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Ideally when culling, all animals would be cleanly and humanely dispatched with one well placed shot. The realities of culling are that sadly, the odd occasion arises when this is not the case. When this situation occurs the speedy follow up and dispatching of the animal is of the utmost importance. This action must be of number one priority to all members / hunters. Similarly it is equally important that firearms are correctly sighted in for the task at hand. Poorly sighted in firearms have no place in H&C's activities. Range days are provided for members to sight in. Not everyone is a crack shot and range days give an opportunity for members to hone their shooting skills to maximize the clean and humane dispatching of animals.

The S.S.A.A. State Range at Monarto is available for hire to members when not in use by member clubs. The hire cost is \$25.00 per day. A cheap days shooting for say a group of 5 or 10. Conditions apply and the range must be booked. To hire the range and for more information contact the S.S.A.A. State Secretary Trevor B on 82555058 or E-mail <mailto:ssaasa@senet.com.au> H&C members can also use the Para Range, situated at Greenwith (Golden Grove). The cost is \$15.00 per person per day. The range is open 7 days a week although there are discipline shoots on some ranges on weekends also ranges may be closed for maintenance or private use during the week. It would be wise to contact the caretaker in advance. Contact the S.S.A.A. S.A. Para Branch Inc. Rifle Range Rd Greenwith 08 82896918.

If there are other ranges that you know H&C members could use. Please contact H&CNews with the relevant details so members can be advised. Maybe your club may consider allowing H&C members to use your range, to make a few extra dollars.

Not only is it of the utmost importance to have rifles sighted in, it is equally important that equipment that member's use is in the best possible condition. Nothing presents a worse impression to onlookers outside of H&C than gear that fails or does not work properly. Members should check things like their UHF radio battery condition, carry a good spare, rechargeables or spare dry cells for the GPS, up to date readable maps, they are not expensive and there are also some very good mapping programs available to tailor maps to suit your needs for the particular area. Appropriate footwear is essential, The Gammon Ranges and Flinders etc is not Nike country more like Scarpa or Rossi. H&C has produced a booklet for sale to members called The City Slickers Guide to the Bush. Written by member Frank Bernhardt, this pocket size booklet covers a wide range of topics. Grab a copy even if you know it all, I bet there will be something in it for you. Cost is \$5.00, contact the Ted N or pick one up at the next quarterly meeting.

**QUARTERLY MEETING
WED MARCH 26 @ GAZA
7.00 PM**

Members may be curious as to why the insurance waiver must be signed now before participating in H&C activities. Bob Lowe S.S.A.A. Insurance representative will attend the March 26 quarterly meeting to explain and advise as to why this is now a requirement.

I cannot remember how long ago it was when Grant W started providing the excellent suppers at H&C Quarterly meetings. It has been a long time. Grant has decided that he needs a spell therefore we now need someone to take up where Grant left off. If you can or know of any one who may be able to help out please contact Ted N or Gil H. On behalf of the members of H&C I would like to thank Grant and those that have helped provide the suppers over the years.

An activity co ordinator is required for the **Narrung Rabbit Control Program**. Details can be obtained from the Secretary Rick F

Memberships for the **Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby Preservation Association** are available to H&C members on a time payment basis. \$250.00 deposit and then three Quarterly payments of \$260.00. The development of the campsite and optical aligning facility are almost complete. Camping and shooting is now permitted for members. There is a ongoing fox and cat baiting program for members to participate as well as other activities including feral pest destruction. H&C time payment contracts and more information can be obtained from the secretary Rick F

H&C has been approached to assist in the removal of feral **CAMELS IN THE NORTH WEST** of the state approx 120 km south of Surveyor Generals corner, intersection of the WA SA NT border. There is a list of members who expressed interest in previous camel activities and they will be given priority however if any other members are interested they should contact Kaz H. May be a wise move for those who nominated in the past to confirm with Kaz if you are on his list.

Report from Brian F

Jan.2003. The first Oraparinna, Hollawillina cat/fox spotlighting trip. With fox baiting on the yellow foot property, completed in 4 days by 10 H&C members. The weather was warm and dry, making both walking and spotlighting quite pleasant. The totals for the weekend were CATS 12, FOXES 25 and GOATS 13.

Feb. 2003. The Northern Flinders Ranges saw some 15 H&C members attend the first cull of the year. Living up to their reputation as rain bringers.

Wilpena area had some 50mm of rain over three days of the six days scheduled for the shoot. Despite the shortness of the hunt nearly all participants found and dispatched at least one goat. One even managed to collect a cat that made the mistake of taking a midmorning stroll. All told 91goats were returned to mother nature. One team had the unusual privilege of seeing 17 Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies in the Western Bunyeroo Gorge. Special thanks for the Staff at Oraparinna who put on a B.B.Q. at the end of the hunt for the members which was greatly appreciated, as were the very hot showers and dry bunks.

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The following submitted by Ted N (don't ask me)

Four Wheel Driving or is it Four Wheel Flying

As my trusty Toyota Twin Cab just keeps on going every now and then I get a bit excited about replacing it. Those long trips to the Gammons seem to take their toll and while trawling the internet recently I stumbled across what could be a pretty trick little number for tackling those washed out creek beds and overgrown narrow tracks.

My Toyota's rattly little 3 Litre 4 cylinder engine could be turfed out and replaced with a Twin Turbo 4.5Ltr V8 all alloy engine with 340 bhp on tap so those big hills would just disappear. I recon double wishbone suspension up front would soak up the corrugations pretty well, and a set of 350mm internally vented discs with six piston callipers would haul me down pretty quickly for that mob of goats just spotted but quickly disappearing.

A six speed gearbox so I always have the right gear or perhaps an automatic with a manual override and some neat little gear change buttons on the steering wheel so I don't need

to place my coke can in the refrigerated drinks holder.

Throw in some traction control (PTM) and automatic brake differential to optimise traction as well as anti slip regulation (ASR) and some trick Stability management (PSM) which will make those heart in mouth nearly missed the turn manoeuvres a piece of cake.

The air suspension with self-levelling and ride height control should make the cattle grids a breeze.

Sunroof, wiper system and rain sensor park assist, leather seats and on board GPS navigation which is voice activated and using spoken instructions for those hard to find camping spots.

I recon my trusty Toyota with these minor modifications would be pretty handy, failing that I could take out a 100 year interest only loan and just lash out and collar one of the new Four Wheel Drive Porsche Cayenne Turbo S at a cool quarter of a mil they might just be pretty popular up in the boonies.

Petrol Head Ted

Members at the next meeting can purchase some H&C Cammo stubby holders (possibly a bit anti social and hard to find if you put your drink down) they are a snip at \$5.00 and we now have some cotton shirts in long and short sleeve in Karki or Savannah with the Club embroidered logo (zip top pockets and velcro so there is no more losing stuff from your top pockets)

A Weatherby Vanguard rifle in 308

with a Tasco World Class scope is being raffled and at \$5 a ticket will make someone pretty happy (subject to standard firearms regulation approval)

Ted Norman
Merchandiser Officer

Don't forget to bring your nametag along to the March 26 Quarterly meeting at Gaza. Members are encouraged to wear their H&C nametag at all functions. If you have not received one then let Chris G know and one will be provided.

Prior to the March 26 quarterly some members will be having a meal at the OG Hotel corner of OG and North East Rds. The meeting starts at 7.00 pm, so a six o'clock start at the OG. If you wish to pre book call 82611177 and ask them to include you in the H&C booking.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Wed 26 Quarterly Meeting @ GAZA
Sat 29 Accreditation Course - Contact Gil H for venue and times

APRIL

Tues 1 – Fri 4 Dutchmans Stern cull – Kaz H

MAY

Fri 2 – Mon 5 Cat & Fox - KAZ H
Sat 10 Range Day MONARTO 10am - 4pm - GIL H
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Gammon Ranges Transect - KAZ H
JUNE
Mon 2 – Fri 6 Dutchmans Stern Cull - KAZ H
Tues 10 – Fri 13 F.R.N.P. & Bunkers Transect - KAZ H
Wed 11 Quarterly Meeting @ GAZA
Wed 18 Gammons Cull briefing - GIL H @ GAZA
Sat 21 – Fri 27 Gammons Cull

Accreditation Course

Accreditation fees have been increased to \$30.00 and will include the issue of The City Slickers Guide to the Bush. If you are attending the next accreditation course (Sat March 29) please let Gil H know so that a booking for the lunchtime meal (your cost) at the Leg Trap Hotel can be arranged. The venue will be The Green Shed located at the back of the Bower Cottages, Bower Rd Semaphore Park. Registration at 0830 course commences at 0900.

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