

# When a Cold Front is About To Hit...

*It's a Great Time to Hunt!*

*by Michael Mann & Mark Brown*

*Hi Errol,*

*In June 2017 Michael Mann (Mick) and I joined you for the Hunt Smart course – a thoroughly informative and enjoyable time that set us both up with an understanding of sambar behaviour. This knowledge enabled us to successfully hunt sambar in a range of locations and conditions – from private property to state parks, in mid-winter, through to the hot dry spells we have had this last summer.*

*Using the information you gave us has allowed us to determine where the deer are most likely to be, and how to get in front of them without them becoming aware of us. I won't go over the things you taught us as you would already know what I would be thinking of, but suffice to say that we still reminisce about our course with you and have taken many deer since then.*

*Just last week (7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018) having narrowed down an area where we “knew” there had to be deer, and having worked out when and how we could get in front of them, Mick and I backpacked into that special spot in the Alpine National Park. It was a “textbook” case of putting your overlays into practice – east face / first light / frosty morning / above feeding grounds / sheltered from wind / zone of silence on a blowy day - even before we shot a deer we said, “this would be one for Errol”.*

*We saw stags every day and harvested this great example - a 28¾ x 29¼ - the day before the cold front hit. I have attached a photo of another with fantastic symmetry which I harvested recently in NSW.*

*Kind Regards,*

**Mark Brown – Livin' the Dream.**

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**Right:** Energised by an enormously satisfying five days in Victoria's High Country, Michael Mann's backpack feels as light as a feather as he heads towards his 4WD.  
Photo: Mark Brown.

