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## Game Drive no 233 by Neil and Morag Hulett unit 45

Hi, Everyone, Well finally we are over the worst and hopefully we can be back in the bush starting tomorrow, weather permitting, really looking forward to that.

Monday 5 am, Cold overcast morning, even a very light driz. so delay our departure, finally leave, some one calls in lion on the road between idube and the office, but we don't see them, a few impala and a couple of giraffe close to unit one, so up mica road along the e/e down the short cut, then through the tunnel for hide, find a large herd of impala around the dam. We meet Andy & Pat, for breakfast here, they are off back home tomorrow. Well while sitting there it starts to drizzle very softly, and as all 4 of us have been down with this flu, and still have coughs, we all head for home.

Tuesday 6 am. No drive this morning, instead we pop down to Hazyview, to spend the night with our children. Our daughter arrives on the early flight from Durban tomorrow. We do what we so often do, go down via the Park, in at Orpen and out at Phabeni, 4 spots worth mentioning, just after the new entrance gate, a leopard walking along a game path, then comes down onto the road, in front of us, magic, then on the dust road to Talamati, a pair of Honeybadgers crossing the road, give us great view before moving off, then a cheetah walking towards us on the N'waswitsontso road, forcing us to back up so he could go down to a waterhole to drink and then finally the cherry on the top, on the tarmac to Skukuza where you cross the N'watindlopfu on the H1-2. we find 28 Sable antelope, 6 of them calves, and all led by a majestic bull, with a pitch black coat and white under parts and face and the sweep of those enormous horns, wow, just outstanding.

Wednesday 7 am. Our Daughter arrives on time and then we spend the rest of the day with the family, and get home around 5,30.

Thursday 8 am, Cold overcast morning, stay home, may go out later. We go for a short drive, plenty of impala, 3 rhino near hide and thats about it.

Friday 9, We don't drive today but go down to White River to the memorial service of Geoff Twycross, who passed away last week. Geoff & Felicity owned Unit 20, on the Grootdraai. Geoff, very generously donated the 2 hides at Hide & Nkhonkoni, the table up at the look out over Warthog Pan, which I always refer to as Geoff's Table, and the beautiful boardroom furniture. He was passionate about the bush and will be missed by all who knew him here. Our condolences to Felicity and all the family.

Saturday 10, Do a short drive, impala mostly and then we go down to unit 7 and join Giaco & Esther for a delicious lunch and of course lots of catching up, they haven't been here for 3 years, so really great to see them both and Esther looking so well.

Sunday 11, A beautiful day, not much of a drive this week, game wise, up and down to Hazyview etc so hopefully we will be more on the farm this coming week, thats the lot, You all take care now.

Roars & Trumpets, N&M

Just a add on from the editor

Two more members have passed away unit 15 George Thomas and on  
Moday evening Barry Flowers unit 23

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