

# **THE DEERSTALKER**

## **January 2008**



**Gordon Alford's Memorial  
Hunter Valley NSW  
R.I.P.**

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Gordon Alford's memorial stands near to the spot where he took his last Fallow buck.  
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## FROM THE EDITOR

This year we will publish five issues of this newsletter. To ensure that we get each issue out on time, there will be deadlines for submission of materials to be included. If material reaches me after a deadline, it will be included in the next issue, if appropriate. Expect to receive each issue about three weeks after its deadline.

### 2008 submission deadlines;

**January 20th**

**April 23rd**

**July 2nd**

**September 15th**

**October 23rd**

### Guidelines for submissions.

Material which is emailed saves me a lot of work. **Preferred font is Times New Roman. Preferred font size is 12 point.** Writing can be sent as a Word file, or a text or rich text file. For those without an expensive word processing program, you can use any writing program included with your operating system, or download "Open Office" free from the internet which is virtually identical to "Microsoft Office" & can exchange files with that famous program.

**Photographs should NOT be included in the article itself**, but sent as separate files (attachments to the email). You can indicate where each photo might be placed by typing its file name in brackets in the text.

**Photographs** should be . jpeg files, saved at about 15 cm X 10 cm size at quality 8 (which gives the best quality for the smallest file size).

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

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### The following are the meeting dates for 2008.

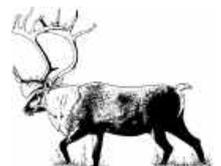
The venue is the German Austrian Club Cabramatta – Wednesdays at 7.30 pm  
20 February  
21 May  
30 July AGM & General Meeting  
15 October  
Trophy Exhibition & Christmas Party  
15th November.

***Members; please cut this out and stick on your 'fridge or notice board.***

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

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## **The NSWDA Raffle.**

**Total value of this Hunt is normally around \$6000US  
Raffle Tickets \$20 each.  
The Maximum number of tickets available is just 200.  
The draw will be at the 2008 AGM.**

Tickets should be attached to this issue of the newsletter, & will also be available at upcoming shows & events where NSWDA is represented. Send cheque or money order (not cash) to the Secretary.

**This year's First prize includes the following.**

**8 Day Thar and Chamois Hunt with Peter Chamberlain, Kiwi Wilderness Safaris, to be taken during Nov 2008 to March 2009.**

All expenses are included during the hunt, including Helicopter fees to \$400 Aus for the Chamois hunt.

All you need to do is purchase a ticket to NZ. Peter will do the rest; Peter will pick you up from Christchurch and drop you back.

The package includes overnight stays before and after the hunt.  
Trophy fees included are for one Thar and one Chamois. A rifle can be provided at no cost.  
Return Air Fares from Australia to NZ are at the winners cost.

Other Trophies may be taken at the winners expense & taxidermy, transport of firearms and licences in NZ are not included in the package.

**There will be second & third prizes.** While still to be decided, these will probably be in the form of an open order for 2nd, & NSWDA clothing for 3rd.



## DEER SEASON CLOSES, FREE CAP SEASON OPENS!

*A four-and-a-half year old fallow buck photographed in NSW by Game Council CEO Brian Boyle during the rut in April 2007. Unfortunately this young buck was shot by a game thief two-weeks after the photograph was taken. This sort of behaviour can undermine years of game management work in herds.*



The deer hunting season in NSW closed for fallow, red, wapiti, and hog deer on 31 October 2007. This means that these deer cannot be legally hunted in any NSW State forest or on any private land until the start of the new season next year on 1 March 2008. Start planning now for the Opening of the 2008 Deer Season — organise some mates and make it an annual event!

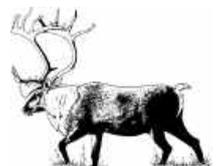
The Open Season for Hog deer only runs from 1–30 April. For hog deer, there is also a bag limit of one female and one male per licensed hunter who must also use deer tags obtained from Game Council NSW. With the issue of Hog deer tags there are also mandatory return forms. There have only been two hog deer shot legally in NSW since the Hog deer seasons were introduced in 2004. Both were stags (15” and 17”) and were taken on the south coast of NSW. There are no bag limits and a year-round open season for chital, rusa and sambar.

Game Council, now with nearly 7000-licenced hunters, is giving away 500-free blaze orange caps to the first 500 new successful Restricted Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) applicants issued after 1 October 2007. To qualify, just call Game Council on (02) 6360 5111 and quote your licence number and the date it was issued. Other recent promotions include a cap giveaway for hunters photographed with Game Council stickers on their cars, and free iron-on patches for five-year licence-holders. Game Council is undertaking these promotions so that licensed hunters can proudly display that they are legitimate, responsible hunters.

Hunters are reminded that to legally hunt in 180 declared State forests in NSW, they must have successfully completed their Restricted (R-Licence) testing and have a current written permission for the State forest they are hunting in with them while hunting at all times.

Illegal hunting and trespass (sometimes romantically coined “poaching”) reduces the opportunities for legitimate hunters without the constraints of firearms safety, bag limits, animal

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# Secretary's Report!

We hope that you all had a happy and safe Christmas & New Year and welcome back to 2008.

*Christmas Function – Ron & Meg Tonnings, Deer Farm*

A special thanks to Ron and Meg for again hosting our end of year Christmas Function. This year was disappointing as we were well down in numbers; however, those that did attend had a great time.

Past feedback has been that this has always been a good venue for our get togethers. Please let me know if you have other ideas for our future Christmas Functions.

*A Hunt with Peter Chamberlain*

The Club is again raffling an 8 day Thar & Chamious hunt with Peter Chamberlain of Kiwi Wilderness Safaris to be taken between November 2008 and March 2009.

Many members have hunted with Peter with great success. Drawn at the July AGM, tickets will be limited to 200 at \$ 20.

*Wild Deer & Hunting Adventures Expo – Albury*

To support deer hunting and hunters we have taken a stand at this Expo. Darren Plumb has arranged to man the stand and set it up, however he needs some assistance. This will be a great weekend and if you can help please contact Darren.

*SCI – 2008 Hunting Expo & Convention – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2008*

The Club is again supporting this event and we have a booth to promote our Club and sell our clothing. We need members to assist with the manning of the booth. As in past years the atmosphere is great and there are plenty of goodies to purchase.

The Hunting Expo will be held at the Nelson Bay RSL Club and the SCI night functions will be held at Shoal Bay Resort.

*Members Cards NSW Shooting Association*

We sent the members list prior to Christmas and at the time of writing the new cards have not been received.

Hopefully they will be ready for this mail out or we will forward under separate mail once received.

*Firearms Registry – Summary Application Process 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008*

Advice has been received from the Firearms Registry stating that since the commencement of the Firearms Act 1996 they have received a major increase in firearm licence re-applications which occur every five years. They expect to re-issue over 100,000 licenses during the above mentioned 9 month period.

Previously, this has resulted in substantial delays, therefore to avoid delays amendments were made during 2006 to change the procedures for processing renewals.

Over the next 12 months approximately 50,000 licences have been selected for inclusion in the new program, which will result in some firearm owners being issued licenses for shorter periods at a reduced fee. It would appear that the selection process will be limited to category A and or B licence holders with four or less firearms.

The process is to assist with applications being finalised more effectively. (Refer additional information in magazine).

2008 should be a great hunting year with many of the draught affected areas receiving good rain and producing good feed as the Stags grow out of velvet.

Good Hunting

Greg Haywood





# President's Report

With the Holiday Season coming to an end many of us received gifts that will provide in some little way “warm socks and undies” a more successful hunting season for 2008, if you didn't then may I suggest that you start looking around for such things because if you are the winner of the coming Deerstalkers Raffle due to be drawn at the July AGM meeting of the Deerstalkers you will get to spend 8 days hunting with Peter Chamberlain of Kiwi Adventure Safaris in the South Island of New Zealand for Chamois and Thar.

Peter Chamberlain is in my opinion one of the pioneers and the best guide ever to tramp the Hills of New Zealand. This Hunt will be taken on what Peter Calls a wilderness hunt, most of this hunting is done high in the Westland NZ Alps between Nov and March. All you will need to do is purchase a return ticket to NZ, Peter will take care of the rest including all transfers for Thar and Heli fees for Chamois to the value of \$400.

Many of our members have hunted with Peter all have been very successful and some have taken trophies well into the record books, tickets will be attached to the Deerstalker and sold at the next few trade and Safari Shows. If you have access to the web, Google Kiwi Wilderness Safaris and dream on.

This year promises to provide a better opportunity to take top trophies more than over the past 4 or 5 years with good rainfall in most areas of NSW and Qld producing the best feed growth for years, those sleeping giants will hopefully sprout better than average antlers, if you have the patience though and take a gamble on not pulling the trigger then wait till next year because if this

season keeps running on to next year and 12 months on we will see much better than average trophies in 2009.

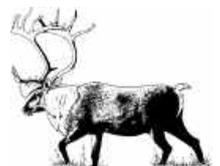
Don't forget to tear out the events page from this issue, see you all at the next meeting, the Wednesday prior to the Safari Club Show.

Regards

Steve Isaacs

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welfare, and shooter etiquette applying. This means that illegal hunting creates bad publicity which must be borne by licensed hunters without providing any of the funding that helps create the licensed hunting system in NSW — your “poaching “ mate is adversely affecting your hunting, legitimate game management programs and the future of hunting in this State. The vast majority of the incidents leading to negative publicity against hunters in NSW are generated by illegal hunters but for which Game Council-licensed hunters bear the consequences. Game Council and licensed hunters must have a zero-tolerance approach to illegal hunting.



# 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**

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## Library List

1. Black Death, Cape Buffalo, Lion
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.
32. Caping Demo by NSWDA
33. Roar Red Stags, Shadows in Scrub, Great Trophy Bucks
34. Hunting the Elusive Wild Dog, Hunt to outsmart Wild Dogs
35. Dark Continent
36. Red in Qld, Dingo, Fox, Fallow, Hog etc., Sika N.Z., Cape for Trophy Mount
37. How to cape for a Trophy Mount, Shoot the Bull, Hunting QLD Red Deer, Deer Attack
38. Hunting African Lion, Hunting Cape Buffalo
39. Big Horn Rams, Nth American Mixed Bag
40. Shadows in Scrub, Red Deer - Clark McGhie
41. Sambar Stalking 1 & 2 - Reg Gordon
42. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Sportsmans Paradise, Pigs, Barramundi, Tusk Versus Tooth, Pig Hunting with Dogs
43. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Hog Deer in Victoria
44. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Sambar Stalking 1 & 2 - Reg Gordon
45. Dogs, Guns & Grunters, Tusk Versus Tooth, Lifes a Boar NZ
46. "How To Load From A Disk" Ballistic CD-Rom
47. Huge Hogs of Aust. North Part 1 & 2
48. Sambar Safari Vol 1, SHIKARI
49. Venison Hunters, Hunting Northern Cape, Hunting NZ Southern Alps.
50. Hunting the Zambeze Delta, Trophy Seekers, Trophy Seekers Shadows End
51. NZ Hunting, Hunting Safaris Vol 1 & 2, Rusa Hunting



## **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL River Red Gum Forests Investigation Update Summary.**

The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's (VEAC's) River Red Gum Forests Investigation began in April 2005. Its purpose is to provide advice to the Victorian Government in accordance with the Terms of Reference given by the Minister for Environment. The Investigation includes public land along the Murray River from Lake Hume to the South Australian border and includes the lower reaches of the Avoca, Loddon, Campaspe, Goulburn, King, Ovens and Kiewa Rivers.

### **A SUMMARY OF THE FEEDBACK**

Some of the comments received include these points:

- concern regarding the proposed increased area of national parks and conservation reserves and the economic impact this would have on resource uses such as timber harvesting and domestic stock grazing on public land
- reservations regarding access for recreation activities such as camping, horse-riding, fishing and four-wheel driving
- the need for VEAC to provide more detail on proposed camping management changes, by describing the changes and specific locations
- support for a reduction in resource use and improved management for biodiversity and other environmental values
- support for expansion of protected areas such as national parks to meet nationally agreed criteria

- both support for and opposition to increased opportunities for Indigenous involvement in public land management and co-management of some parks, and traditional cultural practices. There was overwhelming support from Indigenous people.
- highlighting of the contributions of community organizations in management of public land
- concern over the possible adverse social effects in some communities in the Investigation area related to the proposed reduction in state forest
- both support for and rejection of the proposed campfire changes and related fallen timber targets, to varying degrees, with many people supporting a summer campfire ban in line with current NSW regulations
- concern over a reduction in areas available for recreational hunting
- the limited availability of domestic firewood which would follow the Draft Proposals, with no other cheap fuel alternatives in some locations
- the ability to source, store and deliver the proposed environmental water volume of 4000 gigalitres at least every five years
- concern over management of public land, particularly for wildfire prevention and suppression, and adequate on-ground resourcing

Note that the recommendations regarding camping, horse-riding, fishing and four-wheel driving have been misinterpreted by many people, and the correct recommendations are explained on VEAC's website.



## NEXT STEPS

The Final Report will be presented to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change by May 2008. The Minister will release the Final Report within 7 days and it will also be published on our website.

The State Government will then consider VEAC's recommendations and decide on its response. The Government has six months to provide a response to the recommendations in the Final Report.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Other River Red Gum Forests Investigation documents currently available on the VEAC website include:

- The Investigation's Terms of Reference
- The Discussion Paper (October 2006) describing the values, uses and condition of public land in the Investigation area (full version and summary brochure)
- The Draft Proposals Paper For Public Comment (full version and summary brochure)
- Independent social and economic assessment of VEAC's Draft Proposals
- Independent CSIRO report on environmental water requirements for the River Red Gum Forests Investigation area
- Fact Sheets about the Draft Proposals.

## Extracts from Terra Incognita Guides Australia Hunting World News – November 2007 to January 2008.

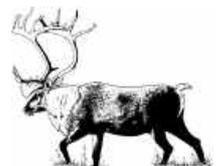
### New Zealand

Qatar based Sheik's Mishal bin Hamad al Thani latest "New Zealand Hunting Safari" antics send some ripples through the entire New Zealand Safari Industry. The said Sheik showed up in one of New Zealand's game parks with his entourage of some ten of his assistants. Since Sheik Mishal couldn't walk, he was seated at the selected spot and the entire content of the concession's red stags has been ushered and paraded in front of him. He was aiming at, and consequently pulling triggers only at those critters which represented a substantial trophy to him. He shot some 5 red stags within 30 minutes. One of the best NZ stags became Sheik's most precious trophies, however, this stag's testicles (Still containing certain amount of semen) had remained deer breeder's property. Sheik did not object.

Some members of New Zealand Police Force estimate that out of 700 000 firearms currently in hands of NZ shooters/hunters, some 100 000 pieces may still not be properly registered, therefore illegal.

### Burkina Faso

Terra Incognita Guides is now actively researching hunting possibilities in that Country. Burkina Faso offers free ranging Lions, Red Buffalo, Western Roan, Oribi, Waterbuck, Hartebeest, Kob, Reedbuck, Duiker, Warthog, Baboon, Great Bustard, Rabbit, Hare and Bird Shooting. Prices for a free roaming 10 days lion safari appear to be around \$ AUD 20-25 000 which is a lot better deal compare to what is currently on



offer in southern Africa. (Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Tanzania.

### **Argentina**

We are also investigating hunting possibilities in Argentina, Uruguay, Peru and Chile. South America may offer game species like – European Water Buffalo, Red and Fallow Deer, fair dinkum Russian Boar, Puma, Four Horned Sheep, Blackbuck, Axis Deer, Brown Brocket Deer, Collared Peccary, White Lipped Peccary, Mouflon, Capybara, Guanaco, Huemul, Mara, Pudu, Nandu, Viscacha and a galore of wing shooting. What will be legal to hunt, what not, it remains to be seen. So far South America prices appear to be lot lower than those in Africa.

### **USA**

Air medical evacuation program has been instituted for SCI members. Those USA based insurers promise to evacuate you from virtually anywhere to the hospital of your choice, should you have some medical problems when on the safari in some dark holes of The World. (Gored by a buffalo or contracting malaria regardless!) To learn more about this offer, see [www.medjet.com/sci-e](http://www.medjet.com/sci-e) . Insurance premiums start at US \$ 215.00 per individual.

Wrong people are blamed for shrinking hunting population. Blaming hunting's decline on animal-rights activists is an easy and politically safe narrative, but it steers the discussion away from a real problem. When former hunters were asked why they quit, lack of places to hunt was the number one answer. Suburban sprawl and the proliferation of posted land is gobbling up available hunting land, and landowners are increasingly tempted by lucrative hunting leases, in which sportsmen routinely pay more than \$ US 1,000.00 for an exclusive access. It is no surprise that the steepest decline has been

among low-income hunters. The percentage of hunters above the median income has remained stable. The real threat to hunting in USA is symbolized by residential sprawl and no-trespassing signs! Too many people, not enough land!

### **Botswana**

Lion hunting has again been closed in Botswana.

### **Congo**

The estimated number of 25 000 hippos which were inhabiting the country only a few years ago, had shrunk to some 800 head, thanks to Hutu rebels bands which are decimating those hippo herds to supply themselves with “bush meat”.

### **Romania**

Romania has the largest bear population in Europe. They flourished in Communist time thanks to a hunting ban imposed by its former dictator – only he and his cronies were allowed to hunt bears. The bear population boom has now sparked the debate whether such numerous resources should pave way to a new business – tourist hunting. Current estimates range from 3 000 to 6 000 bears living in the country the size of Victoria.

### **Uganda**

The 28 years ban on hunting leopards has been lifted. Only old, therefore trophy leopards, those which are no longer active in reproduction, will be placed on the hunting quotas.

### **Cyprus**

Hunting season began last week for thousands of hare and some 150 000 partridges released into the fields. The UN peace-keeping forces in Cyprus has warned hunters not to venture into the buffer zone separating northern Turkish occupied zone from Greek controlled southern areas as not to risk drawing fire from either of the opposite forces (who said



hunting wasn't exciting?).

### **China**

China has lifted ban on hunting wild boars in eastern province of Zhejiang following hogs population boom in area of Hangzhou. The usually protected wild boars thrive in West Lake area due to sound ecological conditions and the absence of natural predators. With winter approaching, food has become scarce in the hogs mountainous habitat prompting the animals to effect daring low-land raids. There were reports of huge boars breaking into the local kitchens and gorging themselves on rubbish, even jumping onto hospital beds. A few days ago we were talking about cockroaches walking across operating tables in one of Australian hospital – how's about wild boars instead?

### **South Africa**

South Africa lion breeders supply more than 300 lions for hunters each season, about 10% of those are later full body mounted. Those breeders are part of the industry which brings dozens millions of dollars into the economy. Starting Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, those lions will have to be released two years prior before they can be hunted. Breeders say the new regulation will call for destroying some 5000 captive-bred cats. Game farms cannot afford their lions hunting their other animals for such a long period and there is no room in the wild to release those dangerous animals. Hunters pay up to US \$ 35 000 to shoot captive bred males because of scarcity of wild lions. There is about 2700 free roaming lions left in Kruger National Park in South Africa.

### **India**

Madhya Pradesh Governors are considering opening up hunting safaris for their PAC animals that raid the crops and therefore have a non desirable effect on rural economies. Along the lines of trophy hunting which some

African countries follow, The Government thinks of issuing licenses for overseas hunter to hunt down wild animals that raid crops for food, mainly blackbucks, chital and wild boar. Punjab and Himachal Pradesh too are complaining of increasing crop losses due to crop raiders.

### **Mozambique**

Mozambique is estimated to have 37 000 leopards and more than 23 000 elephants, according to National Director for Conservation Areas. The quota for killing and exporting leopards was increased from 80 to 120 because of their large numbers. The hunters pay 80,000 meticais (US \$ 3200 trophy fee!) for an exportable leopard. However, Mozambique is a country of some 800 000 sq km area. When we divide this sq km's area by the number of those 37 000 leopards as claimed by Directorate, we arrive to the staggering number of some 21.6 leopards living on one single square kilometre, bush and towns included! Male leopard territory is to be min 25 sq km, female territory is 10 sq km and those are very conservative figures! I find it hard to believe that there are so many leopards in Mozambique !

### **Uganda**

There will be no end to illegal trade in ivory. The main recipient of the ivory is still PR of China. Chinese smugglers are bribing Ugandan custom and border officials to the amounts which are hard to resist by those fellows. In the last six years, four large consignments of ivory were intercepted by UWA (Uganda Wildlife Authority). There is a great suspicion that traffickers became smarter and ivory could be getting out of the country undetected. In some cases, officials in charge of checking illegalities, turn a blind eye since the temptation of a bribe is hard to resist. A



Burundian trafficker was arrested on Friday and was released after the weekend because of a lack of evidence. Even if an official is on a verge of exposing a trafficker, he himself is often arrested on a trumpeted up charges like being a rebel of People's Redemption Army!

### **Africa**

Be careful around them. A tour guide at Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda narrowly escaped death when one morning, on his way to work, he encountered a lion. A short while before that, a lioness attacked three villagers by the roadside, killing one. A Ranger was attacked by a buffalo which drove its horn through his back. The manager of the Ishasha sector of the park was chased by two buffalo and had to climb a tree. He and his workmates often spot huge snakes in trees! Hippos quite often sneak from the riverbanks and approach tents in the camping sites, guards have to shoot in the air to scare those away. The red colobus monkeys are none the better! They often attack passers by – if you throw a stone at them, they will grab that stone and throw it back at you. If you attack one of them, they will attack you in a mob of up to 50 monkeys. Officials from Jane Goodall Institute admitted that chimpanzees had killed eight children and injured many others in Uganda National Parks. Crocodile attacks on humans are fairly common in East Africa. According to National Geographic documentary "Elephant Rage", some 500 people are killed by elephants each year. Hippo is considered to be the most dangerous African animal. Each year more people are killed by hippos than by all the other animals put together.

### **Canada/Australia**

Air Canada and Qantas are now offering flights Vancouver to Sydney direct or the other way around with no stop over at Honolulu, Hawaii which is good news for Australian and

Canadian travelling hunters who do not want their guns being impounded by USA Custom officials in Honolulu, where the previous flights had to refuel on the way. Check with your travel agent for prices and timetables. Air Canada had already dropped their "Dangerous Cargo Handling Fee" (In their parlance they meant guns & ammo!)

### **Tanzania**

The increase in hunting fees is a crisis and a part of a much broader public debate these days. The Government faces tremendous pressure to deliver social services like health, education and infrastructure and increasing its revenue receipts is an integral component of this challenge. Unfortunately, hunters' dollars are on the firing line now as those being the most accessible fiscal assets – greens, animal rightists etc mobs funds are lot harder to get!

### **Mongolia**

Mongolian wildlife authorities has closed Argali hunting (*Ovis ovis ammon*) in Altai Region for 2008 hunting season because of severe winter conditions which depleted the herds. 30% less of Argali and Ibex tags will be issued this season compare to the last year quotas. Do not book your hunt there until you are 100% sure the hunting will be opened at the time you show up there!

### **Polar Bears**

Canada, Norway, Russia  
Current researches conducted by the University of Alberta suggest that current wildlife management practises in Canada could make it harder for polar bears to find a mate. The latest Canadian management policies encourage hunters to go after male bears in order to conserve females while maximising the number of bears that may be harvested. But harvesting based on sex selection has reduced the number of males compare to females in polar bear population



across the Canadian Arctic. Canada uses a quota system; while Norway bans any hunting of polar bears (Norwegian Spitsbergen



Archipelago in Far North Atlantic sports the biggest World's congregation of polar bears in the Arctic). Each such polar bear population must be evaluated separately, since results will be different depending on the population characteristics of the area. However, scientists say that in regions with fewer bears travelling a larger area (low-density population), there actually needs to be more males than breeding females to maintain high fertilisation rates.

### **Africa North of Kilimanjaro**

Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger. Those countries in West Africa lack the advantages to attract large number of game viewing tourists, such as spectacular scenery, a pleasant climate and high wildlife densities. Hence the small, but well established safari hunting industries in those countries will play a vital role in generating the revenue from wildlife. That is essential to ensure the success of current conservation efforts. In those areas sport trophy hunters find Western Savannah Buffalo, Harnessed Bushbuck, Western Roan, Sing-Sing Waterbuck, Western Bush Duiker, Red-flanked Duiker, Korrigum and Western Oribi, along with Elephants, Hippo, Leopards, Lions and Cheetahs. The population of Western Roan there may exceed 10 000 making it the largest

know population anywhere in Africa. There may be some 750 lions, 800 korrigum and few dozens of cheetahs in those combined areas.

### **South Africa**

Wildlife ranching has been the fastest growing agricultural activity in RSA for the past three decades. Recreational hunting is the biggest single contributor of income to the SA wildlife industry. This industry supports almost 100 000 jobs. An investment upsurge has resulted in a doubling of the number of fenced game farms in the past decade. A study reveals that local recreational hunters spend on average Rand 11,622.00 each year on animals hunted and a further Rand 4,130.00 on secondary expenditure such as accommodation, meat processing and rifles.

### **Australia**

Game hunting for wild boars/pigs became more profitable than farming pigs. Shooters are receiving between 60 cents up to one dollar per kilogram dressed weight for wild boars. Hunting parties can at least pay their costs and finish "In The Black" while piggeries balance sheets are sliding into "The Red", experiencing loses of between 20 – 30 cents a kg. Wild pigs export from Australia, mainly to Europe, is estimated to be some 2000 – 2500 tonnes. It is a warning sign to primary producers to expect an escalation in the wild pig populations all across the country following the spring and summer rains. Pigs respond vigorously to good conditions and the numbers are to increase over the next year. Read more about those phenomena in Queensland Country Life, January 3<sup>rd</sup> issue. Tasmanian Liberals back duck hunting. The State Opposition says they believe there is no reason that duck hunting in Tasmania is unsustainable. The Primary Industries Minister, David Llewellyn, says he will allow duck hunting as long as his department



believes it is still sustainable. Duck hunting is an important part of Tasmanian culture. The tradition of duck hunting in Tassie has been around since for the last 200 years and is very much a part of the lifestyle – hunters eat what they shoot!

## **UK**

People who set out to destroy fox hunting have succeeded only in reinvigorating it. Those who wanted to save foxes from the hounds have engineered a situation where more of them are killed than ever before. On the last Boxing Day more than 250 000 hunt supporters held some 300 meetings in protest at what they see as an illiberal law.

700 hours of parliamentary time was devoted to the hunting ban, more than was spent discussing the Iraq War! The result is a law that is such a mess that it is widely ignored – and the police believe it is virtually impossible to enforce. Farmers still need to control the fox population and more foxes are being killed now than before the ban was imposed. Let that be a lesson to other busybodies who want The State to ban everything they disagree with. More on [www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/columnists/Bill-Carmichael-Ban-that-became.3625468.jp](http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/columnists/Bill-Carmichael-Ban-that-became.3625468.jp)

The Royal Family has a long tradition of enjoying hunting sports. In 1100 King William was killed by an arrow while hunting deer. Henry VIII had build a special hunting lodge in 1543, King James I , in 1619, has ordered the release of 100 hares and 100 partridges every year at Newmarket races to maintain the quality of hunting in the area. King Edward VII, in 1868, chased a deer from Harrow to the Goods Yard at Paddington Station where he killed it before the eyes of railway guards and porters. In 1913 a party led by George V killed 3937 birds in one day. He also shot 21 tigers in India. George VI's hunting party, on January 24, 1953 shot 90 pheasants, 17 rabbits, 2 pigeons and 3 mallards. Queen Mother had a

fondness for fly fishing, her daughter; Queen Elizabeth the Second is credited with shooting at least one tigress in India.

Prince of Wales and his two sons are also keen shooters and hunters. So is young Prince Frederik of Denmark.

## **Ethiopia**

In Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia at least six distinct species of giraffe may still be in existence, including the World's tallest mammal – (*Giraffa camelopardalis reticulata*.)

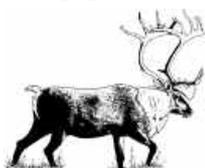
It is alleged that poaching and conflicts slashed those numbers to 3000 head. Lumping all giraffes into one species obscures the reality that some kinds of giraffe are on the very brink. In Central and West Africa there might be only 160 Nigerian giraffes left (*Giraffa camelopardalis peralta* ) There are nine subspecies of Giraffe which can be recognized by their skin patterns. Giraffe can grow up to 5.8 metres and can weight up to 2000 kg.

## **Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe has intensified dehorning of all of their rhinos under “Save The Rhino Campaign “. The campaign is aimed at cutting down the rate of poaching. The notion behind such scheme is driven by an abstract principle that prospective poacher do not get anything from killing rhinos. This exercise is very expensive and it has financial backing with organisations like World Wider Fund for Nature.

Translocations would also be carried out in areas where conservancies have exceeded their carrying capacities. Conservancies are training workers on how to deal with poachers. In some instances poachers killed the rhinos even when they had been dehorned – that might have been a case that the bush meat was on primarily on those poacher's the agenda, and not the horns!

National Parks authorities think of producing



biltong from elephant meat for sale in retail outlets as a part of sustainable utilisation of animals. A certain quota of elephants will be marked each year to be culled to have their flesh turned into biltong.. A specially build elephant abattoirs may have to be constructed later, if this pilot project proves itself to be financially sustainable. Slaughtering the animals for biltong industry, would not contribute in reducing the size of elephant herds in the country, which has far surpassed the carrying capacity of its National Parks. The country would need to slaughter at least 6000

every year to have any impact on the population of the elephants.

British Airways has cancelled its service from London to Harare. BA was the last European airline to fly to Zimbabwe. The only practical way to reach the country by air is through South Africa flying SAA airlines.

### **NSWDA Merchandise**

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

**The colours are at this time ;**

**Polo shirts .....white/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.**

**For further information members could contact me on 48 210 774 / 041 202 1741 or at**



# NEW SOUTH WALES DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION INC

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DATE OF BIRTH..... SEX: Male/Female  
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**FEES** (Please tick payment being made):

### **1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION**

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PLEASE NOTE: Insurance included in the subscription with the exception of FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS which include only one insurance payment. **Insurance** must be obtained for each additional family member after the first at the rate of \$10.00.

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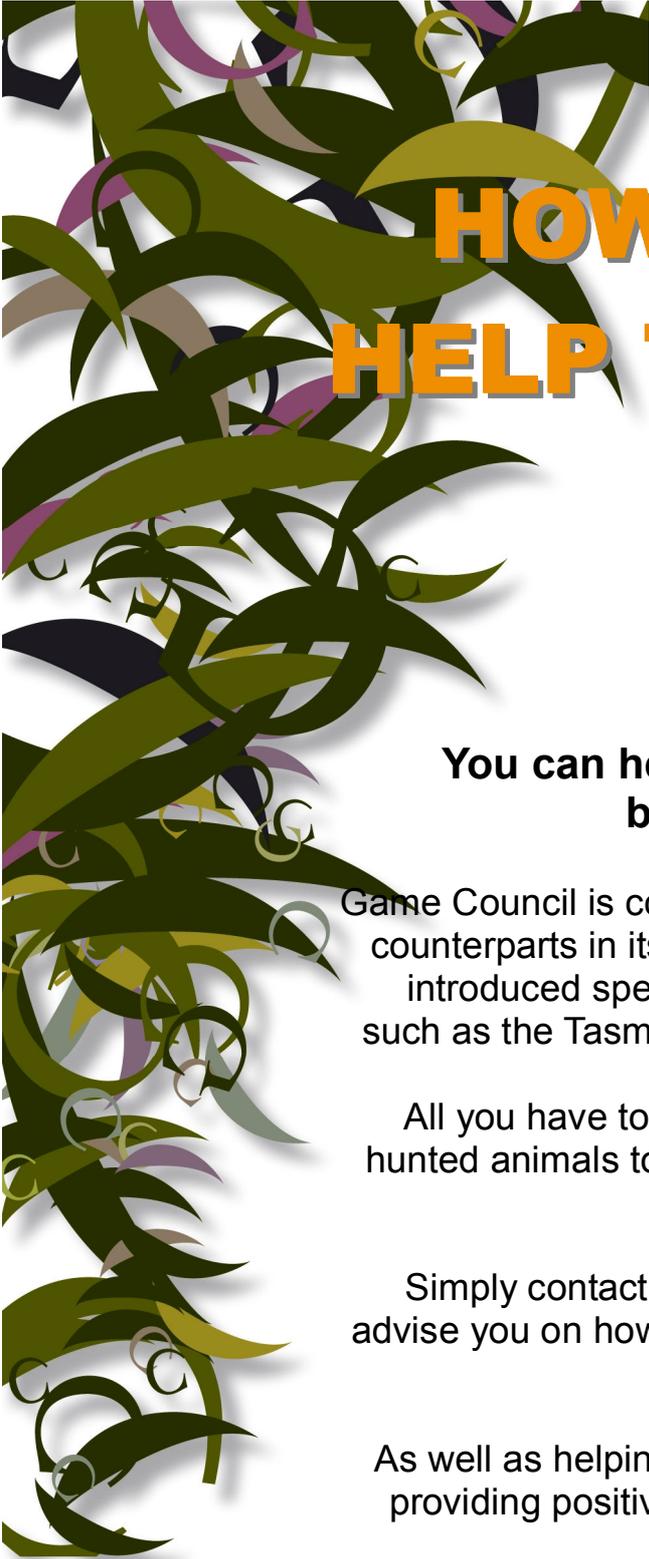
I AGREE TO ACCEPT AND PRACTICE THE NSW DEERSTALKER'S CODE OF ETHICS AND TO ABIDE AT ALL TIMES BY THE CONSTITUTION, FEDERAL, STATE AND TERRITORY LAWS.

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

PLEASE NOTE: This form is ass application for renewal of membership only and is subject to Committee Approval. M application will only be considered if accompanied by all The necessary Peer, This form must be completed in fill and is due for renewal 1 July of Membership expiry.

**PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY.**

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



ATTENTION  
HUNTERS

# HOW YOU CAN HELP TASMANIA CONTROL FOXES!

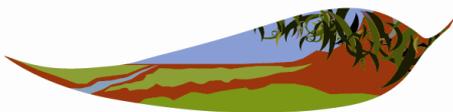
**You can help Tasmania in its five-year  
battle to exterminate the fox.**

Game Council is committed to helping its Tasmanian counterparts in its efforts to control the red fox—an introduced species that threatens native animals such as the Tasmanian devil, bandicoots and birds.

All you have to do is provide fresh fox scats from hunted animals to be used for training tracker dogs in Tasmania.

Simply contact Game Council NSW and staff will advise you on how to take the samples and arrange for their transportation.

As well as helping save native animals, you will be providing positive publicity for all hunters in NSW, and that is great news for the hunting fraternity!



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# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Information on the Summary Application process

*This FACT sheet provides information for customers and other stakeholders on the Summary Application process.*

### **Why is the 'Summary Application' process taking place?**

The Firearms Registry experiences a significant increase in re-applications every five years. The last re-application phase in 2003 and 2004 resulted in long delays and inconvenience to our customers.

To avoid these delays the Firearms Registry has developed a process which will spread the expiry dates for licences more evenly over the next five years and result in more manageable numbers of re-applications.

### **What is the 'Summary Application' process?**

The Firearms Registry has selected more than 50,000 licences due to expire in 2008 to be included in this program. The customers selected will be issued with a licence of a shorter term than the normal five years AND will be offered a discounted cost.

The criteria to choose who will be selected for this program is based on the categories of licence held and number of firearms owned as at June 2007.

### **Who is affected by this process?**

If you have received the **Yellow Notice** with a pre-printed 'Summary Application' form on the reverse side, you have been chosen to participate in this process.

If you have not received the **Yellow Notice** you are not affected and the normal re-application process will apply.

### **How do I know what length of time my licence will be renewed for?**

The term and expiry date of the new licence is printed on the 'Summary Application' form.

The term of licence being offered will be between one and four years. The 'Summary Application' form will be sent well in advance of the expiry date of your current licence and should be completed and returned as soon as possible.

The new expiry date displayed on the form will apply regardless of when the new licence is issued.

### **How were these time periods decided?**

The determination of these time periods was based on our records as at June 2007 and has taken into account the number of licences needed to more evenly spread the expiry dates of licences over the next five years.

### **How do I complete the 'Summary Application' form?**

When you receive your 'Summary Application' form it will be pre-printed with your details including the categories of licence and genuine reasons for which your licence has been issued.

Please check all the pre-printed information, and if this is correct, complete the Personal History questions, sign and date the form and send it back to the Firearms Registry as soon as possible. **DO NOT FAX THE FORM - POST THE ORIGINAL.**

### **What if the information printed is not correct?**

Please amend the information neatly and legibly and return the form. A team of staff will review these forms upon receipt and your application will be treated with priority.

### **Do I need to send in supporting documentation, such as club membership or permission to shoot ?**

**NO.** The advantage to you as a firearms licence holder (apart from the reduced cost of the licence) is that you do not have to provide supporting documentation at this time for the 'Summary Application'. However, you must still meet the requirements demonstrating your genuine reason. For example, you must maintain membership of an approved shooting club or permission to shoot from a land holder.

If your pre-printed details are correct just complete the Personal History questions, sign, date the form and send it back to the Firearms Registry as soon as possible. **DO NOT FAX THE FORM - POST THE ORIGINAL.**

### **Will this happen only once?**

**YES.** This is a one off plan to more evenly spread the expiry dates of licences over a five year period, to avoid processing delays and improve the level of customer service to you.

### **What if I want to add/delete a genuine reason or category to my existing licence?**

The 'Summary Application' is for renewal of existing licences only and does not allow for any alteration to your existing licence.

When your application is received, it will be treated as a priority application and subject to streamlined processing. For this reason, we are unable to make changes to your licence at this time.

If you wish to add or delete a genuine reason or category to your existing licence, you are invited to do this after the issue of your new licence.

### ***What happens when my licence application is returned to the Firearms Registry?***

Your application will be treated as a priority application. It will be checked, processed and then issued as soon as possible after the mandatory 28 day period.

You will receive written advice to attend the RTA for production of your photo licence in the usual way. Processing is expected to take no more than 40 days from the date of receipt of the summary application until you receive notification to attend the RTA for a new photo licence.

It would be appreciated if you could refrain from contacting the Firearms Registry to enquire about your application until at least 40 days after returning your summary application form.

### ***Safe Storage Address***

If your firearms safe storage address has changed you will need to notify the Firearms Registry in writing of the new address. Change of personal details forms can be found on the Firearms Registry website.

### ***What if I don't return my 'Summary Application' form?***

Your existing licence will expire at the current expiry date. If you wish to cancel your licence, you may ring and inform the Firearms Registry.

If you wish to continue to hold a firearms licence you **MUST** return the 'Summary Application' form as soon as possible. The sooner you return the form, the sooner your new licence will be issued.

### ***How much will it cost?***

Term	Cost
4 YEARS	\$ 120
3 YEARS	\$ 90
2 YEARS	\$ 75
1 YEAR	FEE EXEMPT

### ***What if I am a pensioner or primary producer?***

If you have a fee exemption on your current licence, this will still apply. **For example:** If you hold a category AB licence fee exempt at the moment and your licence term for the summary application process is 4 years, you will still be fee exempt.

### ***Is the Summary Application form transferable?***

**No.** The summary application process can only be used by the person to which it is directed as licence holders have been selected based on their licence category and number of firearms registered.

**Thank you for your assistance in helping us provide you with better services.**

**Do not FAX the application form. Post the original to the Firearms Registry.**

## **Firearms Registry**

### **Address**

Locked Bag 1  
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

### **Telephone**

1300362562

### **Interstate**

02 66708590

### **Email**

firearmsenq@police.nsw.gov.au

### **Website**

www.police.nsw.gov.au/firearms

### **Where can I find more information?**

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).



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