



Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia

Hunting & Conservation Branch (SA) Inc

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THE H&C NEWS

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SHOOT FOR CHARITY

H&C is undertaking a scheme similar to an idea that has come out of Western Australia. Sponsorship for every fox and cat that is destroyed. Companies such as Pivot, Wesfarmers etc will be canvassed to pay a sponsorship that will be donated to a suitable charity i.e. The Threatened Species Network. This may even cross over to individuals, in fact anyone could sponsor the project. The more sponsors the better, maybe you know of a company or individual that may wish to participate, it would be good press for them also, give us a call. H&C members are asked to submit the details of every fox and cat that is destroyed to either the postal address or by E-mail. Details should include Name, date, location, time, animal gender, GPS co ords if possible, comments etc. You can start submitting straight away. All details will be confidential and of course the honour system applies. Recreational shooting has not enjoyed much good press lately however this scheme presents a good opportunity to enhance the perceived image of shooters. So dust off those presses and scales, find that fox whistle and get out there.

CHEAP AMMO Pat K. While on the subject of reloading, for those who don't. H&C member Pat K reports that Aussie Disposals in Pirie St is now selling Winchester Super X Centrefire ammunition at very reasonable prices. 223W \$19.95 / 20, 308W \$22.50 / 20 and 270W \$23.95 / 20.

H&C MAGNETIC DOOR SIGNS Members who have in their possession the magnetic H&C signs are asked to return them A.S.A.P.

BRAKUNGA CHALLENGE Brian F

The Brakunga Shooting Club has issued a challenge to Hunting and Conservation members. The challenge a Simulated Field Silhouette deer walk through shoot. The event using hunting calibres will be held on Sunday June 27 at the Brakunga range starting at 9:30 am. Lunch and refreshments will be available on the range. For more information contact Brian F on 82767302 H, 82767307 F

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL As a result of those members who paid their membership fees late (some had legitimate reasons) and those who could not be bothered providing the details asked for and signing the waiver on the back page of the membership renewal advice the following must be repeated. The membership renewal process will be as follows:

- The AGM (15 September 2004) will set membership fees for 2004-2005.
- There will be facilities for you to renew/pay there and then.
- A one and only final Renewal Notice will be posted out within two weeks of the AGM.
- Members will have 28 days from the date of posting of the Renewal Notice to renew.
- Renewal must include payment and full details requested on the Notice, unless case of hardship/illness/approved absence/or other Committee validated reason is submitted.
- Unless renewal is received by the Branch within the 28 day period, membership will cease and full new membership joining fees will apply.

GOOD PRACTICES Kaz H

Every year I thank members for being professional, being responsible and generally "doing the right thing", to save the Committee the embarrassments of apologies to clients or having to chastise members.

Occasionally a bit of sloppiness seems to creep in. The opening up 24 hour old carcasses or dragging them out of watercourses or out of sight, is not a nice thing to leave for your mates.

There have been rumours that FMJ ammo may have been seen at a cull – this is a total NO-NO and is grounds for cancellation of membership.

Every member is seen as representing all of us, so please act accordingly.

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BATTERY CHARGING Kaz H

Just a few hints for those who have had their battery packs repacked with battery cells different to the original, eg from Ni-Cd to Metal Hydride or the latest types (Zn-Air?).

The new batteries may well increase your Amp Hour capacity, but please be aware that the charging characteristics change, and your original chargers (especially trickle chargers) will not do, and may gradually make your battery pack useless.

If in doubt, check with Andy The Battery Bloke 83421777 or whoever repacked your unit.

TYRE PRESSURES OFF BITUMEN Kaz H

Having recently had to attend a meeting at Oodnadatta in company of another member who "shredded" one of his tyres, there was a bit of discussion about tyre pressures with Adam Plant the proprietor of the Pink Roadhouse.

Adam does more outback motoring and tyre repairs than most, and his recommendation is that once off the bitumen you should have no more than 28psi in your tyres irrespective of the load. No he is not looking for extra business.

For safety you should engage 4WD and should not exceed 80kph.

DUTCHMAN STERN 10-14 May 2004 Kaz H

Six members spent five pleasant days hunting down 52 goats, which was probably only 50% of the numbers seen. This was likely due to the helicopter shoot having been only some 4 weeks before.

As with most areas of SA, the area was very dry, with the South springs down to just a patch of damp soil. West springs were still a small trickle with the previously luxuriant reeds just about trampled down by kangaroos and goats.

There seems to be constant goat inflow from the property to the south of the Park, so the next lot of shooters are likely to still have plenty to do.

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JUNE QUARTERLY MEETING Wed June 9

When: this Wednesday June 9, 7:00pm start.

Where: Gaza Sports and Community Club, 232 North East Road Klemzig.

Raffle: 3 litre bottle of Scotch, tickets

\$2.00 ea or 3 for \$5.00, minor prizes as well.

As usual members can join the growing band who enjoy a meal at the OG Hotel (along side Gaza) prior to the meeting. Meals commence at 5:45 pm.

LONG RANGE SHOOT INVITATION The programmed long range shoot on Sunday July 18 at Para Range, has been put back to Sunday August 22. Details can be obtained from Rod F 8258-9444 H, 0401124777 M, E-mail rod.frisby@transport.sa.gov.au

Some members have not completed their **H&C Accreditation**, both in theory and practical. It is a condition of participation that these have been successfully completed. There is a Range Day at Monarto on Saturday July 25 for the practical and theory course on Saturday August 21.

Contact Gil H 82604752, E-mail pres@hunt-cons.asn.au Check your program for other dates.