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time to hang up
the hunting bow?

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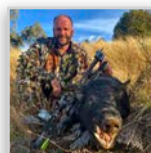
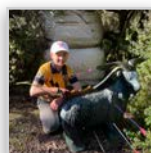
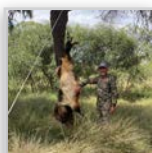
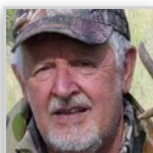
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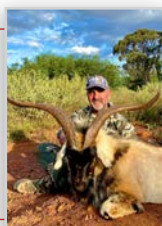
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Alastair Meldrum with his prize, the goat he called 'Ghost-face' (story on page 18)

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Hi everyone,

Like no doubt many of you, I've been in the miserable land of COVID-19. I was the first in my family to get it—and had a rough time of it—followed by my three kids, one by one. This meant weeks on end of isolation (and constant Googling to figure out exactly what the rules were!). If you've had it, I hope it was mild and you're recovering well.

Thank you to all who submitted stories for this issue—it makes my job so much easier! It was also an absolute pleasure to read them, particularly Bevan Blacklock's story about hunting with his friend who was losing his eyesight, and the solution they found to ensure it was a great experience for all.

It's still wonderful to see everyone getting out and about, being social and engaging in their sport. I don't think anyone will take those everyday things for granted again—or at least not for a long time!

Looking at the events calendar, it's clear



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there are lots of shoots and events on the horizon, so please do keep in touch and send through your stories, photos and updates, no matter how short they are!

Best of luck to anyone competing in upcoming events—may your arrows always fly straight!

Stay safe and well.

Kelly James, editor

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A sight for sore eyes

By Bevan Blacklock

With Bevan's hunting mate Pete Robinson having some trouble with his vision, the pair had to get creative on a mission to bring home some bacon.

Recurve goat with hunter

Our bowhunting year started off as usual. Other than a cancelled trip in early January because our hosts had a round of COVID-19, there was plenty of anticipation for the Rut in Northern New South Wales and cod fishing. My new hobby of fly fishing was going to feature heavily in our daytime pursuits and many versions of tried-and-trusted flies had been tied that would match up to the mighty Murray Cod.

Our timing was set to be the third full moon in the year—the ‘dark side of the moon’. This is a time that we had both seen bucks come to both the rattle and grunts at varying intensities. At that time of year, the fishing is always challenging.

Our hunt was planned for the end of March and start of April. You will recall how the weather was in Northern New South Wales about that time. Lismore was devastated by floods and Brisbane had been flooded and was slowly recovering. Our hosts told us that the river was full and getting higher. We wouldn’t be troubling the cod on this trip.

My old hunting mate Pete Robinson was having a few issues with his macula. Getting a reliable sight picture with his single pin was a real challenge. Our solution was to go back to bare bow. I have a modified-limb Hoyt Dorado that pulls about 40 pound that would work well for him, so I set about making up a dozen or so suitably spined arrows with Tusker Spirits for his kit. My kit was my Bear Kodiak Take-Down (50+ pounds) with Tusker Azteks up front. No compounds for this trip.



Gwyder river in flood

Our other mission for the trip was to bring back some venison. Both Pete and I are keen butchers and like making the most out of our kills. We take the time to make sausages and burgers out of the lesser cuts and Pete insists on rolling just about everything else with tradesman level tying.

After the normal domestic duties on arrival and a drive around the property to see what was happening, we put the bows together and had a few shots. For me that was simple enough—the Bear Takedown is a dream to use off the shelf with 340 spine arrows

and 5-inch feathers. I had half a dozen shots from 10, 20, 30m and I was happy.

Pete, on the other hand, was not feeling it. Each group was a good foot to the left and short and as the range got further the shots went wider. Frustrating to say the least. This was done glasses on and then glasses off. He was just looking at the target and shooting; I can assure you he was not aiming as such—full instinctive archery. The trouble is what he sees with his macular playing up is not always exactly where it is, if that makes sense. His



sight picture is floating.

With a lot of good-hearted banter, we put on a feed, had a cup of tea or two and philosophised about our great sport of bowhunting while hatching a plan for the next day. We didn't need to do any more to work out a solution. Our camp was about as sombre as you could make it.

The next morning dawned to steady rain, so I put some wet weather gear on and went for a walk. I was pleasantly surprised to see a lot of signs. I walked onto about three different mobs of pigs, smelt a fox, and there was deer

sign in all the typical spots. No scrapes yet or grunting but plenty of tracks and fair few female deer still not collected by the males for this rut. We were positioned in the cycle where we had anticipated—that was a positive.

Back at camp for a late breakfast we discussed our strategy. My old mate was pretty down as you would expect. He had started bowhunting in the early '80s as best he can remember and was a staunch bowhunter through and through. He wasn't about to give up at 79 years young; not by a long way. So out the back

to the Rinehart target we went for another session. I was still spot on so only threw a couple of arrows at the outside dots. Pete though was no better. I'm glad it was a Hoyt or he might have blamed the bow. With all that disappointment we thought we would go and find our hosts and catch up; have a look at the river; and then, head out the back of the property to see what was about.

The day just rolled on without anything else being said. We watched a large mob of goats do their thing, agreeing that at least a couple of billies would go close

to trophy class. I went for a walk that afternoon with my bow—missed a shot at a little pig just on last light at less than 10m. Lucky pig.

Back at camp we had a couple of drinks and dinner as normal, then the elephant in the room raised its head: When is it the right time to call it quits in bowhunting? This was very emotional, as you would expect. The lump in my throat just wouldn't go down.

There was little else to prove, he had at times held Australian records, was a fair target archer and the sport owed him nothing or him to the sport. If he couldn't ethically shoot his bow while hunting, it might have been time to give it away (until he found a solution). Our conversation ended with, "I might just carry my rifle".

Well, this was a huge relief, and I could feel and hear the anxiety drift away from Pete. He could still do what he loved, and it was okay to do it another way. With his scope he got a distorted picture, but he still hit the spot the scope was aiming at—no archer's paradox to contend with. With this we made another plan. There was still plenty of time and areas for me to hunt with my bow, and there were a few good places for Pete to hunt with his rifle.

The next day dawned in a different light. The weather was still wet and windy, but my old mate was like a boy with a new lease on life. The weight of expectation had been removed and his hunting mate (me) accepted that he would now be hunting with a powder burner

and, quite frankly, the game would not know the difference. We had a new plan. He removed the rifle from secure storage and put it together, I placed a target out at 100m so that Pete could check his zero or point of impact. We were ready to go.

As it happened, we went for a trip to another area of the farm for a look. Cattle had been in this area and might have made it easier for game to be there as well. None of us like to walk through chest high wet grass at the best of times. Pete was on fire with the rifle. He had clean kills on an unsuspecting billy goat and a couple of small pigs. The old bloke transitioned from a withdrawn and dejected soul to a bubbly and ambitious hunter. My work was done.

That afternoon I took off for a



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long walk with my bow to scout and to whistle foxes. Other than a cat in the distance, the whistle was not working. I did hatch a plan though after seeing really promising sign in the area that Pete was to hunt with his rifle. It was worth discussion at least. I walked home a different way into the wind without success.

The next couple of days were good for me and good for Pete. Pete did not have any other shots to this point but was out in a tree stand that we build a couple of years ago in a hot transition area. I claimed a nice young pig and a couple of game class billies both just under trophy class. The dreaded 90s.

The last day of the hunt was approaching, so I went back over a plan that I proposed earlier. Just before daylight the next day I walked Pete into a good place to set up and call. The bucks had just started to croak on and off and I made my exit knowing he had a good chance. I walked out and hopped on my quad to go to the next valley over from Pete's stand. I was following up on a pig that I had lost in long grass the day before and hoped that I might find him.

Sitting down boiling water to make a cup of tea at about 8 am I heard a distinct 'pop' in the direction Pete was likely to shoot from. This was quickly followed by confirmation on my UHF that he had a buck on the ground. He was over the moon, so I packed up and was on my way. Nearly back at my quad and I had a conversation or an argument with a buck with my international caller. He was croaking not 50m from where I had parked the quad. I got to with



*Pete with Mr Tops*

40m but didn't get a shot at him. He wasn't very big but was good enough to take with my recurve, that's for sure.

Arriving back on the saddle where Pete was by about 9.30am, the old bloke could not hide his smile. He had called the buck up the valley as anticipated and shot him at about 12m with his Howa in 6.5 Creedmoor. The buck dropped on the spot.

We are sure it is a deer that we called Mr Tops. Three years earlier, he had both palms filled out. Unfortunately, at the end of his reign in the valley he had regressed to a single palm on his near side and a cleft palm on his offside, but he was a great looking trophy buck and a true representative of his species. Mr Tops was fully utilised, and our

freezers were full on the way home as planned. One of the trophies taken from Mr Tops is his tail, which will be used to make a Mr Tops cod fly that will live on for more generations to come.

Put simply, a trophy is what we make it. The trophy includes our experiences and memories of the hunt and the taking of a trophy that carries the spirit of the animal. It is the tangible part of our hunt that is ours to keep, however we choose to do that.

As bowhunters, we envisage all our trophies to be taken with a bow until the time comes that for one reason or another it is not possible. How the trophy is taken is important.

The ethical side of bowhunting means we as bowhunters progress through ABA Bowhunter Proficiency Certification (BPC)

*Recurve with goat*

*Being a
bowhunter
provides us
with that sense
of ethics...*



to hold a set of values that we claim game within and seek due recognition for.

We become bowhunters and trophy bowhunters because we appreciate the intimate experience of being inside the game animals' safe zone without them knowing and then making a conscious decision to, with a razor sharp broadhead, take that game as a trophy.

Realising that the time has come to lay the bow aside and to take up another means of hunting is a significant emotional point in a bowhunters life.

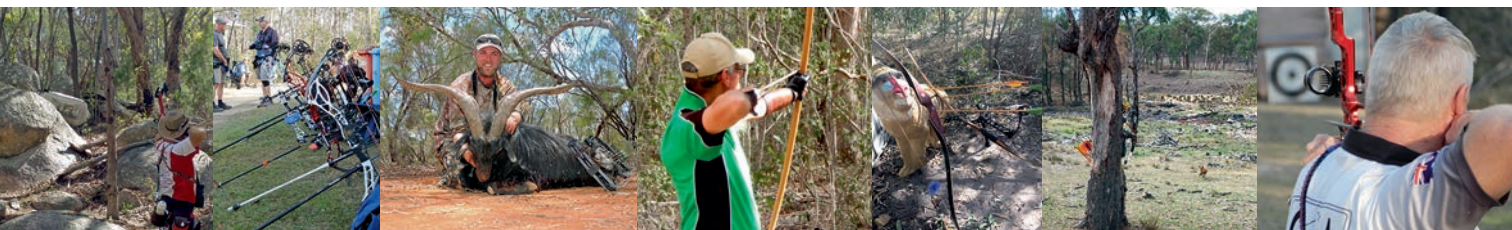
Being a bowhunter provides us with that sense of ethics and we should be grateful for that set of values we learn while practicing at the Club around the campfire and having brew ups. Thanks Pete. ©



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Would you like to try field archery or become a bowhunter?
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BOWHUNTING DIVISION *report*

By Allan Driver / Vice President Bowhunting Division



We are halfway through the bowhunting year and many claims by our members have been processed, which is a great outcome since the COVID-19 situation has subsided.

The 2021 Bowhunting Awards were announced in the last issue of the magazine, and a hearty congratulations go to Peter Griffiths on being the ABA Bowhunter of 2021.

It is important to all our ABA hunting members that they do receive recognition for hunting achievements.

Many members strive to make game claims from the very smallest of game animals to those once-in-a-lifetime Record Class or better trophies.

Some of us only get the chance to hunt and claim the same animals over and over again as they are happy with this endeavor. It is all about choice, as are all things in our lives.

It is important that we, as ABA members, do get out there to harvest as many feral and introduced species animals we can to reduce their population as much as possible.

If you have been thinking about taking on the challenge of bowhunting but don't know how

to go about it, seek out members or club committee personnel to ask questions and get yourself started. Our ABA digital magazine is always on the lookout for hunting articles to be published. It is not too difficult to put the words down onto the computer about a hunting trip that you and your mates have experienced.

Additionally, some good quality photos to go with the written article are a must. Give this some thought and submit a story—don't be shy!

Recently, a question was raised about hunting wild dogs.

In most cases, firearm shooters and contract shooters would be the main stay of eradication, but bowhunting could do the same.

It is important that we as bowhunters read up on the relevant State Government regulations on such activities and fully understand what the legal processes are in place.

Each state is different so please check online before venturing out. Lastly there is still a lot of rain and flooding happening up in northern Australia which in turn is heading down through central New South Wales and further. It pays to keep a check on travelling to your favorite hunting spot to see if it is accessible.

The number of game animals may be good or even better than before, but getting into the area may need some careful thinking. Until the next issue- stay safe. ☺



Summary

OF AUSTRALIAN BOWSHOT RECORDS

| Species | Holder | Australian Record | Record Class | Trophy Class |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Boar | Michael Dacre | 37 2/8 | 29 | 25 |
| Goat | James Finlay | 151 2/8 | 110 | 95 |
| Buffalo | Peter Griffiths | 130 | 86 4/8 | 80 |
| Camel | Kimberley Nicholas | 32 6/16 | 29 | 25 |
| Fox | Graeme Duff | 11 | 10 2/16 | 9 3/16 |
| Cat | Tim Pitt-Lancaster | 8 5/16 | 7 10/16 | 7 |
| Red Deer | Dan Smith | 315 3/8 | 200 | 175 |
| Fallow Deer | Darryl Bulger | 276 4/8 | 190 | 150 |
| Chital Deer | Dan Smith | 204 | 160 | 140 |
| Hog Deer | Stephen Tilley | 111 7/8 | 70 | 55 |
| Sambar Deer | Dean Scott | 203 5/8 | 162 7/8 | 140 |
| Rusa Deer | Jay Janssen | 236 | 170 | 150 |
| Shark BHFF | Barry Feeney | 35 2/8 | 20 | 15 |
| Shark BF | John Van Den Heuvel | 51 6/8 | 41 4/8 | 15 |
| Stingray BHFF | Barry Feeney | 11 3/8 | 7 4/8 | 6 |
| Stingray BF | Gleewyn Butson | 14 3/8 | 11 4/8 | 10 |

ladies

BEST OF SPECIES

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|------|
| Boar | Kristan Bell | 34 4/8pt | 2017 |
| Goat | Katherine Agale | 127 1/8pt | 2010 |
| Buffalo | Christie Pisani | 87 4/8pt | 2017 |
| Camel | Christie Pisani | 30 7/16pt | 2014 |
| Fox | Helen Duff | 10 14/16pt | 2016 |
| Cat | Lorna Hopkins | 7 12/16pt | 1984 |
| Red Deer | Elissa Rosemond | 275 2/8pt | 2021 |
| Fallow Deer | Elissa Rosemond | 205 7/8pt | 2019 |
| Chital Deer | Elizabeth Proctor | 161 3/8pt | 2019 |
| Hog Deer | Cheryl Morris | 60 5/8pt | 2018 |
| Sambar Deer | Nil | | |
| Rusa Deer | Elissa Rosemond | 197 6/8pt | 2020 |
| Shark BHFF | Lynda Fell | 25 4/8pt | 2016 |
| Shark BF | Lynda Fell | 23 5/8pt | 2000 |
| Stingray BHFF | Carolyn Rundle | 9 7/8pt | 1987 |
| Stingray BF | Gleewyn Butson | 14 3/8pt | 1986 |

GAME CLAIMED

T/C and upward
and/or
First Kill/Species

| Branch | Hunter | Club | Game | Award | FK/FKOS | Size |
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| B | David Flynn | Independent | Fallow | TC | FKOS | 158 |
| B | Brian Duynhoven | Townsville District Bowhunter | Red | GA | FKOS | 0 |
| B | Chris Nelson | Townsville District Bowhunter | Red | GA | FKOS | 0 |
| B | Jyri Iivonen | Townsville District Bowhunter | Chital | RC | | 163 7/8 |
| B | Rebecca Nelson | Townsville District Bowhunter | Fallow | RC | FKOS | 195 7/8 |
| D | Darren Askin | Independent | Fallow | GA | FKOS | 0 |
| D | Jack Winks | Renegade Bowmen | Red | RC | FKOS | 236 2/8 |
| D | Kevin Swan | Renegade Bowmen | Cat | GA | FKOS | 0 |
| G | David Luxford | Macalister Trophy Bowhunter | Fox | TC | | 9 12/16 |
| G | David Luxford | Macalister Trophy Bowhunter | Fox | TC | | 9 13/16 |
| G | David Luxford | Macalister Trophy Bowhunter | Fallow | RC | | 203 3/8 |
| G | Jeremy Kasper | Macalister Trophy Bowhunters | Rabbit | GA | FK/FKOS | 0 |
| G | Andrew Robertson | West Gippsland Field Archers | Fallow | GA | FKOS | 148 1/8 |
| G | Daniel Wieclaw | West Gippsland Field Archers | Rabbit | GA | FK/FKOS | 0 |
| H | Tyler Atkinson | Ballarat Bowhunters | Fox | RC | | 10 6/16 |
| H | Wayne Atkinson | Ballarat Bowhunters | Fox | TC | | 9 6/16 |
| H | Axel Podubinski | Buffalo Bowmen | Rabbit | GA | FK/FKOS | 0 |
| H | Axel Podubinski | Buffalo Bowmen | Cat | GA | FKOS | 0 |
| H | Axel Podubinski | Buffalo Bowmen | Fish | GA | FKOS | 0 |
| H | Dan Podubinski | Buffalo Bowmen | Hog Deer | RC | FKOS | 95 3/8 |
| H | Dan Podubinski | Buffalo Bowmen | Fox | RC | | 10 3/16 |
| H | Dan Podubinski | Buffalo Bowmen | Fox | RC | | 10 3/16 |
| H | Alastair Meldrum | Geelong Trophy Bowhunters | Goat | GA | FKOS | 89 1/8 |
| H | Alastair Meldrum | Geelong Trophy Bowhunters | Goat | TC | | 104 4/8 |
| J | Lane Montgomery | Peel Archers | Goat | GA | FK/FKOS | 0 |



Trophy Bowhunters of Australia Club



introducing Garry Double

Where do you live?

I live in Craigmore, South Australia.

What club do you belong to?

My Club is Playford District Field Archery.

How long have you been involved in archery and bowhunting?

I was doing bowhunting about 30 years ago but got back into it about three to four years ago.

How often do you go bowhunting?

I hunt as much as I can, but hey, I am married!

What archery equipment/style do you use when bowhunting?

I have a Hoyts 34foker, set at 55lbs, 31inch draw and FMJ 5mm arrows with Arrowhead broadheads.

Has anyone helped you with your archery and bowhunting?

I first started with Trophy Bowhunters SA 30+ years ago and meet some good people from

Bowhunting achievements

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2022

Master Bowhunter

Nil further since last report

Trophy Bowhunter Award

Tyler Atkinson 230

David Luxford 200

Bowhunter Award

Wayne Atkinson 160

Dan Podubinski 140

Bowhunter Royale

Nil further since last report

Bowhunter Imperial

Nil further since last report

Bowhunter Supreme

Nil further since last report

Senior Member of TBA

David Flynn

Jack Winks

Members Admitted to TBA Club (membership granted
after taking first Trophy Class or better animal)

Rebecca Nelson

Alastair Meldrum

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there who helped me along the way.

Do you have any bowhunting goals that you would like to achieve?

Where do I start? Yes, I have been hunting for deer over the last couple of years and seen them, but no luck—but I feel it will happen soon. I have hunted goats and rabbits in the past, but want to hunt for foxes, deer, pigs... well you know, I'm a hunter!

Do you have an understanding of the TBA bowhunter award system and did you know much about TBA before this?

I know a little about TBA, but learning more as I go along, and with members helping me, I am about to do a measuring course and have talked other members in doing so—BPC too. ☺



Ghostface

By Alastair Meldrum





Goats

“You always regret the trip you don’t take!”

My good friend Chris Baty’s words echoed in my head as I loaded the bow case he’d loaned me into my car. It was 3.30am and I was already stressing, I’d never flown with a bow, I’d never shot big game, yet here I was headed off to Queensland chasing feral goats with Ben Salleras’ Silent Pursuits.

Checking in was surprisingly simple. Declared luggage, sign here, show that, tape round here, tag on that. Before I knew it I was airborne headed to Brisbane then on to Roma.

As I headed west, I looked out the window to see the countryside changing to more sand and lower vegetation. Big country, country that just keeps going. Soon I’d disembarked with the bow case there to sign for. Why was I worried? Ben greeted me with a big smile and handshake: “Backseat is there for your gear, throw it in!” I happily obliged and we headed west into my adventure.

Ben and I were staying at the homestead on the property we’d hunt. No Taj Mahal but a roof, bedrooms, kitchen and shower.

After unpacking Ben set up a 3D target and offered me a chance to check my bow and gear.

“Up to you, no pressure, just relax,” he said.

I’d hear that many more time this weekend and was already impressed on how welcome I felt. I managed to hit the 3D and was feeling pretty good. Ben then touched up my Kayuga Pilot Cuts to razor sharpness and asked if I wanted to have a quick hunt before dinner. It wasn’t really Day 1 yet, but the chance was there.

“Absolutely!” I replied.

Into the Hilux and away with Ben explaining what to look for and where goats are likely to be. I did my best to appear calm and cool and took in all the detail.

After a bit of a drive, we’d found some goats, white dots against the green. The wind was good but fading so we headed off toward them. My first big game hunt! Sticking together we stalked in and glassed the mob. One Billy stood out, good horns and a black face.

“I haven’t seen him before,” said Ben.

“Let’s call him Ghostface.”

Quietly we closed the distance with Ben alongside me quietly

pointing out everything I was missing as an entry level hunter—when to move, when to freeze, what are the animals doing, what is there attention, where is the wind. Balancing all the moving pieces we closed only for the mob to move uphill into the wind away from us.

“Relax,” said Ben again.

Yes, that was a key part. I took a deep breath and tried my best to do so. With no cover to close we backed out and circled to another approach, with Ben explaining how the herd was moving and where we needed to be not now but to be ahead of the mob. We closed to our chosen point and the mob moved through without a shot opportunity at Ghostface, all still unaware of us.

This time, they’d moved through a small patch of gums into bean bush that gave excellent cover. The bush was mid chest height with enough open space between allow a crouched stalk. Ghostface was there on our side of the mob, so we moved in. I crept forward crouching low, hearing the bleats and smelling the musk. Getting close, I raised to peek above the bush, Ghostface was 16m in front of me but rear on.

I prayed for him to turn as I drew back to get ready. A swirl of wind, his head darted around, and he was gone—welcome to big game hunting! What a thrill! Ben de-briefed with me as we walked back to the car and made plans for the morning.

With my early start I was keen for some food and rest. I certainly appreciated the comforts of the homestead as Ben prepared steak and salad and told stories of his amazing hunts. I was excited for tomorrow.

The real Day 1 came with a different wind, so we headed east hoping to be able to stalk into the light north-westerly. This was different terrain, much more open with long grass that could possibly be used as cover. In a short time, we'd found another mob so moved in using the little cover available on the perimeter of the grass. This mob was moving quickly northeast, and

Ben suggested we move back and reset ahead of them. In 10 or so minutes we'd reached out new vantage point and the goats were approaching. A dead gum was the only cover other than the mid-thigh high grass.

"Head for the gum" Ben whispered.

"Take your time; if you see a good Billy and you're happy then take the shot."

In I went on hands and knees with bow on my forearms to a small clear patch just shy of the gum. Kneeling so my head was just above the grass I scanned the approaching goats and spotted an approaching Billy with a fair set of horns—yes, this was the one. I raised as the goat approached, broadside at 26m. I took aim and the arrow launched.

A hit and my first big game disappeared into grass. Ben crept over to me and gave congratulations; he was as happy

as I was. We waited and listened then after a good time quietly moved forward. The dream of a perfect one arrow kill wasn't to be, but my Billy was quickly dispatched.

Later we found that the first arrow had deflected off a rib and missed key vitals. Ben dressed the goat and instructed me as I took the backstraps, our dinner for one of the coming nights.

I took a breath and realised I'd shot my first big game with a bow, and it wasn't yet lunchtime.

After lunch at the homestead and with the day warming we headed out again. The wind had swung so we headed north-west hoping to again sight Ghostface. First mob we found showed little promise, so we moved on. Scanning through trees near a large dam we spotted more goats, and there he was.

With better wind than the previous evening and good



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cover, we approached, stopping to glass the mob and watch their movements, taking our time. There was some cover but not enough for a clear approach, so we planned to come in from further left. Back we went slowly, crouched down using the lower cover and then crept forward using the larger trees. Stepping in each of Ben's footprints and moving silently as I could, we reached the last of the cover near the mob.

We were framed by saplings, with some smaller tress immediately in front of us. There were around 15 goats, each with a set of eyes ready to bust us at any stage. Ghostface appeared and walked slowly left to right at around 24m, this was my chance. I drew back and took aim. His movement had brought a sapling we were using for cover into my sight picture. I whispered, "Ben, can you move that branch?"

"Just relax," I said to myself and executed my shot, on the money. Ben was already reaching for a high five by the time I turned to face him.

Ghostface was down. In a state of disbelief I walked forward with Ben praising my composure and shot. My first trophy class Billy. He was beautiful.

I decided then and there on a shoulder mount and Ben took care everything required. I was still only my first full day hunting!

Fallow rissoles for dinner and whiskies to celebrate, I couldn't be happier.

Day 2 and over a strong coffee we spoke of the plans for the day. In my wildest dreams I'd thought of a first hunt resulting in a trophy class mount and an exceptional hide. The hide was all that was left so we set out glassing to see what presented. First mob we found showed no promise, so we backed away. By now the trip was already far beyond my expectations so we could afford to take our time. Walking into the wind we heard the tell-tale bleats of another mob and moved forward.

This mob was young billies, we watched them unseen and moved to a better vantage point. Several had Ibex patterns and one Nanny had an almost silver coat, we closed to 15m using trees as cover.

Quietly watching the herd, we waited, there were ample shot opportunities but that special goat wasn't there, so we moved on. Ben suggested we head back to the car and to the homestead for lunch.

"You've smashed it, there's no pressure we can take our time. There's still another day," he said.

"Let's head back using these trees, maybe something will show up."

Sure enough, after a short walk we sighted another mob to our left and closed in. This mob was in timber which allowed us



Goat curry

*Ghostface*



to approach from downwind to around 20m. We watched as the Billies fought, chased Nannies and circled each other in the clearing. In a whisper Ben and I spoke that there were good hides but nothing special. As we were about to walk away a Billy entered with a long luscious multicoloured coat,

without a word we knew.

The Billy moved through the herd, first away from us much to my dismay then back chasing a Nanny. Finally, he moved to our side of the mob to the right of the clearing past a fallen gum. I drew back and aimed. The fallen gum had covered his head and

legs, but I had a clear sight on his mid-section. My mind flashed to Mount Clay ABA 2-Day events with their typical shot through gums at targets.

"This is that shot," I thought, and the arrow was gone. Another one-arrow kill. I thought later of the good-natured complaints I've made at ABA events about bad footing shots or shots through trees, now I was thankful for them.

Ben slowly took the hide and then meat from the goat, later showing me how to salt and prepare the hide for tanning.

Goat curry for dinner and I was done, my dreams of a first hunt well and truly met. Day 3 we explored more property hoping for pigs, instead we found more exceptional goats which we watched and admired. I had what I came for. That night was at the local pub celebrating the success and enjoying a hearty country meal.

The final morning we spent at a new property that will be soon available to hunt. The landowner took us for a tour of his 60,000 acres. Before long we were onto mob after mob of goat, glassing Billies and guessing their size. I wished could spend some time hunting on this new property but sadly it was time to leave and give thanks for an amazing first big game hunt. The memories and lessons I will carry with me, and I hope for many more. ☺



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TRADITIONAL *trails*

With Nick Lintern

Hi to all our readers and welcome to another instalment of Traditional Trails. My apologies on missing the last edition. Things have been very hectic here with all the wild weather etc, but I'm pleased to say we're back on track again now.

As this edition gets to publication, the weather will be my kind of weather, cold and fresh. And now with most of the restrictions that have plagued us largely gone, getting back to life on the land with a bow in hand is right on the cards.

In this edition I want to put forward a step-by-step guide to troubleshoot poor arrow flight, as this still seems to be a problem for many traditional archers. I have covered bow tuning in the past, but this time I want to put it in an easy to follow, simple guide that make it easy to identify and rectify any erratic arrow flight you may be experiencing.

TROUBLESHOOTING ERRATIC ARROW FLIGHT

First, let's look at a basic mission statement:

Never, ever accept anything other than arrows that fly laser straight from your bow. Your arrows nocks must follow the point into the target. In other words, the nocks mustn't be swaying away madly from path of the point as the arrow travels to its target. This is super important for many reasons. For hunters, the maximum penetration can only be achieved if the arrow strikes the game in a straight line. If there is any swaying at all, the penetration will be drastically reduced. And for target shooters, the flattest shooting arrow comes from one that shoots straight, with no unnecessary side or circular swaying. That means the longer targets are more accurately shot due to flatter cast on your arrow and the arrow is less affected by forces like wind etc.

So firstly, I have to assume that your shooting form is on point.

No amount of tuning is going to fix a bad release or poor follow through. We are going to progress here with that assumption. If at full draw, you aren't allowing the string to smoothly and cleanly come off your fingers - so you might be "plucking" the string etc. - then the arrow is starting its journey with side pressures that it will struggle to straighten out from, particularly at close ranges.

Also, make 100% sure your arrows are in good condition. If only one in a batch flies erratically, it's almost certainly a crook arrow. It may have damage. But if they all are behaving erratically, or simply just not grouping, it'll most likely be a problem as listed below. Still, be sure there is no damaged or bent arrows as that will certainly mess up your diagnosis.

So, assuming all is well with your shooting form and your arrows are in good condition, here's an easy step by step guide to fixing erratic arrow flight.



An arrow flying dead straight to its mark. Nock following point

DIAGNOSING POOR ARROW FLIGHT



Using 3 x 5 inch feathers with bigger bows will only help to stabilise your arrow.

PROBLEM NO.1: ARROWS FLYING CONSISTENTLY LEFT (RIGHT FOR A LEFT HANDER)

CAUSE: Almost always this will be caused by arrows that are too stiff for your bow.

Simple fix : get lighter spined shafts. Go down one spine first and see how they fly then. Alternatively, you could put heavier points on. Roughly every 15 – 20 grains you increase your point weight, will have the effect of reducing your spine level by one unit of spine – around 5#. It might seem hard to believe that something as simple as choosing the right spine arrows for your bow could go so wrong but there are misunderstandings that occur. This can be a result of a lack of understanding your actual draw weight. Commercially produced (not custom) bows are

always rated to 28" of draw. This is an AMO standard, but very few archers actually draw 28". The great majority of us draw less than 28" - particularly with longbows - and some draw more than 28". So, if your bow is 50 pounds at 28", the most likely thing to do is to get shafts that are 50/55 in woods or around 500 AMO. Where this can go wrong, is if you actually draw 26", you are only really pulling 44 - 45#. So your shafts are quite stiff for your bow. If you have cut your arrows down to 26" back of point, which would be correct for a 26" draw, the effect is compounded even further. Cutting the arrow down by two inches from 28 to 26", which you should be to match your draw length, will stiffen the arrow by two more units of spine. So your 50/55 spined arrows are now more like 60/65 and these arrows are only receiving 45# of thrust. Thus, during the paradox, where the arrow moves away from the bow and then goes back in towards the bow, the arrow hasn't flexed out enough - as it is too stiff - to clear the bow and it hits the shelf too soon and pushes out to the left (or right for a lefty). So easily put, the arrows paradox timing is wrong.

SUMMARY:- there are factors affecting your spine selection such as bow style, bow efficiency, degree of centre shot etc. But in any case, the solve is very simple: -



Having arrows that straighten quickly, and fly dead straight is critical when shooting through tight scrub. Any excess sideward movement could be disastrous

arrows flying left (for a right hander) is caused by too stiff an arrow. Rectify this by using weaker spined shafts or by increasing your point weight.

Spine must be looked at in two ways. Firstly, we look at static spine. This is just the amount an arrow flexes when it is suspended between two points 26" apart, and a two-pound weight is suspended over the centre. Secondly, we look at dynamic spine. This is what actually happens in the act of shooting as the arrow paradoxes. So, increasing shaft stiffness is basically lifting the static spine and changing point weights is a dynamic alteration as it will only alter the shaft's stiffness in the act of shooting.

PROBLEM NO.2 ARROWS FLYING LEFT AND RIGHT AND IMPOSSIBLE TO GROUP

CAUSE: So, this one is caused by arrows that are too weak in spine. The situation here is that the force striking the arrows nock is greater than the stiffness of the arrow can handle. The result is a massive amount of bend through the shaft at paradox and the feathers just can't stabilize this radical amount of movement. Thus, your arrows will fly all over the place.

The solve here is obvious: Get stiffer spined shafts. This is less common than arrows that are too stiff. This will normally result from

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buying shafts for a bow based on its draw weight, not realising that it's a very fast and efficient bow. Or it may have true centre shot (not a good thing generally). Or maybe you draw the bow further than its rated draw weight/length, and not allowing for a stiffer shaft for the added length and added poundage. Again here, try going up a spine value, or put less point weight on. Again, this is really easy. Not rocket science.

PROBLEM NO.3: PORPOISING ARROWS

Porpoising, (this issue is so – named as it looks like a dolphin or porpoise, swimming in the ocean) or arrows that wave at you as they fly to the target is usually going to be a nocking point issue. The nocking point may be too high or low. As a rule of thumb, try having your nocking point at

around 3/8" up from square off the rest for a split finger draw, or 5/8" up for three under. If at this position there is still porpoising. Simply play around with your nocking point by moving it up or down a small amount at a time, until they fly laser straight. If it ends up that the nocking point ends up very high or low on the settings I mentioned above, check the bow's tiller. To do this, string your bow and simply measure from the bow string to the end of the fade outs on both limbs. The top limb should be **WEAKER** (so a larger measurement) than the bottom limb by around 1/8" to 1/4". If it isn't, the bow hasn't been correctly tillered. In any case, once the arrow is flying straight and not diving up and down or even kicking up or down, you know you have solved this one. There is sometimes a situation that may appear as though the

arrow is porpoising, but actually is more of one of the issues we discussed above. If the arrow seems to have its nock end drawing an "air circle" as it flies to the target. So, it appears to be swaying up and down and waving in a circular motion. This may be a shaft stiffness issue and not a porpoising problem in the classic sense. If you are using helical feathers the arrow will be spinning. If the spine is too light and the arrow is radically bending from side to side, and spinning, it can give the porpoising appearance. Just something to keep in mind.

OTHER FACTORS

The only other factor to consider is making sure you have enough feather for your arrow. So, if you are shooting anything over 50 or 55# you must run 15



Basic static spine testing. 2lb weight suspended from the shaft's centre on a 26 inch span

inches of total guidance. You can run 3 x 5" feathers or 4x4" etc. Weights under 50# - 12" of total guidance is plenty. If you have a very long draw, say 30" + you will need more guidance. If you have a combination of a very long draw at very high weights – say 75# at 30", you will generally need 4x 5" feathers. Don't get sucked in by the idea that more feather slows your arrow down. The difference is minor. We aren't talking huge flu – flu feathers here, just more guidance where necessary. Ultimately, an arrow that strikes its target is way better than one that misses, even if the arrow that missed was fast!

So that is simply that, it's so easy to rectify poorly shooting arrows. As I've mentioned before, I'm not a huge fan of bare shaft tuning. Unless you have access to a sandbank or similar that will give 100 % accurate feedback of what your arrow is doing, don't torture yourself with bare shaft tuning. I've seen archers whose arrows are flying laser straight. Really nicely flying arrows. They are winning events and turning in great scores or having great success in the field. Then they remove the feathers and drive themselves crazy trying to get them to shoot the same way bare. Unless I missed something in my 43 years of archery - I thought the idea was to have arrows flying dead true into the target. Once they are, why go mad trying to achieve what you already have? There are so many variables that can affect how your arrow ends up in targets. It's just not accurate to bare shaft tune, unless you bare shaft into clean, loose sand.

Remember, all that matters is that your arrow flies straight and true as though it was running down a line. Your NOCK must follow your point into the target -directly follow it down the same line.

So there it is, It really is this simple. Follow those steps until you have perfectly flying arrows. Don't over think it. Just get those arrows worked out, stick to the formula once you have it, and enjoy fine, accurate archery.

Until next time: keep traditional. ☺



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FOCUS ON THE PROCESS, NOT THE RESULT

If ever there was a sport ing endeavour where the process demanded absolute focus, rather than any preoccupation with the eventual outcome, it would be competitive archery.

A vast majority of sports function on reaction; on up tempo motion—they happen in a blur of physical activity, with the brain playing catch up.

Our sport, however, is the opposite. It involves a brief, but premeditated series of actions, which must be performed with composure in a specific order, in order to achieve maximum accuracy. The arrow is removed from the quiver, nocked on the string, the bow is then extended to the target, fingers locked on the string, the arrow drawn to anchor, the aim established, and the final release executed by virtue of the clicker for the recurver, and the unanticipated break of the release aid for the compounder.

our quest is to make each of these steps as precisely the same as we possibly can on each occasion, because duplication is all we require to maximise accuracy at the target. All this has a time span of less than a

few seconds, but performing this series of actions with video replay precision is a challenging task, which demands complete focus. The mind is right there each step of the way, and any deflection of the thinking to a result will distort the sequence and produce variety, which is at odds with the goal of repetitive duplication.

Ours is one of the simplest of sports. A wide cross section of skills is not required. We are not at the mercy, physically, of our opposition; we are not required to run fast, lift a big weight or jump high. In fact, what we are asked to do is so straight forward, it opens itself up to all body types, ages and temperaments.

A cross section of champion archers has always underlined this truth. We come in all shapes and sizes. What it does demand is a patient composure, to run that brief, simple series of actions over and over, and over. Do that, and the grouping at the target will produce superb accuracy.

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So, in essence, our sport has a mental demand the equal of its physical aspect, perhaps even more so. The focus has to be on every step of the process, and the result will take care of itself. We must never be looking ahead, each step is very premeditated,

executed in a definitive sequence. Your form and execution, if it is duplicative, guarantees accuracy. If all this is true, then specific form and execution need not necessarily conform to particular specifics, as long as it remains the same. However, logically there are basics which keep us repetitive. One archer can have form and execution deficiencies as long as he or she can duplicate them, and this is sometimes evident. However, duplication becomes a much less onerous task if we adapt some basic principles of physics. Our line at full draw works best for us if it is at 180 degrees. Why? Because when we release that string, no matter how fluent we

may be, especially for recurvers, the string is going to oscillate. That oscillation level will decide how left and right, in particular, our arrows will group. Minimising that deficiency is best achieved if everything takes place in a straight line. That's basic physics!

So, the elite function, bone to bone, front to back, in a 180 degree line, and it is from that form structure, one's best chance of successful, duplicative execution is derived. This is what champion recurvers do. It facilitates fluent, quick passage past the clicker, which for the average club shooter is most often a frustrating challenge. Without that fluency, consistent

quality execution simply cannot occur, and it all emanates from in line, bone to bone set up at anchor. Your accuracy potential is determined by your process; it is simply recorded at the target.

The size of your grouping is not a function of the distance to the target, just the distance between your ears. If your focus remains steadfast on the process, step by step, manifested by patient composure, in line form, and fluency of execution, the result will always be your prime level of accuracy.

I say again, ours is a simple sport. Keep it simple with absolute focus on the process, and you will be the best you can be. ☺

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recharge

By Adam Clements

After a busy start to the year and a few extra stresses thrown in I was more than ready to head north for an annual boy's trip to recharge the mind and spirit where the air is clear and the mountains sing, not to mention the limited phone reception and people too!

We hit the road early as we had a 14-hour drive ahead of us. After catching up with the station owner we got unpacked and ready for the week ahead. All very eager and with a new thermal monocular one of the rifle hunters brought in hand we headed out that night for a quick play, it wasn't long and we had three pigs on the deck. Which was a relief as the previous two hunting parties didn't manage to take any pigs.

The next morning as I sipped a coffee and watched the sun come up on a crisp morning, I monitored the wind direction and contemplated the best route for the morning hunt. We split up and started walking along multiple dams and the semi open country full of pig diggings. I went the high ground through the patchy tea tree and my mate

took the low ground with his rifle in case I flushed anything out.

Coming up to the first dam I spooked some roos but strangely one stayed and was staring down in the gully ahead of me, I thought why isn't he looking at me? From here I went very slowly and sure enough as I peeked over, I could hear pigs thrashing around and tussling for the best morning grub. There was a boar in with them so I snuck down and waited for a shot, after about 5 mins to my surprise a ginger pig appeared out of the shrubs in front of me so before I got busted, I took aim and shot.

He ran about 10m squealing which upset all the other pigs who took off, except for the boar. He was very upset and ran over to the ginger pig and was pushing it around trying to get to get up.

He would then would do a circle growling before going back and standing next to the dead pig. I was ready for a shot on him but every time he stopped, he was behind a tree or shrub, then to my amazement he followed the blood trail from the ginger pig back to where I had shot it and just as I was squeezing the trigger he snorted, looked up at me and bolted.

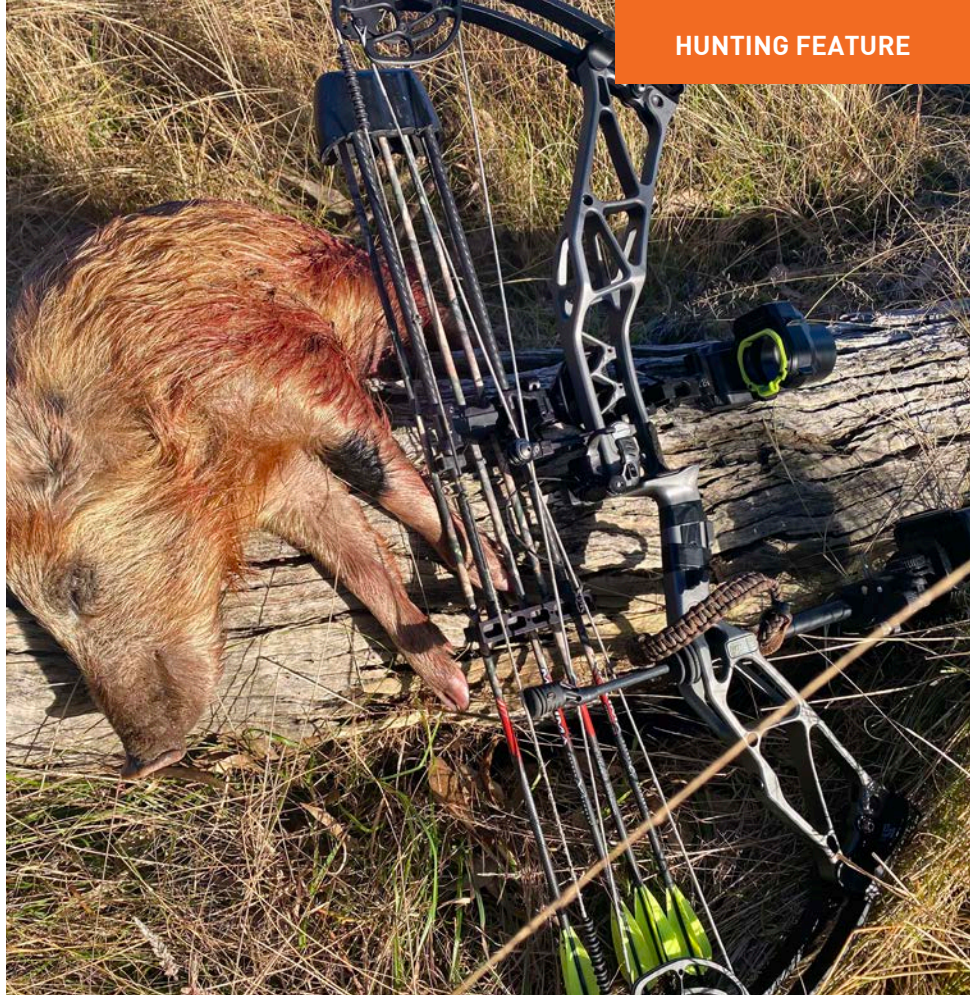
We headed to another area that always produces pigs and it didn't disappoint, we spotted a big boar and a couple of smaller sows in an open gully so I dropped my pack and stalked in. There was a patch of small trees, a gap of open paddock and then a downed tree they were feeding on the other side of so I used these to my advantage. Not before too long I was on one side of the log while



they were just on the other side munching on the dewy grass and soaking up the morning sun.

Confident after the previous kill 45mins beforehand I decided to not shoot the small pig now 10 yards in front of me and took aim at the big boar 45 yards away and let the arrow fly. Thwack! It was a hit and everyone scattered to the thick cover of the bush. I let things settle for a few mins as I could hear the pig growling and coughing before it slowly went silent. We headed in and found blood but unfortunately after an hour or so of tracking over 200m the good blood was now down to a tiny drop and this time it seemed he had been swallowed up by the thick mountainous forest.

One afternoon we drove up to a high point that overlooks many gullies and creeks that the pigs



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like to feed down out of the forest as the sun sets. We could glass a lot of country from here and plan out stalks once pigs were spotted. After some time laying in the long grass with the warm embrace of the sun I drifted off for a nap. I woke mid-way through a hunting dream after hearing what I thought was a pig grunting but turns out was more likely me snoring!

Just as I put my head down to continue snoring my mate says 'there's a pig just behind us!' I sat up and to our amazement here was a big black boar rooting around in the long grass about 80m behind us. With a nice cross wind, I headed down, contoured the hill and began closing in on him, before long I was 20 yards from what was a much bigger bodied pig now I could see how

long the grass was.

He turned broad side and I went through the motions, bubble – peep – pin – pig – trigger. Crunch! I heard the bones shatter and he let out a roar then did a vertical backflip (We nicknamed him the whale), before growling and rolling down the hill. I stayed still as I have found in the past making movement during this time gives the angry pig somewhere to run too! Thankfully this time he knew he was in trouble, I could see the arrow had penetrated about half way and the straw coloured grass was now a sea of red. He dropped down and I used a second arrow to make sure he expired quickly.

We celebrated and quickly realised this was a really good pig, not much in the way of ivory but size wise he was HUGE. We took

the time to soak in this moment and get some good photos.

The remainder of the trip produced the usual ups & downs of bow hunting, including a 500m down to 18 yard stalk on what was the biggest pig I have ever seen which resulted in a 600m 2 hour blood (of what would have filled a bucket!) trail to bust him up and over the bluffs and out of my life.....but now with many stories to tell, more experience under my belt and lots of memories made!

But with family at home sick and worn out from a week of near no sleep I was ready to get back to my responsibilities and give my wife a break. I decided to end the trip with an afternoon sit on the edge of an oat paddock and soaked in the view, bush, birds and an amazing sunset. ☺





Around the Tradg



By Sue Wallace

LEADING INTO THE QUEENSLAND LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND THE WEATHER WAS NOT LOOKING FLASH ON THE SUNSHINE COAST, WE COULD ONLY HOPE FOR FINE WEATHER TO HOLD AT NANANGO, FOR BARAMBAH BOWHUNTERS, WHO WERE HOLDING THE INAUGURAL TRADITIONAL ARCHERY FESTIVAL.

The skies were very overcast when we arrived at the club grounds, and it was great being allowed to take our furry family members, with the dog camping area.

There were archers from Gladstone, Chinchilla, the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Toowoomba to name a few. One fellow had journeyed with his trusty doggy companion from Mildura in Victoria, while others had come from the base of the Snowy Mountains, the Illawarra, Canberra and the Newcastle region of NSW, also with their trusty companion.

The total number of archers competing was just shy of 100.

There were two courses, both with 15 x 3D targets, with the format being a two-arrow walk-up on the groups first course, and one arrow from the furthest peg on the groups 2nd course, with the scoring 10 for A/B and five rest of body. Some had two targets as

well, so you had to decide which peg to shoot which animal from on the two-arrow round, and which was the furthest for the one arrow.

There were bears in bushes, some deer were beside trees, with others behind scrub, a bear invading a camp with a javelina hanging on a "spit", a goat under a table, a wild dog in the open long grass.

On the other course we found a very colourful chameleon, a wild dog sitting among some dead branches, two deer very well placed behind shrubbery, where you had to find a position behind the long semi-circular line in which to thread an arrow through, a lioness on a log, and a wild dog with a big black bear against a tree, being just a few of the targets. There was a novelty at the beginning of this course, the Big Ball, the archer commences shooting from the front peg until the ball is hit, then moves back to the next peg. Only five arrows

were allowed to be shot in total, scoring 10 points for a hit, and was to be shot on Sunday.

The Blacksmith it seems, is also one of the people that set up the course, and he was certainly enjoying showing his skills and sharing his knowledge for those who dropped by his "shed". The Silversmith who designs her own moulds making some beautiful pieces, is also one of the singers for tonight's entertainment, and her assistant at the stall is the other singer tonight and he is also a fellow archer. The Archery Crafters Guild tepee had some information to read, and Perry Jackson was keen to share his knowledge, while teaching a very eager student how to make a self-bow and string. Meanwhile Colin Gair from Outlaw Bows, was adding the bow nocks to one of his current bow builds while sharing his knowledge of bow building to those who asked, plus displaying his various bow designs.

Another fellow was showing those interested the art of Flute Making, another table showed the marvellous leatherwork done by Beth of BSA Leatherworks. Next you could find the 17th Century art of Spoon Carving of a Welsh Love Spoon and the stories that relate to the different designs.

On Sunday morning we had a Muster to explain a couple of the novelties were to be removed from the scoresheets, as some had not completed them from yesterday, so hopefully we will get to experience them next time.

On Monday morning there was no muster, and we could go out at any time, to do a one arrow round on the first course you shot! Once complete the scorecards for today were handed in, then everyone packed up their camps, enjoyed some lunch and waited for the raffles and presentations.

First was the raffle draw, with prizes covering two tables, it was great to see such support for the club. The name was drawn and then the person picked a number which matched something on the table. Soon enough the presentations were underway, being the top three places for all divisions of bows for Cubs, Juniors, and Adults. For this event they also had Overall Cub Female, Cub Male, Junior (there were only males), Adult Male and Adult Female with each receiving an award, plus their names placed on a board that is kept at the club and will be on display.

As this event was very successful, it will now become an annual event to be held over the May Labour Day weekend, which is Saturday April 29 to Monday May 1, 2023, so mark your calendar.



A huge thank you must go out to the tireless work done by Joe Ansell and Dave Maguire for the field course set ups plus novelty events, Bart, Joh and all the archers who assisted in the running of the canteen and the lovely Bronwyn and John who managed to keep their heads above all the paperwork, and to all from Barambah Bowhunters that made this event the success it was. Here's looking forward to bigger and better next year!

You will find the further information and available flyers for all the Traditional Shoots on;

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I look forward to seeing you 'round the trades. Cheers, Sue. @

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Jeannette DOWD

Age: 57

How long have you been involved in archery?

36 years.

Are you in a local club?

Renegade Bowmen

What type of archery do you shoot?

ABA, 3D and IFAA

Do you Hunt?

Yes, I have been an active hunter with a bow for over 34 years. Going through my hunting records since I did my ABA hunting proficiency, there have only been one or two years ever since that I have not claimed game though ABA.

What's your favourite archery memory?

I have so many, but my favourite would have to be competing in the 2016 World Field Archery Championship alongside my eldest daughter, Katie, with myself placing second and Kate placing third in Ladies Bowhunter Unlimited. Not too many mothers and daughters can say they have done that.

What appeals to you about archery?

Archery is a great family sport. With myself and husband Kev both having a love and passion for



all things archery. Both our girls have shot bows their whole life. Now they are both married and their husbands now shoot and their kids have started shooting at the young age of two years old. As we all live in different places we meet up at State and National archery events and all camp together. Our family motto is "the family that plays together stays together" it runs true in our

household.

What was your first bow?

York.

What do you have currently?

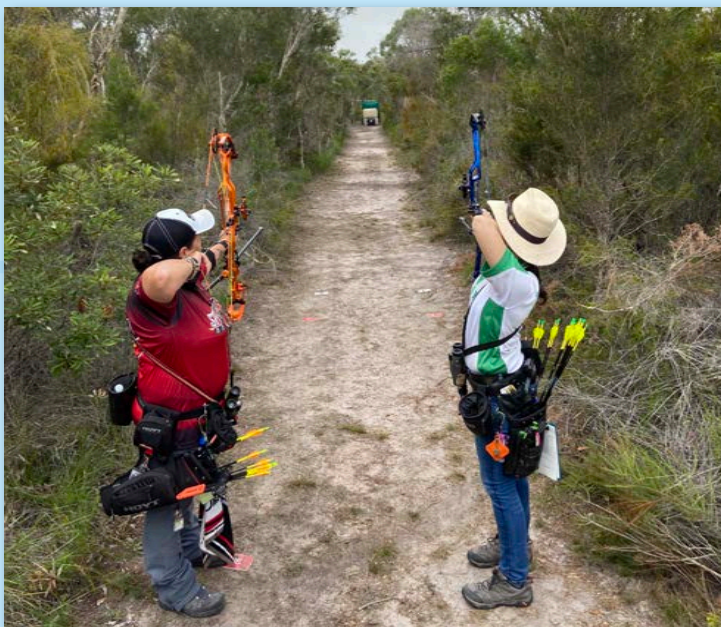
I'm pretty lucky I have 3 bow setups, all Hoyt. For ABA I shoot a Hoyt Proforce FX set at 26" 58# with Easton Carbon One 600 spine arrows. For hunting I shoot a Hoyt Axius Alpha set at 26" 63# with Easton Axis 400 spine and Slick Trick broadheads. For IFAA I shoot



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What are your great achievements in (or out of) archery?

Being awarded life membership to Renegade Bowmen as well as receiving the ABA Sid Green award and ABA Branch D Tony Firmer award. It's pretty special receiving these great awards for doing what you love to do. I have been a club coach since 2006 and the ABA Branch D coach since 2011. To me there is nothing better than seeing new people get into

the sport and to be able to help them reach their archery goals.

Sponsors:

I was very lucky to get sponsored by Abbey Archery at the start of 2005 and then when they opened a store in Brisbane I got to work in the store as the store manager. My eldest daughter first was sponsored by Abbey Archery when she was 12 years old back in 2001. A couple of years later they sponsored my husband Kev. Then a couple of years later 2005 they sponsored

the whole family.

Last Word:

One day back in 1985 when Kev and I got asked if we would like to go out to the Renegade Bowmen club to have a go at archery, I did not know that after that day our lives changed for the better and we had both found a sport that we truly love. It has taken us to archery competitions around Australia, America, South Africa, New Zealand and Germany where we have made so many lifelong friends. @

FULL BOAR ARCHERS:

Annual Report

This is our club's first Annual Report to Branch, so a little history: We have been in existence for just under 10 years now. The founding members thought that Townsville was getting big enough to support a second ABA Club and someone had to do it.

We have moved grounds four times in that period. We have weathered two bushfires that burnt us out, losing all butts, and two floods making the access road impassable twice. But thanks to the resilience of members over the years we have kept on.

We recently connected to mains power so we now have a clubhouse with power and water, over 300 hectares of virgin bush, plenty of room for future possibilities. We have two full ABA ranges, with a 14 target IFAA range superimposed over one and a practice range smooth enough to play bowls on and plans into the future to further develop our club facilities with dedicated 3D range, a full 28 target IFAA range and a simpler 10 target kids range for the little ones.

With the support of the Communities Gambling Fund, the project to upgrade our track with the construction of an all-weather access road was completed this year. This allows members to focus archery and not filling in washouts and with the unseasonable



Frank & Shane packed 20 bales in one day to get the club up and going after one fire.

deluges we had this year the road is tested and proved.

We have also expanded our support network by becoming a registered organisation for Volunteers and have a Facilities Officer to help out on shoot weekends allowing us to be open all weekend with a permanent 20 target field range for practice rounds as well as Monthly ABA competition rounds.

Our Wednesday shoots for NDIS provider was put on hold in the first half of the year due to COVID-

19 and cost, but we are optimistic that they will start up again in the new financial year. This has been a great boon to be able to present the club as a community-orientated organisation.

COVID-19 hit us pretty hard as it did everyone, the local annual Get Active Expo has been cancelled the last two years but is on again and we have booked in and ready to go.

We are hopefully to continue to generate interest and awareness of the sport that started up here.

Attendance at inter Club Invitationals and Branch events is growing especially after the results at last year's Branch Titles with two of our Juniors taking out awards in the knife and axe as well as their shoot divisions.

Congratulations to Jack Clarke and Michael Menso, having only taken up the sport for less than 12 months. Jack won podium finish in both knife and axe on his first attempt at throwing.

Coaching courses have been going well with Jennifer introducing new archers to the sport and helping them get up to speed before heading out to the field range and getting depressed with all the lost arrows.

Also Kids Club continues to help with the younger ones building confidence before trying the "long shots".

At our AGM in February we

got a whole new committee who have hit the ground running and they are working hard to prepare to host the Queensland titles in October. That is the big focus of the club for this year.

The Committee is meeting monthly to track progress and everyone is working hard to be able to put on a good show. We have already had interest from clubs in Branch D so hopefully will have a good turn up. With powered Caravan site on range as well as plenty of camping area we are looking forward to people making a holiday of the whole event. Rising cost in petrol pricing is the biggest challenges to our sport with all events requiring any amount of travel needing to really be seen to be offering more than just a quick shoot and run home. Nothing like a challenge.

Which leads beautifully in to

hunting, always a challenge. Wet weather has hampered some from getting out and giving it a go as much as they would like and the trips completed have not delivered the hoped for results. With a couple of younger guys coming though, the Committee might look at trying to organise a club hunt early in the new year to relax after stress of hosting the State Titles. @



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At the 2021 branch annual general meeting, Colac Otway Archers applied for and were given the opportunity to host the Victorian 2022 State 3D Titles.

So started the massive effort of preparing a brand new course for this event as well as some changes to our existing blue course.

Weeks of preparation went into the revamp of the range, and range master Carl Jacques must be congratulated on his efforts. With a small band of helpers things progressed to finally having a brand new white course and revamped blue course ready in time for the state titles.

Held on the weekend of May 21/22, Colac Otway Archers had 100 archers from across the Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia attend the event. The weather gods were kind to us (unlike last year with its howling winds and rain), with cool mornings but glorious sunshine during the day.

Campers rolled in from Friday afternoon, setting up camp and proceeding to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow archers not been seen for a while due to Covid lockdowns.

Saturday was a long, solid day of shooting. After getting groups finalised and explaining

the scoring process, things got underway at 10.30. The first round took over 3 hours to complete, a quick bite of lunch and then back at it for the same again. The last groups finally came in at about 5pm – the shadows amongst the trees were making it a bit more of a challenge by that stage! The out on number 11 of the new white course, the Nyala bull seemed to have a blessed life, escaping quite a few wayward arrows!!

After a long day, a much welcomed roast dinner was enjoyed by the many who wished to partake in host club Colac's hospitality. Afterwards the stories around the campfire got bigger

and better as the night went on.

The shoot was also the ideal place for the annual branch H bowhunting awards, which the branch field representative, Wayne Atkinson, handled with style. The bowhunter of the year was Dan Podubinski, from Buffalo Bowmen, with that club also carrying off the bowhunting club of the year award.

Unfortunately the planned axe and knife competition was cancelled due to darkness falling early in the Otways!

Sunday proved to be a quicker day, as by then everyone knew the drill, but it still was 3pm before all participants completed the 2 rounds. Maybe the lateness was due to a brand new course and, in many cases, unfamiliarity with the 3D's.

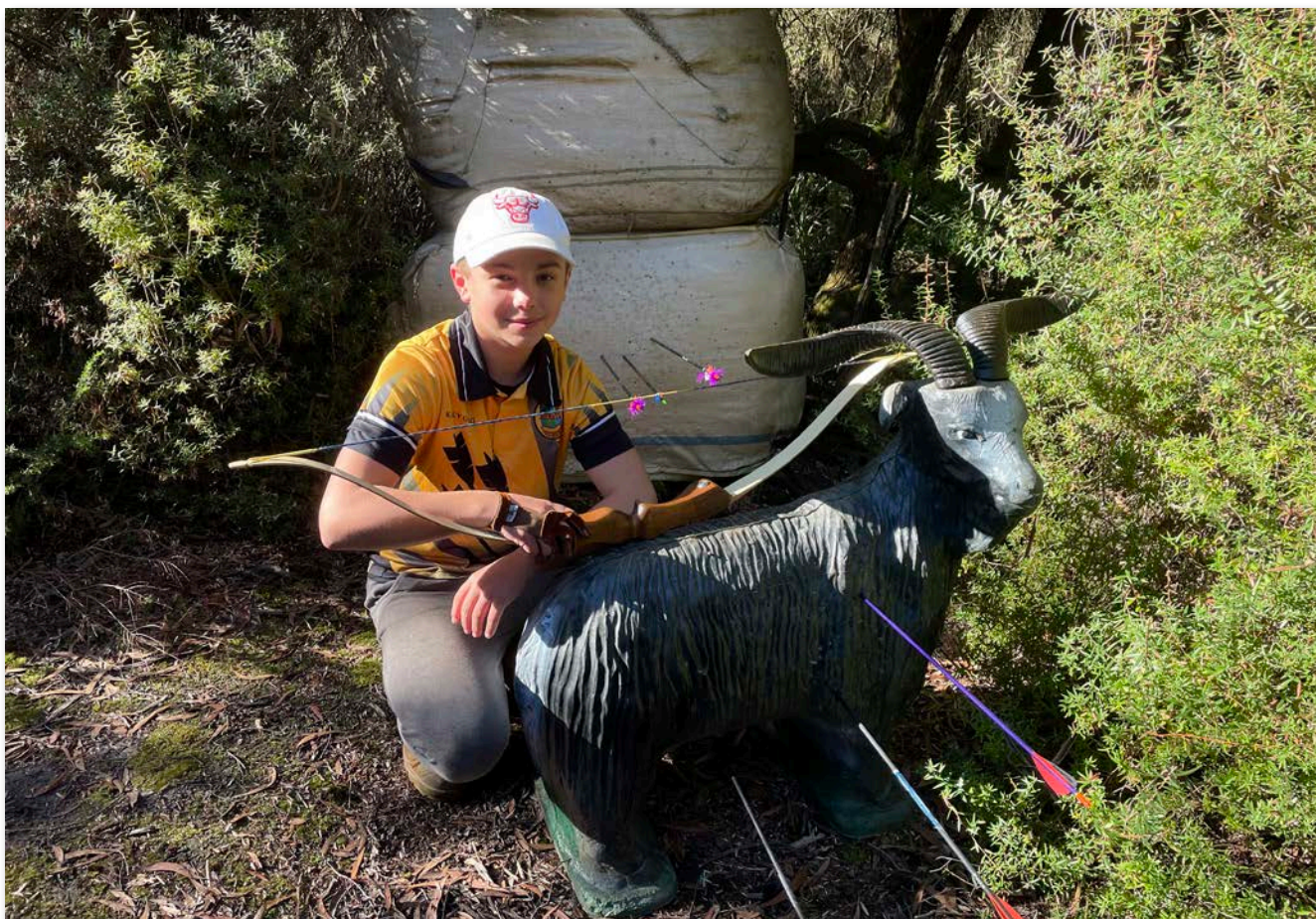
Colac Otway Archers provided a 3D honey badger as part of the raffle, which a lot of budding archers were keen to try and get their hands on. This was won by Wayne from Ballarat, a very happy archer!

Presentations followed with all place getters receiving their respective medals, then the overall State Champions as follows

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Overall a great weekend was had by all attendees, with lots of positive feedback regarding the new course that Colac had provided - a very challenging and rewarding 3D experience, and a great build up to the state IFAA's being hosted by Geelong in June.



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THE 3AM *alarm*

By Michael Luxford

The 3am alarm rudely interrupted my deep sleep. Briefly unable to move, I mustered what I could to turn it off. Fumbling for the phone on the floor, through puffy slits for eyes, the orange snooze button almost blinding me in the total darkness.

"What am I doing?"

I'd only been home a few days and my body still ached from four days of travel. I didn't need much of an excuse not to go out this morning, but I knew in four weeks when I was back at work, I would be kicking myself for not taking every opportunity to go bush.

"Come on then. Let's do this!"

After some toast washed down with a pre-trainer, I was off.

Pack on, bow in hand and face painted up, I clicked the Hilux's rear door closed and punched up the hill in the dark. I had a gully in mind to hunt but the alpine wind would dictate how I approached and hunted it and keeping in mind the thermal change that occurs about an hour after first light.

Day dawned and the birds welcomed the sun. I sat and waited until the grey light gave way to colour then continued slowly working ridge. I spied a menil fallow hind 50 metres below me, her orange coat glowing in contrast to the green bracken fern beyond. I tried to creep past but it was too late. Her bark broke the silence and we carried on in our respective directions.

The morning was mild, a little warm as could be expected in early March. I had seen some goats in this particular gully a few hunts back. It has been 25 years since I have come across

a Vic High Country goat and today I hoped to learn a bit more about this mob. I didn't have any expectations for the day, I was on a promise to attend a wedding in the afternoon and found myself watching the clock.

I crested the main ridge and checked the wind. It was perfect for this system, a steady breeze coming up from the warming gully below. I was heading to a rocky outcrop at the end of this ridge that the sun would be shining on. Small basins lay in gullies on each side of the outcrop. It would be the perfect place to find a goat. The ridge is dry, covered with leaf litter, twigs and rocks, its noisy going but void of bracken and understory. I still hunted my way down the ridge taking careful steps and listening intently for bleats or clacking rocks. Maybe I was listening too hard, willing it to be a sound, but what sounded like faint hooves on rocks below me moving left to right brought my heart rate up. I couldn't see over the crest so increased my pace being even more cautious of what was under my feet and how I place them down. I was lured further down the ridge and away from where I needed to be going always just out of view of what it was that I was maybe fruitlessly following. My cut off time was nearing and I had to make the call to stop this pursuit. I moved back around to the apex of the ridge and found a large flat rock to have a rest and a bite to eat on. From here I would head straight back to the Ute.

The sun was warm and the breeze gentle on my face. I sipped ware from the bladder and chewed on the muesli bar.

Looking out from my rock perch I didn't have care or tainted thought. Its moments like these that are the best in the bush, a clear mind, only thoughts of the absolute present, absorbing the smells and sounds, becoming parts of the wild.

Clattering of rocks on the opposite ridge caught my attention. Casually glancing toward the sound to try to catch a glimpse of what I suspected were the goats I was searching for, but the tree canopy kept their exact identity and location hidden. Movement below caught my eye. A sambar hind and her yearling calf emerged from the gully about 60 yards and were making their way across the bottom of the rocks below me.

"This is cool!" I thought.

There is nothing better in the bush than to watch the most mysterious deer specie at close range without it knowing you are there. It doesn't happen too often. A young stag stepped out behind them. He was in hard velvet, his sticks about 20" long. Now I was excited! But I stayed seated on the rock, content on watching.

A dark immense body materialized from behind the three other deer. I could clearly see his distinct facial markings and the massive frame of his antlers. I didn't need to guess how long he was. In all my years in the Sambar Mountains, this was the biggest stag I had had the privilege to be in the presence of. I spat out the unswallowed muesli bar, a racing thought of what to do with the remaining muesli bar quickly saw it going in the dirt. I grabbed my bow, which was beside me, and stood



up. The four deer navigated their way across the rocks and through some fallen dead timber. The big stag hung lower down than the others always with another deer between us. It seemed as though he may pass by without presenting a shot. I ranged a log I could see they would pass, 49 yards! I let the rangefinder swing by my side from its lanyard. I nocked an arrow and waited for an opportunity. I picked a shooting lane and anticipated the shot. "Damn its steep!" I ranged again to check the compensated angle, 40 yards!

The hind, yearling and small stag stopped briefly, the stag did not. He moved with purpose around them and stopped perfectly in the shooting lane. His chest was framed between

deadfall. A shot sequence you don't remember is generally a good one. The orange fletches disappeared in the crease behind his front shoulder. The stag lunged forward over some small logs then vanished over the crest.

"That shot couldn't have been more perfect!" I told myself. I could hear the stag pushing through foliage, a brief silence, then, the unmistakable sound of crash and roll. A huge sense of relief washed over me.

My whole life I have seen giant stags come through dad's shed and finally I had an opportunity at one of my own. I sat straight back down on the rock, bow on my lap watching the other deer which remained where there were looking around semi-alert.

I gave it five minutes. I collected my thoughts and

discarded muesli bar and casually walked toward where the stag stood. HONK! The remaining three deer took off. The rage tipped heat seeker shaft was nowhere to be seen, a clean pass through. I followed his wheel marks a short distance before I found the inevitable blood trail, like a spilt bucket of red paint.

The carpet was laid out for me to follow. My heart pounded and my breathing was uncontrollable. It was the longest yet short blood trail I had followed. There he was, piled up against a log that stopped him rolling into the bottom of the gully. The sheer size of the stag's body surprised me, his velvet antlers impressed me, the task at hand daunted me. I had a great excuse if I was late for the wedding. I thought so anyway. ☺







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Taken with a Tusker Head, Recognised by ABA

Damien Smith, Mount Isa District Bowhunters, Pig GA



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First Kill or FKOS

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Stephen Robinson, Capital Field Archers, Fallow Deer, 150pts, Trophy Class

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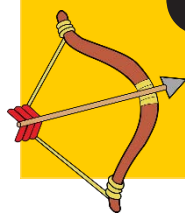
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BEST GAME NOT TAKEN WITH A TUSKER

Rebecca Nelson, Townsville District Bowhunters, Fallow, 195 7/8 pts, Record Class



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Invitational Shoot 2022

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August

SATURDAY NIGHTS DINNER THEME "COUNTRY & WESTERN"



**Complimentary
Meal Friday
Night**

**This event will be
following COVID
Safe
Recommendations**

SHOOT FEES

Adults: \$25
Cubs/Juniors: \$15
Families: \$50

**STRICTLY NO DOGS
By order of property
owner**

PROGRAM:

Saturday 13th

6am: Breakfast
7.30-8am: Bow Check & Muster
8.30am: ABA 3 arrow Round
Morning Tea
10.30am: ABA 1 arrow Round
12pm: Lunch
1.30pm: ABA 1 arrow Round
3pm: Fun Rounds, Knife & Axe
6.30pm: Evening Meal

Sunday 14th

6 -7.30am: Breakfast
8am: ABA 3 arrow Round
ASAP: Lunch and Presentations

*Program times are a guide only and
subject to change at any time.*

**Must be in ABA
to shoot.**
**No Card. No
Shoot. No
Exceptions**

Contact Numbers for Nominations

Glenville: 0459 211 249
Hayley: 0417 148 545
Andrea: 47 855 991

Email Nominations to:
cbhc@antenna-tech.com.au - Please
supply ABA numbers and Shoot Division

2022 Archery Alliance of Australia

SHOOT CALENDAR

July

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 3rd | Full Boar Archers | B | ABA |
| 3rd | Boola Valley Field Archers * | G | IFAA |
| 9th - 10th | Mackay District Bowmen * | B | ABA |
| 9th - 10th | Manning District Bowhunters * | E | ABA |
| 9th - 10th | Lower Eyre Archers * | I | ABA |
| 9th - 10th | SQAS * | QLD | SQAS Indoor Championships |
| 9th - 12th | Freds Pass Field Archers * | A | NT - Titles 2022 |
| 10th | Mt Isa District Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 10th | Towers Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 10th | Townsville District Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 16th - 17th | Wagga Wagga Field Archers * | F | 3D / ABA |
| 16th - 17th | Bendigo Field Archers * | H | ABA |
| 16th - 17th | Western Plains Archers * | J | 3D State Titles |
| 17th | Collinsville Barebow Hunters | B | ABA |
| 17th | Hinchinbrook Archery Club | B | ABA |
| 17th | Kurrimine Beach Archers | B | ABA |
| 17th | SOPA * | NSW | SOPA Matchplay Series Round 6 |
| 23rd - 24th | Gympie Field Archers * | C | C vs D ABA |
| 23rd - 24th | Silver City Archers * | I | ABA / 3D |
| 23rd - 24th | Hinterland Field Archers * | QLD | 3DAAA |
| 24th | Phoenix Field Archers of Sale * | G | 2D / 3D |
| 30th - 31st | Lakeside Bowmen * | D | IFAA Branch Titles |

August

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|-------------|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 6th - 7th | Gloucester District Archers * | E | 3D |
| 7th | Mackay District Bowmen | B | ABA |
| 7th | Mt Isa District Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 7th | Townsville District Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 7th | Bairnsdale Field Archers * | G | ABA |
| 13th - 14th | Collinsville Barebow Hunters * | B | ABA |
| 13th - 14th | Yorke Peninsula Field Archers * | I | ABA / 3D |
| 13th - 14th | Lake Macquarie Field Archers * | NSW | 3DAAA |
| 14th | Full Boar Archers | B | ABA |
| 14th | Towers Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 14th | SOPA * | NSW | SOPA Matchplay Series Round 7 |
| 20th - 21st | Saxon Archery Club * | C | ABA Branch Titles |
| 20th - 21st | Grange Bowmen * | D | Celebration Shoot - ABA |
| 20th - 21st | Snowy Mountains Bowmen * | F | ABA Branch Titles |
| 20th - 21st | Bacchus Marsh Bowmen * | H | ABA |
| 20th - 21st | WA Field and Bowhunters * | J | 3D / ABA |
| 20th - 21st | Caboolture & District Bowmen * | QLD | 3DAAA |
| 20th - 21st | Twin City Archers * | VIC | 3DAAA - State Titles |
| 21st | Hinchinbrook Archery Club | B | ABA |

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| 21st | Kurrimine Beach Archers | B | ABA |
| 21st | Archery South Australia * | SA | State Clout Archery Championships |
| 28th | Dead Centre Bowhunters * | A | 3D |
| 28th | Freds Pass Field Archers * | A | 3D |

September

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|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 3rd - 4th | Southern Yorke Field Archers * | I | ABA / IFAA |
| 4th | Mackay District Bowmen | B | ABA |
| 4th | Mt Isa District Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 4th | Townsville District Bowhunters | B | ABA |
| 10th - 11th | Towers Bowhunters * | B | ABA |
| 10th - 11th | Manning District Bowhunters * | E | ABA |
| 10th - 11th | Mornington Peninsula Bowmen * | VIC | 3DAAA |
| 11th | Full Boar Archers | B | ABA |
| 11th | Macalister Trophy Bowhunters * | G | 3D |
| 11th | ARCHERY SA * | SA | State Field Archery Championships |
| 17th - 18th | Wide Bay Archers * | C | ABA |
| 17th - 18th | Darling Downs Field Archers * | D | Gold Cup - ABA |
| 17th - 18th | Campbelltown District Field Archers * | F | 3D / ABA |
| 17th - 18th | Lilydale Bowmen * | H | ABA |
| 17th - 18th | Mallee Sunset Field Archers * | I | ABA State Titles |
| 17th - 18th | North Albert Field Archers * | QLD | 3DAAA - State Titles |
| 17th - 18th | Dubbo 3D Archers * | NSW | 3DAAA |
| 18th | Collinsville Barebow Hunters | B | ABA |
| 18th | Hinchinbrook Archery Club | B | ABA |
| 18th | Kurrimine Beach Archers | B | ABA |
| 18th | SOPA * | NSW | SOPA Matchplay Series Round 8 |
| 25th | Dead Centre Bowhunters * | A | ABA |
| 25th | Freds Pass Field Archers * | A | ABA |

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Phone number Date of birth/...../.....

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do hereby wish to make application for membership of the Australian Bowhunters Association Ltd (ABA), and if accepted, do undertake to conduct my/our membership in accordance with the Constitution, Rules, Policies and Code of Ethics of the ABA.

Additionally, I/we acknowledge that Field Archery and Bowhunting are shooting sports conducted in the natural environment which can impose inherent risks and this application is made in full recognition of the Association's requirement for responsible and ethical behaviour. I/We undertake to do all in my/our power to preserve the good image of the sport and ABA. I/We understand that members breaking the Code of Ethics and/or ABA's regulations may be subject to sanctions as per the Constitution.

I am a member of (Club)

I agree my contact details can be provided to form a contact list to be used within the Australian Bowhunters Association only.

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I enclose the required fees of \$..... Signature of Applicant

I, the applicant above, also wish to make application for membership of ABA Ltd on behalf of the following persons, who are members of my family and reside at my address:

| Full Name of Applicant | Male-Female | ABA Number | Date of Birth |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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Parent-Guardian Signature ABA Number if Applicable:

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