

TROPHY TAKERS NEWSLETTER

March – June 2016

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Game Claim Report 16/06/2016

New member Matt Hynds rated a nice 210 DS fallow buck, along with a 153 1/8 DS chital stag, a 13 point wild dog he shot back in 2013, and a 29 point Camel he took in 2014. Not a bad way to join the TT ranks Matt, welcome.



Matt Hynds with a 153 1/8 DS chital stag (top) and 210 DS fallow buck (below).

A few ratings have been trickling in over the last several months, with some cracking animals amongst them.

Lee Payne found himself a respectable buck during the 2016 rut scoring 212 2/8 DS and placing at number 66, he also rated another cat scoring 7 4/16.



Lee Payne with his best buck of the 2016 rut, 212 2/8 DS





Matt Hynds with a big bull camel (top) and calf killer (below).



We have had another new member join recently – Josh Robb from Armidale. Josh joined with a billy he shot back in 2012 scoring 89 5/8 DS. Welcome Josh, good to have you on board mate.

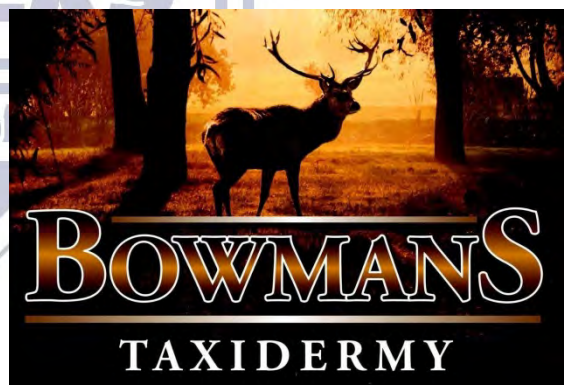


Josh Robb and his 89 5/8 DS billy

Kevin Yates from Tamworth rated a couple of Rusa stags he took last year in central QLD, scoring 204 4/8 and 198 3/8 DS. These place in at No 9 and 22 in the Rusa deer ratings respectively. Well done Kevin.



Kevin's two Rusa stags from Broadsound Safari's country



As he often does Paul Southwell got the drop on a chital stag over the easter weekend. The small bodied stag scored in at 159 3/8 DS, but looked a fair bit better than that walking around.



Paul's chital stag (above) and a live photo of the stag (below)



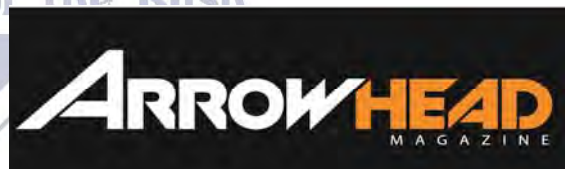
Rod Collings from Mt Isa has been having a good run with his Raven longbow, taking a cracking 32 2/8 DS Cape York boar late last year, and also a 9 13/16 DS fox during the fallow rut this year. Ben Salleras also got a tape run over a buck chamois he shot on the West Coast of NZ. It scored 25 4/8 DS and slots in at number 2.



Butcher's fine chamois buck from South Westland, New Zealand



Rodney Collings went traditional to nail this cracking 32 2/8 DS boar





Rodney decked this 9 13/16 DS fox from close range with his longbow

I've also had a real good start to the year, getting the drop on a 12 point red stag back in April scoring 274 4/8 DS and a handy billy with a spread of 44 6/8 inches scoring 136 2/8 Ds to place at 11 in the goat ratings.



Mark Southwell and his awesome red stag (above) and even better 136 2/8 DS billy (next page top).



A short and sweet game claim report this issue, don't forget to get your ratings in to me at info2@trophytakers.org, or post to me a PO BOX 1804, Armidale NSW 2350.

Good luck in the bush,

Mark S



AUSTRALIAN BOWHUNTING FORUM

2017 Awards and Measurers Course

Plans are well underway for this year's awards, to be held on the October long weekend (1st to 3rd October) at Chevallan Archery Park, located near Gympie in QLD.

The awards are to be held in conjunction with a big traditional archery shoot, which will allow members to have a few shots with their recurves and longbows, and will also be great exposure for TT, as they are expecting a large number of shooters for the event.

An information flyer for the shoot is included at the end of this newsletter. A small fee for the shoot will apply but this also gives access to the amenities and camping grounds.

We are also very pleased to announce that the long awaited TT measurer's course will be held on the Monday. This is free and open to anyone willing to stay on for the extra day and participate, and will give accreditation to measure deer for inclusion to the TT ratings. This is not a regular event so we really encourage all members from far and wide to participate in this course, the first we have run since 2007.

We have been assigned ample space in the clubhouse for our usual TT trophy and photo display, so please give some thought to bringing something along (big or small) to contribute to the display. It should be a great event.



For more information contact TT at info2@trophytakers.org

or alternatively give Tamara or Gary at Chevallan Archery Park a ring on 0419721672 or 0419710869. They also have a great website, check out

www.ChevallanArcheryPark.com

Chairman's Report

Hello I am back! Having missed an inclusion in the last two Newsletters I am happy to be able to put pen to paper so to speak for this edition. Having had some involvement in most Newsletters for the past 30 years (YES – this is TT's 30th year) it can sometimes become a chore. However having said that please do not ever see my absence as a lack of interest or commitment to TT. It will always have as much support and commitment going forward as I am able to give. Just sometimes obviously other things in life need to take priority.

Speaking of previous editions of our Newsletter, how good was the Aug 2015/Feb 2016 edition in terms of Game ratings and general content? A Very big well done to everyone that had some involvement from simply rating there terrific trophies through to Shane Dupille and Paul Southwell's stories, Mark Southwell's Ratings write up and 2015 Awards wrap plus the forever thought provoking Pigs Pad by wise man Chris Hervert. Then to top it all off the put together by Paul Southwell and Ben Salleras to enable Pete Morpett to download to our website for all to enjoy. Great effort.

Going back to Pig's Pad for a sec I have got to say we all need to take note of Chris's comment re setting goals and later in the Newsletter Ben Salleras' writings around "dreaming big." I can add to that by saying if you can do it now then "do it now" don't put it off. Things change quickly in this world of ours and a moment of hesitation may represent an opportunity lost. There is an old saying in the marketing world that is also very apt for we bowhunters in that "you cannot hit the target (goal/dream) if you are not aiming at it."

I know I have mentioned it before but we need to again say a really big thankyou to Steve Dimitrakellis for the great work he is doing on our TT Facebook page. His material selection and very appropriate wording for each and every post is first class and appreciated. If you are a TT member (past or present) and not yet on our FB page and want to get onto our FB page please let us know.



Also Ian Fenton is looking to put a bit of a belated Birthday luncheon and bit of a get together in celebration of Manuel Agius's recent 70th birthday. Any of Manuel's bowhunting friends that would like to attend need to let me know ASAP so that I can pass on numbers to Ian. davewhitingtt@hotmail.com

I was speaking to Rod Shorten the other day and he was saying that he and son Stephen had put together as promised at last Awards a very nice Ladies Bowhunter perpetual shield/trophy. I will be very proud to be involved in its first presentation at this year's Gympie Awards. It will fill a void that has been sadly missing for way to long from our Annual Award and recognition nights.

RATINGS!!! – We are into June already so IF you have any outstanding ratings PLEASE extract the digit and get them in ASAP. I would imagine that to be eligible for this year's Awards your ratings will need to be to Mark Southwell by the end of August. I have a few to get done for the boys here in the west and one for myself as well.

MEMBERSHIP; - I got Mark S to send me a list of current membership last week and I noticed that a few of our long term members and others have

not re-joined since the membership year ran out last October. We do not send out regular reminders so if you think you might be up for a re-join please check with either Mark or I. \$20 per year OR \$50 for 3 years.

This year's Awards as mentioned earlier are to be held just near Gympie in SE Qld. Full details will be covered further into this newsletter HOWEVER I just want to mention to all the fella's that make the trip solo each year and leave the family behind, this is not the year to do so. Start planning now to bring the family along. The venue is a privately run Archery Park with modern camping facilities surrounded by golf course like green lawns.

Finally as many of you would know we nominate our next year's Award's venue (2017) following the Sunday AGM of the current years (2016) AGM. We need to start to think about it now so that we have some options and you have some time to put some thought and comments on why you have made such a suggestion.

I spoke to Allan Karrantiana via social media recently and he suggested that we should have it up in Darwin one year. He was very surprised to learn that we had a very successful Awards in Darwin in 1999 but I told him the years are ticking by and if he wanted to nominate we would listen. Although a couple of years notice would be required to enable southern members to plan and save for such a trip ie Allan nominates now for say 2018 Awards venue to be Darwin.

The two other venues I would like to see (sooner rather than later) would be at the Goulburn Bowmen's Club (Tony Osmond) OR right down into South East Victoria around Bainsdale/Sale (Marc Curtis/Will Ellen/Mark Ballard).

We now prefer not to hold Awards on the October long weekend (Aug/Sept good) and would also prefer to dovetail into an invitational shoot with a local Club. This is a win win for both parties, giving our Awards and display a more local public exposure and support plus more shooters (TT members) for their Invitation shoot.

Look forward to seeing you all at Gympie,

Regards Dave Whiting



My 2016 Fallow Rut

By Harrison Tydings

All the signs pointed toward a great 2016 fallow/red rut in our hunting areas. As late spring and summer came around, the velvet stags started to show up. At this early stage four stags stood out in the ones we were seeing. Hopefully they would be around when the rut was in full swing. Unfortunately, as early March came around, conditions had dried off significantly and the only cover we

were going to have were saffron thistles.

After taking a couple of smaller stags I focused my efforts on getting a mature stag. Over the course of March and April we had manage to see a number of mature stage worth pursuing, one menial stag in particular had my undivided attention.



After many failed attempts due to roos, other deer and lack of cover I was beginning to think it wasn't going to happen. After bumping him around the side of the hill once again I had just about had enough. As I stood there in frustration thinking about my next move, the sound of heavy antler clashing together made up my mind. I quickly headed in the direction of the fighting around the side of the hill as the heavy clashing continued.

I made good ground quickly. Moments later the fighting stopped. I stood among the sparse box trees trying to get a visual on the stags. Seconds later the menial stag I had been chasing appeared above me. With no cover I wasn't able to move. I kept track of his position as I crouch next to the big box tree and as he made his way towards toward my position I could feel my adrenalin start to stir.

Now behind a fallen log I knocked an arrow and drew with minimal movement and waited. With the thermals now lifting the wind was in my back knowing I didn't have long before he caught my scent something had to happen fast. As the stag appeared from behind the log I placed the pin on his chest. He stopped out at just over 20 meters. Abruptly lifting his head I knew it was now or never. As the shot went off I knew it was far from perfect.

The open grass paddocks allowed me to follow from a distance coming up over a rise he caught my movement and jumped the fence and made it over a bench out of sight. Peering over the rise I watch the stag from a distance making his way into a small gully where he bedded down. Know it was better to give him some time. I watch from a distance. 30 minutes later I was holding one of my biggest fallow to date.



A few days later, luck was on my side again I was able to take another exceptional fallow buck. A lengthy stalk and perfectly placed shot sealed the deal on a real old stag. With coronets almost on his skull and good mass he was great way to finish another great deer season and the end of the 2016 rut



Pigs' Pad

Decided it was time to go and have a look at the mayhem which is the Eucumbene River flats during the annual brown trout spawning run, in essence I guess it's the equivalent of the deer rut for fisherman. Being an introvert and not really that keen on crowds I garnered some 'good oil' about likely but less popular spots.

The Thursday night saw Nick and I at the local establishment having some tucker and getting a feel for what to expect, the crowd was certainly surprising and let's say quite motivated. The day dawned drizzly and cool, and with back packs on we trudded into the wilderness. When we hit river it was nice to see nobody in the primo spot.

The water was certainly moving and made fishing challenging and a few hours later and with a several hook-ups but no result it was time for a move. Lunch steeled us and with new found enthusiasm we headed into the mouth of the dragon.

Within 5 minutes of parking 2 nice browns were hauled in by the 'resident'

fisherman, so we broke out the gear and came up with a plan. Basically the plan was to walk past the 50 odd cars and their human cargo then try and find a more secluded area. For a people watcher this would have proved quite interesting surveying the mixed bag of fishers and their methods. The yobs with 4bee's parked up and ale flowing, the family groups, every kid has a rod, the fly fisherman with the discerning frown and the newbie with all the gear. Nick and I ended up getting a few fish but what struck me was the numbers and variety of people who are now able to get out and about.



Apparently we saw it on a quiet day, but with the Long Weekend coming it was not a time for the faint hearted. A few stories of fisticuffs drifted our way, the result of someone fishing 'my hole', after all fishing is a serious business. I felt the victim in all this was the poor old trout, just trying to do his or her thing and to negotiate

hundreds of lines decked out with everything from lures, to blades, to flies and to the infamous glow bug. If they did not bite on one then surely they would get tangled.

The talk is they are going to fence the flats off, now normally I am against any such measure but maybe in this case in may not be a bad thing. However I think there should be an exemption for fisher persons less able to get around, a bit like a dis-abled sticker on a car. The big issue with blocking entry is it also limits access to those most likely to appreciate and look after it.



We then left for Tantangara and without a word of a lie probably saw over 200 brumbies or wild horses, as the parkies like to call them. Now I don't mind seeing the nags in the bush, there is something old school and colonial about it, but crikey there was plenty of them. Be interesting to see how the plan to control them plays out, the deer get clobbered and they don't cause nearly as much damage as the brumbies. The real mongol/mongrel looking ponies certainly look the part, odd how the occasional race horse looking model seems to creep in, the colt from Old Regret maybe?

Chris Hervert.



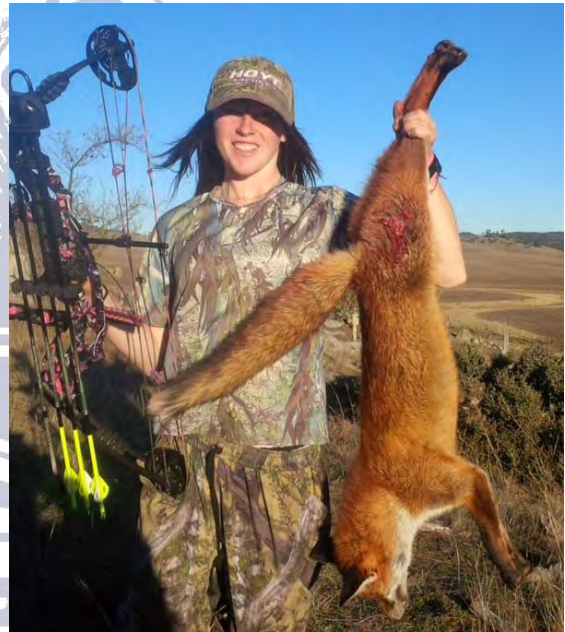
My First Two Foxes By Kasey Payne

Here's a bit of a short story about my first 2 foxes I was lucky enough to get the shot on.

The 1st fox - it was my little brothers birthday and dad, Charlie and myself decided to go for a fox hunt.

It was the first call and we had been calling for quite some time, I saw movement down through the tussocks and it was a good fox trotting up to us so I got myself ready and waited for him to come closer, the fox trotted in to about 15 yards from me and I took a lovely side on shot behind the shoulder in the triangle and he only ran about 20 yards from where he was shot, dad and I got some photos and took his head to get it scored , it was getting abit to cold for us so we decided to go home.





2nd fox- it was a windy arvo and dad myself and my younger brother Charlie decided to go for a fox call not far from the house, we went up a little gully out of the wind and got ready,

We started whistling and 2 good foxes came in to about 20 yards but the first one came to a stop and spotted dad n the second one stopped was a lovely big vixen and before she had a chance to bolt I managed to get a shot away and smoked her dad n I took some photos and I took her head and we decided to get out of the cold

TT Facebook Page

The TT facebook page now has 83 members and there have been some great posts put up lately of great trophy's taken by our members. If you're on Facebook and not a member of this private group, please look us up and come check it out.

Thanks for the efforts of all that have taken the time to post, and to Steve D



and Nick H for your efforts in running the page.

Enjoy the bush!

Ben Salleras & Paul Southwell.



Newsletter Contributions

Well it is great to see a couple of our younger members sharing their recent successes in this newsletter and putting pen to paper, so thanks very much to Kasey and Harry, great job guys. We are keen to hear from any members who would like to submit a short story or hunt report for the newsletter, so please don't be shy. Product reviews or other informative articles are also more than welcome.

Ratings score sheets, photos and membership enquiries should be directed to Mark Southwell at the TT Mailbox.

Please ensure photos are attached to all ratings submissions, and sent to:

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PO Box 1804
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You can contact me on:

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Chevallan Archery Park – 715 Wilson Pocket Road Gympie QLD

Private archery course – invitation required

Camping onsite, power available. Toilet and Shower facilities

Meals – Friday night to Sunday Lunch

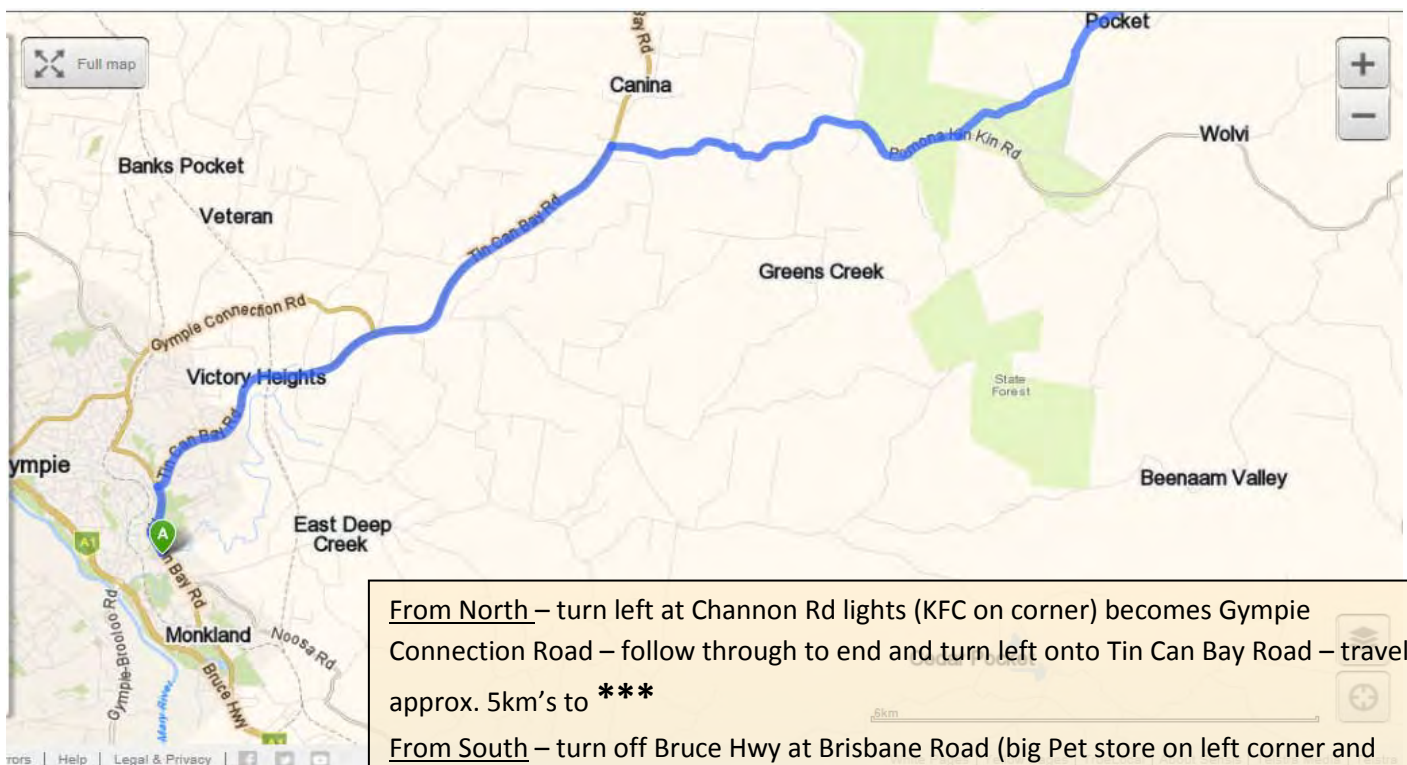
Camp fire/cooking in raised fireplaces please

3D targets – Clout Range – Running Target – Rolling disks – Speed round –
Hunter Road and a surprise or 2

Longbow – Recurve – Selfbow – Timber Arrows Only

\$35 Adults - \$15 Juniors – Cubs \$10 – Family 2x2 \$75

Basic Information only – Flyer or email will be issued closer to shoot dates –
email swallace@wallacetradwoods.com or register@chevallanarcherypark.com
with enquiries or to be added to the email contact database. For map directions
see over.



From North – turn left at Channon Rd lights (KFC on corner) becomes Gympie Connection Road – follow through to end and turn left onto Tin Can Bay Road – travel approx. 5km's to ***

From South – turn off Bruce Hwy at Brisbane Road (big Pet store on left corner and Lincraft on the right) – travel approx. 3km Turn Right Tin Can Bay Road (also known as Cootharabar Road) – travel approx. 10km

*** Turn Right onto Kin Kin Road, small black Wolvi sign under street name on signpost – travel approx. 5km – veer left onto Wilsons Pocket Road (sign also reads to Tin Can Bay) travel approx. 3km (could be a tad more, the road narrows at one stage, and there is a single lane bridge too) keep going -- the Driveway you're after, is on the right approx 300metres **past** Treeby Road, next to the dual brick "gateway" - It will be sign posted.