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Bookings for the 2023 event are now open. Make sure to place your bookings as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Editors Notes:

John Laing

As we approach the final months of the year our focus remains on providing top-notch training. First Aid is currently high on the agenda for our members. The positive reports we've received from the field are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the training teams and of course the support of members attending the courses.

We're also thrilled to announce that the Education Committee has purchased three charging lion machines to be used in Harare, Bulawayo, and Victoria Falls. This initiative is designed to encourage our members to visit the various shooting ranges and stay current with their skills.

We're excited to see how these new additions will help us continue to develop and provide our members with the tools they need to succeed.

In addition to the training, we're also looking forward to the Safari Ball. Don't forget to book your table and seats in advance to ensure you don't miss out on this exciting event.



We encourage all guests visiting Zimbabwe on Safari to insist on their safari guide being a member of the Zimbabwe Professional Guides Association.

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The Tuli Circle: an unusual border feature between Zimbabwe and Botswana

By Paul Hubbard

Described as “a settlement without a society [offering] only heat, fever, snakes and whisky,” Fort Tuli was established as “the gateway to Rhodesia” in early July 1890 (Shinn 1974). It was mistakenly named Fort Tuli owing to the belief that it was located on the Tuli River, which in fact was some 15 miles upstream (McLaughlin 1982: xiv), and the Pioneers were instead camped on the banks of the Shashi River. As “the gateway to Rhodesia,” Tuli was merely the latest in a long line of entry points to the country north of the Limpopo that also included Mangwe, the Save-Lundi Rivers, and the Hunter’s Road. The name simply means “dust”.

A thriving settlement developed in the area around Fort Tuli, especially once the safety of potential settlers and visitors from Ndebele attacks was all but guaranteed (de la Harpe 2004). From 1890 to 1893 it was the main point of entry for almost all Europeans wishing to enter the country as part of the colonial takeover of Mashonaland. It had hotels, a rough hospital, police depot complete with prison, a printing press and local newspaper — named the Tuli Times — whose first edition appeared on 16 July 1891. Several permanent residents catered to the needs of travellers (Shinn 1974) including a barber, restaurant, bakery, a soda water manufactory and several forwarding agents dealing with the smooth flow of goods to the north. The telegraph line passed through Tuli on its way to Fort Victoria on 28 May 1891 and reached Masvingo on 16 February 1892. Several thousand people passed through the settlement in its first five years as well as thousands of horses, donkeys and cattle used for transport.

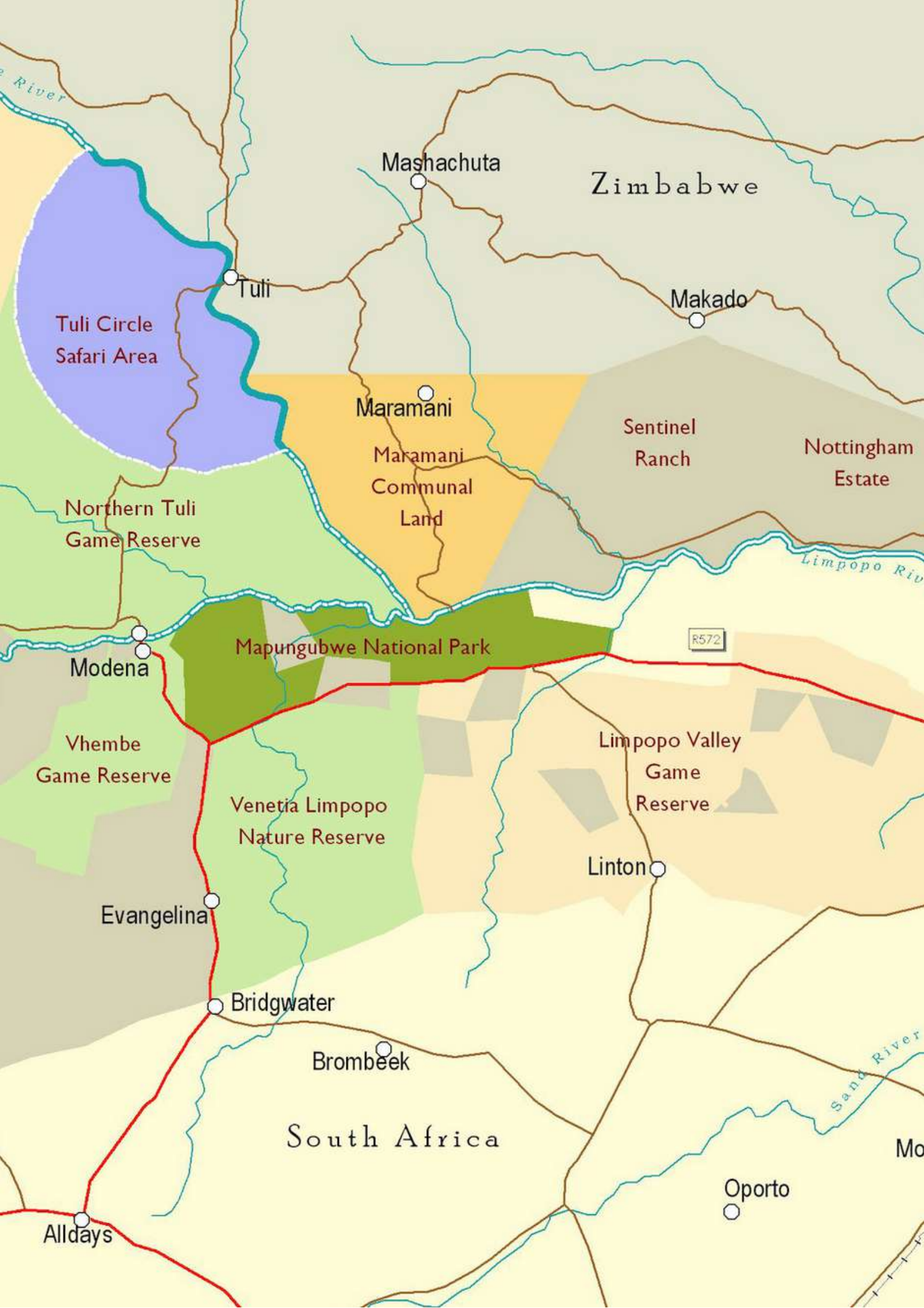
The settlement became increasingly irrelevant, especially after the conquest of Matabeleland in late 1893. Via Palapye, the road to Bulawayo was opened and from there the way to Harare and the rest of the country lay wide open.

Tuli would be briefly revived in the Second South African War in 1899 as a base for Colonel Plumer’s force (Burrett 2009). There were 750 men stationed here for a time, 220 of which were members of the BSAP who had taken part in the 1895/1896 Jameson Raid that arguably hastened the start of the entire war.

By 1904 Tuli was a mostly abandoned settlement. There were a handful of the BSAP who patrolled the border, and only two stores remained at this time. The old telegraph line became the only contact with the outside world for weeks at a time, messages, if there were any, being received once a day. The Police Station was closed in 1939 and only reestablished in 1956 with two men.

The perfect half-circle around Tuli originated in 1891, created when the first magistrate arrived, from a concession of land granted by Chief Khama to the BSACo (Shinn 1974). The company wanted to use the land as a cordon sanitaire against indigenous cattle that might be infected with disease; unsurprisingly, Khama was of the same mind but with a view to the animals belonging to the whites! The biggest fear was of lung disease (Shinn 1974: 21).

The concession consisted of a piece of land south of the Shashi river and within a 10-mile radius of the fort on the south bank of the river at Tuli. It was thus proclaimed on 27 June 1891, giving the resident magistrate jurisdiction over an area within a radius of 10 miles from Tuli, between the Shashi and Lundi Rivers. The original resident magistrate was Pieter Raaff, who went on to create a 225-man force known as Raaff’s Rangers in the 1893 Anglo-Ndebele War, before co-leading the Shangani Patrol. He is buried in Bulawayo.



According to legend the radius for this distance was agreed upon using the average distance of a day's wagon trek in this rugged area. Such distance can be calculated from looking at the route and distance covered by the Pioneer Column (Darter 1914; Johnson 1940; McLaughlin 1982). Alternatively it is reported that the radius was decided as the range of a cannon fired from the fort's battlements (de la Harpe 2004). This is unlikely because the Pioneer Column was only armed with two 7-pounder muzzle loading 200lb. pieces, also known as RML 7-pounder Mountain Guns and two 24 pounder Hale rocket tubes on stands (Tylden 1968; Hall 1979; Cross 2016). The maximum range for the Mountain Guns was only 2,700 metres while the rockets could reach only 3.5 kilometres at best (Tylden 1968; Hall 1979; Cross 2016). During the Second Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902), larger calibre field guns were used that had greater range (Burrett 2009), but would still not have shot the full ten miles while the informal boundary was well-fixed by the time by Article 4 of the Southern Rhodesia Order in Council dated 20 October 1898. The siting and construction of boundary beacons was not done until 1954.

Tuli, now spelled Thuli, Safari Area was proclaimed in 1975. Prior to that – from 1958 – it was a controlled hunting area. There are three very small botanical reserves in the wider Safari Area, namely Tolo River (0,44 km²), Pioneer (0,38 km²) and South Camp (0,26 km²). The area today is regarded as an integral part of Zimbabwe's contribution to the Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area (formerly known as the Limpopo-Shashe Transfrontier Conservation Area), together with Sentinel Ranch and Nottingham Estate. A gem of an area, its main interest to many visitors to Zimbabwe lies in its unusual border. One hopes that, one day soon, its incredible natural beauty, fascinating archaeology and history and marvellous flora and fauna will be more easily accessible and more widely enjoyed as the Transfrontier Park becomes a reality.

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A view over the Shashe River from Fort Tuli



Fort Tuli in the 1890s



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A Hunters Perspective

By Amin Turk

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa. A land of vast beauty and incredible landscapes, home to one of the seven wonders of the world; the mighty Victoria Falls. Surrounded by Zambia to the north (separated by the Zambezi River), Mozambique to the east, South Africa to the south and Botswana to the west. A land home to the Big 5 and various other wildlife species. A land rich in diversity of animals, habits and habitats and full of spectacular flora and fauna. A land that welcomes tourists with immense opportunities, and offers memorable experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.

I am a licensed professional hunter and guide and a proud member of the Zimbabwe Professional Guides Association and I feel it is important to explain the ins and outs of hunter guiding in Zimbabwe and the various opportunities it has to offer. Most of Zimbabwe's hunting areas are made-up of government areas, Parks and Wildlife safari areas and rural communities. These are huge and vast blocks of land, hundreds and thousands of hectares in expanse that are unfit for human habitation or agricultural purposes because of low rainfall and harsh terrain, but are best suited and set aside as a haven for wildlife and animals that can survive these harsh conditions.

The Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Authority are the custodians of all wildlife in the country. All species quotas throughout the country are set by the Department of Wildlife Authority and, reassuringly, quota setting is a very strict process with many stakeholders within the wildlife industry, both private and governmental. They all come together through workshops and deliberate before each animal species is given a quota for hunting. This strict quota setting process even engages top ecologists and scientific research teams to come up with a sustainable hunting management offtake quota system. If one does not read or understand the above merits one can never fathom the phrase hunting through conservation.



I am often asked how does hunting through conservation work. Well, let me try and explain. With the above understanding of how sustainable hunting quotas are set wildlife is given a monetary value. The value of our wildlife is now marketed through the hunting world by safari operators and marketing agents alike. Our hunting quotas generate revenue streams, and money generated therefrom are channeled through the respective local authorities.

The hunter's/client's dollars play a vital and pivotal role in both animal and area conservation. In reality, the small, sustainable hunting quotas provide revenue and income for the survival of all the animal species in their respective areas. It is the hunter's dollars that provide employment to pay game scouts to look after and police the hunting areas, and it is the hunter's dollars that provide funds to sink boreholes that provide water for humans, as well as domesticated livestock and wildlife in rural areas and communities. The same hunter's dollars pay for the building of schools to provide education in rural communities. Again the same hunter's dollars provide funding to build clinics in rural communities, which in turn provide healthcare.

In addition the hunter's dollars provide funding for the maintenance and surveying of roads that service the hunting areas and provide service of transportation into rural communities. The same roads that provide a mobile service for transportation of anti-poaching units for the very survival of all animal species. Furthermore most animal species that are harvested during the hunts are given to the local communities, who in turn distribute the meat to the rural communities to provide food for the people. In conclusion, sustainable hunting can have numerous benefits for both the environment and local communities when hunting is managed responsibly. There is no question that hunting can help conserve wildlife populations, provide economic benefits, contribute food security, and promote a deeper connection with nature. As such it is important to promote and support sustainable hunting practices.



2023
START

Z.P.G.A. Diary

August 2023

- Sat 5th - Sun 6th - ACE First Aid Training (Byo Advanced Course)
- Sat 12th - ACE First Aid Training (Byo Refresher Course)
- Sat 19th - ACE First Aid Training (Byo Basic Course)
- Sat 26th - Sun 27th - ACE First Aid Training (VF Advanced Course)

September 2023

- Sat 2nd - ACE First Aid Training (VF Refresher Course)
- Sat 9th - ACE First Aid Training (VF Basic Course)
- Sun 17th - Shooting Proficiency (Hre)
- Mon 18th - Oral Interviews (Hre)
- Tue 19th - LPH written exam (Hre)
- Wed 20th - LPH written exams (Hre)

October 2023

- Thur 5th - Sun 8th - Upper Zam Canoeing proficiency

November 2023

- Wed 1st - Tue 7th - Proficiency Examination
- Wed 29th - Thur 30th - VIP Event

December 2023

- Fri 1st - AGM (Victoria Falls)
- Sat 2nd - Z.P.G.A. Golf Morning (Vic Falls)
- Sat 2nd - Safari Dinner (Victoria Falls)

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Qualification

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6	RESTRICTION

Monday, 31 July 2023

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It seems as though we always have something positive to say about membership figures, here is why:

2020 ended with an active membership of 281
2021 ended with an active membership of 350
2022 ended with an active membership of 412

**"Z.P.G.A. Membership is a
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Beef Stroganoff

BY BETTY CROCKER

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds beef sirloin steak, 1/2 inch thick
- 8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced (2 1/2 cups)
- 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 ½ cups beef flavoured broth
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups sour cream
- 3 cups cooked egg noodles



Method:

- Cut beef across grain into about 1 1/2 x 1/2-inch strips.
- Cook mushrooms, onions and garlic in butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until onions are tender; remove from skillet.
- Cook beef in same skillet until brown. Stir in 1 cup of the broth, the salt and Worcestershire sauce. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 15 minutes.
- Stir remaining 1/2 cup broth into flour; stir into beef mixture. Add onion mixture; heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in sour cream; heat until hot (do not boil). Serve over noodles.





Members Photo Gallery - Dung Beetles

The Z.P.G.A.'s commitment to Wildlife





Z.P.G.A. Talks 2023

During 2022 the Z.P.G.A. launched "Z.P.G.A. Talks", 18 talks across 3 cities. It was ambitious but looking back over the past year it has been a success. The talks were designed to bring our community together under the umbrella of growth through shared knowledge. Presentations throughout were both fun and informative and certainly provided for a springboard of discussion, engagement and shared ideas.

Don't miss out on the talks we have planned for 2023!

- Harare - Armadale Lodge
- Bulawayo - Hillside Dams Conservancy
- Victoria Falls - Shearwater Village

The 2023 dates are as follows:

**An event put on by the
Z.P.G.A., open to the
community,
embraced by all.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
◦ Thursday 14th September (Victoria Falls)		
◦ Friday 15th September (Harare & Bulawayo)	Chris Worden	David Livingstone
◦ Friday 15th September (Harare & Bulawayo)	Keith Sparks	Canines in Conservation
◦ Thursday 24th November (Victoria Falls)		
◦ Friday 25th November (Harare & Bulawayo)		

Time: 17:00 for 17:30 Start
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2022 Stats
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1, 080 participants



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6. Opportunities to give back to the community

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7. Representation at shows and events when we can for members and Zimbabwe
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9. Uplifting local tourist facilities and standards
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More and more people are starting to appreciate the value of conservation and causing as little harm as possible to the planet. It's especially important to teach these lessons to the next generation. Children, when given the right information, are usually eager to embrace a conservation approach to living.

It's up to parents and other adults however, to instil this knowledge in kids at an early age.

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Helping Members, Help Themselves

It does not matter what you do in life, a list assists in ensuring everything you need to do is done. Here are a few things that the Z.P.G.A. thinks are important:

- POTRAZ License
 - Do you know the Z.P.G.A holds a POTRAZ license? Members are able to take advantage of this and have your two-way radio serial number included on our license
- PG, PH, LPH license in order?
 - Do you know that the Z.P.G.A. will renew your license for you for a small fee of US\$20? Call one of our offices today and ensure your 2023 license is in order
- Drivers license and PSV license on order? This is what is required:
 - A medical examination - valid for 1 year
 - A defensive driving course - valid 3 years
 - A retest on the drivers license class you hold - valid 5 years
 - Make sure you pop into your local VID and ensure you are compliant - remember insurance will not pay out if you fall short of the law
- Weapons license
 - Have you checked your weapons license validity? Remember these are valid for 3 years. If you require assistance in sorting these Karel Strydom will assist
- First Aid certificate
 - Being current and up to date is not only the right thing to do but it is a legal requirement. The Z.P.G.A. has partnered with ACE Air and Ambulance to bring you the best First Aid course available at reasonable prices
- Evacuation cover
 - ACE Air and Ambulance have you covered from as little as US\$5 per month, or US\$60 per year - can you seriously afford not to be covered?
- Medical Insurance/Aid
 - The Z.P.G.A. has partnered with MedNet whom will assist you through the many different policies and providers and come up with the best plan for you
- Loss of Income Insurance
 - The Z.P.G.A. has partnered with Acacia Insurance whom provide an excellent cover for both Professionals and their staff
- US Visa interviews
 - Our Z.P.G.A. Harare office will assist in securing your US Visa interview for a US\$20 fee



SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

Contact Us

The Z.P.G.A. committee is here to assist you. To enable us to answer your questions in a timely manner, please would you firstly contact Nadine du Plessis on secretary@zpga.org and request to be put in touch with one of the following sub-committees and the relevant committee member will gladly assist you.

Below you will find the various sub-committees, a short description of what their role and function is and a contact email address should you want to get in touch.

- Z.P.G.A. – Chairman Rob LURIE - chairman@zpga.org
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- Z.P.G.A. – Secretary - Nadine du PLESSIS - secretary@zpga.org
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 - All payment issues
- Z.P.G.A. – Marketing & Advertising - John LAING - marketing@zpga.org
 - All branding Membership Cards
 - Membership Discounted Rates Initiative
 - Fundraising
- Z.P.G.A. – Education and training - David CARSON - education@zpga.com
 - Study Packs
 - RIFA & SAVE Valley Conservancy initiatives
 - Devil's Gorge Conservancy training program
- Z.P.G.A. – Research - Rob LURIE - research@zpga.org
 - Ensure compliance with trophy off-take in terms of ethics as well as sustainability
 - Cat ageing & Research
 - Attendance to & at quota setting workshops
 - Assistance with any NDF requirements that may come up from time to time
- Z.P.G.A. – Awards - Duncan WATSON - awards@zpga.org
 - To discuss and agree what awards shall be current or pertinent to the industry
 - To look at and agree end of year award nominees

“There are moments of frustration in life. You must build good relations to support you in these moments. You must also learn to encourage yourself and decide to stay determined in life.”

—
Lailah Gifty Akita

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There will be one giveaway hidden somewhere in each of the next 6 newsletters

Here is the deal - the first Zimbabwean reader to email through his or her name to marketing@zpga.org with a description of the gift will be sent that months gift

To qualify make sure you include "Learn how to skin" in the subject line

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