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THIS MONTH

From the President

Hello fellow members

Our President Gordon has suffered ill health lately. He is on the improve but for the moment I am standing in as Acting President until the forthcoming elections.

Speaking of the AGM in June, we have a committed group who are willing to stand and to stay on the Committee should they be elected but we need an Assistant Secretary and a Newsletter Editor. Trevor has done a fantastic job considering he spends so much time overseas. (This newsletter was put together in the Philippines, thank god for the internet). Unfortunately because of his work load he will be unable to continue. So, if you have capable computer skills (I don't), not too bad at grammar and a sense of humour, please put your hand up and help out. Same goes for the assistant secretary's job we need to share the load ...

"Something New" - we will be giving away a 'nice' bottle of wine each meeting to a member who is wearing his name tag. The idea is to encourage you to wear your name tag so we are not a room of strangers and we get to know each other,

Don't forget our speaker David Liard. He is from the SSAA Hunting Management Team and is coming along to inform and be informed. Should be a very interesting exchange of ideas

So see you at the monthly meeting

Regards Andrew Yeomans Acting President



**April Meeting: Special Duck Hunting Raffle Prizes

**7th June Meeting: FHC Annual General Meeting

There is a need for the FHC Committee to comprise a good range of experienced and new members so that it reflects the current trends in hunting and club activities. We are pleased to have many new members joining our club and expect that in time they may take their place in running the club.

If you would like to contribute to the clubs running we are looking for people to join the Committee to help with running events, produce the Monthly Newsletter, conduct the Monthly Meeting Club Raffles etc.

** Special Note :: We do !NEED! a new Newsletter Editor (+ a willing Helper too if we can) to follow on from the AGM. If you can step into this role ... it's not too onerous and only takes a few hours per month. If you could take on this important club role please talk to Trevor Stevens (0429 83 55 29) the current Editor who will help guide you into the role ...

5th July FHC General Meeting

ADVANCE NOTICE of the 'BIG' ANNUAL RAFFLE



FIRST PRIZE 1 x ENGEL 40L FRIDGE with Bag valued at \$1500 SECOND PRIZE ... 1 x Electronic Caller valued at \$300

THIS IS THE "BIG ONE" FOR THE YEAR

CLUB MEMBERS REPORTS

(** Folks if you have any interesting stories and photographs Send to the Secretary and we will publish in the newsletter.

Don't worry about format, spelling, grammar ... that's what the Editor will take care of for you)

Ducks on the Rice ... Deniliquin (November) ... thanks Bill B for the Photos







2017 Opening Day for Ducks ... thanks Theo for the report and photos

After a long drive West of Victoria we finally arrived at our destination. Once we saw the water everyone got very excited.

In no time flat we had our waders 'slapped on'; decoys and hides where unpacked. The water we shot on was flood water from Christmas and was holding big numbers of ducks. Decoys set, with big mobs of birds flying everywhere, we knew that tomorrow morning was going to be a cracker. And that's exactly what it was!!

All 10 of us bagged out and the high fives where flying everywhere. It was great to see such numbers of birds again, kind of reminded me of the 1980s (when Theo was a young bloke hunting with his Dad. Editor). We all returned home safe and had a great weekend.







Annual FHC Rifle Range Competition

The annual competition was hotly contested on both the Rim Fire (.22LR) and the Full Bore Fire Ranges. We had over 20 Field Hunters + wives and children attend at the Lang Lang Rifle Club. It was great to see all the committee members there as well as new members of only a few months (more about him later). The day ran from 0930 hrs until 1300 hrs finishing with a sumptuous BBQ cooked by Cliff Lewis and Andrew Ogilvy and the Prize Ceremony.

The .22LR was over 2 rounds, one at 25 yds and then at 50 yds ... with the scores posted it would be fair to say that any Rabbits within sight of the contestants should be 'worried' ... Our Winner for the day was Paul Cameron a NEW MEMBER just this year. Runner Up – Danny Spooner and 3rd – Adam Russell . Paul also won a Fine Bottle of SA Shiraz for being the newest member of the FHC.

The main full bore range was initially used so that everyone could get their existing and new rifles all sighted in at 100 yds with the help of some of the LLRC Target Rifle and Precision Rifle Members. This was done on a large paper target with a marker in the Butts marking each shot so that sighting was completed quickly and efficiently. This was a very important part of the day as we then moved on to the Electronic Targets that record each shot taken on a lap top screen right beside the shooter on the mound. Each Electronic Target has 8 sensors around the perimeter of the target (@ \$250 each) and hitting one is not well received ... in the last year we have not lost one!!

So, with everyone sighted in and now on the electronic targets, we started to see some fine scores at 100 yds ... quite a number of possible 25's. The move back to the 300 yds and the effect of a breeze across the range was soon to become the 'leveler' Each competitor shot 2 rounds (2 sighters, followed by 5 counting shots) ... the recorded scores as predicted started to balloon. However it became apparent that experience and maturity (some would call it age) was proving to be the difference.

Maintaining a steady aim, gently squeezing off 5 rounds, with good breathing control ... is a target rifle skill to make good scores ... the maxim of "Aim Small ... Hit Small" is a good mantra any field hunter can learn from the Rifle Range.

Soon it was down to just 2, with exactly the same scores after the 3 rounds (1 x 100 yds and 2 x 300 yds) ... We had none other than our ex - President – Mark '270' Brown and Jim '223' Marsden ... So it came down to sudden death ... 'Marsden' with the coin toss advantage decided to take the first shot and having been shooting the centers (6's) out of the targets all day dropped in an uncharacteristic '5' One could say that he had left the gate 'wide open' for Brown to drive the whole Herd of Cattle through !! Maybe it was the extra puff of wind, Cap not quite right (see photo) but to our collective Mr Brown squeezed of a '4' and so we again crowned **Jimmy Marsden 'Centre Fire Champion' for the 3rd Year on the Trot !!!** Well Done ... Jim although at next year's event we may be forced to consider some form of Melbourne Cup type handicapping. Runner Up – Mark Brown and 3rd – Jeremy Davis

Trevor Stevens :: Range Officer LLRC













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Expressions of interest Dingley Dell Red Deer Roar 2017

Just seeking expression of interest if FHC members are interested in going to Dingley Dell Safari Park (located about 10 km from Warragul just off the Princess freeway) at Mt Worth via Warragul in April this year? (Date to be advised). All six species of Deer can be observed. * Red Deer * Rusa Deer * Sambar * Fallow * Chital * Hog Deer plus American Elk

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- * Have a BBQ lunch
- * Afternoon Clay Target Shoot for those interested.
- * Wife's, partners and children welcome. Cost about \$ 20.00 per person. We need 20, people to attend.

Please email or text me with your expression of interest along with names, contact number and email address ? (Final Date to be advised)

Trevor knight

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MAKE THE MOST OF Trevor Knight's OFFER !!
Folks who did this trip in 2016 had a great day

MEMBER INFORMATION

FACEBOOK

Our Club members now number >300 and our Facebook site now has >78 members, if you have not already signed up to Facebook site please drop an email to secretary@fieldhuntersclub.org.au it is a closed secret site which means only members can see your posts.

Take the time to become ACTIVE – learn how to 'Like' or even make a 'Comment' – it is an opportunity to interact with each other and report on hunting successes – It seems we have a club of Facebook 'Stalkers' rather than 'Hunters'

FHC WEBSITE ACCESS

<u>www.fieldhuntersclub.org.au</u> using the password **FHCmembers2016** ... Check out the items in the members' area while you are in there.

HUNTING AND SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Some Websites to Investigate	
http://www.gma.vic.gov.au/hunting/deer/where-to-hunt	
Make sure you go on the SSAA Victoria Website and Register yourself for the Farmer Assist Program	FARMER ASSIST PROGRAM VICTORIA



FHC Feral Animal Program ~ Work in Progress

The committee has appointed new FAC Coordinator Bill B and Adam R are working hard with a small group of helpers to get in contact with some Land Care Groups to try and re-establish some properties that can be used for Club Hunts ... this has a high priority within the Committee and as many of you will know getting access to properties is not easy. It you can assist in any way please talk to Bill or Adam at the monthly meetings

Fox Hunts – May - October	Contacts
Danny's Fox Hunts :: 8:00 am Sunday's at Caldermeade Road	Danny – 0427 277 001
Derinallum :: Meet at 9:00 am every 2 nd Sunday (starts 31 st July) : Accom at the local Yacht Club (\$10)	Gordon – 0425 716 675
Bendgo :: Saturday's : SSAA Local Club	Patrick – 0409 706 878

^{*}Only Shot Guns may be used & a Maximum of 'BB's' may be used. A piece of Blaze Orange must be warn in the field

Lang Lang Rifle Club :: 300 yds Shoots	Contacts
Field Hunters Welcome for the next 300 Shoots on April 22 nd and May 20 th	Trevor – 0429 83 55 29
*Check the LLRC Website for the Annual Program	

*Most Saturday's the LLRC Range is OPEN for 100 yds Sighting In of Rifles (\$20) between 10.00 am and 11.00am. On certain days of the year (see above) the Club is shooting over 300 yds . FHC Members are welcome to shoot over this range onto 'Marked Targets' ... this means you get feedback after every shot. There is also a .22 Range available 'every' Saturday for FHC Members

HUNTING ACCESSORIES : BUY SELL SWAP

Breaking News :: seems no one has anything to sell as no New Items have been requested to be added to the list ...

If you have any items you might like to sell within the club or buy, you can list them here for 2 months. Just remember that we cannot list actual rifles etc ... ONLY hunting type accessories.

Name	Item	Description	Price	Contact
Trevor Stevens	RCB S Dies for 30.06	New Condition only reloaded maybe 200 rounds	\$50	0429 83 55 29
Trevor Stevens	30.06 Brass 150 Pcs	New and Used but all in good Nick	\$30	0429 83 55 29
Trevor Stevens	Tipton Gun Vice	Heavy Gray Plastic with Stock Lock – NEW	\$100	0429 83 55 29

^{**}To have your item included in the Newsletter send an email to Trevor.Stevens29@gmail.com

BBQ & Spit Hire

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Call Andrew Ogilvie on 0447 35 8826



Name Badges

Place your order for name badges at any meeting, badges are \$10 person and money is required before your order is placed.

Please see the secretary at any meeting to place your orders.



Report illegal hunting. Call 136 186.

Don't tolerate suspected illegal behaviour. It could threaten the future of hunting. Report any suspected illegal hunting activity and protect your recreation. All information will be treated in strict confidence. Helpful information includes:

- Time and date of activity
- Location
- Number and description of people involved
- · Vehicle registration and description
- Activity

Membership patch's 8 cm round are sold at \$5 each get in quick and see Jon the Secretary to purchase one!



Did we hear A NEW T Shirt Design is on the list for the Committee to organise ??? I am definitely READY !!!!

Sit your NSW R-License test for <u>FREE</u> just for being an FHC member, email <u>fhctraining@fieldhuntersclub.org.au</u> to register your interest.

 $\underline{http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/education-and-training-for-hunters/restricted-licence-accreditation}$

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/education-and-training-for-hunters/additional-training-for-public-land-hunters

Knife Sharpener

The club has a professional knife and sharpening service available for members. Please see Jim Marsden for further details.

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