



NEWSLETTER

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TROPHY TAKERS NEWSLETTER

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Game Claim Report 1/02/2016

Well it's been quite a while between newsletters and as such, we have had a good number of quality animals rated.

Albury based hunter Shannon James rated a cracker of a red deer he shot in the 2015 rut scoring 263 5/8 DS, along with a solid cat scoring 7 4/16.

Ben Salleras also rated a good looking red stag taken with Wayne Preece in SE Queensland scoring 210 1/8 DS. Ben had a cracker trip up north, rating three boars, including two over the 30 DS mark (32 DS and 30 2/8 DS), two banteng (61 4/8, 62 2/8), and a sambar spiker. He also dusted off an old scoresheet to rate his PB scrub bull shot back in 1999 and is the current No.1 at 68 6/8 DS.



No more bird killing for this solid 7 4/16 cat nailed by Shannon James.



Shannon with his beautiful 265 3/8 DS red stag.



Ben with a nice QLD 6x6 red stag measuring 210 1/8 DS.



Ben Salleras broke his PB boar with this NT brute after 11 years of trying – 32 DS.



Ben with his first banteng bull – 61 4/8 DS.



Another boar just passing the magic 30 DS mark, taken in the Cobourg Peninsula region.



An older bull taken an hour later than the first, this one scoring 62 2/8 DS.



Ben with a solid 28 2/8 DS boar also taken in the NT.



A surprise trophy for Ben – a Cobourg sambar, quite different in appearance to their Victorian cousins. Note the black spot on the spine.





Ben Salleras with his 68 6/8 scrubber, taken back in 1999.

A few other TT members also had success in the north, with Trevor Willis rating five boars (best 28 6/8) a 54 2/8 DS Scrub Bull, and a 29 8/16 DS camel, Allan Karaitiana rating a 54 DS scrub bull and two buff (99, 83 DS), and Peter Fryda rating four boars, the largest a 32 2/8 DS cracker.



Trevor Willis recently scored a swag of quality boars, ranging from 24 4/8 DS to 28 6/8 DS (above).



Trevor Willis with his 54 2/8 scrub bull.



A solid 29 8/16 camel taken by Trevor Willis.



Allan also recently grassed this 54 DS scrubber.



NT member Alan Karaitiana with his 83 DS bull buffalo.



A cracker buff taken by Allan Karaitiana – just one point short of the magic 100 DS. The new TT No 4 bull, well done Allan!



TREVOR WILLIS
TAXIDERM Y



Peter Fryda had a great run on boars recently, registering four quality boars, the best of them an absolute cracker at 32 2/8 DS. Nice work Pete!



Karen Valery went back for one more rumble in the Arnhemland jungle and came up trumps with her first Banteng with the recurve, scoring 66 4/8 DS placing at Number 4. Townsville bowhunter Rod Lowe also grassed a 25 2/8 DS boar with a self-made recurve bow. Great work all.



Karen Valery with a ripper banteng scoring 66 4/8, the new No 4 bull rated with TT. Unreal Karen!



Rod Lowe with a solid 25 2/8 DS boar taken with his self-made recurve. Great work Rod!

Still in the north, and Leigh Cragg had a better than average trip to the Basalt wall taking the boar of a lifetime scoring 35 2/8 DS and two cracker chital stags scoring 171 and 178 5/8 DS. Well done Leigh.



Leigh Cragg and his beautiful 178 5/8 DS chital stag.



Another cracking chital stag for Leigh – 171 DS.



A once-in-a-lifetime trophy for Leigh Cragg – an incredible 35 2/8 DS basalt warrior.

Jindabyne bowhunter Lee Payne continued to knock the game over in late 2015, rating two boars (largest 27 6/8) a 68 2/8 Banteng (No. 2), 2 cats (largest 7 9/16) and his first sambar stag scoring 73 2/8.



Lee with a brace of quality boars, including a 27 6/8 DS (below).



Lee with the new No 2 banteng bull – 68 2/8 DS. Awesome work Lee!



Lee recently removed two feral cats from the Australian bush, the biggest scoring 7 9/16 (below).



Lee with his first sambar stag, scoring 73 2/8 DS.

We had a couple of New England bowhunters join the fold in late 2015. Michael Clark rated a solid 28 2/8 DS Cape York boar and Mathew Milne joined with a mountain boar scoring 21 2/8. Welcome to the club guys!



Matt Milne recently nailed this 21 2/8 DS mountain boar.

Dubbo bowhunter Shane Dupille rated a crusty old boar scoring 18 2/8, a 10 10/16 fox and 7 13/16 DS cat. Nice work Shane.



Raghead used his trusty recurve to take down this crusty western boar.

Bruno Feo had some luck out west rating a 101 DS billy goat and a big 8 point cat he took back in 2013, as did Kevin Yates with a nice 116 2/8 DS billy.



Master fox whistler Shane Dupille with another red dog – 10 10/16 DS.



Bruno Feo with his 101 DS billy.



A solid 8 DS cat taken by Bruno.



Shane recently nailed this moggy scoring 7 13/16 DS.



Kevin Yates with a cracker 116 2/8 DS western billy.

Even further west, and our chairman got into the act, rating a 112 3/8 DS billy he shot in Western Australia with his curve. Another cracker goat was rated by Ben Hohnke. Shot on the great divide his 40 inch billy scored 118 6/8. Well done guys.



Our Chairman getting amongst it way out west, a nice 112 3/8 DS billy for Dave.



Paul with a sizeable wild dog scoring 14 1/16 DS.



Ben Hohnke with his 118 6/8 DS billy.

North Queensland bowhunter Paul Southwell also had a busy 2015 rating a cracking wild dog scoring 14 1/16, two chamois from NZ, and a rusa stag scoring 200 DS neat. Paul also rated some game shot in previous years with an 87 DS Buff, 55 2/8 DS scrubber, and 7 point cat.



Paul with a pair of trophy chamois recently taken in NZ.





Paul recently took this nice wide 200 DS neat rusa stag.



Paul with his 87 DS buff taken a few years back.



A 55 2/8 DS Cape York scrubber recently rated by Paul Southwell.



Yet another TT member doing their bit for Aussie native wildlife – a 7 DS moggy for Paul.

To round out the ratings, I entered a couple of scrubbers and a camel scoring 26 12/16, and Mark Wills rated a 66 2/8 DS scrub bull he shot in 1995. Well done Willsy, only took you 20 years to get the rating in.....



Maxy with a pair of wild looking scrubbers taken on recent hunts.



Maxy recently nailed this 26 12/16 feral camel.



Willisy with a ripper scrub bull measuring 66 2/8 DS taken over 20 years ago, taking the No 2 spot in the ratings.

Don't forget that more regular ratings updates are available through the TT website (www.trophytakers.org) and Facebook page. If you want to join the Facebook page, then please get in contact with me at

info2@trophytakers.org and we can get you hooked-up.

Cheers,

Mark Southwell.



2015 Awards

Well yet another successful Annual Awards weekend has been and gone. Back in October a number of Trophy Takers members gathered at Uralla Bowmen just west of Armidale, NSW. A huge thanks goes out to Uralla Bowmen for their kind support in allowing us to set up camp at their grounds over the long weekend.



2014-15 Perpetual Hunting Awards

- **SMALL GAME AWARD** - Lee Payne - 3 Feral Cats
- **BILL BAKER BEST OVERALL DEER AWARD** - Steve Dimitrakellis - Sambar 184 4/8
- **IAN FENTON TRADITIONAL AWARD** - Karen & John Valery
- **PAUL WHELLER MEMORIAL JUNIOR BOWHUNTER** - Kyhal Hayman - Fallow 209 6/8
- **CHAIRMAN'S AWARD** - Leigh Cragg - Boar 35 2/8 plus two chital stags
- **DANNY McMAHON LEGEND AWARD** - Paul Southwell
- **KEV WHITING/DALLAS CONWAY #1's LISTING TROPHY** - For the first time in a number of years there were no new overall #1's added to this Trophy.



Annual Best of Species Awards

- **Boar Award:** Paul Southwell, 36 DS, No. 3.
- **Goat Award:** James Warne, 131 2/8 DS, No. 18 (Longbow).
- **Red Deer Award:** Shannon James, 263 5/8 DS, No. 14.
- **Fallow Deer Award:** Will Ellen, 239 2/8 DS, No. 9.
- **Rusa Deer Award:** Paul Southwell, 200 DS, No. 12.
- **Sambar Deer Award:** Steve Dimitrakellis, 184 4/8 DS, No. 7 (Longbow).
- **Chital Deer Award:** Leigh Cragg, 178 5/8 DS, No 12.
- **Hog Deer Award:** Will Ellen, 77 5/8 DS, No. 6.
- **Buffalo Award:** Karen Valery, 72 DS, No. 46 (Recurve).
- **Scrub Bull Award:** Trevor Willis, 54 2/8 DS, No. 4.
- **Banteng Award:** Lee Payne, 68 2/8 DS, No. 2.
- **Camel Award:** Trevor Willis, 29 4/8 DS, No. 6.
- **Fox Award:** Shane Dupille, 10 10/16 DS, No. 3 (Recurve).

- **Cat Award:** Lee Payne, 7 13/16 DS, No. 12.



Photographic Awards

- **Framed Hunter and Game:** Manuel Agius – Dave Whiting and White Fallow.
- **Unframed Hunter and Game:** Ben Salleras – Steve Dimitrakellis with Longbow Sambar Stag.

- **Best Framed Hunting Photo:** James Warne – Young Hunter (Tyson)
- **Best Unframed Hunting Photo:** Shane Dupille – Mel Hancock about to send an arrow at a fox coming in to whistle.
- **Best Nature Photo:** Paul Southwell – Mark Southwell hunting snow covered NZ Alps.
- **Best Composite Photo:** Dave Whiting – Successful hunt with Shane Dupille, Dave Keable, Paul Hardie, Mark Ballard, Wayne Anderson and John Teitzel.
- **Best Hunting Album:** Lee Payne – 'Walk A Mile In My Shoes Vol 1 & 2'.
- **Best Taxidermy/Trophy Mount:** Adam Moore – Steve Dimitrakellis' Sambar Stag and cherry tree rub.
- **Merv Smith Best Overall Photographic/Composite Display:** Steve Dimitrakellis – Unique sambar mount and a number of well thought-out photos of same sambar.





Two Big Boys

By Shane Dupille

I went out one afternoon during the late winter 2015 to my pig property not expecting to see much. I worked my way along the creek system when I spotted two young boars nosing their way towards me amongst the reeds.

I positioned myself for a shot when to my immediate right a big black and white boar broke loose from his bed flat out in front of me about 10m. All I could do was draw back, give lead and shoot. The black stump tipped Manuel Agius arrow couldn't have hit him any better, up to the flights as the arrow angled down deep into his chest.

All this happened in about 5 seconds from spotting him to the shot, just a reaction fling at a big heavy pig. Thankfully he kept going and died at the edge of a grassy patch some 80m away. When I got to him he was already gone and it was then that I realised his size.



He was the biggest I've ever taken and moving him into position was a task within itself. Unfortunately he was broken off one side but I still took his

whole head. For me it was a great day as I haven't taken a decent boar in about 23 years. Tagged and released a few in the process.

The other big black fella I took in late Nov 2015 with Davo and our new Chinese mate Peng Ep better known as simply 'E'. E came along with us real early one morning armed with a superb Cannon camera and ended up taking about 80 photos. We arrived through the gate to find a lone boar moving away towards the tree line so we drove up to where we last saw him.

As we arrived he had met up with two others of about the same ilk with one of them severely ripped in the right ear. They soon took off but E snapped off some photos.

We parked the car and were barely through a gate when Dave and I spotted a monster over by a dam moving towards some sows. We both uttered "bloody big boar" as we headed off towards the creek and sows.

The big fella got into the heavily grassed creek and disappeared but Dave knew he was still there. I took off to the left to get up in front of him with good wind and when in position Dave yelled out "HE'S COMING YOUR WAY" I could see his back and I moved into position. As he came out of the creek I waited then shot, the first arrow missed but he didn't move. I loaded up and he started trotting off, I drew quickly and quartered him through the back of the lungs.

He kept the trot and so did I, he was leaving a better than average blood trail, keeping my distance, he went to slam himself through a run off fence crossing but was pushed back with dramatic force, he then paused for a moment spotted, a roo hole and off he went. To cut a long hunt short, I managed to get out in front of him and set up where I thought he might go as he was heading for the thick stuff, by this stage I was feeling every one of my years (not that young anymore).



I took in a couple of big ones and to my surprise I picked the exact sheep track he was on, first the floppy ears.....then the slight grunt....big body looming...out from the cover ...drew back and put a good one angling down through the rib cage from about 5m.

He threw out an ear piercing growling woof, took two heart stopping steps towards me then regathered the sheep track and took off. I knew he was done for but I still kept his rear end in sight only to see it get the wobbles and fall over with a kick.

I didn't go straight in but instead found Dave and E told them all about it and went back to him. Dave and I went in while E sat back and clicked a few off. Needless to say I was wrapped at his immense size, but yet again another broken tusk. This bloke was better in all regards especially his bulk than the black and white fella.

E took some cracking photos and I took his head. The photo in the tree is one of my favourites as it shows his absolute size. There are still a few good boars on this place but they are hard to find due to the thick mid-western scrub. There's plenty of foxes and cats here as well so it's a good all round property. Till next time.



Pigs' Pad

'It's a living thing' or so the E.L.O song goes. 2016 is here already and I bet most of you have it mapped out already in terms of your hunting goals. No matter what that goal is, to achieve it will enrich your life in some way, that's a positive thing. I must say the world is a smaller place and with that comes all the good and the bad, rarely is catching up on the news a joyful experience. I think as bowhunters we probably all get some solace and peace from being in the bush, the chance just to sit back and take it all in, you notice the little things, and the big things maybe don't matter so much, at least for a time. Everyone feels the pressure and if bowhunting is a relief from that then it's another plus for our sport.

Most years I like to do something different, it may not be the big trip overseas, it may be just going somewhere new or hunting something different or seeing some new country. I always hear people talking about the 'Big Trip' once they retire, and I always think it's like wishing your life away. There are plenty of trips that can be done, things that can be seen and experienced right now, and in many cases it only takes a little effort to do that. 18 months ago I had never caught a Murray Cod, now I have caught numerous and spawned (forgive the pun) a new passion, I am really hooked (sorry)! Maybe now I would like to catch a Marlin, but the rocking of the ocean has never been kind to me so we'll see how that pans

out. I guess I am preaching to the converted, I continually marvel at the achievements of our members, the game that gets taken, you guys and gals know your stuff and really do get amongst it, great job!

The Rut, well it's almost here, my head it already in the hills rattling those antlers, ears peaked with expectation waiting for the telltale crack of a bush or sound of hooves as an amped up buck comes hurtling through the scrub. It's like fox whistling on steroids! Good luck to you all!

Chris Hervert



Legend or Idiot?

By Paul Southwell

Sitting back in my camp chair at the 2015 TT awards, I was enjoying the night, comfortable that for another year I was to evade the Legend Award. Butcher's got it in the bag I thought, and then there's Antonio's gator rollover in Montana, which could steal the prize. But when Maxy started telling the story about a north Queenslander that had a training hike mishap, my heart sank. This couldn't be happening!!

For those that don't know, the Danny (Where am I) McMahon Legend Award is handed out to the person who has had the most memorable bowhunting related 'incident' for the year. It's the one award that everybody loves, but nobody wants to win!

Now there have been a few rumours about what actually happened to me to make me earn this great award, so I thought I had better set the record straight, and give those that weren't at the awards some entertainment.....

It started like any other early morning training hike. I set off from the ute with a 30kg pack on, eager to tackle some of the local hills north of Townsville, in preparation for an upcoming trip to NZ. Cresting the main ridge after a lung busting climb, I sat down for a quick breather, before deciding to drop the 25kg bag of salt out of my pack, and ridge hop my way through the thick regrowth up to the main peak on the range, a distance of 4-5kms or so from where I was. This was a change in plans, I hadn't thought I'd go that far, but figured it was good training for a scenario where you hear a big wapiti bull bugle in the distance and then go light to get to him for the stalk.

As I punched my way up the ridge, I realised that the 30 plus degrees and January humidity were taking their toll, and my 3L water bladder was getting low. Dropping down off the range into the next valley, I found some running water in a tight rainforest choked gully. I filled my bladder and decided to climb up the gully and punch up the real steep section at the end back onto the main ridge. Ducking under a fallen

tree, I bumped the tree and then all hell broke loose.

Unbeknownst to me I had stumbled onto a sizeable paper wasp nest, which must have been on the tree close to my head. They immediately started biting my face and neck. On instinct, I turned and ran back down the boulder strewn gully, through the thick bush. That's when I got hung up in some wait-a-while vine, which is a tropical vine with thousands of small thorns on it. The wasps were still biting so I knew I couldn't stop, so dropped to my hands and knees to try and push through the vines. Breaking out the other side I ran a bit further until there was no more wasps.

I looked down to see my bare arms and legs all scratched up and bleeding, and my face and neck felt like they had copped more than the odd bite. Making my way to the creek I washed my arms and legs off. With the cool water came a massive increase in pain, much more than I would have expected just from washing cuts and scratches. The skin on my legs, arms and hands started to go all red and blotchy, and I realised I had been stung by a stinging tree. In my mad scramble to crawl through the vines, I must have knocked down and crawled over one of these dreaded plants.

Now for anyone who doesn't know what a stinging tree is, they are in two words "bad news"! Also known as the Gympie stinger or suicide plant, they live in tropical areas of northern Australia, and their leaves and branches are covered with millions of

tiny stinging hairs that deliver a potent neurotoxin when touched. Wikipedia says "*The sting is potent enough to kill humans, dogs, and horses, and is infamously agonizing. Stories tell of horses jumping off cliffs after being stung, and supposedly one Australian officer shot himself to escape the pain of a sting*". Like I said, bad news!

Anyway, once I had realised what had happened, I knew I was in a spot of bother. I was now about 5km from the ute, on the wrong side of the main range, had no mobile service and no EPIRB, and nobody knew where I was. On reflection, I would have gone close to hitting the button on the EPIRB if I had one with me, the pain was that bad.

I knew I had to make it back up to the ridge to get service and at least ring somebody to let them know what was going on. I reckon I nearly passed out a couple of times on my way up that steep side, but I knew I had to get there. On cresting the ridge, I rang my mate Kriso and told him where the ute was and the route I would take to get out. I elected to stay on the ridge on the way back, that way if I passed out, the chopper may be able to find me more easily than if I dropped down straight to the ute.

After an hour the pain wasn't getting any better and every time I brushed past a bush or long grass, it fired the stinging hairs up causing a new wave of pain. I made it to the ute and drove the 15 minutes back home. The first thing I decided to do was have a cold shower, as by that stage I was covered in blood, sweat (and tears!). I really

should have googled stinging trees first though, as one of the things that make the stings worse is cold water.....

Google told me that the best way to relieve the pain was to wax the affected areas, the wax pulls the sting fibres with instant relief. So in the ute I got and off to the chemist. I got some strange looks in the chemist, but the lady behind the counter could see the pain in my eyes. "strips are easier but a tub of wax is more economical" she said. I don't give a \$#@& how much it costs I thought, I would have paid \$10,000 for that wax!

The wax had some affect, bit bloody hard to wax your own elbows though, I'll give you the tip. That was my first (and hopefully last) experience with waxing, and I have newfound respect for women who put themselves through that in the name of beauty!

A lot of the stinging fibres must have snapped off though, so I couldn't get them out. The pain over the next two days was pretty full on, and I couldn't really lie down as anything touching my legs or arms would stir it up. The pain slowly subsided over the next week, but it took about 8 months for the stings to fully go away.

I haven't ventured back into that gully, and I don't think I will anytime soon. I also now make sure I carry my EPIRB with me and also tell somebody where I am going and my planned route. I was pretty lucky that I managed to stay conscious, or it could have been a different story.

Newsletter Contributions

We must apologise for the longer than usual period between newsletters, life just doesn't get any quieter and time seems to be slipping by faster and faster. It's truly inspiring to see the continued quality and numbers of game being claimed by the bowhunters amongst our ranks, well done to all. It's likely that many of you are preparing for probably the most exciting time of year for bowhunting in Australia, and we wish all of you the best of luck in the bush this rut/roar.

In closing, and touching on a similar topic as raised by Chris in his Pigs' Pad this edition, I want to highlight the idea of 'dreaming big'. We all have our own personal bowhunting goals and dreams, and I think it's an amazing force one can use in life and something we can all tap into. The energy and drive that working towards a dream goal can provide can do wonders.



Both Paul and I have recently achieved dreams that were fairly improbable in the overall scheme of things. My dream to hunt Bighorn Sheep extends back to age 10. Back then I never thought it would be something I could ever do, it seemed totally out of reach. But I dared to dream and with a lot of hard work and determination, my dream came to reality

late in 2015. Similarly, just as we go to print, Paul has taken his dream animal – a Fiordland Wapiti, which is recognised as the first trophy Wapiti ever taken with bow in NZ.

Dare to dream, you never know where it might take you!



We are still keen to hear from any members who would like to submit a short story or hunt report for the newsletter, so please don't be shy. Product reviews or other informative articles are also more than welcome.

As usual 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 1804
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Email enquiries and newsletter contributions:

info2@trophytakers.org

Enjoy the bush!

Ben Salleras and Paul Southwell.

Trophy Takers AGM - Uralla Awards 2015

Minutes of Meeting

4th October 2015

Meeting commenced: 11.15 am

Attendees:

Manuel Agius, Dasha Warren, Sean Walsh, Tony Osmond, Dave Keable, Paul Hardie, Ros Hardie, Lee Payne, Lisa Payne, Shane Dupille, Mel Hancock, Steve Dimitrakellis, Dave Whiting, Helen Whiting, Paul Southwell, Mark Southwell, James Warne, Mark Wills, Mathew Milne, Rod Shorten, Cory Osmond.

Apologies:

Ian and Roma Fenton, Dave James, Shannon James, Kyhal Hayman, Bruno Feo, Allan Karaitiana, Ben Rieth, Ben Salleras, Wayne Anderson, Adam Greentree, Jeremy Kelly, Antonio Lara, Jarrod Vyner, Kevin Yates, Ben Hohnke, Mick Kernaghan, Dan Kernaghan, Trevor Willis, Kev Daly, Leanne Williams, Chris Hervert, Nick Hervert, Col Moynihan, Paul Church, Larni Smith, Killer Clarkson, Tom and Fay Hills, Mark and Karen Ballard, Wal Parker, Garry Piper, Will Ellen, Marc Curtis, Rod Collings, Ben and Jane Chambers, Wayne Cressy, Scott Whiting, Jeff Rankmore, Glen Payne and Doug Stojanovski.

Minutes

Minutes from 2014 AGM at Dartmouth, VIC read and accepted by Dave Keable.

Business Arising

Trophy takers deer slam and Australian game grand slam

Progress to be discussed in general business. Mark Southwell asked whether No.1 shields would be given out for Banteng and Scrub bull. It was clarified that No.1 shields would be presented for banteng number ones in the future, but not for Scrub bull, although they are still recognised as a game species with TT.

Scoring course

Look to contact Daryl Bulger and see if we can organise scoring course in conjunction with the proposed awards in QLD next year.

Update TT website

Paul Southwell has updated the website with new more accurate score-sheets which can be downloaded from there. Recognition that the website still looks good and is serving the intended purpose.

TT Facebook page

Facebook page has been established and has good membership. A big thanks to Chris and Nick Hervert and Steve Dimitrakellis for organising and moderating the page.

General Business

Newsletter contributions

Acknowledgement was made by Dave Whiting to all members who have contributed to the newsletter, but especially to, Ben Salleras, Chris Hervert and Mark and Paul Southwell for assisting in its production.

Women's bowhunter award

Rod Shorten raised the possibility of a woman's bowhunting award, given the fact that we are starting to see more women in bowhunting. The possibility of a perpetual award was raised. Rod Shorten to follow up.

Perpetual deer trophies

We have now had the perpetual deer trophies made, and are in the process of getting storage boxes made to protect them during travel. As the awards ended up being over \$600 dollars each it was suggested that we seek member's sponsorship for them to a value of \$200 for each trophy. Moved Dave Whiting, seconded Mark Southwell passed. Mark Southwell to follow up.

Trophy Takers engraved glasses

Paul Southwell bought along some samples of shot, spirit and larger tumbler glasses that he had engraved with various TT logos. It was suggested that sets of 6 spirit glass sets be handed out as the Deer slam award to successful individuals. It was also suggested that we do a run of 20 larger tumblers for wider sale to see test feasibility of these items to add to future TT merchandise. Moved Paul Southwell, seconded James Warne, passed.

Number 1 shields

Enquiries were made as to the number of no.1 shields we have left given the large number that have been handed out in recent years. Mark Wills said we still have several left, but would chase up to see if we can get some more produced.

Appreciation plaques

Mark Southwell raised the possibility of getting some small plaques made up to give to the Uralla Bowmans club in appreciation for the use of their grounds. Dave Whiting suggested we look to get them made up for the Tully and Cobar clubs as well. Paul Southwell to follow up.

New member sign-in

Mark Southwell raised the existing requirement to have new members signed in by an existing TT member. More than anything, this is now just a hassle for new members wanting to join. It was proposed to remove the requirement to sign-in, on the proviso that the acceptance of new members is up to the discretion of the board of directors. Moved Mark Southwell, seconded Manuel Agius, passed.

Facebook page restrictions

Steve Dimitrakellis raised the question of whether the TT Facebook page should remain as a closed page (only available to members who get approved access) or open it up to public access. It was unanimously decided that the page remain private, and to restrict the number of new requests received by non-members, to also make it a secret page. Moved Steve Dimitrakellis, Seconded Dave Whiting Passed.

Getting other members up to accept awards at annual awards presentation

Dave Whiting raised the point of the usual process of getting other members up to accept awards for people not at the annual awards presentation. Given that not all awards winners will be present, there was support for Dave to continue this in future years. The introduction of the photo slide show of the winning trophies at the presentation was praised as helping to identify both the game and person winning the award.

NSW DPI carp shooting trial

Dave Whiting raised the proposed carp bowfishing trial that is being planned by NSW DPI, due to start in early 2016. Hunters would have to hold a game licence and fishing licence to participate in certain locations. It was suggested that TT have a one off Carp trophy to help support the initiative.

Electronic game callers

Jarrold Vyner asked that the acceptance of trophies into TT shot using electronic game callers be raised. This has become a popular method of shooting both small and large game such as deer. It was proposed that TT follow the regulations of the state in accepting game shot using electronic callers. Moved Paul Southwell, seconded Mark Southwell Passed.

Account balances:

As at 30/9/15:

Member account	- \$2,189.41
Market account	- \$ 3,675.24
Total	\$ 5,864.65

2016 Awards location

Gympie QLD in association with Gympie Bowhunters Club.

Meeting closed: 12.50pm



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 he 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.

You can contact me on:

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