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Welcome to the Winter emagazine of 2015.

Plenty of deer have hit the deck this season, filling freezers and rewarding some hunters with a trophy of a lifetime.

Foxes, pigs and wild dogs are also abundant with many pics posted in our forum and on social media though this highlights the battle Aussie farmers face in controlling mass numbers of feral animals.

Politics seems to never leave shooters alone with a temporary ban on the import of the Adler shotgun creating negative media. Law abiding shooters should never be victimised for owning a gun or pursuing their past time, especially when so many hunters are doing landowners a favour.

Anyway, its starting to feel a little warmer in some states but still cool enough to get out there for a last minute hunt!!

Happy huntin' and stay safe in the field,

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Finally :))

It's a long running joke in my family that I'm the most unsuccessful deer hunter in the world. And up until Sunday, they were probably right!

Those successful deer hunters know that the success comes from hard work.

Scanning countless maps, researching areas, listening to other hunters' stories and advice, walking kilometre after kilometre in the bush, getting rained on and frozen for no result, etc etc. But they all kept at it and that hard work paid off with experience and success.

My problem, or so I tell myself, has always been time. As in, not having enough. To be honest, its more about not "making"

enough time to get out and have a crack. Funny how you can make that time when you need to. Like when a mate needs a hand. Especially when the mate says "I've got a property full of fallow and I need a hand thinning them out". Pretty hard to say "no" to that!

So that saw a 2am start on Sunday morning to make the meeting point by 5.30am. Packed the car the night before so a quick shower, gather the rifles, and we're off. Sally wanted to come too so I had someone to keep me awake on the trip. Well, the first 5 minutes of the trip anyway before she started snoring...

The forecast was for the coldest, wettest weekend in the history of man so thoughts were of getting drenched for no sightings. When we got there though the skies were

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clear! It was bloody cold but still not as cold as expected so the hunt was on! Optic, Henno, Joe, Sally and I waited at the property gate until just before first light and after some instructions, the four of us (Sally was asleep in the car again) were off through the gate and down into "fallow gully". We stalked along quietly for about 200m before we could really see anything. The opposite hill started to reveal details and we could see trails everywhere. We kept going until Optic said he could see a white fallow in the near distance through the trees. Stuffed if I could make it out even with binos! But that could explain my success rate to date... We slowed down, not wanting to spook it. Optic reported that there were at least three herds on the property so no need to rush things over a single deer.

We kept contouring along some game trails and now the light was good enough for us to see up the hill across open pastures for about 600m. I spotted something near the top of the hill and put the binos up. Two - no - three fallow slowly feeding their way towards us! I signalled the other guys and a plan was agreed. I'd stay there and wait in ambush while the others would go further around the hill where there should be at least one of the other herds. I was told to give them at least 15 mins head start before shooting but, if I "had to" take the shot, I was free to go.

So I found a spot that I thought would be ok and sorted myself out to wait. I lost sight of the deer and started second guessing myself but there was nowhere else for me to go other than stay there or crowd the other blokes so I stayed put. Over the radio came a report that the others had spotted another herd but they

were in amongst a stack of roos so they decided to keep going. Next thing I know I can hear hurried hoofs on the ground on the other side of the gully! Can't see anything but there's no doubt something is coming my way.

After a few seconds three fallow come down the gully trying to get across to my side. They're quartering away from me at about 30m and going at a fast trot. They don't look like stopping so I either shoot or let them go. Rifle up, safety off! I'm trying to decide if they'll stop and prop or keep going?

My mind screams "Don't over think it - AGAIN!". Sounds like solid advice!

So the lead deer gets the crosshairs put just in front of her and my new timney trigger gets a little squeeze and she's down! Cycle the bolt and look for another target as the other two reverse direction at a run! One stops for a look back, the 308 booms again, and its down with a neck shot. Cycle again but the third is nowhere to be seen. The first requires a finisher so I deliver from where I am and the bush is all quiet again. Except for the radio which is bursting with demands to know if I was successful. My report was a pretty happy one!



Almost straight away I spot another herd up the hill. I line up a nice sized one but I underestimated the distance and at the report they all race off around the ridge and out of sight.

I waited in hope of more deer but all I had were roos that kept coming and coming - must have been at least 40 of them. Most were oblivious of me but a couple were a little more alert. Interestingly they all head in the same direction as the deer so there could be a plan in the making there too...

Unfortunately the other guys saw plenty of fallow but never got the chance for a shot so they came back to deliver their congrats and to help me with the carryout which was much appreciated! The nice thing about property hunting for fallow is the short carryout of a relatively light animal straight to a vehicle!! But dragging them up a hill alone is never going to be a lot of fun.

Chores were shared out with some helpful butchering tips, some handy knife work and some creative soup cooking that was very well received in the cold wind.

Optic's freezer was full so the two animals were shared between the three of us and we went our separate ways. I'm sure we were all thinking about the numbers of deer we saw that went untouched and when we might get an invite back again....

I can tell you that it is a very satisfying feeling to have one (or two) on the deck at last. It dispels a lot of negative thoughts like: would I be able to do it? (Yes!) Would I make a good shot or stuff it? (Two for two!) Is my rifle accurate enough? (Yes!) Would I know what to do afterwards? (Yes! - although tips helped!) Would I get the shakes? (No!)

A MASSIVE thanks to my hunting mates who knew when they left me in the ambush spot that they were setting me up for a win, possibly at their own expense! And thanks to Sally who woke up in time to radio to all and sundry about me popping my cherry...as if these blokes didn't already have enough ammunition against me...

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BIG WEEKEND

Arrived late Friday arvo, decided to have a quick look before unpacking the car and setting up camp.

Had only gone about 300m from camp and thought I spotted a Scrubber. Got Chris to come over and we went closer. It was a decent scrubber. Swapped Chris my 358 and took his 243. Chris was excited and placed a 225 hydro into the bull from around 60m, front on shot and the bull turned and walked forward a step or two." Hit him again." A couple of 185 ACP's and he was on the ground. Chris was stoked, his first rifle shot scrubber. A few photos and decided to continue.

We caught up with Alfred and decided to split up , Chris went with Alfred and Jacko and I took the other side of the swamp. Alfred and Chris got into six pigs for the arvo. With Chris taking his best boar with the 243. I picked up three with one a nice boar.

Early start the next morning and I got a huge boar around 110 kg's, with two quick running shots from the 358. Whilst



taking pics the others turned up, then we continued on to a jungle spot. Chris and I, were working the outer edge when the shooting started on the inner edge.

Plenty of palms being smashed and the noise was getting closer.

I moved forward to get into a better shooting position. I was right on the edge when there was motion, movement, just in front of me.

What ever was coming was almost clear



of the palms. When it broke into the open in front of me at about 8m the rifle was up and swinging with it. Shit it was a huge bull buff. Swung thru and placed a 185 tight and low behind his front leg at around 17m. The shot looked perfect but I placed two more in him over the next 50m. He was slowing up in the burnt woodlands. I dropped two hydros in and placed them thru his shoulders.

He went down in some spindley burnt scrub. Cautiously approached him to make sure he was done. I was stoked my first buff with the 358.

He had gone down in a good position so photos were easy. The others had taken a good scrubber on the edge of the palms.

cheers Mick



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Solo Hunt in the VIC High Country

[Started by advpat, May 20 2015](#)

I headed to the VIC High Country for a bit over a week hunting Sambar. I planned a backpack solo hunt so plans and preparations were put in place.

So I headed to the Alpine National Park and I heard there was weather warnings but thought I would assess the severity up there. On arrival the wind was howling and there were trees across tracks, however I persevered and headed deep into the bush to find an area out of the wind which would hopefully produce results. Well I woke the next morning to snow and it didn't appear to be letting up, so I headed back out to lower ground.

I hunted an area I had been to previously, over the next few days I saw plenty of hinds with their calves but no stags.

Although watching hinds undisturbed was rewarding and the meat would be an easy carry out, I decided to continue looking for an elusive stag.

Once the snow had melted up in the Alpine area, I headed back for another crack. The nights were very cold and mornings fresh, again predominantly hinds and a juvenile stag that was all that was seen, until sunset on my last evening, tip toeing through the trees I spotted a larger bodied stag. If the animals are undisturbed and I feel like I have time on my side, I like to try get footage of the deer before I take a shot, but I could feel the wind swirling on the back of my neck and the stag was heading towards thicker scrub. I knew my opportunity to take a shot would be getting shorter. A decision had to be made to take a shot, so I thought, I'm going to take him.



[Watch the video](#)

He was about 80 metres, I followed him for a short period in the cross hairs, waiting for him to reach a clearing between the trees. It felt like I was watching him for minutes but it was only seconds, the stag reached a clearing and **BOOM**. I took a quartering with my .375 ruger loaded with 270gn Woodleighs, the stag took off for around 80 metres and collapsed on the ground.

I stood back and watched the stag for a while before I was sure he was dead and it was safe to approach. The stag had a large body and his antlers were uneven, my first impression was he was old and not malformed. After some footage and few pics, there was a vehicle track only 2 kilometres away, so I decided I could probably start packing the meat out that night. And then the work started.

Anyway the stag antlers were uneven but the good side went 29 and 24 on the other. Although the stag isn't a perfect example of a trophy I was still chuffed.

Cheers Patrick

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Saw 5 got 3

[Started by franklinsnapper, June 06 2015](#)

Bit of NW breeze and overcast conditions made it ideal to have a quick look around Geoff's last night. We have been seeing a fox mooching around in the house paddock in the extreme NW corner for quite a while. Geoff lights him up from his verandah almost every night with his Olight torch and he disappears into the bush each time. The bastard was there again last night and I took a shot at him from the back of the ute at about 280-300m, was not sure if I connected. We did hear a whack sound, though. Searched for about 5 minutes couldn't find anything, bugger it.

Any way, off to run around the rest of the place. Next paddock had one runner that did not present for a shot. He can wait for another occasion when the wind is in my favour and not his.

A bright eye at the cattle yards was a young dog that stupidly trotted toward us when we stopped for the shot and took one in the chest at 150 odd.

As that one came towards me I noticed him stop and about face and stare out to the area from whence he had come which had me thinking he had company. Turns out that was the case, a young vixen that ran to the next paddock that we scooted around after to get downwind for an elementary 90m shot.

The last one was in the next paddock on a ewe carcass. She was an easy one to get as we had the stiff NW breeze in our face and our approach was from over the brow of the hill.

A few less redcoats!



Young dog shot at 150m



Young vixen shot at 90m



Fox that was feeding on ewe carcass

Beginner Reloading

[Started by pristine_koala, May 25 2015](#)

G'day guys, can anyone point me to a decent value for money reloading kit? Im wanting to start learning/teaching myself to shoot out too 300/500 then eventually 800 yards, and cost wise roloading will be likely the only way i would eventually be able to afford it, but frankly ive bought ammo all my life and never really considered reloading until now.

Going to start reloading 308, but will eventually move to adding 303 once i pick up a decent 303 and then onto other calibres as they progress.

Currently waiting on the delivery of my stainless Howa 308. fluted barrel in walnut stock.



Daystate Rabbit Hunt

[Started by Barradiction, July 22 2015](#)

Got out last night for a quick shot before the rain started again, picked these two up at 40 and 65m. Still coming to terms with range finding with the night vision. First one was hit where i was expecting but the second was hit a bit low quartering away, top of the neck still an instant kill.



.22 using 21gr H&N Baracudas

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Highcountry Backpack Hunting

[Started by Wilderness-awaits, June 17](#)

Hey guys I am looking to start doing regular backpack hunts in the high country but i don't know where to go. I have done a lot of hiking before but as far as areas you are allowed to hunt I just don't know anywhere. I am from North East Victoria so i know there are areas around me that i can hunt in but i want to do something a bit more out there. Any information in regards to access roads to areas you can walk from your vehicle or just general advice on hunting in those areas would be much appreciated.

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