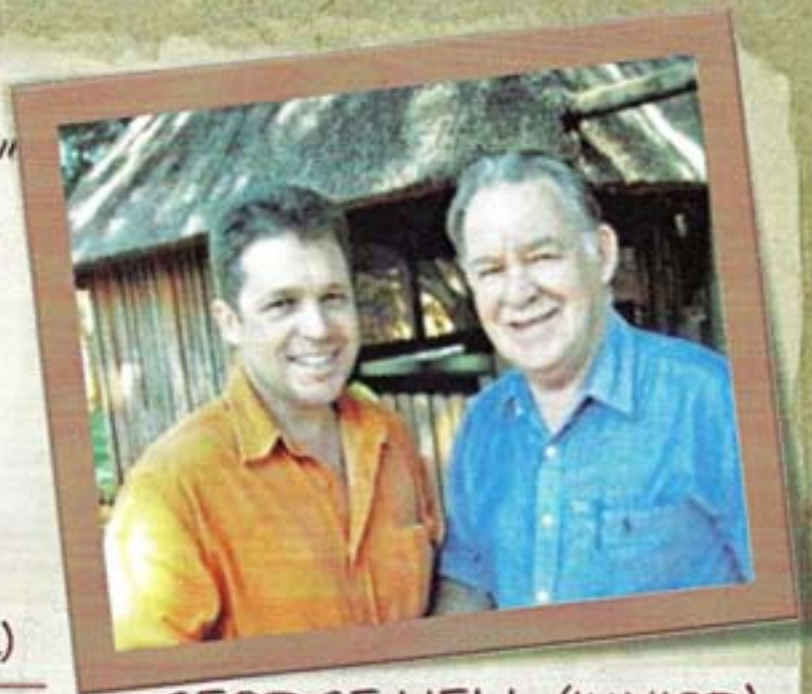




GEORGE *Snr*
NELL *Son*
Taxidermie
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"Troef getrou aan hul natuurlik voorkoms"
"Fidelity true to their natural look"



GEORGE NELL (SENIOR)

George Nell (Snr) started this business with his son in 2004.

George (Snr) is now retired, but an active consultant with more than 60 years of taxidermy experience, part-time and full-time, in the family business. He started his taxidermy career in 1948 at the age of 12 years.

His tutor/mentor was a well known correspondence school in America, namely The Northwestern School of Taxidermy in Omaha, Nebraska in the USA. During the period of 2002 - 2008 George trained more than 180 students in practical courses in the field of shoulder- and bird mounting. These students came from all over South Africa of which some of them are now operating their own profitable Taxidermy businesses.

George was in the technical education from April 1958 until his retirement in 1993. He interrupted his educational career between 1974 - 1979 to operate the SA Safaris Taxidermy studio. He is also a founder member of the Taxidermy Association of South Africa (TASA) and the designer of the logo, which is still being used today!

GEORGE NELL (JUNIOR)

George Nell (Jnr) is the owner of George Nell and Son Taxidermy.

George is a practicing Attorney that specializes in the new Firearms Act and Insolvencies. His practice office is on the same premises as the Taxidermy business and George keeps his eye 24 hours on all activities.

Each firearms act related client that comes to the practice office is being introduced to the Taxidermy showroom.

George is a nature lover by heart and spends as much time as possible being in the bushveldt.

George currently serves on the management of the South African Hunter and Game Conservation Association as Legal Adviser. In this field he already made his mark.

He is also active with his pen and for almost 2 years publishes his informative articles in the SA Hunters for the hunters and firearm owners, which deals with the Firearm Act.

From the hunt to the trophy room

What happens to your trophy after your hunt?

1. After the field-prep the trophy materials are examined for hair slip and other deficiencies, registered and tagged with client number.
2. The next step to clean skins by way of a pickling process which removes blood and dirt, where after they are re-salted, dried and treated against insects before being safely stored.
3. Skulls are cooked, cleaned, de-horned and treated against insects before being safely stored.
4. After a drying period of at least 2 weeks, skins are put through a tanning process which consists of different chemicals to treat them against hair slip and decay. Skins are tanned for at least 2 to 4 weeks.
5. Fleshing process begins after the skin has relaxed. Fleshing is where the skin is cut thinner on the inside to allow better stretch.
6. While all this is going on (preparation of the skin), the form for the trophy on which the skin will be mounted is being created to the specifications of the client (hunter) such as : looking straight, looking left etc.
7. The horns are then secured to the form in the right position. Securing the horns to the form is very important, because the finished trophy is usually picked up by the horns.
8. The skin is then fitted over the coated form and positioned for the sewing of the seam.
9. While the sewing is being done, the Taxidermist starts on the positioning on the ears, eyes nose and lips. The dedicated Taxidermist would constantly refer to examples of other finished work and pictures of the relevant trophy.
10. After about 2 week of drying the trophy is moved to the finishing section, where the paint artist takes over.
11. Here the trophy is modeled with modeling compound around the eyes, nose , lips and base of the horns.
12. After allowing the modeling compound to dry for at least 24 hours, the final painting of the trophy is done.
13. Now after many hours of teamwork and dedication can a hunting trophy find its way to the proud hunters trophy room.



GEORGE NELL (SNR) EN GEORGE NELL (JNR)

Trophies true to their natural look



Zebra Floor Pedestal mount



Buffalo shoulder mount



Warthog Shoulder mount



Kudu
Floor pedestal mount



Impala Shoulder
Mount



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Shoulder moun



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