



Field Hunters Club Newsletter

Important Dates:

- Next Meeting
November 4th
2015, 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.



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Notes from the Secretary

Hello Fellow Members

Its been an action packed 4 weeks for the club with Great Hunting opportunities and social events occurring, on top of this members seem to be very active in the field with the on set of the good weather.

Danny has informed me that the Fox Drives are now completed for the year with the snakes now becoming more active the overall total of foxes taken was around **200**, this is a great result not only for the farmers but for our the local native animal population as well. Great work to all that attended this season and we look forward to the next!

Danny has outlined that his breakup and clay shoot is set for Sunday the 22nd of November contact Danny for more details 0427 277 001

At the upcoming general meeting we have a representative attending from the Shooters and Fishers Party of Victoria 'Jeff Bourman', he will speak about what they are doing on our behalf and what we can do to assist them for future generations to come.

<http://www.shootersandfishers.org.au/>

As previously outlined the clubs website is now up and running don't forget to check it out and promote it to others www.fieldhuntersclub.org.au

We are pleased to announce members can now submit the membership form and make payments online via card, this has been a major piece of work for the club and we urge all members to use this process for renewals in the future.

We are not finished on the website yet but just to get it up and running and cater for member payments in such a short time frame has taken a lot of work and dedication so on behalf of all members of the FHC, I say THANKS Kamran Channa for helping on this initiative and we are one of the very few SSAA sub clubs to offer this feature.

In the May 2013 newsletter I published that the CSIRO were looking to release a new strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV), well this is going to happen soon and the publicity wheels are spinning now. An attachment to this newsletter also provides more information.

So make the most of getting them while you can as the prediction is there will be a lot less in the future, read more here

<http://www.pestsmart.org.au/boosting-rabbit-biocontrol-rhdv-k5-national-release/>

Cheers
Phil

Sambar Down



A successful hunting trip was undertaken in October by James Blackman of Inverleigh in Victoria. He went on a Sambar hunt with his father Darrell and two other close friends.

James and Darrell, are both members of the Field Hunters Club; but are not as active as they would like to be; but intend to commit more in the foreseeable future as Darrell has now retired from work.

The deer trip started like all High Plains hunting, after a day of hard slog in the mountains of the Dargo High Plains it was getting hard, tiring and thirsty work looking for Sambar Stags. Late in the afternoon just as the temperature had dropped and the day was about to finish luck fell the way of James. A large Sambar Stag presented itself from the scrub into a small open position. James with a shot of around 200 metres dropped the stag on the spot with heavy 30.06 bullets. It was a wonderful experience for James as it is his first Sambar stag; on his first Sambar hunt without assistance for experienced people (he has only hunted Sambar once before). Darrell, James father was just as excited as his son and they both found it hard to control their feelings of euphoria.

Darrell had seen four smaller does on the trip; but no stags. A great few days of father and son bonding and a successful hunt is what makes life that little more enjoyable.

The Sambar cape has been dropped off to a taxidermist and James and Darrell wait in anticipation to see the finished mount.

This high plains adventure has only made Darrell and James keener than ever to continue bonding together through the advent of legitimate and meaningful hunting.

More stories will unfold hopefully around family hunting and having good times together in the great Australia that we all love.

Member Note: If you would like to bring a friend or spouse to this year's Field Hunters Club Xmas Party then please see the treasurer Patrick at the **NOVEMBER** general meeting to make payment. Costs for this service are **\$20** per person this includes a Spit Roast meal (3 * meats) Salads and desserts. *The XMAS party is free for all other financial members.*

FHC NSW R-Licence Trip

During the month of October Mark Brown lead a NSW hunting trip for members of the club, looking at the pictures of the trip I must say I am jealous and will not be putting this off next year. Great work to all that went!



Feral Animal Control Program

The program is progressing very well with a major milestone on rabbit numbers hopefully going to be reached during the November hunt (*the magic 1000*).

We continue to work hard on obtaining hunting grounds and opportunities for members and you will know I circulated an expression of interest via email for a new property these positions have been filled and the program is now underway.

It's great to see newer members out taking their first bunny's in the field and I have combined a few of my tips that all members who attend may want to take on board:

- Stop using the bench or prone positions when practicing at the range, it's important to learn how to shoot off hand or off a pole as there is a major difference and unless you learn the basics before coming out you are going to struggle in the field.
You can practice at both the Springvale and Eagle Park ranges, (*at Springvale you will need a booth and will have to drop the sitting platform in the booth to achieve this ask a Range Officer if you need a hand or are unsure on how to do this*).
- Turn your scope magnification down! So often we see members trying to shoot off hand with magnifications set between 12 -18 power. I can tell you that this is very rarely going to work for you unless you have spent countless hours practicing and even then it is very hard.
Your magnification for the scope should be set around 5 - 7 if there is a longer shot that needs to be taken then simply adjust as required, because the animal is further away from you there will be time for adjustments and if not let it go and wait for a better shot.
- Get yourself a decent walk about spotlight system with a wide beam and not a tight circle.
- Bring your hearing protection, not only for when shooting but also for sleeping as I believe some members/leads (NORM) NOT ME do tend to snore! Invest in some electronic noise cancelling ear muffs or some foam plugs that will save your hearing when using center fire rifles.
- Remember to carry a Fox Whistle or two with you always.
- Let the rabbits come out of their warrens before shooting them, I have found rabbits tend to be cautious at first then they jump out of their warren and move around. It pays to let them get right out of their warren first not only because they sometimes kick back into the warren and you lose them when shot, but also because it gets them away from the entrance of the warren allowing other rabbits to also come out. Also if you get one do not run over and pick it up, leave it there for a bit to see if others follow it out then quietly collect it.
- Wait! When shooting especially snipping rabbits it's a waiting game, if you happen to get one quickly you will find that others tend to come out every 15-20 mins, if you are sitting quietly. Too often people just move on in the hope of getting more in other which can often backfire.

Upcoming Dates for **2015** Feral Animal Control Program:

November 13 th -15 th	December 11 th -13 th
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Upcoming Dates for 2016 Feral Animal Control Program:

January 15-17 <i>Depending on weather</i>	February 19-21	March 11-13	April 15-17	May 13-15
June 17-19	July 15-17	August 12-14	September 16-18	October 14-16
November 11-13	December 9-11			

During our October hunts members took 3 foxes over a nice half day hunt and it was great to see Neville the Fox killer knocked off his perch, well done members.



Tip of the Month

For those firearms owners that use open sights on their Hunting Rifles, Lever Action Rifle, Shotgun or Pistols and may be finding it a little harder to see the front bead on their open sights. Recently I experimented and applied florescent finger nail polish to my hunting rifle open sight it can be purchased from any Chemist or Pharmacy around \$ 2.00 per bottle. Bright florescent colors include Green, Yellow, Red, White a great simple and cheap idea to brighten up your open sight.

Experiment with different color's to find what best suits your vision.

Provided by Trevor Knight

If you can help contribute tips to this new section please send me your emails:

fhcsecretary@gmail.com

FHC Social Weekend

Over the weekend of the 24th-25th a small group of members attended a relaxed social event, the weather and company were great and the group enjoyed some target practise and training along with an evening and morning hunt and a very small feed of yabbies.





Facebook

Be on the forefront of what is going on in the club see pictures from events and what fellow members are up to, to get on board the clubs Facebook PRIVATE Site drop me an email fhcsecretary@gmail.com to receive an invite to the closed group!

CALENDAR UPDATE

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **December 2nd** FHC XMAS Party fully catered and **FREE** for members

Do you have an idea for an upcoming General Meeting or do you wish to see something demonstrated or a particular provider? If so please speak to one of your committee members about this and let's see if we can put it into action.

FHC Funny

Before going duck shooting Chester says to his mate Earl, "I'll send my dog out to see if there are any ducks out on the pond. If there aren't many ducks out there, I'm not going hunting" So he sends the dog out to the pond. The dog comes back and barks twice. Chester says "Well I'm not going to go out. He only saw two ducks out there". Earl says "You're going to take the dog's barks for the truth?" Earl doesn't believe it, so he goes to look for himself. When he gets back he says "I don't believe it. There really are only two ducks out there! Where did you get that dog?"

Chester says "Well, I got him from the breeder up the road. If you want one, you can get one from him". So Earl goes to the breeder and says he wants a dog like the one his friend Chester has. The breeder obliges and Earl brings the dog home, tells it to go out and look for ducks. Minutes later the dog returns shaking its head with a stick in its mouth, and starts humping Earl's leg.. Outraged, Earl takes the dog back to the breeder and says "This dog is a fraud. I want my money back!" The breeder asks Earl what the dog did. So Earl tells him that when he sent the dog out to look for ducks, it came back shaking its head with a stick in its mouth, and started humping his leg.

The breeder says "Earl, dogs can't talk.. He was trying to tell you there are more fxxking ducks out there than you can shake a stick at".

Possibly Bad news for Duck Hunters

As discussed at our October meeting via Brad one of the NSW Ducks on the Rice Coordinators its DRY, DRY, DRY! This is going to have a major effect on the Ducks on the Rice shoot this year and at this point it looks like it is not going to occur, Brad and Peter are working hard on this event and will keep us posted if things change in the near future.

Many of our Victorian hunting properties are already feeling the pinch with water levels nearly depleted in some areas and the creeks and billabongs almost or already completely dry. Many farmers are/will be doing it tuff this year so the removal of feral animals becomes more important.

Water Minister Lisa Neville said this year some Victorian dams had received their lowest recorded inflows, while parts of the state were experiencing conditions "worse than the millennium drought".

(Extract from the Weekly Times) <http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/agribusiness/all-fluid-as-victorias-water-plans-aired/story-fnkij14-1227567692802>

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SEASON STALEMATE

All fluid, as water plans aired

By KATH SULLIVAN

OPTIONS from turning on the Wonthaggi desalination plant to relocating vast amounts of water, are all on the table as the Victorian Government considers how to manage increasing dry conditions.

Water Minister Lisa Neville said this year some Victorian dams had received their lowest recorded inflows, while parts of the state were experiencing conditions "worse than the millennium drought".

Ms Neville said the Government needed to "have a conversation" with Victoria about how it would address water shortages.

"This is a conversation about how we use the (water) grid, across Victoria," Ms Neville said, referring to the possibility of moving vast amounts of water across the state.

"In the Goulburn Murray, irrigators have only about 75 per cent of their water entitlements at the moment and without rain that may get worse."

"Melbourne Water has an entitlement out of Lake Eildon for example. How best do we use that?"

"Do we use Melbourne

HAVE YOUR SAY
Should the Wonthaggi desalination plant be turned on?
theweeklytimes.com.au

Water resources to support the northern area of Victoria, and perhaps that leads to desalination going on to top up Melbourne?"

The Thomson Dam, which provides most of Melbourne's water, is now three-quarters full.

Opposition water spokesman Peter Walsh said the idea of moving water across the state didn't make sense.

"You can't physically get water from the east of Victoria, or Melbourne, to the Grampians and Wimmera Rivers," Mr Walsh said.

Victorian Farmers Federation spokesman Richard Anderson welcomed a conversation about the state's water reserves, but said unless

moving the water was heavily subsidised it was unlikely to help irrigators.

"It's not impossible," Mr Anderson said.

"But it comes at a cost to ensure the infrastructure is in place, and water can be delivered."

Ms Neville said the Government's water plan was about drought-proofing Victoria and ensuring taxpayers got value from the infrastructure already in place.

"Victoria is more than Melbourne, it is regional Victoria as well," Ms Neville said.

"In the Wimmera Mallee, we have 31 per cent water storage, and in Bendigo people are buying water. There are people who are in drought."

ALL THE RIVERS (AND PIPES) RUN
Where Victoria's water flows

July 2015*
Source: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Web Links Provided by Members

Wolves altering the physical geography of Yellowstone National Park

www.youtube.com/embed/ysa5OBhXz-Q?feature=player_embedded

Provided by Neil Vinney

New legislation aimed at stamping out gun violence

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-10-27/victorian-gun-crackdown-fast-tracked-following-fatal-shootings/6890172>

Provided by Trevor Knight

Safety Corner!

Something for your back pack



<http://utilityflame.com/index-2.html>

The Utility Flame is a 25oz Jell that will burn for up to 20 minutes. You can use it on wet wood, wet grass and even snow. It will burn on anything. It will not explode or ignite without a naked flame ie: Match or Lighter. It's great to keep in your back pack or bag or even in your pocket when you are out in the bush. When it's finished burning it leaves only a sand like residue behind that will blend back into the earth so it is Eco friendly to. It burns a blue flame with no smoke.

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One of our preferred suppliers Better Buy Scopes stock this product and sell the 25oz packets at \$6.00 a packet or \$25.00 a box of 5 Packets, speak to Brett or Heather at their shop located at the Springvale Range for further details. While you are there also have a look at the Clenzoil product sold by Brett and Heather for cleaning and gun lubrication.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnczRJey_fl

Club Services

Club Videos and DVDs

See **Murray Lewis** 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 Murray.

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.



Membership patch's 8 cm round are sold at **\$5** each get in quick and see Patrick the Treasurer to purchase one!



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.

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- Time and date of activity
- Location
- Number and description of people involved
- Vehicle registration and description
- Activity

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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 via email fhcsecretary@gmail.com