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Tread softly, tread silently

By Rean Steenkamp

I recently acquired a pair of fine stalking boots from M. Gordon Footwear. These boots are custom designed for hunting and especially for stalking prey. However, I found them to be so comfortable that I wear them every day – much to the dismay of Greg Steyn, the manufacturer, who insists they are purpose-made boots and not meant for everyday use.

Greg told me the boots were not waterproof and gave me a tin of Sno-seal, an all-season leather sealant that can be used to waterproof the boots. However, I did not use it. During the weekend at the Sterkrivier Traditional Shoot I wore the boots in the rain and for walking through mud, and found them to be remarkably water resistant without any sealant. The crepe soles certainly make for soft walking – from a sound as well as a comfort point of view. I also found that one does not have to break the boots in – they feel snug and comfy from the moment you start wearing them. Well, it is going to take more than boots to make me a good walk-and-stalk hunter,



The Oryx PH Desert boot, showing both the long and the short version.

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