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Welcome to the first issue of the 2015 eMagazines.



As the temperature cools and some parts report decent rainfall, hunters are checking over their equipment, clothing and vehicles for some good hunting ahead.

Deer season has started and as hunters return from the field we are seeing their results posted in the forum, on facebook or other social media sites.

And for me this means jerky season! as i don't mind turning some fresh venison into some mouth watering treats for my mates to share around the campfire.

The annual AusHunt Wonnangatta hunt is looming and forum members are getting excited as this event has established itself as a good time for all involved, newbie or old timer, and one not too miss.

Happy huntin' and stay safe in the field,

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# NORTHERN TERRITORY BUFFALO HUNT

When a good friend moved to a station in the heart of great hunting country in the Northern Territory I didn't need to be asked twice to visit and hunt a buffalo bull.

We arrived on a Tuesday at the end of the dry season and had to make ourselves busy hunting a few pigs close to the house as my mate was away fighting fires. Finally on Friday the fires were out and we were off into the back blocks.

We were searching for a swamp area that the station tracks didn't reach. My mate had flown over this swamp a few times and had seen buffalo on it every time; including a good bull. We got to the end of the station tracks and just had to bush bash in the general direction of the swamp for an hour or so.

Luckily the landcruiser had a good bullbar and side rails. After a few false starts we found some quad bike tracks left after mustering and knew we were on the money. We guessed we were close to the

swamp and got out and walked the last 500m or so.

We broke out of the light scrub onto an open paddock about 800m across with a muddy waterhole in the centre. Grazing on the swamp was a mob of about 30 buffalo cows. I looked to the right and there was the bull. The wind was swirling and the buffalo had smelled us, they milled around getting ready to leave.

**The bull was closer to me and started wandering toward the mob. Not really in a hurry; just a fast walk.**

He was about 250m away and getting further away. I ran a little to the right to get a better angle for a shot and sat down and leaned off a small paperbark. I knew I had to shoot quickly as he was nearly too far away and following him up was not an option as the scrub on the other side of the swamp was quite thick and once he



## NT BUFFALO HUNT...

got into that it was goodbye.

I had a good angle on the bull and I fired two shots into his lungs. He hopped a few meters and stood with his head down. I fired another shot into his neck aiming behind his ear and down we went. What a great bull and an epic hunt. We took the bulls head and some meat and started out for home.

Driving past another swamp on the way out my mate shot a nice young bull for meat and horns as well. A great day out and one that I will never forget.

Rifle used was a Ruger MK II 30/06 with handloaded 180grain Woodleigh projectiles.

Troy.

## BOARS out west



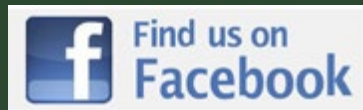
Had a good shoot last week on a mates' sheep station, it was a good cull cleaning out 5 good boars from one paddock which had **over 50% loss in lambs**.

There's no grass in the paddocks so mostly just flushed the pigs from fallen timber cover and along dry creek beds.

My jrt had a few bails, there's no stopping him now he's matured, unreal watchin the little fella pull up 70-80kg boars!! though we come extremely close to losing him to a brown snake but that's a whole other story...

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We got onto 3 boars late one morning just hanging back on one dam, I only seen one and took off chasing him down and getting a good bail going.

I got a call over the two-way that the old fella nailed a good one but thought I was

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on a loner boar, turned out there were 3 together and the smallest one got fright and took off, which was the one I chased.

I headed back and he was right, a good solid boar tipping 79kg with good ivory. I was informed of what went down as I took off to chase the smaller boar the other 2 jumped behind me one good piebald one getting away.

We attacked the same run late the next morning and spooked the piebald boar out and put on a good chase covering about a km before he fell to a 150gr corelokt from the Marlin 336. He tipped 72kg with little tusks but in prime condition.

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**I decided to sit at a waterhole in this block of heavy timber early one Saturday morning.**

I arrived there before sunrise and it was nice and still until the birds started, then the forest came alive!!

A few roo's came in for a drink but to my surprise no deer or pigs although there were plenty of fresh tracks around the water. At around 9 am I decided to leave the waterhole and go for a stealth walk through this block. After about half an hour I spooked 3 roo's next to me, they took off hopping through the timber. I kept an eye on them as they went further away.

**Suddenly I caught a glimpse of... deer!!**

It was a couple of hundred metres away through the timber, so I had to close the gap and also get on the right side of the wind.

That all worked out good and I got to 140 meters away from it, rested my gun on a tree stump and looked through the scope set on 12x. I looked at the deer and saw it was a nice young buck, so good for the freezer.

I lined him up with the .270 and he dropped on the spot, cycled a new round in the chamber just in case. As I took my eyes off of him, I could see this other deer....Sh#t....i looked through the scope again and I could see this bigger buck, don't ask me where he was or came from, but I took him too. He also dropped on the spot.

I was shaking and excited, overwhelmed and happy all at the same time!! The farmer had asked me to shoot every deer i saw, so that's why I didn't hesitate taking both animals.

After bleeding them, i gutted the smaller buck, took the 4 legs, straps and head off the bigger one, it took me over 3 hours to carry it all out on my own.

Back home I cleaned the meat and carcass, and hung 'em in the coldroom. I butchered them after being in the coldroom for 6 days at 4.5 degrees. came out sensational, tender as.... So now everyone including the farmer got some beautiful venison in the freezer.

So all up, had a great time down south and did some great hunting with rifle and shottie. I even managed to whistle up a few foxes, that's bloody awesome too!!

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## Fallow finally

Started by [Tassieshunter](#), March 26 2015

I've been hunting up the central highlands in Tassie for 10 days over the last four weeks. Last Sunday was my last day at it for this season as I can't go this final weekend. We average about 12km a day trying to wake one up after they bed down for the day.

Waiting on first and last light i saw a few smaller stags and a couple of good ones, but let them walk. On first light Sunday morning I glass the flats from the bush line and saw nothing. The night before I was watching 2 nice ones in this spot but I was on the other side of the large flat and had no chance of getting across unseen.

So I started out across the flat and jumped the fence into shoulder high bushes where they are often bedded down and as

**I jumped the fence a large pair of antlers came up and headed away from me.**

I lifted the Tikka 30 06 but it was fogged over, a quick wipe and tried to locate him again, still only antler, then he crosses a small clearing , he is only 4 steps away from the next lot of bushes and by now about 60-70 metres away.

**BOOM THUMP**, well I'll be stuffed I hit him. He kept going but I found him another 30 metres away, still standing but not going far.

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## Early morning fallow

[Started by Henno, April 10 2015](#)

Had a horror job in Jerilderie yesterday and thought I'd stop in at Mansfield overnight.

Yomped my normal back hills route yesterday afternoon and turned up bugger all.

This morning however I grassed a wee fallow. I was back at the hut by 730. Had a cuppa and got to work.

Plan was to harvest all the meat and skin it too as I thought I had the time. Turns out I had to scoot so didn't get to complete the job.

Animal is in top condition, good fat layers and an awesome coat.

Next time....



## Case burn marks

[Started by Joe358win, April 11 2015](#)

The case on the left is from the loads I was shooting yesterday, the case on the right is from a different batch of loads.

The case on the left and the other 7 I fired yesterday show signs of excessive heat and were hard to eject out of the lever rifle, the case on the right looks clean and no signs of excess heat and ejected easily.

The case on the right measured at 50.7mm while the left case measured 51.1mm.

Would I be correct in that assumption given I know nothing about reloading and had these done by the LGS?



What's your opinion? [Join the discussion.](#)

## Few getting about

Started by [Brinny](#), March 20 2015

Been out getting into the foxes of late. Here are a couple of pics from last week.



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# Website news + developments... Happy Birthday!

## AusHunt is 10 years old!

February 11th 2015 marked 10 years since we officially released the Hunting and Shooting Discussion Forum to the public and opened for business after a few months of pre development.

The initial idea of AusHunt was to provide a place for Australian hunters and shooters to be able to share stories, photos and knowledge across Australia, this is still strong today.

We never wanted to become too political or get caught up in government policies but instead represent the everyday hunter who has a story to tell. As we have always said: *'you do not need to be a professional writer to submit your stories to AusHunt, we are looking for true blue hunting stories as told in your own words'*.

Creating a positive community based on ethical and humane hunting practice and helping to improve public perceptions of hunters was also our objective.

After establishing our community we focused on Australian business, helping many to create awareness of their products and services as well as us building a network of industry contacts.

Product news, website launches and members competitions became more common on the site as we created a buzz around the industry and created a reputable brand for us.

The Australian Hunting and Shooting Business Directory was then born providing a comprehensive listing of most Australian businesses.



Our emagazine was first produced in 2010 and still draws high attention from our members and visitors who want to catch the highlights from the site in an easy to read summary.

Social media saw amazing growth around us, which prompted us to release our Facebook page in 2010 which has an honest following today and opportunities for us to still develop and expand into.

**Thanks again to all our amazing members and their families, the positive community at AusHunt and our dedicated sponsors and business for all your support and we look forward to serving you in the future.**

We celebrated by releasing a new mobile friendly website which now brings all our services into this format as we continue to keep up with technology.

Stay tuned for some blasts from the past in the forum or facebook.

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