



INTRODUCING OUR EXECUTIVE CHEF!

I owe much of our newsletter to my team. We are delighted to have grown our Food and Beverage division under the expert guidance of Executive Chef, Karien De Villiers. Her passion, dedication and creativity has infused our traditional meals with her unique signature. I have included, and by no means do the photos do it justice, some of our delicacies provided by Chef Karien. Exciting dining areas have been created on the farm, and with the enthusiastic team to welcome you, dining is a fun and a memorable experience.

A television has been installed at the Bar where our friendly staff await you. It has proven very successful, especially with the Super 18 Rugby looming!

Our Lapa is a cozy and social gathering place enabling guests to relax and enjoy a drink around the fire in the evenings, or pull up a chair and read during the day. Many of our dinners are served from here, weather depending!

FIRST QUARTER 2016

Dear Phelwana Guests, Friends and Family.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to reflect and share the past few months with you.

Phelwana Game Lodge has, with your continued support, grown over the past 18 months into a destination of choice and where we are receiving many return guests. Our commitment and attention to detail has earned us a few kind mentions in Getaway and Lowveld Living magazines as well as social media. Incidentally, a lovely article was written by a neighbouring nature reserve, mentioning our family and our history in the area. SA 4x4 (page 54).



Chef Karien and her creations from the Phelwana Kitchen



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Many of our guests request information about the activities that are on offer in the area. We are proud to have Cheney. With her passion and dedication, she welcomes you to Phelwana and promises to make your journey a pleasant experience. Please enquire about the Big5 Game Drives, Kruger Park Day Trips, Blyde Canyon Panoramic route and many other places of interest. We are happy to assist you.





CONTINUOUS UPGRADES TO OUR FACILITIES

Many of the upgrades to our infrastructure are shared, partly, due to my commitment to the environment and conservation, and the collective support and hard work of our Maintenance team. Roads have been resurfaced and maintained. Our bush encroachment program has successfully opened up an area of 20 hectares for our game to roam and graze. All our Villas recently received an upgrade. We have paved the areas around the swimming pools. The classic cobble paving has enhanced the cool and tranquil atmosphere around the Villas much to the enjoyment of the guests. Thank you for all the compliments.

Our boreholes, that supply our water, have been adjusted to cope with the severe drought that we are experiencing. Water security is essential to our existence on this planet, and we must try to contribute for it to be sustainable. The worst drought in 100 years, has had an impact on many farmers in our area as well as our country. Drastic action was taken to capture the majority of our game to areas where they would be released into larger eco systems and areas with sufficient natural resources. Due to us having less than our annual rainfall over the past two years, our dam levels have dropped dramatically. Please spare our hippos a thought! May I also take this opportunity to ask our guests, to use our resources sparingly? Together we can make a difference.



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A NEW YEAR WITH NEW BABIES

With the New Year, many new babies have arrived and have provided our guests with much joy and amusement. Baby zebras and two waterbuck calves are frequently seen by guests when they come to drink at the Phelwana Dam. I have included a few pictures in this letter for you to enjoy.



A new year with new babies at Phelwana Game Lodge



Capturing some wildebeest that were released into larger eco systems

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I would like to take this opportunity to compliment The Timbavati Foundation on the excellent work that they provide to our neighbouring communities and schools. The FOUR Pillars: Conservation, Education, Community Upliftment and Healthcare are which the Foundations principle are based upon.

Please take a look at their website www.timbavatifoundation.co.za . My father, the founder of the school, has tirelessly invested his time and energy into the success of the organization. He recently had the privilege to meet HRH Prince Harry when he visited South Africa. We are extremely proud of my father’s contribution to conservation. He upholds the family legacy for which we have become well known.

Phelwana Game lodge wishes to thank all our guests for their support during the past year. We are here to serve you and make wonderful memories for all our guests and our staff. Till we meet again, take care,



Our elusive Leopard has made multiple appearances in the last couple of weeks to much excitement of our guests



Hananani primary school attending the Timbavati Foundation Environmental School.



Warm Regards

Pierre De Villiers and the Phelwana Game Lodge Team

Finally in March, after 14 months of little to no rain, we were fortunate to have 100mm over a 3 week period. The dry bushveld and our animals were overjoyed with the little we received!

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