

## **Friends of Maryvale Newsletter # 5**

**Welcome. Being busy has certainly made Christmas come around quickly.**

**At Maryvale the weather has been hot and dry. The deer have moved further afield, away from their normal habitat, exposing many more wonderful stags.**



**The bond of true friendship between hunters is always extraordinary, enduring success, failure, hardship and camaraderie in the hunting fields.**

**At Maryvale Safaris we have been fortunate to have had two such groups recently.**

**The first, Chris and Malcolm, who have hunted together for 25 years, came for a cull hunt. With their main objective being meat, they came well prepared with vacuum pac machine and abundant fridge space for the journey home. These boys just enjoy their pig hunting.**



**Chris was the first to connect with a good pig.**



**Then armed with their 44 magnums, they together shot this huge boar.**

**In just three days of hunting, Chris and Malcolm harvested 18 deer for meat and 10 pigs. Our days were never dull, hunting morning and evening, with meat processing in between. Chris emailed me four days after their departure to book again for 2010.**



**During their stay Chris [a past Maryvale Safaris hunter] came over to help me with the cull and trophy hunt. Thanks Chris for your help.**



**Following Chris and Malcolm's departure, we had only one day to get camp ready for the trophy hunters, however we did find time to take a few photos of velvet stags.**



**The trophy hunters were friends Barry and Phil from Victoria and Ricky from Tasmania. At Maryvale we don't mix groups, our hunts are exclusively for your party, be they hunters or observers.**

**Chris hunted with Phil and I hunted with Barry and Ricky. Since the guys wanted to take hard antlered or shedding velvet stags, we looked over at least two hundred stags.**



**Despite the searing heat, the southern boys coped well, with Phil being the first to connect after a long stalk. It took a difficult shot to collect his wonderful trophy.**

**Barry and Ricky have known each other for 10 years, and have fine sambar and fallow in their collections. Between the three of us we had roughly 100 years hunting experience, so for me it was delightful to share in their company.**



**Our efforts of sneaking up on herds of deer, stalking along creek banks and many hours of glassing were finally rewarded.**



**Barry's chital had the classic wine glass shape, which is not so common.**



**Ricky's deer came from a herd spotted early in the morning, after a little exploring we found them bedded down in the afternoon.**

**Our four day hunt just went too quickly. We had many laughs and discussed many interesting subjects re hunting, rifles and life.**

**Including such interesting subjects as how much lead to give a sleeping pig!!!!**

**Having the cull hunt so close to the trophy hunt allowed me to look over more areas to locate stags for the trophy hunters.**

**In the new year I will have stalls at the**

**\*Wild Deer Expo in Rutherglen, Victoria on 6 - 7 February.**

**\* Safari Club Downunder Show in Brisbane on 20-21 February.**

**I look forward to seeing you there.**



**As the pages of 2009 come to a close, with all its wonderful outcomes for Maryvale Safaris, I wish you all the best for 2010.**

**Stay safe,  
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