

Leon's 2nd South America Hunt

Day 1

Shot a nice Red Deer early morning, he won Handgun SCI #1. He was standing 50 yards away, I shot him and he dropped right in his tracks. We still proceeded to hunt the rest of the morning, when we found a monster buff sleeping. He was a special one they had hunted in the wild for years. I took a shot at him at 100 yards; the gun misfired...5 times! The buff started walking fast, I took a quick shot with a solid rest, and he walked off....

Day 2

We trailed the buff through thick brush for 10 miles. I'm not convinced he's mortally wounded. The guide brought out the horses Marcelo and Ricardo, but they were too afraid do too much.

Day 3

I got lucky this day - I got four tough animals

Puma

I shot him with a crossbow in a tree. The scope was fogged and off 12" at 20 yards. I hit his shoulder and the bullet deflected and went into his neck. The next shot I aimed right and the arrow went clean through the heart and went another 120 yards! The Puma measured 12 5/16 and was SCI #2 with a Crossbow

4 Horn

I shot him with a crossbow in thick brush. The dogs accidently cornered him on the way back from Puma hunting. He was small but the only one I saw the whole trip. I missed twice then finally just looked down the arrow and shot him through the chest. The 4 Horn measured 69 7/8 and was SCI #1 with a crossbow

White Lipped Peccary

I missed him on the first shot!? After that I took the crossbow out to sight in - it was 2' off. Later we went back after them; it was a perfect stalk. They walked

right by us, then we followed the inside sounder for a ¼ mile. Finally, we moved ahead of them and set-up to wait. The guide picked the best out of the 100+ animals. The WL Peccary measured 16 3/16 and was SCI #1 with Crossbow and SCI #11 overall

Fallow Deer

We just stumbled upon him on the way back to the lodge after we shot the White Lipped Peccary. This was a quick set-up on the sticks. I shot him at 140 yards through the lungs, and he ran into the brush. Ricardo was confused on the tracks, so I circled ahead where I knew he would be. I shot him again off hand at 80 yards through the guts, he dropped. The Fallow Deer measured 195 6/8 and was SCI #2 with Muzzleloader

Day 4

Today we stalked a tiny 50 pound Brouket Deer. He was the same color as shadows. Nearly same shot as the first day; you can't see them ever through the scope! I took a shot with a 300 gr bullet. It blew up his heart and he still ran 30 yards! The Brouket Deer measured 13 15/16 and was SCI #1, tied with Marilyn Seegmiller

Day 5

We hunted all day for Buffalo and Axis in the late evening; nothing.

Day 6

Today I shot three unusual animals in one day!

Boar

It took two perfect arrows; one through the shoulder and the other through the heart. He went 5' and died. He was huge and hairy. 400 pounds!

Buffalo

She was an old cow Marcela had seen on the ranch we hunt Capybara. We just went to look at her, but she was laying down in the open and had beautiful horns, so I took her. I hit her 3 out of 4 shots. The final one was 160 yards while walking through, straight through the heart. The meat was so odd and stringy they gave the meat to the dogs. The Buffalo measured 92 1/8 and was SCI #2 Handgun and #13 overall

Capybara

This was a great hunt. It was a warm, clear night, and had been on the boat for an hour. We went past him before seeing him, I swung around Marcela and fired at the brown spot in the thick brush, while the boat was still full throttle. This was a once in a lifetime. He only took one shot with the Muzzleloader.

The Capybara measured 14 11/16 and was SCI #1 and #3 overall.

Day 7

We hunted Axis Deer today, and the guides are great trackers and spotters, but are used to too many dumb animals. We ended up with nothing today.

Day 8

Looked for Buffalo today; we walked another 10 miles and rode horses for 3 hours (terrible). It was 80 degrees with 100% humidity, and there was no breeze in the brush. It was a miserably bad day for hunting.

Day 9

We went for Axis again today. We found a cull but all the good Axis have lost their horns. This was a great late PM stalk. They sensed us and ran but this one just faced us. I did a quick shot into the sternum and it went out the hind quarter.

Day 10

I finally saw a bigger Red Deer. He was approx. 300 points; very nice. Marcelo was going to let me shoot the Cull Red Deer for free but we didn't see any. But we did see 12 beautiful Black Bucks in a row.