



NEWSLETTER

March – July 2017

TROPHY TAKERS NEWSLETTER

February - July 2017

In this issue:

- **Game Claim Report**
- **Pig's Pad - *Chris Hervert***
- **Chairman's Report - *Dave Whiting***
- **Australian Archery Museum Update - *Ian Fenton***
- **Newsletter Contributions**

Game Claim Report

26/06/2017

Well the colder months are upon us and its given a few the chance to get some critters scored and game claims in. Bit of a mixed bag this time, so let's get into it.

February saw a flurry of ratings from our old mate Ben Rieth, who has been harassing the local goat population with his stick bows. The biggest of which was a high horned billy of 116 DS, plus a handful of others above 100 points. New member Greg Hilton also rated a range of critters he's taken over the last few years, including a couple of big buff (96 and 94 4/8 DS), a cracking 31 4/8 DS boar, a 62 4/8 DS scrubber, 8 1/16 DS cat and a lovely 184 3/8 DS chital stag. Fellow new member Scott Dwyer from South Australia joined the TT ranks with a cracking fallow buck scoring 250 6/8 DS that he shot back in

2014. This comes in at number 2 in the ratings. Victorian bowhunter Michael Thompson also rated an impressive sambar stag scoring 190 2/8 DS which sits at number 4. Welcome guys.



Riethy with a 116 DS billy taken with his recurve.



Another ripper billy for Ben Rieth – 113DS.



Riethy with a twisty DS billy, this one scoring 110 DS.



Ben Rieth with another quality trophy billy, this one scoring 107 DS.



Greg Hilton with another nice bull, this one scoring 94 2/8 DS.



Riethy with his 102 DS billy from the hills.



A cracker 31 4/8 DS boar taken by Greg Hilton.



New TT member Greg Hilton with a cracker 96 DS buff. Welcome aboard Greg!



Greg Hilton nailed this nice wide scrubber which scored 62 4/8 DS, placing it at Number 3.

GIPPSLAND GAME HEAD TAXIDERMY
Licence No. 14525828-TX

WILL ELLEN
M. 0409 945 645
E. ggntaxidermy@yahoo.com
A. 3 Palmgate Terrace
Traralgon, VIC 3844

 www.facebook.com/Will.Ellen.Taxidermy





Greg Hilton did his bit for the environment removing this 8 1/16 DS moggy.



New member Scott Dwyer recently rated this huge fallow buck – 250 6/8 DS and the new Number 2. Welcome Scott!



A pearler of a chital stag taken by Greg Hilton – 184 3/8 DS!



Michael Thompson joined the TT ranks with this beautiful 190 2/8 DS sambar stag – the new Number 4. Well done mate!



Luke Sampson from Dubbo had a very productive trip out west, scoring on a number of nice billy goats in the 117 – 107 DS range. Up and coming bowhunter Tyson Warne made the old man proud by shooting a great black billy scoring 87 DS.



Luke Sampson had a recent bomb-up out west, from top to bottom 117 3/8 DS, 117 1/8 DS, and 112 5/8 DS.

Plenty of nice billies in this lot, from top to bottom: 107 2/8 DS, 111 1/8 DS, and 109 7/8 DS.



Luke Sampson with a 109 1/8 DS model above, and 107 2/8 DS below.



Not to be outdone, old hand Manuel Agius sent in a rating of a curly 103 5/8 DS billy and Elissa Rosemond scored on a high horned goat of 95 4/8 DS. Jeremy Kelly also carried on his form with the longbow rating his biggest billy with the stick scoring 110 2/8 DS. Well done all.



TT immortal Manuel Agius with a pair of recent billys, the larger one scoring 103 5/8 DS.



Young up-and-comer Tyson Warne with a ripper billy goat scoring 87 DS. Champion effort Tyson!



Elissa Rosemond worked hard in the hills to take this 95 4/8 DS billy.



Jezza Kelly with a beautiful billy from his local hills, scoring 110 2/8 DS.

We have also seen some nice boars hit the ratings, including Mark Wills' cracker mountain pig scoring 28 DS neat. Elissa Rosemond also rated a 21 point boar she shot up the Cape last year, and I got the drop on a local warrior with the Raven recurve which scored 25 4/8 DS. I've also had some luck on a few other critters over the past few months including a 126 4/8 billy, and a few red coats, the biggest of which equals the TT Number 1 fox at 10 12/16 DS.



Mark Southwell has been getting out with the recurve of late, and took this 25 4/8 DS boar.



Elissa Rosemond recently nailed this 21 DS Cape York boar.



Willisy nailed this ripper mountain boar – 28 DS.



A very handy mountain billy for Mark Southwell – 126 4/8 DS.





Mark Southwell with the largest fox ever rated in the club's history – a whopping 10 12/16 DS! Well done Maxy!



Another solid fox that fell to Maxy's Raven recurve.

Benny Salleras dusted off a few New Zealand trophies to get them scored and into the ratings. These included two chamois scoring 17 4/8 and 18 4/8 DS and a Tahr scoring 24 6/8 DS which rates at number 6.



Maxy with another recent red coat – this one measuring in at 9 7/16 DS.



Ben with his 18 4/8 DS chamois doe.





Ben with another summer chamois from NZ, this one scoring 17 4/8 DS.



Leigh Cragg scored big time on this bomber buck – 238 4/8 DS.



Ben with his first tahr, a nanny scoring 24 6/8 DS.



A beautiful mule deer taken by Leigh Cragg – 221 2/8 DS.

As is customary for this time of year, we have seen an influx of deer ratings taken over this year's rut. These included two mature fallow bucks scoring 221 2/8 and 238 4/8 DS shot by Leigh Cragg. Willsy was also into the action taking three nice bucks scoring from 212 to 230 5/8 DS. New member Craig Savory rated a long antlered buck scoring 243 1/8 DS - it rates at number 9. It was also good to see Ron McGrath back in the ratings with a 199 2/8 DS buck he shot down south. Rounding out the fallow ratings was Elissa Rosemond with a 127 4/8 buck she took in April. Well done all.



Willsy never misses out on the fallow rut – this cracker 230 5/8 DS model was the best of his bucks for 2017.





Willisy with another pair of handy bucks scoring 222 DS (above) and 212 DS (below).



Ron McGrath with a nice 199 2/8 DS buck.



Elissa Rosemond opened her fallow account with this nice 127 4/8 DS buck.



We also had a couple of Red stags rated by Jeremy Kelly, who put in the time with the longbow and came away with the goods. Jez's two 4x4 stags scored 179 2/8 and 161 DS. Tidy work mate.

New member Craig Savory with a riper 241 1/8 DS head – the new Number 9! Welcome to TT Craig!



Jeremy Kelly with a nice QLD stickbow stag – 179 2/8 DS.

TREVOR WILLIS
TAXIDERM Y



Jeremy Kelly doubled up in QLD, also taking this 161 DS stag in the roar.

Until next time, good hunting!

Mark Southwell



Pig's Pad

With Chris Hervert

'Pig's Pad Trapping', sounds like a good name for a business that removes problem hogs. In fact I recently tried my hand at this method of feral pig control on a small block just out of Canberra. Being only 8 acres and surrounded by lots of a similar size I figured it was a golden opportunity as the occupants were frustrated at the damage and the kids too scared to venture 'down the back'. Sure I tried the bow but it just was not practical in getting a quick result on such a small block, the pigs moving mainly at night and then into

country I had no access to through the day.



Anyway I borrowed a trap (thanks Dave) and did a YouTube crash course on trapping hogs (yes a lot of the videos were Yankee). So I set up the panel trap with the one way door then started the 'free feeds'. Used a game camera to keep an eye on proceedings and once we had regular diners, set the trap. The special blend was cracked corn, baker's yeast and red cordial. The cordial just to get them revved up for when you have to wrangle them!



Just let me back up a little here, these pigs were literally coming into the land owner's yard rooting amongst the kid's swings and toys, and cheekily using the sensor lights to feed under. Surprised they did not start using the pool. So the trap is less than 50 meters from the back doors of the two houses.

Anyway first night nothing, then after night two I get a text 'we have pigs'. Of

course it's pissing down rain but the show must go on. Once there I get a little surprise at the size of one of the offenders, and initially agree with the owner suggesting it's a boar. Deciding not to end up pushed between the mesh like a cookie cutter going through dough I break out .22 and dispatch both with a high velocity sleeping pill. The big pig is in fact a sow, but she is built and I mean built like a ripper mountain boar.



Anyway she was that fat and healthy so I decided to fill the freezer, so it was worth all the efforts.



Chris Hervert

Chairman's Report

With Dave Whiting

Hi to all members. I hope you are all going well and still getting plenty of time in the bush with bow in hand.

Life for Helen and I continues to be busy and since our last Newsletter I have celebrated my 60th Birthday at Wellington with family and some close bowhunting friends, had a 3 week trip to China for Helen's daughter's wedding and then with some much needed help from Manuel Agius, James Warne, Ian and Roma Fenton, Chris Hervert, Bruce Elwell, Shane Dupille and E and Li (a couple of our Chinese friends from Dubbo) we have packed up everything we own (a little bit of furniture and a truckload of camping, fishing and bowhunting gear, trophy wall and memorabilia) and relocated to via Braidwood NSW for me to run and manage "The Fairways" a 2000 acre Angus cattle breeding property owned by James Warne's dad Col. It's a big job but I am enjoying it and is yet another outstanding example of what beautiful and diverse country is contained within the shorelines of Australia. It might be a very good place for an Awards

weekend somewhere down the track. Have not done too much hunting in recent months but have managed to arrow 3 bunnies with my little "Flatline Raptor" recurve.

A few things I need to cover are listed below, no doubt some of these points will be expanded on further into the Newsletter:

- The Danny McMahon Legend Award failed to get a sucker (oops) taker last year. Don't let it happen again please. Just do bin a mate, remember the truth and fairness are irrelevant when nominating a mate for this Award.
 - How good was the last Newsletter with the tribute to the late Mick Dacre and a mountain of unbelievable ratings. The positive member feedback is the best I have encountered over its 30 years of publication. Well done to ALL involved. Obviously the newsletter belongs to all members and we are always looking for any form of contribution from any of our members.
 - Don't forget to get your short video clips onto TT Facebook for judging prior to the 2017 Awards.
 - Speaking of this year's Awards I ask all members to preregister intention to attend on the Chevallan Web page, bringing along a raffle prize for the table (does not have to be Bowhunting related), bring along an Album, framed photo or trophy for display. Our merchandise this year will be of excellent quality and will include T's, camo singlets and caps.
- A very big well done and thank you to the retiring Graham and Sue Cash for their massive dedication in compiling and putting the Bowhunting Downunder Magazine into our homes for so many years. Good luck in the future guys and thanks again.
 - The Trophy Bowhunters of Australia are holding their bi-annual TBA muster at ABA Park in Mudgee on 9-10 September 2017 (see advertisement in this Newsletter) and I would personally urge any of our members that can attend to do so and bring along trophies, photos and albums for display over the weekend. Some may ask why I would be pushing this agenda? Well firstly it is 100% focused on Bowhunting (irrespective of affiliation) and not field shooting and secondly way back in 1986 when I became involved and committed to the foundation of TT it was simply because I like many active Bowhunters of that era felt that we Bowhunters were being made to be take a back seat to the target shooting arm of the ABA. Some of us could not even change this line of thinking even by working within ABA so 30 years on if we have the very real opportunity to bring ALL bowhunters together to share a common interest well I will be the first to put my hand up. A core of TT members were the main reason this event was so successful 2 years ago at Tumut and I would love to see as many TT members as possible attend Mudgee in September and do us

proud. It is a very enjoyable bowhunting celebratory event. Shane Dupille and I will be guest speakers on both Trad Bowhunting and Small game hunting.

- There is also an ad in this Newsletter from the Australian Archery Museum (a must see) and its tireless founder, our own Ian Fenton regarding a major event in Bathurst in June 2018. Please have a good read through the ad, pencil the date in to attend and we will provide more detail in future Newsletters.
- Finally, “Where do we have the 2018 Awards????” Please have a think about it and send your recommendations in prior to OR at our AGM in October.

Enjoy the read and hopefully we will see ya’s at Gympie!



A PERSONAL INVITATION & THREE OPPORTUNITIES

With Ian Fenton

Presenting:



An opportunity has a downside and an upside. The “downside”...missed or lost opportunity often leads to regret that may last a lifetime. The “upside”... taken opportunity often benefits instant or likewise, lifetime reward. The decision to take an opportunity is individual...your choice.

June 16th 2018 at Bathurst RSL Club, Bathurst, the Australian Archery Museum invites everybody to share the first of three only rare opportunities ever presented in Australia.

A gathering of many of Australia’s top National & International archers, bowhunters, administrators, the best bow makers and national unrecognized workers in the sport will be there. Not only will the 50th Anniversary of Trophy Bowhunters of Australia be celebrated with many old timers present for the first time in several decades but for the first

time since 1973 the two best known living legends of Australian archery will be there together. Del Roache and Hans Wright were the legendary champions of tournament. Here's a rare opportunity to meet them personally and chat with them...even photo opportunities. It hasn't happened for 40 plus years. It may not happen again.



What does this opportunity mean to Trophy Takers members? Apart from the historical significance of the occasion, Trophy Takers Dave Whiting, Ben Salleras, Manuel Agius and Paul Southwell are being honoured by the Australian Archery Museum with presentation of specially produced medals together with 23 other historically prominent people in the sport.

Dave, Ben and Paul will be presented with the very prestigious "HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" Medal which acknowledges people who by their actions have created history in the sport of archery. This is not a medal handed out to anyone...it must be earned and a very rare honour to be a recipient of the

Award. These three guys are the first in Australia to receive this truly unique National honour.

Dave Whiting: First Australian Archery executive to hold the position of Chairman for 32 years with one bowhunting organization. (Trophy Takers).

Ben Salleras: First Australian bowhunter to harvest a Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Spanish Ibex and Aoudad.

Paul Southwell: First bowhunter in the World to harvest a New Zealand Fiordland Wapiti in 110 years.



Manuel Agius will be amongst the first in Australia to be presented with the PERCE STOKAN SERVICE TO ARCHERY Medal. This unique medal was designed to perpetuate the memory of an outstanding Australian & New Zealand Archery Champion who perished with the sinking of HMAS

Perth by the Japanese, March 1st 1942. These medals will be personally presented by the Perce Stokan's daughter, Mrs. June Pettinger and granddaughter, Mrs Rosie Ryan. Again this medal is presented only to those who have contributed personal service significantly to archery at a Club, State, Nationally or International level.

Manuel Agius: For service record extending over 40 years to Cobar Bowhunters, Trophy Bowhunters of Australia and Trophy Takers... a supporting foundation member to all.



The Australian Archery Museum involves all facets of archery without bias or politics. The importance of who are presented with both these medals has strict criteria underpinned by history and credibility. A limited number of each has been produced by the Museum and therefore who gets one is of paramount historical importance and prestige.

What is the Australian Archery Museum? It's a privately funded limited size museum which started in 2014 as private archery memorabilia collection, grew into a bowhunting museum then expanded into an all phase's national archery museum. Why privately funded? Simply because of the expense of housing a museum,

running costs of electricity, fixtures & fittings, staffing and insurance. The viability of such a project is possibly beyond any archery organization. The American Pope & Young Club Museum in Chatfield Minnesota started from the basis private collection of Glenn St. Charles. The American Archery Hall of Fame Museum in Springfield, Missouri took over 40 years to find a permanent home and they had several million dollars in donations.



The Australian Archery Museum is to show Australia it can be done and is intended to be the missing part of the Australian Archery Hall of Fame & Museum project started in 2008. At present, it is the largest and only collection of archery history and memorabilia in Australia. It is growing steadily even though space is limiting and showcases all areas of the sport including the complete history of Australian Bowhunting up until 1980, Trophy Takers, Flight archery, archery publishing history plus pictorial history profiles of our pioneers and historical achievers. Unique items such as a 16th century arrow, bows from as far back as the early 1900s and signed photographs from four Olympic Gold Medallists, international top

bowhunters and examples of Australia's best bow makers.



At the beginning we spoke about opportunity... the Australian Archery Museum is only open to the public once a year... the day of the 2018, 2019 & 2020 Museum Awards. After the 2020 Awards, the Museum will be dismantled and cease unless a permanent future home for it can be established. Until 2020 the Museum will continue being expanded and history researched and displayed. The opportunity to visit and view the Museum, comes down to 3 short days over 3 short years.

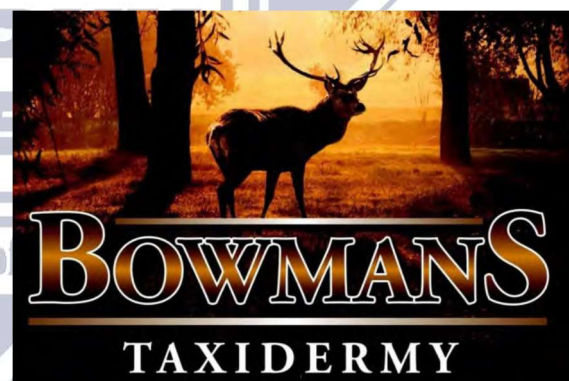
Unfortunately, the future of this Museum lies with the sport of archery nationally, whether it is needed, worthy of saving impartially as it was intended or perhaps just don't care. The Museum developers have done their part...the future rests with archers until 2020.



There is no charge to see the Museum on the Awards Day...it is free. The only charge (per person) to the Awards Luncheon will be \$5 to help contribute to the hire charge of the room for the event. Each person will receive a gift souvenir badge marking the occasion and a 15 page Souvenir Awards booklet which contains history and the profile details of people being honoured on the day.

Three opportunities... The historic first opportunity... Bathurst RSL Club, 16th June 2018 starting at 11am. ... Meals and drinks from the Club at your selection and cost.

For more details and bookings please contact Ian Fenton at inthewildart@gmail.com.



Newsletter Contributions and Final Wrap-Up

As you can see there is plenty for us to collectively be excited about in the next 12 months, with three very important events coming up. The Awards Weekend in Gympie is continuing to shape up as one for the ages, and we hope to see a great show of support from the club, this one has been a long time in the making! Please do register with Chevallan Archery Park in advance – all the details are at the back of this newsletter.

Our hat goes off to Ian Fenton and his wife Roma, for the absolutely astounding effort they have put into the Australian Archery Museum. While it is still early days for the museum, we will learn more over the coming months and leading up to the inaugural Awards Event in Bathurst next year. This will be a very unique occasion to see the museum and mingle with many like-minded archers and bowhunters. A huge congratulations to Ian and Roma and their committee, you have done the Australian archery and bowhunting community proud beyond belief.

A few other things to highlight:

The cut-off date for claiming of game for the 2017 season is **1st September 2017**. Please ensure you get your game claims in by then to be eligible for this year's awards – but if there is any problem, please get in touch with Maxy to organise an alternative arrangement.

Shane Dupille, our resident Merchandise Guru, has the following important update for all members:

*I need all who need a hoodie with size, amount and colour preferences post their needs on our Site (see previous messages) so I can begin a numbers volume on what I need to order. This is also in cohorts with the camouflage caps and TT membership numbers for same reason. Please make this easy on all of us so we can make this happen. If you're not sure on your membership number...I have a list...just send me a positive response to all the above and I can work it out from there. If you want to speak with me my mobile is **0406 013 130**.*

Please get in touch with Shane to pre-order any hoodies or the new TT camo caps - or jump on the Facebook page.

As Dave highlighted, we were short of a 'Danny McMahon Legend Award' nominee last year, which we cannot see a repeat of! Get your entries in ASAP and dob in your mate!

Also – don't forget to upload your short clips and videos to the TT Facebook page for voting. We are pushing to get this award going again – and time is running out leading up to the end of September!

We'd like to give a big shout-out to Steve Dimitrakellis who continues to do a stellar job on keeping the TT Facebook page updated – we love your work mate! The TT Facebook page has been a great success in our eyes, keeping us even more connected than ever.

As usual we are always chasing new stories for the newsletter – no matter how large or small, no matter what the story, please be encouraged to put pen to paper and submit a yarn for us all to enjoy. We haven't seen any submissions for a while, it would be great to see a bit of variety in the newsletter.

Ratings Score Sheets, photos and membership enquiries should be directed to Mark Southwell at the TT Mailbox, details are below.

Please ensure photos are attached to all ratings submissions, and also ensure you use the most current Claim Sheets (available for download from the website) and sent to:

Trophy Takers
PO Box 1804
ARMIDALE NSW 2350

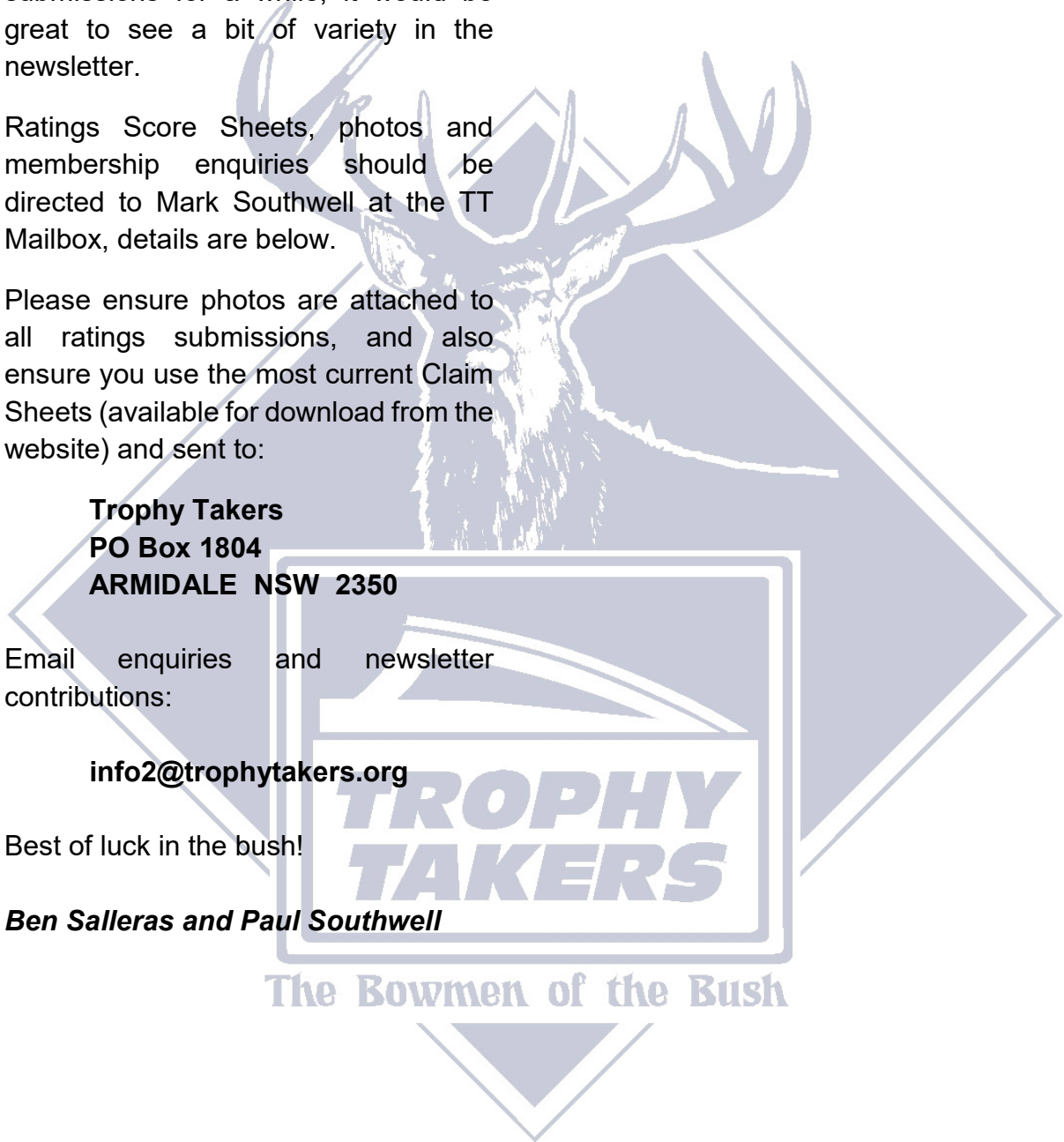
Email enquiries and newsletter contributions:

info2@trophytakers.org

Best of luck in the bush!

Ben Salleras and Paul Southwell

The Bowmen of the Bush



Trophy Takers 2017 Awards Announcement:

Chevallan Archery Park

Gympie, QLD

30th Sept - 2nd October 2017



Set to be one of the biggest and best Awards Weekends in Trophy Takers history, save the date and joins us for a top weekend of Traditional Archery in Queensland!

- Held in collaboration with Chevallan Archery Park's major Traditional Shoot for 2017
- Shoot will be held Saturday and Sunday – 25 Field Targets each day and plenty of novelty events – traditional gear only
- Speed Round, Clout, Running Pig, Rolling Disc, Hunter Round and Pop'n'Jay!
- All meals available Friday Dinner through to Monday breakfast
- Great camping facilities, toilets and hot showers – all in a beautiful setting
- For numbers and planning purposes, please head to **www.chevallanarcherypark.com** to register your attendance (Click on 'Shoot Info' then 'Nominations')
- A flyer and further info will be provided closer to the date!
- Email Sue Wallace at swallace@wallacetradwoods.com or register@chevallanarcherypark.com for more information or to register!

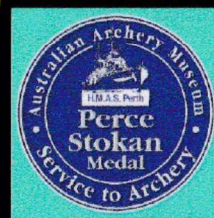


Chevallan Archery Park
Traditional Archery

THE FIRST EVER



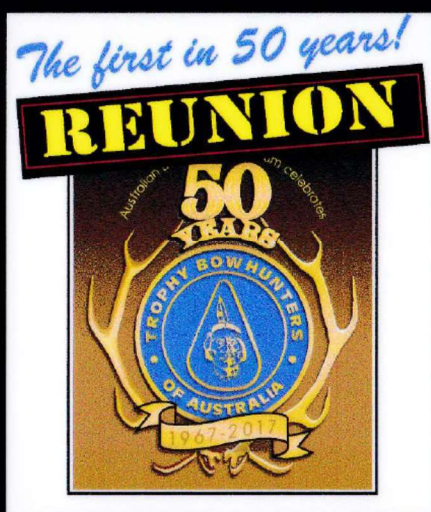
2018
AUSTRALIAN
ARCHERY
MUSEUM
AWARDS
BATHURST



Saturday June 16th. 11am.

Bathurst R.S.L Club, 114 Rankin St., Bathurst

Official Awards programme commences 1 pm.



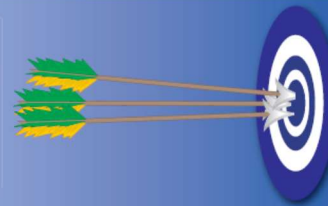
- ★ **Tour the Australian Archery Museum open to the public only once a year.**
Museum open 8-10.30am & 4-8pm. today

Mission Statement

**Researching, Preserving, Securing
Australian Archery History
for the future.**



Trophy Bowhunters of Australia Club



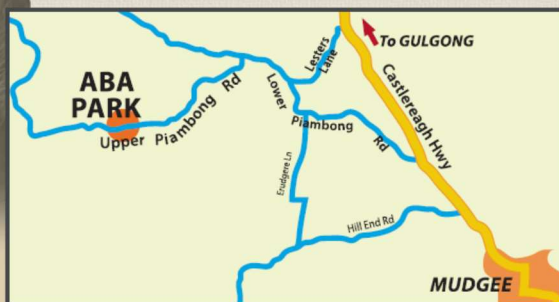
2017 TBA MUSTER

9th and 10th September 2017
at ABA Park Mudgee, New South Wales

The TBA Committee would like to extend a welcome to bowhunters and any one who is interested to the 2017 Muster to be held at ABA Park Mudgee NSW.

This is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in bowhunting and archery to catch up with other like-minded people.

Bring your hunting trophies, photo albums, craft items for display no matter how big or small.



ABA Park address is 600 Upper Piambong Road, Piambong

Directions:

From Mudgee take the Castlereagh Highway towards Gulgong for 12.5km and turn left into Lesters Lane and continue 3.7km to a T intersection and turn right into Lower Piambong Road (gravel road from here on). Follow Lower Piambong Road for 2.1km until you come to Upper Piambong Road on your left, take this turn and continue 6km until you find the gated entrance to ABA Park. All turns will be sign posted. If coming from the North (Gulgong) after 16km it will be a right hand turn into Lesters Lane.

What's On

Information sessions from guest speakers on hunting topics

Question and Answer Session

DPI NSW Information

There will be a 20-Target TBA 3D

Round. No Prizes - No Divisions.

TBA Raffle • Heaps of Camping

Contact Ralph Boden: E: fulldraw@bigpond.com

P: 02 4392 6810 | M: 0413 054 722