



HUNTING TRIP REPORT #6696

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Personal Guide (if any):

Booking Agent (if any): Neil Summers, Bowhunting Safari Consultants. PO Box 23906. Eugene, OR, 97402. Tel. 800-833-9777, 360-837-2010.

Web: www.bowhuntingsafari.com

Major Game Animals Taken (species/availability/trophy size):

Deer, Red - Availability: Abundant - Trophy Size: Good.

Deer, Axis - Availability: Abundant - Trophy Size: Great.

Deer, Fallow - Availability: Abundant - Trophy Size: Good to great.

Game Sought But Not Taken (species/reason for lack of success):

General Comments On Game Condition: See comments.

Quality of Outfit: Excellent

Trip Arrangements (if on your own):

License Information:

Condition of Equipment: Excellent

Condition of Camp: Excellent

Quality of Food: Excellent

Guide/PH Ability: Excellent Trophy Care: Excellent

Airline Service: Good Airline: Delta

Airline Comments: Luggage did not arrive in Buenos Aires but outfitter used personal connections to have it delivered to camp next day.

SERVICE RATINGS / DESCRIPTION OF HUNT / COSTS

Hunting Fees:

Trophy Fees:

Permits/Licenses:

Commercial Airfares: Business Class.

Charter Airfares:

Other Costs:

Total:

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

(availability of game may be rated as abundant, average or scarce) (services may be rated as excellent, good, fair or poor)

Place of Hunt: Argentina

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This was an archery hunt with the primary target being red stag and secondary animals being fallow and axis deer.

I attended the SCI convention in January with the goal of booking a red stag hunt. While at the convention I met with numerous outfitters from New Zealand and Argentina as well as Neil Summers of Bowhunting Safari Consultants. Even though NZ clearly has bigger red stag, it was more important to me to hunt free-range than to kill a monster stag. After much analysis I conclude my chances of taking a representative to good free-range red stag were better in Argentina than in NZ. Therefore, I decided to take Neil Summers recommendation and booked with Cerro Indio Safaris of Argentina. Although the area I hunted was fenced it was not high-fences and the animals I hunted were born on the ground I hunted and if pressured could easily escape. I was not disappointed in my decision. While there are several different areas available to hunt, the area I hunted consisted of approximately 10,000 acres with terrain varying between open plain to hills with an elevation gain of 600 to 700 feet (best guess).

This is a spot or hear and stalk hunt and the time was perfect for the peak of the roar. We literally would not go more than one minute without hearing a stag roar. We averaged seven stalks per day and on the third day after 15 unsuccessful stalks I made a perfect heart/lung shot on a 6X6 stag from 53 yards. I was also successful in taking a fallow deer at 40 yards and an axis deer at 20 yards. It is a challenge to get within bow range of the stags and a bow hunter should be prepared to take shots between 40 and 50 yards. Fortunately, my guide, Juan, was experienced at stalking with a bowhunter and we had lots of opportunities at all of the animals on my list. Other animals available but not taken by choice include capybara, water buffalo, blackbuck and feral boar.

In general the conditions require the hunter to be in moderate to good condition. Walking is not difficult but it is hilly. If you are bow hunting you will do a lot of walking and belly-crawling. Good knee pads and leather gloves are required, baseball batter gloves work well. The good news is after a long morning of walking and stalking you retreat to a small cabin on the property for a hot meal prepared by the gaucho and a short siesta. Then it is back to the hills for the afternoon hunt.

To say the accommodations are excellent would be an understatement. I stayed in a beautiful 80 year old villa located about 20 minutes from our hunting property that included four star dining with great Argentine wines, daily laundry service and maid service.

I have been on numerous hunts both within the US and abroad. Some were great and some less than great. So I am confident in saying if you are looking for a free-range archery hunt for red stag and fallow deer I am confident you will not be disappointed in selecting Cerro Indio Safaris.

I would also like to include a brief comment on my experience with Neil Summers of Bowhunting Safari Consultants. This hunt was the first time I used this booking agent and I was very satisfied with every aspect of his involvement. As the name implies Neil only books bow hunts and he understands the special requirements for a successful bow hunt. He was thorough with every aspect of his involvement and I have since booked another hunt for Alaska moose through him.

If you are reading this report and are considering booking a hunt with Cerro Indo please call or email me and I would be happy to answer your questions and give additional details from my hunt.

Problems of Hunt:

Highlights of Hunt: After three day and 15 failed stalks I made a perfect shot at a red stag at 53 yards.

Would You Recommend This Hunt to a Friend? Yes

Equipment Recommendations:

Why: Plentiful game, hardworking guide, good food.

HUNTER INFORMATION

Name: Mark Wood **Contact Information:** Tel. 904-280-2283 - Pointe Verde, FL - **E-mail:** mwood@mjwood.com

Hunting Experience: 20 years gun - 6 years bow.

Physical Condition: Good.

If unhappy with this hunt, have you notified your outfitter? N/A Your personal guide? N/A Your booking agent? N/A

Are you seeking any kind of restitution or other settlement from your agent/outfitter/guide? N/A

If Seeking Restitution, What is Sought?

A NOTE TO NON-SUBSCRIBERS

ADDITIONAL HUNTER COMMENTS AND/OR OUTFITTER/BOOKING AGENT REBUTTAL

WHEN/WHERE

Date of Hunt - From: April 25, 2009 **To:** May 7, 2009 **Weapon Used:** Rifle

OUTFITTER/GUIDE

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