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Editorial

Welcome to the 17th issue of *The Junior Shooter*.

In this issue, we have a great range of stories by and about our SSAA junior members, showing the diversity of what recreational shooting and hunting has to offer.

First up, Liam Crespo tells us about a hunting trip he took with his father, grandfather and younger brother. Liam describes how the family hunting party came across pigs, rabbits, a fox and some rather stinky goats on a new and relatively untouched property and how he can't wait for his next trip out.

Next, Lynn Bain shares a tasty recipe for making your own game meat wraps. The best part is that you can put in any game meat and any salad fillings you like - and Lynn encourages us to try out different combinations to come up with the best flavours!

Assistant Editor Dave Rose interviews a group of young shooters from Western Australia who have undergone training to become range officers at their club and then speaks with 17-year-old SSAA member Danielle Lewis, who together with her father, is helping to manage rabbit and fox populations on a number of farming properties in Victoria. Damon Marks, who is also from a family of hunters, then shares his story about hunting his first pig.

Enjoy *The Junior Shooter 17* and don't forget to enter our competition for your chance to win a Daisy Oozing Melon Target valued at \$43. Remember too that you can share your letters, stories and photos with us anytime by emailing edit@ssaa.org.au or writing to SSAA National, PO Box 2520, Unley, SA 5061.

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My first goats

by Liam Crespo

My dad, grandfather, little brother Zak and I packed the car ready for our eagerly awaited shooting trip. We slept the night at the farm and the next morning at 4.30am we were awoken by the loud sound of the alarm on my iPad. As we walked to the car carrying the last of the gear, we could hear the howling of some wild dogs. We drove off and after arriving early in Tamworth, we ate heartily, before heading north for another two-and-a-half hours. At one point, we found ourselves a bit lost, so two-and-a-half hours turned into three-and-a-half hours. I will just say that it was my dad's fault.

Thanks to High Country Hunting, we were booked into a particular property that had never been used by hunters before. Once we found the destination, we unpacked our gear into the accommodation, which looked very comfortable, and then had a tour of the area in the owner's ute.

We spotted a mob of about 70 goats on the land next door, and on our way back to the house, we saw a group of six piglets, a sow and a boar run from the cover of the trees, which stretched along next to the river. These were promising signs, so we made a mental note of both of the locations and kept going. >

Three of the four goats shot on the trip.



Liam Crespo with a trio of nice eating rabbits and a healthy fox.



Zak Crespo with the fifth rabbit shot with the new .222.

Boar bolts for the hills

Dad and I decided to go for a walk to where we had seen the pigs run off to earlier in the day. We took my dad's .243 and my .22 Magnum, but I was holding the .243 and my dad had the .22 Magnum. The place where the pigs had scampered to was a peak with lots of gullies, thick with trees and shrub.

After walking for no longer than 10 minutes, I proceeded down a steep gully when suddenly, I heard something move at a fast speed through the brush. I went on carefully to the next hill to see if I could peer down into the gully. At that instant, a massive boar that looked to be heavier than 100kg bolted out and rushed further up into the hills. It was gone from my sight before I could take a shot.

Later, we headed out at around 9.30pm. There were some rabbit warrens close to the house so we decided to see if we could shoot a couple. To our surprise, we took five at one warren and three at another.

As we spotlighted around the sprawling acreage, we saw hundreds of fox eyes. One fox was happily eating a freshly dead kangaroo, so we stopped and I used the .243 to take him down with a heart/lung shot. He only took a couple of steps and then collapsed. We waited a while and then I tied him to the fence until the morning when we would take some photos.

Goats on the agenda

We had planned to sleep in and rest during the next day, but I was keen to try for some goats. So at about 1pm, we headed out to the area where we knew there was the mob of about 70 goats. As we drove into the massive flat paddock where we had seen the goats the day before, I glanced around and soon noticed a black and white spot just standing on top of a little hill. When I looked into the scope of the .243, I saw that it was in fact two big billies, both with nice sets of horns.

We stopped the car about 1.5km away from the goats and checked the wind. The animals were in front of us and the wind was going from right to left, so we continued left, which meant that they could not smell us. There were also some trees that provided cover. My dad had my brand-new open-sighted .222 rifle, while I had the .243 sighted at 91m (100 yards). However, I knew that I would have to move to within at least 200 yards to take a comfortable shot. As we closed in, my dad said, "I will wait here just in case they backtrack along this fence line."

Meanwhile, I continued to head through the trees, always checking the wind just in case it changed. Luckily, it stayed true. I finally came out at the clearing and to my surprise, the two big billies were still on the top of the hill with a mob of about 20 goats behind the rise. This was my first encounter with feral goats, so I took a moment to observe the animals.

I started to hear a noise coming from the shrub to my right and then a massive black and white billy came out and just stared at me. I didn't move a muscle. After about a minute, he turned and walked back down the hill and away from the mob.

With the goats still about 400 yards away, I began my stalk. I approached carefully even though they had no idea I was there. I edged closer to within 100 yards and found my target animal, which was the biggest billy, a pure black one. I put the cross-hairs on his heart/lung area and gently squeezed the trigger. The goat dropped, staggered back up for a moment and then fell back down, dead.

To my surprise, out of the shrub where the big black and white billy had appeared from, another 30 or so goats came running. I looked for my next target animal and saw a white one with massive horns, or so I thought. I waited for him to slow down a little and then, with a shoulder shot, dropped him on the spot. Upon closer inspection, I saw that one of the goat's horns was massive while the other had been broken off.

Downed animals cause a stink

The rest of the goats hurried towards the fence. I picked out another goat, which seemed to be the biggest horned goat, but body-wise was one of the smallest. He stopped to have a quick look around and that was my chance. I took my shot, he went on for a further 30m and then fell over. After that shot, half the mob decided to scramble over the hill. However, that was where my dad was waiting along the fence line. I heard the crack of the .222 and saw a nanny go down. We later took both of its back legs for meat.

At this point, we thought one more animal would be good to bag. We noticed that a big black billy goat had become separated from the others, so I took what was a fairly easy shot at him. When I went close up to check the goats we had claimed, I realised why people called them 'stinkers' - some of them really do stink!



The last goat shot with the .243. The horns were later taken back to the farm for mounting.

From there, we went back to the house and woke my grandfather from his afternoon sleep before we set up some photos of our downed animals. My grandfather wanted to be in some of the snaps so he could show them to his Spanish friends when he went to visit them. After that, my dad used the chainsaw to cut the horns off the big black billy.

We shot some more rabbits and foxes the next day and on our fourth day, we spotted the same mob of pigs that we had seen when we arrived, but yet again, they were just too quick for us. All too soon, we packed up and headed back to the farm. Summing up, we had an excellent time away. Landing my first-ever goats was great and I just can't wait for my next hunting trip.



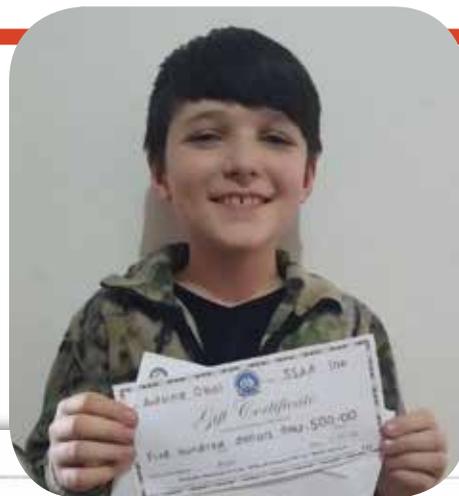
A happy winner

Antonie Obal from Western Australia has been declared the sponsored junior winner of SSAA National's Sponsor a Junior competition for 2015. Ten-year-old Antonie, who was sponsored by his father Goichi, was randomly selected from hundreds of SSAA junior members who were sponsored between January 1 and December 31 last year and has won a \$500 gift certificate to spend at the SSAA Store.

Antonie kindly sent us a photo of himself with his letter and gift certificate, along with a hand-written letter, thanking SSAA National for his prize.

The sponsoring adult member winner was Eli Imad from New South Wales. His sponsorship of Gabriella Imad has won him a \$1000 SSAA Store gift certificate. Congratulations, Antonie and Eli!

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Antonie

Wraps rock - making your own game meat wraps

by Lynn Bain

Wraps are a great alternative to sandwiches and when sealed correctly (so that the contents can't fall out), they can be less messy than other camp-side options. They also save on knives and forks and washing them up.

You can make your own flavour combos and put all of the food that you like in a wrap. Fold it up like a parcel and you have a 'only need to use one hand to hold it' meal. As well, you can make up your own wraps from the bowls of fillings that you have prepared, perhaps with a bit of help from your camping mates. Why don't you challenge your family or friends to see who can come up with the best flavour combinations?

The following recipe takes about 10 minutes to prepare and about 20 minutes to cook and will serve four people.

Meat ingredients

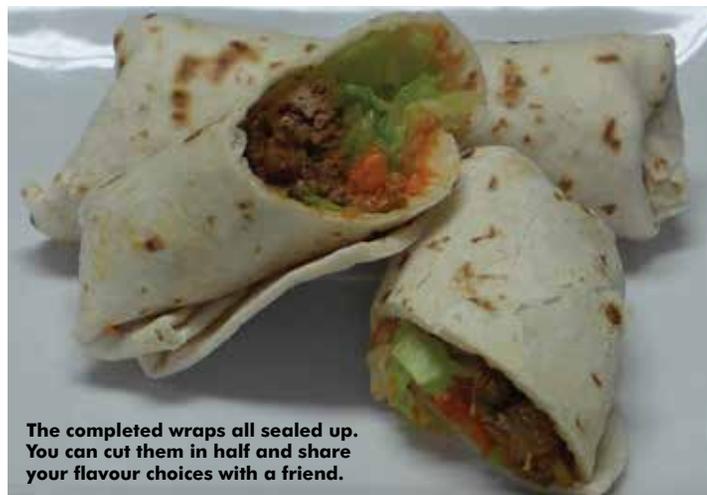
- 500g game mince (or any other type of mince)
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 onion - chopped
- 1 clove garlic - peeled and thinly sliced (you might need to ask for help with this)
- 2 tablespoons tomato or barbecue sauce or salsa
- wraps, tortillas or pita pocket bread

Filling ingredients

- 1 carrot - grated
- 200g grated cheese
- capsicum strips - yellow, red and/or green make a nice color change
- couple of tomatoes - chopped
- lettuce leaves - shredded

Cooking method

1. Place the raw mince in a bowl and mix in the oil.
2. Heat a large frypan until it is moderately hot. Then add the chopped onion and garlic and cook until the onion is soft. Add the mince and brown, breaking up any lumps with a fork.



3. Add the sauce or salsa to the mince mixture and stir. Continue until the mince is nice and cooked. Using a pot holder, or kitchen mitten, take the frypan off the heat and set aside.

Assembly method

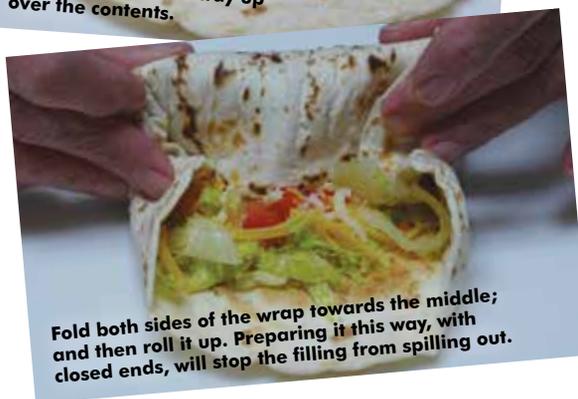
4. Heat a clean frypan or barbecue plate and gently cook your unfilled wraps on each side, over a low heat, until they are warm. This brings out extra flavours in the wrap, makes it taste even yummiier and it is easier to wrap around your fillings. Note that some wraps, especially tortillas, will split or crack if you don't warm them through. However, you can also over-warm a wrap; brown the wrap too much and they will stiffen to taco shell-type crispness when they

cool. Yes, this is how to make a taco shell from a tortilla, but you only have seconds to mould it into the taco shell shape as you lift it off the hotplate.

5. Spread a large spoonful of the mince mixture onto a wrap with your choice of fillings. You can add extra sauce, or salsa or even guacamole if you like.

6. One way to secure your wrap is to fold the bottom of the wrap up over the mince and then roll it up tightly sideways, starting from one side, and then you can get stuck into eating your wrap. Another option is to follow the sequence in the attached photographs. If your wrap is

a bit big to hold without two hands so as to not drop half of your filling, then you may carefully cut your wrap in half diagonally across the middle. You could also use pita bread instead of a wrap and spoon some of the mince mixture into the pocket before you add your choice of fillings.



Youth range officer training pays off for WA club

by Assistant Editor Dave Rose

The SSAA Perth Lever Action Rifle Club (PLARC) is flying the flag for youth with a batch of promising juniors coming through the ranks and two youngsters recently qualifying as trainee range officers.

SSAA member Cordell Wilson earned the right to become eligible to take charge of proceedings, under supervision, on his home range in Wanneroo and soon passed the exam course. And following suit to present the PLARC with a proud junior double was fellow SSAA member Matthew Rowley. Added to this is the fact that several of the club's juniors are making an impact at state and national level in various Lever Action competitions.

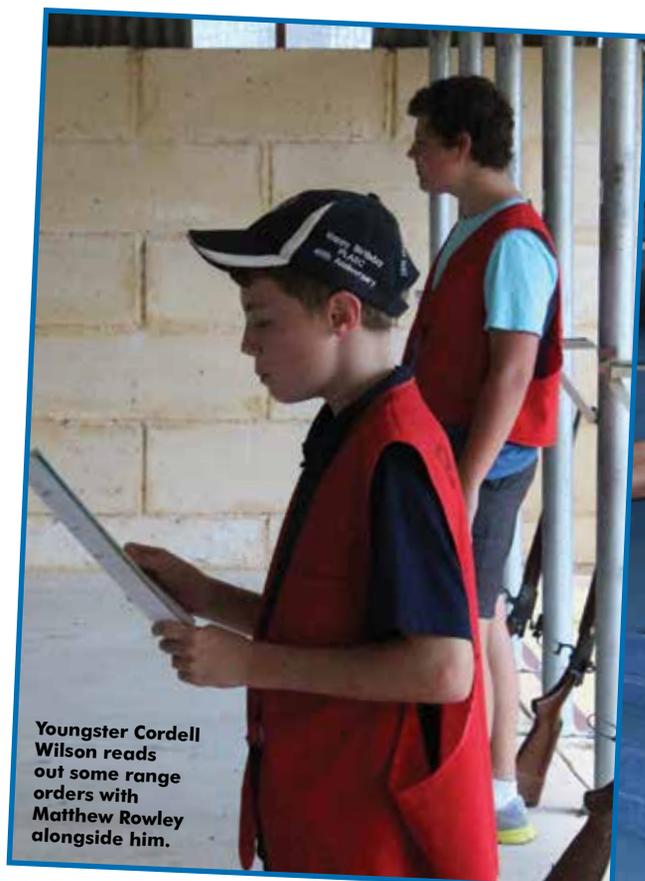
These are boom times for the Perth club, which is now one of the largest Lever Action clubs in Australia. It was originally set up in 1973 with a mere nine members involved at the inception. Now that number has mushroomed to more than 130 shooting and non-shooting members spread across all age brackets.

Encouraging responsibility

Club captain Kevin Wilson is Cordell's grandfather and says it is part of the PLARC's policy to get juniors involved in shooting and the hierarchy is pleased that the youngsters are responding in such a resounding fashion. "We have quite a few juniors at the club and want to encourage them as best we can because they are the future of our sport," said Kevin.

In Cordell's case, his rise to prominence has come at a rapid rate as Kevin started training him when the youngster joined the club at the age of 10. "Cordell just took to it right from the word go," said Kevin. "But I made sure he was not allowed onto the range with firearms until he had learned all the necessary safety aspects...I come from a military background so I know how important safety and training is."

Kevin says that it was October 2013 when Cordell formally kicked off his participation in the art of target shooting. By 2014, he was competing at the SSAA Western Australia Lever Action State Championships where he landed third place in the Junior Classic Calibre. At the next State Championships, he came away with total haul of five medals. At present, Cordell is proficient in Lever Action Rifle, Field Pistol and Revolver.



Youngster Cordell Wilson reads out some range orders with Matthew Rowley alongside him.



Youngsters making a big impression: Daniel Hazzard, left, Cordell Wilson, Lauren Rowley and Matthew Rowley.

As Cordell progressed with his shooting, he also started to take an interest in the organisational duties as a range officer. He completed the range officer course, which takes five hours, in October 2015 when the SSAA WA Safety Officer conducted the course. After that, it was a further educational diet of supervision to gain the qualification.

Kevin explained how Cordell rose to the task of developing his new role as a trainee range officer. "He is club mad and wants to get involved and do his bit," said Kevin. "He doesn't like to be treated like a kid."

Fun for all ages

When Cordell first took his spot on the range under supervision, a few of the more experienced shooters playfully tried to stir things up by suggesting that at such a tender age he may be somewhat out of his depth. But Cordell was having none of that nonsense. He knew his rights and told them so in no uncertain terms. "Some of the older blokes were giving him a hard time as a wind-up when he first went to the range," said Kevin. "But he just said 'I am a qualified range officer and this is my range'."

Cordell is pleased that he took up shooting and is revelling in his new role. "I enjoy shooting and look forward to every event," he said. "Being qualified to work as a range officer was important to me. It gives me something to do and keeps me involved between events."

He certainly seems unfazed by the responsibility and sees himself as just part of the wider group. "I have made many friends at the club of all ages and enjoy their company, support and advice," he said. "Helping visitors and new juniors is great. Mostly, it's not always about my score; it's about being with club members and having fun."

Cordell even jokingly warned his granddad to keep an eye out for the grandson who he took to the club not so very long ago. "Maybe I'll beat Granddad and take his club captain's job one day as well," he said. >



Cordell stoops down to examine one of the shooter's equipment.

A club campaign

Meanwhile, Cordell is keeping good company with all the juniors enjoying their time at the club. Barbara Mills, a club member and wife of Keith Mills, who is the WA Lever Action Delegate, says that back in 2011 and 2012 a recruiting scheme was put into motion to actively attract more youngsters to become involved at the range. “The club started a little campaign to offer free memberships to juniors,” said Barbara. “It was decided to let them join for free - all they had to pay was the SSAA membership...The club fee for juniors to join was not expensive so the club is not missing out financially, but is gaining numbers to guarantee the future of the sport. Also, at least one parent joins either at the same time or shortly thereafter.”

Barbara said that since the offer was introduced, the response from youngsters and their families had been very positive. In fact, the intake has prompted the introduction of an Under-15 division in the Junior section in order to provide encouragement for the younger shooters. “They are the future of the sport, so once they have joined, they are hopefully shooters for life,” she added. “Or if they are distracted at the end of their teenage years, they can always come back to shooting in the future.”

Joining the club looks as if it could be just the starting point for some of the youngsters, as a few of them are queuing up behind Cordell and Matthew to learn the ropes as range officers. “It has been made club policy to put all the members through the RO course once they have become familiar with the club,” said Barbara. “Not everyone can hope to pass first time but it can give them a grasp about some of the issues of life on the range. Then they



Lauren takes aim at the range as Cordell looks on in his capacity as trainee range officer.

can work out what’s right and what’s not right in conjunction with the rules.”

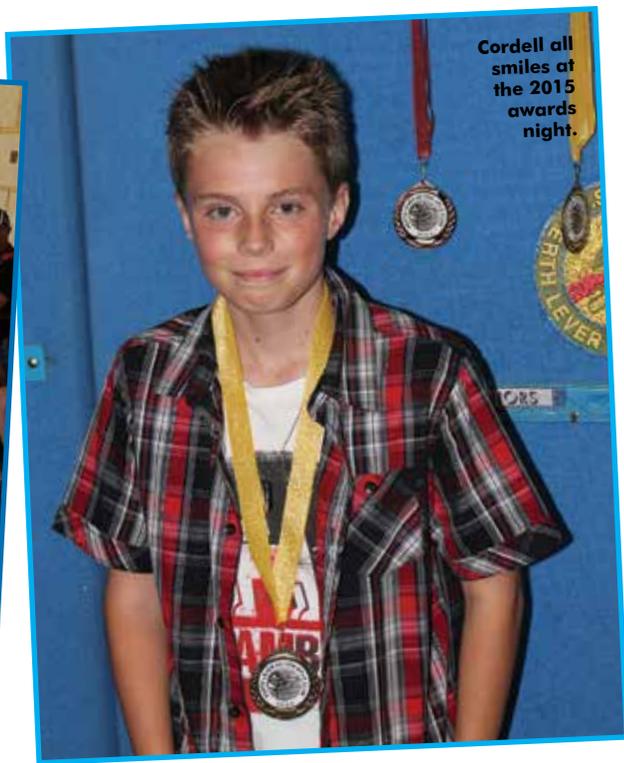
Barbara was delighted to see the more established shooters at the range supporting the junior intake in their participation at all levels, plus accepting Cordell and Matthew as trainee range officers. “This sort of camaraderie at all levels, regardless of age, within the shooting fraternity can only be of benefit to our sport in the long term,” she said.

Following in family footsteps

Matthew and his sister Lauren signed up with the club alongside their father, Jason, in June 2015. Matthew earned his range officer status at the same time as Cordell. Since then, he has already proved to be an asset at Wanneroo and a fine role model for the younger, and not so young,



Matthew takes his turn in charge, supervised by senior range officer Richard Laban.



Cordell all smiles at the 2015 awards night.

members of the club. Matthew works in a voluntary capacity at each shoot that he participates in. He certainly seems to have a solid outlook on life and he already has one eye on the future, having enrolled as a pre-apprentice in the plumbing trade. Lauren is also a regular visitor to the range and has also proved her talents in another area by winning a host of dancing awards - including tap, jazz and lyrical dance - before she caught the shooting bug with her brother.

Another youngster tipped for great things is Euan McCann, who aims to emulate his two clubmates' transition to trainee range officer status. Euan was introduced to the club by his uncle, James Hay and his grandad Ken when they saw what good work Cordell was managing to achieve. James and Ken have both been SSAA members for more than 20 years and reckon Euan is coming along nicely as a shooter. "He will definitely go for his range officer [training] when he is given the opportunity," said James. "He is doing well, improving at each competition and enjoying gathering his own cache of awards."

Euan's progression is another reward for the forward-thinking attitude at the club. "Like Cordell, Euan is only slight in stature for his age but at the club the policy for joining is not age related," said Barbara. "The club tries to encourage the youngsters and so long as they are big enough to hold a firearm safely and unassisted, that's what counts."

Bright futures

The Perth Lever Action Rifle Club juniors have another big date for their diaries when they will be able to monitor their burgeoning prowess. For they will be among the club contingent travelling to Albany for the SSAA WA Lever Action State Championships at the Mutton Bird range from June 4 to 6. Without trying to heap too much pressure on them, good results there would underline the youngsters' potential.

Participate in the 2016 SSAA National Junior Challenge

Calling all potential junior sharpshooters. Mark down July 8 to 10, 2016, as important dates in your diary. For that's when SSAA New South Wales will be hosting the annual SSAA National Junior Challenge at its Batemans Bay Branch.

The event is open to all SSAA junior members aged 12 to Under 18 and this year will feature three principal events. These will be Field Rifle, Rimfire 3-Positional and Rimfire Rifle Metallic Silhouette. As well, there will be a separate BR30 Rimfire Benchrest competition, plus the chance to participate in a 10m Indoor Air Rifle challenge staged as a supplementary event. The indoor range will be open during the weekend and each junior will have the opportunity to hand in two targets to count in the independent category.

Action will start with practice and sighting-in from 8am on Friday, July 8, while a full schedule will be mapped out

for the rest of the weekend. The cost works out at \$60 per shooter to participate in all four events, plus the Air Rifle option and enjoy Saturday night dinner. Any youngster not wishing to experience the whole program can instead pay \$20 per event.

Early bookings would be appreciated. Nominations can be posted with a cheque to PO Box 883, Batemans Bay, NSW 2536. Alternatively, you can email your nomination form to bandlpayne1@gmail.com and direct deposit the fee to BSB 641-800, account 032502688 (please use your surname as a reference).

For further information about this year's SSAA National Junior Challenge, please phone Bryson Payne on 02 4471 3135 or email Anthony Hall at anthony@clydeauto.com.au. We look forward to seeing you there!

Danielle Lewis takes on Victorian ferals

by Assistant Editor Dave Rose

Cranbourne teenage shooter Danielle Lewis has joined a mission to curb the feral peril. Alongside her father Murray, 17-year-old Danielle is part of a volunteer team under the guidance of the SSAA Victoria, Landcare Australia and Trust for Nature that is helping farmers to rid their pastures of pest species such as foxes and rabbits.

The pair are members of the Field Hunters Club in Springvale, which Danielle joined three years ago to hone her skills on the range in tandem with Murray, who has been at the club for seven years. Both are SSAA members and now Danielle has advanced to joining in the carefully orchestrated culls that take place on properties where farmers have been given specific permits to allow the shooting schedules, which usually involve between 15 to 25 helpers at a time. Most of the shoots are in the north of Victoria, which can involve a three-hour drive from the city zones of Melbourne for one-day or weekend outings.

Danielle has quickly picked up the techniques to put down a fair number of nuisance rabbits and foxes since she started. "I got into shooting though my dad and he had started following on from his dad, Cliff," she said.

Danielle Lewis shows off a hare she took with a 12-gauge shotgun during a recent weekend hunt in north Victoria.

Danielle learned the basics at the Springvale range, but is happy to have extended her experience to the farmland operations. "I began shooting rabbits when I was in Year 12, but now we are doing more and more kangaroos," she said. "We do a bit of kangaroo culling under special permits...In certain areas they are classified as pests so the club is issued with permits because you need those to shoot them."

Shooting jointly with her dad seems to fit in perfectly for Danielle. "Between the two of us we have .22 and .223 rifles and a shotgun which we share, I guess," she said. "I usually use the .22, but I have tried the shotgun as well."

Danielle is hoping she will be able to continue the rural shoots as her future takes another turn. "I begin a degree course at Monash University in nursing and midwifery on the Monday after a weekend shoot in north Victoria so that is going to be a busy time," she said. The shoot duly went ahead for Danielle, Murray and their hunting companions and the tally for the weekend was 18 foxes, 59 rabbits and four hares.

Meanwhile, Murray explained how the father-daughter combination progressed from range shooting to seeking out varmints. "My dad was into shooting many years ago and that's how I started," he said. "But I let it go for a while before I got back into it again and got my licence...Danielle came to the range with me and took things from there, but my son Chris has never really been interested."

Murray also explained how the hunting trips are formally regulated. "The Springvale club has an organiser who sets up the shoots," he said. "He gets the farmer on board and there can be about 20 of us involved if we do a



Danielle and her dad Murray, far right, plus the rest of the hunting gang who did a good job on the weekend excursion.

weekend shoot. There are usually three to four guys or girls in each group.

"It's all very organised; you can't just rock up at the farm and start shooting. The farmer or property owner will work it all out and tells you where to go.

"Initially the club organiser will visit the property and map things out with the farmer. So when we arrive we will be directed to wherever the rabbit warrens are or where foxes have been seen."

Judging by the count of pest animals eradicated on the latest weekend undertaking, Danielle, Murray and their hunting buddies are making a real difference.

Juniors-only competition

Only junior SSAA members are eligible to enter. One entry per member. To enter, simply write your name, address and membership number on the back of an envelope and send it to:

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SSAA National
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or online at ssaa.org.au/win

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The breakthrough boar

by Damon Marks

The time had finally arrived when I was old enough to obtain my junior shooters permit. One afternoon after school, Dad took me to the local gunshop to sit the test. If I was successful, this would mean I would be able to shoot Dad's rifles for the first time in the five years we have been going hunting. Luckily for me, I passed my test!

Soon after, we planned a trip in the September school holidays. My dad, my brother Jacob and I headed out north-west to a property that Dad has been going to for many years. We were hoping to find some decent-sized hogs.

On one of the hot days we were there, we were sitting around camp, wondering what to do with ourselves. Then we remembered the day before that the farmer had told us about a secluded dam hidden in the bush that is not accessible by vehicle. We thought we may be on to a fruitful hunting spot as no machinery or people would have scared the pigs away in the past. Dad suggested that a great idea for us would be to walk to the dam and wait there under the shade of a tree to see if we could catch out a porker in its midday wallow.

As we slowly proceeded through the thick scrub, we were on high alert with our eyes peeled, looking out for any signs of movement. As we made our way over the dam wall, we saw no pigs, but we did notice a fresh wallow. We

sat down in the shade to break up our outline. After only about two minutes of sitting, we spotted a big black boar trotting down to the dam. I lay down to ensure a steady shot, but without thinking, I rustled some leaves around with my feet by shifting into position. The pig peered up for a while but eventually looked down once more.

I slowly moved again, unfortunately rustling some further leaves, but this time the hog bolted. I loaded the Remington SPS Stainless .270-calibre rifle and took a shot. I squarely hit the boar with the mighty .270, and it ran for about 30m





Damon Marks with his Remington .270 and the gnarly old boar.

Damon, centre, enjoying a roaring campfire on a frosty night with dad Darren and brother Jacob.

before it fell over, dead. I was relieved and excited to have bagged my first wild pig.

After waiting for a few minutes, we went over and set up the animal for a perfect photograph. Dad took many photos of me with what he called my 'breakthrough boar' so that we would be able to reflect on the special event.

Once we returned to base, we enjoyed a roast dinner that Dad had prepared in the camp oven before we had left for our hunt. After dinner, we waited patiently for the sun to lower so that we could go for a spotlight. A fairly successful evening of spotlighting saw us bag three foxes, a cat and two rabbits. Then we returned to camp for a bonfire at the end of the last night of a great trip.

An amazing score

My son Matthew Galanty, who is a SSAA member, has been shooting competitions for about three months. On December 8, he shot an amazing score of 98.4 in the sitting supported position for Field Rifle competition at the Southern Districts Rifle Club of Perth in Western Australia.

Matthew is 14 years of age and joined the Southern Districts Rifle Club in November, after three months of shooting as a visitor. Most people take about five years to shoot a score over 95 out of a 101 target, but my son Matthew has done this in only a few months, using my CZ .22-calibre rifle. He is very proud of his achievement, as am I.

Mike Galanty, WA



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SSAA National's 'Sign up a Junior' campaign was launched to help introduce youngsters to recreational shooting. Juniors are essential to the ongoing strength and vitality of the SSAA and we are seeking your support to protect and ensure the future of the shooting sports in Australia.

Simply fill in the form below with the junior's details and your details as the 'sponsoring member'. You can add more than one junior by photocopying the form and adding an extra \$21 per junior.

As an incentive to promote the campaign, all junior members who join or renew their membership between January 1 and December 31, 2016, will go into the draw to win \$500 worth of SSAA merchandise.

Additionally, all adults who sponsor a junior member will go into the draw to win \$1000 worth of SSAA merchandise!



- \$25 - includes 11 issues of the *Australian Shooter*
- \$54 - includes 11 issues of the *Australian Shooter* and 4 issues of *Australian Hunter* magazine

Has the junior been a member before? Yes/No

Membership No.

Details of junior being signed up - (must be under 18)

Branch (if known) Sex (please circle) M / F
 First name Middle name Last name
 Home address P/C.....
 Date of birth Phone.....
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Details of sponsoring member:

First name Middle name..... Last name.....
 Membership No.

Payment options

Enclosed is payment for the amount of \$.....
 Cheque Money order MasterCard Visa

Card number

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Cheques payable to the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia

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