

The long and the short of it

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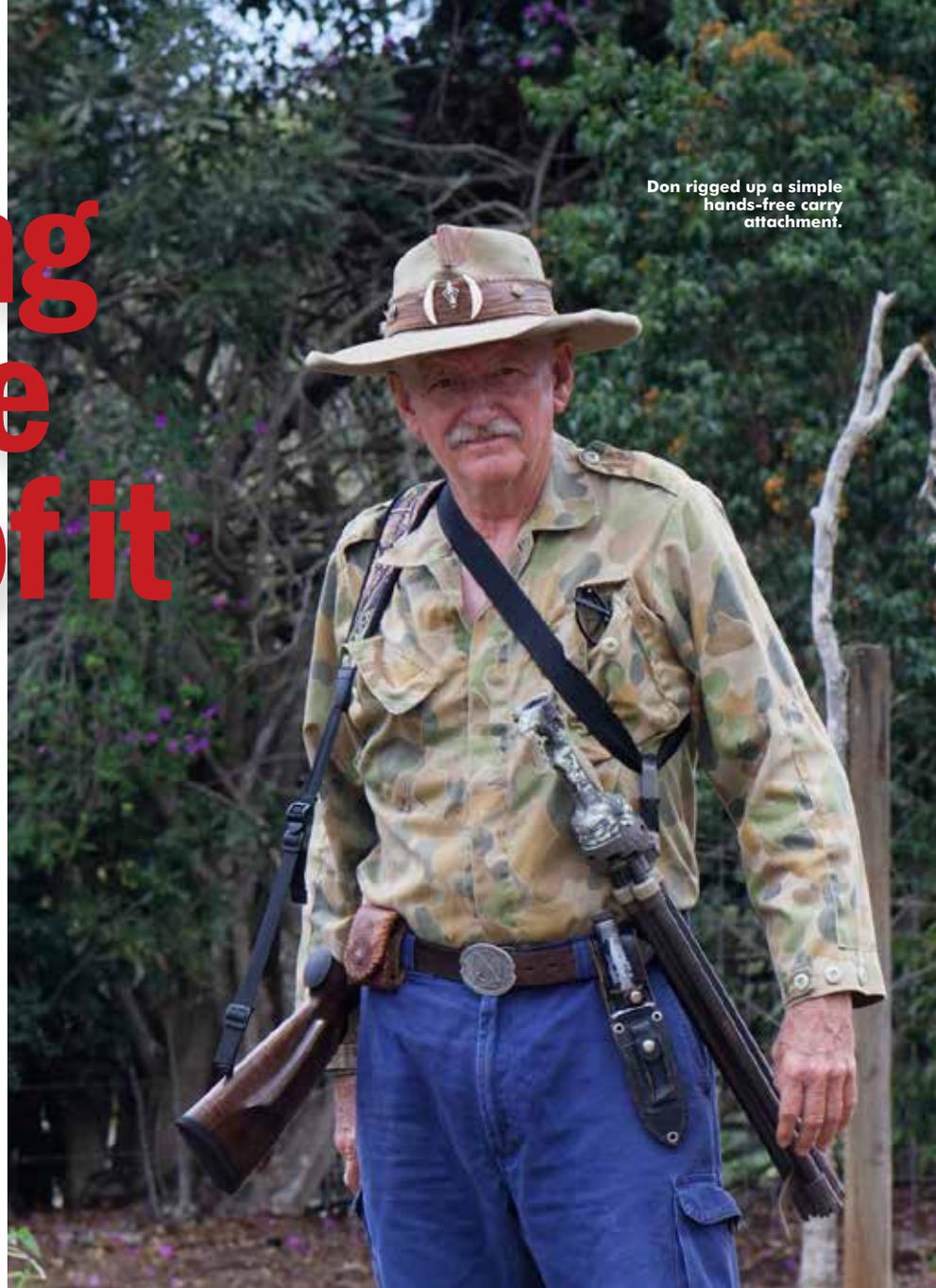
I have been using the Primos Gen 3 Long Trigger Stick for some time and it has been a real asset when walkabout hunting. But as much as the long version is invaluable for standing and kneeling shots, it requires some effort to set up when seeking support for a low shot. So I gave the Model 65812 Short Trigger Stick a go.

During the tropical dry season, I mix sit-and-wait with my slow stalking. When waiting in ambush, I do so simply by sitting directly on the ground. This works fine during the dry season when the grass is short. Once the wet season kicks in, I carry a small, folding stool which lifts me above the lengthening sward and has the added benefit of keeping my bum off the wet, muddy ground.

As the grass really starts to grow, I have to give up my sit-and-wait technique and rely on stalking. That is when the long version of the Primos Trigger Stick comes into its own as most shots are taken from a standing position.

I found the Primos Short Trigger Stick gave me faster deployment and a steadier rest when sitting low to the ground. At times I do use bipods, but these offer less immediate flexibility than the trigger stick. Also, if there may be a need to shoot off-hand, I find the front-heavy weight of the rifle with a bipod fitted is an impediment to my natural shooting style.

Another major advantage of the short



Don rigged up a simple hands-free carry attachment.

trigger stick is its compact length compared to the long-legged version. It is much more straightforward to carry, leaving me hands-free to use the rifle offhand on occasions when I enter dense scrub chasing pigs. I made a simple carrying arrangement to let me do just that. An unencumbered, carbine-style rifle held with both hands is essential when expecting to meet big pigs at close range in heavy cover. I can do that with the short trigger stick slung over my shoulder.

It provides me with a superior platform for low sitting shots during the dry and it has enough adjustable length to permit

kneeling shots as the grass begins to grow in the wet. It weighs just more than 1 kg and fully reduced is a mere 67cm long. The swivelling head rotates freely through the full 360-degree arc. The support yolk can be quickly detached and a camera mount installed instead. I find that very useful and it eliminates the need for me to carry a photographic tripod.

The quick detach support also features a locking lever for added security with expensive optics. The support head can be twisted to allow the legs a wider angle, if you are seeking to go as low as possible for a shot, or a photo.

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The Primos Gen 3 Trigger Stick provides a convenient solid rest for hunting.

The outstandingly handy feature is its ability to easily adjust the leg lengths between 46 to 96cm. With an effortless one-hand squeeze of the trigger and pushing the support head to where you want it, the legs automatically adjust their length to suit. This is particularly nifty when seeking a quick shot from sloping ground. I find the Primos Trigger Stick to be a helpful aid when hunting. The capacity to instantly deploy a stable rifle support in the most uneven terrain enables me to take the often fleeting opportunity for a carefully-placed shot.

The Primos Short Trigger Stick is available from Nioa through most gunshops. The retail price is from about \$189. ■



The Primos Gen 3 Short Shooting Stick is half the height of the long version.



A rifle support yolk and a camera/telescope mount are easily interchangeable.

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