



FIELD HUNTER'S CLUB

Spring 2019



FIELD HUNTER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER
www.fieldhuntersclub.org.au

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the September newsletter. Hope you are all well. I was in the head office at Box Hill recently talking to the editor of Vic Shooter and he was telling me that it may not continue due to the lack of interest taken by members. Every time someone opens the email to read it. It sends a message back and they know how many access it. At this stage it is about 10%. I hope the numbers for our little diatribe is considerably higher.

It would be nice to receive some stories and pictures from you to show other members. The Hunting subcommittee has been active but it needs more help from people who want to get out there so show your face to the current members involved and help out.

This month we have organised Chris to come along and sharpen your knives and give a talk. He will be in attendance from 5:30. We also have the Deer Stalkers giving a talk on their club and hopefully we can do some hunts together.

The new CPM organiser Nicholas Renfree-Marks will also be in attendance.

Don't forget about our monthly raffle!

See you at the meeting

Regards Andrew Yeomans

Club Notices



Join us on Facebook , simply drop an email secretary@fieldhuntersclub.org.au to sign up. It is a Closed Secret Site which means only members can see your posts. It's a great way of telling your mates what's been happening and to arrange trips with your hunting friends.

Knife Sharpener

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

We Need Content.

Looking for content for the newsletter.....

Photos, Stories, Hunting reports, Product tests, reviews, How to's, Technical & web links.

Please send content to secretary@fieldhuntersclub.org.au

FHC Website Access

www.fieldhuntersclub.org.au

Using the password FHCmembers2016 ...

Check out the items in the member's area while you are in there.

Name Badges

Place your order for name badges at any meeting. Cost \$10 per person Please see the secretary to place your order.



Insert Name Here

Club Patches

Membership badges 8 cm are sold at \$5 each. See the treasurer to purchase one.





Club Meeting

4Th September

Chris will be here for Knife sharpening and give a talk.
He will be in attendance from 5:30.

Deer Stalkers Club will be speaking about their Club

The new CPM organiser Nicholas Renfree-Marks will also be in attendance.

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
- Activity

Fire Arm Safety 10 BASIC RULES

Rule 1: Treat every firearm as loaded

Rule 2: Always point firearms in a safe direction

Rule 3: Load a firearm only when ready to fire

Rule 4: Identify your target beyond all doubt

Rule 5: Check your firing zone

Rule 6: Store firearms and ammunition safely

Rule 7: Avoid alcohol and drugs when handling firearms

Rule 8: Never have loaded firearms in the car, home or camp

Rule 9: Never fire at hard surfaces or water

Rule 10: Don't climb fences or obstacles with loaded firearms

Highest Deer Harvest Recorded In Victoria

Tuesday, 13 August 2019

Latest research into deer hunting in Victoria shows the highest number of licensed recreational deer hunters harvesting the highest number of deer recorded.

The Estimates of the 2018 deer harvest in Victoria report has found that 121,600 deer were harvested in 2018 - an increase from 106,275 deer harvested in 2017.

The most commonly harvested species in 2018 was Sambar Deer with an estimated total harvest of more than 88,000 (88,202), of which 55 per cent were female.

Fallow Deer were the second most commonly harvested species, with an estimated harvest of 30,552 deer, double the estimated harvest in 2017. Sixty-five per cent of harvested Fallow Deer were female.

The number of licensed deer hunters peaked at 39,066 by the end of the year.

The research also shows that each licensed deer hunter was active for an average of 6.7 days in 2018, taking an average of 3.5 deer per year.

The total number of days spent hunting by all deer hunters in 2018 was approximately 237,000 days (237,594).

The five areas where the most deer hunting occurred were Mansfield, Dargo, Myrtleford, Eildon and Wodonga. The five areas where the highest number of deer were harvested were Mansfield, Bright, Omeo, Dargo and Wodonga. Most of the deer were taken from public land.

GMA Chief Executive Officer Graeme Ford says the findings in the report show the growing popularity of deer hunting, with the number of licensed deer hunters continuing to increase.

"It is important to collect information about the number of deer harvested by recreational hunters each year. Data obtained from this research will help to inform decisions about deer management and the management of public and private land in Victoria" Mr Ford said.

Throughout 2018, researchers regularly surveyed licensed deer hunters, asking questions about their hunting activity, including how many deer they harvested, where they hunted, what hunting methods were used, and the species of deer they successfully harvested.

The report is produced by the Game Management Authority (GMA) in collaboration with the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research.

For a full copy of the Estimates of the 2018 deer harvest in Victoria, visit <http://www.gma.vic.gov.au>

Hunting's future depends on you



Hunting is an important cultural pastime in Victoria. Tens of thousands of Victorian, interstate and overseas game hunters generate thousands of jobs and contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to the State economy, particularly in rural and regional Victoria. When you are enjoying Victoria's great hunting opportunities, be mindful that the future of hunting depends on how you conduct yourself as a hunter. Every hunter should be an ambassador for the recreation.

As a responsible hunter, you should always:

Respect animals

- Only take what you can use
- Make optimal use of harvested quarry (have a minimum/no waste approach)
- Shoot only when you can retrieve your quarry
- Shoot only when a humane result is possible
- Use the right equipment to effectively and humanely hunt animals
- Look after your hunting dogs

Respect the environment

- Take all your litter (including empty cartridges) with you
- Bury or remove animal remains
- Drive only on designated tracks
- Keep campfires safe
- Leave your campsite clean
- Protect our wetlands and waterways (e.g. don't leave animal remains in or near waterways)
- Take part in efforts to protect and restore wildlife habitats

Respect other hunters

- Be respectful and courteous if hunting or camping in the same area as other people
- Be safe and abide by the law so everyone is on a level playing field
- Share your knowledge and skills with others

Respect the hunt

- Hunt safely and abide by the Firearms Safety Code
- Lead by example
- Respect our cultural heritage
- Always hunt within the law and report illegal behaviour
- Uphold the highest ethical standards
- Promote and praise good behaviour
- Know your skill limits and hunt within them
- Improve and maintain your skills through practice and/or joining a club

Respect non-hunters

- Help others and be courteous
- Thoughtfully carry hunting equipment and harvested quarry (e.g. cover quarry during transit)
- Respect the opinions of non-hunters
- Only enter private property with permission
- Share the harvest with a non-hunter and promote the culinary/sustainability benefits of hunting

Respect the laws

- Take time to know the laws and act within them at all times
- Work with Authorised Officers; they are there to help you and ensure safe, sustainable, humane and equitable hunting
- Don't tolerate illegal behaviour - report suspected offenders on 136 186.

For more information visit www.gma.vic.gov.au

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Hunting Opportunities - Fox Drives



Caldermeade—Danny's Fox Drive

Contact Danny Dyall 0427 277 001



When and Where; Sunday at 8 am.
The meeting point is 55 Caldermeade Road, Caldermeade VIC.
Rough directions are that you turn left off the Gippsland Highway at the McDonalds. BP service station. Then go down Caldermeade road about 500 meters. You will see all the people parked on the side of the road. IF you are late you will be left behind.

What to bring
Shotguns only and Ammo. BB is the largest shot size.
Radio. Preferable with a ear piece. Make sure that you have a **WORKING RADIO** with fully charged batteries. You need this to be able to get direction into you spot and directions during the hunt.
Lunch some drinks (water) etc.
1 piece of Hi Viz Fluro – either hat or Vest.
Gumboots.
Dog lead. This is also a must. You need to help catch the dogs at the end of the beats.

If you try to call Danny leave a message. But if he does not return your **call don't worry as he is busy. So just go on the Sunday. Remember to enjoy yourself in the great out doors.**

Hunting Opportunities - Fox Drives



Bendigo - Raven Wood Fox Drives

- Contact Ian Dean 0419 131 910
- When and Where Every Saturday. The meeting place changes so call Ian to get the meeting place for this week.
- What to bring Same as Danny's fox drivers above except bring some no 7 shot as well for the beats.
Also bring a noise making device. A lot of the people use a whistle.
Sport referee whistle. You need to make a noise while walking a beat.
Some people just shout but you can get hoarse.
No dog lead or gum boots required.
Just good walking shoes or boots.
Remember the Hi Viz.
Take lunch as you are in the forests so there is not always a take away shop near by.
If you want to lift club please give me a ring on 0409 706 878. I will glad for the company If I am going.

Shepparton: SSAA Shepparton Fox Drive

- Contact Andrew McCormack email amac3629@bigpond.com
- When and Where Normally on a Saturday in the Shepparton area each week changes
Email Andrew and he will provide you with the details.
- What to bring Equipment is the same as Bendigo
Take lunch and water

Night vision For Sale Pulsar 970,

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- For sale Anschutz Straitline .22 single shot, threaded muzzle, a good kids gun \$80.
- For sale stand up shooting sticks, trigger lock tripod \$80.
- For sale ammunition 30 / 06 Remington Core-lokt 150gr \$35 per box of 20. Ammunition 30/06 Remington core-lokt 150gr \$35 a per box of 20.
- 2.5 x10 56 post green trigicon \$1400
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- 2x7 Leopoldo vx2 \$220

Contact Kevin 0457199384

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David Gudgin

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