Despite not being a 'natural' she thoroughly enjoyed the sport, and continued to shoot with Cambridge University and the Old Epsomians. She improved, and in time became Captain of both fullbore teams - the first time a woman has held either post.

After University Julie remained an active competitor at Bisley and in 1994 was selected for the NRA Team to the Channel Islands. The following year Julie made the England National team and in 1996 was selected for Mick Barr's Great Britain team to Canada.

She continues to represent her county, Hertfordshire on a regular basis, and now (as a result of being Neil's partner) also shoots for the RAF Target Rifle Club, and has been fortunate to be able to compete in a number of different countries with the RAF including the Channel Islands, South Africa and New Zealand.

Julie first shot in South Africa in 2000 and is really looking forward to her ninth visit to this fantastic country (if she can count correctly!)

Away from shooting, Julie is a veterinary surgeon, and having initially spent time in small animal practice, is now Director of her own company specialising in veterinary nurse training, which has just celebrated its 10th year in business.

NIGEL PENN



Nigel first started shooting small-bore at prep school in about 1962 and graduated to fullbore at Bedford School in 1967 first attending Bisley in 1969 and never looking back. Nigel was part of the winning England National Team in 2000 and has visited South Africa once before with England in 2004. He is very much looking forward to the challenge of the General De Wet Rifle Ranges again. In 2003 Nigel was Captain of the successful NRA team to Jersey and Guernsey. He has previously toured with Great Britain twice before, namely in the West Indies in 1986 and 2002, the latter as Adjutant. He is now looking for tips from our skipper, Iain Robertson, as he has been appointed Captain of the GB Rifle Team to West Indies 2013. Nigel has a small collection of Queens and St Georges badges.

He lives near Cambridge and when not shooting (or otherwise absent from gardening duty with Sarah) works for a property company in London, and supports Northampton Saints and England Rugby Football Union Teams.



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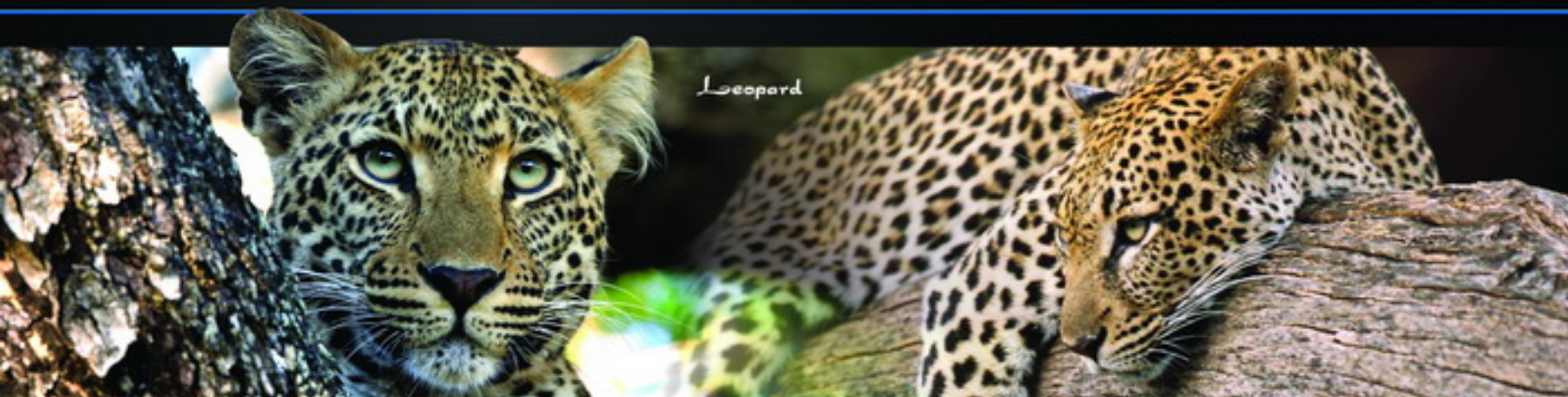
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MEET THE TEAM



PETER SEEBOHM

Peter started shooting at St Albans School as a part of the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award scheme. He continued at Oundle School to get the Gold. At Cambridge University he found the Rifle Association, stumbling across an excellent group of friends who have provided years of competition, entertainment and support.

In 2007 Peter burst onto the national shooting scene, shooting the Elcho, National and touring with the victorious GB U25 team to Canada, winning team and individual U25 World Championship Gold. On tour he met a fellow Scot, a man with an appetite only matched by his immense good character, Jonny Borland. The one piece of advice he has for fellow team mates is not to ask Jonny to share his food!

In 2008 Peter toured the Channel Islands with Ben Stevens, a rival from Oxford and great friend - they have often been adversaries, now they have the opportunity to shoot together.

After a brief lull Peter is looking forward to re-engaging at the top level and taking on the South Africans.



RICK SHOULER



Rick started rifle shooting at Oakham School 20 years ago. He has represented Nottinghamshire since 1996, NRA teams from 2000 and Great Britain Under 25s from 2001.

Rick has represented England in both the National and Mackinnon on several occasions. This will be Rick's fourth Great Britain tour (4rd to SA). In 2008, Rick was a member of Steven Thomas' GB tour of South Africa and was part of the winning teams in the two big matches. He individually won the Free State Orange Championship and the Free State Open Trophy. He also won the Corporation and Monday Aggregate that same year during the Imperial Meeting. Rick also has a collection of Queen's badges and St George's badges.

Rick has up until recently been working for Walkers Crisps which has taken a toll on his diet but a move to Jaguar Land Rover will, he hopes resolve this.

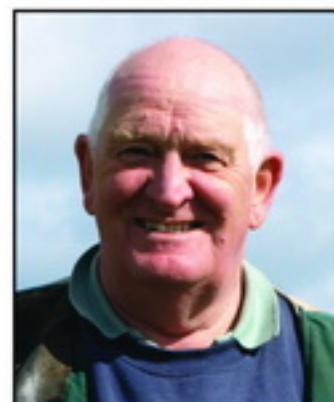
Rick is married to Izzy, has a son Samuel and another child on the way. In his spare time Rick likes clay pigeon shooting, graphic design, scuba diving and has found a new love attempting to grow vegetables!

MICK SILVER QM

Mick spent 43 years in uniform in the RAF Regiment, he is now semi retired and working in security at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire.

Mick has previously shot Service Rifle and Pistol representing both the RAF and GB teams and is a previous Queens Medal winner in 1992. Although he has always dabbled in Target Rifle he only took it up seriously in the early 1990s and since then has won the Wimbledon and Donegall trophies at Bisley. He shoots .22" in the winter to county standard.

Mick has been lucky enough to have toured the United States, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa where some of you may remember the snake which turned out to be a frog! This will be Mick's seventh visit to South Africa and he is looking forward to seeing old friends, maybe even the frog and making new ones.



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BEN STEVENS



Ben started shooting with his CCF at school at the age of 14. He went on to Oxford University, but it took him at least a year to find the rifle club there. When he did, he found fullbore shooting to be much more enjoyable than the small-bore kind, possibly due to the proliferation of bars on Bisley Camp. Ben entered his first Imperial Meeting in 2002, and climbed roughly 200 places in the Grand every year for a number of years, which only goes to show how low he started!

Ben has represented Oxford University, London County, and toured to the Channel Islands in 2008 with Matt Charlton's NRA team. The team won both matches against Guernsey and Jersey, but Ben missed out on the celebrations due to a bout of gastroenteritis. Being English, Ben has managed to be selected for his first GB tour before shooting for his country, and is looking forward to going to South Africa at least as much for the food and wine as for the shooting.

JON UNDERWOOD GM, GC2, SM2

Jon started shooting age 11 at Aldro School and went on to learn fullbore under John Crathorne and Peter Hicks at RGS Guildford and continued his shooting career whilst at London University.

This is his twelfth GB tour, having first toured in 1993. An unflappable team shot, he has made 46 'Big 5' appearances for England and Great Britain to date, a large number of them as last man down. He also represented England at the most recent Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010.

Jon has also had some individual success; he won the Grand Aggregate at Bisley in 2005, and then again in 2009, and in 2006 he won Her Majesty the Queen's Prize, becoming the first person to win the Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in the same year.

Jon looks after his family's business interests in Surrey, which include a tool and plant hire business. He also coaches shooting at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford.



RESERVE - LAUREN CROWSON



Lauren joined the Sedbergh School shooting team in 2006 and became Captain in her last year. She was selected as an Atheling in 2010 and was then further selected to shoot in a GB Under 25 match while on the Athelings tour and subsequently achieved top score.

Lauren has represented the GB Under 19s against South Africa in 2011. She currently shoots for Yorkshire and has competed in the Bisley Queen's Final twice.

Currently in her first year, she is studying business management at Lancaster University. In her spare time she enjoys music, singing, playing the violin and the piano plus the occasional clay shooting match with her father where there is serious competition!

This will be her second tour to South Africa; after her success in the GB Under 19s last year she is immensely looking forward to her first tour with the senior team and the huge experience that she will gain from it.

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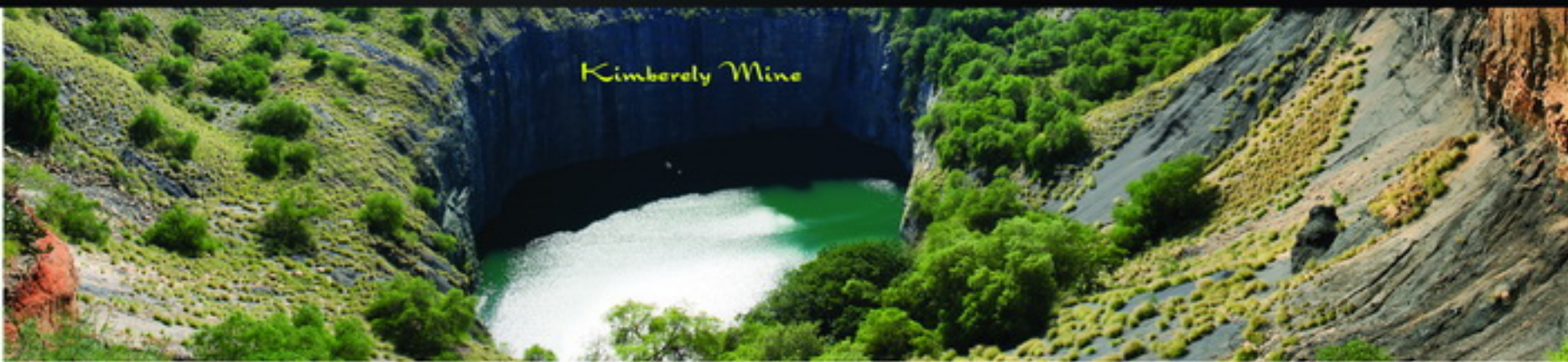
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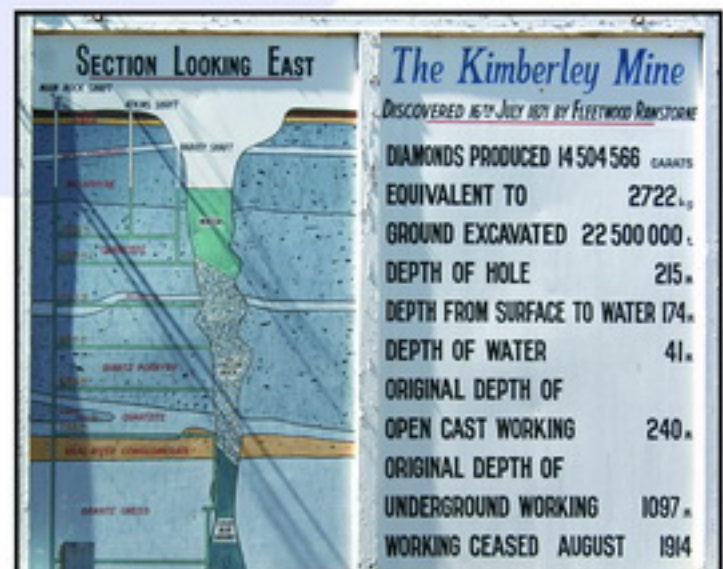
Diamonds are a crystalline form of pure carbon and are the hardest natural substance, formed under conditions of high temperature and extreme pressure in the upper mantle of the Earth, typically about 100 miles below the surface. They find their way to the surface inside rocky chunks through volcanic pipes. Diamonds have been known throughout recorded human history, but were found in alluvial deposits where they had come to rest after the surrounding volcanic rock had been eroded. The Big Hole is the mouth of a volcanic pipe, originally marked by a hill that was the eroded stump of the volcanic mound, and is significant as the first place where diamonds were located in the original volcanic pipe.

Kimberley is a rather unassuming town of about 250,000 where historic buildings (particularly in the Old Town) mix with new and unremarkable infrastructure. It stands near the junction of the Vaal and Orange Rivers 92 miles west and slightly north of

Bloemfontein. Diamonds were first discovered at the site in 1866 by Erasmus Jacobs, whose youthful attention was caught by a small brilliant pebble on the banks of the Orange River. Erasmus took the pebble home, from where his father gave this shiny rock to a neighbour, Schalk van Niekerk, who collected colourful stones. The pebble turned out to be a 21.25 carat diamond, later known as the Eureka diamond, which can now be seen in the Open Mine Museum at Kimberley. (The carat is a unit of mass equal to 200mg and used for measuring gemstones and pearls).

Diamond finds continued over the next five years in the area, including an 83.50 carat diamond found in 1871 on the land belonging to the De Beer brothers. Johannes Nicholas De Beer and Diederick De Beer bought Vooruitzicht farm in 1860 for £50 sterling. Following the diamond finds they sold it in 1871 for £6,300 and at this point the brothers are lost from the history books. However their name lived on when in 1888 Cecil Rhodes amalgamated the Kimberly diamond mining companies and named the new enterprise De Beers Consolidated Mines.

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The area around Vooruitzicht became known as 'New Rush' due to the arrival of fortune-seekers in their thousands. On 17 November 1871 Colonial Commissioners arrived to exercise authority over the territory on behalf of the Cape Governor. Formal organisation of any representative government was delayed by the insistence of the then Secretary of State for the Colonies that no structure could be put in place until recognisable, pronounceable and appropriate place names were set – and Vooruitzicht failed on the first two while New Rush failed the third. In a stroke of political genius the Secretary of State's personal secretary labelled the area in a way that passed all three tests for his boss the Lord Kimberley.



From mid-July 1871 to 1914, there were up to 50,000 miners digging with picks and shovels into the hill which soon disappeared and became known as 'The Big Hole'. The mine yielded 2,722kg of diamonds. The Big Hole has a surface of 17 hectares (42 acres) and is 463 metres at its widest point. It was 240 metres deep at its deepest point but was partially in-filled with debris making it no more than 215 metres deep. Latterly the hole has filled with water to a depth of 40 metres leaving approximately 175 metres visible. Below the Big Hole further mining by hand went on down a shaft into the volcanic pipe to 1,097 metres. A popular local myth, not officially confirmed, claims that Kimberley mine is the deepest hand-dug hole in the world. However, the Big Hole is officially the largest hand-dug open cast mine in the world.

So, the Big Hole is a big hole – what else makes it special? The most significant claim to fame is that this mine bore two of the top ten largest diamonds to date. The Red Cross (205.07 carats) is the ninth largest in the world. It is cushion shaped with a value last estimated at \$3 million. In eighth place is the De Beers Diamond (234.65 carat), found in 1888 and later fitted amongst 2930 other diamonds to the Patiala Necklace by the Maharaja of Patiala.

The Kimberley mine is overshadowed in superb diamonds only by the Premier Mine. The Premier is an underground mine in a town called Cullinan about 30 miles east of Pretoria. It has delivered four out of the six largest cut diamonds. Two of these were cut from one rough stone, the Cullinan found in January 1905 and which weighed a massive 3106.75 carats. After extensive study, the Amsterdam firm of Asschers cut the Cullinan into nine significant diamonds and over a hundred lesser jewels in February 1908. The two largest jewels are the Cullinan I, also known as the Greater Star of Africa (530.20 carats) which was the world's largest cut diamond until 1985 when the Golden Jubilee Diamond was discovered in the still-functioning Premier Mine. Cullinan I is mounted in the head of the Sceptre, which with the Imperial State Crown and Orb form the most significant pieces of the Crown Jewels. The second was the Cullinan II, the lesser Star of Africa, (317.4 carats) which is currently the fourth largest in the world. Cullinan II is the centre stone of the Imperial State Crown.

Kimberley stands as the origin of the diamond mining industry and the home of the De Beer brothers whose name remains synonymous with the trading of a girls' best friends. The Big Hole, now worked out, remains as a symbol of the raw effort men have made in pursuit of these fabulous gems.

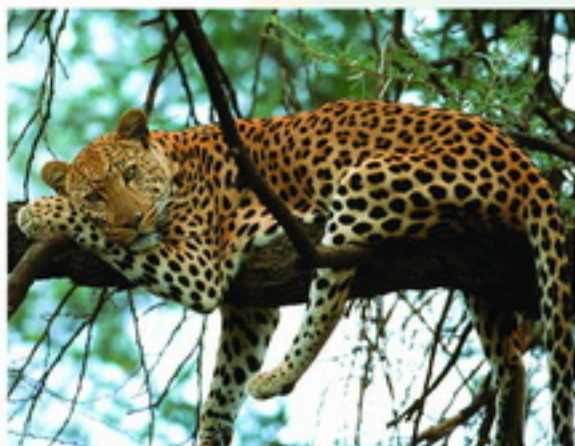


The term 'Big Five' refers to five of the biggest animals that may be encountered on an African safari. The expression was originally coined by big game hunters, who believed that those five animals were the most difficult and dangerous. With the advent of the photo-safari, the African tourist industry has taken the Big Five to both its heart and its marketing departments. The Big Five achieved official recognition in 1990, with a Big Five animal appearing on each denomination of banknotes in South Africa. Similarly in target shooting, the Big Five team matches are the most prestigious events in which a British shooter may represent their home country or GB itself. This article will give you a brief outline of each animal, and each match.

The Big Five Animals

The Lion

The lion is the second largest cat after the tiger, and is well known for running the Hollywood production company MGM and for a starring role in a Disney film. The animal is very distinctive; male lions have large manes which frame the head, whereas lionesses do not. The mane has the effect of making the lion look larger, aiding it in confrontations with other lions and spotted hyenas. Lions tend to live for around ten to fifteen years in the wild, and in captivity they may live longer than twenty. Lions are a vulnerable species and have suffered a huge decline in numbers over the past twenty years. This is partly due to habitat destruction and partly due to human contact: lions were widely hunted in years gone by because of their status as the best prize of the Big Five. They may attack without provocation, hence the recognition by hunters that a lion kill was a reflection of their own prowess. They breed successfully in captivity; Dublin Zoo, for example, has been breeding lions continuously since 1873. Lions are obviously at home amongst the Irish.



The Leopard

Leopards are the smallest of the 'big cats'. They are a little shorter and more slightly built than the others, but are often playful and easily subdued using a massive ball of string. The species was once found across most of Asia and Africa, but this has changed drastically due to loss of habitat and hunting. The leopard is a powerful predator, able to run at great speed and climb trees whilst carrying heavy carcasses. Leopards are elusive, solitary and nocturnal, which makes them ideally suited for hunting their prey, which ranges from tiny beetles to 90kg antelope but very difficult for Karen to spot. It is rare but not unknown for an injured cat to resort

to hunting humans. I don't foresee this being a problem for us (at least for me), since I definitely won't be the slowest runner in this GB team.



The Cape Buffalo



The Cape buffalo is a large and notoriously unpredictable horned African bovine. Buffalo are reported to kill more humans in Africa than any other animal, although the same claim is also made of hippos and crocodiles. It is considered the most dangerous of the Big Five, also reportedly causing the most hunter deaths: wounded animals have been known to ambush and attack their pursuers, which is not incomparable with a trip to a British nightclub. The buffalo species as a whole is still listed as having a 'least concern' conservation status, as the animal is widespread throughout southern and eastern Africa. However, the larger bulls are often poached for their trophy value (their horns are extremely distinctive), yet in some areas buffalo are still hunted for meat.

The African Elephant

The African elephant is a very large herbivore with thick, almost hairless skin, a long trunk, curved tusks of ivory and large fan-shaped ears which enable heat loss. There are two distinct species of African elephant: the African forest elephant and the African bush elephant. They cannot really hide (except behind an even bigger elephant) and take many years to grow and reproduce. The elephant digestive system is inefficient. Elephants spend up to 16 hours a day eating 150-250kg of assorted vegetation, of which only about 40% is digested. The mathematics of the result is left as an exercise for the reader. Elephants are highly intelligent, due to a large and well-developed neocortex – similar to humans, apes and some dolphins. It can be argued that the intelligence of the elephant is higher than that of the dolphin since it is very rare to find an elephant in a tuna net.



The Black Rhino

The black rhino is a subspecies of rhinoceros which is native to Africa, and usually categorised by their large size: they typically reach around 1 tonne, which, like the elephant, leads them to spend much of their time grazing. Although the rhino is referred to as black, skin colour depends more on local soil conditions and the rhinos' wallowing behaviour than anything else, so many black rhinos are not truly black in colour. The other African rhino is the white rhinoceros; these names are misleading, as those two species are not really distinguishable by colour. The word white in the name is a mistranslation of the Dutch 'wijd' for wide, referring to its square upper lip, as opposed to the pointed lip of the black rhinoceros. As a species, they are now critically endangered because they have been so widely hunted for their horns. The Rhino uses its horn for defence, intimidation, digging up roots and breaking branches during feeding. Black rhinos have poor eyesight, so they rely more on hearing and smell. Their ears possess a relatively wide rotational range to detect sounds, and an excellent sense of smell alerts them to the presence of predators, like smelly humans.



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The National

In 1864, England and Scotland competed for the 'International Enfield Trophy', which was shot at 200, 500 and 600 yards. England won the first match as Scotland were not used to competing in direct sunlight. Vitamin D is known to be extremely harmful to those north of Hadrian's Wall, and it is said that they were deprived their allocation of strawberries, cream and parasols during the match (something that their English counterparts had in abundance). The first time that all four home nations entered was 1881; Scotland won that year, and the new kids on the block Wales easily overcame the Irish. It should be noted that Ireland had just come out of the coldest winter in their country's history. As was the convention at the time, they drank alcohol to warm up (the advent of gas central heating being several decades in the future), and 'accidentally' continued this practice into the present day. The National Match continued for the next few decades, though not always with a full complement of teams; it was suspended for World War I (1915 to 1919), and also for World War II (1940 to 1945). The National has been shot annually since, and the current holders are the brave, valiant, dashing, successful and modest Scotland team.



The Mackinnon

This match was first shot in 1891 for a trophy and purse donated by (and named after) the then Secretary of the NRA, though I forget his surname. At first it was for competitors from each of the home nations and British colonies. It was shot at 400 yards each year until 1901, then in 1902 the current format was adopted, teams of 12 shooting at 900 and 1000 yards. The match is still open to teams from any nation present during the Imperial Meeting. Twenty-six different countries have shot in the Mackinnon, and there have been eight different winners in the match's history. Whilst Wales have never won, they do hold the record for the highest individual score of 100.17; shot by the rambunctious ERT Jeens Esq in 2010. The current holders are England, winning in 2011 in conditions that would not have been out of place over the North Sea.

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The Kolapore

This team match is named after the Rajah of Kolapore who donated £100 to the NRA as a prize in 1870. The Rajah died before the next meeting at Wimbledon, and it was decided that the amount would be used for a trophy. It was originally to be competed for by teams from India, the British Colonies and one team from the 'Mother Country' (Great Britain). The distances shot at are 300, 500 and 600 yards (originally, from 1871 distances were 200, 500 and 600 yards). Teams are made up of eight firers, and the match is open to any touring national representative team competing at the Imperial Meeting. Thirty-four different countries have now taken part, and ten different countries have been champions. Great Britain has the record number of consecutive wins – 16, from 1996 to 2011 (so far).

The Australia Match

In 1906 the Rifle Association of Australia invited a team from Great Britain to visit, and compete in an 'Imperial Match' the following year. When word got out about this match, the Canadians invited the GB team to swing by Canada en-route, and compete in the Palma Match. Canadians don't like to be left out of parties. The GB team, having no objections to exciting holidays in exotic parts of the world, set sail from Liverpool in August 1907. The trophy itself weighs 2 centumweights (equivalent to just over 100kg or just under 1 Shouler), having been mounted on black marble. The trophy does not leave Australia if won by an overseas team, because even the most tolerant airline in the world would still charge a King's ransom to transport it. The match itself can be held in any country (when agreed by the NRA of Australia), and was won most recently on Australian turf by Great Britain in 2011, at Belmont ranges in Brisbane. It is shot over 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards, by ten firers. Originally called the Imperial Match, it was then called the Empire Match before being renamed the Australia Match in 1988 as part of the Bicentennial celebration.



The Palma Match

Following a challenge by the riflemen of Ireland, an International Long Range match was shot in the USA in 1873, but only between Ireland and the USA, at 800, 900 and 1000 yards. The match had a return leg in Ireland the following year, and in 1875 it was decided by the American NRA that it should be a regular match, with a real proper trophy and everything! Americans being American, they designed a very tasteful and understated trophy: it was seven and a half feet tall, made of steel, gold, silver and copper, and featured an American eagle perched on the top. To finish it off, the Latin word 'Palma' was inscribed upon the trophy, which roughly translates as 'Victory'. The original trophy was last seen in the Pentagon before World War II, during which the trophy's metals were presumably used to build an entire Sherman tank. In 1988 an American benefactor (Herbert Aiken) presented a replacement trophy, which is only around half of the original size. This is a man who is aware that size isn't everything. The match is now shot every four years alongside the World Long Range Championships and the current holders (as of 2011) are Great Britain.





The Greater Kruger National Park is a joint effort by a number of surrounding private nature reserves and governments to lower their fences and allow the free flow of wildlife through some of the most pristine bush still to be found in this modern age. This has generated a wilderness area larger than that of the Netherlands, with an incredible biodiversity that is unparalleled anywhere else in Africa. The total area provides an unfenced free roaming wilderness that expands over 33,948 km² (13,107 sq miles), but this is not where the vision ends.

The next phase in the parks expansion will be to incorporate Zimbabwe's Gonarezhou National Park pushing this vast wilderness away from the record reaching size of the Netherlands and onto Switzerland. This great expanse of wilderness will then be known as the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park and will expand to 39,000 km² (15,058 sq miles).

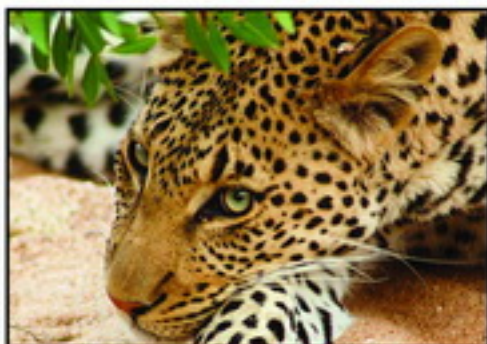
The final vision is to take the park even further into neighbouring Mozambique, incorporating more of its national parks and creating the world's largest free roaming wilderness totalling some 100,000 km².



On the far western part of the Greater Kruger National Park is where you will find The Timbavati Game Reserve. The Timbavati which in ancient Shangaan means, "the place where something sacred came down to earth from the heavens", first became part of the Kruger National Park in 1956 and has since been viewed by many to be South Africa's premier game viewing area.

The Timbavati is not only a place of unrivalled beauty but also home to over forty unique mammalian species, 360 bird types and the world renowned "White Lions of the Timbavati". The White Lions are a unique and extremely rare sub species of lion. It is one of the animal world's true natural wonders and can only be viewed in the wild in the Timbavati.





Within all this wild vastness lies Kambaku Lodge. Named after one of the largest and most impressive elephant bulls to have ever blessed this area with his presence, he was a magnificent beast towering over three metres at the shoulder and easily toppling the scales at over six tons. He was easily recognised by his huge head and enormous, perfectly symmetrical tusks.

The left tusk was a massive 8ft 6 in long, measuring 20 inches thick at the lip and weighed in at 140 lb. The right tusk measured in at 8ft 8 in long, measuring 20.5 inches in circumference at the lip and weighed 141 lb.

We do not only honour his memory at Kambaku, but also pay homage to the six other giants that dominated this area for the better half of the last century. We have named all our rooms after these majestic animals.

Kambaku meaning "Great Tusker" or "Old Elephant Bull" is a small, intimate, owner managed and run lodge, making it the perfect home away from home get away.

Being one of only a few lodges allowed to operate within the Timbavati ensures that game viewing is strictly controlled and the focus can be on the true bush experience in an undisturbed environment. Game drives take place every morning and afternoon following not only the coolest hours of the day but also the natural rhythm of the bush.

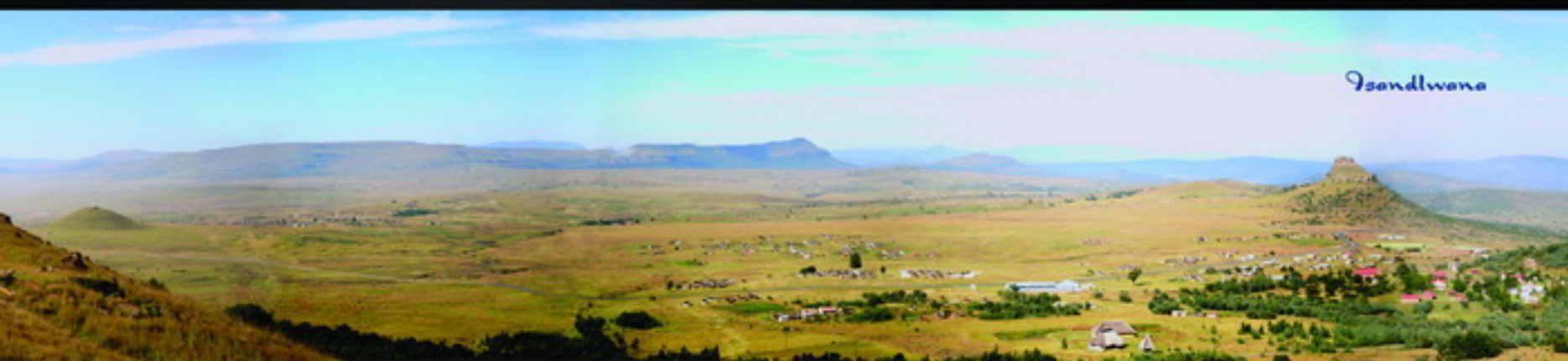
Both in and out of camp, guests experience the animals up close and personally, with warthogs grazing amongst the chalets every day and the odd female lioness coming into camp to hunt the warthog babies on occasion. You might also see the wild dogs running through to quench their thirst at the waterhole in front of camp. Only recently too, as the sun was setting the true call of the African bush – the lion's roar – resounded through the camp. The massive male was only a few hundred metres down the road from camp, and the guests were serenaded throughout dinner with his calls to the pride.

Guided walks are also on offer by request and are a must for the guest who wants to get that one step closer to understanding and interpreting his natural surroundings.

We would also strongly recommend reading the amazing true story of Harry Wolhuter. He was the very first game ranger at Kruger and there are few who have a deeper knowledge and healthy respect of bush lore in all its phases. You can read about Harry and his amazing ordeal with a lion at www.kimwolhuter.com/harry.htm

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