



Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia

Hunting & Conservation Branch (SA) Inc

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THE ^{H&C} NEWS

December 2009
Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday December 9th
7.00 pm At GAZA Sports & Community Club, Corner
of Main North East Rd and Wellington St Klemzig

DATE	SSAA-H&C-ACTIVITY PROGRAM-2009 (ACTIVITY)	COORDINATOR
17/11/09	COM	Committee
20 - 23/11/09	FFPP – cull	Kaz H
21/11/09	SSAA State AGM 12noon at CWA	Committee
22 - 27/11/09	Vulkathunha-Gammon RNP – cull	Gil H
09/12/09	H&C General Meeting 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Committee
15/12/09	COM	Committee

NB: - All cull dates cover shooting from first sunrise to last sunset excepting FFPP and PESTCAM which are from first sunset to last sunrise.

OFF PROGRAM (IRREGULAR) ACTIVITIES – please check with Activity Coordinator for details before registering.

Barossa/Hills – quick response/SA Water/Forestry SA	Graham H 8337 5388
Fleurieu – Forestry SA	Jim A 8390 1882
Telowie/Burra/Redbanks	Shane F 8634 4362
Everard/Thackaringa/Mantung	Rick F 8447 6905
Kangaroo Island	Jorge N 8357 0903
Buckaringa / Kalamurina / Yookamurra	Mark P 8380 5336
Midweek Range (Monarto)	Kaz H 8339 3507
SA North-East private reserves & Corella culls	Phil J 0408431750
Lameroo District	Evan R 8764 2169
Mt Brown CP	Rob & Sue S 8636 2691

Every effort will be made not to make changes, but PLEASE CHECK ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR UPDATES ON WEBSITE. (www.hunt-cons.com).

Trees for Life calling for volunteer growers.

Trees For Life is a South Australian community environmental organisation, providing opportunities for people to do something practical to improve their local environment

Since 1981 Trees for life volunteers have grown 29 million native seedlings to plant on cleared land, funded direct seeding of native species on 3,500 hectares of rural land, subsidised the planting of 98,000 trees and shrubs to absorb and offset carbon emissions, removed noxious weeds and promoted natural recovery on 4,500 hectares of native vegetation that has never been cleared, and donated \$6 million of their time annually as volunteers.

Trees For Life provide all the propagation materials – seed varieties, tubes, boxes, soil and mulch – free to volunteers, along with easy-to-follow instructions. Once sown and raised, volunteers then hand over their seedlings for planting in the winter months.

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Websites:

<http://blog.peta.org/> will take you to the, perhaps hastily named, PETA Files-just say that quickly several times-the weblog of People for Ethical Treatment of Animals.

PETA is an extremist animal rights group that rails against the use of milk, wool, silk, meat, and indeed any animal product.

Their reasoning is totally ignorant of how the ecology works; their language shrill and emotional. Their unsupported allegations that a dairy free diet cures autism are mindlessly unscientific; their castigation of US President Barack Obama for declaring **September 26th National Hunting and Fishing Day** is based on the assertion:

Folks, "wildlife management" and "conservation" are euphemisms used to describe programs that ensure inflated numbers of animals for **hunters to harass, maim, and kill**. If left alone, animal populations would regulate their own numbers"

The breathtaking ignorance of animal population dynamics this quote displays is characteristic of all their utterances.

For instance, they are spearheading their attempt to have fishing banned by trying to have fish renamed "sea kittens".

They obtain column inches in the press and the electronic media by having popular culture personalities, such as Pamela Anderson of "Baywatch" (whose most salient characteristics are not her intellect and dress sense) become spokespersons for PETA.

However, depressing though it may be as an exercise, looking at their website gives forewarning of some of the silly ideas you might come across at your next vegetarian BBQ.
George S.

Now for a little sanity. Rural Solutions SA www.ruralsolutions.sa.gov.au will inform you of climate change vulnerability, stock water issues; pest animal and plant management in SA. And not an overwrought adjective in the whole site.
George S.

RENEWALS

Check that you've sent off your renewal form and subscription to H&C for 2010 membership year. You should have done this by October 31st so if that envelope's still in the glove box, pull up at a post box ASAP in order to stay on H&C News mailing list and be able to ask for an active and financial chit when firearms license needs renewing.
George S.

SSAA AGM Saturday December 5th

SSAA (SA) will hold its AGM on first Saturday in December (5/12/09) starting at 12 noon. The venue is Country Women's Association building, 30 Dequetteville Tce Kent Town, Adelaide. Observers are welcome. For further details contact Gil H. 82604752 or president@hunt-cons.asn.au

Promotions Group

Chris G is coordinating a promotions group the purpose of which will be to inform land managers of who we are, what we do, the rules under which we operate and how our activities can remove feral pest animals and improve their bottom line.

Contact Chris G. on 0407608858 or email vicepresident@hunt-cons.asn.au

Call for EPIRBs for lone bushwalkers
ABC NEWS: Posted Tue Sep 1, 2009
The Tasmanian Liberals want all lone bushwalkers to carry an EPIRB as a condition of entry to the state's parks.

Emergency Services spokesman Rene Hidding says the recent experience of Victorian cabinet minister Tim Holding, who was today rescued in Alpine Victoria, highlights the importance of carrying an EPIRB when hiking alone. Rene Hidding says search efforts are extremely expensive and an EPIRB can help quickly locate a hiker who is in trouble

"In Tasmania in the last 10 or 12 years there've been a number of tragedies and a number of near misses, where people, particularly single bushwalkers were not carrying EPIRBs," he said.

"We believe it is good public policy that they be required to carry a locator beacon."

Carry your licence!

Excerpt from:

Firearms Act 1977 South Australia (*This is the Current Act*)

An Act to control the possession, use and sale of firearms; and for other purposes.

Part 5—Miscellaneous

29C—Duty to carry licence

(1) A person who is carrying a firearm on or about his or her person or who has a firearm in his or her immediate physical control must carry with him or her a firearms licence authorising his or her possession of the firearm.

Maximum penalty: \$5 000.

And a reminder to keep your SA Hunting Permit up to date.

From: Leaflet: **Do I need a Hunting Permit?**

Any person wanting to hunt in South Australia requires a hunting permit unless he/she is:

- destroying animals which are endangering human life,
- destroying animals (other than protected species) on your own property or employer's property if the animals are causing damage to crops, stock or other possessions on the land,
- taking an animal in pursuance to any other permit issued under the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

What can I hunt?

With a basic hunting permit you may hunt feral animals, such as rabbits, foxes, goats and pigs. (This permit does not allow the taking of any protected animals, such as kangaroos; nor does it allow domestic stock to be taken).

Fauna Permit Unit

Department for Environment and Heritage

G.P.O Box 1782 Adelaide 5001

Ph. (08) 81244972

Fax (08) 81244939

Website: www.wildlifepermit.sa.gov.au

FROM THE SECRETARY

GOOD NEWS

Just to let you know if you missed the AGM – "Cull Fees are Abolished" – yes, you no longer have to send / pay money when registering for or participating in a field or range activity.

The "cull fee" was initially included as a "user pays" component of the H&C income.

Some have complained that the fee was a financial impediment they could not cope with, so we are now expecting to be inundated with participants. As the Secretary, I am delighted – one of the ongoing bugbears of collecting, recording and forwarding payments has gone – the Treasurer will be pleased as well!

Overall there is a considerable efficiency as well, as cheques and Money Orders are disproportionately expensive.

The funds will have to come from somewhere of course – the increased membership from \$40 to \$50 – "families" and pensioners have escaped an increase at least until next AGM.

An overall increase was overdue as there would have not been a "balanced budget" were it not for DEH grants and a significant award.

HOW WELL ARE YOU "EQUIPPED"?

Activity Coordinators and Team Captains/Leaders have indicated that some participants turn up in the field without all of the things that the Accreditation Course would have covered as necessary for reasonable wellbeing and safety.

A Field Activity Checklist is on our website and will be distributed at our next General ("quarterly") meeting.

For remote area activities, compliance is essential – if you have not acquired a UHF radio, a GPS,

survival / first aid kit or you lack some items – we are all friends, so just check your gear and talk to someone **before you go** – I am sure that the necessities will be loaned or given.

The alternative of re-accrediting members on a regular programmed (eg non-activity period of say three years) basis may have to be considered.

DECLARING YOUR SSAA-H&C AFFILIATION.

In trying to keep and promote our “good name”, the Council has problems when individuals have not acted in an appropriate manner after having stated or implied their membership of SSAA and/or H&C.

The Council is in a quandary, in that it would appreciate taking credit for all the members’ good deeds, but it is aware that the “bad news” although quite rare, travels fast and far, while good deeds seldom register.

The Council requests that members who state or imply SSAA-H&C membership when undertaking activities “privately”, must declare that they are acting individually and independently of SSAA-H&C at the time.

Kaz H

This is going around the Internet and is of course American and not applicable to Australian conditions at all. It's probably apocryphal but elements of it are humorous, so, for your amusement:

Posted to Craig's List / Personals: To the Guy Who Tried to Mug Me in Downtown Savannah night before last. Date: 2009-05-27, 1:43 AM EST. I was the guy wearing the black Burberry jacket that you demanded I hand over, shortly after you pulled the knife on me and my girlfriend threatening our lives.

You also asked for my girlfriend's purse and earrings. I can only hope that you somehow come across this rather important message. First, I'd like to apologize for your embarrassment. I didn't expect you to actually crap in your pants when I drew my pistol after you took my jacket. The evening was not that cold, and I was wearing the jacket for a reason. My girlfriend had just bought me that Kimber Model 1911 .45 ACP pistol for my birthday, and we had picked up a shoulder holster for it that very evening. Obviously you agree that it is a very intimidating weapon when pointed at your head ... Isn't it! I know it probably wasn't fun walking back to wherever you'd come from with that brown sludge in your pants. I'm sure it was even worse walking bare footed since I made you leave your shoes, cell phone, and wallet with me. [That prevented you from calling or running to your buddies to come help mug us again].

After I called your mother, or "Momma" as you had her listed in your cell, I explained the entire episode of what you'd done. Then I went and filled up my gas tank

as well as four other people's in the gas station on your credit card. The guy with the big motor home took 150 gallons and was extremely grateful! I gave your shoes to a homeless guy outside *Vinnie Van Go Go's*, along with all the cash in your wallet. [That made his day!] I then threw your wallet into the big pink "pimp mobile" that was parked at the curb ... After I broke the windshield and side window and keyed the entire driver's side of the car. Later, I called a bunch of phone sex numbers from your cell phone. Ma Bell just now shut down the line, although I only used the phone for a little over a day now, so what's going on with that? Earlier, I managed to get in two threatening phone calls to the DA's office and one to the FBI, while mentioning President Obama as my possible target. The FBI guy seemed really intense and we had a nice long chat (I guess while he traced your number etc.). In a way, perhaps I should apologize for **not** killing you ... But I feel this type of retribution is a far more appropriate punishment for your threatened crime. I wish you well as you try to sort through some of these rather immediate pressing issues, and can only hope that you have the opportunity to reflect upon, and perhaps reconsider the career path you've chosen to pursue in life. Remember, next time you might not be so lucky. Have a good day! Thoughtfully yours, Alex P.S. Remember this motto...*An armed society makes for a more civil society!*

From Germany's Der Spiegel's (The Mirror) English site:

Sweden Turning Stray Rabbits Into Biofuel

Stray rabbits are getting a raw deal in Sweden. Thousands of them living in the center of Stockholm are being culled, deep frozen and converted into biofuel for heating homes. Wildlife campaigners have criticized the practice. (As they would-editor)

Thousands of rabbits, some of them pets abandoned by their owners, are being shot, deep-frozen and burned in a heating plant in Sweden, a professional hunter who works for the city of Stockholm said on Tuesday.

The center of the Swedish capital is being plagued by thousands of rabbits, some of them wild and some of them stray pets, and 3,000 have been culled this year, down from 6,000 in 2008, Tommy Tuvunger, who hunts rodents for the Stockholm city administration, told SPIEGEL ONLINE.

"We are shooting rabbits in Stockholm center, they are a very big problem," said Tuvunger. The rabbits are eating their way through the city's central parks. "Once culled, the rabbits are frozen and when we have enough; a contractor comes and takes them away."

Tuvunger said it was normal for animal carcasses to be processed for fuel. "The contractor doesn't

just pick up rabbits, he also picks up cats, deer, horses and cows,” said Tuvunger.

Incinerated for Heating

The frozen bunnies are shipped to a heating plant in Karlskoga in central Sweden which uses them as biofuel and incinerates them to heat homes, media reports said. A spokeswoman for the plant declined to comment. The plant’s supplier, Konvex, a company that produces biofuels from animals, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Konvex is a subsidiary of Danish group Daka Biodiesel, which says on its Web site that it produces and markets biodiesel and bio fuel oil using animal fat extracted from “by-products from slaughterhouses and primary agriculture.”

The practice of killing rabbits and incinerating has been criticized by Sweden’s Society for the Protection of Wild Rabbits.

“Those who support the culling of rabbits surely think it’s good to use the bodies for a good cause. But it feels like they’re trying to turn the animals into an industry rather than look at the main problem,” Anna Johannesson of the society told *Vårt Kungsholmen* newspaper, news [Web site The Local](#) reported

(The Local “Sweden’s News in English” is well worth a look. Those Swedes are quite an interesting lot-editor)

Johannesson said there were other methods of getting rid of rabbits besides killing them, such as spraying park plants with a chemical that makes them unappetizing to rabbits.

But Tuvunger says that doesn’t work. “If you do that you only move the problem 100 meters away.”

At breakfast a retired man’s wife asked him what he was going to do that day.

“Nothing”

“But you did that yesterday”

“Yes, but I haven’t finished”

Quick Response Activities

The membership renewal form you recently filled out asked you to indicate your availability for Quick Response Activities.

If you haven’t yet attended such a cull, approach one of the coordinators (contact details on front page of this newsletter), at a quarterly meeting or by phone and ensure they get your details and times when available.

Most coordinators have, like the rest of us, busy professional and family lives, and usually can’t

find the time to go through 360+ membership forms in search of members to make up a team to hunt hares in a vineyard Wednesday next, or pigeons in a granary on Saturday.

Therefore they ring people they know.

So make yourself known and make it easier for coordinators to form ready response teams when landholders request H&C assistance.

George S.

Book review

“Conquest to Conservation-History of Human Impact on the South Australian Environment” by Derek Whitelock is a worthy addition to one’s bookshelf for it chronicles how man, both Aboriginal and European, has affected the environment in SA.

Whitelock states clearly “An underlying assumption throughout this book is that non-human life has rights, that, for example, the ‘traditional owners’ of the land, usurped in a sense by human settlement, are the animals and birds, plants and trees which flourished in South Australia long before the Aborigines came, and that such rights need to be safeguarded now that many of us recognise that Homo Sapiens is a part of the web of life rather than a divinely appointed conqueror and exploiter.”

This view is, I imagine, not widely divergent from that held by the majority of our membership.

“Conquest’s” excellent index allows dipping into the text to discover a piece of information while the book’s bibliography is a guide to other texts dealing with conservation in SA. Two appendixes; the first a list of national parks, Conservation Parks, Game Reserves, and Recreation Parks in SA, the second a register of Non-Government Environmental Groups in SA are a useful reference.

Published in 1985, in hardback, by Wakefield Press (271 pages illustrated by historic b/w photos) “Conquest” is being remaindered by the Nature Foundation of SA for the very reasonable sum of \$5.

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George S

Biteback program

Stateline South Australia

Published: Friday, October 23, 2009.

IAN HENSCHKE, PRESENTER: A short time ago, I caught up with John Gavin from the Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board - the people running the half a million dollar 'Biteback' program, and I asked him what it's all about.

JOHN GAVIN, ARID LANDS NRM BOARD: Put simply, 'Biteback' is a new program to try and eliminate dingoes south of the dog fence in the pastoral zone. That's baiting, trapping, shooting dogs any way that we can to get rid of the dingo problem in the pastoralist country.

IAN HENSCHKE: Now you've heard from the pastoralists there saying that they really want to see doggers back out in that country. Are you able to do that?

JOHN GAVIN: We are trying to get at least some doggers back into the country. We do have some money for that. And the real trick is because of the changes in enterprises and the lack of people on farming country, we've gotta bring those people in from outside because those people aren't there anymore.

IAN HENSCHKE: Is this because baiting doesn't work? You saw there the farmers saying the dogs urinate and defecate on the baits.

JOHN GAVIN: Baiting's still one of the most effective ways we've got to deal with dingoes, but you do get dingoes that become bait shy, or they become smarter than your average dingo. So, you might get a lot of young dogs, but the older, smarter dog that's taken a bait before may not do it.

IAN HENSCHKE: Now, what they're saying is that you really do need to get more doggers into the country, so it's obviously a problem now. Are you advertising? How are you trying to get them?

JOHN GAVIN: We need a lot of different things in there. So more doggers is one of them. We also need to get the landholders in that country all working together through 'Biteback' to actually address the dingo problem.

IAN HENSCHKE: Do you accept that there's a danger that more and more farmers are going to quit the country if the dogs keep becoming a problem?

JOHN GAVIN: Certainly. Everyone realises that dingoes and the sheep industry just don't mix. And

if we don't do something about the dingo problem in that pastoral zone, then that's going to become a much bigger problem for the sheep industry in South Australia.

IAN HENSCHKE: So where could they go, these dogs?

JOHN GAVIN: The dogs could go anywhere. Latest work out of Queensland is showing dogs travelling 700, 1000 kilometres. So, once they're inside the dog fence and breeding up inside the dog fence, which is the situation we've got now, then those dogs could end up anywhere in South Australia.

IAN HENSCHKE: So we've already seen that just recently with dogs being 800 kilometres down from the dog fence, so are you saying we could see them going even further south?

JOHN GAVIN: We certainly could. The landholders that are actually doing the work up there now are putting in a big effort that's actually going to protect the sheep industry in South Australia.

IAN HENSCHKE: So which industries are most at risk from dingoes?

JOHN GAVIN: Sheep and livestock industries. Dingoes are a very efficient predator. We've seen on the footage the damage that they can do, and the number of stock that they can take out.

WANTED

Chris Sheridan is in the UK where semi-automatic rim fires are legal, unlike here.

He writes: I am trying to find a 10 shot magazine for an Australian Sportco Model 71A .22 semi-auto.

I've been looking all around the world without luck so any advice would be greatly appreciated.

If you have a magazine you forgot to include with the Sportco you lost to buyback, *contact:*

chris.sheridan11@hotmail.com

FOR SALE

Transfer of possession of the firearm on sale must take place in the presence of, and be witnessed by, a licensed dealer in firearms, an authorised officer of a recognised firearms club or a member of the police force. A person (other than a dealer) who advertises a firearm for sale must include in the advertisement the identification number or combination of numbers and letters stamped or engraved on the firearm.

Marlin Rifle 1895S Cal. 45/70 as new in original carton pre crossbolt Model. S/N 21075546 fired approx 20 - 30 rds,
Weaver rail base, brand new, + Dies, 16 x Federal factory rounds
16 x Winchester brass - once fired
40 x Winchester brass - new.
169 x Speer 400 grn FN projectiles
48 x Sierra 300 grn HP projectiles
\$ 950 the lot

Marlin Rifle 1895S Cal. 444, very good condition, crossbolt safety model, S/N 170176143850 fired approx. 200 rds, Weaver rail base fitted, Dies. 19 x Rem. factory loads, + 2 x 1st reloads, 18 x new brass,+ 5 x fired shells, 150 x cast Keith type bullet, gas checked.
\$ 900.

Winchester 94 XTR Cal. 375 Big bore Rifle, as new in box. S/N BRO51446
Fired approx 100 rds,Dies, + ammo,
39 x 1st reloads, + 16 x 2nd reloads,
200 x Taipan 220grn FN projectiles
\$900.

Winchester 94 Little Big Horn Commemorative. S/N LBH 09320,
1 packet Commemorative Ammo.

Fired 10 rds, as new in original box.
\$1000.

Winchester 94 Cal. 44 /40 Carbine,pre crossbolt model,S/N 4439321
As new in original carton, fired approx 100 rds
\$690.

Winchester 94 Trapper Anniversary Model Cal.45 LC S/N 6114689 Unfired NEW in box
\$1100.
John, 8280 5824: Mob. 0458 205 602

Goats in Australia

Feral goats (*Capra hircus*) compete with livestock and native animals, cause rangeland degradation and could spread exotic disease, as well as reducing livestock production and the conservation value of our arid lands. Feral goats have been declared a pest under South Australian legislation, and this means that landholders are obligated to control them. The main control actions are mustering and shooting, from the ground and/or from helicopters. Mustering can produce major reductions in goat numbers (80% in one documented case), but needs to be repeated regularly because the goats left behind will breed and replace those taken off. Shooting needs to be intensive to be effective, and the use of radio-collared Judas goats to locate feral herds increases the effectiveness of control operations.

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Recent Activities Summary

Activity: *Gluepot Reserve*

Date: *7-10 August 2009*

Coordinator: *Phil J*

Attending members: *5*

Animals taken: *56*

Comments: *Goats were found in different*

areas to previous activities.

Members worked hard for the goats taken.

Activity: *Gawlers Ranges NP*

Date: *8-14 August 2009*

Coordinator: *Rick F*

Attending members: *12*

Animals taken: *Goats 124, Rabbits 12*

Comments:

Activity: *Vulkathunah- Gammons NP*

Date: *23-28 August 2009*

Coordinator: *Gil H*

Attending Members: *14*

Animals taken: *Goats 38, rabbits 12*

Comments:

Activity: *Dutchman's Stern CP*

Date: *7-11 September 2009*

Coordinator: *Kaz H*

Attending members: *6*

Animals taken: *77 goats*

Comments:

Activity: *Bimbowrie CR*

Date: *12-16 October 2009*

Coordinator: *Phil J*

Attending members: *8*

Animals taken: *Goats 346, Rabbits 54*

Comments: *Very high winds on the first*

two days made hunting difficult.

Goats were found to be moving into the area

daily.

Activity: *Boolcoomatta Reserve*

Date: *12-16 October 2009*

Coordinator: *Phil J*

Attending members: *5*

Animals taken: *Goats 67, Rabbits 66*

Comments: *More goats than normal*

were found around the reserve.

Activity: *Piggery*

Date: *18-19 October 2009*

Coordinator: *Vince R*

Attending members: *2*

Animals taken: *Rats 113*

Comments:

Activity: *Onkapringa River NP*

Date: *20 October 2009*

Coordinator: *Kaz H*

Attending members: *18*

Animals taken: *Goats 31*

Comments: *Revegetation- lot of native regrowth.*

Very slippery & steep terrain.

Activity: *Moomba Corellas/Galahs*

Date: *27-30 October 2009*

Coordinator: *Phil J*

Attending members: *4*

Animals taken: *554 birds*

Comments: *This was the first activity.*

Most of the shooting was in the morning

and evening, however birds came into the

camp throughout the day.