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**Welcome** to the second e-magazine for 2012.



We are hunters, shooters, bowhunters, pigdoggers, fishermen, campers, 4WD'ers, houndsmen, range shooters, trappers, pest controllers, farmers....

But we all have one thing in common - we love to get outdoors with family and friends and enjoy the great Aussie bush and its' lifestyle.

Remember this when the next 'anti-hunting' media campaign hits us. We stand united and we stand strong in numbers, to protect the lawful activities we enjoy and the entitlement to pass it on to our juniors.

We are Aus-hunters.

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# North Queensland Tuskers



The direct flight from Sydney to Townsville has us on the ground **in just over 2 hours and a little over 1.5 hours more we are nestled at Dalpura Station, North Queensland.** We arrive in time for a late lunch (which they call 'dinner' in these parts) and start loading the chopper shortly after.



The Robinson R44 chopper is an amazing piece of machinery, and I always wonder how good it would be to have one to get around Sydney in, negating all the traffic to work!! This amazingly nimble yet superbly safe machine is as close to flying like a bird as you can possibly get. You truly feel as though you are an extension of the space you occupy, the trees, creeks, swamps and vastness just whizzing by a few hundred feet below.

As if the flight alone isn't a phenomenal buzz, it is what you can see, and more importantly where can be accessed that puts this hunting sensation into a whole new category.



I spot our destination in the distance. A massive long swamp created millions of years ago by Basalt lava flow. From the air you can still see the million year old lava the way it flowed as though it just cooled yesterday. But today the only thing hot is the pigs as we spot a seriously large mob wallowing on the edge of the swamp. There has to be around 60 pigs in this one mob.

Unless you buzz them directly from above, the chopper may as well be just another bird to them. They don't budge an inch from their leisurely wallow.

**This is truly inaccessible land by all other forms of transport.** It is impossible to drive or walk in, as there is just too much swamp. We play it safe anyway and continue up the watercourse passing over two other mobs only 300m or so away and land a safe distance around 600m into open ground. The chopper takes off away from the swamp and instantly the place is quiet and still.

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Like ants to a picnic all that is left now is to walk back to where we know the mobs are and take aim. It takes all of 10 minutes to find a solitary boar rooting up the edge of the swamp. We must have missed him from the air, but that doesn't matter. My only quandary is that I don't want the shot to disturb the bigger mob, just a little further away. I need not have worried!

With the wind in my face, and hence in my favour, **I was able to get to within 60m or so of the fat porker.** He had nowhere to go anyway, but I just stood there watching him through the scope. He was totally oblivious to my presence until a 130gr Speer hollow point entered just behind his shoulder blade turning his lungs into mush. He runs five short paces on adrenaline then its lights out.

After a few quick pics we leave the tusky beast to become part of someone else's food chain and go off in search of the bigger mob. They were right where they had been 40 minutes ago when we flew over them. This time we had the benefit of a large scrubby bush between us and the mob and we use this as cover to move on in. This time its my step-son John's turn to shoot.



John hunts with a Ruger .270, me a Kimber .308. We shoulder our rifles and John sends a Winchester Ballistic silver tip rocketing towards another nice boar felling him into the swamp. Confusion reigns within the mob and at least 30 pigs scamper for safe ground. I take out a mid-sized boar on the run and a big sow in the melee, John another good boar.

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The chopper swoops in right as planned and pretty soon we are flying off toward a little known fishing hole that holds our dinner. No need to worry about getting an early night for a 5am hunt. There will be plenty more hogs in the sights after lunch tomorrow!!

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# The fundamentals of marksmanship.



Shooters often debate which caliber of firearm is superior, or which scope or rifle is the latest and greatest. Of greater importance to the shooters consistent accuracy is the understanding and application of marksmanship principles.

Every time you get behind a firearm and take aim, regardless of the firearm's caliber, make or sighting system, you are putting all of the basic principles into use, regardless of whether you are aware of them or not. It is these fundamentals which can be isolated and trained then refined in order to help increase your hit ratio regardless.

There are several theories on the fundamentals of Marksmanship. A google search provides a definition used by the British, US and Australian Armies:

1. The position and hold must be firm enough to support the firearm.
2. The firearm must point naturally at the target without physical effort.
3. Sight alignment must be correct.
4. The shot must be released and followed through without disturbance to the position.

This definition covers the basics very broadly, and does not clearly define each skill narrowly enough. This broad approach alone does not then allow us to truly isolate and in turn master each skill. However in the Army's defence, the principles are designed to be taught as basic principles on a mass scale to varying skills levels in a short amount of time. More in depth and specialist training is provided to specific personnel whose positions require it. Luckily, as recreational shooters, we have the luxury of learning at our own pace, and refining the skills as much or as little as our budgets or work schedules allow.

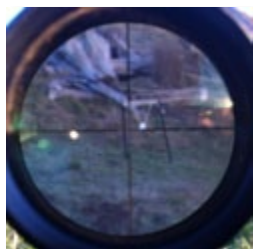
The first skill is defined as **Natural Point of Aim.**

In basic terms this means that regardless of position, the firearm should naturally point at the target and the body should naturally be aligned to the firearm.

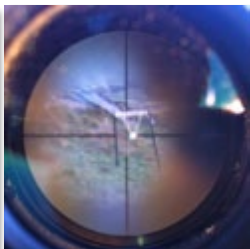


### Sight Picture and Alignment.

When taking a sight picture through a scope, the firer should have a clear, crisp sight picture without shading. If there is any shadowing or blurriness the scope needs to be either adjusted or its position on the firearm to allow a clear, crisp image to be seen through the scope.



Edge to Edge clarity



Any Shading will alter your point of impact

### Trigger Control.

A firearm vibrates briefly when discharged. If we pull the trigger in any direction, rather than squeezing it straight back, we are effecting the natural vibrations of the firearm. This can affect our point of impact, our natural point of aim and ability to accurately make follow up shots.

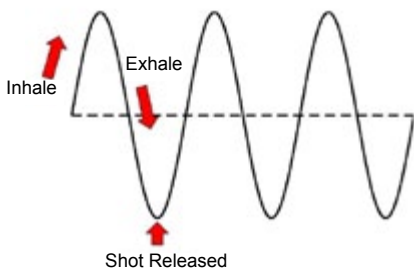


90 deg on the trigger ensures it gets squeezed straight back.

### Breathing.

When taking aim at a target we are attempting to take out as many variables as possible. One of these is the amount of air in our lungs at the point at which the shot is released. The closest we can come to repeatedly having a measurable amount of air in our lungs is when we have fully exhaled, or the natural pause at the end of exhalation. Regardless if we are huffing and puffing this pause remains, however its length varies and is directly related to how fast our heart is beating.

The Breathing Cycle



### Follow Through.

This is the ability to drive the firearm through its recoil and watch the round impact at the target. If we really 'pull apart' each shot, most people will generally have two distinct 'recollections'. The one just before the shot is released, a short intermission whilst the firearm discharges, then a recommencement of it once the recoil has stopped. Having a good follow through means that you can stay with the firearm whilst it is recoiling and observe your fall of shot. This will allow you to quickly make adjustments if necessary and take a second follow up shot if required.

This is a brief overview of only some of the factors which affect shooters when taking each and every shot. If you are consistently missing or not



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observing your round hitting the target, it is more than likely one of the above factors at play.

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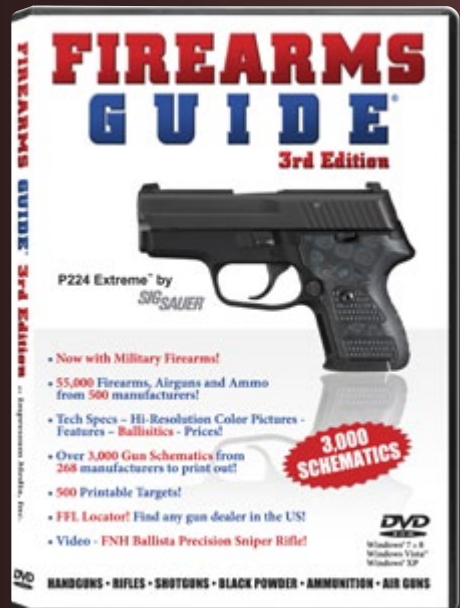


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## Wonnangatta Members Hunt 2012 Reports

[Started by Joe.358win, May 11 2012](#)

Pics, stories and laughs from the annual hunt with a few pirates and the 'mongrel' thrown in for good measure. **This is what it's all about!**

## Member Hunt At Eildon

[Started by cameronpatrol, May 16 2012](#)

Despite the road closures and weather you still got out there for a hunt and a few laughs around the campfire. **Good job boys!**

## AH Member Night Clay Shoot

[Started by cameronpatrol, Jul 03 2012](#)

What a way to spend a Friday night – **shooting!** Good reports from all on a fun night at Nepean Clay target club.

## Pheasants

[Started by optic, Jun 14 2012](#)

Members organise a hunt at Victoria Range Game Reserve shooting and using dogs. "The guide said to me why are they walking so slow like that, i replied they are deer hunters mate." **Too funny!**

## You Think You Are Doing A Big Favour For The Farmer

[Started by flatlineroz, May 24 2012](#)

Many recreational hunters are part of a bigger pest control program on most farms, with the same common goal – **eliminate the ferals**. This in turn keeps everybody happy!

## Bring On The National Parks

[Started by dazz02, May 30 2012](#)

Discusses the access that will be granted and the various associations involved along with some differences between NSW and VIC systems. **Anyway, im first!!!**

It's fantastic to see that most of the hottest topics are AusHunt members organising hunts and shoots together. This is a sign of the great community we are all a part of. **No keyboard hunters here!**

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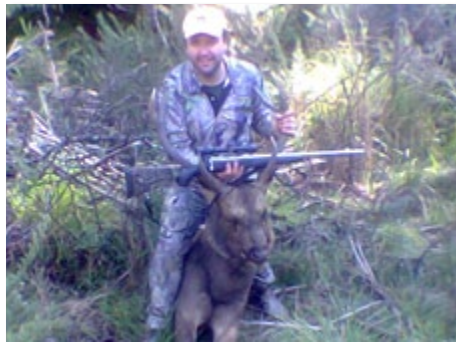
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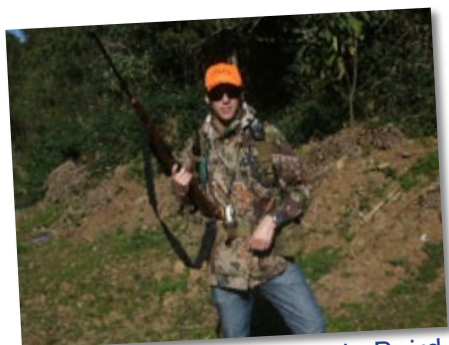
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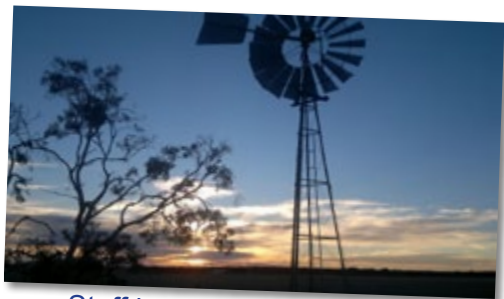
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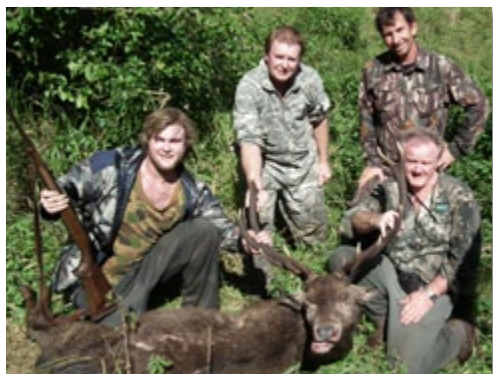
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We apologise for any inconvenience caused and cannot rule out we will not be targeted again.

## ■ Website upgrades

All associated software for the site has been upgraded to the latest versions. Sometimes this can include drastic or subtle changes to some features of the site and we appreciate your patience with this. Regular upgrades are necessary to keep the software as secure as it can be.

## ■ Security

A timely reminder that anything that you post on the internet (on any site) is usually there to stay. If you are sending sensitive data then you need to explore the most secure options available to you or send via traditional methods such as the phone!

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