

Friends of Maryvale

Newsletter #3

October 2009

Hi hope you are all well, we have had a busy time the web site is up and running www.maryvalesafaris.com.au. It has a counter run by goggle which also tells you where the hits have come from, with Sydney and Melbourne being way ahead, and as far away as South America and Alaska.

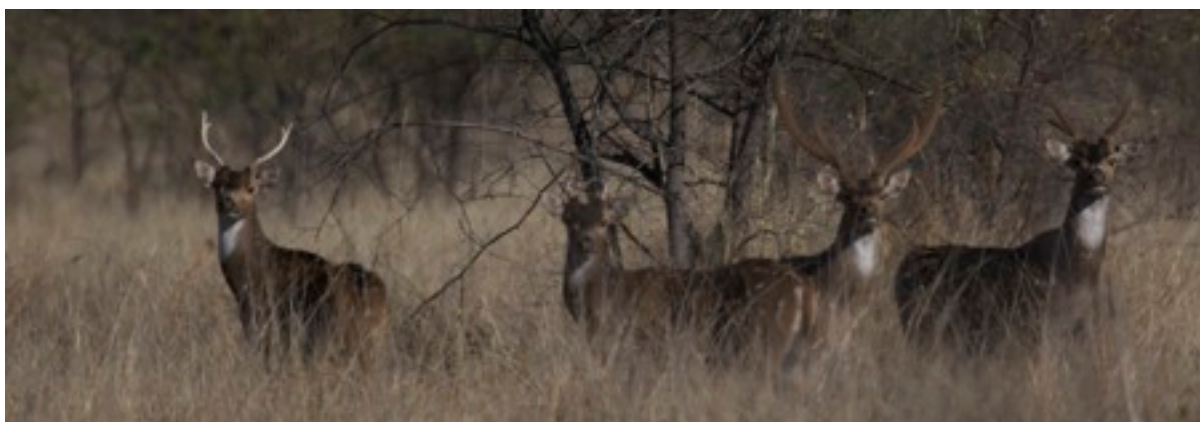
Also attended the ADA Hunting and Outdoor Show at Toogoolawah, need to thank Peter and Mike for use of their chital trophies and John and Justin for helping me staffing the stand, it was just to busy for one person to get around and speak to everyone.

It's a credit to ADA for the amount of work they put into this event. I believe it was a wonderful success and can only get better.



Going to Hunting Shows, sitting down with web sites designers, paper work is all part of the job. Coming over the grid off the jump-up, see the distant hills of the Pocket, driving down into Maryvale Creek, I know that it's all worth it.

Back into my office, to take some photos and a quick look around.



The first two photos were taken from long distance, as I did not want to get closer, there was a client coming in a few days.

Saw the stag in the first photo Monday and Tuesday, then lost him, and knew he was worth while going after.

Daniel arrived Friday, he has been transferred from London to South Africa with work and shot this wonderful Cape Buffalo in Zambia



Daniel is a relaxed and patient hunter, enjoys the surroundings, and the fauna, and very descriptive about Australian flora.

We saw many deer, in the same class as the ones that we hunted, in velvet. Europeans find it distasteful to shoot stags in velvet. Their reasons being that the antlers are not fully formed, they are not as savvy in velvet as they are in hard antler and if it is an exceptional trophy it has not passed on his bloodlines for that year. All good points. Please email your comment? I will post results in next newsletter.



The dust storm translated into wonderful hues and made it very hot.



Our stalks were just wonderful drawn out experiences. We lost sight of the stag we were after, for almost two hour. At a snail's pace we went into where we thought he was living. Daniel spots a tiny bit of antler along side a tree trunk, but no matter how good the stalk or how lucky you are, it always come down to good shooting.



“A quick email to thank you for a great weekend at Maryvale. Not only did we shoot two great stags but I enjoyed your company, and hospitality, and it definitely ranks as one of the most enjoyable hunts that I have been on – plenty of game, challenging and enjoyable stalks, and good fun!” Daniel Mulholland

Footnote; Unofficial score 138 SCI, possibly it will be in the top ten for free range chital deer in the South Pacific.

This hunt with Daniel takes me back to a hunt I did with Jim as I enjoy tradition and nostalgia in hunting. Jim hunted in Africa before Daniel was born. Hunters from different generations, you think about the changes in the last forty odd years, good and bad but the escape to the bush is a passion some of us cannot do without.

We spotted Jim's stag from a long way off, had to do a long detour to get the wind right, then slowly sneak in, hoping you see him before he sees us. Diana smiled on us on this occasion also.



‘Thanks for my time at Maryvale, looking over so many deer and such a good hunt’ Jim Hennell

Factors which will promote hunting in Australia will be the introduction of new hunters, with the sustainable and beneficial use of deer for the land owner.

For young hunters, experience can be only obtained by time in the field.

To achieve some of these goals at Maryvale, we will be carrying out management and tutorial hunts at Maryvale in November, December and January as well as our regular trophy hunts.

Management and Tutorial Hunts

Includes all meals, up to 3 deer per day per person, hinds or cull stags, transport while at Maryvale, tutorial with hands on skin preparation, field dressing meat, and learning about chital deer.

* One parent and son or daughter \$475 for both per day all inclusive

* Husband and wife \$475 for both per day all inclusive

* Two mates \$550 for both per day all inclusive.

Not included alcohol, travel to and from Maryvale.

If you wish we can cater for your special requirements and family rate.



Till the next newsletter take care, time for me to get back to the office.

Regards Tello Siciliano

Maryvale Safaris

e: tello@maryvalesafaris.com.au

w: www.maryvalesafaris.com.au