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Game Claim Report 09/06/2011

Well the dust has well and truly settled on the 2011 fallow and red deer ruts. Once again TT members got into the action with some very fine heads falling to the bow.

ACT bowhunter Rory Smith got the drop on a cracking buck and one well-placed shot from 48 metres had the big bat palmed buck on the ground. It later measured 235 4/8 DS. Apparently Rory had his eye on this buck for several years before getting the jump on him. Rory has also rated a few other critters in the last little while, another nice 219 5/8 fallow buck and two goats in the 90-100 DS range all shot back in 2010.



"Rory Smith PB Fallow Buck 235 4/8DS!"



"Rory Smith's 219 5/8 DS Fallow Buck!"

Well done Rory on all these fine critters!

Bathurst bowhunter Leigh Cragg had a successful rut taking his first red stag, a nice heavy 5x6 measuring 273 1/8DS which lands at number 5 in the ratings. A few weeks later he got the drop on a fallow buck as it trotted up a game trail, lured in by Leigh's doe calls. One good shot and Leigh had himself a 200 1/8 DS fallow – tidy work big fella!

Many years of persistence finally paid off for Shane 'raghead' Dupille, who managed to shoot himself a dandy light colored fallow buck scoring 194 DS. One of Manuel's crested arrows shot from a 60lb Mark Ballard 'badlands' recurve did the trick - can't get much more TT than that! Shane has also been into the foxes of late, check out the 'around the traps' section later in the newsletter.



“Lee Gragg with his PB Red Stag 273 1/8DS.”

day of a weeklong hunt in April. He was my best to date scoring 250 2/8DS and comes in at No. 2.



“Pete with a consolation Buck for 2011, 196+”



“Lee with another PB 200 1/8Ds Fallow Buck”



“Mark Southwell’s massive 250+ Fallow buck!”



“Shane Ragehead Dupille with his PB Fallow Buck 194 DS!”

As most of you will probably have heard, Adam Greentree had a dream red deer rut taking 2 massive stags. Preliminary measurements suggest that the top of the TT ratings will get a good reshuffle, but as yet the heads haven’t been panel measured, but when they do, we will let you know just how big they are! Good reward for a dedicated bowhunter.

Our resident IT guru Pete Morphett had a relatively quiet year on the fallow, but did manage to put one of his rage heads to good effect taking a nice 196 4/8 black fallow. I also had a bit of luck, taking a long and wide buck that I had been watching for the last couple of years. I got the slip on him on the first



Adam Greentree with new Aussie Record Red Stag!



"Trevor Willis with a new Australian Record Chital, 196 1/8DS!"



"Adam with another awesome Red Stag for 2011!"



"Trevor's on a roll a Sambar Stag taken at 54m, 159 4/8DS!"

Haven't the chital records taken a hammering over the last few years? Great stuff! Trevor backed this success up by taking a very nice Sambar Stag a little closer to home, going over 24 inches in length and 159 4/8 DS. He also rated a red deer stag he shot back in June 2010 going 239 DS. The man is sure in a purple patch, I hope it continues...

Good reward for a dedicated bowhunter. Speaking of dedicated bowhunters, NE Vic bowhunter, taxidermist and guide Trevor Willis had a great start to the year, which started when he took the new TT No. 1 chital stag scoring 196 1/8 DS hunting with Mick Bakers, Trophy Bowhunt's Australia. This stag beats Paul Southwell's record of 194 7/8 that only stood for around three months.



“Trevor Wills 239DS Red Stag from 2010”

Also rating three fallow bucks taken during last year’s rut was Casey McCallum, the biggest of which scored in at 227 4/8 and now sits at Number 13 in the ratings. Well done Macca.



“Casey with his 194 2/8DS Buck form 2009”

Further north, Sunshine coast bowhunter Keith Hill rated several Cape York boars he took late last year with his recurve, one at 24 6/8 DS and the other 25 6/8 DS. Always a feat with the recurve, well done Keith!



“Casey McCallum with his PB Fallow Buck 227 4/8DS!”



“Keith Hill with his 25+DS Boar!”



“Casey with his 193+ Fallow buck from 2010”



“Kith with another Boar scoring 24+DS”

To round off the ratings for the last period, we had three new members join the TT ranks. Grant Bollington rated a 109 5/8 DS Billy goat he shot last year and Wally Parker rated a 92 5/8 DS Billy goat.



“Waller Parker with his PB Billy, 92 5/8DS”

Congrats on the game fellas and welcome aboard!

Also, new member Brian Newton rated two big goats he shot with Wayne Preece recently, scoring 122 and 127 2/8 DS. A couple of rippers there Brian, well done. Brian also rated some small game he has shot over the past few years, a good fox scoring 10 7/16 and a cat scoring 7 5/16 DS.



“Brain Newton’s PB Billy 127+DS!”



Brian with his second big Billy, 122!”



Brain with his PB Fox, 10 7/16!”

Don’t forget to check the TT website (www.trophytakers.org) regularly for up-to-date new ratings and photos of all these great trophies and plenty more.

Mark Southwell.

2011 Trophy Takers Annual Awards.

At this stage, the 2011 TT awards will be held at Grafton in northern NSW on the 1-3rd of October. While these awards were originally going to be held in Tully in north QLD, the disastrous cyclone that hit the region earlier this year significantly damaged the archery club there, and it was decided to move the awards for this year. Hopefully we will

be able to hold the awards in Tully in successive years. At present we do not have exact details of the grounds at which the awards will be held, but when they become available this information will be circulated to members and also put up on the TT website, so keep an eye out for that.

PIG's PAD!

I was up on the shores of the lake the other day, sitting back watching the rods, relaxed thoughts running through my mind. There was not a breath of wind, the lake was a mirror, if it was summer the kids would have been carving it up on the skis but the chilled air betrayed the fact it was mid June and the snow covered hills only hinted at the water temperature. A tell tale jingle rang across the still air, a trout was interested in the meal I had presented, a few minutes later and a nice fat rainbow lay flapping on the bank.

I sat back down, then thought about the next morning's hunt, last time I had spooked the stag but now I had an idea where he was living so I figured that was a good place to start. Does it get much better than this...?



The week before Nick and I travelled a few hours north to a mate's property to

chase a few pigs. We saw a few, got a couple but the time spent with family and friends was more than worth the trip alone. Nick actually had a rather large assignment to complete so while he sat under the awning being academic (in front of the fire no less), I glassed the surrounding hills for moving black shapes.

Study break was incurred and Nick downed a nice young boar... What a country we live in, point in most directions and there is most likely somewhere you can go, set up camp, have a hunt and a fish and best of all relax and enjoy the surrounds.



I wonder if we are doing enough to protect this lifestyle. It may seem safe now, but I feel it's still important not to take it for granted; we still need to get the message across. Bottom line, it's all about numbers, that's what counts (so to speak). Sure the noisy minority often gets their way, but as group generally we are not that way inclined.

We need to make ourselves known in other ways, join a club for example, be a member of an organization that supports and protects what you love to do, whether its hunting, fishing or four wheel driving, buy the magazines and inform yourself before you vote are just some examples.

I am a fan of subliminal persuasion, the people you meet, friends and work mates, if the chance arise promote your lifestyle in a positive way, listen to theirs and be respectful of them, whatever they are.

Chris Hervert.

**Old Billy
By Wally Parker.**

On a hunt with Todd McCabe in the hills 2 hours from Goulbourn, I was walking along a saddle heading to another location to glass for some good goats. In the middle of the saddle i saw a young Billy on watch. He was just on the crest of the saddle. I saw him from about 50m and using the trees, wandered over to where I could see down the slope. Below him were a couple of knots of goats, all snoozing in the sun. I saw a couple of critters worth a closer look and started to make my way in.

As luck would have it, the look out, a young grey Billy, got a bit bored and headed down the slope to one of the larger mobs and pulled up under a tree. His departure gave me a nice avenue to get right into the heart of the mob. By the time I made my way to a short yet bushy gum, i was only 8 or so metres from the closest of them. I glassed the ones below me as the closes were nannies and young Billie's. I saw about 4 worthwhile contenders and prioritized them.

I ranged them all and knocked an arrow. I took a shot at the first; he was at 27 metres and slight downhill. He was walking slowly left to right. He stopped and i released. The arrow sailed right in front of him and buried the broadhead up to the shaft in a gum tree.

The dull thud of the bow and the arrow hitting the tree brought the rest of the mob to their feet. Nocking another arrow, I looked again for the goat i missed and after failing to see him selected another, a while Billy with a mullet hair do. He got the good news from about 25 metres, the arrow striking the shoulder and passing through. He lost his claret at an amazing rate so i nocked another arrow and selected the next one. At about 28 metres a Grey Billy got the same medicine and was down in seconds. Then this old mate walked into view.

I had to take my first steps since firing the first shaft, 2 paces and the lane to his chest was clear. At 30 metres and a steep downhill angle, i sent my greetings. He made a run for it bu lost the race and went down in 10 or so metres, rolling for another 15 down the hill coming to a rest against a large rock.

That's the long and short of it. From beginning to end about 10 minutes. Single bevel black stump non vented, Easton power flight 300.



"Wally with his old Billy taken with his old Darton!"

Cheers!

2011 Rut.
By Casey McCullam

2011 I put in a fair bit of time in on the fallow. I picked up a couple new blocks in a new area and hunted hard in my best block chasing a couple big bucks that would have been my personal bests by far. The big boys lived to grow for another year and I had fun all the same.



"The boys camp for the rut of 2011"

I was sharing a camp with Ben Sellaras and Benno this hunt. This day Benno and myself decided to take his recurve for an afternoon walk out into the rough stuff to try and find a decent goat. I took my compound as well just in case we bumped into a buck and lucky I did! We were walking along the head of a gully when I spotted a nice buck coming over the ridge top about 400m away.

He was heading towards us and with very dry leaves around us we decided to drop and sit tight. I got a pretty good look at him as he made his way towards us and being pretty late in the hunt I decided to take him. Luck was on my side as he walked past within range.

I draw back my new BowTech invasion and lined up on the buck that was at about 40m. I took the shot but was disappointed as I hit him a bit far back. He was still hit hard tho and after a quick follow up stalk and shot he was

down and looked a lot better on the ground. I'm yet to get him scored but he's a nice buck for the wall and made the time put in this year worth it.



"Casey taking the spoils back to camp"



"Casey with his 2011 buck!"

Around the traps!

Just thought I would send you an email to update you with my recent and successful Sambar trips, in-case Mark hadn't forwarded it onto you yet for ratings and the newsletter.

I managed to take the hind on the 26-4-11 at 10 yards with a 125grn slick trick, after ½ an hour of playing cat and mouse. She made it about 25 yards and went belly up. It's great to have a freezer full of venison again!



I have had some close encounters with two separate very large/mature stags, but things didn't pan out for me at the time. The joys of bowhunting Sambar! I have also been lucky enough to have found three Sambar cast antlers so far this year to date.

On my most recent hunt(12-6-11), I put up what I believe to have been one of the mature stags that I had previously sighted, before seeing another un-alert stag. After losing sight of him I followed up in his direction and found him again. As I glasses him, I noticed an extra ear protruding from behind a tree which turned out to be a spiker. Watching through the bino's, I thought my stalk has now just gotten harder, when I caught movement of another stag as he walk over to the two others. I was now watching two stags and a spiker, and trying to work out how I could take out the best of them before the wind gave me up or I got busted. With too much cover between me and the deer to get an arrow away, I snuck through the wattle suckers as the two stags did a bit of sparring and rattled antlers.

As I emerged on the other side, the better of the two stags was now feeding away from me; the battle was to keep within bow range, and to do so undetected, whilst waiting for the stag to present himself for a bowshot. Finally at fifty yards he moved to his left, and gave me the moment I had been waiting for.

The stag did the bolt, then when he turned and headed straight down I knew he was in trouble, and expired about 50 yards to the left of me.



It's been another great season so far, and really it has only just begun! I will have to get the antlers officially measured at some stage!

Cheers, happy hunting.

Dean Scott.

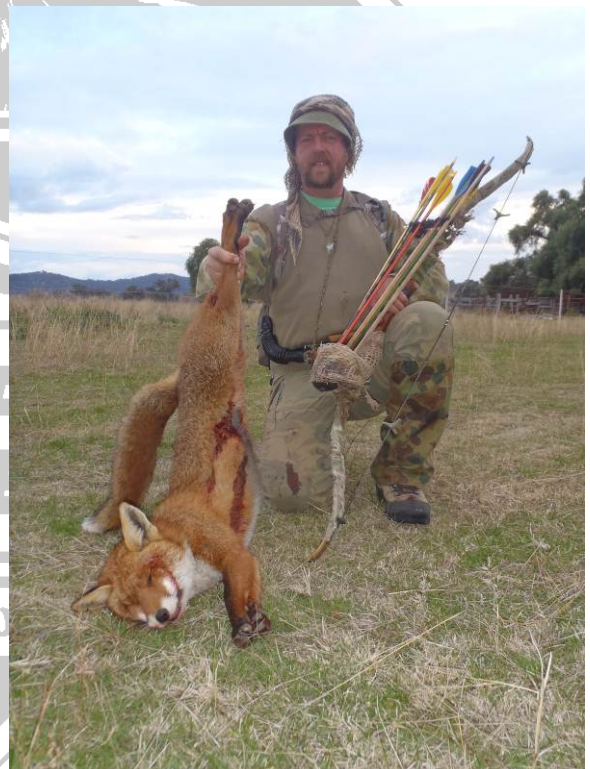
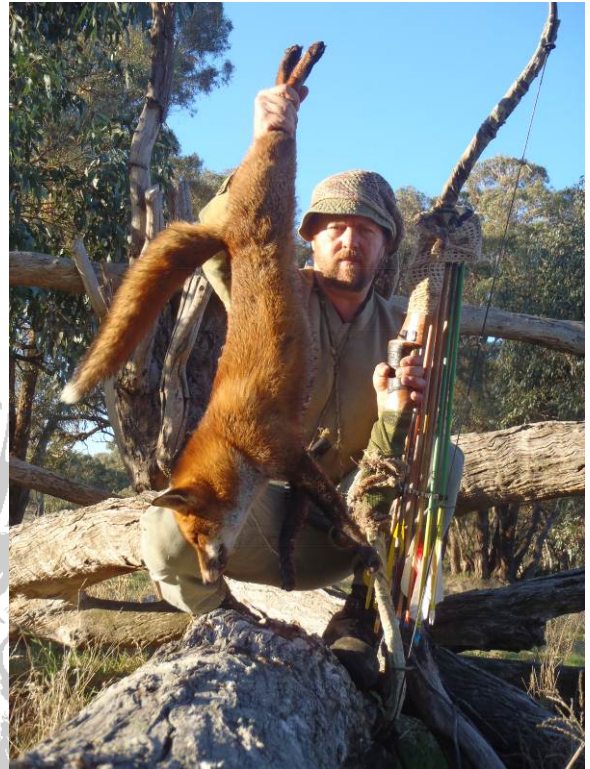
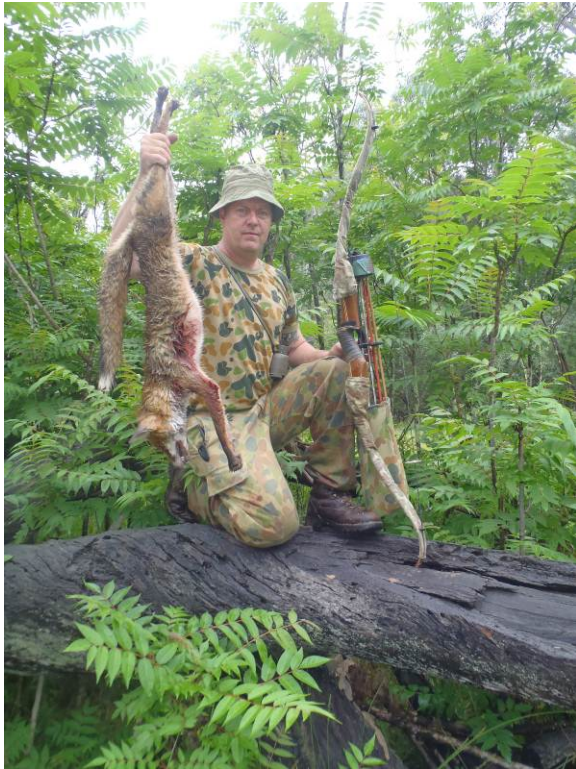
Glen and I have just returned from a week out west with Darren Hayman and we had a ball pig's everywhere and some pretty decent Billy's as well. And few days on the Rusa, cheers.



Lee Payne.

Been busy hammering the Foxes of late!





Shane Dupille.

Spent last week out west of Bourke with Warney, Paul Woods and Leigh Cragg. We had a good week taking about 30 boars, 5 goats and a cat. Pig numbers were good, and most of the boars we shot were pretty chunky models, best ivory was a big hog Paul shot that scored just under 27DS.

Goats were in the 35-38 inch bracket, best about 110DS. Good to see the numbers up, we saw a few of the sows chasing and catching live carp in some of the drier waterholes, like a bear would catch salmon. Pretty cool. Have attached a few pic's.



The Bowmen of



Mark Southwell.

Well I have been very busy after the rut but managed get out a little, finally got a Sambar Stag on the deck with the latest Franken bow the Z-Roid, also a decent fox taken at 10m with one of my other Franken bows and more meat with a spiker taken at 35m.



Peter Morphett.

Newsletter Contributions

As usual thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter, and congratulations to Adam Greentree and Trevor Willis on their awesome achievements of late!

Also welcome the latest TT newbies!

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Peter Morphett.



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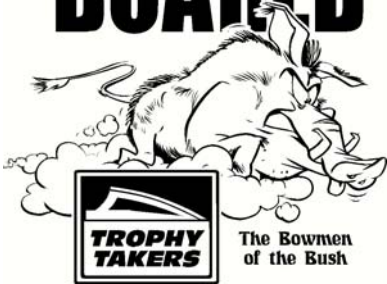
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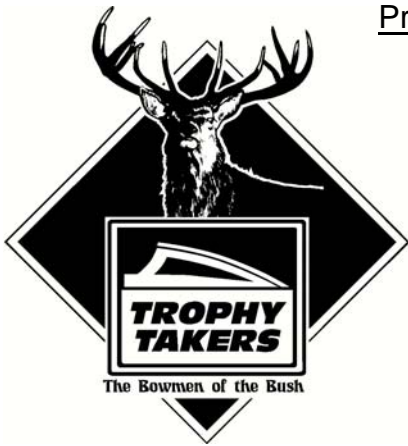
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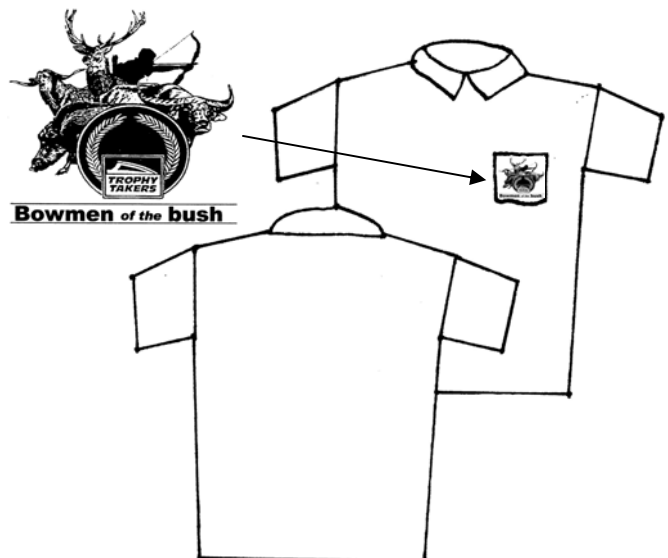
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