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FROM THE EDITOR

As I am going overseas very shortly, this issue will not contain a Secretary's report & will consist mainly of information which we need to get to members. Stories & some other items which would normally be included will be held over to the next issue.

Most of what is contained in this issue has been Emailed to me by various people, & I sincerely thank them for their effort & interest.

In my local shooting / hunting club, we now have enough members with Email to make it worthwhile to send out to them, the newsletter & important messages very quickly. We save money, time & effort by avoiding some post & printing costs & these members are much better served.

Recently member Stephen Hopkins sent me a folder of stunning photos taken in Richmond Park, London, during the Red deer rut of 2006. These will appear on the covers of this & upcoming issues.

This month the Rusa are rutting. In closely settled areas they continue to make a nuisance of themselves in gardens & on public roads. A lot of Police time is spent dealing with Rusa problems, & they want to see the numbers reduced. The number of culling operations being run through the Game Council along the South Coast is gradually increasing, but the number of deer taken needs to increase. In most cases a great deal of mistrust of hunters has built up over the years, which is directly due to poaching and hunters not respecting landowners. Not phoning before arriving; leaving headless carcasses in paddocks etc is unacceptable.

With the large numbers of Rusa, the nuisance factor & the assistance of the Game Council, it should be increasingly possible to hunt Rusa legally right along the coast year.



The following are the meeting dates for 2007.

The venue is the German Austrian Club
– Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

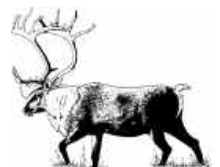
AGM & General Meeting 3 October

***Christmas Function Saturday
17 November 2007***

*Members; please mark up your
calendars now!!*



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Changes in the air in NSW and Australian Firearms laws

With the imminent Federal elections in Australia it is a good time to consider the continuing changes that might affect hunters, shooters and firearms owners. This view has been developed from some recent readings in New Zealand & what we see happening now in Australia.

Retired (and now deceased) US Justice William Douglas once commented” As nightfall does not appear to come at once, neither does the oppression, in both instances, there is a twilight where everything remains seemingly unchanged, and it is in such twilight that we must be aware of change in the air, however slight lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness”.

Right now the Federal Government is readying itself to enact more controls and changes that could lead to a National Firearms Management System and National Firearms Registry run and controlled by the Federal Government.

While this might be sold by those in power as not being a considerable change, any shooter understands that although a small slight error or change does not amount to much at short range, at longer ranges that same error or change could be enough for a complete miss. This is the very reason we have to be very careful in relation to all changes that are proposed. They may not seem that important at the time, but they may be way off target a bit further down the range.

In light of this -I believe in Australia we could be approaching such a period of twilight described above, not in regards to oppression

but certainly to our way of life with regards to hunting and shooting. Under the current Federal Government (and State governments) there has been a succession of constantly occurring changes of firearms laws and policies.

And the way it is interpreted is moving the states and the way firearms are managed from one style of life in this country to another.

Some of the things that may trigger on-going changes include UN protocols and actions such as: The illegal trafficking in firearms, the registration of arms brokers and an international instrument to control brokering activities, the call for a ‘Common approach to Arms Laws in the South Pacific; unrest in Pacific States, the threat of global terrorism, the proposed International Arms Trade Treaty and of course the way any shootings are blamed on the entire legitimate firearms community, no matter how obvious it is that it was an act of outright criminals who have no relation to the legitimate sporting and hunting community.

It is hard to predict what impact the changes to Firearms Management and Firearms Registries proposed by the Federal Government will have, but from a practical viewpoint it is unlikely to stem the flow of illegal firearms within Australia. Please become aware and keep an eye on any proposed changes. Discuss the possible implications of any changes with your friends and at any shooting or hunting club meetings you attend and most importantly, convey your feelings to politicians if you are not happy with the proposed changes.

Think again on the words of Justice Douglas “..... there is a twilight where everything



remains seemingly unchanged, and it is in such twilight that we must be aware of change in the air, however slight lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness". Do not allow yourself to become a victim of unwanted and unneeded changes in firearms anagement.

Consider all this when you vote in the upcoming federal election.

Regards and safe hunting, Robert Borsak

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From Robert Brown MLC.

Finley is a nice little town in the ricegrowing area of the southern Riverina, 650 kilometres SSW from Sydney. Although badly drought affected, it's an Eden for small game hunting: particularly ducks, quail, foxes, and rabbits. It's also home to Jim Muirhead, the affable and energetic president of the Riverina Hunting Club. Jim kindly invited members of the Australian Hunters club to a weekend of

eldest son) Jeremy attended.

The fox hunt kicked off on Saturday morning with a safety briefing given by Jim and Mark, from the club. The plan was that the thirty or forty hunters in attendance would travel from farm to farm, by car. Once arriving at the hunting spots previously selected by Jim, we divided into beaters and blockers. Blockers spaced themselves along the exit routes of a hunting spot- for instance, a lignum swamp- while the beaters drove the foxes towards the blockers, making as much noise as possible. Shotguns only were used, and all hunters wore a blaze orange cap and/or a safety vest. Soon we were underway:

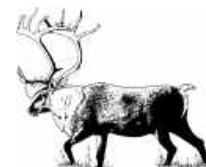
Spot number one was a small fallow lucerne paddock, full of Bathurst burr and with an irrigation channel down the centre. It didn't look like much, but it certainly produced the goods:

The first thing that struck me about this fox hunting caper was how friendly everyone was and how exciting it is, when the foxes are on



fox driving, and four club members plus (my

the move. I was also impressed by how much



the youngsters in attendance were enjoying the experience:

Foxes are Australia's single worst introduced pests, being responsible for some 30 mammal extinctions alone. Add to that their depredations on livestock and fowls, and we felt we were doing something of real benefit, to both stock and native wildlife.

Some of the team had brought hunting dogs along and properly managed, these were of great benefit in flushing the foxes from their hides in hollow logs and tussocks:



After a big day in the field we all retired to a nearby farm's shearer's quarters, for a few beers and a barbecue. Next morning we were up and into it again, with Jim having arranged some particularly productive country:

This young girl and her keen hunting family had come all the way from Tasmania, for the hunt. She had never previously seen a fox but was right in the thick of the action:



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President's Report

Well we are off again on another year in our most respected Hunting Club. What is really great about being in the chair is hearing about our members achievements and aspirations returning from successful hunts and planning new adventures. It is also of great pleasure to me to see our club prosper and grow professionally then contribute to the overall success of the hunting community at large.

Our committee is doing a great job keeping our club bubbling along, a lot goes on behind the scenes attending umbrella group meetings and manning stands at shot shows etc. It is important for us as an organisation to support the hunting community as a whole and demonstrate our commitment to the activities of hunting.

This news letter is one of the first of four that will be provided this club year to help members keep up to date with what is going on around the traps.

Please keep a copy handy or tear out the coming events page and stick it on the fridge for future reference, coming events include.

GPS training day, September 1st

Club General Meeting, October Wed 3rd

Field and game shotgun shoot, October, date to be confirmed

Trophy Exhibition and Xmas party November 17th

Club Gen Meeting 20th Feb, pre Safari Club Show outfitters attendance

Safari Club Show Feb, this year to be held in Port Stephens, come visit the Deerstalkers stand

Wild Deer trophy exhibition held in Albury March 2008

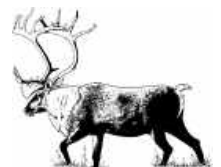
Club Gen Meeting 7th May 2008.

Shot Show June held in ?

Club AGM 16th July 2008

Look forward to seeing some of our members at the various club functions and events that can't attend the meetings.

We are also very keen to receive your recent hunting stories, every story will be published so please get those short half pagers with a photo of your hunting experience in to the editor.



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:

Terry Burgess

Ph: (02) 9909 1267

P.O. Box 80

Cremorne Junction NSW 2090

Library List

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2. Capstick, Botswana Safari Buffalo, Lion
3. In the Blood, Capstick, Rhino
4. Zambia Safaris
5. Whitetail, Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Late Season Elk
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
11. Great Trophy Bucks Mixed Bag, Big Horn Rams, Whitetail
12. Wild Boar Pig Hunting Down Under Part 1
13. Hunting Sheep, Goat & Moose in B.C.
14. Big Rams Brooks Range, Big Horn Rams, Mouflon
15. The Bow Hunter, Whitetail Deer
16. Big Rams, North American Big Horn Sheep, Mouflon Sheep
17. North American Big Horn Sheep, Big Rams Mixed Bag
18. Mouflon, Bow Hunting Elk, Whitetail, Mule Deer etc.
19. Challenge of the Mountain Monarchs, Thars, Mouflon Sheep, Red Deer in Qld



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.
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38. Hunting African Lion, Hunting Cape Buffalo
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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





From: R Borsak''

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All too soon it was late morning Sunday and with a long drive ahead of us (and homework to be done) we had to set off, for Sydney. In a day and a half the crew had taken sixty foxes:

We enjoyed ourselves immensely and Jim and Mark kindly invited us to the next one, to be held in June. If anyone's interested in coming along, let me know? Note that kids are welcome, and you don't have to be a shooter to be a part of it. The weekend had been punctuated by a few showers but the best part of the weekend was that, as we headed north through the Riverina, steady soaking rain started to fall. It was great to see puddles forming in those bare paddocks and the tanks filling, as we passed by. Hopefully it's not too late to sow some winter crops! Best regards to all, Andrew

Robert Brown, MLC
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HUNTING = CONSERVATION
April 20, 2007 - 10:01AM

A controversial proposal to help save Kenya's wildlife by scrapping a 30-year ban on sport hunting split delegates at a conference in the east African nation on Thursday.

Tens of thousands of tourists flock to Kenya each year to see lions, leopards, elephants, wildebeest and other wildlife roaming the parks and reserves. But animal numbers have fallen by at least two-thirds over the last three decades, and experts blame poaching plus human destruction of their habitats.

Those backing sport hunting say it would preserve wildlife by encouraging better management and earning big money that could be ploughed back into conservation. It would also bring Kenya into line with neighbours Uganda and Tanzania, and with South Africa, which all profit from restricted hunting.

Opponents have denounced any moves



to re-introduce the blood sport and accused elitist hunters of colluding with wealthy local landowners.

“It is such an emotional issue right now,” Sarah Macharia, a Kenyan environmental consultant, told Reuters at the meeting.

“Every time they try to count our animals there are fewer and fewer. I am against hunting because we don’t have the capacity to enforce any rules on it. Maybe later, but not now.”

Last year, Kenya’s government appointed a committee to formulate a new wildlife policy. The draft report, completed in February, recommended lifting the ban on hunting, but its publication has been delayed by the wrangling.

BIG GAME

Tempers have flared, and one Kenyan journalist recently protested at the idea of Arab royals and rich Americans, “bored by ordinary living”, blasting away at big game while children in rags look on from the doorways of mud huts.

Opponents say locals want a bigger share of tourist revenues from the parks and reserves, which go mostly to the service sector, and compensation for loss of property or crops caused by wildlife - but not hunting.

Supporters of hunting include not only ranchers and sports hunters themselves, but also some veteran conservationists who have worked in the country for decades.

They say countries like South Africa and Tanzania have prospered hugely, partly because hunters spend thousands of dollars, many times more than regular tourists, and partly because they have experienced an increase in animal numbers.

Mike Norton-Griffiths, an expert on the economics of wildlife management, says natural habitats in Kenya are being destroyed by landowners because the returns from agriculture are currently much higher than from wildlife.

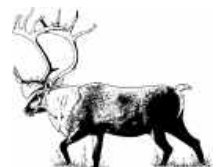
Money-making activities like selling animals, culling locally abundant populations, marketing trophies and - most valuable of all - sport hunting, should be allowed, he says.

Well-funded foreign animal welfare groups, mostly based in the United States, have muddied the debate, and even “subverted democracy”, in Kenya, he says.

These groups seem determined to make sure hunting never returns, apparently regardless of whether this leads to further falls in wildlife numbers or continued rural poverty, he says.

“If they succeed in derailing the wildlife policy review, the decline in the country’s wildlife will carry inexorably on,” he wrote in the magazine *New Scientist* last month.

“That would hardly be a victory for conservation.”



From The Outdoor & Shooting Wires

Remington Arms Company, Inc. one of the nation's oldest continually-operating firearms companies, is being acquired by an affiliate of Cereberus Capital Management, L.P. The \$370 million dollar acquisition includes the assumption of all of Remington Arms Company, Inc.'s liabilities and product lines.

Remington CEO Tommy Millner released a statement characterizing the transaction as "an acknowledgment of the Remington tradition, its strong brand, and the excellent products built over 191 years."

The acquisition gives Cereberus two gun companies, Remington Arms and Bushmaster. Sources familiar with both companies say Remington will quickly add an AR-style rifle platform to complement their M24SWS Sniper Weapon System while Bushmaster will likely add signature branded ammunition and products.

Remington also includes a total line of shotshell, centerfire, rimfire and handgun ammunition and manufacturing under the Remington and UMC brands. For many years, Remington has remained the number one producer of both rifles and shotguns in the US domestic market.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC provided financing commitment and advisor services to Cereberus in the acquisition, expected to close in June 2007.

From: "ahi"

Subject: FW: TSP Hunting Promises & Background, please pass on!

Date: Friday, 9 February 2007 3:02 PM

Hunters,

Below is some back ground on the reintroduction of duck & quail hunting in NSW & feral animal hunting in National Parks, good stuff;

Re-institute scientific-based duck and quail seasons.

The current ban and closure of duck and quail seasons is based on emotion, not practical science . Using modern adaptive management principles, duck and quail hunting could be safely re-instated in NSW. The re-instatement of scientific-based duck and quail hunting will have > a number of benefits:

It will see the re-instatement of scientific research for duck and quail - this has not been undertaken by the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service for some years;

Waterfowl and quail habitats will be restored, providing refuge for other native plant and animal species.

Once the habitats are re-established and the populations are at a > level that can sustain harvesting, hunting will be introduced.

It will give the opportunity for the establishment of game reserves based around waterfowl and quail hunting - an alternative form of land use or another form of income for our farmers, while at the same time > restoring habitats;

The duck and quail hunters will bring economic benefits back into rural areas of NSW rather than taking it into Victoria and South Australia as they do at present. The re-instatement of scientific based duck and quail hunting compliments the NSW Government's



recently released State Plan - "A new > direction for NSW" - to promote the rural economies and improve the environment in this state.

Expand the highly successful Game Council model of conservation hunting into National parks. National Parks in this State cover vast areas but have been locked up so tight for so long they are now reservoirs for feral animals, vermin and weeds. Many of the roads and tracks are now over-grown and of little use in fire or other emergencies.

If the successful Game Council model was expanded into these vast areas, regular use by licensed hunters could help keep potential fire trails cleared and open as they do in the Alpine areas of Victoria;

It is NOT responsible management or being a good neighbour when:

- you only undertake 'token' feral animal control programs.

- you rely on your besieged neighbours to control goats, pigs, wild dogs and kangaroos that find harbour and safety in National Parks as they currently do in NSW.

These vast areas of remote land - which few other people visit - are

ideal areas to integrate hunting into feral animal control programs;

Hunters licensed by the Game Council are already proving their value and potential in assisting public land managers with feral animal control.

There is no reason this scheme cannot be extended into our National Parks.

Rob Brown MLC

GPS training Day.

John Ross spoke with Brian Sommerville from GPS Oz and the date has been set down as 8th Sept.

GPS Oz has offered to spend a day instructing our members on the many varied uses of a GPS and software.

Bring along your GPS and laptop and any questions you may have.

Hold off buying any GPS gadgets until the 8th Sept.

Venue; Mal Ambrose's 3 Thiele Rd., Kenthurst, starting 9.00 am.

Book it in the social calendar now
Malcolm Ambrose

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Ivory Ban Lifted in Africa.

The Hague, 2 June 2007 - The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) has approved exports of elephant ivory from Botswana (20 tons of ivory), Namibia (10 tons) and South Africa (30 tons).

Rob Borsak

Ed. The bitching about this & the alleged resumption of ivory hunting on a large scale has begun already.



Notice to licensed hunters: Laws relating to hunting near National Parks

With 180 State forests now declared for conservation hunting in NSW, there are some circumstances where licensed hunters may have to drive through adjoining national parks to reach these areas.

Please note the following advice:

It is illegal under the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2002 for anyone to be in possession of a firearm in a national park without consent being granted.

Written consent must be obtained from a designated authority within the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC). The designated authorities are usually DECC Regional Managers. The written consent will include specific dates and anticipated routes to be used.

Camping in a national park while in the possession of a firearm is prohibited.

Further information:
Contact listings for DECC regional offices can be found at the following website link:

Alternatively, telephone DECC on 1300 361 967.

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 Safari Club Show, Port Stephens.

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



MURRAY'S VENISON KITCHEN (lifted with thanks from SSAA Deerstalker magazine)

CUTS OF VENISON There are various cuts or parts of the deer and I am not going into detail about them all here. I will discuss the main cuts, with all other meat being used for braising, casseroles, soups or stews. With your deer in front of you, it will need to be cut up. I like to make a decision about the use of each cut of meat, then label and package it accordingly. Package the main cuts in freezer bags of about the quantity you will need later on. Before I even land the deer home I will know that there will be some roasting meat, some frying steak (leave the slicing until you plan to use it) and lots of braising and casseroles meat. I will have also decided how much of the meat will be minced and put away as mince, or whether sausages will be made from part of it. When making mince or sausages it pays to have some pork on hand. Most butchers should be able to provide this. (Use about 20% raw fatty pork for starters).

USES FOR VARIOUS CUTS OF VENISON

Shin bones, neck joints and bones from any boned meat will make excellent soup or stock. Meat from the neck or shoulder may be used for stews or casseroles.

These cuts of meat can also be used for mincing to make your rissoles and sausages. The forequarter, either boned and seasoned, or on the bone is excellent for roasting, although the use of particular cuts may hinge around the size of particular species of deer you have in front of you. For example the shoulder of a sambar may be used for cutting out steaks, or for casseroles etc; where the shoulder from a hog deer may be better utilised by boning out and rolling, or roasting whole. The backstraps, eye filets, or any good quality steaks are ideal for frying or for use on the barbecue.

How can I speed up my computer?

(Courtesy of Bigpond)

Just like a car, every so often your PC needs a tune-up especially if you use the internet a lot. Over time, your PC can collect a lot of information it doesn't necessarily need and save it all over your hard drive.

The consequence? Your PC starts to become sluggish. A regular clean-up will go a long way to keeping your PC up-to-speed. It's a good idea to make it a habit why not mark a monthly reminder in your diary now?

Here's how we recommend you go about it:

1. Delete your cookies

Cookies are bits of information stored on your PC at the request of some web sites. They're often used when it's beneficial for the site to remember something about you, like your login name or preferred delivery method when using online shopping.

Sometimes sites will store cookies for tracking purposes; because you've already visited the site, they might show different information. Some use it to efficiently promote goods and services by tracking what advertising you've seen already, and which ones you've responded to.

2. Clear your cache

Cache is like a short-term memory for your internet browser. It's designed to make pages load faster by saving elements that rarely change, like the menu and logo graphic, to your PC. Instead of having to download them every time, your PC can call upon the locally-stored versions.

But most caches aren't clever, and over time,



you can collect many files from sites you don't frequently visit. Not only does this take up space on your PC, it makes it harder to find the files of the sites you do regularly visit.

3. Eliminate adware and spyware

Adware and spyware are types of programs that hide in your computer and collect information about what sites you're viewing, usually to display unwanted advertising.

Spyware and adware creators often trick unsuspecting users to install their software; this may include attaching it to legitimate links on web sites, including it when you download freeware or shareware software or when you open a funny email attachment. It's usually not damaging enough for anti-virus software to identify, and because you're often tricked into thinking it's legitimate, it can sneak past your firewall.

4. Defragment your hard drive

Over time your PC's hard drive can become disorganised as you save and resave information. And, just like you'd spend longer finding anything in a messy room, your hard drive becomes inefficient at finding the files your PC requests.

A hard disk defragmenter utility assesses the content of your hard drive and rearranges it to make finding related information more efficient. It also groups the free space so saving information in the future is more effective.

Regularly follow these four steps, and you're on your way to ensuring your PC is running at full speed.

Legislative Council Tuesday 5 June 2007 Questions Without Notice

CONSERVATION HUNTING

The Hon. ROBERT BROWN: I direct my question to the Minister for Primary Industries. Will the Minister give the House details of a major marketing campaign to promote the value of conservation hunting by volunteers in New South Wales?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: That is a good question and I am sure will interest some of our Greens colleagues. The conservation scorecard that has been issued shows that as of 20 February 2007, a total of 3,790 feral animals had been removed from forests across the State, including 680 pigs, 990 feral goats, 363 foxes and 1,295 rabbits. This is a very good conservation measure. This is active environmentalism. I welcome the opportunity to update the House on the plan.

Honourable members will be aware that more than 80 introduced species have established wild populations in Australia. Approximately 30 of these have become pests. After habitat loss, innovative species are the single greatest threat to Australia's unique and treasured biodiversity. The consequences are considerable. For instance, there are estimated to be around 7.2 million foxes in Australia today. That is appalling.

The Hon. Melinda Pavey: How many?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: There are 7.2 million. I thought this would have been on the tip of your tongue. It is claimed that these foxes consume an average of 190 million native birds every single year. That is



shameful, and I am sure that Mr Ian Cohen agrees with me. In some areas feral pigs—

The Hon. Duncan Gay: What about shooters in national parks?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I can only deal with the areas I am responsible for. In some areas, feral pigs have been known to attack and eat up to 40 per cent of newborn lambs. That is something I am responsible for—no, not the deaths of the lambs! Feral animals also spread weeds and livestock disease, damage waterways and wetlands, cause crop damage and land degradation. Studies have shown that across Australia, feral animals cost an estimated \$720 million every year in lost production and control measures.

The Hon. Rick Colless: What have you done?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I have done heaps. Look at the report card. It is probably too difficult for the honourable member to read. The report card shows what we have done. Members opposite had plenty of time. Did they let shooters into parks? No. Did they let them into State forests? No. That is their record. Getting back to the question, licensed and accredited hunters can now access 180 State forests and two Crown land areas through the conservation hunting scheme that commenced in March 2006 to help control pest populations. Hunting in State forests is not new. Previously it occurred under the Forestry Act without the stringent controls that have now been introduced by the Game Council—and I give every credit to the council for doing a marvellous job.

Arrangements of this kind have operated in other States for many decades. Victoria allows

conservation hunting in national parks to eradicate pests. This is not the first time licensed recreational hunters have helped to tackle this problem. For instance, on the mid-North Coast hunters licensed by the Game Council play a key role in controlling wild deer populations that destroy residential and market gardens and agricultural crops. Hunters participated in community-based feral animal control projects in the Illawarra region, the Hunter Valley and the Riverina. They are cooperating with the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and the Sporting Shooters Association to measure the benefits of targeted fox-hunting. [Time expired.]

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SAUSAGE MAKING

(lifted from SSAA Deerstalker magazine, with thanks)

Making your own sausages may seem a little daunting at first, but any effort expended will be very worthwhile. Homemade venison sausages will change your understanding of the taste of sausages forever. There are quite a few benefits, when you stop to think about it. For a start you will know that you have top quality meat in your sausages. You will be able to manipulate the quantities of venison, pork and pork fat to get the variety and taste you like. You will be able to alter the herbs and spices in the sausage mix to one you and your family really love. A butcher once let me in on a few secrets regarding the making of sausages; read on to learn what to do and what not to do. Anyone about to use venison in any form of cooking needs to understand that venison is a relatively dry meat. This lack of fat is one of the reasons venison is widely thought of as very healthy meat to eat. So now you understand that venison is a dry meat, what can be done to improve the situation? There are



many herbs and spices, which are used in the cooking of venison to improve the moisture content of the meat. In sausages, one of the best things to add is raw fatty pork. Start at about 20-25% pork to 75-80% venison. Make sure you have some on hand or obtainable at short notice as it is really important. If you think the mix is a little too rich for you try 40% venison, 40% lean pork, and 20% fatty pork.

After mincing and mixing your sausage meat, you will have to put it in some sort of casing. You must do this without creating any heat within the meat, which can hasten the development of nasty bugs such as salmonella. This rules out feeding the meat mix back through the mincer and into a force tube, as the extra effort required to force the mix into the force tube creates a lot of heat. You can however, build a simple and effective 'sausage stuffer', from easily found and relatively cheap materials.

The Tassie Fox “Debate”.

This interesting snippet was posted by Mark W on the Shooters Party website.

Any of you Freedom Fighters with some “correcting” facts like to write to SMH?? I'd say that the professional “wildlife” bureaucracies, and certain academics had a better motive than hunters, given the \$millions that have been poured in by the Feds.

All the foxes that have been found in rural areas have (conveniently) been “road kill”. Any of you remember the greenies dumping so-called “shot” (protected) waterbirds on Parliament House steps in '94?.

Whoops..... NPWS grabbed all the birds. Not a pellet to be found, and all had been frozen for

a long time.

Or the story in the US about wildlife scientists “faking” a hair/fur find from Lynx in an area they wanted “protected”? Two scientists went to the big-house over that little scam.

What stupid hunter would want to introduce bloody foxes into an area with some of the best duck, quail, wallaby, and pheasant hunting in Australia? Give me a break.....

Regards,
Robert

The Sydney Morning Herald in its Good Weekend magazine 23/6/07 decided to do an article on fox mitigation in Tasmania. Here is how it starts;

”It all began with an act of terror, as wars on things do. In 2001, the Tasmanian Government learnt that three Tasmanian men, all deer hunters, had conspired to introduce foxes to the island state.” It is only well down in the piece that the further relevant comment is made,

”... while the report or the police investigation into the cub-smuggling plot, obtained under the Freedom of Information, has been widely circulated. It found no evidence of any conspiracy and rebuked the Department of Primary Industry, Water and Environment for claiming there were foxes in Tasmania when “there is not one single piece of evidence to corroborate that assertion.” “

In the middle of the story this;

””But Tasmania is different. For a start, the state has more shooters per capita than anywhere else. Not that there is anything



wrong with that; the reason so many Tasmanians hunt is no different from the reason so many fish or log- because they can. But if there is going to be a War on Animals, shooters want to be in it.”

On the third page towards the end the following theory is put forward;

”Hunters have been known to bring back live foxes, initially for the sport of the red-coated hunting clubs, though also as pets. In 1997 eight cubs were alleged to have been imported and released in revenge for the Federal Government’s gun-control laws. It was hoped that in an emergency, with foxes on the loose, the Government would repeal the laws and give hunters their semi-automatic weapons back.”

The newspaper generously offers readers the chance to write a reply of 100 words or less. at yYour Turn, Good Weekend, GPO Box 506, Sydney, NSW 2001. or email Fax 92821628.

Robert Brown, MLC
The Shooters’ Party
Parliament House Sydney
Phone 02 9230 2573

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Thought police are alive and well.

This is comical. Why aren’t I laughing?
And the same people that create nonsensical situations such as this are making laws on all sorts of other matters! Frightening.

Regards

Philip Cohen

Sent: Saturday, May 19, 2007 4:06 PM

Subject: ‘replica firearm’ enquiry

Dear Phil

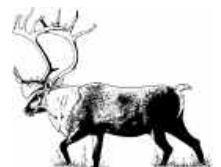
I have a question regarding obtaining a NSW police permit for holding prohibited weapons and I was hoping you could give me some advice.

The situation is actually very funny and at the very least this e-mail should give you a laugh.

I don’t collect weapons at all: I collect Japanese Transformers, one of which has been classed a replica firearm by Australian customs and has been seized when I tired to import it. It appears loads of people have made the same error and the story has made quite a splash:

Yes, the Megatron toy does turn into a Walther pistol, but the photograph in the linked news article is completely misleading as the toy has been made deliberately 230% oversize so that it can’t be confused with a real pistol. It can’t even be held comfortably in the hand. Customs seem to have missed this point. I should stress this toy is completely plastic, couldn’t shoot anything, and is very harmless.

Customs will release this toy if I can get a license to hold a replica firearm from NSW



Police. NSW Police will consider a license application, and have sent me the various forms to fill out. The form is straightforward as far as I can tell, but I have to show evidence that I am a current member of a weapon collectors club. I'm not, and have no idea where to find one. I was hoping you might be able to tell me who I could contact to join a weapon collectors club in NSW, and what joining might involve.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Dr Andrew Barron
Centre for the Integrative Study of Animal Behaviour
Macquarie University
Sydney

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THIS IS NOT SCIENCE SAMBAR THREATENED.

(source SSAA Deerstalker magazine, with thanks)

Despite strong submissions to the Scientific Advisory Committee in response and opposition to Flora and Fauna Guarantee Nomination 756 (Reduction in biodiversity of native vegetation by Sambar – Potentially Threatening Process), the **S.A.C. has confirmed its initial recommendation that Sambar Deer are a threatening process.**

Comments on secret F&FG processes and S.A.C. assessments, pointing out significant scientific deficiencies and lack of transparency; have been assiduously disregarded. We might be forgiven for believing that the main focus was 'political' science for the bureaucracy to get its own way!

The final decision now rests with the Minister, John Thwaites, and we must hope that he now

asks the hard questions. The supposed justification for confirmation involves in part an article in an amateur publication that was not scientifically peer reviewed and declined to engage in scientific response. It is undeserving of the imprimatur of 'science' and reflects poorly on the whole SAC process and its lack of transparency! There is some evidence that administrative elements of the SAC are more pro-active in achieving their desired result than the production of a balanced outcome. Whatever happens, it can not be allowed to rest here.

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BEWARE

As you are all aware, there is a new airline flying in Australia, Tiger Airways. They are offering some great and cheap fares to a number of domestic destinations. Darwin is one that has caught everyone's imagination and today they have Launceston for \$39. There will undoubtedly be more as time goes on. However, be warned. If you are planning to use them for a shooting / hunting trip or dog trial then read the following conditions of flight off their website:

- The following items will not be carried in any part of any Tiger Airways aircraft and cannot be carried in passengers checked or carry-on baggage:
- Guns, Firearms & Weapons
Any object capable, or appearing capable, of discharging a projectile or causing injury, including: All firearms (pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, etc.) Replica and imitation firearms, Component parts of firearms (excluding telescopic sighting devices & sights), air pistols, rifles and pellet guns. Signal flare pistols, Starter pistols, Toy guns of all types, ball bearing guns, industrial bolt and nail guns, cross



bows, catapults, harpoons and spear guns, Animal humane killers, stun or shocking devices, e.g. cattle prods, ballistic conducted energy weapons (laser), lighters shaped like a firearm.

For a holiday with the wife and kids then OK.

For a shooting / hunting trip with gun and dog, forget it.

Hope no-one has been caught out yet, I know of some blokes who already have been.

**All the best
Graham Eames**

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**URGENT CALL TO ACTION - THE
FUTURE OF VICTORIAN WATERFOWL
HUNTING AND WETLAND
CONSERVATION BY HUNTERS UNDER
SERIOUS THREAT**

**RIVER RED GUM INVESTIGATION –
DRAFT PROPOSALS
FROM THE VICTORIAN
ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT
COUNCIL**

On the 19th July 2007, the Victorian Environment Assessment Council (VEAC) released its draft proposals paper for the River Red Gum Forest Investigation.

The paper recommends the creation of 5 new National Parks in Northern Victoria. Barmah National Park, Gunbower National Park, Lower Goulburn River National Park, Warby Range – Ovens River National Park, Leagur – Koorangie National Park, Murray River Park and extension to the Murray Sunset National Park).

The report also recommends a change of land

status for **23 State Game Reserves where hunting will no longer be permitted.**

The following is a list of just some of the areas where hunting will no longer be allowed;

- **Vinifera Forest**
- **Koorangie (includes Bael Bael, The Marshes and Yassom)**
- **Lake Leagur**
- **Lake Elizabeth**
- **Lake Merran**
- **Lake Wandella**
- **Mystic Park Forest**
- **Johnsons Swamp**
- **Woolshed Swamp**
- **Red Gum Swamp (Gannawarra)**
- **Tang Tang Swamp**
- **Thunder Swamp**
- **Dingee**
- **Loch Garry**
- **Kanyapella Basin**
- **Reedy Swamp (Shepparton)**
- **Wallenjoe (Corop)**
- **Barmah Forest**
- **A large part of Gunbower Forest**

In addition, there are thousands of hectares of State Forest along the Ovens, Murray, Goulburn and Avoca Rivers that will no longer be available to hunters and other recreational users if the VEAC recommendations are implemented.

VEAC have stated that they acknowledge that changes in categories of public land status will adversely affect some individuals and groups. As a result, VEAC recommend that the Government provide assistance to minimise those effects. At the presentation meeting on the 19th July, it was acknowledged that duck hunters were one of the most seriously effected groups.



CONSULTATION TO DATE:

The severity of the impact on hunters in the draft recommendations has come as a complete surprise to every stakeholder involved in the consultation process to date.

FGA has participated in public meetings conducted by VEAC since this investigation started in 2005. FGA and a number of branches made submission during the initial consultation phase.

SSAA (Vic) has representation on the stakeholder reference committee and has liaised with FGA.

The Victorian Hunting Advisory Committee (VHAC) met with the VEAC and was briefed on the investigation process with little detail of the proposed outcomes. The VHAC met the same day as the VEAC recommendations were being announced and had no knowledge of the extent of the proposals as they apply to game management in Victoria.

The draft proposals have come as a complete shock to all stakeholders involved. The recommendations are at odds, and conflict heavily with Government policy for recreational hunting, in particular duck hunting.

The proposals put at risk game management initiatives that were signed off by Minister Thwaites prior to the State election in 2006.

Community meetings conducted by VEAC will be held at the following venues:

Shepparton- 6 August, Shepparton Golf

Course, 3-7 pm

Cohuna- 7 August, Gannawarra Shire Building, 3-7 pm

Echuca- 8 August, Comfort Resort, Moama, 3-7 pm

Nathalia- 13 August, Community Centre, 3-7 pm

Mildura- 14 August, Quality Motel, 3-7 pm

Swan Hill- 15 August, Best Western Resort, 3-7 pm

Wangaratta- 16 August, Old Town n Country Tavern, 3-7 pm

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns face to face with VEAC representatives.

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY:

Make a submission to VEAC, refer submission information below;

Visit your local state members of parliament and let them know how the proposals will impact on you and your family, refer parliamentary contact lists below

Write a courteous letter to the Minister asking him to refute the VEAC's proposals to ensure that hunters can continue to hunt and undertake environmental works on Victorian Public land. Also point out that the proposals are at odds with the Victorian Game Management Initiative.

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Be prepared to assist your organisation in



providing local information on hunting areas or other activities that may be planned.

Let your family and friends know the issues, particularly non-hunter friends who may not realise that many of their activities will be severely restricted.

HOW DO I MAKE A SUBMISSION:

**SUBMISSION CLOSE FRIDAY 21
SEPTEMBER 2007**

There is no prescribed format for submissions. Submissions range from half-page letters, to larger documents. You can also complete the enclosed VEAC submission form.

Submission should be sent to VEAC using one of the methods listed below. Only submissions sent directly to VEAC can be treated as a submission.

**BY POST, addressed to -
Director
Victorian Environmental Assessment
Council
8 Nicholson Street
East Melbourne, Vic 3002**

BY FAX -(03) 9637 8024

**FURTHER INFORMATION -
Other enquires can be made by contacting
VEAC on (03) 9637 9902 or Toll Free
(outside metropolitan areas) on 1800 134
803 or visit**

The information you provide in your submissions, or any other response, will be used by VEAC only in the development of its River Red Gum Forests Investigation Final Report.

All submission will be treated as public documents and will also be published on the Internet for public access. Addresses, phone numbers and email details will be removed from individual submission before they are published.

Where confidentiality is specifically requested, submissions will be treated as confidential but will be released when required by law such as for Freedom on Information requests or court proceedings.

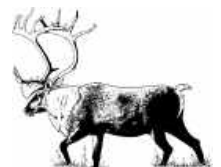
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UK Minister Urges Teens to Take Up Shooting

“Richard Caborn, the sports minister, has backed a drive by shooting groups to increase participation in the sport among children as young as 12. He believes that the sport helps young people to become more responsible and disciplined, and vowed that significant funds would be made available to help boost participation. He has already upset the anti gun lobby by supporting moves to relax the ban on handguns in the hope of boosting Britain’s chances of winning pistol shooting medals at the 2012 London Olympics. Gill Marshall Andrews, the chairman of the Gun Control Network, said that she was alarmed by Mr. Caborn’s backing for National Shooting Week, which aims to introduce people to shooting for



the first time and improve people's understanding of guns. 'The Government should be ashamed of itself for putting its energies into encouraging people to take up shooting when we should be ensuring that there are fewer and fewer guns available' said Andrews. Since 1997 (when guns were banned in the UK), firearms crimes have risen from 12,410 to 21,521 in 2005/06 (an increase of 73 per cent), including incidents involving handguns, which have nearly doubled in this period, from 2,636 to 4,671, despite their being banned." (Source: The Sunday Telegraph UK)



The Historic and Cultural Significance of the Queensland Red Deer Herd

The RIDGE executive has accepted the offer from a student based at the University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury Campus, to carry out a study into the Historic and Cultural Significance of the Queensland Red deer herd to the people of this region. The study will commence in early July and we hope to have preliminary results back in September. The student, Stephanie Mann, will carry out personal interviews with landowners, councillors and representatives of Government Departments such as DPI. She will also look at the historic use of deer by early settlers, local residents, landowners and hunters and try to ascertain the level of overall support for wild deer. Lists of property names, street names and family names will be recorded as well as the use of the red deer image on shops, road signs, football teams, logos and our Queensland Coat of Arms. We will need support from all local members in the way of access to old photos,

records, family histories as well as their attendance at a number of public meetings scheduled during Stephanie.s visit. I would ask any local member who can help in any way, to contact me on 0429 688192 or email clarkmcghie@bigpond.com as soon as they can please.

A strong show of support from the general public behind this study may just give us the extra pressure needed when we put our final submission to Government. Please urge all hunters, landowners or small business owners to attend the public meetings. We do not yet know the full cost of this study but feel it will not be excessive as our main costs will be meals, accommodation and transport. If any of our supporting groups who would like to help this project financially, any amount will be graciously accepted.



The Boys opposite needed some Education in common sense?

I would like to inform everyone about Item #17 in a document titled, "**The School Reforms Required to Engage Boys in Schooling.**"

Boys need to reconnect with nature. It is important for boys to do the type of activities men were designed for - hunting, fishing, crabbing, camping, etc. as these give boys confidence that they can do something. It teaches them that they can provide for the table - fish, game, etc and this brings out the hunter/gatherer instinct in boys. At every opportunity they must be challenged by nature and come to understand the forces of nature and where they fit in the universe.

Based upon the research of Ian Lillico. A Churchill fellowship recipient.





Yes, that is a
gun in his ear.

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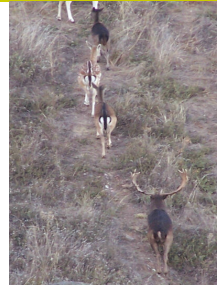
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GAME COUNCIL NSW: 4-day hunter education workshop, Bondi Forest Lodge, Bondi State Forest, Bombala, 29 September-1 October 2007

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John Dunn



Hunting and firearms expert, well-known hunting author.

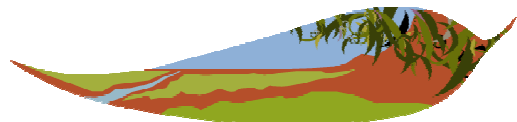
Clark McGhie



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Workshop fee	\$325		
Game Council Hunter Education Handbook	\$40		
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