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## Game Claim Report

*With Steve Dimitrakellis*

It's only been 6 months or so since the last newsletter but there has been plenty of action on the hunting scene since then.

Michael Thompson made the most of the cooler weather hanging around through spring and managed to get another great sambar stag on the deck. The beautifully shaped stag, was heavily penalised for overspread, but still scored 182 6/8 DS, well done.

Ben Chambers headed north for his birthday, and did it in style taking a 76 DS buffalo and a 13 9/16 DS wild dog. Ben Salleras also got amongst the chital over the summer and managed himself a beautiful 174 1/8 DS stag.



Michael Thompson's nice wide sambar stag (above). Ben Chamber's big wild dog and Ben Salleras' beautiful chital stag (below).



Elissa Rosemond made the most of a working holiday in Queensland and squeezed in a hunt for a closed range hog deer. The unique looking stag

scored 71 DS. Grant Rand was up high in the ranges and came across a ripping billy. The 39 incher scored 121 DS. Tom Jansen sure is getting amongst those high country sambar, taking another nice stag of 165 DS.



Closed Range hoggie shot by Elissa Rosemond (top). Grant Rand and his big black billy (above) and Tom Jansen's ripper Sambar (below)



New member Glynn Catt from Shellharbour joins Trophy Takers with a thumper of a fallow buck from last year. The big framed fallow scored a huge 263 2/8 DS and sits at number 3 in the

ratings. Well done Glynn and welcome aboard mate.



New member Glyn with his buck

It wouldn't be a ratings report without a couple of entries from the Darwin crew, and Greggo and Southy have been at it again. Greg managed another two 30 point boars to add to his tally, these ones scoring 30 4/8 DS and his equal PB of 32 6/8 DS. Greggo also rated two cracking buffalo bulls of 99 4/8 and 100 4/8 DS. Paul Southwell headed further south to the arid zone and scored himself a 30 12/16 camel.



Greg Hilton's 32 6/8 pointer.





**Greggo with his latest 100 point buff (above) and Paul Southwell's bull camel from the desert country (below).**



**Luke Sampson's nice 222 DS common coloured fallow (top). Harry T and his thumping 239 point buck (above). Butcher and Paul S with their solid black fallow bucks (below) and Maxy's fine menil fallow buck (next page).**

Once April rolled around the reds were roaring, and the fallow croaking, what a time to be a bowhunter and there were plenty of good deer taken by Trophy Takers members. Luke Sampson headed to the hills and managed to score his PB fallow buck of 222 1/8 DS, well done mate. Ben Salleras hunted hard and came up with a corker of a fallow on the last arvo, with the wide palmed buck scoring 230 DS. Harry Tydings put in the hard yards and came up with an absolute cracker 239 DS Fallow.

The Southwells managed to get the Fallow and Red combo, Paul getting a 216 7/8 DS Fallow and a 214 DS Red, while Maxy managed a 230 4/8 Fallow and a 238 4/8 DS Red stag.





Toby Gall has rated a couple of monster rusa. One a 227 DS whopper from last June, and a 231 6/8 DS stag taken back in 2016 which just squeezes in to the #1 spot on the ratings by 4/8 of an inch. Well done Toby!



Toby Gall and the current No 1 rusa (above) and 227 DS model from last year (below).



Dan Podubinski must be wearing out his fox whistle, with 3 foxes up to 10 4/16 DS and a 7 3/16 DS cat.

New member John Calleja joins the club with some outstanding game rated. Last spring he managed a great

high country sambar of 160 3/8 DS, along with a beautiful 235 2/8 DS fallow buck and an awesome 61 DS banteng taken a few years ago. Well done John, outstanding animals and welcome to Trophy Takers.



Dan and his 10 4/16 DS fox (top). John Calleja with his solid sambar stag (above) and nice wide banteng bull (below).



The dynamic duo of Dave James and Dave Whiting headed out after the Darwin TT Awards and nearly ended up winning the Darwin Award. Apparently, a few charges from the buffalo over several hunts were thwarted by

running, tree climbing and a few high-pitched screams that may have called in a fox if there were any in the area!! To relax after a stressful hunt, Whiting headed to Strathburn and knocked over a few cranky Cape York boars as well scoring between 23-25 6/8.



The two Dave's and their NT traditional buff.



Elissa Rosemond had a busy rut, taking two bucks that measured 194 DS and 144 DS along with a spiker. Mark Wills had his eye on a big Fallow for a while, and Willsy managed to take the big fella that went 241 6/8 DS.

Some panel measuring was undertaken at Willsy's 50<sup>th</sup> bash at his block recently and this resulted in Casey McCallum rating a 237 DS fallow from this year and an outstanding 393 4/8 DS point red which is the new TT No 1 red, and a trophy that will take some beating. Well done Macka, good to have you back on board mate.



Macka with his big SA 237 DS fallow (above) and new No 1 Red (below) that scores 393 4/8 DS.



Kimmi Greentree also had her big NT boar from last year scored and it stretched the tape to 32 points. This would have to be one of (if not) the largest boar taken by a female bowhunter in Australia. Massive congrats Kimmi.





Kimmi Greentree and her 32 DS boar (above).

Well done everyone. **Don't forget to get your ratings in before the 20th July cut off before the Annual Awards in Albury on the 20th & 21st August at the Twin City Bowmen Club.** We are looking to run a measuring course on the weekend for Pig, Goat, Buffalo, Fox etc and seeing how we are placed for time will try to do deer as well, but may need to run a separate one for the deer species at a later date this year.



## 2022 Albury Awards Info

Below are the details for the upcoming 2022 TT Awards:

**Dates:** 20 and 21 August 2022

**Venue:** Twin City Bowmen Grounds

**Address:** 912 Urana Rd, Lavington NSW 2641

There will be plenty of room to camp at the grounds. The grounds will be open for a couple of days before and after the actual awards in case anyone wants to arrive early or stay a bit longer.

There will be an indoor area set aside for the trophy display so please feel free to bring along any mounts, antlers, horns, skulls, photos to add to the display.

The main awards presentation will be held on the Saturday night and the AGM on the Sunday morning. All members and visitors are welcome to the awards presentation, and all members are encouraged to attend the AGM.

A 3D target course will be set up by the club to allow TT members to fling a few arrows (with field points) over the weekend.

As usual, we will have some TT merchandise there for people to buy. Visitors are also more than welcome to come and have a look at the TT Display.

If there are sufficient members who are keen, we will be running a scoring course for all non-deer species over the weekend, so please let us know if you are interested in being a part of this prior to the awards so we can get an idea of numbers. The more trained scorers that we can get around the place, the easier it is for everyone and the less travelling some will have to do to get their trophies scored in the future.

As previously mentioned, the cut off for rating game that will be eligible for the 2022 awards will be the 20<sup>th</sup> July, to give the committee enough time to get the awards sorted out and engraving done. If you need to arrange for scoring to be undertaken over the next few weeks, let someone on the committee know and we can try and get you in touch with a scorer.



## Chairman's Report

*With Mark Southwell*

Well the rut has come and gone since I last typed some words for the newsletter. I was fortunate enough to get a couple of weeks off and spend some quality bush time with Paul and few other fellas. Even managed to get the drop on a couple of nice critters too which was a bonus. It's been a few years since I've had some luck on

quality deer, so nice to crank the boiling pot up again. It's funny how quickly a hunt can change with the taking of an animal. We got the box ticked on a couple of reds in the first few days then turned our sights on a fallow. I had hunted reasonably hard for a week or so and although I did see some nice deer, really didn't feel like I was in with a show. The good season had the grass high which meant that deer were harder than usual to see, and they seemed to be onto me before I was in bow range more often than not. Last day luck got me out of trouble though as I was able to stalk into 30m of a bedded buck and sent one through him when he stood. Very satisfying after so many failed attempts.

I certainly wasn't the only one to 'do the business' over the rut, with some outstanding animals being taken and rated. Really is amazing to see the continual reshuffle of the top 10 animals in most categories – a testament to the dedication of our members.

Covid continues to be a 'thing' and won't go away any time soon unfortunately. We lived through the family covid there a couple of months back, which was a test for us all. One thing it has done though, is proven that a lot of us can be more flexible with our work arrangements. This has been especially big for me and my family as it's allowed us to make a big move to be closer to family back down in Goulburn while I have still been able to keep the same job. House is sold in Armidale and we have bought in Goulburn, so just waiting for work and school to line up and we'll be back down south - likely later in August. I'm really excited to be back in familiar country, being able to check out old places and new. It will



also be great to catch up and reconnect with old mates down that way, and hopefully get out for a hunt and fish with a some of them. Only downside is I will miss the awards in Albury as its just when we are moving, which will be a shame.

Speaking of the awards, they are shaping up well. The Twin City Bowmen are very excited to host us on the 20/21<sup>st</sup> August. They will even put out a full range of 3D targets that we can shoot at our leisure. We are also planning on holding a scoring course for buffalo, boar, goat and small game for people wishing to become an accredited TT measurer. If you are keen, please let Steve Dimitrakellis know to aid in organising. As always, we will put together a trophy display and hold the awards presentation on the Saturday night. We will also draw our annual raffle which is an important money raiser for the club. Can every please try to contribute something to the raffle to ensure there are plenty of prizes to go around. Thanks.

As I know some of you are aware, one of our long-time members, Shane "Raghead" Dupille has been very crook of late. Shane spent a long stint in hospital including a few weeks in intensive care but is back home now and hopefully on the mend. TT wishes you all the best in your recovery Shane, hope you are back out there terrorising the local fox population again real soon mate.

I will leave it there, I hope everyone is doing well and keeping dry and warm through the winter.

Cheers, **Mark S**



### **Newsletter Contributions and Final Wrap-Up**

That brings to a close this newsletter. What an impressive set of ratings we have had of late, including new No 1's for rusa and red deer. Who would have thought that the bar could be lifted higher in these heavily sought after species? Word on the street is that the Rusa record has just been broken again, or should I say blown out of the water, so stay tuned for more details on this in the next Newsletter.

We hope everyone got out for a look around over the rut. The wet weather looks like it will continue in the eastern states, providing plenty of feed and cover for critters. By contrast, it's already quite dry up north, so 2022 is shaping up to be a good hunting year in the cape and NT as the water dries up and the game gets concentrated around what water is left. Good luck to all that are heading north for a hunt this year.

As always, we encourage anyone to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard!) and write a short story for the

newsletter, it will be greatly appreciated by all.

Ratings Score Sheets, photos and membership enquiries should be directed to Steve Dimitrakellis or Mark Southwell either at the TT Mailbox (details are below), emailed or messaged to Steve or Mark.

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).

Claims can be posted to:

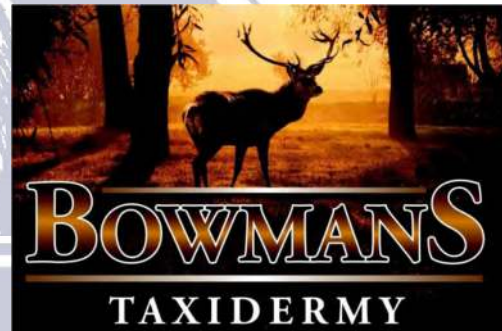
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We wish everyone that is coming down to the awards in Albury safe travels and hope a good time is had by all.

***Ben Salleras and Paul Southwell***



**The Bowmen of the Bush**