



# NEWSLETTER

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## Game Claim Report 14/12/2014

Well, we've had a plethora of game rated since the last newsletter, with just under 70 trophies entered into the ratings. As always the prospect of the ratings close saw many members dusting off the forms and sending them in.

Victorian bowhunter Marc Curtis rated a mixed bag of critters, with the stand out a beautiful bat palmed fallow scoring 243 5/8 DS which narrowly missed the top 5 coming in at number 6. He also rated three nice billies in the 100-110 DS range, a camel, velvet sambar stag, cat and a fox. His good mate Will Ellen was also in on the action, rating a 160 6/8 DS chital stag and two big basalt boars, both scoring close to 29 4/8 DS. Well done guys!



Marc Curtis with a beauty 243 5/8 DS buck.



Marc Curtis with his 109 DS billy.



Another solid billy for Marc Curtis – 106 DS.



**Marc Curtis with his camel.**



**Will Ellen scored this nice 160 6/8 DS chital stag on a recent hunt on the Basalt Wall.**



**A velvet sambar stag for Marc Curtis.**



**A good basalt boar for Will Ellen – 29 4/8 DS.**



**Marc Curtis took this good-sized moggy on a recent hunt.**



**Will Ellen with another ripper boar – 29 4/8 DS.**

Similarly, Paul Southwell rated a mixed bag, with a nice white 121 2/8DS billy, a 174 DS chital, 30 3/16 DS camel, along with a 48 2/8 DS hog deer which he took down in Gippsland back in April – another solid year!



**Paul Southwell with a cracker western billy scoring 121 2/8 DS.**



**Paul Southwell and his deer slam stag – a 48 2/8 DS hoggie.**



**The chital slayer strikes again with a 174 DS model.**

I also had the pleasure of signing up our first members from Denmark – Esben Madsen and Ulrik Orskov. The two keen young bowmen travelled to Oz and spent a few weeks hunting around the place, to take some great game. Hunting with the recurve, Ulrik scored on a 29 point boar, 80 6/8 DS goat, fallow spiker and a couple of foxes.



**A big bull camel taken by Paul Southwell scoring 30 3/16 DS.**



**Ulrik Orskov with a top mountain boar scoring 29 DS.**





**Ulrik Orskov nailed this 80 6/8 DS billy on his recent Aussie adventure.**



**Ulrik Orskov with another trad fox.**



**A fallow spiker taken by Ulrik Orskov.**

Not to be outdone, Esben had the compound in hand to take a cracking 31 DS mountain boar, 192 3/8 DS Fallow buck, and four foxes, the biggest of which scored 10 10/16DS. Well done guys and welcome to the club.



**A nice red coat taken by Ulrik Orskov with the trad gear.**



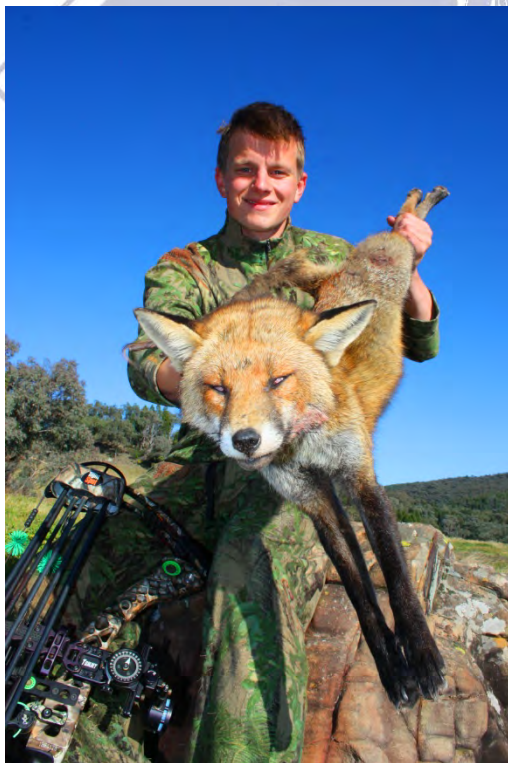
**A big smile for a big set of hooks – Esben Madsen is stoked with his 31 DS boar.**



Esben Madsen with his 192 3/8 DS fallow buck.



Esben with some rough looking company and another fox.



Esben Madsen with his 10 10/16 DS fox.



Another Aussie fox for Esben Madsen.



**Esben Madsen looks very pleased with another quality fox.**

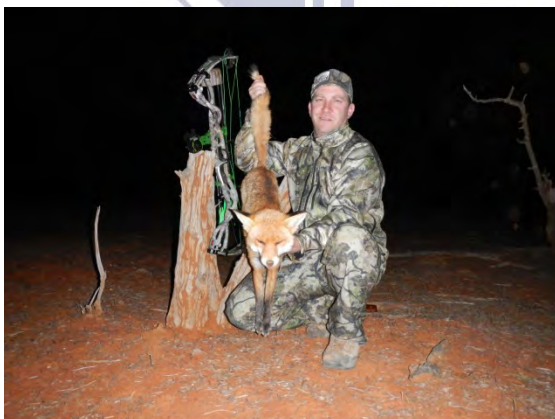
As per usual Sean Walsh rated a number of animals including a swag of foxes, a 114 6/8 DS Billy and closed range Rusa Stag.



**Sean Walsh with a 114 6/8 DS billy.**



**Warra with his recent rusa stag.**



**Warra with a western fox.**

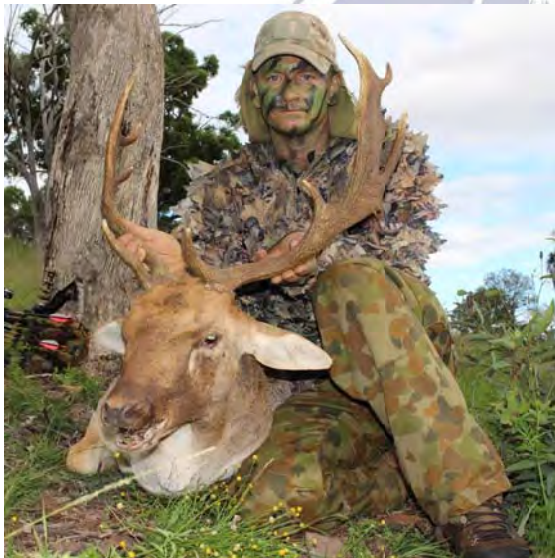
Also into the foxes was Wally Parker, who rated his first fox with the bow, a nice 10 DS red coat, along with a 163 1/6 Fallow buck.



**Wal Parker with his 10 DS fox.**



**Randal Sullings with his 186 7/8 DS buck.**



**Wal Parker took this 163 1/6 DS buck earlier in the year.**



**A solid 10 2/8 DS fox taken by Randal Sullings.**

Also getting the Fallow, fox double was Randall Sullings with a 186 7/8 DS buck and 10 2/8 DS fox.



**Glenn Payne nailed this ripper 223 5/8 DS buck during the rut.**







**A 216 7/8 DS buck taken by Glenn Payne.**

Stuart Allen has been taking out a few deer as well, rating a 183 1/8 DS fallow buck, a 137 2/8 DS Rusa Stag, and a 131 7/8 DS Sambar stag. Good work fellas.



**Stuart Allen with his 137 2/8 DS rusa stag.**



**Stuart Allen also took this 131 7/8 DS sambar.**

Adam Greentree rated two fallow bucks that he sealed the deal on during the year, both around the 219 DS mark. Also rating fallow were Mick Lewis from Goulburn with a nice 233 2/8 DS buck, and I rated a buck I shot in March scoring 213 7/8 DS. New member Craig Hartnett rated a 197 5/8 DS fallow buck he shot earlier this year. Welcome to trophy takers mate.

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**Adam Greentree with his 219 DS fall buck.**



**Adam Greentree with another 219 DS buck.**



**Craig Hartnett recently joined Trophy Takers with this 197 5/8 DS buck.**

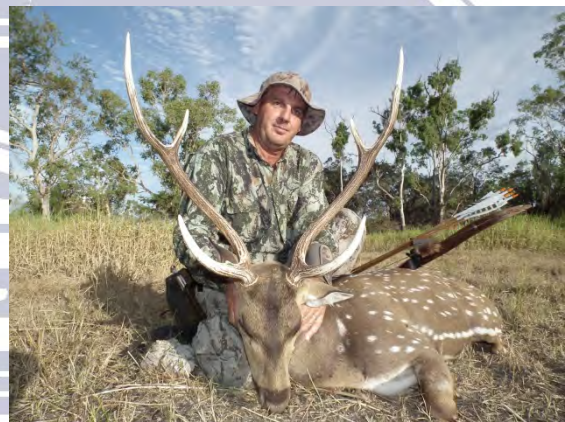


**Mick Lewis with a cracker 233 2/8 DS fallow buck.**

Speaking of new members, John and Karen Valery, two traditional bowhunters from Darwin joined the club with a great chital stag shot by John scoring 159 DS and a handful of northern boars.



**Maxy scored this 213 7/8 DS buck.**



**John Valery with a beautiful traditional chital stag – 159 DS.**



**John Valery with a boar taken with his longbow.**



**John Valery and another trad boar.**



**Karen Valery scored this boar with her recurve, great work Karen!**

Another traditional hunter, Jack Spinks joined the club with a 113 6/8 Billy and our new No.1 cat scoring 8 4/16 – one impressive moggy!

**Another longbow boar for John Valery.**



**Jack Spinks with the new TT No 1 feral cat scoring 8 4/16 DS, well done Jack!**

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**Jack Spinks with a cracker trad goat scoring 113 6/8 DS.**



**Michael Jenz doing what he does best, nailing another incredible trophy – a 215 1/8 DS sambar and the new TT No 1!**

Matthew Warren from Victoria also joined with a cracking sambar scoring 193 4/8 DS which sits at No.3, as did Michael Jenz who travelled to the southern state to take a cracking sambar stag and our new No 1 by a big margin scoring 215 1/8 DS. Tidy work 'Action Man', and welcome all.

A few of our long time members have also been in the action, with Steve Dimitrakellis snaking in close to a cracking Sambar stag with his longbow and getting the job done on the 184 4/8 DS stag. Great effort that!



**Matt Warren with a ripper sambar stag scoring 193 4/8 DS – awesome achievement Matt!**



**An incredible moment for Steve Dimitrakellis – a 184 DS longbow sambar. Amazing achievement Steve!**



Manual Aguis also put a custom wood out of his trad bow to good use taking out a western billy scoring 116 3/8. Still out west, James Warne hit an isolated waterhole late in the year to crack a 7 11/16 DS cat. Shane Dupille was also into the moggy's rating a 7 9/16 DS black cat. Earlier on in the year, Mark Wills dropped the hammer on another nice hard velvet rusa in the lantana,

this one scoring 197 1/8 DS, and Jarrod Vyner scored on a tasty sambar stag scoring 96 DS neat.



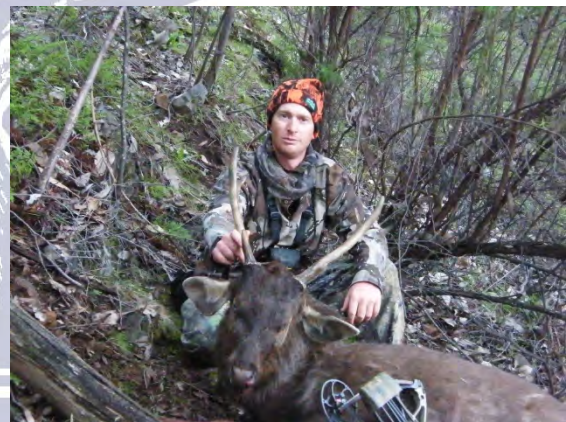
**Manuel Agius recently took this 116 3/8 DS billy.**



**Another fine rusa for Mark Wills – this one scoring 197 1/8 DS.**



**James Warne with his 7 11/16 DS moggy.**



**Jarrod Vyner and his sambar stag scoring 96 DS.**



**Shane Dupille recently nailed this 7 9/16 DS cat.**

To round out the ratings, Albury Wodonga bowhunters Dave James and Anthony Clarkson sent in some past ratings – Dave with a big 10 3/16 fox he shot back in 2010, and Killer with a 91 6/8 Buffalo bull and Wild Dog he shot back in 2012. Good to see!





**Dave James and his 10 3/16 fox.**



**A ripper 91 6/8 DS buffalo taken by Killer Clarkson.**



**Anthony Clarkson and an NT wild dog.**

Well that's it from me, I hope you all have a great, safe and successful festive season. Be good, and here's to happy hunting in 2015.

*Mark Southwell*

## **Chairman's Report**

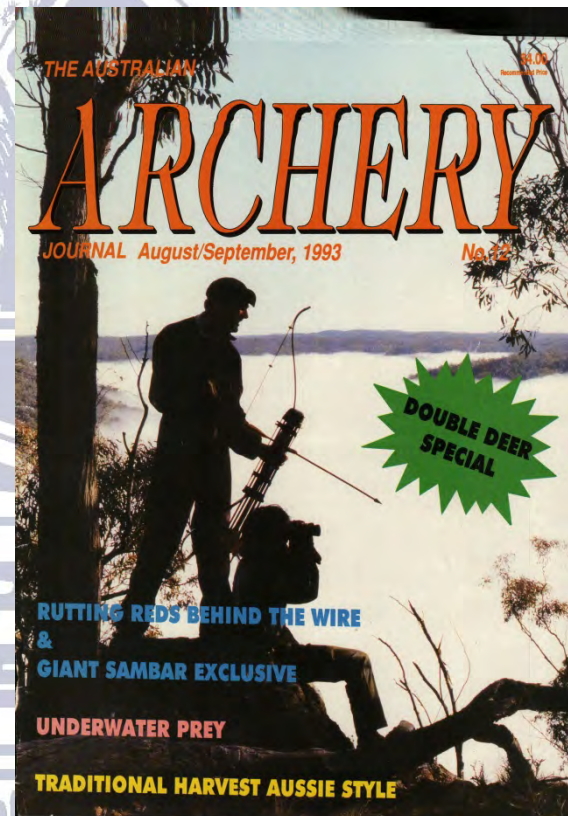
Hello to all members and readers of this Newsletter. Sadly I must again start off with reporting the passing of one of our members. Merv Smith was a founding member of TT way back in 1986 and passed away suddenly and unexpectedly two days after returning home to Canberra from the Dartmouth TT Awards. Merv and his long-time partner Lani had also just spent two weeks away with about a dozen or so

TT members camping and attending the Twin City Bowmen invitational shoot at Albury Wodonga prior to us all making our way to Dartmouth to camp, fish and Sambar hunt in the days leading up to the Awards.

Merv arrived in Australia somewhere around 1973 from NZ, a young experienced bushman and champion axeman looking to make a fresh start in his newly adopted homeland of Oz. Unfortunately Merv had a bad start and shortly after his arrival was badly injured whilst working as a tree feller in a forestry job near Eden NSW in that same year. A large loose branch (known in the industry as a “widowmaker”) hanging high in a massive mountain ash he was felling dislodged and hit the unsuspecting Merv squarely across his head, shoulder and neck. Despite wearing a hardhat Merv suffered horrendous upper body injuries including severe head injuries and a badly broken neck. His recovery was slow with Merv spending months in hospital, and doctors and specialists predicting Merv may never walk and function properly again tempered also by their expectation that Merv’s longevity of life was no longer a guarantee for him from the time Merv suffered these debilitating injuries.

I first met Merv in the late 1970s when he and I became members of the Canberra Independent Bowmen’s Club. By this time Merv had fought back from the brink, defying the experts by not only walking well again and living a reasonably normal life (despite the unrelenting pain which

would stay with him from the day of the accident till his recent sad passing) but also taking up the many challenges of bowhunting and field archery. Shooting a bow was particularly tough for Merv with his immobile neck and shoulder area pinned into place, I understand, in no less than six places. Merv soldiered on despite a long period on a Kidney dialysis machine, a kidney transplant plus further neck and back surgery in the latter half of his life.



Merv was proud of his early involvement in the founding of TT and also proud of this Bungonia Gorge cover shot of him and Darren Swan taken in the early 1990s.

Merv’s love passion and commitment to Bowhunting and his friends in the sport never wavered in his 35 years of involvement in the sport and whilst he may never have been fortunate

enough to pick up a trophy animal in the upper levels of our composite bowhunting record books I have got to say that, having hunted with Merv as much as anyone over those years, that every rabbit, fox, pig and goat bagged by Merv in his Bowhunting career was a true trophy in every sense of the word.



**Merv and Wayne Anderson share a successful hunt in outback South Western NSW in the late 1980s.**

Helen and I were about to fly out to China at the time of Merv's passing and unfortunately we were unable to attend his funeral however thanks to Manuel Agius, Wayne Cressy, Chris Hervert plus Ian and Roma Fenton we bowhunters were well represented at the service. From all accounts, Manuel's difficult but well-chosen words at the service meant our brother in arms was sent off with all those in attendance given a clear appreciation of what a big part Bowhunting and Archery plus the camping and hunting trips played in his life. Fittingly his beloved Mike Hogno made longbow and a special farewell arrow from Manuel were placed on the casket for the duration of the service. Farewell Merv, we will miss you around the camp fires and also for your strong

opinion on almost every subject especially around your tough commentary on all football and cricket match refereeing and umpiring decisions for which you were legendary.

Garry Piper another of our long-time members and a bowhunting mate to many, also had a bad experience after the Awards, sustaining numerous bad injuries from a road bike accident necessitating him needing to be airlifted to Cairns Hospital. He suffered internal injuries, broken ribs, broken thumb, compressed vertebrae and a collar bone broken in that many places the doctors could not count the number of breaks. Also from photo's I've seen Garry copped extensive gravel rash down the left side of his stomach, shoulder and face. This is Garry's first bike accident in 45 years of riding and whilst the cumulative injuries are very bad he is expected, after a prolonged period in hospital, to make a pretty reasonable recovery. Get well soon mate, we are thinking of you.

Just in regards to this year's Awards I am aware there is a separate report elsewhere in this newsletter but I just want to mention a few things from my observations.

A big thank you to the guys from down south who put considerable time, effort, thought and personal sacrifice into making sure that the 2014 Awards were the success they were. So thanks Jarrod Vyner, Shannon and Dave James, Mick Kernaghan, Zoran Art and the rest of the Twin City



Bowmen members who chipped in in various ways.

Also thank you to the people of the Dartmouth Community who made us welcome in a very big way. Real country hospitality.

\*Every year I am extremely proud of the effort that all attending members put in to bringing along trophies, photo's etc to the Awards and then work tirelessly as a team over a good number of hours to put together a display that is second to none Australia wide year in year out. Well done guys.

Well done to Paul Southwell for attaining three #1s in our rating year (Camel, Goat and Chital deer). A very big effort Paul, congratulations.

Also I have got to give Steve Dimitrakellis the biggest rap possible for his effort in knocking over a massive Sambar Stag with his longbow during the week of the Awards. I personally rate this trophy as one of the finest achievements in Australian bowhunting history. Well done Steve it could not have happened to a more decent and deserved young bowhunter than yourself.

A number of game rating claim changes were made at this year's AGM (i.e. for additional animals you can now rate with TT) plus the approval of a couple of "Grand Slam" type recognitions that were tabled and passed in appreciation of our slow growing list of high achieving members who have taken and rated ALL legal

trophy animals here in Oz.

Unfortunately these changes have not yet been processed through to the next level so that ratings can commence, however it is hopeful all this info will be contained in the next Newsletter with the green light given to go ahead and rate animals listed.

Ian Fenton deservedly became Trophy Takers first "Life Member" at this year's Awards. Ian's involvement in all facets of Bowhunting, from in the field, in the media or in organising events goes back decades and is well appreciated by most bowhunters I have come across. As a founding Director and first Chairman of Trophy Takers, Ian has been there from day one. Whether it be in a hands on capacity with the likes of logo designs, constitutions, charters etc etc or from afar as a senior advisor, Ian's contribution and importance to the Trophy Takers facility as it exists today cannot be questioned and all agree his life membership to TT is well deserved. Thank you Ian.

I was very proud, honoured and touched to also receive my "Life Membership" into TT at this year's Awards. To my good mate Ando who made the difficult induction speech, all of my fellow Directors and all members a very big thank you. I do appreciate it.

We also had a first with this year's Awards with our Trophy room being used as a backdrop for a wedding party's photos.



We will try to update the TT Market details in coming months so that members have a clearer idea of what merchandise is available for purchase via postal order. However in the interim I do mention that we still have a large number of the Dartmouth Award Polos available (See photos at end of newsletter) plus some terrific commemorative Mick Dacre #1 Boar T Shirts available for sale. If you are interested then please contact Shane Dupille (0406013130) to discuss possible purchases.

Finally our two chosen spots (Gympie and then Willow Tree) for the 2015 Awards have fallen through so we need to quickly take stock and find another venue. A call is now going out to ALL members that want to put themselves forward to nominate a venue and run an Awards weekend.

You would be well supported and guided by the directors should you wish to put your hand up. We would like to have the venue details sorted for inclusion in the TT write up for the March/April South Pacific Bowhunter magazine. Unfortunately the cut off time to get the write up into SPB is the end of January 2015. To nominate simply email to the address on our website with some basic details and

we will contact you and work through from there. We do have a preference for say northern NSW or QLD, given the last Awards were in NE Victoria, near a dam (or river or beach, I guess) for good camping and fishing options. Having said that we will consider all suggestions.

That's it for me, so I hope you all have a great festive season, and you have plenty of hunting planned as we approach 2015.

*Dave Whiting*



## **Pig's Pad**

with Chris Hervert

What the ho ho ho, it's Xmas already! Where has the year gone? Trying to think back and remember what actually happened but it all seems a bit of blur. I know plenty of good game was taken by all the usual suspects and a myriad of other bow hunters. Nice work team! In the flurry of social media and the rapidity of seeing the game once taken I quite often don't fully comprehend the quality of what I

see or the effort gone into taking it. My apologies guys and girls, great efforts by all. A look at the Game Report as well as a read of the Awards wash up will jog the memory....

Went back to our little hunting block for the first time in 6 years, yeah yeah I know slack! I really enjoyed it, getting back into the country I spent so much of my bowhunting apprenticeship in. The hills are still solid but I handled them OK and even put one or two of the younger crew into their swags for a lay day or two. We fixed roads, cut wood, did some maintenance and threw a bit of hunting into the mix as well. The game is still there, though not as prevalent, I did see some quality which shows that type of country can provide good hunting for years if looked after. The future is looking bright for some quality trophies. As it says on the shower wall 'Let em go, let em grow'.



Milestone year for me, the big 50! Not sure where it went but it did so just get on with it I guess. Someone recently made the comment that I have a great bunch of friends, reluctantly I have to agree with that ha ha. As many of them are in the bowhunting community

I think that's a good reflection on us as a group, good people, keep it up.

Ok enough rambling, have a great Xmas all, and even greater 2015!!



Chris Hervert

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## Dartmouth Dam 2014 Awards

by Steve Dimitrikellis

Well it had been too long since attending my last Trophy Takers Awards, and seeing as it was in my neck of the woods I thought I had better extract the digit and get along. As I drove up with Ben Salleras on the Friday and anticipation was high (or "Frothing" as Ben prefers to call it), as we made our way to the township of Dartmouth, Victoria.

First of all I have to congratulate Jarrod Vyner and Shannon James for doing the legwork in organising the awards venue. There was plenty of room for all to camp, and we were only a couple of hundred metres from the Dartmouth Pub, where our host - John Scales served up a good feed and kept the drinks flowing.

As far as a venue Dartmouth was excellent, the camp was surrounded by bush and several members saw Sambar and a few even coming close to shot opportunity. Plenty of members took the opportunity to fish for trout in the Mitta River or in Lake Dartmouth. Bourke's finest trout fisherman (Warnie) managed a couple of nice ones that went down a treat after cooking in the smoker.

Target butts had been set up and saw a bit of use over the weekend, but I have to say that when Manuel Agius bought out the Flu-Flus and the aerial targets that kept about twenty people

entertained throughout the day and I loved it, great fun.



The Pub had generously allowed us use of their dining area to set up our trophy display and present our Annual Awards. With glass on two sides our trophy display certainly had a few people peaking in over the course of the weekend and some strong interest from the wedding guests that were at the reception being held at the pub!



## 2014 Award Winners

**Boar:** Esben Madsen - 31 DS

*Bill Hill Boar Award (donated by Bill Hill) accepted by Col Moynihan.*

**Goat:** Paul Southwell - 121 2/8 DS

*Mike Hogno Goat Award (donated by Dave Whiting) accepted by Dave James.*

**Buffalo:** Randall Sullings - 92 4/8 DS

*Pedro Lever Memorial Buffalo Award (Donated by his mates Dash Warren and Ben Chambers and his sister Rebel Lever) accepted by Garry Piper.*

**Sambar Deer:** Michael Jensz - 215 1/8 DS

*Accepted by Jarrod Vyner.*

**Red Deer** - Liam Woods - 292 3/8 DS

*Accepted by James Warne.*

**Rusa Deer:** Mark Wills - 197 1/8 DS

*Accepted by Evan Scott.*

**Fallow Deer:** Mark Curtis - 243 5/8 DS

*Accepted by Tom Hills.*

**Chital Deer:** Paul Southwell - 174 DS

*Accepted by Chris Hervert.*

**Hog Deer:** Ben Salleras - 101 2/8 DS

**Fox:** Esben Madsen and Steven Holgate - 10 10/16 DS

*Accepted by Wayne Anderson.*



**Cat:** Jack Spinks - 8 4/16 DS

*Accepted by Dave Keable.*

**Camel:** Paul Southwell – 30 3/16 DS

*Accepted by James Warne.*

**Banteng:** Ben Chambers – 70 6/8 DS

*Accepted by Anthony Clarkson.*

**Ian Fenton Traditional Award**

*Accepted by Dave Keable (Donated by the Late Bill Hill).*

Shared by:

**Jack Spinks** - Feral Cat 8 4/16 DS  
(New #1) & Billy 113 6/8 DS

and

**Dave Roughton** – Fallow - 213 6/8 DS

**Paul Wheller Memorial Junior Bowhunter Award**

*Accepted (and Donated) by Stan Kwasigroch).*

**Liam Woods** – Red Deer - 292 3/8 DS

**Danny “Where Am I” McMahon Legend Award**

*Accepted by Ben Salleras.*

**Rod Collings** – For impersonating a screaming sloth while suffering from croc phobia!!!

**Chairman’s Award**

*Accepted by Jim Craze and Lee Payne (Donated by the Late Bill Hill).*

**Randal Sullings** – 5 Buffalo from 92 4/8 DS down to 77 6/8 DS plus a cat and fox rating.

**Sean “Warra” Walsh** – Boar 30 2/8 DS plus fallow, fox and billy ratings.



**Bill Baker Memorial Award - Best Overall Deer**

*Accepted by Ben Salleras (Donated by Graham and Suzanne Cash).*

Shared by:

**Ben Salleras** – Hog Deer 101 2/8 DS

and

**Michael Jensz** – Sambar 215 1/8 DS



## Small Game Award

Accepted by Rod Shorten (Donated by Dave Whiting).

**Shane Dupille** – Fox 10 4/16 DS, Cat 7 13/16 DS, Cat 7 9/16 DS.

## Dallas Conway and Kev Whiting Memorial Trophy

**Adam Greentree** - Banteng - 68 DS

**Ben Chambers** – Banteng - 70 6/8 DS

**Ben Salleras** – Hog Deer - 101 2/8 DS

**Michael Jensz** – Sambar Deer - 215 1/8 DS



## Taxidermy and Photo Competitions

### Best Framed Hunting Picture

“Where the F are ya?!” - Shannon James



### Best Unframed Hunting Picture

“Worms.....what are they?!” - James Warne

### Best Framed Hunter & Game

“Mum, look what I got!” – Dave Sarroff

### Best Unframed Hunter & Game

“Moluccan Rusa – Not extinct after all”  
– John Fell

### Best Nature Photo

“Homeward bound” – Steve Dimitrakelis



### **Best Composite of Photos**

“Can I keep him?” – Jarrod Vyner



being caught off guard, thanked everyone in his no fuss style, then announced that he already knew he was receiving one. A few glances were exchanged around the room as people thought “How the hell did he know that?”

With the formalities over with, we got down to the real business of telling hunting yarns with old friends and new. Whether it was at the pub, or back at camp around the fire the camaraderie was fantastic, with many a laugh had. It was a cracking weekend, and I sure can't wait for the next one to roll around. Hope to see you there!

*Steve Dimitrakellis*

### **Best Trophy Mount**

“Light menial fallow buck” – Trevor Willis

### **Highly Commended Head Mount**

“Shaggy goat – Trevor Willis

### **Life Memberships**

For the first time the committee had decided to present a Life Membership of Trophy Takers, awarded to Ian Fenton. This was in recognition for Ian being instrumental in the formation of TT in the mid 80's and his contribution to TT in those early years despite some fierce opposition from others in the Australian bowhunting scene.

After Dave Whiting had given a speech, it was time for a surprise, as the committee had decided to also award Dave a Life Membership, for his enormous contribution to Trophy Takers.

Well, Dave proved to be as slippery as his surname suggests and far from



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A huge thanks to member Wal Parker and his family business Moogully Screen Printing in Darwin for donating 100 Awards Stubby Holders for the second time in 3 years.



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## Trophy Takers Market

by Dave Whiting

Since almost day one way back in 1986 TT has always had a Market outlet for the sale of stickers, cloth and metal badges, stubby holders, measuring books, T-shirts, polo shirts, hoodies and the like. And whilst sometimes it has been a good revenue raiser for us from time to time (not

always) I feel that generally over the full period of existence the merchandise has been more useful as a form of self-promotion and a service to members who want to grab some form of memorabilia from an Awards they have attended.

For the first 15 years of our existence we almost always ended up with Award specific shirts (well surplus to our needs) however thanks to a rethink we had pretty well got numbers spot on to our needs for the more recent 5 or 6 years. That was until this year when we again had a blow out with our polos where we still have a high number surplus to our needs. The T's and hoodies went in a flash but as just stated we still have a fair pile of Polos (Dartmouth specific) to get rid of. We have photographs of these Polos and a few of our other Market items shown with prices below. The Polos whilst Dartmouth specific (with a brilliant logo put together by Ian Fenton) are well worth spending the money on as they also depict on the back a list of ALL of our Award venues and dates going back to 1987. So if you are interested in buying anything please ring Marketing Director Shane Dupille on 0406013130 to see if he can help you out with a size and colour you might like.

We are aware of the need to restructure our Market/Merchandising set up and revamp how we list and provide members a simple listing of available product. It all takes time and man hours however hopefully 2015 will see us make a start on improving this area of our service. Any suggestions

from the membership will be listened to and taken on board if considered feasible for the size of our small market operation.

We are also looking at member input to do a couple of new TT stickers. They should contain the words "Bowmen of the Bush" and incorporate our broadhead logo plus continue to have an Aussie feral animal hunting theme but the rest is open to imagination. I am thinking one sticker would be A5 size and the other is A4 with a different graphic on each. Don't worry if you can only draw stick figures as I have recently spoken to Ian Fenton who has been responsible for most of our logos since day one. Ian said if we come to him with the ideas he will play with and come up with an end product to be proud of. By way of example this year's Dartmouth Awards logo was an idea I had in my head but could only translate to a very rough hand drawing onto paper. 24 hours after I had provided the hand sketch to Ian he had provided us with what I believe was an exceptional logo with very visible direct links to the Dartmouth event. So if you have an idea please send it in and we will see what we can come up with. Refer to the website for email address.

Finally a big thank you to relatively new member Rod Lowe and family who were very supportive this year of the market and its merchandise via the mail order option as opposed to buying only at an Annual Awards.

*Dave Whiting*



**Special Dartmouth logo on front and a listing of ALL past Awards venues and dates on reverse.**

**\$35 including P&H**



**Mick Dacre commemorative #1 Boar Quality Black Cotton T-Shirts with white print.**

**Collector's item (We only made 20).**

**\$35 including P&H**



**Dartmouth Awards Polos**



**Cloth Badges (red, yellow, black & white embroidered) \$10 including P&H**

**Generic TT Stubby Holders (i.e. not Award specific) \$12 including P&H**

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**Stubby Holders - \$12**



**TT Caps - \$18 including P&H**



**Metal hat badges (gold or silver)**

**\$10 including P&H**

Summer is well and truly upon us, as we enter what is usually a quieter time of year for most of us in terms of hunting opportunities. The widespread rains we've seen across many deer habitat regions early in the season should do wonders for good feed and excellent antler growth over the coming months. The madness that is the Red roar and Fallow rut will be upon us before we know it, now is the time to be getting gear tuned and putting together those plans with mates for the upcoming season.

There could be a few opportunities for some quality boar and billy hunting out west in those areas that stay dry – best of luck to anyone venturing out that way.

It may sound clichéd, but it seriously has been yet another unfathomably successful year for the bowhunting club that we are. As each year ticks by, we seem to continue to push the boundaries in terms of trophy quality and diversity of species being taken. It scares me to think what calibre of critters may fall to our arrows in 2015. At the same time, it is great to see so many new members coming on board

and getting involved. There seems to be as much interest in the club as ever before, it is really encouraging to see the continued solidarity of the club.

We should have a location for the 2015 Awards decided over the next couple of months, stay tuned for more information and do your best to attend in 2015 – it's a weekend like no other!

**We are still in need of your hunting stories!** All members, new and old, young and not-so-young, are encouraged to put pen to paper and submit your stories for the newsletter. We appreciate all of your contributions. Stories can be as short or long as you like, and accompanying photos are good to have. If you've been on a hunt lately and have a yarn to tell, please make the effort and share the tale with the rest of the Trophy Takers crew.

As usual, if you have any merchandise enquiries, please give Shane Dupille a call on 0406 013 130. There are plenty of quality Trophy Takers merchandise items available at the moment so get in while you can.

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 U47  
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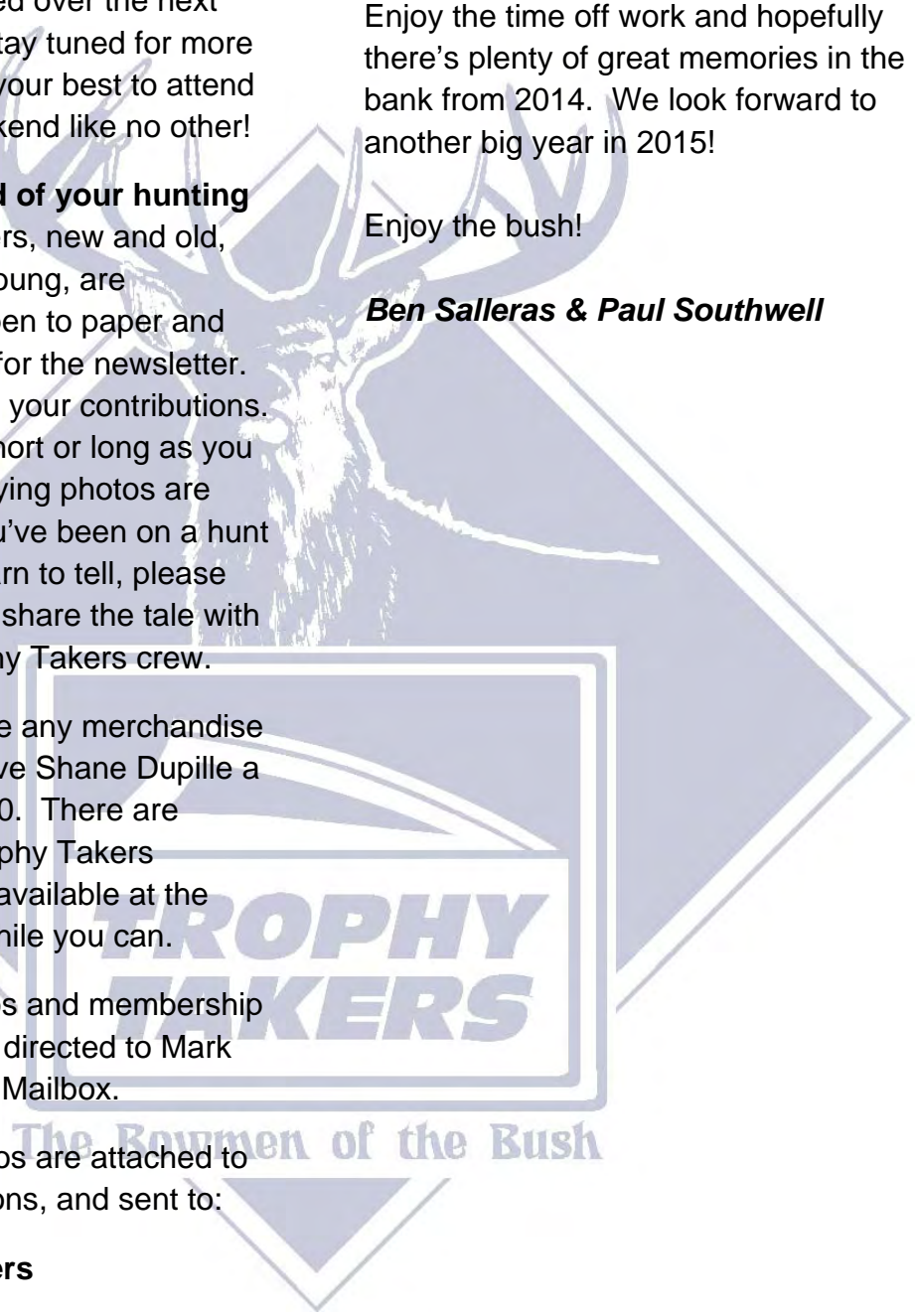
Email enquiries and newsletter contributions:

**info2@trophytakers.org**

We wish you a very Merry Christmas, please stay safe over the holiday period, particularly on the roads. Enjoy the time off work and hopefully there's plenty of great memories in the bank from 2014. We look forward to another big year in 2015!

Enjoy the bush!

***Ben Salleras & Paul Southwell***





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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.