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Top. A family group of Rusa in the Royal National Park, July 2004.

Bottom. Nick's Thar; see the story inside.

FROM THE EDITOR

The Game Council & Game Licences; What's It All About?

The Game Council is a statutory body set up under the Game & Feral Animal Control Act 2002. It is a body that is widely representative of hunters. Government agencies also have members & there are two wildlife scientists on the Council. As it is presently set up, decisions should be made by hunters for hunters, with appropriate government & scientific input. Unfortunately its title is misleading. It is really a hunting council, since it is concerned with both feral & game hunting. With deer hunters being only a minority of hunters in NSW, it is easy to see why the council's first efforts are directed at improving feral hunting opportunities on Public lands, rather than game hunting. The Game Council is self-funding, & needs to sell 10,000 licences per year to cover its costs. Most of these will go to feral species hunters; there are simply not enough game hunters to ensure financial viability.

Please remember that if you only hunt feral pests on private property, you don't need one of these new licences & will continue to hunt as you always have. However, if you hunt proclaimed game, or will in the future hunt ferals on public lands, you will need a game licence.

We have all been used to freedom to hunt as & where we want (subject of course to the law & permission from land managers). Many hunters see the establishment of the Game Council as overly restrictive & unnecessary; another money grab by government, another hurdle to jump to keep shooting. Some clubs & individuals complain that there was too little, or no consultation before the Act was framed & passed.

The old saying "the only sure things are death & taxes" (or some such), left out "change".



**1st Meeting
3rd March at 7:30pm
German Austrian Club
Cabramatta**

**2nd Meeting
5th May at 7:30pm
German Austrian Club**

**3rd Meeting
21st July at 7:30pm
German Austrian Club**

**4th Meeting
13th October at 7:30pm
German Austrian Club**

**5th Meeting - Christmas Party
Sat 20th November at
10:30am
Peach Tree Inn - Penrith**

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As Australia changes, its population grows, technology changes, land usage changes, attitudes change & wild animal & bird populations change. Before this Act was passed, there were no game species declared in NSW. We were one of the very few countries / states which did not recognize the importance of hunting. When one travels overseas, the abundance of game animals & birds in Europe & America is obvious, as is the general acceptance of their special status & value. All this is yet to happen in Australia, but hopefully it will come. By contrast, NSW prior to 2002 was facing the imminent destruction of some deer herds, although the government agencies that were plotting their “extinction” were tight-lipped about their intentions. Hunting of game birds had already been heavily restricted & could be stopped altogether. Something had to be done. To be fair, there are plenty of farmers wanting some herds culled or destroyed as well, & not just because of crop damage. Poachers have done an enormous disservice to other hunters, sneaking on to properties, leaving their calling cards in the form of lost arrows, bangs in the early & late hours & bits of carcasses; scaring the hell out of owners, managers & people like me, while legally hunting a property.

Ideally, game animals should never be able to be treated like vermin. They should be properly conserved. The trade-off for hunters is that we have to accept some regulation on their hunting as well, & this in the long run could prove to be a good thing, as it has overseas. Another part of this trade-off is that we hunters need to impress government by demonstrating that we value our game, are prepared to work to manage their populations & habitat, promote research into their population dynamics, control their numbers, regulate our hunting & educate ourselves. Better we do the regulation with intelligence &

love, than an uncaring disinterested government agency (& probably an antagonistic one).

Unfortunately, the hunters’ perception of the Game Council so far, is of just another bureaucracy, issuing licences & talking tough about enforcing regulations. We see nothing in the way of deer herd management or deer hunter management or a raising of the profile of deer & deer hunting as an ancient European cultural activity, the importance of which is burned deeply into the genes of many Australians.

There is a wealth of practical information readily available to the Game Council on deer management strategies. It is not yet evident that there has been any research on what deer hunters & land owners want to do about conserving herds, controlling deer numbers, improving deer quality and habitat. It is essential that such research eventually drive the Game Council.

Meanwhile, reports are coming in of large numbers of deer, of several species, being slaughtered by amateur & professional shooters for the chiller market, and by property owners “protecting” crops. That this is happening shows that we are still a long way from having the regulations we need. For example, I am at a total loss to understand why landholders & “government men” have been exempted from licences (other than the obvious politics), & from regulations on the taking of deer. If that doesn’t change there will always exist a gaping hole in our ability to manage populations & habitat.

If a deer herd needs to be reduced in numbers, that herd’s status should not be allowed to be degraded to that of “vermin” for the purpose; to be shot down or poisoned indiscriminately. Culling needs to be under the control of stalkers who will do it with the well being of the herd as their primary long-term objective.



There is also a worrying trend towards paying (dearly) to hunt. While paid hunting has long played a part in game conservation, controlled hunting opportunities for all, need to exist on public lands. This new act may give some hunters the opportunity to work publicly for the conservation of habitats & indigenous species through the proposed program of vermin control on public lands (including National Parks). Goat eradication in South Australia's Flinders Ranges by SSAA accredited hunters has been a spectacular success, acknowledged by SA National Parks & by conservationists. The same can happen in NSW. As in SA, it won't be open slather because the government will have to keep a tight rein on such programs. The public expects that feral culls will be done with all due care & safety & governments don't stick their necks out. That's the reality. However, unless there's the opportunity for "Joe Average" to do the required training & participate, this won't be a hunting opportunity, it'll be just a P.R. stunt as far as "Joe" is concerned. "Joe" also needs to be able to qualify to hunt game on public land. In fact, I am led to believe that the primary reason the Game Council was set up was to provide a means by which "Joe" can help to control pigs, goats & other "vermin" on public lands (using the restricted licence), hence the emphasis on that aspect right now. Deer hunters represent a small minority of NSW hunters. Our concerns are being represented on the council, but for the moment we are a second priority. None of our money goes to the government's coffers; it all goes into the management of the Game Council (& game research?). What we as hunters need to ensure, is that our licence money & what we have given up brings improved hunting opportunities, through changed attitudes both of government &

hunters. This won't happen unless hunters make it happen. Just complaining will change nothing & could lose us a lot.

If the Game council should fail (e.g. through lack of support = licences sold), the conclusions that could be drawn by government are only too obvious. I can only urge all game hunters to accept that change has come & get behind the Game Council to ensure that we, and the game get a better, fairer deal.

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WANTED* JUNIOR
HUNTERS

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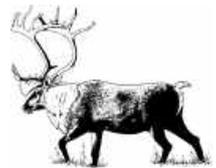
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Secretary's Report!

GAME COUNCIL

Stephen Hurt Game Manager – Sydney Metro Region for Game Council NSW visited our meeting of the 13 October 2004 to provide an update on the Game Council so that our members were better informed of the real position.

As deer hunter the following is the most relevant:

- Access to Public Land has now increased to 29 parcels at least 6 of which hold deer;
- The restricted game licence is not available at this stage, however, it will be available before the next season (March 2005)
You only need to hold one licence (General or Restricted) depending on the Game you hunt and where. You require the Restricted Licence to hunt on Public Land. Licence costs \$60 p.a.;
- You must have a general game licence to hunt game on private land. Property owner, family members and employees are exempt from having to hold a licence;
- An owner can eradicate the deer on their land if they wish as they are exempted from the Act;
- Deer Season applies from 1st March to 31 October each year with the exception being Hog Deer which is the same as Victoria (including tag system);
- You can convert the General Licence to the Restricted Licence when these are available at no additional cost;
- Commercial Licences are available to those who earn a living from harvesting animals i.e. have an ABN and file tax returns showing that you are in the business of harvesting animals for profit.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION – PEACH TREE INN PENRITH

The Christmas function is again being held at the peach Tree Inn – Penrith on Saturday the 20 November starting at 11.00 pm.

This year it is not a trophy competition covering trophies taken during the year but a trophy presentation display.

Therefore, please bring those heads and photo's that you wish to display and share with members and friends.

Remember it's a family day and the club provides a BBQ luncheon free of charge.

JUNIOR HUNTER PROGRAMME

Some of our keen Hunter Valley members have put together a very informative Junior Hunter programme to promote our sport, provide safety training and knowledge of the outdoors.

The programme is outlined elsewhere in the magazine and is a must if you have children over 12 years of age who can obtain their minors licence as there is a shooting/ firearms safety component.

SHOOTER YEAR AWARDS DINNER – 29 OCTOBER 2004

This was again held at the Royal Randwick Race Course and was well attended by members with over 300 guests in attendance. This is the twelfth year for the awards dinner which is hosted by the Firearms Safety and Training Council in conjunction with its parent the NSW Shooting Association. Congratulations go to Terry Burgers who won a silver medal under the Recreational Hunting category – well done Terry. The overall winner was gold medallist Suzanne Balogh.

On behalf of the Committee I wish you and your families a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Good Hunting.

Greg Haywood



Mountain Goat of a New Zealand Kind.

Nick Pediotis.

Adjusting our spotting scopes to their highest powers, my guide & I could just make out the Thar high up on the rocky faces of the Arangatata Mountains. At first we could see one bull & some nannies, but gradually big groups of Thar could be seen scattered all over.

Lying in a creek bed in freezing cold, isn't exactly comfortable, but that's Thar hunting, as is hours spent glassing animals from a still position, rather than climbing high hoping to run into a big bull.

An hour went by that morning before we spotted a good mature bull. We discussed the safest route to climb up for a shot, which turned out to be far from easy. A waist deep river crossing was followed by a 400 metre near-vertical climb through thick scrub & spear grass, & finally a hellish slog through four feet deep snow. After two hours climbing we had reached "God's world", but there were no Thar in sight. After sitting for a half hour, there was still nothing moving & we decided to gain some more height.

Just a hundred metres further & Peter came to a halt. As I reached his position he pointed out the bull, but it took me a minute to make him out, so well do these animals blend into their environment. A quick check through the binos confirmed that he was the animal we had spotted from the riverbed far below. I lay flat on the tussock & snow, getting a steady rest for the rifle, slowed my breathing, then sent off a 100grain slug from my 6mm Remington direct delivery to his boiler room. There followed a familiar "whop", & the bull began sliding down the 80-metre snow chute towards us.

"Just look up there!" said Pete. Other bulls & nannies were everywhere. Peter had a quick look through his Leicas, and then pointed out another nice bull with a striking cape. "I need a spare skin for a client" said Pete. "See if you can take him too." The range finder indicated it was a 330 metre shot, straight up; a bit of a long shot for a 6mm, but I am very confident with this rifle. Getting another steady rest, I waited until the bull turned sideways, & holding a little above him, I fired the shot. "Whack"

"Got him" said Pete. I could see the bull was hit, but it hadn't knocked him down. He ran 20 metres & stood

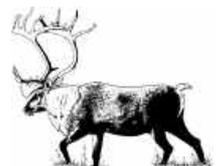
behind a group of nannies. After a minute the nannies split up, leaving him standing exposed. My second shot hit home & knocked him to the ground, but out of our sight.

After waiting around 5 minutes, we began to make our way to the top, detouring around the first bull. After closing the distance to where we had seen the animal drop, we noticed him sitting tight on a ledge 80 metres above, looking down on us. My third shot finished him. It took a while to get the photos.



Recovery of the trophies was even harder than the stalk, but having heard some much scarier stories, I decided mine wasn't too bad.

Hunting in July is seeing New Zealand at its coldest, but then the tougher the challenge, the greater the reward. I have hunted with Peter Chamberlain from Kiwi Wilderness Safaris on 4 other occasions, for Reds & Chamois, & have had great success. His professionalism & ability to spot game is first class. I can highly recommend him to any hunter venturing over to New Zealand to hunt trophies.



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.

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7. Hunting Bugling Elk, Big Muleys, Caribou
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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
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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
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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
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42. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Sportsmans Paradise, Pigs, Barramundi, Tusk Versus Tooth, Pig Hunting with Dogs
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“He’ll be a nice head next year”

By Steve Isaacs

Another good winter season in the Fallow country had just begun after 4 years of drought. It was May 2003 and the rain tumbled down. I had missed the Fallow Rut this year due to work commitments but now late in the season I was staring across a hillside looking at a magnificent young 4-year-old black fallow buck that would have

wanders, and while I might be 30Klms out at sea, I can still picture and daydream about those magnificent bucks we have passed up to hopefully see them return with world trophy heads the next year.

In 2004 I had promised Mark the Season shot if we saw a big one but in any case there was always an opportunity for a cull and meat in



pushed the 215DS mark.

My son Mark was with me and as he has said so many times before “He’ll be a nice head next year dad”. The rain continued on and off over the year generating a timely recovery to this area of the Ranges.

When fishing for Marlin on the South Coast over the Summer period I spend a lot of hours just sitting at the helm trolling, my mind often

the freezer. The New Year rolled in and January was gone in a flash, Mark had already started training pre Xmas and I joined him in mid January. We had scheduled our first hunt for February but it was bloody hot, the does were in small groups and the Stags were just starting to split up, we didn’t see a shooter that trip but the condition of the country had me excited about the potential during late March to early April when the big bucks move onto the Rutting stands.



As it turned out Mark was unfortunate to sustain an injury and the only date for surgery was right in the week of our hunt, it was disappointing but they're the breaks, I had managed to get the week off and was eagerly awaiting the days to roll round.

As I drove into the property I could tell they had had a lot more rain since we were here in February, the creeks were flowing and the hillsides were awash with velvet green feed. There was a full moon for the week and I was unsure what this may bring, no doubt rutting activity is prolonged through the night on a full moon but does this mean the Stags will move to cover early in the mornings? It will be an early start tomorrow.

That night the Hut filled with long term hunting partners, the stories and brag books got passed around and the BS was thick in the hut before my head hit the pillow, still imagining those 230 to 240 heads. A restless night gave way to a 4-30am wake up call. The moon was sinking in the west on a clear morning night; April is normally chilly on such nights I thought as I zipped the fly but the night was warm, strangely warm. A faint croak is heard as the SouthWesterly wind eases, yes they're here and the rut has started.

My hunt began that morning from the creek bed flats just a few hundred meters from the Hut, the Stags were grunting from the creek gullies to the top of the mountains. It was still quite dark so I paused for about fifteen until I could see at least 100m ahead; a strong grunt rose from a gully less than 100meters away. I am looking at my first rutting Stag for the hunt and I had barely gone 10 minutes, the Stag was chasing a young doe around a small brushy tree, the light was building quickly in

the East now as I moved closer to examine the buck, he was a small 4 year old, I muttered under my breath "He'll be a nice head next year".

I had better make tracks quickly I thought as I was in open country and the creek mist will not hide my silhouette for long. I made the first rise without disturbing any animals, I had a great view now of the clearings above me. Faint shapes could be seen through the binoculars moving about the trees and openings, as I lowered the glasses to closer clearings I can see Kangaroos, Kangaroos and more Kangaroos.

The grunting began to pick up a little, like giant Cicadas the booming Groock, Groock, Groock drifted across from one side of the valley to the other as the bucks moved about the does searching for a willing partner. Again I strained the optics amongst the top clearings above those damn Roos to get a glimpse of Stags, a nice black shape with wide antlers appears just to the right and under the roos; this is a good buck I am thinking as I peer to suck the 600 meters distance back to my straining eyes, nice length but a little narrow in the palms, this is a 210/15 head but not the one I am after; he'll be a good head next year.

Just as I am about to move out of the shadow of the trees I notice a lot of movement at the furthest clearing, I raise my binoculars in time to see a large group of does running through the opening, there's a dark figure twice the size of the does in the trees behind but I can't make it out. I counted at least 15 does for what seemed like they were running from a threat, I pin pointed the spot and dropped back down to the creek feeders to keep out of sight, I would be well under them and out of



site as I made my way up the steep slope towards the clearings, there was a chance the roos would spook the mob, or were they already spooked?

Entering the trees without incident I regained my breath and scanned through the scrub into what was the exit from the clearings. Kangaroos were crossing up ahead but their stride was easy and undisturbed. I moved from tree to tree looking for movement. Suddenly a shape crosses through the trees a good three hundred meters away. I look slightly to the right of the movement and a huge bodied deer saunters into the clearing, neck stretched out with walnut coloured antlers flashing across a black shoulder. Without hesitation the Browning 300WM is steadied as I take a quick glance of the antlers through the scope, there's so much palm it seems to hide half of the stag, he seems so fat that his belly is touching the stumps of the tussock. Two grunts and his stride quickens to savour the flavours of the doe he is chasing to cover. This is the one! Even at 300 meters I had no need for binoculars, yes this is the one I had been looking for since beginning to hunt deer 34 years ago.

More deer are running through the trees ahead of the stag; there is no if, or maybe on this one. I was looking at a great trophy. I

followed the stag as he moved like a ghost through the trees, I glanced ahead for a wide break between the blackbutts, & as he entered the opening I sent a 165grn boat tail on its way. The big Stag took flight & it was then I noticed the amount of deer that were up there. They were running everywhere. My second cartridge had been fed in at the shoulder as I peered to catch a second glimpse of what for all intents and purposes was the "Stag of a lifetime". I had clean missed, yes I said to myself, you have clean missed it "hey it was 300m for Christ's sake".

I remained at the ready peering through the scope scanning the edge of the plateau the deer were on, my mouth was suddenly a sand pit, my heart hammering an opening in my rib cage, my legs were numb. Just then a movement about 10 meters to the left, probably a myna bird, I stay fixed on the movement with my Leopold at six power, I want to crank up to nine power but I am fearful to take my concentration from the general area the stag has gone. 10 seconds pass like minutes, then I realise I am looking at a waving hoof.

My heart picks up another two more beats I thought "impossible" and a rush of adrenalin flushes through my body as to my surprise the stag stands up out of the grass and comes racing down hill towards me. My second shot is good and the big stag crashes into the tussock and rolls over, but again is back up and running, "the stag is dead on his feet" I think as I am closing the gap. My last shot is through the heart and lungs and as suddenly as it had started, the excitement is over. Suddenly, I am quite calm and in control.

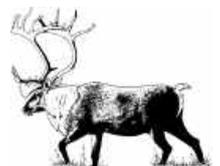
It's like as if I am hunting a man killer; I have the rifle at the shoulder closing the 30 metres



to where the stag lay. Like a blonde palm frond, a huge antler rose out of the tussocks. I was awe struck when I lifted the trophy to claim my prize; at over 30" long by 30" wide with those long wide plates I new I had a 240 head at last, a truly magnificent Black Fallow buck. I looked at my watch; it was just 6 45am of the first day of my week's hunt.

As I began the customary photo shoot I was surprised to look up and see another big buck glancing down at me just 20 meters away. In the few seconds I had to size up the big stag he gave a snort, turned side on to reveal a magnificent set of blades that would have easily gone 225 to 230 and disappeared over the rise. Alas "He'll be a bloody good head next year"

Back at the hut that day the boys ran the tape over my Trophy with the usual mock bets as to the score, Wayne was the closest with 250, when the final additions were checked they stacked up at a whopping Douglas score of 263 $\frac{2}{8}$ ths.



Price list and general information for

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Christchurch - New Zealand

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Weather: Summer and autumn months are mostly settled in the 10-25oC range, winter hunts are in the below freezing (night) to 15oC range, some snow is encountered.

Accommodation: Summer is mostly tent camp and alpine hut, winter mostly alpine hut.

Clothing and Equipment: Warm jackets (fleece) for all year, fleece trousers for winter, thermo undergarments for autumn and winter, drill clothing adequate in summer. Raincoat, hat, gloves, warm socks and strong rubber soled boots a must. Bino's 8-1 Ox, firearms 6mm to 30cal (not heavy), folding knife, compact camera, toiletries, insect repellent and sunscreen.



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