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FROM THE EDITOR

This year we will publish four issues of this newsletter. To ensure that we get each issue out on time, there will be deadlines for submission of materials to be included. If material reaches me after a deadline, it will be included in the next issue, if appropriate. Expect to receive each issue about three weeks after its deadline.

2008 submission deadlines;

July 2nd

October 23rd

Guidelines for submissions.

Material which is emailed saves me a lot of work. **Preferred font is Times New Roman. Preferred font size is 12 point.** Writing can be sent as a Word file, or a text file. For those without an expensive word processing program, you can use any writing program included with your operating system, or download "Open Office" free from the internet which is virtually identical to "Microsoft Office" & can exchange files with MS Office.

Photographs should NOT be included in the article itself, but sent as separate files (attachments to the email). You can indicate where each photo might be placed by typing its file name in brackets in the text.

Photographs should be . jpeg files, saved at about 15 cm X 10 cm size at quality 8 (80%) which gives the best quality for the smallest file size.

Printed on paper submissions need to have clear black typed text. Faintly printed text will not scan & cannot be included. **Very short pieces, such as personal adverts can be hand written.**

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Meeting dates for 2009.

The venue is the German Austrian Club Cabramatta – Thursdays at 7.30 pm

2009 Meeting Dates.

19th February

21st May

23rd July

15th October (day, Southern Highlands / Central Tablelands)

14th November (Saturday) Trophy Exhibition & Christmas Party.

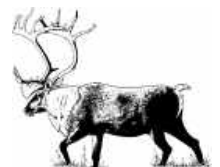
Other - SCI Expo February 2009, Douglas Scoring Accreditation Workshop February 2009.

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NZDA Douglas Scoring Workshop January 2009.

By Wayne McPhee.

The Douglas Score system is without doubt the most important trophy scoring system in use in Australasia. It has stood the test of time, and although there have been minor improvements to the measuring techniques to make them more accurate, the system itself in my opinion, and that of many experienced measurers in Australia, needs no change.

For one thing, the system is the result of careful study and refinement by the originator, the late Norman Douglas and has no fundamental flaws. For a second, any change is going to virtually throw the record book out of the window because many of the recorded heads could not be re-measured under a changed set of rules. To make any basic change (unnecessarily) would be a tragedy.

With the passing of Gordon Alford there has been none in Australia with enough experience and knowledge to not only confidently maintain the system but to also have the backing of the New Zealand Deerstalking Association, who are its keepers. Gordon was trained by Norman Douglas himself, and was able to confidently interpret the system and settle arguments.

After some thought I consulted several deer stalking groups before contacting the NZDA with a view to get one of their scorers to come across to give a small seminar for our members, but it very quickly escalated. The NZDA strongly opposes the changes to the Douglas Score which are being proposed by one prominent Victorian, and when we made contact with them the NZDA agreed to send over three of their "big guns" to run the seminar and in the process, sort out the confusion.

Their chief scorer, Mr. Bruce Banwell headed their committee. Bruce has written over thirty

books on deer and was a personal friend of Norman Douglas, hunting and scoring along side Norman for many years. There is no other living person who would know more about how Norman Douglas intended his scoring system to be interpreted and applied; i.e. how to measure and Douglas Score trophies. The two other members of the NZDA committee were Mr. Ray Webb and Mr. Andrew Lang, who are experts on scoring Fallow & Reds respectively. They are also involved in updating the NZDA Scoring Register. We could not have asked for a better or more learned trio to show us "amateurs" how "it" should be done.

At this stage I contacted John Desanti of the Nepean Hunters Club with an invitation to attend, which they enthusiastically accepted. Safari Club International declined an invitation because they use their own scoring system. Trophy Takers, a bow hunting organisation contacted me to see if they could attend, and of course were included. After all, this seminar was to be a valuable learning experience and an opportunity for all like-minded hunters to get together in a common cause. Martin Than from NSW ADA was a major help in establishing contacts within the NZDA. Friday January 16th finally came around and the NZDA committee arrived at the airport to be met by Steve Isaacs. Steve did a marvelous job of hosting the committee at his home in Quakers Hill for the full three days, and returning them to the airport. Not only did Steve give generously of his time but he also saved us the considerable cost of motel accommodation. Saturday began with a breakfast feast prepared by John Desanti and John Natoli. These blokes and their wives gave many hours of their time to prepare all the food for those who attended, without fuss or ceremony. It's really great that we have such members in our organization and I thank them for their efforts.

I was pleasantly surprised to find out the Game Council chief Executive, Brian Boyle, and one of



their young scientists, Andrew Moriarty would be attending and participating. I partnered Brian on scoring Red deer which gave me the chance to get to know him in an informal setting. Brian is just one of us. He loves to hunt; rabbits or deer, it doesn't matter. He has a genuine love of the bush and I believe he is the perfect man for the job he's doing. Andy Mallon, NSW ADA State President also attended and spoke to me of the turmoil and conflict being caused by the changes to the Douglas Score being championed chiefly by Ted Wholers in Victoria. Andy congratulated us on doing something positive to address the problem. I won't go into the specifics of the weekend, but I will tell you that it was worth every cent the club put up to pay for the weekend.

My knowledge of how to score Red stags has multiplied many times. I, & all of our scorers can now confidently score big multi-tined heads. They are not easy, but I'm sure we can now get them right. I outlined and asked the committee's opinion of quite a number of Ted Wholers' interpretations at the seminar, and all Bruce Banwell did was to shake his head to each one. The tops gauge invented by Mr. Wholers, which has caused much of the controversy was dismissed by Bruce Banwell. The entire seminar ran in a good and humorous spirit. Bruce even christened Chris Graham "Barnacle Bill", after Chris called some heavy pearling "barnacles". Bruce thought that very amusing.

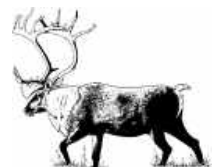
In conclusion, this was a major undertaking by our club and I would like to thank everyone who helped out over the course of the seminar. There is no need to name all these people; they know what they did and how much it helped. They are the quiet achievers. We now have seven fully accredited scorers NSW wide, and the idea is to train a few more.

After our successful seminar, Bruce told me he had been contacted by some Tasmanian hunting

clubs to see if he can run a course for them as well, as well as two hunting clubs in Victoria wanting to train NZDA accredited scorers. It seems we are not the only ones tired of the attacks on the Douglas Score.

The Editor Apologises.

A sincere apology for the late arrival of this issue, which was supposed to be out a month ago. The delay was unavoidable, caused by some delays in receiving important items, then having to go hunting for a week.





Secretary's Report!

Since our last meeting the hunting season is well underway and I am aware that many members have taken some great trophies.

I had my first hunt at Easter since having my hip replacement and the rut was getting in full swing. Nothing like grunting stags to get the blood flowing.

Although not successful it was great catching up with good mates.

There are a few things happening of interest and we have included more detail in the magazine.

Christmas in July

We have decided to have our Christmas Function in July this year not our usual get together in November.

Ron & Meg Tanning have kindly offered their farm again and Meg will arrange the food.

This will be something different as we will have a camp fire and those that are keen can camp over for the night.

Firearms Amnesty ends 31 May 2009

With the recent introduction of the three month firearm amnesty that finishes on the 31 May 2009 it was mentioned that the Police would undertake safe storage checks following the amnesty.

Robert Brown MLC advises the following when the shooters party requested clarification on the forthcoming police checks.

The Minister of Police has confirmed that when the Police begin the campaign to check safe storage of firearms that they will contact licence holders to arrange a suitable time for the inspection.

Game Council

2009 Bow Hunting Workshop 3rd to 5th July 2009 to be held at the Orange Bow Hunting Club located on the Ophir Road about 13km north east

of Orange.

Firearms Registry - Permit to Acquire

There is a new system effective immediately covering the Permit to Acquire (details included in the magazine).

Longarms (P562) and handguns (P563) have been altered so that they can be processed electronically into the Firearms Management System.

Only original forms will be accepted and the new system is website driven as follows:-

The customer completes request form and submits details electronically via website Firearms Registry emails the pre-printed form to the applicant for completion Applicant completes form including payment details if applicable and returns by post only to the Firearms Registry

Bush Fires Victoria

At our last meeting we approved through resolution to fund up to \$2,000 for the welfare of the deer and other wildlife affected by the fires.

I contacted our sister club the Gippsland Deerstalkers initially discussing this with Reg Gordon.

Geoff Taylor their President has been in contact and suggested that we may wish to join the Victorian Lands Alliance.

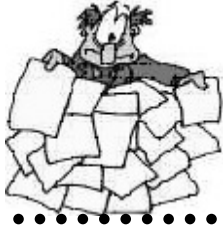
The alliance has been formed to push for a commonsense approach on land management issues and have put forward a submission to the Royal Commission.

The Bunyip Enclosure Sambar study may need some assistance and we are waiting further information.

Good Hunting

Greg Haywood Secretary





President's Report

Hi Everyone.

Once again the hunting season is well & truly under way & I trust that members have been making the most of their chances to get out & about.

I have heard of several outstanding trophies being taken by members & urge that these guys attend the next club meeting & bring the heads along for us to have the opportunity to see quality trophy animals.

Last meeting saw representatives from the NSW Game Council come along & give us an update on their activities. I thank them for attending as it was both interesting & informative for all members.

I attended the SCI Convention in Brisbane last February & once again I considered it an outstanding success. Any positives that we can maintain in the media are of great purpose to the hunting cause. Mind you that most attending the Convention seemed a little distracted by the Sexpo being held next door. One could question just what shots were got away on the weekend. All in all it was an enjoyable time & our raffle for taxidermy work by Tony Bianco sold well.

We will be selling tickets for the raffle to be drawn at the AGM at the next meeting. I urge all members to help benefit the club by purchasing some tickets in this raffle.

Again I remind members that the club has an AQIS permit that is available to club members importing salt dried skins from New Zealand & New Caledonia. Just contact me for details.

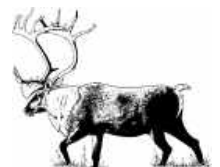
We have decided to change our major club event of the year from the Christmas get together to one at Ron & Meg Toning's in July. This will be a BBQ get together with the option for those

that wish to camp the night & enjoy themselves.

Once again I urge members to come along & bring their trophies & get back to the fellowship that this great club has had in the past.

I am also finally able to offer information to members who might be interested in hunting buffalo in Arnham Land this year. If anyone is interested please contact me for information & prices.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next club meeting & safe hunting.



Video Library

Free hunting videos for members to borrow for one month if picking up video's at a meeting. Members must pay postage by registered mail back to the club in carton supplied. You can phone or write for videos to be posted to you, however the member must pay postage both ways. When returning videos to the club within one-month members must include cost of postage to them in stamps inside the box.

If members are to lend these video's to fellow members, remember that the original person who borrowed them from the club will be held responsible if they are not returned within due time. As these videos are the property of the club, you are expected to look after them. If you loose or damage a video you will have to pay the replacement cost. If you don't return them after 4 weeks you won't get anymore.

To borrow a Video contact:

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4. Zambia Safaris
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6. Monster Elk, Horns of Plenty, Hunt Exotics 1 & 2
7. Hunting Bugling Elk, Big Muleys, Caribou
8. North American Big Horn Rams, Greatest Whitetail, Wild Hogs of Texas
9. Col Allison Hunters Home Video, Big Bears, Russian Boar, Whitetail
10. North American Mixed Bag, Big Horn Rams, Whitetail
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12. Wild Boar Pig Hunting Down Under Part 1
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15. The Bow Hunter, Whitetail Deer
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17. North American Big Horn Sheep, Big Rams Mixed Bag
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20. Pig Hunting in Qld, Wild Goat in Qld, Mouflon
21. Pig Hunting in Qld, Red Deer in Qld
22. Hunting in Spain, Pig Hunt in Tunisia, Red Deer in Scotland
23. Hunting Fallow in Scotland, Red in Scotland, Kiwi Hunts North West Territories
24. The Wildlife Bow Hunter, Deer, Pigs, Foxes, Mountain Hunting NZ, O'Rourke's Deer, Chamois, Thar
25. Mountain Hunting N.Z., Deer, Thar, Chamois, Red, Sika, Bow Hunter
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33. Roar Red Stags, Shadows in Scrub, Great Trophy Bucks
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35. Dark Continent
36. Red in Qld, Dingo, Fox, Fallow, Hog etc., Sika N.Z., Cape for Trophy Mount
37. How to cape for a Trophy Mount, Shoot the Bull, Hunting QLD Red Deer, Deer Attack
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39. Big Horn Rams, Nth American Mixed Bag
40. Shadows in Scrub, Red Deer - Clark McGhie
41. Sambar Stalking 1 & 2 - Reg Gordon
42. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Sportsmans Paradise, Pigs, Barramundi, Tusk Versus Tooth, Pig Hunting with Dogs
43. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Hog Deer in Victoria
44. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Sambar Stalking 1 & 2 - Reg Gordon
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48. Sambar Safari Vol 1, SHIKARI
49. Venison Hunters, Hunting Northern Cape, Hunting NZ Southern Alps.
50. Hunting the Zambeze Delta, Trophy Seekers, Trophy Seekers Shadows End
51. NZ Hunting, Hunting Safaris Vol 1 & 2, Rusa Hunting



Nyngan Pig Hunt.

By Andrew Palmer.

Recently I went out west of Nyngan on a hunt with Rob, a fellow I've got to know on a hunting forum. It had been 5 months since I had shot my last pig and last year's western NSW pig hunt was canceled due to the dreaded lurgy. Consequently I was eager to get into the pig action again. On Saturday morning I rendezvoused with Rob in Nyngan; from there we travelled in convoy to the property. Upon arrival we conducted an inspection on the first tank located adjacent to the access track. The fresh sign was encouraging and the abundant feed in the

There was a lot of water laying about in ponds and depressions, evidence of the substantial rains in December. That evening Rob suggested we each select a tank to sit 'n' wait. No pigs were seen and we were both carried off by the mosquitoes. With regimented regularity we were up at 4:30am, munched down marmite on toast washed down with brewed coffee and off walking to the old wheat crop paddocks now overgrown, in places with knee high, lush feed. On Sunday morning Rob spotted a sow and three young pigs and suggested we stalk in close. With "spotters privilege" Rob set up his pack as a rest, took the shot at ~80m and missed. Due to the low morning



paddocks was paramount. After unpacking our vehicles and setting up camp at the hut, we ventured out on a recon of the nearby tanks where we saw a total of 30+ goats and 5 pigs.

light I didn't realize what had happened and asked Rob if he connected. Then I tried unsuccessfully to hit the sow on the run out ~200m, then ~250m & then further with each round narrowly going behind her. Due to the



extreme heat 37oC – 42oC we took shelter and rested in the hut from 10:00 to 18:00 only venturing out to check nearby tanks for any recent pig activity. Large mobs of goats were usually seen and some photographed to simulate a stalk and shot. At midnight we went for a spotlight around the old crop paddocks. Approximately 120m out from the track was a mob of two sows, a small boar and approximately five young pigs. Once the light was on them they were off. I opted

400m from the hut was a sow near a water filled depression. Within seconds she was dispatched by a 120gr Nosler BT. We walked a wind row out in the centre of the crop area noting all the water sources available to game. Just after sunrise we were walking through the scrub towards the remote tank where we saw pigs earlier. Within 400m of the tank a large boar appeared from the right and trotted only ~30m in front of me, instantly the 7mm-08 was shouldered and



for the larger animals; with the 120gr Nosler BTs smacking a sow in the head, the other sow in the neck and the third dropping the small boar. All were “floppies”. A couple of foxes also presented themselves only to meet their demise with a 120gr Nosler BT to the head. We were back at camp at 01:30. Up 04:30 we had breaky and then walked to the old wheat crops again. At approximately

dropped the boar on the spot, another “floppy”. We followed a pig grunting for a couple of hundred metres then commenced the arduous task of walking 3km back to the car in 39oC heat. While I recuperated, Rob went and sat on a tank for a few hours. He saw a few goats, but no decent billies. That evening Rob & I each went to



a tank to sit 'n' wait. Again, no pigs were seen and I was eaten alive mosquitoes. RID does not work! We went spotlighting that night with a nil result. The next couple of days were repetitious in terms of tactics, nil result and extreme heat. We hadn't seen pigs for a few days. I mentioned to

VX-II 4-12x50mm – 130gr Hornady SSTs (Rob's). On Thursday morning we had hunted unsuccessfully for pigs and were checking out a couple of tanks on the way back to the hut. I saw a pair of Hard head ducks on the water and got the camera out. The tranquility was shattered by a



Rob that the pigs weren't in their usual spots due to the abundant amount of feed and water about. Consequently we walked a lot more in the scrub early morning and late afternoon locating a multitude of watering holes with pig sign and a myriad of bird life. Excellent photo opportunities presented themselves. Later that afternoon Rob nailed a crow @ ~90m and early evening a young fox @ ~80m, each with a 130gr Hornady SST from his 270. Remington 700 CDL-SF 270 with

series of three shots from Rob's 270. Rob had nailed a 34" Billy Goat at ~70m. All three shots connected, but it was third that finally finished the animal. The head was impressive. With the sleep deprivation of the last few nights both Rob & I passed out and slept through the heat of the day. Later, while Rob sat on a tank, I walked some scrub north of the hut following fresh pig spoor until the light faded. On Friday morning after another uneventful hunt for pigs the 7mm-08



belted a crow at ~80m and being the last day I opted for a Billy later in the day. Rob & I headed out to a couple of tanks in search of Bill, nothing was seen at the first tank but a mob of 20 were seen loitering around the second tank. I stalked to within ~75m and dropped a 31" Billy with a single 120gr Nosler BT to the lungs. It was hot too!!!Friday night, we went "moonlighting" for pigs. Early in the hunt, the 7mm-08 belted a crow in a tree. We walked for over 700m to the tank near the access track to see if the resident boar was about. Then we traversed the tank wall and headed south to another old wheat crop paddock. After 300+m we then glassed for porky. Rob located a boar at ~200m and we stalked to within ~80m. Rob took the shot with a 130gr Hornady SST, which I saw hit the boar mid length. While Rob "yahoo ed" and danced under the moonlight excited with the hit, he didn't notice the boar run off. I did, and he didn't believe me until we walked to the spot,... no pig! The question was; which way did he go? Approximately 30 minutes later after searching, much cursing and frustration on Rob's behalf, I almost tripped over this lump in the stubble. Rob got his boar, and a very plump and healthy specimen it was too. Talking to the Cocky on Saturday morning he said the rains had scattered most animals and the neighbours had hunters on but packed up early and went home frustrated by not seeing any pigs at all. So we were fortunate to get the game we did.

BUFFALO HUNTING ARNHEM LAND 2009

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**Exclusions; CAPING OF TROPHY
ADDITIONAL \$500 BULLS OVER 95 SCI
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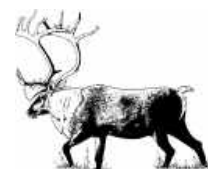
**SCRUB BULL \$1000 BUFFALO BULL
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Rebarrel and Recycle a Ruger

Malcolm Ambrose

Rumaging through the old secondhand barrels at a gunshop I came across a barrel that I had spotted several times in the past. It was evident there no interest in this particular piece as the price stickers started at \$300.00 and was now at \$65.00. I thought sixty five bucks was a bargain and although I would have preferred a 6.5 cal barrel, this was perfect for my makeover .

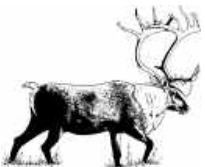
The barrel was stamped “7x64 “, with no identifying factory marks whatsoever. The thought crossed my mind that I could be buying a very expensive tomato stake, but at \$65.00 it’s worth a risk. I made my way to the counter and asked if the computer was hooked up to the internet, the young fellow replied “sure is “, so I asked him to rattle up www.stevespages.com. “What’s this for” he asked? I mentioned to him that most of the reloading books he had for sale were plastic wrapped to keeping grubby hands like mine from soiling the pages, so I need to know the dimensions of a 7x64 case. I knew that outside diameter of a 308 case was .470, and after logging onto Steve’s site and scrolling through, I was very pleasantly surprised to find that a 7x64 case was only .466. I’m no gunsmith, or mathematician, but I figured it would be easier to make a hole bigger, rather than make an existing hole smaller.

I wanted a nice, handy, short actioned, light mountain rifle. I’ve always had a soft spot for the older M77 Rugers. These rifles had a classic American shaped stock, a shotgun style tang safety, feed well from the magazine and I just happen to have one sitting in my safe. It is chambered in 220 Swift and it one of the most accurate rifles I’ve owned. But, even with the heaviest 70 gn projectiles it will shoot, I still needed more “oomph”.

I’d been using my trusty old 6.5 x 55 Swedish Mauser for the last couple of hunting seasons, and

even though it did the job on Fallow stags, it was getting a little heavy——or that was the reason I told myself I required a new toy and it was only a month or so to Christmas, so this could double as Santa’s gift to me.

The first thing I did was to post the barrel to the gunsmith. I asked him to check out the bore with one of those fancy lights he has and to check the diameter of the barrel to see if it could be turned down to suit the threads of a Ruger. He told me he had a 7mm/08 reamer just waiting for the job. The 7x64 case is a /06 length and I only wanted a /08 length so I required his expertise and knowledge on chambers and threads. I’d had a play with the magazine box as it had a spacer installed for the Swift length case , but he assured me “I’ll sort it out “ Now anyone, who has had work undertaken from gunsmiths generally hope that the rifle will be repaired and returned during their lifetime, and I was no exception. Years ago, when the price of fox pelts could pay off a house mortgage, my brother Ray took a beautiful little Brno Hornet to be rebarreled to 17 Ackley. By the time he received the rifle back from the gunsmith, the greenies had run their course and the arse had fallen out of the fur trade. The gunsmith had the barrel, but needed the rifle so he could weave his magic. This guy travels down to Sydney, generally once a fortnight to pick up and drop off repairs he’d done for several of the gunshops in Sydney, so I met up with him rather than post the gun up. Now came the crunch—— “when do you think I can have the rifle back?” I asked——“ I have a hunt coming up in late Feb and I’d like to use it then “. I mentioned that I needed to work up a load, fit a scope, check the bedding and generally just fiddle. I’d probably need several trips the rifle range and with Christmas coming up, I’d need it sooner rather than later. “I’ll see what I can do”, he replied. So—— all I could do was wait. In the meantime, I purchased 50 Remington cases, weighed and sorted them. I trimmed them all to a consistent length and commenced reading the



manuals on loads for my new toy. I scrounged a box of 150 gn Ballistic tips and found I still had a few old Nosler 140gn 7mm solid base projectiles. I was going to be super tight arse and load using a set of 308 dies and a 7mm neck die I had, but after fiddling and stuffin' around I realised I need the real deal and bought a set of dies, including a full length die. I'd decided not to ring and hassle to 'smith, so to say I was surprised when he called and said "it's ready", was an understatement. This, mind you, was well and truly before Christmas and when I thanked him, he said "Yeah, I like the Rugers and I was in a chambering sort of mood". He threaded, chambered and recrowned the barrel, had a play with the feed ramps and rectified the magazine box for me. I was stoked.

I eventually decided on 140 gn Sierras as my hunting pill. I have great faith in the standard soft point, hunting projectiles, eg Sierra, Speer and Hornady. I have read, it's important to match the projectile type to the speed of the pill, and over the years, these have worked for me. The recycle rifle was surprisingly accurate. It will cloverleaf ballistic tips at 100mts. It spits Sierra's into 1 inch and importantly, the first shot is where the remaining 4 shots print. I was itchin' to go huntin'.

During my hunt, the rifle performed flawlessly, nestled into a tree branch, 8.30am, checking out a stag through the binos and —bang. Two hours later, different tree, bigger stag, nice and steady and same result. Two magnificent fallow stags, both one shot kills, projectiles recovered just under the skin on the exit side and one happy hunter.

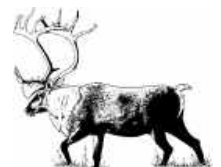
This rifle has reached all expectations, it's a pleasure to carry around the hills, the projectiles work a /08 velocities and the wife doesn't even know I have a new toy.



trusty ol' 6.5 x 55 Swedish



rebarrelled Ruger 7mm /08



Banteng 2005 Part II

Peter Birchall.

Stretch finished the caping & salting work in the shade at camp. A cold beer went down very quickly. Next morning, fully recovered & now drinking a lot more water, we drove back out to have a look for a pig or two. The overnight scavengers, pigs & dingoes, had made short work of about half of the bull's carcase. A two metre circle around the bull was a mass of churned up black soil covered in pig & dog tracks. Yesterday the area had been a very neat area of short grazed green grass, like a bowling green. We moved away to the South from the downed bull & soon a few water holes became evident in the flat landscape. A small group of Banteng cows were noted in our direction of travel, but no big bull was seen. After another 300 metres we saw another group of cows, but this time a bull was standing back in some thin scrub watching his cows. Not a bad bull either, but smaller than yesterday's model. The creek had now become more obvious so we moved over to it & continued down stream. Dust rose from behind a patch of scrub as a Timor pony stallion moved his mares away from us, & a big yellow dingo followed them. He had been down in the creek scratching about. Where is the video camera when you need it? Back in bloody camp! We next stopped beside two linked water holes forming a figure eight. I was looking at the upstream hole, covered in pink flowering water lilies & begging to be photographed, having seen nothing in the other, when there was a whispered question from Stretch; "Are you going to shoot that bloody pig or what?" "What pig I replied?" "That pig" said Stretch, pointing to a ginger boar sleeping on the edge of the downstream hole, just 5 paces away. The first whisper had me scanning the flat country, but a nudge in the ribs & a pointing arm did the trick. A boar's head with its snout resting on the bank, the left jaw and an ear were all that was visible. At a

quick glance it had looked like a rotten old tree root. No golden stream of brass this episode, just a big shower of muddy water as a 270 gn Barnes X projectile smashed into where the front fat bit should be, still submerged beneath coffee coloured water. Once the ripples cleared, the camera came out again. To get the photo of the departed boar I had obviously to pull it up the bank. It took the two of us to drag it. It just kept getting longer & longer as the huge body cleared the water. Unfortunately both thumb-thick tusks had recently broken off about 15 cm above the jaw. Later Peter told us that in fact it was a Jawa pig, a remnant of the animals brought over to the Coburg area back in the 1840's as part of the English settlement attempt at Port Essington. By now it was starting to be really humid, so it was back to Peter's for a beer, water, lunch & a siesta. About two hours before dark we drove back to our usual parking spot; nice & shady. I set up the video camera in an old dry waist deep wallow, near to & down wind of the Banteng carcase. We didn't have long to wait until the locals arrived. First came a local Kookaburra, 3/4th the size of a Southern bird but with bright blue wing flashes, as flash as a rat. A short poke about & he left. Next a small group of mares hunted along by a stallion wandered through our natural theater before two big yellow dingoes came to the decomposition picnic. The dingoes' hackles suddenly rose as a big black boar headed in for prime Asiatic beef. The native dogs circled the boar as he arrogantly assumed control of the carcase. He towered over the dogs, his body language telling them to bugger off. Boom, boom, with the second shot at a now running boar which had managed to run some 50 metres. Big bodied but with tusks only a centimetre long; what a disappointment. So ended the whack 'em & stack 'em for the first part of my Aussie safari. The next week we were off to South East Arnhem Land for Buff, Bulls & a little black pussy cat. But that's another story.



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I have organized some new club shirts, polar fleece & caps.

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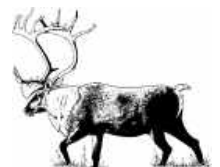
Also, other colours are available but will need to be a special order.

Thanks..... Darren

2009 Bow Hunting Workshop Information

Location The inaugural Game Council NSW Bowhunting Workshop will be held at Orange Bow Hunting Club from 3–5 July 2009. The Orange Bowhunting Club is located on the Ophir Road about 13km north-east of Orange. Participants can follow the directions and map below and most intersections will be sign-posted with “Inaugural Bowhunting Workshop Game Council NSW” signs.

Heading into Orange from Bathurst on the city’s outskirts, take the Ophir turn-off on the right onto Lone Pine Avenue. (you will see the Prime TV studio complex just after the turn off). Follow Lone Pine Ave for 2km until you come to a “T” intersection. Turn right onto the Ophir Rd at this intersection. Follow the Ophir road for 4km until you come to Banjo Patterson Way on the right (also sign posted to Ophir). Take this road and follow it for 7.5km until you come to the Orange Bowhunting Club on the left (it will be well sign-posted).



Times The course will start with a barbecue dinner at 6:30pm on Friday 3 July 2009 and the course will conclude after lunch at approximately 2:30pm on Sunday 5 July 2009. A course itinerary is attached below.

Accommodation Camping at the Orange Bowhunting Range is available free (toilet facilities but no shower facilities are available).

Alternatively, a range of accommodation options are available in nearby Orange. These can be viewed at: www.orange-nsw.com/Accommodation.html or call the Orange Visitors

Information Centre on (02) 6393 8226.

Workshop Costs The course costs \$150 for each participant. Payment can be organised through the Game Council NSW Orange Office on (02) 6360 5111.

Meals Barbecue dinners on Friday and Saturday night will be supplied by the Game Council. All other food and drinks can be purchased from the Orange Bowhunting Club who will have catering on hand from breakfast to dinner each night (excluding Friday and Saturday nights) as well as a bar open on the Saturday night. Alternatively, participants can bring their own food and drink.

What you need to bring The following is a suggested inventory of gear you will need to bring:

Camping equipment Warm clothes and bedding

Bow hunting equipment Wet weather gear

Sunscreen and hat Writing materials for notes

Food and drink (optional) Workshop Structure

and Range Session This course has been structure around a small group format. All sessions

throughout Saturday and Sunday will be

conducted in groups of up to 12 people with one instructor. On Friday and Saturday night, several

PowerPoint sessions will be run for the whole

workshop group. On Saturday afternoon, a bow technique and range session will also be held for

small groups. Course participants should bring along a bow and sufficient number of arrows for

this range session. The Game Council may be able to supply several bows and some arrows for

participants who do not have a bow to use.

NOTE: Only target arrows will be used on this course — no broad heads!

Workshop Topics will include;

Hunting law in NSW

Navigation/GPS Scouting forests for deer

Written Permission

Bows and arrows

Bowhunting equipment

Camouflage and animal vision

Anatomy/shot placement

Bow tuning

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Hunting goats and pigs

Hunting deer

Bushcraft and Survival



Deer Management Corner. “A Colossal Aging Error Discovered”

by Dal Birrell

Imagine my amazement at finding this announcement recently on the Quality Deer Management Association site. It is obvious that if there was a flaw in the technique used to age deer the consequences to deer management & to the research work done by all those wildlife scientists who have used a faulty method could be very serious. The announcement relates to the most commonly used method, the tooth eruption & wear method, used extensively around the world because other methods such as cementum annuli sectioning, are slow and relatively expensive. In the USA, most wildlife biologists have learned the method from the “Wildlife Techniques Manual”. The method described was taken from a 1949 paper by Severinghaus. This paper is “highly respected and one of the most cited research papers in all of wildlife management”. Unfortunately a mistake in the 1963 edition of the Wildlife Techniques Manual in which the wrong description of the teeth of the 3.5 year old was made, has been perpetuated ever since. In Australia, the aging of Fallow deer is based on the work by Brian Murphy, which in turn is based on the descriptions in the Wildlife Techniques Manual. The result is that a proportion of 2.5, 3.5 and 4.5 year old old animals have been aged incorrectly, in most cases a year younger than they actually are. Without going back and re-classifying the jaws themselves it isn't possible to say which jaws or how many are affected. Where the jaws have not been kept, we may just have to draw a line under the old records & apply the new classifications to all new jaws. I personally age all of the trophy bucks submitted by members of the Deerstalkers Black Fallow Scheme, following Brian Murphy's “old” classifications. Many members have been of the opinion that my ages are too low, & it seems that in a proportion of

cases they were correct! However, no scientist is going to abandon an accepted method on the basis of what someone “thinks”. Now we have the corrections I can look at our jaw collection again and see what changes to the records result. Actually I suspected myself that our members were probably right as searches of the literature consistently turned up results showing that ages given by tooth eruption and wear methods are around one to two years younger on average than cementum sectioning comparisons, in different deer species in different countries. Every now and again I would do yet another literature search; finally bingo! The discovery of this simple transcription error brings the results of these two methods much more closely into line, and gives me more confidence in the eruption & wear method. After finding the announcement of the error, I contacted both Dr. Andrew Moriarity, the Game Council's game management expert, & Dr. Graham Hall of the Tasmanian Game Management Unit, who is probably the authority on Fallow deer in Australia. Dr. Hall replied and advised me that a study of 300 Australian Fallow jaws had been made recently as an Honours Project at the University of Queensland, comparing the results of aging by tooth eruption and wear with the cementum annuli technique. This study used Brian Murphy's “old” eruption and wear classifications. Consistency between those doing the age estimations was high, with the eruption and wear results coming in 1 to 2 years younger than the cementum annuli results in mid-age animals. I should have a copy of this study to read shortly, but these results are about what we might now expect, knowing the error in the wear descriptions of the 3.5 year olds which the method has “carried” since 1963. Interestingly, in this study there was no attempt to age deer beyond 6.5 years. The error just becomes too great past that age, as genetic and environmental factors become more and more important in determining the rate of tooth wear. This study



didn't differentiate between the sexes, which would probably contribute to the variation in the results for older animals. More studies and expert opinions are advancing the idea that there is a difference between tooth wear rates in male and female deer & that those differences become greater with age, with males showing less wear. A couple of years ago I tried to investigate this same idea with jaws from the BFS, but with too few female jaws in the sample, and mostly only from young does, the results were inconclusive. The theory is that because does are smaller than bucks they need more feed to maintain their body temperature and energy levels. An extreme example of this effect is that mice need proportionately much more food than elephants. Also, the demands of pregnancy and lactation on does increases their need for more & better quality food compared with bucks. They therefore graze more than browse and spend more time eating. Grazing at ground level (often on clover) probably introduces more dirt into the diet, accelerating tooth wear. Bucks happily survive on more low quality browse. This might help to explain why Fallow stalkers commonly see many more does, fawns and young bucks than older bucks; they spend more time out grazing where they are easily spotted, while the big bucks can stay in cover, at least in daylight. Of interest too is the statement in the QDMA article that the cementum annuli method also has its problems. It said that in their opinion only one person in the world uses the method with consistent accuracy & puts that down to his vast experience in running a commercial laboratory aging deer teeth. Those wanting to read the QDMA article on the web can find it at www.qdma.com/articles/details.asp?id=30.

My thanks to Dr. Graham Hall & to Dr. Andrew Moriarty for their help with this article.

Genetics, Injuries & Antler Abnormalities.

If you are connected to the internet there is an

excellent article by Kip Adams on the QDMA site which looks at many factors which commonly affect antler size, quality and abnormalities. Adams states that many of the abnormalities seen in the field are temporary, and gives some actual examples. Anyone concerned with herd culling should read this article. Find it at www.qdma.com/articles/details.asp?id=121



April 09

Malcolm Ambrose.

Lloyd and I left the hut together, and started up the hill, but after 500metres he said "I'm heading off to the far right— I'll see you back at the hut". The sun's morning rays had not yet touched the hill, so I knew I had the best part of the day ahead of me. I'd only travelled 50 odd metres and heard a stag croaking, so I thought I'd give Lloyd a bit of lead time and decided to check out this bloke. Trouble is this stag and his harem was a whole lot fitter than I was and every step up hill I took, the stag and his girlfriends just increased the gap. Fairly soon, I lost them. Lloyd and I had done a little seeking and peeking the previous night, so I reverted to my original plan and headed out to where we had seen several good stags. This entailed gaining height up the mountain and cutting across back onto the area where the stags had their girls bunched up. I eventually found where it was all happenin'. Everything was working in my favour, the wind was right, not too hot and I had a large tree with low branches which steadied the rifle almost as good as a benchrest. This stag was holding around 21 does and at 150 odd metres slightly downhill, I thought he was a young teaser holding the fort for a much larger stag. I watched the stag constantly herding up his ladies and grunting his head off and after half his harem started to move off, I realised a shot at a standing target had to be better than a shot at a moving target. The 140gn Sierra



travelling at 2800 fps, certainly did the trick. He dropped on the spot as quick as turning off a light switch.

While I was admiring this stately beast, I soon realised he wasn't as young as I first thought. He was definitely a cull as he had no trey tine on his left antler, and what I thought was a malformed antler was an antler broken off, obviously during a fight to keep his concubine all his. A quick autopsy was carried out, the projectile was found just under the skin without exiting. The exit side shoulder was like a jigsaw puzzle and the wound channel was over 20mm in diameter. Ten out of ten for the Sierra.

As we all know the easy part is pulling the trigger, now the work starts. I was too far from the hut and with no way of getting a vehicle to the animal, meat recovery was not on the agenda, but I still had forms to fill out, measurements to document and of course – taking the head for antler and jaw removal later. It was now almost 9.30 am and as the day was cool and other stags were still belting out challenges, I'm thinking "I'm on a roll here", so after stashing the head in a tree, I followed the grunts. About a kilometre further on, I found myself squatting up against a tree, glassing 2 more better stags. I even spotted the young cull stag Lloyd and I had seen the previous night. He didn't look as big in daylight as he did in low light, but he wasn't what got me excited. One of these stags was bigger than anything I had already taken, and I figured all I had to do was wait for him to show his full self, and I'll pop him. I guess these big ol' fellas don't grow to be this big by being foolish and he certainly stuck to the thicker part of his hide hole. There wasn't a great deal of difference between the 2 stags but the one I wanted had slightly better palms, so I had him under constant watch through the binos. I remember saying to myself "I can't sit here all day, waiting" and not long after several does wandered out to sun themselves. A very similar scenario to 2 hours earlier, slightly downhill, approx 150 metres, nice

and steady in a tree, the only difference being this time it wasn't a classic broadside shot. While he was chasing up his girls he turned slightly, and that was all the 7mm needed. Two down with two shots. I was one happy chappy.

Less than 10 minutes had passed since the shot, I'd made my way to the stag and strutting along a track 80 metres below was 2 trophy stags now bashing the hell out of each other. I had a good long look at both of them through the 8 powers and was satisfied I'd shot the best stag——— until they trotted off away from me. The better one was wide and square, probably only a few points better than this trophy before me, but a much prettier head. This stag was never seen by me this morning or by myself and Lloyd the previous night, so who knows where they pop up from.

Again, pens, paper, measurements and autopsies were done. A few digital shots were taken also. Now all that lay ahead was to get off the hills and back to the hut, with rifle, pack and 2 heads. I was in no hurry— hunting, sure beats being stuck at home mowing lawns. Now — hmmm— which tree did I put that other head in !!!!!!!!!!!



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Game Council: Declare Invasive Species Council feral, not deer

Declaring deer a feral pest species in New South Wales would hurt the environment and small country towns currently battling a rural recession, Game Council NSW says.

“This retrograde step would harm, not help the management of feral deer in semi-urban areas, it would lead to greater traffic, environmental, and population problems with excessive numbers of deer,” Game Council Chairman Robert Borsak said today.

Mr Borsak was responding to a call from the

political lobby group — the Invasive Species Council — which wants deer treated as pest animals in NSW.

At present, deer are declared a game animal in NSW under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002 and can be removed by hunters with a Game Council licence, under a system that brings significant hunting tourism income to the State.

“We already have nearly 10,000 licensed hunters in NSW who have removed thousands of deer from private land, semi-urban areas and declared State forests – and at the same time these hunters pump \$40 million a year into regional areas,” Mr Borsak said.

“The Invasive Species Council is a small unofficial lobby group seeking to impose extremist environmental messages onto governments but while groups like these talk, voluntary conservation hunters are out there providing real and genuine results for the environment,” he said. “In fact, if we are talking about ‘feral pests’, well that name describes ill-informed nuisance organisations such as the Invasive Species Council.”

Mr Borsak said that the NSW game licence system, working in conjunction with local conservation hunting groups, was already satisfactorily reducing deer numbers in ‘hot spot’ locations.

“Problem deer are being removed by Game Council-licensed hunters at Port Macquarie, Coomba Park, Cowra, Wollongong, Bouddi, and Badgerys Creek,” he said.

At Cowra, a Game Council control program has seen nearly 50 deer in an urban area removed, protecting a major tourist attraction, the Japanese Gardens, from serious damage.

“New Zealand tried the pest animal approach by government departments for over 70 years — it didn’t work, and now they are going back to managing deer as a game species and using hunters to help control their populations. We need to learn from their example,” Mr Borsak said.

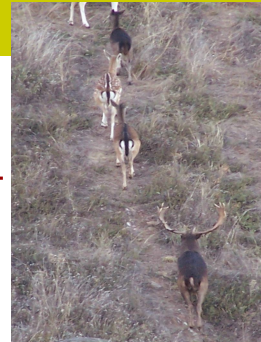


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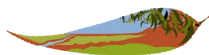
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CATEGORY B	<input type="checkbox"/>	B1 Muzzle Loading Firearms (other than pistols)	<input type="checkbox"/>	B2 Centre-Fire Rifle (other than self-loading)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	B3 Centre-Fire Rifle/Shotgun Combination		
CATEGORY C	<input type="checkbox"/>	C1 Self-Loading Rimfire Rifle (magazine capacity up to 10 rounds – not permitted for clay target shooting)		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	C2 Pump Action Shotgun (magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds)		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	C3 Self-Loading Shotgun (magazine capacity of no more than 5 rounds)		
CATEGORY D	<input type="checkbox"/>	D1 Self-Loading Centre-Fire Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/>	D2 Self-Loading Rimfire Rifle
	<input type="checkbox"/>	D3 Pump Action Shotgun	<input type="checkbox"/>	D4 Self-Loading Shotgun

PROHIBITED FIREARM Description (must be provided)

COLLECTOR Please mark with 'X'. You must also mark one only of the category boxes above.

E. FEE EXEMPTION: If an exemption has not previously been approved, please attach documentary evidence. Pensioners - you must supply a Pensioner Concession card or Disability Pension card issued by Centrelink or a Veterans Affairs Concession card. Primary Producers - you must supply evidence that you are in the business of Primary Production.

Mark one only with an 'X' if an exemption is claimed.

Primary Producer Pensioner

DECLARATION: I certify that I am able to comply with the relevant safekeeping requirements prescribed by the Firearms Act 1996 and associated Regulation. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct in every detail and I agree to the NSW Police Force undertaking such enquiries as are necessary to establish the veracity of any information I have provided in this application. I authorise the release of my personal information to any third party the Commissioner deems appropriate. I confirm that the good reason for acquiring this firearm is directly related to the reason for the issue of my firearms licence / permit.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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