

TOM BLOY - MalaMala Main Camp Manager



Tom joined MalaMala Game Reserve in 1999 after completing a Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Kwazulu-Natal, majoring in Wildlife Science. Tom's honours thesis was the study of the impact of re-introduced elephants on an environment where they had been absent for over 150 years.

Tom was raised on a cattle ranch and was exposed to the life outdoors from a very young age. He embraced this lifestyle enthusiastically, which made his career choice an obvious one - it was only natural that it should lead to his involvement at one of Africa's most prestigious game reserves.

Tom's interests focus on all aspects of the outdoors including fishing (particularly fly-fishing), shooting, hiking, mountain biking, bird watching and tree identification. He is a firm believer in sustainable utilisation of natural resources and conservation of these resources for generations to come.

Tom started as a ranger at MalaMala and rapidly moved up the ranks. He was the Senior Ranger at Kirkman's Kamp, the Camp Manager at Harry's Camp and the assistant Manager at MalaMala prior to being appointed in 2001 to his current position of Camp Manager of MalaMala.

Tom is married to Shelley whom he met whilst she was working in the company's central reservations office. They have two daughters, Amy and Julie-Ann, both who love to go on game drive with "dad".

Whilst Tom's position does not allow for him to spend as much time in the bush as he would like to, Tom finds great satisfaction in the smaller inhabitants of the environment, of which there are plenty in and around the camp.