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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.

Guidelines for submissions.

Material which is emailed saves me a lot of work. 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 that famous program.

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 (which gives the best quality for the smallest file size).

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

Advertisements for hunting related items will be printed at no charge.

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Meeting dates for 2012

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

Thursday 23 February

Thursday 17 May

Thursday 19 July (Also AGM)

Thursday 11 October

**Trophy Exhibition & Christmas
Party Saturday 17 November**

Photos can be prints or negatives or slides. These can be returned to you if you include a stamped self addressed envelope. If these photos are valuable, send copies rather than originals.

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Penfold on Guns for Buffalo.

I was interested to read the buffalo and donkey hunt account in the last magazine. I have some thoughts on hunting buffs with big guns, having guided & observed many clients over many years.

I have had many clients turn up in camp carrying guns which were too big a caliber for them, double rifles with open sights (with which they had no experience) and three barrel combination guns that the owners had never, or hardly ever fired. While some of these guns might have been considered suitable in eras past, these days in fact such choices can restrict their own success probability. Most hunters cannot make a well placed shot on a buff using a double rifle with open sights at 100 yards. If they use a high quality low power scope with long eye relief they become much more capable. But, the mounted scope is the image destroyer and gets away from their “dream” aim; to take his trophy buff with an open sight double. There are numerous problems with heavy calibre open sight doubles. First they are generally too hard to fire often in practice sessions as the recoil is considerably higher than when they use their scope sighted deer rifle. The ammunition is very expensive if new unfired or hand loaded. All of this results in most hunters carrying doubles into the field being incapable of shooting the gun well at most ranges.

There is only one time when a double is a suitable big game hunting rifle and that is when a practised hunter closes within 50 yards of a trophy bull and gives him two quick accurately placed shots “bang” “bang”, one immediately after the other. That makes two 500 grain soft point bullets really effective, effectively doubling the initial impact value and seriously damaging the physical and nervous structure of the bull. However, most hunters shoot their first shot, then put the gun down to look and see what the reaction of the bull is. Most times, all they see is the south end of their bull heading north in a

hurry. The bull is effectively out of gun range by the time the hunter tries to line up with his second shot. If you ever hunted buffs in cover with an open sight double you will quickly find that if you are in shadow and you are looking across a well lit clearing at a trophy bull in shadow you simply cannot see the sights to shoot. The hunter will have been much better off looking through a scope sighted bolt gun or scope sighted double. At least he could be able to see what he is shooting at. I have found that the maximum range of a big double with open sights even when used by a practised and competent double user is about 60 yards. Beyond that range the gun system falls down dramatically. In the article I saw that one hunter was shooting a 9.3 X 62. This is a toy gun and definitely unsuitable for serious buff hunting. The delivered bullet simply does not have enough oomph to do any serious damage. Most of the other doubles all deliver adequate bullets at adequate velocities and are about equal in their on target knock down power, if used at close range. However, I read where shots at over 100 yards were called for and none of these guns are capable enough to deliver the kind of accuracy and energy requirements with any consistency unless the gun was fitted with a scope. It seems to me, having observed and used many of these calibre rifles that (if you must use a big bore gun) a scope sighted 458 Win Mag is more functional, less expensive and cheaper to feed if you are going to shoot a lot of buffs. In my 40 years buffalo hunting experience I have never seen a FMJ or solid projectile stop a big bull. They usually simply whistle straight through causing not much damage at all. They never shock a bull, just drill a neat small hole through them. I always advocate that the first shot should always be a round nose soft point bullet or Barnes X bullet. This well placed bullet should be the shot that kills the bull. But then it is OK to load a solid for the second round and the



bull will normally be headed straight for you or straight away from you when you deliver the second quick shot. That is the only time that a FMJ bullet is effective, on an end to end shot. The bullet has over two metres of buff to smash through and does considerable damage even if it does eventually exit. The best and most consistent killers of trophy buffs in Australia is the 416 calibre guns. It does not matter much which 416 you choose of the many denominations, they all compare favourably. The commercial 416 Remington is simply the time tested 416 Hoffman with a slightly different case shoulder angle. This is a full length 375H&H case blown out, with the neck expanded to accommodate the bigger diameter bullet. In all of my years operating as a professional buffalo guide I have used and recommended using the 375H&H with 300 grain round nose soft point bullets for buff hunting. With a reasonable heavy scoped 375 rifle most practised shooters effectively kill big bulls with consistency if they follow the follow up shot procedures. They can normally shoot the 375 pretty well and at around 40 to 60 yards range the bullet is pretty effective. However, the single best killer of really big game that I have ever used personally is a 416 Weatherby Mag. This gun is a real handful even for hunters who are well used to shooting big guns, but with a scope sighted shot the big 400 grain bullet simply spificates and big buff bulls or feral cattle bulls with one shot. There is no open sight double that is as effective. I know it was a fun hunt, but all manner of seriously big game is better shot using guns and ammo that are more suitable for the purpose.

For Sale - Bob Penfold's personal 340 Weatherby Magnum.

Action New long Mark 10 Mauser 98 Barrel 26 inch highly accurate magnaported. Trigger Timney adjustable. Stock Painted Brown Precision very straight composite with factory recoil pad. Scope 3 X 9 Burris posi lock. Great in low light. Strong beyond belief. Scope mounts. Steel bridge mounts. Supply of ammo, components, loading gear all included. All included for \$1250.00 I used to shoot this rifle prone and watch the bullet strike the game through the scope. Fired maybe 100 rounds. Inside barrel as new. Several rubbed patches on the bluing from lots of carrying. Suitable for extreme range big game hunting. Light weight, easy to carry, easy to shoot and deadly to as far as you can see to shoot. With 210 grain Nosler Partition bullets. 3 inches high at 100. 4 inches high at 200. Right on point of aim at 300. 4 inches low at 350 and only 8 inches low at 400 yards. I have shot numerous game animals at this range so can attest to the exactness of these trajectory figures. Have not fired this rifle for some years and now have no further use for it. I would like it to go to someone who has real use for this great rifle. Contact Bob Penfold 13 Oregon Avenue Fletcher 2287 NSW (Newcastle area.) Ph 0249 55 7645 e-mail bob.penfold@bigpond.com





Secretary's Report

Only a few topics to keep you abreast of at this time:

Insurance coverage

In response to a query raised by members during 2011 regarding our insurance coverage if hunting with a guide. Confirmation that we are still covered by our insurance even when hunting with a paid guide, the guide however is not covered by our insurance.

Membership Renewal Date

Our renewal date was always the financial year i.e. 30 June. At our last meeting it was resolved that our membership expiry date will now change to match that of your issued gold card being a calendar year end. Therefore removing some of the confusion over when your membership expires.

Christmas function

The Xmas function was held this year at the PeachTree Inn at Penrith and all those that attended had a great time. It has been some time since I had been at the PeachTree Inn and was very surprised to see the transformation the pub has undertaken. Very comfortable with a modern pub feel and family friendly with the large outside area and electronic games room for the kids. As always our stalwart members delivered a great range of heads for display which kept the conversation turning over.

Membership Drive

In the coming year, 2012, we are working on a membership drive and a greater club calendar to get us all together more often. Please forward me any thoughts you have had on events that we could run within the club. A short list of the requested events will be published in the next newsletter.

Lastly, this is my inaugural report as secretary and following Greg in this role have some big shoes to fill. I hope you will all be patient with me while I get a handle on the requirements of this role on

your committee. Please feel free to contact me with any words of advice.

To all a very happy and safe Xmas, remember the off season is great for teaching the kids the basics.

Regards, Mat



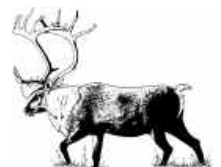


President's Report

Due to technical difficulties, this report appears later in this newsletter

Hunting from a helicopter will be banned in New Zealand, a move being hailed as a victory by the NZ Deerstalkers' Association (NZDA). The ban on what the NZDA regards as unethical and inhumane will apply to Department of Conservation land, which includes most of NZ's remote wilderness, and is expected to be in place in the first half of 2013. However, the ban has angered helicopter operators, who have enlisted legal help to fight the proposal. There are 16 organisations who will be directly affected by the ban, and most have existing bookings from mainly foreign clients. Heli-hunting operators usually fly a hunter and his guide into a location, locate deer before dropping them off, and often herd the deer towards the hunter. Once a trophy is secured, they will fly out again. It does not involve shooting from the helicopter. The ban is not expected to apply to hunters and guides simply transported by helicopter to a location where they will hunt on foot, but operators are asking whether there is a difference between flying in for an hour or for two days. Defining, policing and enforcing such a distinction could be difficult. Opponents of heli-hunting believe it does not hold to the ethics of hunting and ruins other people's enjoyment of the bush. NZDA president Tim McCarthy said he was "absolutely over the moon" about the ban. Heli-hunting is "not a level playing field for the animal and it is certainly not a level play for the ground hunters for New Zealand who do it in the most ethical way they can," he told 3 News. "Heli-hunting, where it is used to herd and haze the animals as part of the hunting process, which is simply inhumane, not fair to the animal and it's not really sport," associate minister of conservation Peter Dunne said. Heli-hunting representatives countered, pointing out that it will cost NZ a lot of money in lost tourism revenue. Fees and

licences have contributed \$200,000 to NZ in this season alone, from an industry that has been operating for 40 years. Some of their clients spent more than \$100,000 on a hunting holiday, they said. They also said herding and hazing with a helicopter was no different to using dogs and similar means to help hunters. "If you talk about herding and hazing, that has gone on since man first learnt to hunt," the QC representing heli-hunting groups, Colin Withnall, said in the NZ Herald. He added that heli-hunting was a viable option for disabled people with mobility problems. Withnall believed the decision to ban the practice was "driven by emotion and perception, not driven by facts and rational thinking".



Video Library

Please Note, because almost no one is now borrowing these videos, this will be the last time that this section will appear.

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:

Terry Burgess **Ph: (02) 9909 1267**
P.O. Box 80
Cremorne Junction NSW 2090

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| 1. Black Death, Cape Buffalo, Lion | 11. Great Trophy Bucks Mixed Bag, Big Horn Rams, Whitetail |
| 2. Capstick, Botswana Safari Buffalo, Lion | 12. Wild Boar Pig Hunting Down Under Part 1 |
| 3. In the Blood, Capstick, Rhino | 13. Hunting Sheep, Goat & Moose in B.C. |
| 4. Zambia Safaris | 14. Big Rams Brooks Range, Big Horn Rams, Mouflon |
| 5. Whitetail, Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Late Season Elk | 15. The Bow Hunter, Whitetail Deer |
| 6. Monster Elk, Horns of Plenty, Hunt Exotics 1 & 2 | 16. Big Rams, North American Big Horn Sheep, Mouflon Sheep |
| 7. Hunting Bugling Elk, Big Muleys, Caribou | 17. North American Big Horn Sheep, Big Rams Mixed Bag |
| 8. North American Big Horn Rams, Greatest Whitetail, Wild Hogs of Texas | 18. Mouflon, Bow Hunting Elk, Whitetail, Mule Deer etc. |
| 9. Col Allison Hunters Home Video, Big Bears, Russian Boar, Whitetail | 19. Challenge of the Mountain Monarchs, Thars, Mouflon Sheep, Red Deer in Qld |
| 10. North American Mixed Bag, Big Horn Rams, Whitetail | |



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
26. N.Z. Hunting, Sambar in Victoria, Red Deer in France
27. Hunting N.Z. Red Deer, O'Rourke's N.Z., Chamois in Europe
28. Bowhunting Red Deer in N.Z., Bugling Red Deer Rifle
29. Fox Shooting at its best-Volume 3 & 4
30. The Ultimate Whitetail Hunt
31. Sambar Hunting, Mountain Hunt N.Z., Thar in N.Z.
32. Caping Demo by NSWDA
33. Roar Red Stags, Shadows in Scrub, Great Trophy Bucks
34. Hunting the Elusive Wild Dog, Hunt to outsmart Wild Dogs
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
38. Hunting African Lion, Hunting Cape Buffalo
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
45. Dogs, Guns & Grunters, Tusk Versus Tooth, Lifes a Boar NZ
46. "How To Load From A Disk" Ballistic CD-Rom
47. Huge Hogs of Aust. North Part 1 & 2
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



NSWDA Christmas Party & Trophy Show.

This year's gathering was again at the Peach Tree Hotel in Penrith. Most of the usual suspects attended; a small crew of around 50, considering our membership. However, the number of trophies brought along & shown by members was pleasing, being many more than last year's low.

These included Fallow, Hog, Chital, Sambar & Red deer, plus Tahr, wolf and boar. The quality of these trophies was excellent. Taxidermy standards continue to get better, with some members now doing their own work with quality right up there with the best of the professionals.

A very nice custom made knife was provided to be won by one lucky trophy exhibitor in a draw from a hat. Peter Birchall's ticket came out & he went home very pleased he came.

At these gatherings drinks are provided and the finger food is varied & of excellent quality. If you didn't come this year, or haven't yet been, why not try to organise yourself to attend next year. We'd love to see as many members as possible attend, & especially new members. This gathering is an opportunity to meet up with friends we see less often than we'd like, & to meet & make new ones, pick up the latest news & learn something useful maybe.

I've included a few photos of the trophies (incl the cover); my apologies to those not included.

Several lucky door prizes including a Ladies Prize were also drawn & presented. Our thanks to Greg Haywood & his assistants for organising the event.



Passive Elephant Control.

Reported on ABC radio 24-11-11, biologists in South Africa, following up on the popular belief that elephants will flee bees, have tested the theory by playing the sound of a swarm to several elephant groups, all of which promptly fled.

Apparently elephants can be stung around the ears, eyes & trunk, which like us, hurts like hell.

Villages in areas bordering elephant reserves are being encouraged to keep bees, with the added benefit of making income from selling honey. Initial results in keeping elephants out of crops are reported to be very encouraging.



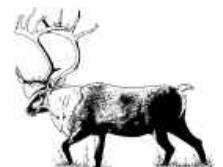
PETA and Jack Boswell converse.... By Jack Boswell.

The standard print is official PETA Policy. The black italics are Jack's comments.

Although it was a crucial part of humans' survival 100,000 years ago, *It was a vital part of man's survival 6,000years ago, 60,000years ago and 600,000 years ago* hunting is now nothing more than a violent form of recreation. If you have not tried it do not Knock it., that the vast majority of hunters do not need for subsistence. *I need hunting to preserve my sanity.* Hunting has contributed *to a very minor extent* to the extinction of animal species all over the world very *few actually*, including the Tasmanian tiger and the great auk *You will have difficulty in naming very many others because the major cause of all extinctions is loss of habitat.* Less than 5 % of the U.S. population hunts, *How many belong to PETA* yet hunting is permitted in many wildlife refuges, national forests, and state parks and on other public lands *And so it should be.* Almost 40 % of hunters slaughter millions of animals *How many mammals are killed by the other 95% of the population who are not vegetarians either* on public land every year, and by some estimates, poachers kill just as many animals illegally *The money for Poachers control mainly comes from hunting licenses and other fees paid by hunters but your mob voted against that.*

Pain and Suffering: Most of the death pain and suffering that all animals *suffer comes from "natural causes" of which you do not care.* *You have had numerous opportunities to contribute to the reduction of much of this suffering but you have not. Instead you slop on the swill of money from the trough of charity. All you ever do is pick on those who*

you think you can beat. Where will you be when there are floods, droughts and lakes dry up? The farmers that you pick on have a long history of assistance to native animals in distress by natural disaster. Your mob has been invited to do something but have never helped in the slightest. You turn a blind eye. You are not interested in alleviating suffering all you are interested in is negative publicity that brings in the charity funds. Many animals suffer prolonged, painful deaths when they are injured but not killed by hunters *Pain and death are natural consequences of life. All hunters that I know take a great deal of trouble to minimise the pain caused by hunting. If a hunter comes across animals that are obviously in pain they euthanize it. What do you do? Cry?* Starvation is a likely fate for them. *Starvation is likely for far more animals if they are not controlled by a Game management plan using informed hunters.* A British study of deer hunting found that 11 % of deer who'd been killed by hunters died only after being shot two or more times. *That means 90% one shot kills. That's pretty good shooting!* and that some wounded deer suffered for more than 15 minutes before dying. Good reason to use enough gun. *How long does it take for starving animals to die? a lot longer than 15 minutes that is for sure. Your placards and boycotts do not help there but hunters can and do.* Hunting disrupts migration patterns; *That is largely bull shit! Alteration of habitat and road construction causes by far the majority disruption of migration patterns;* and destroys families. For animals like wolves, who mate for life and live in close-knit family units, hunting can devastate entire communities. *That is why I shoot the whole lot. The way you do it, leaving it for the law of the jungle there would be far more violence as wolf packs kill each other. Wolves often take more than 15 minutes to*



pull down a bull elk (it takes me seconds, mostly to work the bolt) or moose weakened by the rut or a cow defending its calf. The stress that hunted animals suffer—caused by fear and the inescapable loud noises *perhaps you should demonstrate against thunder! You are off with the fairies on that one;* that hunters create *wolves are hunters too or are only the ones that carrying licenses are to blame;* also severely compromises their normal eating habits, making it hard for them to store the fat and energy that they need in order to survive the winter. *Maybe you are the wolves in sheep's clothing; wolves are the ones who run the caribou, the elk, the moose etc. for mile after mile. Don't you know any natural history?*

To attract more hunters (and their money), federal and state agencies implement programs—often called “wildlife management” or “conservation” programs—that are designed to boost the numbers of “game” species. These programs help to ensure that there are plenty of animals for hunters to kill and, consequently, plenty of revenue from the sale of hunting licenses. *And lots of money for all conservation paid for by hunters who love the outdoors and do something about it instead of waving placards in the street: and whipping up hatred*

Duck hunters in Louisiana persuaded the state wildlife agency to direct \$100,000 a year toward “reduced predator impact,” which involved



Jack & grandsons in his trophy room; helping to spread the true conservation message.



NSWDA Merchandise

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

The colours are at this time ;

Polo shirtswhite/navy trim.....\$ 25.00

Micro fleece top.....Moss green.....\$ 35.00

Caps.....bottle green.....\$ 15.00

Caps.....blaze orange.....\$ 15.00

All garments have the club emblem embroidered on the item

We will have the items at the next meeting for sale & also at Coffs Harbour.

For further information members could contact me on 48 210 774 / 041 202 1741
or at 20 John street. Goulburn. 2580

Postage will be at \$5.00 for members.

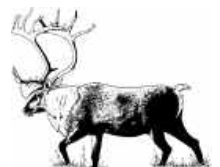
Also, other colours are available but will need to be a special order.

Thanks Darren

trapping foxes *the cruellest animal on the planet!* and raccoons *more varmints* so that more duck eggs would hatch, giving hunters more birds to kill The Ohio Division of Wildlife teamed up with a hunter-organized society to push for clear-cutting in Wayne National Forest in order to produce habitat needed by ruffed grouse. *So you have proved that you are on the wrong side of conservation. At least you have come clean.*

In Alaska, the Department of Fish and Game is trying to increase the number of moose for hunters by controlling the wolf and bear populations. Grizzlies and black bears have been moved hundreds of miles away from their homes *What a*

waste of diesel fuel, Why did they not just issue more bear permits/licenses? Two were shot by hunters within two weeks of their relocation, and others have simply returned to their homes. Wolves have been slaughtered. *No we call it culled. Slaughtering is for butcher shops and MacDonalds. Why don't you campaign at Macca's? Frightened that your charity slops might dry up?* In order to let the moose population rebound and provide a higher harvest for local hunters. *Your anti conservation prejudice is raising its ugly head again.* The delicate balance of ecosystems ensures their own survival if they are left unaltered. Natural predators help maintain this



balance by killing only the sickest and weakest individuals. *That is an old chestnut they kill mostly the healthy baby animals and the mothers protecting their calves. They also kill trophy class bulls when they are worn out at the end of the rut. They kill some old and some injured deer admittedly. They also kill many very healthy deer by running them for miles. You have seen this on video.*

Hunters, however, kill any animal whose head they would like to hang over the fireplace including large, healthy animals who are needed to keep the population strong. *I keep most of mine in the shed. Actually trophy hunting is just value adding the venison. Hunters also shoot culls for meat and they are selective here shooting any deer which are injured often by wolves or misadventure. They also take select young deer. Game management is a scientifically worked out hunting plan to efficiently harvest the crop of deer and to best benefit the ecology and conservation of all species. Wolves are not a keystone species. The food supply and habitat are very important and need careful management (paid for by hunters). If the scientific research indicates that protection of the wolf is required; the hunting plan is altered. If the scientific research (Paid for by shooting permits) indicate some other strategy such as culling more hinds that is done.*

Even when unusual natural occurrences cause overpopulation, natural processes work to stabilize the group. Starvation and disease can be tragic, *and can be greatly alleviated by game management principles. Your methods endanger the species much more than properly researched intervention and is much less cruel.*, but they are nature's ways of ensuring that healthy, strong animals survive and maintain the strength level of the rest of their herd or group. *For the first time we agree. Reach over and give yourself a pat on the back. There is no*

reason that this principle cannot be covered by game managers. They are Scientists after all they do know a little bit more than Magazine Models after publicity. Shooting an animal because he or she might starve or become sick is arbitrary and destructive. That is one of the silliest things that you have said and shows that you are a complete hoax. You are not at all interested in the prevention of pain and suffering. You are only interested in stirring up hatred. You want to attack my culture in order to bring in donations for your half-baked cause. Posing semi naked in a group covered by fake fur while wearing leather shoes, exposes the sham of your organisation. Your anti-fur campaign has caused the death of untold native animals in Australia. Introduced foxes which were previously well controlled by shooters in my Country are now at plague proportions bringing many native species both competitors and prey to the brink of extinction. We can blame it on PETA.

There are 30 million deer in the U.S., and because hunting has been an ineffective method to "control".

Wow! You sure know how to contradict yourself don't you. Earlier you claimed that shooters had caused mass extinctions; now you are claiming the exact opposite. You cannot have it both ways. Do you sell used cars? some wildlife agencies are considering other management techniques. Several recent studies suggest that sterilization is an effective, long-term solution to overpopulation. An experimental birth-control vaccine is being used on female deer in One Georgia study of 1,500 white-tailed deer on Cumberland Island concluded that "if females are captured, marked, and counted, sterilization reduces herd size. *Don't you just love that kind of talk! Just don't ask anybody the price to capture and sterilise a significant number of the 20*



million female deer in the USA. (Oh well the tax payers won't mind.) Not to mention the interference to "their family life their migratory patterns" that you complained about before. The taxpayers won't like this one and neither will the fair dinkum biologists. It is completely impractical. You just continue to contradict yourself. What of the pain and the effects of the drugs. Perhaps we could just plant the Mary Jane everywhere and you could get high.

Before you support a "wildlife" or "conservation" group, ask about its position on hunting. Groups such as the National Wildlife Federation, the National Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, the Izaak Walton League, the Wilderness Society, and the World Wildlife Fund are pro-sport-hunting, or at the very least, they do not oppose it. ***Now these are fair dinkum conservation groups***

To combat hunting in your area, post "no hunting" signs on your land, join or form an anti-hunting organization, ***Send in funds to PETA*** protest organized hunts Get arrested, and spread deer repellent or human hair (from barber shops) near hunting areas. ***Who thought that one up?***

What a clown. Call 1-800-628-7275 to report poachers in national parks to the National Parks and Conservation Association. Educate others about hunting. ***I do it all the time.*** Encourage your legislators to enact or enforce wildlife-protection laws, ***Not a problem*** and insist that non-hunters; you ***really mean anti-hunters don't you*** be equally represented on the staffs of wildlife agencies.

Position Vacant.

Job Description; To keep our NSWDA web site up to date by adding newsletters, pictures, other items as & when needed. Possible reorganisation of some sections when familiar with them.

Time requirement; a few hours per year.

Skills needed; Capable user of a PC, able to use the internet to browse, send emails etc. Some spare time & common sense.

Salary; Sweet F.A.

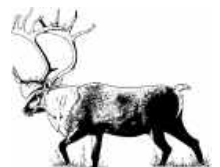
Training; will be provided by the webmaster.

Would suit a retired person wanting to make a contribution to the organisation, or anyone in fact wanting to give something back to the NSWDA.

Please email the Editor,

Dal Birrell at dbi93465@bigpond.net.au or ring me on 0487483833 for any clarification or questions, & to apply.

We really need someone for this job, which just requires an organised conscientious person with reasonable computer skills & a small amount of time to spare for the job.



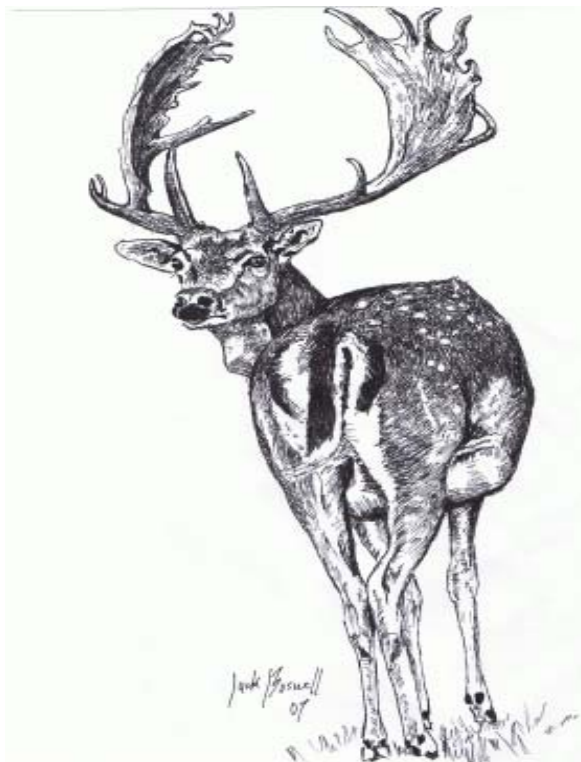
Problems with Trophy Importation.

From Darren Plumb:

I have just been helping out a hunter in relation to importing some Tahr salt dried capes into the country. Although he had all the necessary documentation the AQIS officer seized the skins at Brisbane airport because they did not meet the permit requirements. The issue was not in relation to Vegetable matter or the like but the skins could not be linked to the permit number. This is a very anal approach to the permit but as it stood the officer was "correct" but..... I have been successful in getting AQIS to release the skins without having them gamma rayed, (there was no mention of them requiring it on the seizure form), so lucky this time. We need to get it out there that members hunting in New Zealand, New Caledonia may have to start having tags attached to their skins with the permit number written on it. I haven't heard of this before nor had the AQIS officer in Canberra but it is just another hoop we need to try & hurdle depending on who inspects the items. If anyone wants to know more give me a call. Darren

Reply from Steve Isaacs;

Good point, the other thing we can suggest to members is that you can buy small Buis card laminated folders, you simply put a piece of paper or buis card write details on the card and simply iron using a clothes iron to seal the lamination (make sure you iron over handkerchief or towel) this protects the paper, you actually do not need paper if you write on the inside of the clear lamination with a perm marker. I have found this an excellent way to label skins and trophies, looks professional and does not wipe off or fade from salt and blood. You can get these laminations from Big W or Newsagents, Mums are using them to label Kids school gear. You also need a punch and cable ties or some form of tie system that can't be removed?



Errol & Lynne Mason launch new magazine.

The Masons will launch a new magazine which will appear in the paper shops in January 2012. It will concentrate on Sambar deer (80 - 90%) with the remainder about other species. There will be just 3 issues per year, so we should expect a high quality product. Should make a nice change from many other magazines which just seem to be vehicles to sell us more stuff we don't need.

For more details and details of news stand & subscription prices visit www.sambardeer.com



Pacific Game Management Alliance (PGMA)

The Pacific Game Management Alliance (PGMA) is a collective of wildlife and game management professionals, hunters, the hunting industry (including clubs) and corporate partners sharing information and furthering knowledge of game management, hunting and conservation in the Pacific Region. This region encompasses Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands, North and South America and parts of Asia.

What is game management?

Game management is a specific form of wildlife management which seeks to manage populations of native and introduced animals through wise, ethical and sustainable use, scientific knowledge and by involving stakeholders, particularly landholders and hunters.

Why has the PGMA been created?

The PGMA has been created to promote game management in the Pacific as a fundamental wildlife management system and to empower its stakeholders through knowledge transfer, education and stewardship in a multi-functional and international forum.

What is the mission and objectives of the PGMA?

The PGMA's mission is the:

"development of game management for hunting in the Pacific Region consistent with the sustainable use of native and introduced species, conservation of their habitats and diversity, and their wellbeing."

The PGMA's objectives are to:

- Facilitate the development of a science based game management profession through education, scholarship and stewardship
- Develop science and evidence based policy and position statements
- Convene forums to further game management in the Pacific and beyond
- Develop the hunting industry in the Pacific Region

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PGMA Membership Benefits

All members and their constituents will share a variety of membership benefits ranging from access to expertise and resources on the PGMA website to networking and education opportunities at conferences, training events and online forums associated with the PGMA. Depending on the number and type of members joining the PGMA in the first year of operation most member benefits are expected to come online within the first 18 months of the establishment phase of the organisation.

General benefits for all members

The PGMA will provide a range of benefits to its members. These will include:

- Access to PGMA website containing updated information and resources on game management, hunting and conservation (including an online forum)
- a strong and unified voice for all game management, hunting and conservation in the Pacific

- Pooled expertise of reputable game managers and wildlife scientists providing members with access to world class information and advice on all matters dealing with game management, hunting and conservation.
- Links with government agencies, universities and hunting organisations both nationally and internationally
- A chance to interact with and learn from other people interested in game management, hunting and conservation
- Balanced comment in the media
- Support and facilitation of game management and hunting opportunities throughout the Pacific
- Promoting high standards in game management and hunting
- Annual conference

For more information go to the PGMA website www.pgma.org.au or contact us directly at info@pgma.org.au.

Corporate member benefits

Corporate Member Class	Corporate Member Benefits
Gold Corporate Members	Logo on website home page and online forum Logo on PGMA letterhead Logo on PGMA info sheets and educational material Major sponsor at annual conference including brand exposure at the event through signage, pamphlets in show bags and a free stand at the trade show
Silver Corporate Members	Logo on website home page and online forum Minor sponsor at annual conference including brand exposure at the event through signage
Bronze Corporate Members	Logo on website home page and online forum

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How will the Pacific Game Management Alliance be run?

The PGMA will be established as an Incorporated Association and initially will be run by an Establishment Committee. This Committee was selected through an expression of interest process in late 2010 involving hunting and wildlife management stakeholders. The Committee comprises wildlife scientists, government agencies, veterinary scientists and hunting industry and hunting media representatives. Eventually the PGMA Establishment Committee will be replaced by a Management Committee which will be elected from PGMA members by PGMA members. The PGMA will be governed by a strategic business plan and will derive income and support from its membership.

PGMA Strategic Business Plan

The PGMA Establishment Committee has developed a Strategic Business Plan to ensure the future growth and prosperity of the organisation. The funding model for PGMA is solely based on professional, industry and corporate membership. The following is a likely timeline of goals in the establishment of the PGMA:

Membership classes and fees

Professional, industry and corporate membership classes will be offered to the PGMA. The following table lists the type of membership and the annual, three and five year membership fees. Please note 3 year memberships attract a 20% discount and 5 year memberships a 30% discount.

Member Type	Federal/Country based org.	State (incl. NZ and NC)	Local
Hunting Club/organisation	\$5000p.a	\$1000p.a	\$500p.a
Government agency/ university	\$5000p.a	\$1000p.a	\$500p.a
Individual	\$50p.a		
Wildlife Professional	\$50p.a		
Member Type	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Corporate	\$5000p.a.	\$1000p.a.	\$500p.a.

* all fees and charges are listed in Australian dollars (AUD)



NEW!



AHOs taking up the *OutREACH* Licence will be covered by Game Council underwriters to the value of \$10 million.

Full public liability coverage applies to all firearms training courses, short courses and workshops run under Licence.

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Game Council NSW

Game Council NSW is a Statutory Authority established under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002*. Providing education and training for hunters is one of Game Council's most important functions. The establishment and maintenance of high ethical, technical and moral standards in hunting is of great importance to the greater NSW community. These standards are developed and established by both Game Council staff and Councillors representing a diverse range of knowledge areas including secondary and tertiary education, veterinarian science, research and, most importantly, hunting.

What is the Hunter Education OutREACH Program?

The OutREACH program is a hunter education initiative which provides Approved Hunting Organisations (AHOs) with easy to use and up to date hunter education material they can present to their members. The OutREACH program builds on the technical and implementation achievements in the Hunter Education Handbook and R-licence by providing the latest information on safe and ethical hunting and by providing hunters with a broad range of topic areas in a range of educational formats. Specifically this includes a firearms licence course and assessment aimed at educating new firearms users and hunters, 15 hunter education short courses, and five hunter education workshops.

Why has OutREACH been created?

OutREACH has been developed to help AHOs engage and communicate with their members through informative and structured education courses and material. OutREACH seeks to build capacity and support networks in AHOs rather than increase the capacity of Game Council and its staff to deliver hunter education. This will foster learning and participation in hunting organisations for the betterment of all.

What is the OutREACH Licence?

The OutREACH Licence is a 1, 3, or 5 year licence which sets the terms and conditions for AHOs use of OutREACH hunter education material. It is designed to ensure OutREACH courses are delivered to a set standard. The following fees apply to the licence:

Licence term	Licence fee (incl. GST)
1 year	\$250
3 year	\$650
5 year	\$1000

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AHO benefits of an *OutREACH* Licence

- Attract new members.
- Fund raise through firearms licence, short course and workshop fees.
- Expand your member activities.
- Great products for delivery at club nights or organise a hunter education weekend.
- Pre-packaged courses with detailed outlines and participant's notes.
- Support from Game Council for all *OutREACH* products.

Presenters and Assessors

As part of the *OutREACH* Licence members of AHOs who will be presenting and assessing using *OutREACH* material will be required to have a minimum of three year's experience in the topic they present, and must also complete a three hour Presenters and Assessors Training Course provided by Game Council. This course will focus on presenting and assessing techniques and familiarisation of attendees with the structure of *OutREACH* products. The course is free of charge and Game Council staff will be conducting courses throughout NSW, QLD and VIC in 2011 and 2012.

The Firearms and Hunting Safety (Long-arms) Course

The Firearms and Hunting Safety (Long-arms) Course is the flagship of the *OutREACH* program and is an approved firearms licence safety course in NSW. This course has been developed to attract new hunters through an informative product specifically developed for novice hunters. The course also promotes the R-licence through a significantly discounted course fee, when participants combine the course with an R-licence.

Each AHO that purchases an *OutREACH* Licence will need to nominate members who will be Game Council firearms assessors. These assessors will need to complete a NSW Firearms Registry P644 form (go to: www.police.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/133163/form_p644.pdf) and ensure the "Game Council Course" option is ticked on the second page. AHO Club presidents are authorised to sign their member's P644 forms on Game Council's behalf. Firearms assessors registered with other agencies that have an approved NSW firearms safety course will still need to complete this task in order to be registered as a Game Council assessor. Firearms assessors can assess for multiple agencies and courses if they wish. **The first 5 Firearms assessors per AHO registered for the Game Council course will receive an Assessor's Kit and a firearms safety DVD for free (normally \$30).**

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Hunter Education Short Courses

The *OutREACH* program also includes 15 Hunter Education Short Courses. These courses have been designed as stand-alone units for AHOs to use and organise at their discretion. Game Council staff will be available should a Licenced AHO require assistance with organising any of these courses. Course topics have been selected from the 15 most requested topics from an AHO survey conducted in October 2010. It is envisaged that around 10 new short courses will be developed and released every 12 months. The following is a list of courses currently included in the *OutREACH* Licence:

- An introduction to black powder firearms
- Game animal anatomy and shot placement
- Bushcraft and survival
- Butchering game animals
- Caping, tanning and taxidermy
- Decoying foxes
- Hunting deer
- Hunting rabbits and hares
- Hunting wild dogs
- Identifying game animal species
- Mapping and navigation basics
- Navigation using GPS
- Scouting and hunting State forests in NSW
- Using trail cameras for hunting
- Traditional archery

Hunter Education Workshops

OutREACH Licenced AHOs will also be offered Hunter Education Workshops. These workshops have been designed for AHOs to partner Game Council in presenting and organising each course. Current Game Council Workshops which will be offered include:

- Deer Hunting
- Bow Hunting
- Game Management
- Pig Dog Hunting

A fifth type of course will also be offered where AHOs can develop their own workshop by combining a number of short course modules. Game Council staff are available to assist in this process.

Register your interest for the *OutREACH* Program

The following application forms record your club's interest in *OutREACH* and allows your prospective presenters and assessors to book their place at upcoming Presenters and Assessors Training Courses in their local area.



Organisation Details: Name of organisation

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Organisation Representative: Name of organisation representative

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr Family Name

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Organisation representative: Postal Address

Unit/House/PO Box no. Street/Road Name

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Licence duration

Licence term	Licence fee (incl. GST)	Please Tick
1 year	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 year	\$650	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 year	\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Preferred Payment options **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH**

Credit Card Details, please charge my:

Master Card
 Visa
 Bankcard

Expiry Date
 Month /
 Year

Card Number

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Signature _____ Date _____

Other Payment Options
 Bank cheque enclosed
 Money order enclosed
 Personal cheque enclosed

Please make sure that your cheque or money order is payable to 'Game Council NSW'.

Please return this form to: Game Council NSW Or info@gamecouncil.nsw.gov.au

PO Box 2506
Orange NSW 2800

Please note: A fee of \$20 is applicable for processing dishonoured cheques (no concession available).

President's Report

Christmas Party and Trophy Exhibition Day

This was held on Saturday, 19 November 2011 at the Peachtree Hotel, Penrith and was well attended by members and some friends.

I wish to thank those members who brought along their trophies and the standard was excellent.

This year we had a competition for those bringing along a trophy, the prize being a Peck custom skinning knife. The winner was Bircho.

Australian Deerstalkers Federation (ADF) meeting held in Melbourne 13 November 2011

The purpose of this meeting was to re-activate the Federation which was formed over 20 years ago by four dedicated Deerstalking Clubs and ceased operating some time later. The four clubs being:

- The Deerstalker Club SSAA (Vic)
- The Gippsland Deerstalkers (GDSA)
- North Eastern Deerstalkers Assoc (NEDSA)
- New South Wales Deerstalkers Assoc (NSWDA)

It was good to have representatives from all of the above clubs in attendance and we all agreed that it was time that the Federation was re-activated so that we had one voice concerning deer related matters.

The following covers some of the key matters discussed as per the Agenda:

Our past delegates were Wayne & Bircho.

The Agenda covered:

1. The approval of a redrafted constitution (which after changes was approved).
2. To activate our bank account with the ANZ which includes getting back our funds (some \$2,000).
3. Discussed the purpose of having one voice for deerstalking clubs and how we can help each other.
4. Other deerstalking clubs have expressed an interest in joining.

5. Discussed the need to promote deerstalking in say the SSAA magazines (the ADF always had a scored head and segment in the SSAA).
6. Elect new office bearers (I haven't got the details of the positions and names with me), however, all the 4 clubs are represented on the committee. Trevor Dennis, President of the SSAA Deerstalkers, is the Secretary, and yes I cannot help myself and I am Treasurer.

We discussed various matters throughout the day and most importantly the following:

1. WILD DEER EXPO 4th – 5th Feb SSAA Deerstalkers and ourselves both have tables. The suggestion was that all 4 clubs combine their efforts on both tables under ADF and as our individual clubs. This would assist with man power and share costs, as well as get to know each other.
2. As part of building friendships Trevor Dennis has offered us the use of their lodge at Woods Point (they have been taking some good heads lately). Also, they would run some hunter education programs out of the lodge for us. This would be good for new & inexperienced members.
3. We discussed the need for a National Trophy Head List that could be managed by the SSAA.
4. I stated that the ADF should be the body to manage the National trophy list and not the SSAA, although, I did say that this could be shared. Basically they wanted more coverage and exposure and had enough of the ADA. In fact a large number of the old trophy heads including top 20 the ADA dropped off without notifying the owners. The explanation being that they needed to be rescored and if they had been mounted then they weren't eligible for rescoring.

Overall, a good day with a good bunch of like minded fellows passionate on their stalking and the welfare of deer.

Wild Deer Hunting & Guiding Expo 2012

The Expo next year is being held at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Road, Bendigo Vic on 4 and 5 February 2012.

We have booked a table and with the SSAA (Vic) table all four ADF member clubs will work together to promote our individual clubs and the ADF. It will be good to catch up with the other guys and share a beer or two.

We have booked three family rooms at a local motel so if you are interested in attending and willing to work on our stand then let me know.

Game Council – Outreach Hunter Education

John Natoli, Peter Birchall and I attended the Game Council meeting held at Ashfield RSL Club on Wednesday, 16 November 2011.

Andy Mallen presented the Outreach Hunter Education Training Packages for AHO's.

Basically, they have put together and committed to a World class hunter education course.

They have developed:

- 15 – Hunter Education Short Courses
- 5 – Hunter Education Workshops (1 or 2 days)

The short courses can be used for normal meetings as in-house training for AHO's and cover such things as caping, taxidermy, GPS, butchering etc.

As an AHO, we need to purchase a training licence and the current licence fees are one year \$250, three years \$650 and five years \$1,000.

The benefits are:

- Attract new members
- Training at meetings
- Hunter education courses

What do we need to do?

We need our own trainers who will do an accreditation course. You must have three years experience to qualify.

Also, being offered is the opportunity to be Long Arms Firearms Trainer similar to what's being offered by the SSAA and Firearms Safety and Training Council. We would need to nominate for Assessors and Presidents can sign the P644 form on behalf of Game Council.

In this case, the club keeps the whole fee charged which is \$77.00 (including GST). The GST would need to be paid to the ATO. We would need to register for an ABN and this would have some tax implications for us.

It was pointed out that Clubs can still test for other organisations.

If you are interested in being accredited with Game Council so that you can conduct our Hunter Education courses and firearms testing then contact Mat or myself.

We will still conduct firearms testing on behalf of the Firearms Safety and Training Council, however as a current registered AHO, it will bring other benefits both in the short courses and workshops.

As Andy pointed out, the more recognised training that the clubs do, it strengthens our position against the anti's.

We are about to start a new year of hunting so the force be with you.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Good hunting,

Greg

NEW SOUTH WALES DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Dedicated to the Sound Management and Conservation of Deer in NSW.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

SURNAME:.....CHRISTIAN.....MIDNAMES.....

DATE OF BIRTH..... SEX: Male/Female

DRIVERS LICENCE NO:..... STATE.....

SHOOTERS LICENCE NO:..... CLASS:.....

POSTAL ADDRESS:.....POST CODE:.....

HOME ADDRESS.....POST CODE.....

HOME PHONE.....BUSINESS.....MOBILE.....

OCCUPATION.....

FEES (Please tick payment being made):

1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION

FAMILY: \$55.00

SINGLE: \$50.00

JUNIOR: \$25.00 (Under 18)

3 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION

FAMILY: \$150.00 (SAVE \$15.00)

SINGLE: \$145.00 (save \$5.00)

JUNIOR: \$70.00 (Save \$5.00)

PLEASE NOTE: By law, to possess a shooters licence you must hold appropriate insurance. This is included in the subscription with the exception of FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS which include only one insurance payment. Insurance must be obtained for each additional family member after the first at the rate of \$10.00.

INSURANCE @ \$10.00 PER FAMILY MEMBER AFTER THE FIRST TOTAL: \$.....

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE \$.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$.....

I AGREE TO ACCEPT AND PRACTICE THE NSW DEERSTALKER'S CODE OF ETHICS AND TO ABIDE AT ALL TIMES BY THE CONSTITUTION, FEDERAL, STATE AND TERRITORY LAWS.

Signature:

Date:...../...../.....

PLEASE NOTE: This form is an application for renewal of membership only and is subject to Committee Approval. An application will only be considered if accompanied by all the necessary Fees, This form must be completed in full and is due for renewal 1st July of Membership expiry.

PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY.

Return to: The Secretary, NSW Deerstalkers, P.O. Box 519, Picton NSW 2571