



# NEWSLETTER

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### Game Claim Report

Well the ratings have been trickling in over the last few months, with new and old members taking some handy critters with their bows. New member, but experienced bowhunter Robbie Austin joined the TT ranks with a massive red deer stag scoring 384 6/8 DS, which now rates as our Number 1 free range red deer. After a number of hunts on the stag, Robbie followed him and his girls back into the timber one July morning and secured him with a downhill shot, showing that persistence sure does pay off. Robbie also rated another mature red stag he shot back in 2011 scoring 272 2/8. Well done Robbie and welcome to TT.



Robbie Austin with two cracker reds, the new No 1, 384 6/8 DS stag (above) and a 272 2/8 DS stag arrowed in 2011 (below).



Ben Salleras got into the game mid-year, rating a long tined rusa stag

scoring 217 3/8, a representative chital scoring 149 3/8 DS and two moggy's in the mid to high 7 point bracket.



**Butcher with his 217 3/8 DS rusa (above), 149 3/8 DS chital stag (middle) and 7 10/16 DS cat (bottom).**



Townsville based bowhunters Paul Southwell and Rod Collings also rated some game, Paul with several boars and a wild dog from up north and Rod his first fox shot during the fallow rut,

and a nasty looking swamp boar scoring 29 4/8.



**Paul Southwell scored a double when a dingo walked in while taking photo's of his 27 point boar.**



**Rod Collings with his first fox that was whistled in by the whistling wizard Dave Whiting.**

**TREVOR WILLIS**  
TAXIDERM Y



**Rod and a nice swamp boar.**

Kev Daley and his girlfriend Leanne Williams put their traditional gear to good effect on a recent trip to the outback, with Kev rating a couple of good goats scoring 115 2/8 and 110 DS. He also rated a deep curling billy scoring 118 DS he shot closer to home in 2011. Leanne joined the club with a great looking billy of 110, which won her the traditional award at the 2013 Bourke awards weekend. Well done Leanne.



**Kev Daley with his 115 DS western billy (below left) and a 118 DS mountain billy (above) taken with trad gear.**



**Leanne Williams and her 110 DS billy, an awesome effort with the recurve.**

We've had a few new members joined recently with some outstanding game. Wollongong bowhunter Paul Fleming rated a nice south coast rusa, scoring just under the magic 200 mark at 198 2/8 DS. Pete Fryda rated a very nice 30 point boar, and Rod Lowe rated several boars he shot while up the Cape with Mick Baker. Long time bowhunter Paul Church also joined TT with a 89 point goat he shot back in 1980. Well done guys.





**Paul Fleming's 198 2/8 DS rusa (above).**



**Peter Fryder and a nice 30 DS boar (above) and Rod Lowe and his PB 27 2/8 DS boar (below) taken with a longbow he made himself.**

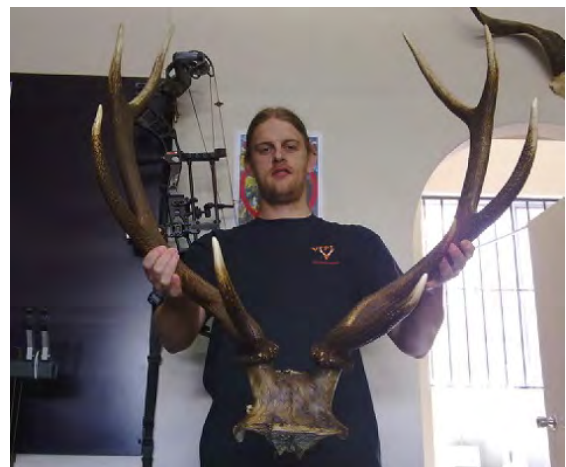


Mark Pitts rated a fallow buck he shot with his recurve earlier this season, scoring 189 3/8 and Wayne Anderson also rated a fallow, his best to date at 204 DS.



**Mark Pitts and his recurve shot fallow.**

Canberra based bowhunter Rory Smith rated a long antlered Red stag he shot last year scoring 265 3/8, along with a swag of solid buffalo scoring between 74 2/8 and 85 DS. Nice one Rory. Speaking of Buffalo, Randal Sullings had a red hot trip to the territory this year, shooting a number of good bulls, the best of which scored 92 4/8 DS.



**Rory holding the antlers off his 265 3/8 DS red stag.**



**Buff bulls taken by Rory Smith (above) and Randal Sullings (below).**



To round off the ratings for this period, Wally Parker and myself rated some boars and a goat we took on a hunt after the Bourke Awards. Wally managed two personal bests, a boar of 25 DS and a 105 4/8 DS goat. Well done Wal. I also rated a couple of boars, my PB at 28 4/8 and another scoring 27 4/8.



**Wally Parker's PB 25 DS boar (above) and 105 DS billy (below).**



**Mark with his 28 4/8 DS western warrior.**

Well that wraps it up, I hope everyone has a good Christmas and travels safely.

Mark S



## Chairman's Report

Firstly I would like to open up this report by dedicating this newsletter to the late Ken Reichel who we lost ten years ago on 29 November 2003 from cancer at the age of 57. Ken was one of our early members who took up the sport of bowhunting in the late 1980's with a passion and enthusiasm that had to be seen to be believed.

A renowned bushman and rifle hunter around the Tamworth district for decades, Ken quickly adjusted to hunting with the bow when first introduced to the sport and then TT by another of our early members and founding Director Mike Hogno.

Ken took some great trophies with his recurve and basic compound throughout the 1990's and the early part of this millennium with his crowning glory being a far north western NSW Billy goat which he arrowed in 1999 which measured 158 1/8 Douglas points to secure our #1 goat record. Ken took over the #1 mantle from Col Graham's magnificent 148 point monster that Col shot and rated with us in 1994.



Not surprisingly Ken's goat still holds the #1 position in our goat ratings some 14 years after he shot it and 10 years after Ken's passing. Ken was very proud of his achievements with the bow and deservedly so. Interestingly Mark Southwell received an email from Ken's daughter Kay some 18 months or so ago saying that she had drifted away from the sport and the goings on of TT since her dad's passing but had just recently gone onto the site to show her young son (Ken's grandson) a bit about trophy bowhunting as he was starting to show a bit of interest in archery and bowhunting.

Kay went on to say that she and her son were overwhelmed by the fact that her dad still held the #1 position and it was so pleasing to see our rating lists were sprinkled with quality ratings and photographs of her father and the lads grandfather (makes it all worthwhile).

Before moving on to other matters I just want to say I still clearly recall my last discussions with Ken from his sick bed and his profound statement that his overriding want above everything else that must have been occupying his mind at this late stage of his shortened life was that he "just wanted

above all else to get well enough to get back into the bush and bowhunt with his mates!".

For a Chairman (me) that is about to turn 57 in a matter of weeks and still likes to get into the bush with the bow 2 or 3 times a month I can only say our mate Ken died way too young with a passion for bowhunting that was with him till the end. Many of our members would know exactly that feeling and urge and all's I can add is don't procrastinate. If you can get the opportunity to go bush with the bow take it because you never know what is around the corner. Also if you get the chance please flick through the ratings and click onto some of Ken's ratings to bring up photo's of some of the other quality game he registered with us.

I'm about to go on and give an overview of the 2013 Bourke NSW Awards but before I do I just want to mention a couple of things briefly. Firstly I have been doing a bit of groundwork on holding another Norman Douglas measuring school here in the Central West of NSW (possibly at the Orange and District Bowhunter's grounds) sometime during 2014. I'm thinking around May/June as it will be a two day course and would involve a camp out. An invitation is/will be extended to all our members that want to become fully certified Norman Douglas measures to attend and be trained by accredited instructors. Course will be free to members even though it may cost TT a few dollars to run the much needed event. Please let myself or Mark

Southwell know if you want your name added to an invitation list as a possible attendee.

We are hoping to have all six new TT perpetual deer species trophies designed, manufactured and engraved for past winners by the time the 2014 Awards come around. Expectations are that given the quality of the Trophy we are going to try and have as the end product that the overall cost for each will be around \$120/\$150. We already have a few members that have either given money or committed to covering the cost of one each of the Trophies (IE Donors) but still need a couple more members to come forward as donors to complete the acquisition.

The idea being at this stage is that TT uses account funds to pay for the acquisition but we allow space on the front of the trophy for an engraved plaque stating who the donor is, upon payment of cost back to TT. Let us know if you are interested. The shields would be very similar, for those that have seen it, to the Bill Baker Memorial trophy donated by Graham and Susan Cash a few years ago

We are looking to perhaps share a stall with South Pacific Bowhunter Magazine at the 2014 Wild Deer Expo at Bendigo in early February 2014. If you are interested in attending and perhaps manning the stall for part of the event please let us know so we can make a plan. We need to know quickly as the event is only 8 or 9 weeks away.



The 2014 Awards will be held on the shores of the famous Dartmouth Dam in North East Victoria around October next year. From all reports it sounds like a great venue and could well be suited to ALL the family attending in comfort. Thanks very much to Jarrod Vyner and Shannon James for getting onto and visiting this venue so quickly to check out it for suitability and reporting back to the TT Committee. I understand Jarrod has further writings on Dartmouth within this Newsletter.

The 2015 Awards look they will be held in conjunction with the Annual Traditional Shoot at/near Gympie in SE Qld around August/September 2015. Dave Keable has already had initial talks with a club official and they seem very keen to have us attend and run our awards in conjunction with their annual event. TT has run in unison with invitation Club shoots in the past (Tully, Gladstone, Albury, Darwin come to mind) and these have been some of our best ever award functions. We will keep you all informed.

### **Bourke Awards Report**

Good mate Wayne Anderson (Ando), myself and girlfriend Helen arrived out at Bourke about a week before the awards with a view to giving the locals Warney and Darren Hayman a bit of a hand to set up plus give us a head start on the good yellowbelly that are known to frequent this stretch of the Darling River. We scored a couple of yella's and carp over the first day or so and then things went a bit quite till the rest of the TT crew showed up later in the week.



Veteran central Qld bowhunter Doug Church also showed up to our river campsite a few days early with his son Paul and we spent the next few days fishing, hunting, reliving past hunts and getting a few things ready for the awards. I've got to say Doug is welcome into all of my future hunting camps as I quickly got used to his freshly baked scones every morning for breakfast.

I needed them though because I had brought 7 or 8 group five cardboard targets with me to set up a bit of an informal field course for those wanting to grab a few mates and have a fling over the weekend. I had set myself the goal of digging one decent butt in each day in the gully behind camp and boy I've got to say that between the heat and the drought hardened ground it was a real challenge. But with a little help from friends towards the end of the week we got the course in and many hundreds of arrows were shot into them over the long weekend.

Our hosts on Myandetta Station, Mick and Barb Davis and their family, made us feel very very welcome and visited

us regularly to see if we needed anything and to share a beer or two on sunset. Myandetta is a working mixed farming operation on the Darling River just southwest of Bourke and has been in the Davis family for a good number of generations.

It also functions as a farm stay business and the Davis's have a number of strategically placed huts, cabins and campsites along many kilometres of river frontage and I've got to say that for very modest costs any of our members would be welcome back to Myandetta for a bit of camping and fishing and perhaps even a bit of hunting. Give Mick and Barb a ring if interested sometime down the track on (02) 68723029.



NB If any members do make the trek out there and Mick and Barb tell you they know a spot where the yella's are biting take note they do know what they are talking about. Man they showed up at camp with some good fish over the 9 or 10 days I was out there! Doug Church was that impressed with the venue and hosts he wanted us to move a motion to have our awards there every year! THANKS Mick and Barb.

We were also fortunate this year to have Paul Church bring along bits and pieces from his and brother Stuart's archery business Barrabooka and set up a bit of a shop front for members. Give them a go members they are only fairly new on the Archery retail scene here in Aus but have some great gear ([www.barrabooka.com](http://www.barrabooka.com)).

Anyhow the weekend rolled up quickly enough and very soon we had TT members, family and friends, from all over Eastern Australia (plus Wal from PNG) camped everywhere on this bend in the mighty Darling River.

Almost everyone brought items for the trophy wall that would act as a backdrop to the Saturday night awards. Our campsite consisted of basic bush amenities including shower, long drop toilet, lean to kitchen and undercover eating area with an open fire at one end. It soon became apparent that the undercover area would be nowhere near big enough to accommodate our display and a large tarped area would need to be erected for our display of head mounts, skull capped trophies, hunting albums and framed photo's etc.

TT has its own considerable supply of special display backing boards which I'd dropped up a few months earlier. Come Saturday morning ALL members were called together, allocated jobs and then worked hard for a couple of hours to put yet another magnificent Bowhunting display together for all to admire. Well done guys, great teamwork and effort.



The Saturday night awards saw a good gathering of members and visitors (all looking splendid in the 2013 Awards Bush Shirts) with all in attendance giving due recognition to the winners of the best of each species for 2012/13. These winners are formally listed elsewhere within the newsletter and I will simply say well done to each and everyone of you for firstly your successes in the previous 12 months and secondly for making the effort to register these quality trophies with us.

### 2013 Award Winners

**Boar** – Stuart Hervert (31DS)

**Goat** – Jeremy Brown (123 4/8 DS)

**Red Deer** – Robbie Austen (384 6/8 DS)

**Fallow Deer** – Pete Morphett (245 5/8 DS)

**Rusa Deer** – Ben Salleras (217 3/8 DS)

**Chital Deer** – Paul Southwell (186 3/8 DS)

**Sambar Deer** – no ratings

**Hog Deer** – no ratings

**Fox** – Dave Whiting (10 10/16 DS)

**Buffalo** – Adam Greentree (108 4/8 DS)

**Cat** – Mark Wills (7 14/16 DS)

**Bill Baker Deer Award** – Robbie Austen

**Ian Fenton Traditional Award** – shared by Leanne Williams (110 DS goat) and James Warne (110 4/8 DS goat)

**Dave Whiting Small Game Award** – Steven Holgate (7 foxes a cat and a rabbit in 1 hunt!)

**Kev Whiting/ Dallas Conway No 1's** – Robbie Austen (384 6/8 DS red stag)  
Adam Greentree (108 4/8 DS buffalo)

**Chairmans Award** – Mark Southwell (21 3/4 DS chamois)

**Paul Wheller Junior Bowhunter** – Glenn Payne (228 1/8 DS fallow)

**Danny "where am I" McMahon Legend Award** – Ben "where is my new Keable recurve" Reith

Doug and Paul Church judged the taxidermy and photographic division of our display. Some of the winners were;

**Best Taxidermy** - Black Billy - Trevor Willis

**Best Bowhunting Photo Album** - Pete Fryda - (Chaiman's Note; Best Album I've seen in 25 years of making this presentation)

**Best Framed Hunter and Game** - "Boar foxed in" featuring James Warne taken by Darren Hayman



**Best Unframed Hunting Photo** - "Keable on the Red" taken by Dave Whiting



**Best Unframed Hunter and Game** - "Warra's first Buck" taken by Jeremy Brown



**Best Framed nature photo** - "NZ treacherous beauty" taken by Mark Southwell



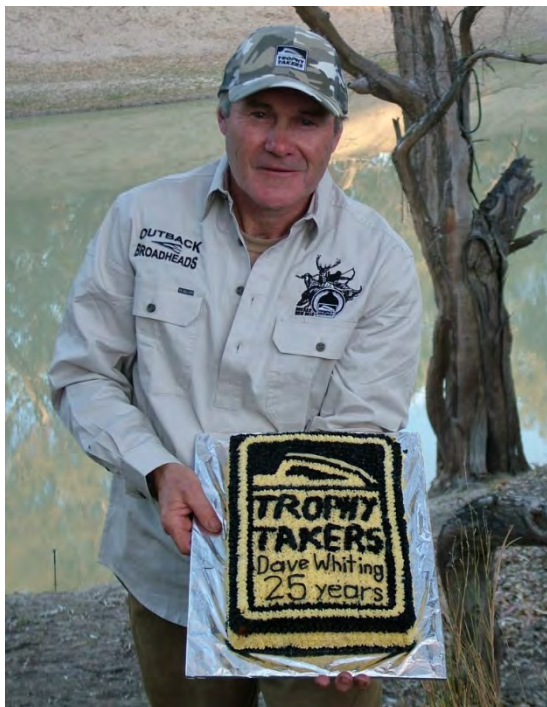
**Best Framed Hunting Photo** - "Red on the horizon" taken by Shannon James (Chairman's note; again one of the best I've seen)

Best Unframed nature photo - "Eagle chic"  
taken by Shane Dupille



**Best Composite photo** - Wayne Anderson - Wangaratta Vic - Basalt Boars

I was also very honoured to have a beautiful cake presented to me and a few kind words from good long-time friends Dave James, Wayne Anderson and Dave Keable for reaching a landmark 25 years as Chairman of Trophy Takers. Thanks to Mel Hancock for making the cake, it was a work of art (see photo) and well done to Shane Dupille for getting it from Dubbo to south of Bourke in one piece!



Once again we finished the night with a monster raffle and special thanks go to the following sponsors and members who made the effort to contribute to the raffle.

\*Manuel Agius and Dave Keable composite custom arrows (Major Sponsor)

\*Wayne Anderson Blademaker Custom Knives (Major Sponsor)

\*Outback Broadheads (Major Sponsor)

\*Barrabooka Archery Supplies - Paul Church - (Major sponsor)

\*Gino at Adventure gear Albury NSW

\*Benson Archery

\*BP Bourke NSW

\*Berdine Warne - Little Berdy - Bourke NSW

\*Sean "Warra" Walsh

\*Swarovski optics

\*Darren Hayman

\*Mick Kernaghan

\*Mark Southwell – Bigmaxy Productions

\*Antonio Lara - South Pacific Bowhunter Magazine

A special thanks to Steve "Wal" Parker for organising the best shirts ever for this year's Awards via his family printing and embroidery business based in Darwin. To Shane Dupille for taking a bit of the pressure off re market sales and raffle ticket sales over the weekend. And to Mark Southwell for his support and calming influence as my right hand man as we work our way through the Saturday night Awards presentation.

Long time TT member and keen bowhunter, Rod Shorten showed up

from Brewarrina on the Sunday and kept a sizeable gathering of us entertained for many hours with his many colourful stories from the past, some bowhunting related and others simply great yarns of his adventures in getting to and from hunts, going to shoots and socialising with fellow bowhunters etc. Well done Rod, it was great to have you back in our camp.

The pack up of the display on the Sunday for the long trip home for many was a bit of a task but as usual I am proud to say it was done with a minimum of fuss which simply seems the way with these bunch of guys we call Trophy Takers, Bowmen of the Bush.

Merry Christmas and Good hunting in 2014

Dave Whiting, Chairman

## Ramblings – By Doug Church

Trophy takers held their Annual Awards at a property just outside of Bourke NSW in early October. What a wonderful time was had by all who were able to attend. Well done to everyone who took part in the preparations in setting up the displays and the wonderful exhibitions.

Full marks must go to the organizational team who made this possible, led by the chairman Dave Whiting. No figurehead here, he simply led by example, even placing the directional signs out to tell fellow bow

hunters how and where to go to get to our out of the way retreat. And even as late as 10.45pm at night driving out to show some northerners (resulting in my son Paul casting aspersions on my navigation skills all weekend) how to find the camp. Truly a chairman, who lives and breathes TT.

The property owners Mick and Barb, who allowed us to use this wonderful holiday camping area, and showing us what southern hospitality is all about. Warney, Darren and their families, the locals who live in Bourke, were always ready to supply those extra things that made this awards so memorable.

Although this was only the second time that I have attended the Awards (I hosted them at Barcaldine in the early 1990's), I felt like I knew everybody and was made very welcome.....I left knowing that this Awards would remain with me as one of my most fondest memories.



It was great to catch up with old hunting mates and chew over so many past hunts, remembering the big ones that got away and who did what and when. Over the years our memories grow dim or are partly forgotten but the 2013 Bourke Awards will be always in my store of fond memories.

It was great to meet the Southwell twins at last, and full marks must be "awarded" to them for having different facial hair, this made it easier to tell them apart. Great to meet you both at last. I met so many new faces and so many old friends. That old bowmaker from near Gympie Dave Keable who I had not seen for over twenty years (I think) was still as handsome as ever (I think) great to catch up with you mate.

That fox slayer (of hundreds) Shane Dupille who hunted with me at Barcy was as usual still a good shot and liked to be in all the action. I even met up again with Alan Kernaghan's son Mick who had been a lad of about 12 when we camped and hunted on the famous Stainburn Downs with his dad Al and good mate Doug Dupille (those were the days!), some thirty plus years ago. Mick now has his own boys and it was good to meet his teenage son Dan who attended with him all the way from NE Victoria. Time marches on, so many old faces and so many bowhunters who are now in the happy hunting grounds where all bowhunters go, BUT rest assured that Trophy Takers will continue just as the sun rises each day so will TT with the members who stand up and take up the banner (the bow) to be a viable part of the bowhunting scene in our

country. To the new friends/mates I met and made, thank you for the privilege of this, and if you are coming up to the sunny state, look me up I have a few good goats left and need I say some other game as well.

In closing I offer my grateful thanks to the executive of the organization for a truly great Awards event. To the Chairman Dave Whiting, Thankyou for your last twenty five years at the helm. In memory I recall when Roger Coe suffered life changing head injuries in a car accident whilst driving to Expo 88 in Brisbane and that you became the temporary Chairman. To some these were our most turbulent years, but in true bowhunter style you rose to the job. Congratulations Dave for a job well done, and may we have the privilege of your guidance for many years to come.

Doug Church, Founding Member



## Deer Award Photographs

As Dave mentioned in his Chairman's report, we are in the early stages of planning the making of the six perpetual deer species trophies. We would like to have a photo of a live deer as the main feature on each of these trophies. If you have any hi-res

images of live stags/bucks of any of the six species that you think may look good on the trophy, please email them to:

**info2@trophytakers.org**

## Pigs' Pad

These days I find myself observing a lot of game in a more intimate way, whether it be in a live situation, through game cameras, handy cams or other forms of media. It's fulfilling in a way to learn more about the quarry, not just to become a better hunter but to gain an understanding of how things actually work in the natural world.

I was talking about this with another hunter recently and I stressed I believed bowhunters saw a lot more let's say 'detail' in the wild, mainly due to the nature of the sport. The fact we have to get close leaves more time for things to happen, and when those things happen it peaks an interest in finding out why it happened.

I think back over some of the things I have witnessed and still shake my head in disbelief. I know we have all seen billies having a blue, but the ferocity of this one time was something to behold. The smaller black 80 pointer was taking a pummelling and when the bigger white fella hit him side on and knocked him of the ledge I just gasped in wonder and thought well that's that. The little bugger got up climbed back up the ridge and came back for more! I left them to it and walked away wondering at the argument. Or the time I was back packing with the Southwell boys and the now named

'Tooheys Deer' walked out of the scrub. I reckon I got 5 minutes of video but I was shaking so much only 30 seconds of it was any good. What an awesome sight that was. There was also the time Nick and I were standing on a rocky cragg and I mentioned the meandering river below looked like Canada and a moose should be there, then low and behold two sambar strolled into the river and began eating reeds, not bad timing. Or the two fallow bucks in antler lock, only issue one was dead and covered in maggots, or the time the eagle grabbed the goat, the list goes on. I am sure we all have heaps of examples too numerous to count.

Sometimes it's just good to soak it in and reflect on how good the bush is. I would not trade that feeling for anything.

Hey it's that time of year again, wishing you all a great Xmas and fun filled New Year. Keep in mind it's not all about the results, the journey is quite often the highlight.



## 2014 Awards – Dartmouth VIC

It was some bloody ridiculous hour of the morning, and there was a few of us still "relaxing" around the fire at the recent Bourke awards, when the idea



came up to have the next awards back down around the Albury/Wodonga area. The idea then drifted to holding it at Dartmouth, a small town about an hour from Wodonga. Well from there it flowed on, and with the prospects of putting us all smack in the middle of sambar deer country, plenty of trout fishing, and a pub to watch the league granny at, we were sold.

In the morning, we had to pitch the idea to those that weren't "relaxing" by the fire that late at night, but there was a unanimous yes from all concerned.

Really it wasn't a hard sell considering the audience we had, but Dart has a lot to offer our members. The town basically relies on the trade of hunters, fishermen, and four wheel drivers. Sambar deer are walking through town at the moment (and the area is surrounded by more public land than you can imagine!), the lake is a fifteen minute drive away where you can fish for trout or Macquarie Perch as well as hunt from the lake, which backs onto some very remote country. There are a few streams in the area well known for their trout fishing, and the town offers a pub, a small caravan park, and some motel accommodation. The nearest supermarket is at Eskdale, about a 25 minute drive, but meals are available at the pub, and the Dart store has limited take away food.

Myself and Shannon James drove up to speak to one of owners of the pub (a father and son affair), and he certainly was keen to get us up there. He has offered the use of their café/conference room to hold our display and awards, which is a

fantastic set up that is attached to the beer garden/courtyard area of the pub. It is a nearly all glass sided building so it would be great to put on a big display, as the publican is already talking about promoting the weekend in the local paper to attract as many visitors to town as possible.

So it looks like Dartmouth will be the venue for next years' awards. There is plenty of lake to fish if you have a boat (the dam holds seven times more water than Sydney harbour), plus plenty of streams to wade.



The sambar hunting available on public land is immense (have a look on Google earth, the bush is all public land), and all you need to legally hunt it all is to have bought a Vic game licence, which you buy over the counter in Wodonga for \$40. The region has a lot to offer, and Dart will be a great base, especially for anyone who hasn't either seen the region or hunted sambar deer before. There used to be boats for hire in town too, but I'm not sure if that is still in operation. So book your holidays now guys, and make the trip to Dart next year!

Jarrold Vyner

## Around the Traps

Looks like the wet season is just about upon us up here in the north, but not before some TT members made it up the cape on their annual trips. The Herverts and Col Moynihan travelled back to the good country again this year and got amongst some nice boars and barra.



It was young Luke Herverts first time to the cape, and his old man Stuart was proud as punch when the young fella knocked over his first boar, good stuff Luke.

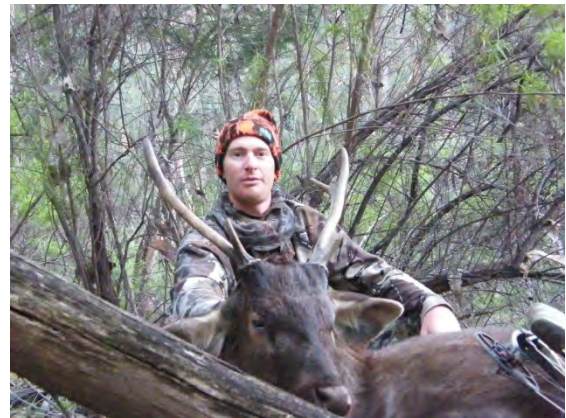


Back in August Butcher and I were lucky enough to travel to the cape and share a camp with Rod Collings, Owen Shulties, Ben Chambers and Ben

Reith. It was a great few days away with many laughs. The hunting was tougher than expected but the boys still managed some nice boars and Chambers and Reithy took their first scrubbers which were a highlight.



Jarrold Vyner has been spending a heap of time at his sambar patch this year trying for the elusive trophy stag. While the big boys are still eluding him, he has taken a handful of sambar with the bow this year, including a nice young stag taken from 6 metres in heavy cover, well done mate.



**Bowmen of the bush**

NZ bowhunter Hardie McLaren has also been chasing the sambar, and took a nice spiker recently from the Bay of Plenty area on the North Island. He reckons it made some very tasty eating. Well done mate.



On their way home from the Bourke awards, Dave W and Ando called in to a property near Coolabah for a few days to see if there were any goats about. Ando managed a nice 32 inch model and came close to grassing one of the biggest billies Dave has ever seen on the place, maybe next time!



International hunting is certainly gaining popularity with Australian bowhunters, and this year has been no exception. Ben Salleras and Adam Greentree dusted off their wallets and travelled to North America on separate trips recently with Adam grassing a nice wide bull elk and muley buck in full velvet in the states, while Butcher travelled much further north to

complete unfinished business on a heavy Canadian elk in the snow and a nice bull moose. His write up on the Australian Bowhunting Forum, including youtube clips, is outstanding and definitely worth a look, and can be accessed at <http://www.bowhunting-forum.com/showthread.php?13947-British-Columbia-2013>





Butcher is also just home from Spain, where he was successful in taking an ibex with the bow, one of the very few Aussie bowhunters to do so, there's no stopping the man!



Pat Tydings also made the trip over recently to hunt whitetail with his long-time friend Doc on private land in Kentucky. Pat came home with a nice 2 ½ year old 7 pointer, taken from a tree stand.



Adam Greentree has also been up the territory recently, spending a hectic few days hunting the banteng with Ben Chambers on Karl Goodhand's concession south of Coburg. Both boys arrowed outstanding bulls, which will re-write the TT records books once rated.



## **Newsletter Contributions**

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:

**Trophy Takers  
PO Box U47  
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Please send email enquiries, newsletter contributions and photo's for around the traps to:

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Merry Christmas and safe travels!

**Ben Salleras & Paul Southwell.**



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Peter Morphett.

I'm still making custom strings featuring the mainly BCY Fibres the NEW 8190 is the best performing and stable and well as the most durable string material available at the present time, I highly recommend it. I still carry BCY 452X and the BCY Trophy string material, all materials are quiet, have far less creep and stretch over time. I also have BCY 8190 (low wax), it's estimated to be the fastest string material ever made and on average be between 5-10fps faster than 452X and Trophy respectfully!

Prices for 8190, 452X, Trophy string/cable/s complete sets are \$85 and \$5 postage. All come with 2X, 3D or Halo end serving and 62xs centre servings. I also make Teardrop and recurve strings out of B50 Dacron for \$20 each.

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