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Peter Clark with his Blond Bay Hog Deer from the 2009 Season. Photo by Peter. Detailed story inside. We look forward to more of Peter's stories & photos.

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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.

Guidelines for submissions.

Material which is emailed saves me a lot of work. Writing can be sent as a Word file, or a 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. Faintly printed text will not scan & cannot be included.

Very short pieces, such as personal adverts can be hand written.

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Meeting dates for 2011

The venue is the German Austrian Club Cabramatta – Thursday at 7.30 pm.

10 March

19 May

21 July (also AGM)

13 October

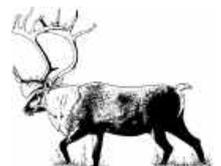
Trophy Exhibition & Christmas Party Saturday 19 November

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.

NSWDA Hunting Club AHO (for R licences) is 10111, & the Agent No. is 7185

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Muzzle Blast.

On-line Buying, the GST & Other BS.

Isn't it sickening, the bleating of some retailers who complained bitterly when we consumers failed to make them a whole lot richer this Christmas? Myers is blaming the GST, saving when we buy on-line from overseas for their flagging sales, while at the same time setting up their own on-line store in China. Talk about hypocritical!

Sorry, Myers, it's just a beat-up. Here's why. For a start only 3% of sales are made to overseas retailers through the internet according to official Government figures, which is insignificant.

The GST is a 10% tax on most of the items we buy; probably all of Myers stock items. Presumably, Myers and any other local retailer who decides to set up a similar overseas on-line store will offer us a 10% discount over their store prices.

A short while ago I wanted to buy a medium quality rifle scope. The best price I could find in Australia was on-line, \$438 (plus postage & packing). My local shop was more expensive, but I'm usually prepared to pay a bit extra to have it in town. Then I went to see what I could find overseas, & surprise, surprise, the US dealers I have used in the past all blocked sales of almost all firearms related items, due to "a US Government embargo". This included scopes. Luckily I eventually found www.theriflescopestore.com, who certainly do sell into Australia, explaining that it is only a very few specialist items which have been embargoed, like the latest night vision gear. I bought the scope on-line there for A\$230 plus \$30 postage & packing. It arrived just before Christmas, nine days after I placed the order. That represents a 40% (plus) discount over local pricing. Even if I had to pay the 10% GST on top,

it would still be a relatively huge saving.

A friend was about to buy two sets of Weaver scope mounts with bases, so we again did the local / US price comparison. Locally the rings cost \$98 & the bases \$24 per set. At theriflescopestore the rings (genuine Weaver) were \$24 & the bases \$4 per set. Doing the sums, the two sets locally cost \$244, while the US cost was A\$86 including postage. That's an incredible 65% discount! Guess where he bought them? And, they arrived in less than nine days, also in the Christmas mail rush.

Now, it would be easy to blame the local retailer for this situation, but I don't think it's that simple. Late last year he had three popular US brand scopes on display which were identical, but bought in consecutive orders. There was a price variation between first & last bought of over \$100, & this during a period when the Aussie dollar was steadily appreciating against the US dollar. The US on-line price was considerably less than the cheapest example in the cabinet & had not changed over this period. The dealer's comment went something like "every time I order the price goes up". I've been told the same story over the past couple of years, from Mt. Isa to Dubbo. Could it simply be that "someone" is price gouging? It has been suggested to me that these price differences might be due to the fact that US dealers are supplying a much bigger market, & that there is more competition there. Well, yes it is a bigger market, but there are considerably more dealers there too, all trying to make a living, so the individual dealer may not be selling any more product than an Aussie one. By the way, I do buy by mail order from within Australia. It's a real mystery how this dealer can supply the best cases and projectiles for just over half the cost of similar quality equivalents. I really don't know the answer to all this, but to be sure, while most Aussie prices remain this high & climbing, overseas sales will just continue to grow, even if a GST is applied.



NSWDA Christmas Gathering and Trophy Show.

This year's gathering was held at the Peach Tree Inn Penrith, just before Christmas, which was a return to an old venue. Over the past few years we have been the guests of Ron Toning & his family at their Kurrajong property. The catering was a big job & although much appreciated, it was time for a change. The Peach Tree is a good venue which is about as conveniently located to most members possible. It was a bit disappointing therefore that we didn't get more members along, & that there were fewer trophies on display on the boards which the Isaacs brought along, as usual. Newer members in particular should try to come along to the next Christmas Party & to make themselves known. There are always a lot of very experienced people to talk to, whether your interests lie in local or overseas hunting, deer in general, or other game.

Included are a few pictures from the Party.



**Clockwise from the top;
Greg Haywood speaking, Laurie with a Rusa / Sambar cross trophy, Lloyd Bishop with his 2010 Fallow trophy.**





Secretary's Report!

Firstly, best wishes to you and your families for a safe, healthy and prosperous new year and good hunting in 2011.

Christmas Function – Trophy Exhibition

Our Christmas function was held on Saturday, 20 November 2010 and attendance was most disappointing, although many new faces were there. We had a great day going back to the Peachtree Hotel, Penrith now that the hotel has been fully renovated. The catering was excellent and the club covered both food and drinks.

Bob Penfold, life member, and one of the club's founders attended with his wife Kay and it was good to catch up on some of the old stories. Bob ran a highly successful hunting and guiding business world wide and still enjoys his hunting mainly for the table these days.

Thanks to Lloyd Bishop for bringing his two outstanding fallow buck heads which he mounted himself. Both were outstanding.

It was disappointing that many trophies were taken during the year and not displayed. The Christmas function is the opportunity to share your hunting experience with fellow members.

On another note, Dal Birrell our Editor, needs your stories or photos for the Club Magazine.

We have responded to your request to have more frequently issued magazines and we need your help with content. It doesn't need to be hunting and could include fishing, 4 wheel driving tips to name a few topics or photos of interest.

SCI Down Under

SCI are again holding their "Hunting and Outdoors Show" back at the old venue, the Opal Cove Resort at Coffs Harbour on the weekend of 26 and 27 February 2011.

This is a great event and many of our members have attended in the past with the club having a stand to promote NSWDA as well as supporting our fellow hunting clubs.

NSW State Elections – March 2011

This year more than ever we need to promote the Shooters and Fishers Party and provide them with the support they need to protect our sport and protect the interests of all law abiding firearm owners.

The Greens have already started a campaign to ban semi-automatic pistols in NSW using the recent shootings in Arizona as the reason why they should be banned. Again, trying to mislead the public.

It is alleged, although not openly acknowledged, that both the SA and Vic Governments are proposing to change some firearms classifications which in affect could flow through to the National Firearm Policy.

One of the proposed change is that repeating centre-fire rifles (excluding bolt actions) be moved to Category C, i.e. lever and pump centre-fire rifles. There could be other changes envisaged, however, until such time as the document is made public we cannot comment.

Kangaroo Research Workshop

These workshops are being carried out by the University of Western Sydney's School of Natural Sciences. The contact is Pip Chalk. Email : p.chalk@uws.edu.au Phone : 02 4570 1637 Mobile : 0466 110 187

So that the workshops/survey have a more balanced approach, they require additional Rural Landholders to be represented from any State. Obviously, they are concerned from past experience that workshops like this can become biased from city based people who have no idea of the real issues and kangaroo numbers.

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President's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members & their families a safe & prosperous New Year.

I would like also to apologise for not having a report for our last magazine. As Dal was correct in his surmising that Helen & Myself were hunting in Africa, & yes Dal I will be putting some stories together for upcoming editions.

Thank you to Greg & Steve for their efforts in organising the Christmas function. Unfortunately I was unable to make it but by all accounts those that did had a great time.

I have re-applied to AQIS once again for the clubs permit to allow us to bring salted skins back from New Zealand & New Caledonia, so it will be available for those who require it.

The up coming hunting season should by all accounts be a fantastic one. Especially with the amount of feed that has been available. So in closing, have a safe & successful hunting season & bring some of your trophies to the next meeting.

Darren

List of Official NSWDA Scorers.

The following members of NSWDA qualified as NZDA scorers at the workshop held in Sydney last year.

Members should contact any of these official scorers to get a head scored officially for NSWDA records.

As I think this list is incomplete, would any scorers who need to be added to the list please contact me, preferably by email. My contact details are in the front of this Deerstalker. Editor.

Chris Graham (Liason Officer with NZDA)

John Desanti,

Peter Birchall

Wayne McPhee

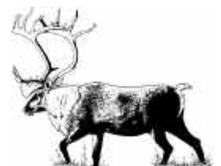
Steve Isaacs

Darren Plumb

Josh Raffin.

Terry Burgess

(Please let the Editor Know if your name should be on this list)



Video Library

Free hunting videos for members to borrow for one month if picking up video's at a meeting. Members must pay postage by registered mail back to the club in carton supplied. You can phone or write for videos to be posted to you, however the member must pay postage both ways. When returning videos to the club within one-month members must include cost of postage to them in stamps inside the box.

If members are to lend these video's to fellow members, remember that the original person who borrowed them from the club will be held responsible if they are not returned within due time. As these videos are the property of the club, you are expected to look after them. If you loose or damage a video you will have to pay the replacement cost. If you don't return them after 4 weeks you won't get anymore.

To borrow a Video contact:

Terry Burgess

Ph: (02) 9909 1267

P.O. Box 80

Cremorne Junction NSW 2090

Library List

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



Penfold on big guns.

(The following is lifted from an email to a friend).

The 458's are my own idea and invention. I used to use a 300 mag with great results as my hunting rifle. I banged a big wounded banteng bull through both shoulders with two X 220 grain Sierra's one day as I started guiding hunters for banteng. The bullets had absolutely no effect, none. He never even flinched and just ran on into the bush where I found him later and finished him with a back of the head shot. "Shit" I said to myself. I need a bigger gun. I bought a 375 H&H Brno (which you probably still have). Great hunting rifle with 4 X Leupold. I used 300 grain soft point Hornady bullets until Woodleigh made 300 grain soft point bullets. I was happy banging buff and banteng with that gun, until I was confronted with a wounded banteng again. I had my arm in a sling with smashed (repaired) elbow. So I was guiding Watson Yoshimoto, he was using my 375 with 300 grain Woodleigh loads. Max Davidson accidentally pushed a big banteng bull onto me and Yoshie. It came charging, not knowing that we were in position waiting on his escape route. As he came out 30 yards away Yoshie smashed him in the base of his neck (coming 3/4 towards us). It knocked him down right onto his chin, but with arse still propped up on rear legs. Yoshie reloaded. The bull saw us and jumped up and charged us. At 20 yards Yoshie smacked him again, this time down right side of his neck. Again it knocked him down, but he quickly jumped up and roared at us and charged again. At 15 feet Yoshie smacked him fair under the chin, right in his neck and drove the soft point full length of his body through him. It stopped him like he hit a brick wall. He roared at us, sprayed blood all over Yoshie and me before turning to run away. Yoshie shot him twice more before he got him down. Great gun that

BRNO. Holds 5 in the mag and one up the spout. Lucky huh. "Jesus" Yoshie said quietly (if you knew him you would understand) "that was too close" he said as he wiped the blood from his arm and trousers. I was in shock. Standing there alongside him with no gun and covered in blood. "I need a bloody bigger gun" I said to Yoshie. So, I returned home and drew up a set of specifications. Mauser 98 action was a must. Not fancy, but works everytime. A short stiff 20 inch barrel, magnaported. (for control) (Combat length was my specification) 458 Win Mag as suitable stopper at close range (Like... on the end of the gun). Easy to get ammo and components. Big 510 soft point bullet a sure to "get their attention at close range" (where I intended using the gun). I fitted a Timney adjustable trigger with side safety for ease and sure use, but never used the safety ever. Fitted very strong Hillver steel mounts and 1.5 to 5 Leupold scope to round out the metalwork. I bought a very straight Brown Precision composite stock which are light and very strong, a can of flat black spray can and the "black Max" was born. I bought most of the parts in USA and had former gunsmith Ian Cromarty put the metalwork together. If you shoot a buff through both shoulders with it at close range, jeees mate, their eyes roll back in their head and they quiver all over. They know that they are dead, if even still on their feet. That gun proved to be so strong, really handy and so effective as a back up rifle on buff and banteng that I had a bunch of them made for me and my guides. I never had a single problem with any of them. I was however disappointed in them as a hunting rifle. At over 100 yards they were not worth a damn. Sure put a big hole in them. Do some damage, but ineffective as far as a good all round hunting/killing round. The 300 grain 375H&H is a deep penetrating round and a far superior all round dangerous game hunting rifle, especially in the



BRNO with 6 shells available for stick up situations where you need to keep on pouring the lead in without stopping to reload. So for 25 years I used, and had my clients use my 375 H&H guns and guides backed up with the light weight but easy to use 458's. Never got in any trouble with wounded stuff and never got sprayed with blood ever again. Now if you want to know what I preferred? One day Craig Boddington brought a new (then) 416 Weatherby mag. He shot a buff, a banteng and a few donkeys, but it was not fun to shoot. One day I came across a herd of wild cattle that I had seen and hunted before on Kirkimbi station. I took the 416 and Craig took the camera. I sneaked up to within about 50 yards of a massive all black feral cattle bull that was leading the herd, grazing peacefully in a gully. I rested on a small tree and shot him fair on the middle of his shoulder. That shot kills Ok, after a while usually, but they do not go anywhere far after that shot. To my (and Craig's) astonishment, the massive bull just quivered all over for a few seconds, then fell over dead. He never took a step. Just died in his tracks. Damn that was pretty to watch. But, it was a lot of gun to shoot. Busted your shoulder every shot. Near burst my eardrums (through my ear muffs) every shot, but pretty to watch the result. I never saw such a massive animal succumb to one shot before or since like that bull. Craig killed another one, but mine was bigger, blacker and deader in one shot than his which took two shots. But man, that sure is a gun. Anyway, that is the story, with some embellishments. Do you think that I loved being a guide????? Sure did. I thought that every day that I hunted was exciting and I loved every minute of it. But now I am very happily retired and gone fishin and huntin with my memories.
BOB

Frozen Fallow in Durham UK Park.

Visitors to a Durham Deer Park recently were distressed to see several Fallow deer which had broken through the surface of a lake & frozen to death. Britain has again been in the grip of freezing weather this winter as we have seen on TV. While winter wildlife deaths are not unusual, usually through starvation, this was pretty unusual.



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If you know someone who would like to participate, please provide them with the contact details.

The outcome may impact on current kangaroo harvesting or future recommendations.

Shooters & Fishers Party Members Robert Brown MLC & Robert Borsak MLC

The recent November and December news updates are included in the magazine and highlight some wins, as well as update us on current issues

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What do you do after the shot?

by Bob Penfold

Four years ago I retired from being a full time professional hunting guide for 27 years. For some time I wound down, clearing up my business affairs and preparing for my retirement. After I settled down, home in Newcastle where I have lived for 68 years, I returned to fishing and hunting locally. At first I struggled to catch any fish and I had lost all of my NSW hunting contacts and areas to hunt. Slowly I learned how and where to catch all of the fish that I need to keep my extended family in fresh fish, then turned my attention to hunting deer again. I located a good herd of Rusa close to Forster, less than two hours drive from my home. I negotiated hunting rights with several farmers, with the National Parks and set mutually acceptable details in place with Forster police. As I had no further interest in trophy hunting, I set about shooting females and young deer for their meat. The extensive herd in the area required reduction, so reducing the herd by taking females and young complimented the reduction project. Killing stags does nothing to reduce their numbers. As I began harvesting the deer I noticed comments from other hunters. "What do you do with the deer once you have killed it"? I did not realise that new hunters had no training in meat preparation "after the shot". So here are the details of how I go about preserving the deer meat for the table, "after the shot". First, I gathered my equipment. The list follows. I use my very accurate 7mil-08 rifle, carefully sighted in to shoot 120 grain Nosler handloads 2 inches high at 100 yards and 2 inches high at 200 yards. I gathered several good sharp hunting, skinning knives. I especially like Cold Steel knives. They are the best to use, keep their sharp cutting edge and are strong enough to cut through the breast bones where they are joined. I like and use the cold Steel knife with the gut hook cut into the back edge of the blade which runs the cut down

the body from crotch to chin without cutting into the intestines. I carefully sharpen my knives at home before each trip, finishing the sharpening with a fine steel so that the knife easily shaves the hairs from my forearm. (Very carefully) I use my 50 years old Lanskey sharpening system that works just as good today as it did 50 years ago when I purchased it. I carry the sharpening steel in my pack during the trip and use it often to touch up the knife sharp edges during the field dressing operation. Then I pack my lightweight nylon/aluminium set of pulleys and a couple of strong long ropes. They are of "Silver" anchor rope. Light, large diameter and very strong. My wife made me a couple of calico "stag bags" that are 8 feet long and 4 feet wide with a drawstring in the top of each bag. I carry 20 litres of water in my Toyota. I locate and shoot a couple of rusa females or fawns. I use a chest shot just a tad behind the deer elbow point of their front leg when they are standing sideways. This gives a dramatic single shot instant kill that takes out all of the plumbing that keeps the deer alive without damaging any meat. I only get a small entry hole in the middle of the ribs where there is virtually no meat damage. The deer die on the spot where they are standing with this shot and bullet. (Please note. I do not recommend this bullet for trophy hunting big stags. A heavier more strongly constructed bullet more suited to shoulder shooting big stags is a far better choice for trophy hunting) I then either drag or carry the deer in my Toyota to a suitable tree.

I hoist a rope over the tree then attach the rope to the upper pulley hook. I attach another short nylon rope through the deer hock after cutting a slot through the back leg above the first joint. I attach this short rope through the lower pulley hook, then hoist the deer as far up the tree as I can before tying off the long rope that supports the pulley set. Then I pull the deer well off the ground to a suitable "working height" with the pulleys.



NSWDA Merchandise

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

The colours are at this time ;

Polo shirtswhite/navy trim.....\$ 25.00

Micro fleece top.....Moss green.....\$ 35.00

Caps.....bottle green.....\$ 15.00

Caps.....blaze orange.....\$ 15.00

All garments have the club emblem embroidered on the item

We will have the items at the next meeting for sale & also at Coffs Harbour.

For further information members could contact me on 48 210 774 / 041 202 1741
or at 20 John street. Goulburn. 2580

Postage will be at \$5.00 for members.

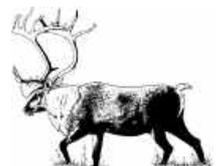
Also, other colours are available but will need to be a special order.

Thanks Darren



First I cut off the head by using a cut from the back of the neck, pulling the head forward and down to free the head by separating it from the

spine close to the head. Then I cut off the 4 legs. Practice will show you where to make the cuts through the joint using only your knife tip. The next step is to run the gutting hook from the crutch all the way down to the very bottom of where the neck joined the head. This opens the skin all of the way down the body. I then cut through the rib cage where it joins using both hands on the knife Then I run my sharp pointed knife around the ring or arsehole completely separating it from the body. This enables you to drag all of the “poop shute” down through the pelvis cavity leaving the area clean and free from any “innards” contamination. Then open the





membrane that holds the stomach contents in the body and drop all of the intestines, kidneys etc down to the diaphragm. Carefully cut all of the diaphragm from the chest close to the ribs then pull all of the heart, liver and lungs out of the body. Follow by relieving the windpipe and dragging it free all of the way down the neck until it is completely removed. Be careful at all times not to cut into the gut bag or to release any intestinal fluids into the body. By hanging the deer free of the ground before you start the operation, the weight of all that you want to remove helps to drag it down and out onto the ground. (You are now feeding many of nature's creatures. They need high protein food, especially during winter, so do not remove the deer innards from the property or bury it. You are participating in nature by leaving this valuable food source in the field)

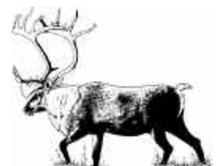


Check to ensure that you have dragged all fat free of the carcass and that any tissue pieces are





removed leaving the carcass clean and free of anything that you do not want to take home. By attending to the gutting/dressing of the deer first, you assist the body to lose its heat as quickly as possible, in any temperature. Then I run the tip of my knife up the insides of all 4 legs and carefully cut or pull all of the skin off the carcass. (With the unwanted fat if possible) At this time I use some of my 20 litres of water to wash down the inside of the body cavity careful to leave the cavity perfectly clean and free of any blood or unwanted debris. Now that your carcass is dressed, pull the calico bag up over all of the carcass and pull the drawstring closed to stop any flies, dust or debris entering the carcass. If I have more than one deer, I hang the first dressed deer from the tree by a second rope, then use the first set up to hang my second carcass. When I have completed dressing and bagging both of my deer, I bring the Toyota up to the deer and load them into the back compartment. I turn the air conditioner on to full cold with the fan on high. After thanking the landowner, I head for home. After half of the distance I stop and turn my carcasses over to cool the other side during the duration of my return trip. Once I have the carcasses home, I hang them for a day or two in my garage leaving the doors open to allow any cooling breezes to flow through. This cools and set the meat. After the sun has gone down I remove the calico bag and bone out the carcass. I usually further set the meat by setting it in trays in my refrigerator sealed with Glad Wrap to stop it drying out. The following day my wife assists me to cut the meat into suitable roasting cuts for the table. Lesser quality cuts are trimmed of fat and sinew to be cubed for stews. All of the rest of the lesser cuts are carefully trimmed (with very sharp knives) of fat and sinew and ran through the mincing machine ready for packaging. We only take the meat, but no bones. My friends dogs love the bones. We use a vacuum plastic bag machine to vacuum seal each portion before labelling with stick on labels with packing date and

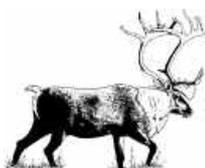


cut information. A very good lesson that learned a long time ago is to take the carcasses home looking like they have been processed in a butchers shop, clean and well presented, with any shot meat cut away and discarded in the field. If you attend to this carefully it is likely that the little woman will appreciate your gift of meat for the family and take care in its preparation, cooking and serving to you and your family. Enjoy your deer hunting and enjoy “what comes after”.



Blond Bay Hog Deer 2010 Peter Clark.

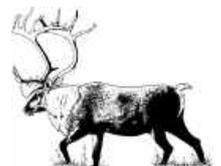
I received a pleasant surprise in the mail a week before Christmas in 2009. After 20 years of trying I finally drew a full place in the Blond Bay Hog Deer ballot for 2010. I had previously been drawn as a reserve twice but never had a chance to hunt. Peter Birchall had taken a beautiful 14” stag off there some years ago & had told me the educational weekend in late January was a must if you were serious about a trophy. I spent the bickies & flew down for what turned out to be an invaluable weekend. I had been drawn for the last hunt on Blond Bay with 3 Victorians Reg Gordon, Dale Pattison & Brian Arnott who were all keen experienced deer hunters. We swapped phone numbers & email addresses & hit it off well. The educational weekend was great in picking up information about hog deer & seeing them in their natural habitat in a spotlight survey & daylight tour. At one stage 2 deer just disappeared in the tussock at about 40 meters with the light on them. An inspection of the area in daylight showed they must have crawled away as the tussock was only knee high. Blond Bay reserve is about 4000 acres of coastal heath & scrub with very few clearings or areas available to stalk deer so the usual method of hunting is using tree stands or blinds. It is surrounded by private agricultural land on the north & west boundaries & Lake Victoria to the south & east. The private land has a lot of pasture & crops to draw the hoggies out of the reserve. Even so the cover was really thick & as we were last group in the deer would be well & truly educated. Late April the weather could be rough. It was going to be a tough hunt.





Late April I was just about ready. The Victorians had all made tree stands of some kind but some of the better gametrails had no trees along them so I opted for a tripod. Dad & I got in & made up a gal pipe tripod that was portable & sat my eyes just up over the 3 meter level. We took a while to refine it but it was very comfortable to sit in with rifle rests covering front & sides & a padded back rest. It folded neatly & was easy to carry on the shoulder or roof rack. A day & a half of driving saw me roll into the campsite after lunch the day before the hunt. The Vics had their stands in place already so after I set up camp we had a look around. Reg already had a few trail cams set up. Monday morning bright & early we received our briefing from DSE & Parks Victoria officers & were issued our licences & tags. Hunting was going to be tough as the last group in the ballot hadn't seen a deer. The hunting period was from 9am Monday to 3pm Friday in the reserve. I

picked out a trail coming out of a swamp that headed out onto grazing country to put my tripod on. We showed each other our stands as some were only 500 meters apart to avoid any accidents or scenting up each other's area on the way in & out of the stands. The first afternoon I had scores of wallabies & kangaroos on the swamp in front of me but no sign of deer. Brian had a doe & fawn come out on dark in front of his stand on a boundary but didn't shoot. Next morning was more of the same plenty of roos & I had a fox come underneath me about 5 meters away but no deer for 7 hours in the stand that morning. My camo was working well though as on a number of occasions I had small birds land on my tripod or rifle barrel. Back at camp Reg had seen a young spiky as he walked back to camp from his stand. That afternoon light rain moved in so I spent the evening in a poncho in the tripod. Again no deer sighted. Wednesday



morning was more of the same. Five hours of watching kangaroos & wallabies. I moved my tripod to a different position before heading back to camp for lunch. A bit deeper along a gully that opened up more of the back of the swamp to my view. That evening there was again more kangaroos, wallabies & rabbits but no sign of hoggies. It was the first day nobody had seen a deer. Thursday morning we woke to gusty winds that didn't suit my stand position so I went down towards Steel Bay with Reg to his backup stand. We had views over a wide area of tussock & heath but saw no deer for the morning. We stalked areas of tussock flat & banksias on the way back to camp seeing plenty of sign & trying to get some idea what we might do for the rest of the hunt. Back at camp Dale & Brian were packing up. Dale had a bream fishing tournament to go to & Brian had work calling. Reg & I had lunch then did a tour of his trailcams. The one near Brian's groundblind & another showed deer so Reg offered me first use of Brian's area while he headed further west. We came back mid afternoon with the wind not in the best quarter so I opted to climb up a large black wattle to reduce my scent while Reg drove off west to sit over another run. I climbed up about 6 meters & cleared some shooting lanes where I thought deer would most likely appear. I had a good view across open farmland that rose gently away from me in front & a wide firebreak area along the boundary fence to the sides. Behind me was a mass of banksias, Tea tree & wattles. The wind was really picking up now so I checked my aim on the run hole Reg had his camera on. With the swaying of the wattle in the wind my scope reticle was moving a good six feet all around the aimpoint at 100 meters. I spent the afternoon scanning the whole area with binoculars hoping for the wind to drop. As the sun lowered to the horizon & the shadows grew longer the kangaroos & wallabies started their procession from the scrub behind me into the farmland. With about 10 minutes of

shooting light left the wind died. A small group of grey roos were out to my left & in the quiet of the evening I could hear them ripping at the grass barely 20 meters from me. Panning the binoculars around I checked the reserve boundary again from right to left then looked around to check the roos on my left. Trotting along the run in the last light was a little hog stag with thick antlers & all his tines. I dropped the bins, grabbed the .270 off the branch the sling was hooked over & swung it around onto the stag. The scope was already wound back onto 2.5 power so all I had to do was flick the safety off & as he slowed to a walk to go round the roos let him have it in the shoulder. The little hoggy dropped on the spot; the roos hopped a bit then settled so I stayed where I was for another 5 minutes in case a doe showed up. Once it was completely dark I gathered my gear, unloaded the rifle & climbed down out of the tree. It was 23 paces across from the base of the tree to the stag & first job was to fit the male tag DSE supplies. I also had to climb back up the tree to get phone service & ring David Needham from DSE to report a stag shot & make an appointment at the Bairnsdale checking station. Reg showed up about 10 minutes later so after photos we loaded the stag in the truck & headed back to camp. After dinner I caped him out, gutted & hung him complete in a gauze bag to cool. Reg had set up his 15 power Liecas on a tripod overlooking some private pasture nearby & walked back into camp to get me about 11 pm. There were about 5 hoggies & what looked like a good stag out in the pasture grazing within 200 meters of a house in the full moon. Reg set his alarm for 4am hoping to get a look at the stag as he moved off the pasture back into the reserve but a car went along the road about a kilometer away which caused the hoggies to trot off the pasture just before shootable light & while Reg hadn't got into position. He followed their tracks through the dew into the reserve but didn't come across them. Meanwhile I packed up camp. When Reg



returned we went around & retrieved our tree stands, tripod & trail cams. A much larger stag than the one I took had come through the run I had been overlooking at 11pm about 4 hours after my shot. Reg's camera had a few good shots of him. Farewelling Reg I drove back into the checking station. My dressed stag weighed 38 kilos with the head on. The checking station officer took all his measurements & samples. One of his neighbours was watching with a small dog & when I offered him the carcass leftovers for his dog he turned out to be a butcher so cut the carcass up for me to bag then happily took the leftovers. With one shoulder bloodshot I ended up with 13 kilos of meat. I got some fuel & ice then drove back to an aunt's place out of Melbourne. It cost me a couple of prime cuts for a bed & shower but managed to freeze the meat overnight then did the long drive home next day. Blond Bay ballot is well worth entering. The first stag taken this year, the lucky hunter watched 19 deer come off the pasture through a hole & picked out the best stag. He also got a doe the next morning. The 4th hunt in didn't see a deer & our 5th group only saw 4 in huntable light with one stag taken. By the later hunts the deer are well & truly educated & largely nocturnal so a hunter has to be persistent & have some luck. Without local knowledge it's a big ask for a non local to bag a free range hoggy & Blond Bay ballot offers the best chance.

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that impact us as hunters, shooters and fishers.

Firearms Registry

The Firearms Registry in December 2010 issued its first "Firearms Club e-News and we have included this in the magazine for your reference.

Also, on a final note, I have been often asked

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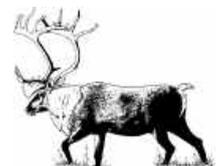
The Word on Moly Coated Projectiles.

Dal Birrell

I've now been using & moly coating my own projectiles for a while. Many different projectiles from major & minor manufacturers can be bought in the shops, & my local shop will moly coat projectiles I buy from him at no extra charge. Having done a bit of reading on the subject, & also trying the same projectiles, both normal & moly coated, in four different calibres & rifles, I'm probably now able to give the reader a reasonably accurate summary of the pros & cons of moly coating.

First however, let's explain what moly actually is. Molybdenum di-sulphide is a black powder, which is a friction reducer. It is composed of layers which can slip over each other & the faster the speed the slipperier it gets. Placed between two metal surfaces, these layers of Moly reduce friction & wear. Moly lubricants have in fact been around for many years, in the form of powder, oils & greases. In rifle barrels, the moly powder can fill cracks, creating a smoother bore. The moly is thrown off the projectile as it accelerates down the bore, so that most of it ends up in the first part of the bore. Some shooters have experimented with adding it to the powder load, but it acts as a burn inhibitor, reducing velocities & giving inconsistent results.

At the temperatures reached inside rifle barrels as a shot goes off, moly will partly decompose, almost certainly forming some oxides of Sulfur, which can combine with atmospheric moisture to form the weak acids sulphurous, & the strong acid sulphuric (battery acid). Both acids can corrode both normal & stainless steels. In practice however, users have seen no corrosion problems compared with normal ammunition. So much for theory. Here are some established facts. Especially in barrels which have been properly run in, both powder & copper fouling is considerably less. Stainless usually fouls less than



chrome-moly. My old 243, which has a rough bore, used to accumulate copper fouling very badly. When using my moly coated bullets, there is hardly any copper fouling. Possibly the moly is filling the cracks.

Intervals between cleans are greatly extended without losing accuracy. In hunting situations where relatively few shots are taken, it is possible to just run an oily patch or two through the bore at the end of each day, except in wet weather. Run dry patches through before shooting the next day. Barrels used with moly can be slower to clean, but these are usually rough & need more cleaning anyway. Most fouling in smooth rifle bores accumulates closer to the muzzle. Never start a clean with a dry patch because it may quickly grab fouling & stick (moly isn't a good friction modifier at low speed). Use a solvent or oil on that 1st patch.

With the same powder load, moly coated projectiles will have less velocity than uncoated projectiles. A small addition to the powder load will restore the original velocity. This is where a chronograph is useful. The slippery bullets reduce internal pressures (one comparison test showed 47000 cup down from 55000 cup). The jury is still out on moly's effect on grouping. Of the four rifles I've tried with moly coated bullets, one shows a slight decrease, one is improved & the other two are unaffected. At least one of the best bench rest shooters in Australia makes his own bullets; uses moly 100% & those bullets hold two smallest group records. Some writers report problems, but these might be caused by poorly home coated bullets (see below). It's doubtful a hunter would ever pick the difference.

Another of moly's big advantages is in reduced bore wear. Norma did a test using a 6.5 X 55 and found that the barrel used with moly projectiles lasted approximately twice as long before accuracy began to fail. Their experience was that 6.5 barrels normally last 3000 to 3500 rounds, whereas their test barrel showed no

accuracy reduction after 5000, & it was estimated that the barrel still had 20 -25% left in it.

Cleaning is done as normal. There is a world of difference however in the time & effort needed to clean a run-in barrel compared with one which is not. Rough barrels may accumulate more powder fouling in the throat. Moly bullets which have been left unpolished may leave excess moly in the bore. Some writers have reported that this seems to accumulate in patches & be hard to remove. The remedy is simple; if you moly coat yourself the bullets need to be cleaned with a cloth so they look clean, shiny & uniformly grey.

Guides to both proper cleaning technique & running in a new barrel can be found on www.benchrest.com.au

Moly coating at home is a simple process, needing no special tools. A bit of common sense & a little experience soon has each batch as good as you can buy. Moly powder should be available at your nearest bearing store for less than the gun shop price. Just be sure it's pure Molybdenum disulphide. You also need a plastic bottle with a screw or clip-on lid, just large enough to take the number of bullets you want to coat at one time. Mine is only 150 ml capacity. Some people use steel ball bearings, but I use lead shot as I worry about the steel balls damaging the softer copper bullets. No. 2 through to BB is a good shot size. Try combining about a tea spoon of shot with a half tea spoon of moly powder in the container. Give this a tumble or a 5 minute shake for initial conditioning before adding projectiles. You can put the molying container in a case tumbler if you have one, or just shake it by hand. You get better results when the container is about $\frac{3}{4}$ full than if it is less full. My first batch was just shaken by hand, whenever I remembered it, while doing jobs around the yard. Later I fitted a 1/4" bolt through the bottom so that it can be turned slowly in a battery drill. Correct drill speed is when you can hear the contents "clunking" as they tumble. About 10 minutes is usually enough. Test by pulling out a



projectile & clean it with a cloth. If it looks coppery continue until the sample look uniformly shiny grey-black. I use plastic gloves & there is a recommendation to use breathing protection when handling moly. I pour out the contents of my container into a dish then pick out the bullets & clean them using a cloth. The remainder goes back into the tumbler with the next lot of bullets & about ¼ teaspoon more moly powder. You get better results using the minimum of moly because excess powder cushions the blows of metal on metal. If your batches are taking more than about 10 minutes, you have too much moly powder in the mix. Let experience be your guide. Lead & plastic tipped bullets moly perfectly, as do hollow points with small holes. Moly will fill the hollow points with big front air scoops. Although I have read that moly coating will not work properly on bullets which are oily, waxed or slightly corroded, I have not had a problem. Out of the box, Seirra, Hornady, Lapua & Nosler coated properly. CLR is recommended to clean slightly corroded (aged) bullets, followed by washing in clean water & thorough air drying. Oily or waxed bullets can be cleaned using white spirit, duco thinners or similar, & a clean rag. Avoid touching bullets with bare fingers.

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what is the smallest property that you can use a centre-fire rifle on and this is not covered under the firearm regulations, however, I was fortunate enough to see a document issued by the NSW police force which shows that the minimum land size is 25 acres.

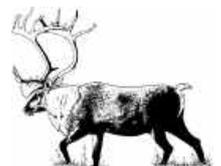
Good hunting!

Greg Haywood

The 2011 NSW State Election.

The “extreme greens”, “anti gunners” or whatever you want to call them just love elections. In NSW, every four years they get another chance to take a bit more away from shooters & hunters. In between times at Police commissioners’ conferences they get another chance by a different route. By now, every shooter ought to be aware of the South Australian Government’s intention to move lever & pump action rifles out of category B, & into category C (restricted firearms) at the next Police Commissioner’s meeting. Then we have the regular polls on duck shooting, kangaroo culling and so on. Keep up the pressure, never give up, publicise every gun crime anywhere on Earth & use it to scare the public, oppose every rifle range & gun shop. Take small bites; eventually we’ll have a gun free country. That’s the plan, & so far it’s working just fine. It works because we now live in the era of 10 second news bites at most. In 10 seconds you cannot refute the latest lie. You cannot explain the reality of what is always a complicated issue, because after 10 seconds the listeners just turn off their brains & wait for the next piece of news. More recently these same people, who are at their core animal liberationists, have begun their assault on recreational fishing, pressuring state governments to close more & more areas to “preserve stocks”, despite an almost complete lack of proper scientific assessments of these areas.

The message is clear. To maintain our shooting, hunting and fishing, we have to fight to maintain what we have. This March, we ALL need to lend our weight to the effort to re-elect Robert Brown to the NSW Legislative Council. The Shooters & Fishers Party needs us to give some time on election Saturday, 26th March, to stand on a booth and hand out how to vote material. We know from experience that any Party gets us more votes when there is someone there to “show the



flag” & to help people to direct their votes. Here’s how you can help. Mark your calendar for the 26th of March as “taken”. Contact the Shooters & Fishers Party, through our Parliamentary representatives, Rob Brown or Rob Borsak, at the email addresses or phone numbers at the end of this article, tell them you want to help out at a polling booth & ask for your contact details to be recorded so that the election day organiser in your area can contact you.

Your local organiser will contact you & will provide the information & materials needed. Don’t worry if you haven’t done it before, or if you can only spare a couple of hours.

The two Roberts work hard to keep you shooting & fishing. This is probably the only practical way you can do the same. What’s at stake? A lot. What’s it going to cost you? A little time on one day every four years. Show you care.

For those who live in or near the Illawarra, there will be a big rally held at the Portuguese Club in Kemblawarra on February 17th at 7.30 pm. Both Rob Brown & Rob Borsak will be there to address hunters, shooters & fishermen about all the issues currently facing our sports, & the upcoming NSW State election. There will be plenty of media there, so we ask all those who can attend, to bring their mates along, “fly the flag” & be seen in strength. Normal bar service will be available.

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