

In this edition, BDU Huntress Editor, Christie Pisani, has handed the reins over to South African Professional Hunter Margaret Botha to share with our readers the challenges and triumphs of being a female hunting professional.

We all have many experiences in our lives... challenges, sad times, easy and enjoyable ones, and I believe that these experiences make us who are today. As a hunter, my experiences all culminate to make me better, however, it is outside of the hunting field where I have been most significantly shaped as a hunter. And I do not stand in this spot alone. Two other extraordinary women stand with me, Christie Pisani and Donna Partridge from Australia. Through hunting we have become best friends. Our passion for hunting and the wildlife industry has grown so immensely because of our great love, carefulness and consideration for animals and humans alike, and I believe we can inspire other women to bring their nurturing instincts into a sport that has otherwise been perceived as one reserved for blood thirsty red-necks.

The 'Heart of the Huntress' concept was born after my and Christie's meeting on an American hunting competition. It was a gruelling week where we were tested not only of our hunting ability, but our strength of character. It was not easy, in fact it was one of the most challenging weeks of our lives, but we can out from it as stronger women, with an eagerness to share our experience as women hunters with the world. Our aim is to be positive role models to other woman hunters as well as non- hunters. We are committed to building ongoing, meaningful relationships with them all.







