



Field Hunters Club Newsletter

Important Dates:

- Next Meeting September 4th 2013, start time 7:30 pm.
- The deadline for submitting hunt reports, or items for sale in the newsletter is the 20th of the Month.
- Check the Upcoming FHC Events on page 4.

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

- For those who have ordered Name tags and Polo shirts, these have now arrived and are ready for collection please see me after the meeting for collection.
- 25th Anniversary knives; these can be collected 30 minutes before any general meeting until **Xmas**. Someone from the committee will be available at the club rooms to collect your knife from, if you are unable to collect your knife and wish for someone else to collect it on your behalf then please email me at fhcsecretary@gmail.com with the details of who will be collecting it for you.

This month's Event provided by <http://www.victorianfirstaid.com.au/>

First Aid training covering:

- Perform CPR to Adult and Child.
- Manage an unconscious casualty.
- Manage a choking casualty.
- Manage a casualty with external bleeding.
- Administer First Aid for Bites and Stings.
- Administer First Aid for the Treatment of Burns.
- Manage Heat & Cold Exposure

This is something that no member should miss it could save your life or someone you know life!

Thanks from the Secretary!



First 3D-printed rifle successfully fires 14 shots

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/technology-news/first-3dprinted-rifle-successfully-fires-14-shots-20130807-2reen.html>



A rifle maker in Canada has made and tested what he says is the world's first 3D-printed rifle. He follows gunsmith Cody Wilson who fired the first 3D-printed handgun earlier this year.

When the rifle maker, known only as Matthew, first fired the .22-caliber rifle, the gun cracked after the first shot. Now, the rifle, known as the Grizzly, is back and better than ever, according to Matthew, who furnished the rifle with a thicker barrel.

Matthew managed to fire 14 shots before the plastic around the barrel cracked. When first testing the rifle, Matthew used a string to pull the trigger from a distance. Now, he seems confident enough to pull the trigger by hand.

To reload the gun, Matthew has to pull the barrel off and use a rod to dislodge the spent shell casing, then load another round and reassemble the rifle.

3D-printed guns have inspired increased debate on the availability of blueprints for such weapons. Cody Wilson, creator of the Liberator, posted the gun's blueprints online for anyone to access. Although the plans were taken down at the request of the US government, they remain widely available on file-sharing networks. Since then, improvements and tweaks have been made to those blueprints.

Defence Distributed, Wilson's non-profit organisation, claims to have the plans for the lower receiver of an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, the portion of the civilian rifle that's classified as a weapon.

Pig hunters watch helplessly as croc snatches dog

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/2013/07/09/05/33/pig-hunters-watch-helplessly-as-croc-snatches-dog>



The pig hunter was standing by the shoreline with his back to the creek when the giant crocodile burst out of the muddy waters and knocked him off balance.

Until that moment he and his five dogs had been focused on dragging a wild pig out of the creek at a secret bush location in the Northern Territory.

As the croc launched, the hunter's footage turns shaky as he loses his footing in the water — but the human is not the saltie's intended prey.

Amid the screams of panic and the splashing and the dog barks, the footage shows a brief glimpse of the reptile's enormous scaly body as it latches onto one of the dogs before retreating back into the murky waters.

The experienced hunter scrambles to safety and looks on helplessly as the dogs chase after their friend, but the victim, a two-year-old named "Gladiator", was never seen again.

The hunter's footage, recorded on Sunday morning, was handed over to Nine News Darwin via a friend, but the hunter himself did not want to be identified

"The croc went around his back to get at his dog," the friend, Chris Tagell, said.

"It was very close. It was close enough that he actually had to have both his hands on its head, pushing it away from him, to get out of the water.

"He said there were no sign of crocs. It just came out of nowhere."

The incident has apparently not deterred the hunter from his hobby.

"I asked him if he's game enough to get back into the water," Mr Tagell said, "and he said, 'Yeah, no problems'."

Upcoming FHC Events

OCTOBER 2nd 2013 EVENT

Mountain Top Experience will be presenting a **4WD Training Presentation**. Recently some of our members attended the FHC 4WD hands on training course also provided by Mountain Top Experience, and can attest to the great level of detail and experience that was provided on this day. For anyone wanting to learn more about their 4WD why not contemplate doing a tag along tour with them, more details can be found on their website <http://www.mountaintopexperience.com/tours/>

Your committee is also currently working in the background to provide members with the following upcoming events for this year:

- **Health and Safety in the Field (Steve's Tips)** presented by S. Toumbourou scheduled for November 6th
- **The annual FHC XMAS party**

FOX HUNTS

For all interested FHC Members who would like to be placed on the weekly Fox Hunt email list please contact the FHC secretary at fhcsecretary@gmail.com. The secretary will email further details to FHC members on a weekly basis normally on a Friday Morning.

Disclaimer:

These shoots are privately organized and are not classified as an FHC sanctioned shoot. This information is passed on as a courtesy to any FHC member who is interested and wishes to participate.

Wanted

CMC, Howa, or Weatherby Vanguard Rifle Stock must be to suit long action.

Please contact: Wally Volkoff
Mobile: 0438 591 101

Fire Arm Safety

With the good weather upon us I am sure more members will be out in the field doing what we love to do most 'Hunting'!

Now is the time to refresh your safety skills, a great website to get you thinking safety is
<http://www.firearmsafety.org.au/index.php>

The ten basic safety rules are

- Rule 1: Treat every firearm as loaded
- Rule 2: Always point firearms in a safe direction
- Rule 3: Load a firearm only when ready to fire
- Rule 4: Identify your target beyond all doubt
- Rule 5: Check your firing zone
- Rule 6: Store firearms and ammunition safely
- Rule 7: Avoid alcohol and drugs when handling firearms
- Rule 8: Never have loaded firearms in the car, home or camp
- Rule 9: Never fire at hard surfaces or water
- Rule 10: Don't climb fences or obstacles with loaded firearms

NEVER SHOOT AT:

movement only; colour only; sound only; shape only; a target on the skyline; and when companions are ahead of you.

When spotlighting from a vehicle we suggest you follow these rules to ensure your safety:

- Never have more than one firearm in use at any one time
- Position the shooter in the front passenger seat of the vehicle with the firearm unloaded (no ammunition in the chamber) and pointing out the front passenger side window. Never shoot from the back seat
- Load the firearm only when ready to shoot and then unload the firearm after the shot has been taken or when you have lost the opportunity to shoot
- If you have shot an animal, the shooter should unload the firearm and exit the vehicle before placing the firearm on the ground
- After attending to the animal, and when everyone else has re-entered the vehicle, the shooter should pick up the unloaded firearm and re-enter the vehicle
- Remember - the more people there are, the more potential for a mishap. At all times point the firearm in a safe direction which will depend on where you are at the time

Remember:

- If you fall or stumble when carrying a firearm, your first and most important responsibility is to **make sure the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction, and that you do not touch the trigger.**
- If there is a gate - use it! Never climb a fence while carrying a firearm. Carrying loaded firearms through fences and over obstacles can result in injury and death.
- It is your responsibility to know the laws relating to gun ownership transportation and where a gun can be loaded and used, if you are unsure please review this website http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=34098

THE OVERALL MESSAGE IS STAY SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR HUNT!!

Gun for hire Don Sallway leads assault against Queensland's wild dogs



<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-28/dog-trapper/4917640>

Don is a dogger - a dog trapper - and he's the top dog in his field.

During his 20-year career trapping wild dogs on properties throughout south-west Queensland, the 52-year-old has regularly caught twice as many dogs as his nearest rival.

When Don has finished laying a trap, it's impossible to tell he's been there. Several years ago, after laying traps on another property, a tractor and 4WD drove through and busted them all. "They told me they couldn't see the traps. What were they expecting? A cage and a dish of milk?"

Don is a hired gun, working for property owners who form a syndicate and contract his services.

Each contract lasts between two and three months and he is paid per kill, the cost of which is split between the local shire council and the syndicate.

Don has averaged over 600 kills for the past few years and, at \$500 per dog and \$100 per puppy, it seems good money.

Considering he is the best dogger by a country mile, he could easily ask for double that but he has been charging the same his entire career.

And he works hard for his money.

'There's nothing sure about catching dogs; patience is the key' Wild dogs never take a day off and neither does Don. Last year he worked 361 days and during summer he spends 20 hours a day "on the job".

Success as a dogger is the sum of many parts coming together at the one place and time.

"Out of all those thousands of acres, you've got to stand the dog on that plate on the trap. It's a skill," Don says.

Human scent lingers for up to a fortnight and Don takes every precaution to avoid leaving his scent when laying a trap.

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This includes spreading a blanket to stand on and using a syringe to squirt dog urine, harvested from his own dogs, near the trap.

The blanket needs to be the right way up or Don's scent will be left on the ground. The dog urine is used as a decoy scent and draws the wild dogs in to investigate.

Wild dogs attack anything that moves, including goats, calves, rabbits, kangaroos, emus and sheep. They can decimate livestock numbers but, unlike other predators, they don't always kill what they catch. They will take down sheep and lambs, tear open their stomach and eat only their kidneys. This doesn't kill the animal and when farmers find their stock in this state, often days later, they have no option but to shoot the animal and put it out of its misery.

Don has seen firsthand the destruction wild dogs can bring and shows no sympathy towards them. "Wild dogs hunt for the sake of hunting. It's a big game to them, especially the young dogs," he says. "Dogs can maul a herd in one night and this can be devastating to a farmer."

Half a million sheep vanished from central western Queensland between 2008 and 2011 and graziers blame many of these losses on wild dogs.

The introduction of preventative methods such as 1080 poison initially brought a reprieve in numbers, but a lack of baiting has seen the numbers steadily increase to the point where many properties have switched from sheep to cattle.

As a result, the number of sheep shorn in Queensland since 1990 has dropped from 21 million to less than 2 million.

Articles that may interest you.

While researching articles I came across some interesting online articles I think you might be interested in.

The first one is a brief story on the destruction caused by feral goats on the Australian landscape and the efforts taken by Park rangers and Hunters such as the SSAA to cull them. This originally Aired on the ABC's Landline program , story entitled ' Wild Goat Chase ' reported by Tim Lee

If you get a spare 15 minutes it is well worth checking it out:

<http://www.tasco.com.au/article/feral-goat-hunting-in-australia/>

Fox Hunting In Australia - Conservation management

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHrlpQlbIIM>

Feral Pigs in Australia documentary - part 1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEyOA6GLNUA>

Feral Pigs in Australia documentary - part 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efEnHoNsJzM>

Feral Pigs in Australia documentary - part 3

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2mF8RFeXHc>

Australian Kangaroo Harvesting Industry

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_xpCyetzl

Wild dogs kill native Australian animals & livestock

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXhIkHxfpxk>

Field Funnies



She told me to softly whisper in her ear the three words every girl needs to hear...

So I said,
"Let's go Hunting!"



**IF YOU
CAN
READ
THIS
YOU ARE
IN RANGE**

I LIKE BIG BUCKS



AND I CANNOT LIE

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 2013, 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 _____

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Fees	1 Year Membership Renewal	5 Year Membership Renewal	New Members Application Fee	Total
Junior Date of Birth / /	Free (Until 18)	n/a	\$5.00	\$
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Cheques made payable to: "Field Hunters Club (SSAA Vic)"

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

For Office Use Only: - Receipt Number _____

Card

Date / /

Form Date 1 June 2013

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Club Services

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.

NOTE - Several new DVDs are now available!

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.

Obtain your R-licence

Let the club help you obtain your R-licence.

The R-licence allows you to hunt all species of game and feral animals listed under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* on private property within NSW.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Please Contact Terry Oxford for further details 0421 284 913.

Name Badges Are Back!!

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.

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Highlights from the last Meeting 07/08/2013

- Len Steel from Armory and Ammunition Services provided members with a great insight into the pros and cons relating to re-loading, along with some terrific tips to help members who re-load.
- Tracey Miller from SSAA Insurances was onsite to answer member questions, and provide information around the latest insurance offerings from the SSAA Insurance.

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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