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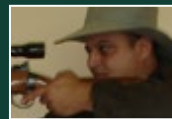
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Welcome to the first emagazine for 2016.



I wish i could just grab the .22 and head to the bush and shoot a few rabbits.
Well guess what I can!

But first I need to get a shooter's licence, do a safety course, get a criminal history check, join a hunting association, get a permit to acquire, register the rifle, organise safe storage, get permission to hunt, fill in numerous forms, id checks and maybe get some practice in at the range before actually going hunting.

Well I have done all that and am now a Law Abiding Firearms Owner (LAFO).

I'm proud of my achievement in society and feel a step above the normal citizen. Its a big responsibility to safely store and use firearms and i wont let the media or politicians make me feel any less.

Happy huntin' and stay safe in the field,

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Great Weekend Report..

Mark and I were going to leave my place at 7am for the drive up North.

We did prepare for this trip really well, so last thing to do was the usual stuff like finding a few wheel nuts and studs, because the trailer was missing a few, and getting an adapter for the trailer lights.

On the road!!! Arriving at the joint 5hrs later we met the owner, had a good yarn with him and his son-in-law who was gonna stay with us for the weekend. I was to drive to a different homestead where we were to stay, and Mark was invited to come in the chopper, as he's never been in one, i told him to take the offer and up they went. 25 minutes later they arrived and i was there soon after.

Throwing the gear out of the lux , and off we went on the bikes to scout the place out! There's 3 properties here, all up around 420,000 acres, so plenty of ground to cover.

We went spotlighting that night and shot a few cats and rabbits.

Saturday was the same sort of day, checked the traps i put out on Friday and got a bitch on a dam, so the boys were happy to see that.

We went down to the big river that's crossing the place and went for a drive on the sand and crossed the river several times until the Can Am 1000 got stuck in the quicksand.....down she went!

She had inhaled a bit of aqua and stalled, so we retrieved her with the bikes and the mechanics job started, pulled the plugs, started her and spat the water out, plugs back in and drove her out onto higher ground. We left her there, and jumped on the bikes to get home for a well deserved ale....(or 21)

Sunday we checked the traps and pulled another dog then off to the buggy and changed the aircleaner, oils and she was good as gold. I couldn't say that for my phone, which was in the glove box of the

buggy and was bugged....the fifth phone I have broke in 16 months. How am I gonna tell the missus...

We cruised a bit along the river, Mark had a few shots at a few dogs along the way and bagged one, so happy as Larry!

I cruised up a bit higher on the bank and suddenly I could smell boar, and as I looked around where the smell came from, he broke cover at 50 miles an hour up the bank. Two shots from the .270 with 130 grain ACP projectiles pulled him up, **Live action!!!!**

He was a big bodied pig in great condition and would've been around 120 kg live weight.

After getting lost and a 52 km detour we got back to the homestead.....stubby time!!

Monday morning out early-ish and at a dam at 5 am, to wait on a deadie to see if a boar or dog comes to it, and as it got lighter a cleanskin heifer walked in and hesitated a bit. I looked around and whispered to Mark, Boar behind her, go get him!!

As he never shot a boar before i let him go and Mark shot him at 150 meters over the dam. He was a nice young boar, but no tusks on him....



After that we went back to the homestead, pulled the yabby pots out and they had a nice feed of redclaw in them.

So...seen no brumbies but they're there, as we seen the tracks.

A few deer scattered around the south western part of the basalt block, where we didn't go.

And seen heaps of dogs on the river.

Next time we'll be camping along the river, in the best part of the property and now we know what its like, we don't have to do the drinking bit anymore like we did this time, it'll be more hunting time!!!

That's a short impression of what it was like!!

Dutchy



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Went back up the Central Highlands Thursday night, had a feed and a few beers then a fairly early night.

Up at five for coffee then drove out to our block. Got into our positions then waited for some daylight. With a nice sunrise coming up behind me, came enough light to have a look across the flats from my spot up on the lookout. A couple of OK stags made their way to the creek into the thick bushes and about 30 odd does and spikeys fed below me. About 10 small stags fed there way off the flats and into the creek.

Had a walk around for a couple of hours but didn't come across any shooters. Went back to my mates place and did a few jobs and had a feed. Went back out in the arvo with a plan to walk through one hill but changed our plans when we got there due to the wind.

We decided on a walk through another hill walking into the breeze and a sit and wait over the flat on the other side. I made my way up a gully and onto the rocky top, making my way around glassing down into the thick stuff.

About half way round I caught some movement, there was a stag thrashing a bush then stood up on his hind legs scenting on a tree.

I thought he looked pretty good and waited till he stepped out into the clear. He was 80 - 90m away and downhill. I decided to send a 150g coreloct his way and after the shot i was sure it was a good one. He shuddered, turned around and

took off around the bank before I could get another one into him. I couldn't find any blood or sign of him and about 40 minutes later, feeling a bit down because I was sure I hit him, made my way around the hill in the direction he went.

About 200m further around I came across some running marks between some large rocks in the loose dirt. I followed them back up onto the flat top then he jumped up out of some thick bushes and ran about 20m behind some trees and pulled up. I had a quick shot before he spotted me and he dropped on the spot. The first shot was right on top of his shoulder but angling down so I would have thought that would have done the job.

Anyway he was done now and i was very lucky to find him the second time. Very happy with him cause there's not too many even ones up this way. Normally have one good side and a weaker side. He is 25.5 inches long and 21 points.

Scott





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I'd been pretty keen to get away and test out the new Ruger m77 compact and cartridge (7mm08) on some pigs. So the morning came to head off. 13 inches of rain the first 2 days, but that did not stop us as we slogged through it bagging a few good pigs during the time.

The second day out started with a late start and rain. We hit a section of dense swamp on the boundary of the property near where I'd shot a sow the day before hoping for some more action. Sure enough after stalking in some 400m I came to a low lying swamp which had been torn apart with diggings everywhere almost like a plough had been through.

Just as I neared the deep water I seen a boar rooting around the edge, completely unaware of me I looked to my left to check my mate was still in view.

I started to close the gap hoping to get a rest on a tree some 10m in front of me.

Just as I came over 3 egrets took flight spooking the boar from his feed. I quickly closed the bolt and shouldered the ruger and fired from around 50m hitting him just behind the front leg he spun around doing a 360 but didn't fall then took off flat out I managed a running shot hitting his front foot and another round hitting him in the chest putting him down. He got 90m from where I first hit him before expiring. A few photos and cutting the jaw we headed on.

Another 100m up more swine was dispatched before the rain got to us and we turned back to get a coffee and some dry clothes. On our way back to the quarters we came into an open paddock with 2 large dams I rode up between them and caught a boar trotting down the bank, he took off but had nowhere to go but the open paddock as I chased him on the quad bouncing over the chewed up ground. I hit a fence and had to take a shot at his ass end, I grabbed the rifle and lent on the picket and whacked him in the ass he stumble but recovered getting moving again he turned and gave me



AUSHUNTING STORIES Flashback, 7mm08

a broad side shot which I quickly fired smashing him to the ground.

The next couple days we kept hitting the same spot producing pigs every time, I shot this fella the next day some 80m from the other swamp boar, as he slept in the early morning sun. He never woke I crept in as he slept and from 50m put a fed 150gr straight through his heart and sent him into a deep piggy dream full of grubs and muddy wallows...

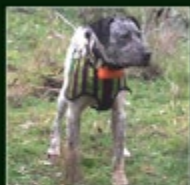
Another pic, this was near Mitchell - Bollon QLD back when the rain was really good. Lost access to this property when the old cocky sold up which sucked but ya get that.... Chinese buyer..

Man that 708 was an ear killer!

Mick



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Stateforest Overnighter - First Fallow Of The Season

A mate and I decided to head out to a state forest for a weekend hunt. Got there on Friday at around 2pm and set up camp. Went for a walk to look for some sign and not before long we stumbled upon a well used game trail. We followed the trail to a gully completely covered with blackberry shrubs and well tucked away from any road. We decided to head back to camp and have an early dinner and get set for the morning hunt.

The alarm went off at 5am and we started preparing for the hunt ahead of us. Got the gear ready, slipped the hunting boots on, had a cuppa and away we went. Within about 30 minutes of walking we were at the trail we had followed the previous evening. We followed that trail

and headed a little to the right to get a better vantage point. Sat there for not too long before two doe presented themselves at around the 50 meter mark. **Bang!** After a few minutes of following the blood trail we managed to locate the beautiful animal and were ecstatic!!



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These include:

- International Practical Shooting Confederation
- Field and Game Australia
- Firearm Traders Association
- Sporting Shooters Association of Australia
- Victorian Amateur Pistol Association
- Vintagers: Order of Edwardian Gunners

The CFCV has run a number of successful campaigns in the past which has resulted in range upgrades, the retention of duck hunting and creating the Firearms Consultative Committee.

In 2015 it launched a new strategy to try and get its voting message out to the other 150,000 licensed shooters who aren't part of a shooting organisation or group.

Council Secretary, Neil Jenkins, said the recent controversy over the Adler shotgun shows the need for shooters to be political, hasn't gone away.

"If anything, it has intensified. The government is under pressure to ban some Category A firearms. It's not hard to see the shooting sports facing other pressures such as places hunters can go shoot, the ability of juniors to take up the sport and so on".

"With an election looming every shooter can help and we'll get as much easy to understand pro shooting voting information out to the masses as we can."

He said a good result for shooters at the election could make a significant difference to how the government deals with us in the future.

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Bloody Gates, Seeing Red.

Started by whelanlad, Feb 14 2016

A night cruise in the yolux seen me criss cross a couple of valleys along a few ridges, no spotlights just headlights and plenty of cans seen me eventually get to the area I wanted to pull up and camp in to get an early start on a property in the morning.

I seen dismal numbers of deer through the night, 5 sambar all in all but being up on ridge tracks I knew the terrain would be too dry still for deer.

I near the campsite and pull in, blow me down theres about 8 RVs and camps set up, not much turf left but some high grass so I wasn't too keen to throw the swag out there, hoping to be in the swag by 1:30, this wasn't happening so I motored on down to the property and headed in the back gate and basically got the ute thru the gate and slammed on the handbrake..... Bedtime!

Alarm was set for 5:45, a few hours later it went off and slowly light started to come across the mountainous landscape.

Brrrrraaaaaaapppppppp
the farmers quad ripped up the track not far from my new camp spot

Eventually i was up and at em, I scanned the property in front picking up no shapes in the faint pre dawn light, 15 mins later and the light lit up a bit more area and that's when I picked up a deer feeding some 1km away.

Righto that will do, I grab the Kimber out and get a few rounds together, jump in the ute and go a short way before

Gate number 1. out in thru out in, off I set another 300m and another gate, **Gate 2.** out in thru out in, off I go

300m further along the road another gate, **gate 3** out in thru out in, off I go this time on the lookout in case of other animals I hadn't picked up were out.

A while later I get out for another gate, **gate 4**, then **gate 5**, down the gully and up the other side, low range 4x4 stuff, I climb 100m elevation and hit the track, now I can side the hill an hopefully, by my calculations make for an easy stalk, with the ankle still bung, I wasn't too keen on waltzin thru the grass as I normally do.

About 200m before the area I pull up jump out and head along the track, stalk 100m and in the bins I pick up the deer, a bit of a stand off and I get into a position behind

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On the way out, another 3 gates before I am back on black stuff... haha!!
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Kicking Off In 2016!

Started by Hunter-338, Jan 23 2016

Started off 2016 with a hunt with Will.

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Early Morning Red Stag

Started by brinny, Mar 28 2016



A nice 31x30x27 inches 7 pointer....

Up this morning nice and early, made a coffee and such a nice morning decided to take it out on the deck and enjoy the morning.....no sooner sat the arse down and roooooooooaaaaarrrrrrr.....shit that was close, sat and listened for a while and another half hearted roar.

That was enough for me, dont think the 308 has ever been taken out of the safe so quick....grabbed the shirt raced out to the safe to get some shells....all thumbs of course and hot footed it over the hill, (didnt realise how unfit i am) got to where I thought the sound came from, just breaking daylight, but could make things out well enough...the roos were doing me no favours, the usual, scanned for movement, after a few minutes i spotted

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him about 150m away....not bad length, good shape, not so many tines but he is ok.....

Sent a 180 grn interlock his way, staggered and took off, he wasnt well though, followed him for about 50 m or so he was buggered, one in the neck and down.....

The boys have started early this year and no hinds with him interestingly.....

Hopefully dads out there....

And bugger me dead, my coffee went cold.....



Stephen Bell



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