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DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Branch
Stalwart

Doug Harvey with a mature hind taken over the Chris Eaton's hounds at Wairewa.
Doug's first deer taken over hounds after 50 odd years of stalking.

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held bimonthly on the second Thursday of the month
Commencing at 7:30pm at Howitt Park Hall, Princes Highway
Bairnsdale unless otherwise advised.

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

December 12th
February 2020
April 2020
June 2020
August 2020
October 2020

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President's Report

Well here we are guys, at the end of another hunting year. And sadly the drought is still with us, and doesn't look like ending any time soon. Large chunks of the sambar range are currently involved in bush fire. Hopefully the drought will break early in the New Year and give the bush a much needed drink. On the up-side there will be some good hunting in the fire affected areas when the drought breaks. In the meantime our thoughts are with those directly affected by this drought and the bush fires burning to the north of us.

The December meeting this coming Thursday night is our Christmas break up night. This year included will be the Blonde Bay, Boole Pool & Snake Island Ballots. I hope you all got your entries in before the November 30 cut off. There is about 1800 entries this year from all states and territories and overseas. Thirty years and still going strong. Proving that the popularity of hog deer hunting is just as strong as ever. Of course I am hoping to be drawn for the first period Snake Island; I'm guessing I'm not Robinson Caruso there.

Some sad news in the last week with the passing of Denis Crane. Denis achieved much in his life in sport, business and hunting. Denis was generous with his time and resources. He did much to assist with the development of the Bairnsdale Field & Game range at Comley's Lane. A keen deer hunter, he hosted many a hunter local and from overseas to their first hog deer at his Boole Pool property. Condolences to the family.

Wairewa Deer Control Program

As with most of the east Gippsland sambar range. Hunting came to an abrupt finish due to the dry conditions in late September. A few hardy souls continued on with a bit of reconnaissance and ground hunting. However the dry conditions and the abundance of tiger snakes bought this to an end as well. My last conversation with the farming group at Wairewa indicated that deer activity was at a low level. The vegie farmer up there was waiting for some decent rain before planting any more crops. If he is able to plant these crops and they get away. There may be a need to harvest a few deer if they become a problem. All parties involved are keen to continue on with reducing deer numbers in the forest adjacent to the Wairewa valley next year. When the weather breaks. If you are interested in being involved in this program contact me or Chris Eaton.

Blonde Bay Ballot


A mention previously, the Blonde Bay Ballot will be conducted at Thursday night's meeting. The GMA (Game Management Authority) will be supervising. Along with the help of Barry Howlett, Executive Officer of the ADA. Hope to see you there, it would be great if a few of those lucky enough to be drawn in the ballot could be in the room to add to the atmosphere. Good luck.

A reminder to all members to get their trophy competition entries in. entries close 31/12/19

The relevant forms are included in this newsletter.

Please enjoy a happy and safe Christmas break

Cheers Pedro



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Branch Hoodies

The popular branch hoodies are available again. A number of sizes are available. And different colours from this time. If you would like one contact Michelle Young at the meeting or on 0400 168 173. Stocks are limited so be quick. If there is enough interest we will be doing another run.

Hunting About

Mark young is a good keen man who took advantage of daylight saving to bag a deer. The following is Mark's account of what happened.

On the first day of summer and the weather turned pretty nasty so decided for a quick evening hunt after tea to see if I could get a freezer filler.

A five minute drive from home and the rain started coming down, grabbed the gear out of the truck and headed towards the bush line but didn't get there spotted two on the fringe edge feeding and one looked yummy. I moved across behind a wattle tree for a rest then spotted another so quickly made the shot and all hell broke loose, deer going in all directions. There had been six out feeding, not just the two I had snuck in on. I was able to get the truck right to it. Talk about an easy freezer filler.



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Mark's Freezer Filler

Piscatorial (fishing) News



Peter Farley (Orbost's No 1 Gummy fisherman) takes the prize for the biggest fish taken by an East Gippsland member this year. Easily beating Chris Eaton's 40 kilo Queensland Grouper. Not sure what Pete's bronze whaler shark weighs, my guess is a lot more than Chris's fish. My only question is, were those Foxies for live bait or to do they retrieve???? Well done Pete

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Peter Davidson
Proprietor

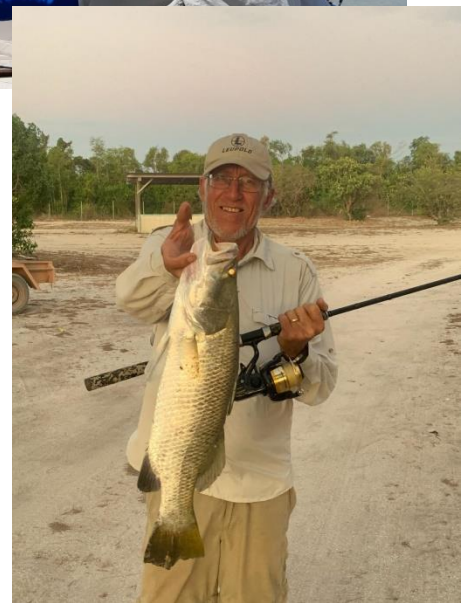
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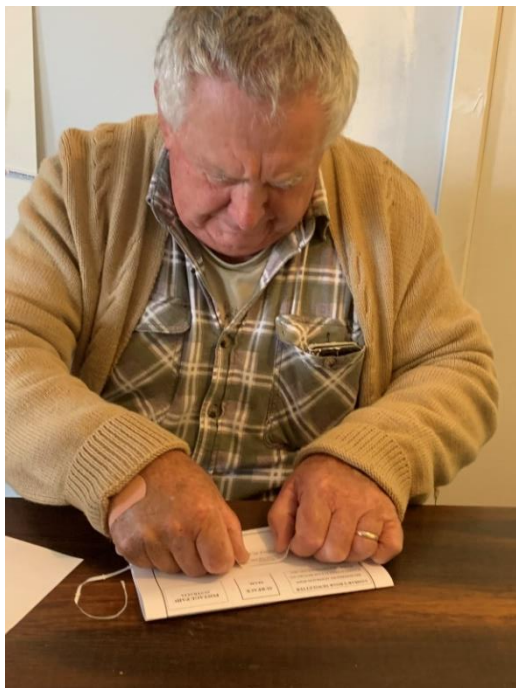
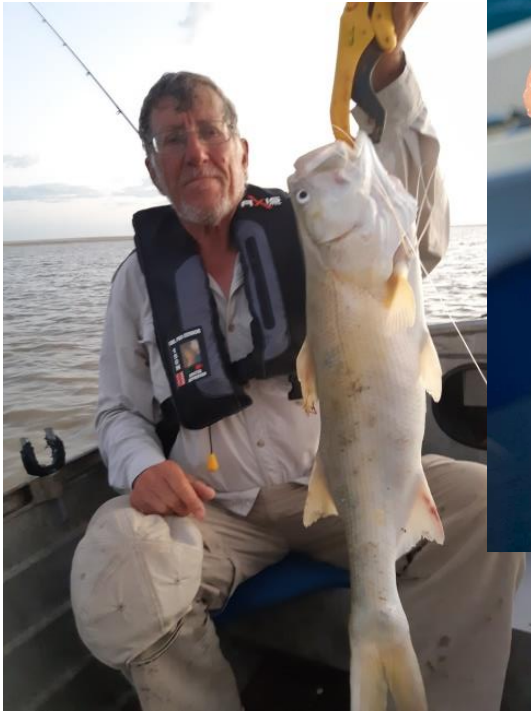
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Pete's Bronzie

A few members spent five weeks in the latter part of the summer season on a fishing adventure to Cape York Far & North Queensland fishing.

And adventure it was. Crocodiles to be wary of. big fish caught and lost. The inevitable breakdowns and the odd disaster thrown in for good measure. And of course the one thing you can't control on one of these trips is the weather. In the end we learnt a lot and we can't wait to go back and have another go. When the winds not blowing!!





A few things changed for the branch in the course of this year. To ease the burden on branch resources we took the decision to distribute the newsletter by email only. Pictured is Committee man Doug Harvey sticking the label onto the last newsletter to be sent out by snail mail (Australia Post).



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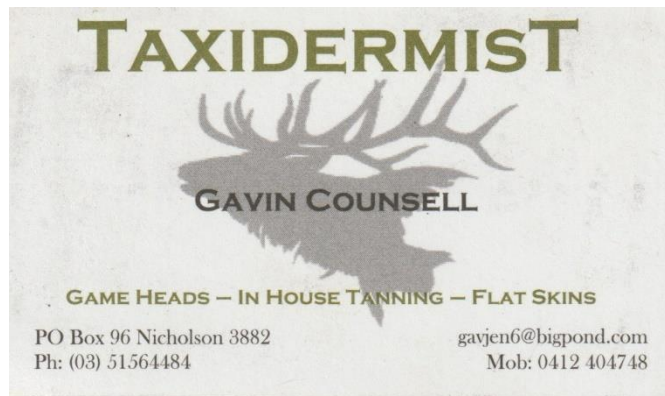
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December Meeting Agenda

- Drinks, Barbie Q and Local Gummy
- Blonde Bay Ballot
- Heads and Tails
- Raffles
- Tall Stories (Lies)

Hound Season Round Up



Beaglepoint Hounds 2019 the year in review.

The season was a bit hit and miss for a while as it was pretty dry down low and even still a bit crunchy up high. I managed the first deer for the season while Popeye followed that up with the first real deer bailed by Vera. We managed to avoid stepping on a little brown snake dozing in the grass on the way in to help cart it out and while the snake was a bit slow the old heart rate wasn't. We managed to trickle along with one or two deer most weekends.

Dodge the big dopey bloodhound has been hitting his straps this year and when he unloads with a yodel he drowns the others out. Just a shame his sister didn't make the grade, when they eat a fair bit more than the Harriers they have to pull their weight or they get drafted.

Late November was the end of an era of sorts with Daf the last one of three sisters I've had here having to be put down. The old girl was a pretty handy hound and along with her sister Alice were a very reliable pair of hounds, but they don't live for ever unfortunately. Daf made it to just over 13 years old and it wasn't an easy decision at all but as a hound owner sometimes you have to make those decisions.



A couple of notable hunts were had, with one up high running around the tops before heading down the creek covering about 12ks before the Fat Controller elbowed Jim out the way to harvest the racing model stag, lucky it was at short range otherwise he probably would have missed. Likewise Yogi managed one down on the flat country that decide to head East at a rate of knots. He managed to drop in in front of it before it made the next major town ensuring a lengthy carry out for a few old blokes.

Doug Harvey managed a hind with his single shot Anal (well it's something like that) personally I reckon at his age and with failing eye sight he would be better off with a rattly old Remington pump gun. While I'm having a crack at a few, Pugwash should invest in something a bit more modern than that old Mouser that he carts

around that way he might manage to take more than one of the five that ran past him one day and you would think after all these years of having gundogs he would learn to trust them. Lucky one of them is not deaf and blind just a pity that Roxy cant shoot.

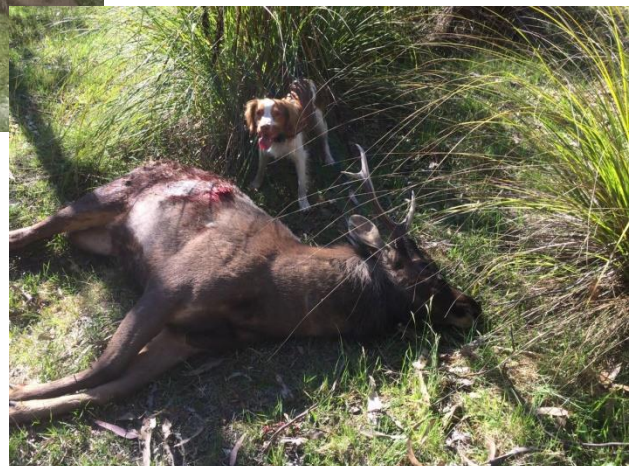
We have had a few visitors along at times with Jeff Morecroft coming for a visit one weekend and Alan Rumble visiting to throw cans in the fire one night. The regulars know that that's not the way it happens in our camps so he got told pretty quick. Jeff managed to find an old deer skull and slipped it into someone's swag now that caused a ruckus.

My rattly old Remington has managed to tip a few over for the year with one real close shot of about 10 metres with the deer almost ending up in the passenger seat of the Patrol and an extra long shot of 276 metres as the hind tiptoed through the river. Not too bad for a Red dot. I took a few hounds up to the Venison Day at Dargo on the 24th August and there was lots of interest in the ADA presence and the hounds and tracking equipment. While I missed a day of hunting I'm sure the presence at Dargo far outweighed the days hunting.

You have no doubt heard about the deer control program we have been part of at Wairewa and it isn't finished yet. While the hound side of it is done for the year we will be back up there providing some relief for the farmers around there crops etc. The deer haven't disappeared but they have become a bit more cagey and the hounds certainly stirred them up. Anyone for venison that taste likes Turnips.

Anyhow enough from me. Have a Merry Christmas and stay safe on the roads.

Chris Eaton (The Field Marshal)



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MINUTES OF THE LAST Committee MEETING

Held at the Nicholson Hotel, November 14.... 2019

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Will publish in the next roar

EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH 2018 TROPHY COMPETITION

NAME.....ADA Membership No.....

ADDRESS.....Postcode.....

PHONE..... DATE ANIMAL TAKEN.....

SPECIES BEING ENTERED (*please circle*): HOG FALLOW.....SAMBAR....RUSA CHITAL..... RED

I declare that the animal was a free roaming wild deer taken in a legal, ethical and sportsmanlike manner without the aid of an artificial light, bait or lure and that I was a financial member of the East Gippsland Branch at the time it was taken.

* The trophy **MUST** have been taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 or during the prescribed season, if applicable.

* A copy of the OFFICIAL score sheet and a photo of the trophy (to be retained by the branch) are to be included with each entry.

SIGNED:.....DATE OF ENTRY: / /2019

EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH FIRST DEER AWARD 2019

* This should be the **FIRST DEER** taken by the hunter and must be taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19.

* The deer must have been a free-roaming wild deer of any Australian species and of either sex.

* The hunter **MUST** have been a member of the East Gippsland Branch when the animal was taken.

* A photo of the trophy (to be retained by the branch) to be included with the entry.

NAME.....ADA Membership No.....

ADDRESS.....Postcode.....

PHONE..... DATE ANIMAL TAKEN.....

SIGNED:.....DATE OF ENTRY: / /2019

EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019

- * HUNTER & DEER – taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 with manually operated camera.
- * LIVE DEER – Of free-roaming deer taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 with manually operated camera.
- * GENERAL INTEREST – That relates to deer hunting or the ADA.
- * BEST TRAIL CAM – Of free-roaming wild deer taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 with a non-manual camera.
- * Your photograph will be retained by the branch and placed in the branch photo album.

SECTION BEING ENTERED (please circle): *HUNTER & DEER* *LIVE DEER Photo* *LIVE DEER Video*
GENERAL INTEREST *TRAIL CAM Stag* *TRAIL CAM Hind*

NAME.....ADA Membership No.....

ADDRESS.....Postcode.....

PHONE.....

SIGNED:.....DATE OF ENTRY: / /2019

BEST OVERSEAS TROPHY 2019

- * The animal must have been a free-roaming wild animal and may be of any overseas species.
- * The trophy must have been taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19.
- * A brief story on how the animal was taken is to accompany the entry form and photo of the trophy which will be retained by the branch.

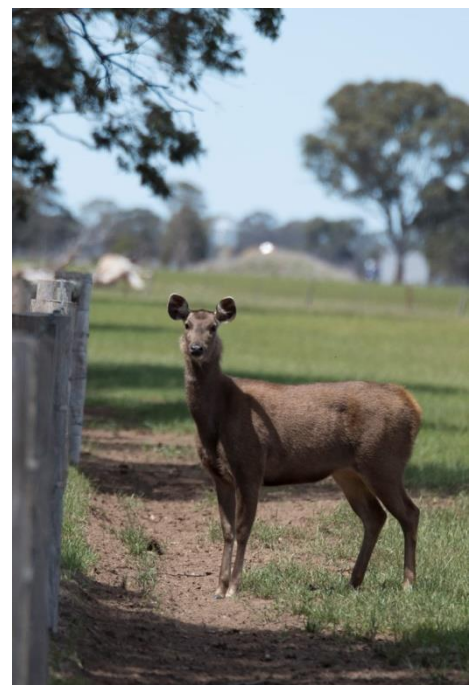
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