



CURRAWONG LAKES

TROUT FISHERY & GAME PARK



Currawong Lakes Wingshooting 2012

The 2011 season saw our first large scale releases of Pheasant onto the shoot, having previously been primarily a Partridge shoot. Many changes had to be made to drives and our pen infrastructure to accommodate the new arrivals. A beating team was recruited and trained in preparation for our first big season of pheasant shooting at Currawong Lakes.

Looking back on the season, there was a great learning curve in the change-over to an emphasis on Pheasant and the development of drives to get the best from them on our ground, flat and steep, open and forested drives. Those of you who shot with us will no doubt agree that we managed admirably. Our aim, as always, was to provide the most challenging of birds to test the guns. We were successful and each day saw plenty of sporting opportunities for our guests on each drive.

For myself and everyone working on the shoot days, the highlights of the season included the day in late July we drove the top of Colonels in a gale and saw a number of extremely high curlers dropped in fine style by a visiting gun from Queensland to fall dead on the clay range 150 yards below. Perhaps the best was standing with the beating line watching as consistently good birds flew the gauntlet of the gun line on drive after drive, some of which were shot in fine style but many of which survived to fly another day. The aim of any Gamekeeper is to present challenging but achievable pheasants with a good smattering of archangels to break your hearts, or make your day, if you can pull one down in front of the rest of the line. We proved, I think, that one properly released and cared for bird will always out fly and out class any number of day released birds no matter how high the hill they are pushed from. That consistent quality counts to the discerning sporting shooter. Thank you to all those who shot with us last season for your support.

The 2012 season is shaping up to be very good with a wet spring giving us a late growing season lasting well into December. This has suited our hold over birds in the wild with lots of clover and insects for their young. This, combined with the usual amount of hard work and dedication on the rearing field, means that we will have plenty of fit, strong and healthy wild birds ready for the coming season. We have also constructed 3 new release pens to improve and create new drives just to please our old Currawong hands and challenge our new guests.

With what now amounts to the most experienced team in the field with Australia's only full time professional keeping team and help from our beaters, we aim to challenge our guests with the best quality shooting you will find on any shoot in this country and on a par with any in the world, as our guests will verify and our Beretta Australia endorsement testifies.

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