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# His first bow hunt – two animals on one day!

Malcom Thomson, partner in Leeukop Safaris, writes about his son's first bow hunt.

**M**y son Ian, 15 years old and a keen bow hunter, could not have asked for a better start to his bow hunting career!

Having done his Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for bow hunting with Niel Uys, my friend and partner in Leeukop Safaris, the week before (he passed with flying colours), he sat in one of our pit blinds with Niel on the 16th of June last year to see if he could bag his first animal with a bow.

He was set up with a 60-pound Bowtech Diamond, using Pro Hunter Gold Tip arrows with 125-grain Nitron broadheads and a total arrow weight of 475 grains.

After they had been sitting for a couple of hours a wart-hog walked in and, with Niel quietly coaching him on where to place his shot, Ian put a perfect shot into that all-important vital area. He was calm up to this point, but after the shot the adrenaline hit with a vengeance and he shook like the proverbial leaf in the wind. What a feeling it is – something I experience with every animal taken with a bow!

Ian thought his first hunt was now over, but this was not to be. Not ten minutes later some impala walked in and Niel told him to nock another arrow. He had to now get himself very

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quickly into that "zone" again. When a female impala presented a good broadside shot, Ian's arrow flew and once again he placed a perfect shot into the vital area. He could not believe his luck!

Neither animal made 40 metres before expiring. Niel called me in and I arrived with our very energetic tracker dog, Nala, who found both animals in short order. What a way to start his bow hunting exploits! The time and effort he put into practising and perfecting his shot placement certainly paid off.

I am now one very proud father. Ian and I would like to thank Niel for his time, effort and patience, which certainly contributed to a very successful hunt!

## Product Showcase

### Pin-sight cover protects those critical parts

By Frank Berbuir

**E**ven those hunters who have nearly everything for their bow will find this pin-sight cover by Pole Mountain Outdoors a worthwhile accessory. It not only looks good but will protect your sight pins against damage so that your hunt won't be ruined by broken pins through transport in the bow case, in a car or during the walk to the blind or stand.

The cover features a soft, quiet and water-resistant exterior shell in a Realtree APG camo pattern. The impact-resistant polymer shield inside prevents anything from coming through the front of the sight and damaging the fibre-optic pins. To guard against any scratching of the front of the sight, there is a soft layer of foam against the polymer shield. You just put the cover over the sight, then quickly and silently tighten it by pulling the drawstring. It is a universal fit for any bow sight.

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