



Field Hunters Club Newsletter

Important Dates:

- Next Meeting
June 4th 2014,
start time 7:30
pm.
- The deadline for
submitting hunt
reports, or items
for sale in the
newsletter is the
20th of the
Month.
- Please review
the Calendar
Update section
for important
club related
dates.
- July Meeting
\$1,200 MAJOR
RAFFLE.



TO HELP FOSTER AND DEVELOP HUNTER ETHICS, HUNTER TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY.
TO FOSTER THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF GAME.
TO IMPROVE HUNTING FOR THE FUTURE.

Notes from the Secretary

Hi

As you will be aware the club AGM will be held at our next meeting in June and only financial members of the FHC and SSAA can cast votes.

There currently have been nominations received for the following positions:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Raffle Organiser
- Training and Liaison Officer
- General Committee Member * 2

The following positions still need nominees and these will be sought on the night of the AGM:

- Vice President
- Ducks on the Rice Organiser
- Video Librarian

So what does it mean to the club if no one nominates for these positions? It's very simple, the Video library can not be offered to members the Ducks on the Rice comp can not be run and without a Vice President in the absence of a President at either general meetings or committee meetings the bulk of the work load falls back to the Secretary to do. *And this is something that I did not sign up for.*

In line with the FHC rules section 5 (h) Nominations shall be called forth from the floor at the Annual General Meeting for any position unfilled by postal nominations. So I urge all members to have a serious think about giving back something to the club and stepping forth for as a candidate for one of these positions.

On the 25th a Navigation and Orienteering course was held with training delivered by Mike Spray from the SSAA, the day appeared to be a great success with in excess of 30 members being trained in using navigating with a compass and map and a base GPS overview.

The weather was great and for once we managed not to loose anyone☺, I think the two key things that everyone took away from this course was that in order to keep up your skills you need to practise and never rely on just use one form of navigation equipment out in the bush.

The FHC committee would like to thank Mike for sharing his time and experience in this valuable subject, and we look forward to seeing Mike at our August General Meeting where Mike will deliver training on Target Identification in the field and FireArm Safety.



The committee ask members to please check your expiry date on your FHC membership card as membership renewals are now due, and don't forget that it is a requirement that all FHC members MUST BE a member of the SSAA. Please try and bring the correct money as change is limited and see Robin at the June meeting for payment.

The committee make major efforts to contact those members who have not renewed their membership in late June early July, and un-financial members will be marked as non FHC members at the end of July.

*As a personal reminder if you wish to be in the running to win the \$1,200.00 prize drawn at the July general meeting then you must be a FINANCIAL MEMBER to claim first prize and their will be **NO** exceptions granted.*

The committee would like to thank Daud Ormond-Allen for his generous donation of \$240.00 this donation will be used inline with the clubs mission statement:

'TO HELP FOSTER AND DEVELOP HUNTER ETHICS, HUNTER TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY.'

Cheers
Phil

Sunday Fox Drives

Danny and Leah Dyall run a successful Fox drive each Sunday from their base in Caldermeade (near Lang Lang).

Meeting point:

Number 55 Caldermeade rd, Caldermeade.

Contact Number: 0427 277 001

Meeting times are 8am Sharp!

No Rifles Allowed Shotguns ONLY!

One item of BLAZE ORANGE is required to be worn at all times and Shot Size no greater than BB.

\$10 cost per day to cover Danny's costs, and please carry a dog lead with you to help round up the dogs at the end of the hunt.

If you are new to this to these fox drives the organisers will require details of your shooters licence & SSAA member number in the morning prior the shoot.

July Major Raffle

During the July 2nd General Meeting a major raffle will be held with the first prize being:

Any Hunting Related Equipment of the Winners Choice to the value of

\$1,200

To be eligible to win this raffle you **must** be a current financial member of the Field Hunters Club and be present at the time of the raffle being drawn.

You can use this money to purchase **ANY** hunting related prize that you desire however, a receipt post dated the meeting must be presented to the committee before funds will be released.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for one lucky member to pick themselves up something, they have been longing for.

Tickets for the raffle are the normal price of \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$10 so this is one meeting you do not want to miss out on!

CALENDAR UPDATE

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

Wednesday 4th June FHC AGM

Saturday 28th June SSAA Big Game Rifle Club day <http://www.biggamerifleclub.com.au/>

Wednesday 2nd July Major Raffle and Game Meat night

Wednesday 6th August guest speaker Mike Spray from the SSAA to speak about Target Identification in the field and FireArm Safety

From our members

Expenditure and motivation of Australian recreational hunters

<http://www.publish.csiro.au/?paper=WR13171>

Abstract

Context: Recreational hunting has a long history in Australia, as in other parts of the world. However, the number, characteristics and motivations of Australian hunters have never been investigated in the same way as those in other countries where hunting occurs.

Aims: In this report, we aimed to systematically survey Australian recreational hunters to determine their demographic characteristics, patterns of spending and motivations.

Methods: Between September 2011 and June 2012, we encouraged hunters to participate in an anonymous online survey hosted by SurveyMonkey. We asked 53 questions about the hunters, their hunting patterns, expenditure on hunting and their motivations to hunt.

Key results: In total, 7202 hunters responded to the survey. The respondents were overwhelmingly male and 67% were aged between 31 and 60 years. Almost 34% of respondents were from Victoria, 26.7% from New South Wales and 22.0% from Queensland. Average direct expenditure on hunting was A\$1835 per person per annum, whereas indirect expenditure was A\$2168. Over 99% of respondents said that they would be willing to participate in pest-control activities if they had the opportunity.

Conclusions: There are likely to be at least 200 000 and more likely 300 000 recreational hunters in Australia and they spend in excess of A\$1 billion dollars annually on hunting. Almost all of these hunters are willing to participate in direct wildlife management activities, such as pest control.

Implications: The Australian recreational hunting community is large, active and willing to spend large amounts of money on hunting. Their activities need to be understood and participants engaged by wildlife managers so as to obtain the best outcomes for wildlife management in Australia.

Web Links Provided by Members

Small Australian marsupials in sudden decline

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/a/23304465/small-australian-marsupials-in-sudden-decline/>

Link provided by Neil Viney

Barrel Making - The Art and Science

<http://www.lasc.us/RangingShotBarrelMakingFeature.htm>

Link provided by Barry Kitchen

.22 LR Ammunition how it is made

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5qMsmucXhI>

Link provided by Terry Oxford

FOR SALE

Leupold 3-9 x 50 series 2 scope

In good condition apart from a small mark that is hidden by the front ring mount.

Price: **\$300.**

Contact: Neville Briggs

Phone 03 9528 6989 or 0427 005 133.



If you have anything you would like advertised in the For Sale section please email me the details on fhcsecretary@gmail.com

Member Renewal

Please complete the form in neat handwriting as it is extremely important for us to correctly record your details.

All membership renewals are due by April 30th 2014, and it is a requirement that all FHC members **MUST BE** a member of the SSAA.

If paying for your membership at a meeting please try and bring the correct money as change is limited.

If your membership is not due to expire but your contact details have changed, please complete the form below so we can accurately capture your new details.

SSAA Field Hunters Club Membership Application / Renewal

Date...../...../.....

Surname

Other Names

Address

Postcode

Phone Number

Mobile Number

Email Address

SSAA Member Number

SSAA Member Expiry Date

Membership Fees

| New Member | Junior (under 18 Years) | Renewal | Total |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1 Year membership \$20.00 | Valid until 18th Birthday | 1 Year Renewal \$15.00 | \$ |
| 5 Year membership \$65.00 | | 5 Year Renewal \$60.00 | |

FHC Membership year is from 1 July to 30 June. ALL Memberships expire the following June.

Except members joining between 1 April & 30 June will receive up to 15 months membership (ie the next June)

Cheques/Aus Post Money Orders made payable to: "Field Hunters Club (SSAA Vic)" Mail to: PO Box 240, Box Hill, Vic, 3128.

DO NOT SEND CASH (no responsibility accepted by FHC if cash is lost in mail).

For Office Use Only: -

Receipt Number

Card



Date

/ /

For all members that have recorded their interest in the following event if you have not paid your \$10 cost fee can you please see Robin Purchase to do so at the June meeting.

If you are interested in attending this event but have not yet registered to attend please do so at the May meeting and see Robin for payment.

Saturday 28th JUNE SSAA Big Game Rifle Club

As outlined in previous Newsletters the BGRC and the FHC are running a joint get together event, this is something not to be missed and it maybe one of the very few times that many members get to shoot a large calibre rifle.

The events outlined will cater for the sorts of rifles we believe our members are likely to possess:

'Rook Rifle' - 10 rounds using a .22 rimfire -

- 5 shots at 50 yards
- 5 shots at 25 yards all from the offhand position

'Hunting Rifle' - 14 rounds using any centre fire cartridge

- 4 shots at 100 yards comprising 2 offhand and 2 sitting or kneeling. 6 shots at 50 yards all taken offhand.
- 4 shots at 25 yards all taken offhand

'Special Snap' - 8 rounds using a centre fire rifle cartridge of .270 or larger.

- All 8 shots taken offhand at 25 yards with a 35 second time limit

Scope sights may be used but no slings.

The BGRC will also arrange for their members to bring along some large calibre rifles that the FHC members can also have a shot with, and FHC members are also welcome to bring along any large calibre rifles that they may possess.

The FHC will also be taking along a Winchester Magnum 458 for members to have a shot through with all ammunition being provided on a user pays scale, basically charged at cost which is around \$3 a round.

Timings:

- 10:00** Arrive from this time
- 10:45** Introduction and safety briefing
- 11:00** Commence
- 13:00** (approx.) lunch Balance of events and general shooting to follow

Costs:

- \$10** Lunch and Drink
- \$15** Range Fee

Committee Nomination form

Under the Rules of the Field Hunters Club, it is time to call for nominations for Committee Members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting on the **4th June 2014**.

All current positions shall be declared vacant for the election process on this day.

The new Committee will consist of the following members:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Ducks on the Rice Organiser
- Raffle Organiser
- Video Librarian
- Training and Liaison Officer
- General Committee Member * 2

Nominations of persons for election as members of the Committee shall be in writing, signed by (i) the proposer, (ii) the seconder and (iii) the nominee, all of whom must be entitled to vote at such election and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer no later than fourteen days prior to the Field Hunters Club Annual General Meeting.

All nominations shall be delivered to the address of the Returning Officer no later than 5.00 pm on Wednesday 21st May 2014.

Field Hunters Club 2014 Nomination Form

Position Nominated For.....

Name of Nominee (please print)

Signature of Nominee.....

Proposer (please print).....

Signature.....

Secunder (please print).....

Signature.....

Mail to

FHC. SSAA Vic
P.O. Box 240
Box Hill 3128

The Following committee members have outlined that they will **NOT** be standing for re-election:

Robin Purchase Treasurer

Robin has been the club treasurer for 3 years now and has held various other positions for 10 to 15 years. He is now looking forward to more overseas holidays over the coming year.

Neil Viney Vice President

Neil has been the vice president for 1 year now and has also been on the committee for 1 other year.

Terry Oxford Video Librarian

Terry has been part of the committee now for 18 years in one position or another and is looking forward to a well deserved break.

To effectively run the club we need members to stand up and fill these positions!

Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Springvale Range commencing at 7:30 pm and run for approximately 2 hours.

Overview of Committee Position Descriptions:

President:

- Attend committee meetings as Chair person
- Run General Meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Liaise with external groups to help foster hunting opportunities for members.
- Management of club events
- Provide the general Direction for the club
- Work with the SSAA governing bodies and sub clubs as required
- Liaise with members

Vice President:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Acting President and Chair Person of meetings when President is unable to attend
- Provide assistance as required to the President

Treasurer:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Receipt all monies
- Vet all claims/invoices and make all payments
- Keep accounts
- Bank monies in a timely fashion
- Financial Reports to SSAA on a quarterly basis and members on an annual basis
- Generally handle all financial issues in a timely manner.

Secretary:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Maintain Membership Database
- Creation and printing of Newsletter
- Create committee meeting agenda
- Create minutes of committee meeting
- Create general meeting agenda
- First point of contact for new members
- Management of club emails
- Creation and update of club documentation (Welcome pack, SSAA Vic Shooter articles etc)
- Management of club documents

Club Services

- Management of club events
- Liaise with external groups to help foster hunting opportunities for members.

Ducks on the Rice Organiser:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Liaise with property owners for Ducks on the Rice comp
- Organization of Ducks on the Rice Comp and prizes

Raffle Organiser:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Purchase of raffle prizes
- Management of raffle tickets including sales

Video Librarian:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- DVD Librarian.
- Sign in and out DVDs to members, and to contact members if they don't return DVDs after 4 months
- To work with committee to maintain and increase DVD collection when opportunity arises

Training and Liaison Officer:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Provide advice and training to members as required

General Committee Member:

- Attend committee meetings
- Comment on & advance ideas re agenda items
- Mailing of newsletters
- Assistance with club events as required
- Assist other committee members with projects as requested

NSW Restricted licence update

The Restricted licence (R-licence) allows you to hunt game and feral animals on NSW public land that has been declared for hunting and opened, or on private land with the permission of the landholder.

As previously outlined we will continue to update members with information relating to NSW R licence as it comes to hand, after speaking with DPI again they directed us to the statement now on their website and outlined that members who wish to obtain the R-Licence in the future should now register their expression of interest. They also continue to outline that at some stage in the near future the Field Hunters Club will once again be able to issue members with an R-Licence accreditation.

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Hunters who wish to obtain an R-Licence can now register their interest to undertake the R-Licence accreditation course by completing and submitting Form R - Expression of interest: R-Licence accreditation (DOC, 70KB). The Game Licensing Unit will be organising R-Licence accreditation courses in various locations across the State in mid to late 2014.

Initially, these courses will be facilitated through the Game Licensing Unit, however in the near future Approved Hunting Organisations and other Accredited Training Providers will complete R-Licence accreditation.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/hunting-licences/restricted>

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Club Videos and DVDs

See Terry Oxford for our range of DVDs and videos available to members. Any members who have suggestions for additions to the library please also outline these to Terry.

Hunting Equipment

For all your accessories and centre fire ammo needs, please contact.

Boronia Firearms
Ph: 09 762 2677

Insurance

Have you had a look at the SSAA Insurance Brokers website?

www.ssaa.org.au

Well worth considering when your renewal is due for any type of insurance.

Their Car insurance policies are very competitive, and their house and contents cover, can also include your firearms and gear when out hunting.

Knife Sharpener

The club has a professional knife and sharpening service available for members. Please see Jim Marsden for further details.

Name Badges

Place your order for name badges at any meeting, badges are \$10 person and money is required before your order is placed. Please see the secretary at any meeting to place your orders.



Insert Name Here

FHC POLO SHIRTS

Get yourself an FHC POLO shirt!

Shirts cost \$30 each and there are sample shirts available for sizing, see one of the committee members after any general meeting to try on a shirt and place your order.

Ordered shirts should be available for collection and payment at your next general meeting.

FHC Member Services

If you would like to see your business advertised here, please email me a copy of your business card .

PROPELLOR REPAIRS BY NOVDEC

- Propellor and lower leg repairs
- Aluminium/stainless steel welding
- Precision machining

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Please remember this is **your** newsletter, and with your input it will improve!

If you have trip reports you would like to share, or you wish to sell something or would just like to see an article or section included, please contact me Phillip Mathieson on 0417 668 222 or email fhcsecretary@gmail.com

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jim Marsden | Jackie Chan | Andries Posthuma | Max Sereno |

| Video Librarian | Training & Liaison Officer | General Committee |
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| Terry Oxford | Stephen Toumbourou | Clifford Lewis |