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Hunting & Conservation Branch (SA) Inc



THE H&C NEWS

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Presidents Report *Kaz H*

COURSES It is planned to run a course giving members S.S.A.A. Range Officer accreditation in the near future. (i.e. when Gil has a bit of time). I already have a list of those who indicated interest at the last Quarterly Meeting (Philip R, George S, Bill G, Nick N, Mark J, John D, Todd M and Ken W). If you are not included but are interested, please advise Gil or myself.

We are also trying (once again) to obtain funding or at least some subsidy for First Aid and 4WD courses but the Friends of Parks organisation and DEH are crying poverty but don't give up hope and let a Committee member know if you are interested.

SAFETY REMINDER Please be aware that the TAFE/SAPOL Firearms Licence Course defines the state of firearm as:

"UNLOADED" – no cartridge(s) in firearm.

"LOADED" – cartridge(s) in magazine (only).

"READY TO FIRE" – cartridge in breach.

Closing the bolt or action with a cartridge in the breach ("up the spout") and trigger pulled or safety applied is an unsafe procedure and by definition makes the firearm "READY TO FIRE" – so please do not do it.

RECENT CULLS All recent culls have been quite rewarding with the Gawler Ranges NP (300 goats), Dutchman Stern CP (117 goats, 1 fox) and Bimbowrie (606 goats) culls fully booked out. The Flinders Ranges NP only had 12 participants so not all areas could be covered, but those that went were well rewarded for their efforts (401 goats) and the weather was quite pleasant too. The Bimbowrie exercise was the first in this area with much being learned in the process and leading to future modification of allocated area boundaries. Generally, the trip was very rewarding, not only in the goat numbers but also in the many interesting features of the area, which will make Bimbowrie an attractive destination once the worst of the degradation has time to recover.

APPRECIATION After a recent cull, I received a letter expressing appreciation of the way the activity was run, and the value of the advice and assistance given by more experienced members – to quote: "...Ian L did a good job of leading the team...checking that our firearms were empty...exercising caution..." and "... Graham is a lot like Frank B in that he is a storehouse of experience and knowledge, and is willing to share them with those of us who lack both...". My thanks go to all concerned, as these attitudes of safety, individual generosity, companionship and goodwill are essential for the future and enjoyment of hunting.

DEHYDRATION There should be a "DRINK UP" pamphlet attached for your information – please read it carefully - it could improve your comfort and performance, or even save your life, in the extreme. Please note that under normal/average conditions additional intake of salt can be counterproductive in that your kidneys will try to excrete excessive salt (using more water).
Kaz H

"New committeeman required"

Committeeman Ted N is on the move to the Northern Territory and has resigned from the committee. Many thanks to Ted for his input on the committee, managing of the merchandise, organising the suppers for the quarterly meetings arranging for the donation of prizes for quarterly meeting prize draws and the total success of the annual rifle raffles. Thanks again Ted and good luck with your hunting and fishing in the N.T. and don't forget my phone number.

DISCOUNT CARD In the December H&C News members received a wallet size program of H&C activities for the 2005 year. Winchester Australia and the Adelaide Gun Shop sponsored this card. Present this card at the Adelaide Gunshop and receive discount on your purchase. *"Please support those who support us."*

RANGEDAYS DURING THE WEEK. These range days are not programmed and occur on an as needs basis. Any member interested in going to S.S.A.A. S.A. Monarto Range during the week should contact can contact Kaz on 83393707 or e-mail president@hunt-cons.asn.au

Junior Members The question of junior members and their participation in field activities has been raised.

Junior members (includes junior family members) over the age of 14 may attend and shoot in H&C field activities providing that,

- He or she is a junior member of S.S.A.A.
- He or she has successfully completed both the H&C Hunter Accreditation course and the Marksmanship accreditation.
- He or she is with and is under the continuous supervision of his or her parent or guardian or some other person approved by his or her parent or guardian and the person providing the supervision holds a firearms licence authorising possession of the firearm for the purpose for which it is being used.

Junior family members only (not a junior member of S.S.A.A. may attend H&C range days and shoot providing that

- For junior family members over the age of 14 years and under the age of 18 years for class A & B firearms, he or she is with and is under the continuous supervision of his or her parent or guardian or some other person approved by his or her parent or guardian and the person providing the supervision holds a firearms licence authorising possession of the firearm for the purpose for which it is being used.
- For junior family members over the age of 10 years and under the age of 14 years for class A firearms, he or she is with and is under the continuous supervision of his or her parent or guardian or some other person approved by his or her parent or guardian and the person providing the supervision holds a firearms licence authorising possession of the firearm for the purpose for which it is being used.

Members who use the H&C name to gain access to property with a view to having the activity recognised by S.S.A.A. S.A. Hunting and Conservation please note,

- Approval for recognition must be sought from the C.O.M. (include all relevant details preferably in writing, i.e. location, type, time span, those attending etc.)
- There must be a nominated Activity Co-ordinator.
- Activity reports are submitted after the each activity.

If approval is not gained some insurances will not cover members.

Q Fever etc

Alan W has brought to the C.O.M's attention that there has been some out breaks of Q Fever in and around the Peterborough area. Diseases such as Q fever, brucellosis etc can be transmitted via livestock, including goats. Those who handle livestock eg abattoir workers etc are most susceptible. It is thought that fluid transfers and airborne particles transmit the diseases, which has Ross River type symptoms and outcomes. Inoculation is available. Given the nature of our activities and exposure in relation to goats the perceived risk is extremely low however if you are concerned please consult your doctor or ring the Health Commission Animal and Plant division.

Congratulations to the Green Team, once again winning the "Best Camp of the Gawler's Cull" awarded by our esteemed panel of judges

Lending, loaning or borrowing of firearms.

The Firearms act and regulations states that other than a firearms dealer, if you lend, loan or borrow a class A or B firearm

- The person acquiring the firearm must have the appropriate class and purpose of use on their firearms licence.
- In the case of a class A or B firearm or, subject to subsection (4), a class H firearm, the acquisition was pursuant to a written agreement between the owner of the firearm and the person who acquired the firearm that the person would only use the firearm for a purpose or purposes specified in the agreement and would return the firearm to the owner within 10 days;

The written agreement should include (it is suggested that both parties have a copy) firearms licence details i.e. name, address classes and purposes of use. A form has been created for this and is available for download from the H&C website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO H&C MEMBER BEN S
WINNING THE 2004 **BRNO CZ .17 Varmint HMR**
RIFLE RAFFLE

Report from Brian F

Well I hope you are all fit and keen for the 2005 activities. Because by the time you read this, the first of the major culls for the year has been and gone.

WILPENA. 12/18-2-05. 728 M/HRS. A grand total of 13 members attended this, the first cull of the year. Weather was very kind to us. With a strike rate of one every 1:9 hours. So were the goats, 401 of them to be exact, with 50 rabbits, 1 cat, & a fox. Team X (The park ranger.) accounted for 49 goats. Of course! HE had a quad and a semi-auto rifle. (Not fair at all.) WILKAWILLINA team got 147. AROONA was next with 107. WILCOLO could only manage 98 goats, but evened things up with 49 RABBITS, 1 CAT & a FOX. The usual bats paid us a visit. A couple of western brown snakes and a goanna were seen as well. Plus several bronze-wing pigeons showed up. The usual B,B,Q, at Oraparinna on Friday night, was well attended and was greatly appreciated by all. Not to mention the hot showers!

GAWLER RANGES 26-2 / 4-3-05. 2024 M/HRS. This, the second cull was well attended by 41 members. With so many men the hourly rate shot up to 6:75 hours per goat. The final total being 300. OLD PANEY 28GOATS, 1CAT&FOX, 12 RABBITS, MT. DOUBLE 27GOATS, CHILLUNIE 41 GOATS, 4 RABBITS, MATTERA 63GOATS, 4RABBITS, SCRUBBY PEAK56 GOATS, 1 RABBITS, NUKEY 20 GOATS, 10 RABBITS, 3 FOX. Several wedge tailed eagles, a wombat, and a bandicoot type animal were observed during the week as well.

DUTCHMAN STERN. 7/11-3-05. 240M/HRS. 117 GOATS taken by 6 hunters in 5 days. At a rate of 1 goat every 2 hrs.

The following report is submitted by Phil J. Phil with the help of Tim Z co ordinated the Bimbowrie Cull. They were both first timers and should be congratulated for their efforts especially Phil who shouldered most of the work. It is not an easy task as they all culls have their fair share of problems. Many thanks to all who co ordinate these activities.

Bimbowrie Conservation Park Report Phil J

29 members attended (5 Teams)

Antro 4 sheep on north side of Koolka Hill, 10 sheep at Antro shearing paddock Probable sighting of Plains Wanderer in flight 1km north of South Willows dam

Tonga Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby sightings at Mt Bull, Bimba (4) 1 adult, 1.5 km south of Calico Dam. Water – Tonga Bore, Poodla Tank, Little Bimba Tank, North Calico Dam. Yerdie bore-dry salty- dog prints (75mm x 70mm) in creek bed- followed for 300mts up creek. Possible cat sighting near Poodla tank. Meningie 15 sheep in Meningie block 2km north/east of blue dam. Dingo sighted 300mts south of camp (east side of creek at end of track to Meningie Springs) Cat sighted north side of Meningie range GPS 0435730/6951904 2 Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby sightings, Meningie Gorge GPS 0436871/6452338, and north of Meningie Range 6451557/0436196 Water- numerous soaks through out the Meningie gorge area with some large pools of water. National Park Springs has quite a large amount of water. Meningie spring has a good water supply. Blue dam and South Mulga dams have good clean water and mine dam has some water. Numerous rock pools on top of hills were encountered after rain and spread goats out considerably. The track to National Park Springs from Putts paddock is very rough and is for serious off road 4x4 vehicles with high ground clearance. Large numbers of Wedge tail eagles were found throughout the Meningie range /gorge area. Small numbers of kangaroos/euros were found throughout the area with most emus seen having been young animals. Vegetation in the area was very poor with many dead trees and smaller shrubs and the lacking of regeneration. Some creeks in the area had healthy gum trees. Goats found throughout most of Meningie block with most ranging from 2-4-tooth age and it good condition. Mobs averaging 4-10 in numbers but some larger mobs 15-25+ were also seen. Cathedral Rock, Meningie Range, Meningie Gorge and National Park Springs are great features of this Area.

Double Dam 3 cats sighted hiding in rocky outcrops near creek lines. Water-Putts dam, East Boolcoomatta dam and catchment dam for Double dam have water. No soaks found and all mechanical waters have been shut down.

Echidna found on Porcupine hill and a juvenile Echidna carcass found on Calico/Double Dam paddock boundary. High number of Red kangaroos and Joey's with some Euros with young. Wedge Tail Eagles and Emus found throughout the area with smaller birds lacking, probable due to the lack of small trees and shrubs. Emus were sighted with most having young. Vegetation was poor with some recruitment of Bluebush and Saltbush especially along wash lines. Porcupine Hill Triodia mostly dead hill but noticed recruitment quite substantial.

Lack of recruitment particular Acacia and other small tree/shrubs. Bathurst Burr found at catch point at East Boolcoommatta Dam and dug out. Goats found throughout all parts with some residential mobs and many transient mobs from Boolcoommatta/Bulloo creek stations. Mostly black with not many kids but quite a few pregnant nannies.

Old Boolcoommatta Outstation cleaned and repaired, doors rehung to toilet, shower and several rooms. Trailer load of rubbish removed and taken to dump. Some items of value (Heritage/Artefacts) were collected. Gutters cleaned except main roof, special attention needed to valley gutter between north room addition and main building. Water flow to solar hot water service varies, not sure if it was lack of head pressure or flow restrictions, works well otherwise. (Water flow from hill tank stopped) Roof iron needs urgent attention as some has peeled back/blown away exposing ceiling. Some damage to ceilings in shower room in house. Very few rabbits seen (daytime) quite a few warrens about.

A 70cm young Python was found near toilet door (possibly a carpet python) and pictures are available. Features, Black hole area, Boolcoommatta gorge N/E of homestead. Remarkable rocks all over granite hills. Old mines, wells, tanks and garden borders, building remains near North Mulga Bore. Black hole area per map is about 1km North of outcrop area where the track goes. The track all the way to the boundary gate has been logged and given to DEH Ref: Roman Urban.

Whole area barren of regrowth.

General

The unavailability of 1-50,000 Topographical maps for the area was a major concern for everyone and this may have to be looked at for future activities. (Maybe funding is available) The first two days were hot and rain from a cool change on Wednesday, delayed teams going out into the field. With the cool change and goats scattered, this made concentration of goats near water isolated. Most of the hills were cover with rock pools for many days later. Some Boundary changes will be made to accommodate teams within certain areas. Approximately 23.5 hours was spent spotlighting the park. There are some excellent sights and attractions in the park.

Don't forget the April 6 Quarterly on Wednesday evening at the Gaza Sports and Community Club 232 North East Rd Klemzig and as usual join the growing band for a meal at the OG Hotel. Restaurant opens at 5:45 pm meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Invitation to H&C Members Rod F

Para Branch has introduced a "LONG RANGE SHOOT". The idea is to provide those of us that hunt an avenue to develop our equipment and shooting expertise to shoot more accurately at slightly longer ranges. Ideal for those wanting to hit those ferals a bit further out.

The competition consists of 20 shots with a rimfire at 100 yards and 20 shots with a centrefire at 300 yards. The targets used are the SSAA Field Rifle targets. The official 100 yard target is used for rimfire and the official 200 yard target (the same target used for H&C accreditation) is used at 300 yards.

Any rifle of any calibre (not more than 8mm and no full metal jacket ammunition) can be used from any field shooting position. Most choose to shoot F-class style, which means using a stand, bipod or sand bag rest to steady the rifle from the prone position. However, any position can be used except from the concrete bench as used by the bench rest shooters. No concrete benches in the scrub!

The match is informal and coaching and spotting for other shooters is allowed. If you have a low power hunting scope, bring a spotting scope (and a spotter if you like) as finding the holes in the targets at 300 can be difficult with less than 20 power.

2005 LONG RANGE SHOOTS

Sun 24th April
Sun 17th July
Sun 18th December

A cordial invitation is extended to all H&C members to attend. Nomination fee is \$5.00. Further information from Rod F, (Mobile 0401124777)

UP COMING EVENTS 2005

May	
Wed 6	H&C quarterly meeting
Fri 8 –	Mon 11 Pestcam (Ted N)
Su 24	H&C Long Range Invitation Shoot Para Range (Rod F)
Sat 30	Range Day S.S.A.A. S.A. Monarto 10 am -4pm (Gil H)
May	
Wed 4	Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges National Park cull briefing
Fri 6 – Mon 9	Flinders Feral Predator Program (Oraparinna) Kaz H
Sat 7 – Fri 13	Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges National Park cull (Gil H)
Wed 18	Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges National Park cull debrief
Wed 25	Bimbowrie Conservation Park cull briefing
Sat 28 – Fri 3	Bimbowrie Conservation Park cull (Phil J)
June	
Wed 8	Bimbowrie Conservation Park cull debrief
Mon 20 – Fri 24	Dutchman Stern cull (Kaz H)
Wed 29	H&C quarterly meeting

FOR SALE / WANTED

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.

FOR SALE

SAVAGE model 65M 22M Serial #: C035380, new Tasco scope, and 3 ten shot mags, \$350.

MK2 LAKEFIELD in 22 RF Serial #: 56431, WEAVER 4X, 2 twenty shot mags, re blued. Plus a CHALLENGER scope, \$300, contact STEVE 83842005

FOR SALE

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ARMS

M10A - A1 7.62x39 Serial #: M10A - 0200081
This rifle also comes with the Picatinny style mounting rail (as seen in the photo), and the 10 & 30 round magazine. This rifle is as I bought it, I haven't modified it in any way or had any extra work done. At the very most this rifle has only fired 200 rounds. \$750 contact Ben S 0419 039 402 bschiller@airnet.com.au

THE MARLIN FIREARMS CO.

Model:1895S L/A 45/70 GOV'T

Serial #:18069933

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Scoped Air Rifle Rod F

Para Branch has a full program of events for scoped air rifles for 2005. Air rifle shooting is the perfect grounding for any form of shooting. The low recoil and ability to follow through on a shot encourages the correct technique and if applied to other forms of shooting will give the results you are after.

Any air rifle of .177" and any telescopic sight can be used. If you do not have a rifle and want to give it a go, Para has five Walther target air rifles all equipped with Simmons scopes available for use.

Forget the traditional air rifle shooting with peep sights. The match's shot with scoped air rifles are:

Metallic Silhouette

40 steel targets chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams out to 45 yards.

BR30

Standing unsupported position at 10 metres, 30 shots, one shot per diagram, worst edge scoring.

10 Metre Scoped Air Rifle

Standing unsupported at 10 metres, 40 shots on scaled down field rifle style targets.

10 Metre Three Positional

Prone, standing and kneeling positions at 10 metres, 20 shots in each position.

All matches are shot on a Friday night, be there by 7.30 pm. Nomination fees are \$2.00 and for an additional \$1 we will supply the air pellets. Visitors welcome, no pressure to join the club.

Program for Apr – Jun 2005

April

8 10 Metre
15 3 Positional
29 Metallic Silhouette

May

6 10 Metre
20 BR30
27 Metallic Silhouette

June

3 3 Positional
17 10 Metre
24 Metallic Silhouette

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