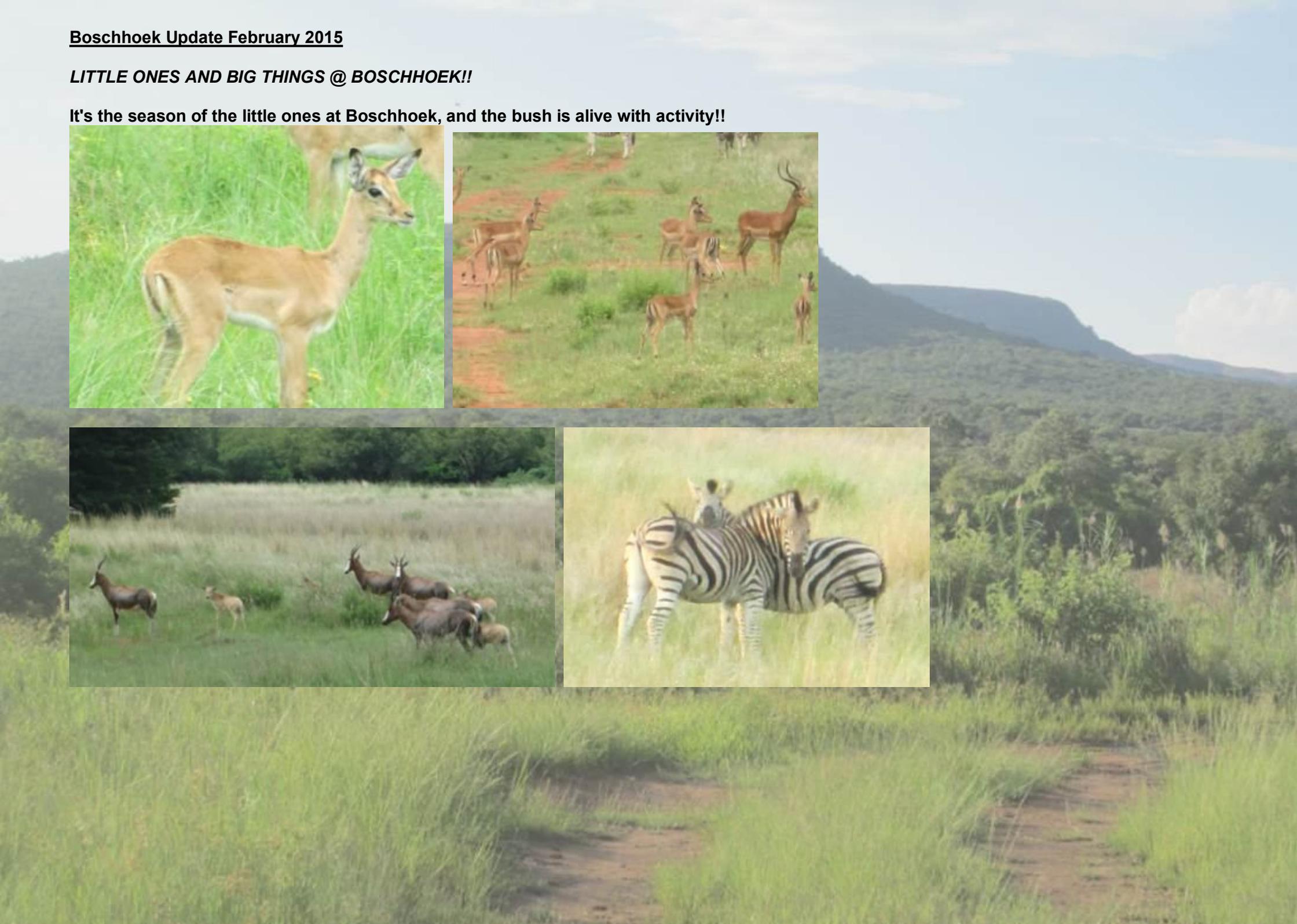


**Boschhoek Update February 2015**

***LITTLE ONES AND BIG THINGS @ BOSCHHOEK!!***

**It's the season of the little ones at Boschhoek, and the bush is alive with activity!!**







**Not to be outdone, our management team Jandre and Ane Higgs added their own contribution.**



**Congratulations Luan, and may you spend many a happy year in the bush!!**

**Exploring Boschhoek time and again reveals another layer of its splendour. This time we set our sights on the eastern wilderness comprising hundreds of hectares of untouched mountain. Once again Boschhoek did not disappoint,**



**with a lone kudu bull gazing suspiciously at us from a distance against the backdrop of amazing vistas.**

**Our herd of eland remained as elusive as ever.**



**The sound of running hooves as we crested a rise, tracks and droppings were all we were allowed as signs of the sanctuary they found in this remote highland.**



**After drinking our fill of sweet water at a mountain stream below. Something large and furry streaked from a bush underneath my feet. What I said right then isn't for public consumption, but the culprit**



**was afterwards identified as an African civet.**

**A lifetime first for me!**

Construction on Boschhoek is continuing apace. Some 16 houses are already completed or under construction on the 90 stands sold to date, and several others are in the offing. Boschhoek has no minimum size for one's bush retreat and doesn't prescribe building materials or methods as long as it blends with the bush. This makes for tremendous fun when designing and building. Whilst traditional brick and mortar is allowed, wood, stone and other natural materials provide unique opportunities to tread lightly in nature, often with surprising cost savings.

Cape Nature's Oudebosch Cabins in the Kogelberg Reserve provide an excellent example.



Whilst the inside is tastefully appointed,



the outside rustically blends into the landscape combining sliding lattice screens and stone gabions.



The planted roof is a striking example of simplicity and functionality.



Perforated bags filled with a lightweight soil mixture and planted with vegetation from the area makes for a seamless transition from landscape to living. Unsurpassed insulation keeps the cottage cool in summer and warm in winter. And it costs very little! See [www.saia.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/ASA-54.pdf](http://www.saia.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/ASA-54.pdf) for more details, and go play around!

Other websites with some bush building tips include [www.ccarchitects.co.za/pdf/SATechBushArch1.pdf](http://www.ccarchitects.co.za/pdf/SATechBushArch1.pdf) and <http://www.ccarchitects.co.za/pdf/SATechBushArch2.pdf>

<http://www.ccarchitects.co.za/pdf/KALAHRI1.pdf> and <http://www.ccarchitects.co.za/pdf/KALAHRI2.pdf> provides some background on sandbag building and tented lodges.

Note the combination of different materials, colours and textures at Sanparks' Kgalagadi Urikaruus Camp



Boschhoek's own website has a wealth of ideas at <http://www.boschhoekmountain.co.za/BushLodges.html>

Rammed earth building is a centuries old method using local materials, minimising transport and material costs. It's also beautiful, cool in summer and warm in winter. Karl at Oxwagon Trail D on Boschhoek is building himself a jaw dropping rammed earth bush home as shown in the pictures below.



Google is your friend, or contact me for Karl's details.

Despite all the activity, nature reigns supreme at Boschhoek with only around 0.25% (a quarter percent) of it's almost 1500 hectares to be under roof once everybody has built.

**Share a Lodge**  
**@R300 000**  
**R150 000 Joint Purchase**  
Own a 10% share, a week every 2 months  
Shared costs @ actual minimum

, our initiative for those who prefer part owning a furnished lodge at Boschhoek rather than having the responsibility of full ownership, is progressing well. The plans have been completed and approved by the Boschhoek control architect, and approval by the local municipality is expected soon.



The combination of a shared living area



and two separate sleeper chalets tucked away among the trees with 4-6 beds each gives you the option of inviting friends along or purchasing jointly at half the cost. The necessary documentation is being completed and we'll be calling for formal offers shortly. See [here](#) for more details.



On the marketing front, regular full page ads in the , and continue to be our mainstay, with other media also contributing. A few breathtaking stands are left at R449 000, and several at R499 000 and slightly beyond.

Around 90 full title 1-2 hectare stands sold during difficult economic times tells of the way that nature at Boschhoek speaks to those who are able to hear it.

Should you wish to come and listen for its voice, let Jandre take you out and share in some of its secrets. Bring a picnic basket and plunge into a pool in one of the mountain streams, or enjoy a scrumptious light lunch at Leeuwenhof Country Lodge and Garden Spa next door.

Kindly call me to arrange.

**Boschhoek Greetings!**



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Share a furnished lodge @ R300 000

Waterberg (Modimolle/Nylstroom) 1.5 hrs from Pretoria, 2 hours from Johannesburg



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