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FW: PSSA an update



It has been awhile and much has happened in this "while". Whilst we are not back to full swing and until the likes of Boris Johnson and co decide to stop negating the very reason for vaccinations by banning travel to Africa, we will patiently wait. What was the point of a vaccine if it still causes you to be locked up? Yet, soccer and its minions seem to have very different laws applied to them,

Wembley stadium packed (in one section of the stadium) with all the fans, the thuggery and violence that seems to follow that game with gay abandon, was once again centre stage. Beggars belief that one may not travel in a controlled environment, to a wild open space and limited contact, fresh air and all that a safari comprises of and yet we can attend matches to the "greatest game".

As I have said before,
politicians and the press!!

Be that as it may, the day will come and we will be ready for all those whom we miss as friends and those that will see Africa for the first time. We look forward to that day.

Where are we with the dreaded lurgy? Our numbers climbed recently, I guess the term "Winter of Discontent'

takes a slightly different tack here, it has been bitterly cold in SA this year and political factionalism and social economic issues boiled over some weeks ago, no doubt most viewed images on various news channels around the world. A chilling reminder to those that continue to create unemployment through travel bans et al. The more that become unemployed, the greater this threat becomes

globally, not simply just SA. One can only follow the rigidity of laws in regard to covid for so long, there comes a point where "live and let live" will prevail. Vaccinations are slightly over the 8 million mark, considering it took 20 years, give or take, to build the Great Wall of China, you can say we are "on track"!!!

As for the past few months we

have had a wonderful time with wing shooting opportunities, the birds bred very well this year and they are prolific, thanks to James Lizamore and Antonie Kloppers for all your help on these trips. I took my little man with me on a wing shoot (thanks to Jack and his friends for allowing him to shoot)and he used a shotgun for the first time, a 20g Ruger, the lad fired 15 cartridges and took 8

birds, so proud of him, got to educate these young people! I had the most incredible safari to Niassa, Northern Mozambique, buffalo and plains game with 4 good friends. The more time I hunt there the more homesick I am when I leave. It is truly Africa untouched! game incredible and some of the finest buffalo anywhere. I would like to thank David Langerman for his help on this safari.

A trip to the Timbavati in SA is always going to be a very good experience and this one proved no less, besides all the usual culprits, we had an unusual sighting of white buffalo calf (wild one !!!!) To my friends that put in the massive effort to come from the US, SA and Kenya we humbly appreciate it and please know that it made a large difference to all.

In all this I have had this miserable virus, fortunately nothing more than a wet nose and a slightly stuffy head. Also acquired my first vaccine, purely by chance. I walked into a pharmacy for a tube of sunblock and came out with a jab!!!! That is the beauty of Africa, although bureaucracy is usually painful, when it fails, it does so spectacularly and even with "no walk-in" signs all over the place,

viola!!!!

I have just survived a week in hospital with cerebral malaria, got to say it was as close as I have come! Not quite out of the woods but at least I could identify whom the Springboks were against the British and Irish Lions last night and vaguely remembered that we had won the last rugby test a week ago, I guess that give us a series win, to compliment

our world cup achievement if 2019!

So there we have it, more to come with some great hunts to look forward to in the near future, Botswana in the Mababe Depression, the Umbabat in SA and back to my beloved Niassa.

I will keep you all abreast and I look forward to hearing from you and if we can be of any help with a trip to Africa, you

know where we are.

Thanks for all the support and

until next time

Bye for now

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