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Vale Neville Davey

It is with a great deal of sadness to have to report the passing of one of natures gentlemen, Nev Davey. Cruelly taken away, so early in life. To Neville's family, friends and shooting buddies please accept our sincere condolences. He will be missed by all.

From the President Kaz H

DOGS FOR FINDING PIGS Very recently we received a request to assist with the location and destruction of a pig in a pollution sensitive area. The vegetation (thistle, African Daisy, etc) was fairly dense and after some six hours of searching by “walk-through” by five of us, we only managed to find extensive diggings and a few scats. Good exercise and experience in advancing in line, but without catching up with the pig. If any member has a dog trained in locating (not killing) pigs (only), could they please contact me, as the exercise may be requested again.

MAY FLINDERS FERAL PREDATOR PROGRAM I do not yet have the official results, but cat and fox numbers were up and included a fox in the baited Flinders Ranges NP (first in two years) which contained the remains of a freshly killed YFRW.

Approximate numbers were: FRNP (baited) – fox x 1, cat x 11, Adjacent to FRNP (unbaited) – fox x 41, cat x 1, Remote unbaited – fox x 19, cat x 0. The increased numbers of cats and foxes are probably due to the obviously higher numbers of rabbits.

The FRNP night shooters also downed 7 goats while baiting the Bunkers CR Skytrek. Many thanks to those spotlighting in rather cool conditions.

UHF RADIOS There has been some discussion about the output power rating of UHF radios, as some team leaders and one client have indicated that only 5 watt output radios will be considered to be adequate.

Expert opinion seems to be that ability to communicate effectively depends on a number of factors such as optimum matching of radio output and the antenna, antenna characteristics and its distribution pattern, effective ground plane, signal reception sensitivity, etc, etc, and the reality that only “line of sight” transmission is reliable.

For the time being, please do not buy the 2 for \$50 deals, and if buying a less than 5 watt unit, make sure that it is a quality unit of not less than 1 watt and accept that it will most likely have a limited range. Doing a practical test may be a good way of knowing your limitations.

NEW H&C WEBSITE Our Treasurer Bill G has been working on a very impressive new website which should appear in response to your internet (www.hunt-cons.asn.au) calls very soon, and will contain a number of new features and items of information such as policies and practices, and standard form downloads. Many thanks to Bill.

“PRIVATE” HUNTING ACTIVITIES This “perceived” issue has been raised again. So please be aware (again) that some activities are limited in frequency, in the numbers of persons involved, and client set limitations in those respects, and especially in relation to degrees of trust, resources and competence.

Again, please be aware that our “client” individuals or organisations, are very much “average” community members - very much affected by media and political vilification of our interests in hunting and firearms – we must therefore build up trust and confidence in ourselves and what we do.

It does take time, patience, knowledge and diplomacy – please make the effort.

What this boils down to is that it is often not possible to introduce more than one new member to an activity at a time, and the choice being up to the responsible Activity Coordinator.

To try and overcome any perceptions of keeping opportunities to “one’s friends” – it is intended to publish off-program activities, so that any interested member can contact the respective activity coordinators for information as to conditions and opportunities applying.

“PUB TALK” Perhaps in the same vein as the above item, one of our Departmental clients has asked that when our members talk about what they do, that it is done with some sensitivity as to who is listening; what impression it may create and how it may be repeated in retelling. Although we don’t want to become paranoid and lose opportunities to present good news and favourable impressions, we must limit opportunities to those who are only interested in doing us harm irrespective of realities and facts.

OFF-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES CONTACTS

Fleurieu Peninsula

Jim A – 83 90 18 82

Warcowie (Feral dogs)

John D 83 37 59 58

Mid North

Shane F 86 34 43 62

Barossa / Hills District

Graham H 83 37 53 88

Kangaroo Island

Jorge N 83 57 09 03

Buckaringa

Mark P 83 80 53 36

Thackaringa / Mantung

Rick F 84 47 69 05

ADVERTISING OUR SERVICES A budget of \$3000 has been set for a series of full and half page advertisements in the Stock and Station Journal in the near future, which is hoped to bring some new opportunities for activities on private properties

This project is being managed by Brian W and depending on response level will probably work on an "adopt a client" basis, with guidelines for setting objectives and operating protocols with each client. Many thanks to Brian.

ONCE FIRED CASES .222 & .243

We have a fresh supply of once fired cases in the above calibres which will be available at the Quarterly meeting (14 June) at \$5/100.

KANGAROO CULLING ACCREDITATION SHOOT Gil H

The first of a number of Kangaroo Culling Accreditation shoots will be held on 17th June on the Monarto #2 range.

Subsequent shoots will be held on a needs basis. Members currently active in spotlighting projects will have first option but all can nominate and as numbers demand the venue will be booked and they will be notified.

It is envisaged that sighting in will take place from two hours before dusk and the accreditation shoot will commence after dark.

The accreditation consists of shooting five shots into a 75mm circle(kill zone) on a kangaroo head target set at 100 meters. It is to be shot from a vehicle with the target lit by spotlight. 222 is the minimum calibre

To register, contact Gil H. by phone 82604752 or email. hargil@senet.com.au

Skinning, Butchering, cooking of game course May 2006

The photos shows members of H&C being instructed in skinning, hide and trophy preparation and butchering of game by Grant W.



I consider the time I spent in Grant's shed watching him demonstrate his skills was well spent for I have greatly enhanced my skills in preparation of game for trophy head, skin or meat.



Grant also cooks up a nice piece of venison on his barbecue. If you would like to attend a future course see Grant for details.

George S

Photos: Milan K

Upcoming events 2006

June

Mon 19 - Fri 23 Dutchman Stern Conservation Park *Kaz H*

August

Sun 6 Range Day Monarto
 Wed 9 Gawler Ranges National Park cull briefing
 Sat 12 Accreditation course *Gil H*
 Mon 14 - Fri 18 Gawler Ranges National Park cull *Rick F*
 Wed 23 Gawler Ranges National Park cull debrief
 Fri 25 - Mon 28 Flinders Feral Predator Program *Kaz H*
 Wed 30 Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park cull briefing

September

Sun 3 - Fri 8 Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park cull *Gil H*
 Wed 13 Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park cull debrief
 Wed 20 AGM

Don't forget

Gawler's and Gammon Ranges cull nominations closing soon.

Sight-In Right

By Jim Carmichel

This foolproof, one-shot method makes it easy.

Outdoor Life (US) August 2004

4 Steps to a Perfect Zero

1. Before firing your first shot, settle in behind the gun and dry-fire a few shots to get a feel for the trigger. Then crank the scope power all the way up so you can see the target clearly. When you're comfortable, load and fire a single shot.
2. With the rifle unloaded and safe, aim again at exactly the same spot on the target that you held on when you fired your sighting shot. It's extremely important that you hold the rifle firmly and that it not move from your original point of aim.
3. While holding the rifle firmly on target, have a friend slowly turn the scope adjustments—first the vertical, then the horizontal—until the cross-hairs line up on your bullet hole. Look through the scope and direct him until you're on.
4. Once the crosshairs are aligned on your bullet hole, your rifle is zeroed. Now fire a second shot to confirm your zero and you're done. The whole process takes only a few minutes to eliminate one of shooting's worst problems.



Shoot for loot Foxes The committee is looking for someone to organise a fox bounty program similar to one that is run quite successfully in Western Australia. The idea being that businesses pay a bounty for Foxes that are shot over the course of the year. The proceeds then being donated to a animal welfare group/s of some sort. Any body or body's that are interested please contact Gil H

FOR SALE WANTED

Remington ADL Synthetic Stock, Short Action, VGC. \$65 ono Ian L 0437 500643
ianjl@adam.com.au

Lynx 10 X 56 Scope. Top quality, super clear. Duplex reticles and fast-focus eyepiece. Suit spotlighting rifle. Semi-target adjustment turrets. As new in box, seen little use. Cost \$600 bare, offered at \$500 with flip-up lens covers included. \$500 Patrick K 08 8345 5773 0434 048014

12 Gauge Shotgun

New SKB Model 100 Side-by-side, Single Trigger, Extractors. Choked ¼ and ½ [fixed] 28" Barrels Extremely good condition, lightweight hunting gun. Seen little use - suit new gun buyer. Serial # NS40097 \$800 ono Patrick K 08 8345 5773 0434 048014

Howa 1500 Lighting S/Steel

Heavy barrel varmint in 22-250 . Very good condition, match trigger and purchase new by current owner. This rifle is very accurate and used mostly for spot lighting. Surplus to current needs and for sale. Serial # B083666 \$750 - firm. Edward P 0412 211221 vine20@bigpond.com.au

CZ 550 Safari Magnum .375 H&H - Excellent condition, set trigger and fired approx 150 rounds. Scope not included - 1 "mounts are. Dies and approx 50 cases and some 250 and 300 grain projectiles included. Purchased new by current owner. Serial # B1527 \$1000.00 Edward P 0412 211221 vine20@bigpond.com.au

16ft Quest 4 berth Caravan, good tyres, with full annexe. very good condition through out. \$3,300. ono Kym G 0438077760
groves.kym@TransAdelaide.sa.gov.au Also Contact: Rob on 0411 289 620

CCI 17 Mach 2 ammo (950 rounds 19 boxes) \$160.00 firm 08 88373863 after 6.00PM

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

Do you have any accreditations in animal harvesting etc, i.e. Roo Shooters Accreditation. If so please contact Gil H and give him your details.