

Features



6 A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER - R & C Mauracher
Peering through my scope I could see fleeting glimpses of a stag - body and antlers through the bush. he had no idea of our presence despite us being just 100m away.

14 ANIMAL INTRIGUE - Errol Mason
The intelligence of this species is a subject of immense fascination to the "thinking hunter."

18 THE BEST BITS - Tim Ebert
Cooking venison shanks - low and slow is the name of the game.

24 THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE - Brendan Hewitt
After 10m the saddle was becoming visible when my eyes tried to tell my brain there was a stag sitting in the middle of the saddle.

28 KNOW YOUR AREA - Errol Mason
Knowing your area and the quarry are the big secrets of consistent success.

36 FIRST AID FOR THE HUNTER - Bob Gough
At any time or any place you could be faced with a casualty needing first aid.

44 THE TRILOGY STAG - David Davies
It is 0800hrs, deep in the Victoria's Alpine National Park, middle of July, - 8°C morning, and a heavy frost lay on the ground.

58 FINE OTAGO REDS - Luke Neesham
The previous April was seriously cold with snow knee height up on the tops and that colder weather had made the stags more vocal and they roared consistently.

64 STAGS OF LONG GULLY - Dick Power
The real test will come and be completed successfully, when you start passing up the shot on a stag who is yet to achieve his full potential.

74 A BEAST THE COLOUR OF WINTER - Tim Ebert
Once mature, the body mass and shape between the sexes is very similar. The biggest difference to the observer is the diameter and shape of their horns.

82 WHICH ONE SHOULD I SHOOT? - Errol Mason
I would not harvest the oldest female as she is most likely the leader, responsible for the social adhesiveness of the group, plus she will be carrying a foetus.

88 VENISON - The Effect of the Rut - John Roberts
Without doubt as far as Red deer and Fallow deer are concerned the rut has a significant effect on the quality of their meat.

94 BEARS & SHEEP OF THE CASSIARS - Dick Power
Around and around he spun, roaring with big yellow teeth exposed as he snapped at the area immediately behind the shoulder.

102 BUSHFIRE REGROWTH - Andrew Winwood
A lot of gullies, normally impenetrable due to thick blackberries and wattles had been burnt bare and were now open and clear. Areas where previously we could only see up to 150m or less now provided views far into the distance.



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Illuminated Mil Dot Reticle Scope
Vixen 2.5-10x50

108 Review - Bob Gough
Hornady GMX, SST & Interlock Review

Front Cover Photo by Rob & Camilla Mauracher
Camilla Mauracher with her stag which measured 27.5x28 with a 29" spread.



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