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ABA Adult \$65 Jnr/Cub \$45 Family \$125

3D Adult \$60 Jnr/Cub \$50 Family \$135

Closing Date for Entries is Monday 23 March 2020.

Last date for grading is 10 March 2020.

All archers under the Archery Alliance of Australia are invited to attend.

Timetable:

Muster each day at 8.00am for an 8.30am start

Registration and Bow Checks for both events
Thursday 9 April

ABA - Friday 10 and Saturday 11 April (3 and 1 arrow each day) followed by Presentation Saturday evening

3D - Sunday 12 and Monday 13 April followed by Presentation Monday evening.



ABA Park address is 600 Upper Piambong Road, Piambong

Directions:

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

Camping:

Camping is ample at the range; anybody wishing for offsite accommodation can obtain further information from the ABA website. Definitely NO DOGS allowed.

Champion of Branches Team Competitions will be running for both National Championships and teams must be registered prior to Muster for each competition.

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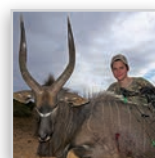
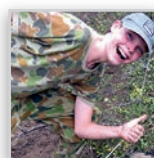
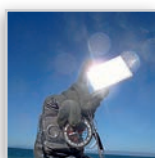
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◀ COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Wow. If you think this looks good, wait until you read John McKay's story on Page 28. In the interests of full disclosure, we must tell you the original image had four boars but we couldn't fit them all on the cover!

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I can feel it in my bones that 2020 is going to be a great year. It has a nice kind of a ring to it, doesn't it? Twenty Twenty. A repetitive, feel-good metric—a kind of symmetry that surely must bode well for the next 12 months.

Clubs and Branches have already done a heap of advance planning so there's some great archery in store. Make sure you have a fantastic year of archery by setting aside blocks of time before your calendar gets too busy.

If you've never been to the National Safari, 2020 is the year to go. It's a time of great competition, friendship, improving your skills and just being part of our great happy archery family. The National Safari will be held at ABA Park in Mudgee over Easter. You can camp for free so it doesn't even need to cost much. Another reason to go is that it looks like we'll have a fantastic prize draw from the Norfolk



Island Travel Centre at the Safari for free accommodation and car hire during the Norfolk Island 3D competition in July. Keep your eyes peeled for info in the next issue!

Think you might go overseas in 2020? How about the World Archery Field Championships? They will be held in Yankton (USA) in September.

And Branch A people have got in early to remind me that Alice Springs is hosting the Masters Games in October, with archery definitely on the agenda. By all accounts it's a great competition, and this is surely a holiday destination that sports a 'must do' tag for all Australians.

I'm happy to announce the winners of the silent auction held by the ABA recently. The Mathews Triax bow went to Johan Marais and the winner of the Doctari hunt in New Zealand was Philip Harris. Enjoy your arrow flinging, chaps.

Although it's only October as I write this, our magazine has come to the close of another year. So the *Archery Action* team takes this opportunity to wish you a happy Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. See you next year.

Jenel Hunt
Editor

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Rabbits ...



Finally, a bunny

by **ALAN ROBERTSON**

I have been hunting for more years than I care to remember and have been reasonably successful in this pursuit. It recently occurred to me that with all the game I have taken, I had never claimed a rabbit and so was missing a rabbit badge from my line-up of Trophy Bowhunter badges on the shed wall.

It's not that I had not fired arrows at bunnies before but that I had never actually been, as the saying goes, "able

to put my foot on one." They had always disappeared into thick clumps of blackberry, piles of logs or down rabbit warrens, often taking my arrow with them.

My dilemma was pointed out to one of my hunting mates, young Tom. I say young Tom as he has only recently reached the ripe old age of 30 as opposed to my age which will go unstated. Needless to say, I could easily be his father.

Now Tom usually takes me out chasing the mighty red deer (another claim I am yet to make) and as he races all over the hills (mountains to me), I shuffle along puffing and panting way behind him. He does take pity on me and lets me catch up every now and again.

Tom is a very keen hunter so when I voiced my problem to him his immediate reaction was, "We can easily fix that". I have never known someone

Tom and Graham, braving the cold to go bunny busting.





Graham arrowed his fellow.

with such good access to all sorts of country and it just so happens that his future in-laws have a property in northern New South Wales which has an abundance of these little furry rodents.

Plans were made and Tom also invited another great hunting mate of mine Graham (AKA Stumbles) Newell to accompany us on this big game adventure. Graham, never one to miss out on a hunt, quickly agreed to back me up on the bunnies.

As is standard bowhunting article talk, we duly arrived at the property and were met by our hosts for the weekend, Mike and Belinda. Actually they weren't even there when we arrived so we just proceeded to take over their home and property until they arrived home.

First off we borrowed a quad and buggy and Tom proceeded to show Graham and me around. The country in northern New South Wales at the moment is suffering badly with the drought and it is sad to see this usually lush grazing land virtually bare of grass. Like nearly everyone else down there they have cut stock numbers right down and have been feeding stock for months waiting for it to rain.

On our drive around, we spotted a few fallow deer ... but these were not our focus this weekend.

The afternoon was getting on and we were keen to have a crack at the rabbits which were now starting to come out from their hidey holes under log piles or emerging from the many warrens.

What a great way to spend an afternoon—three mates walking, spread out across a paddock looking out for rabbits and trying to get a shot at them before they disappeared again into another pile of logs or back down another hole. The rabbits, while very plentiful, were very toey as there was nowhere for them to hide (no grass) and you really had to go into stealth mode to get anywhere close enough for a shot.

As the evening closed in, we all met up again and had all been successful. Even me! So I now had a rabbit on board and could make my claim. My shot was taken at 40yd and I have decided that ABA rabbit targets are way too close and should be placed at least 30yd out to make the targets realistic.

This being northern New South Wales in the middle of winter, it was really cooling down and it was good to get back to the house and its roaring fire. Mike told us that they start the fire on Anzac Day every year and it burns around the clock until October.

The next morning we were all keen to get into it again with the idea being that we would try and whistle up a fox or two. We all split up and went our separate ways. This should be great fox country with the amount of rabbits around and the abundance of fallen timber but I think they are just too well fed (on rabbits) and no one had any success. Tom did see a couple but they were not interested in coming to the whistle.

Did I say it was cold? Well, the temperature we were out walking in

was -1° and it did not start to warm up until about 8.00am.

The next morning it was just as cold and Graham and I chickened out and did not get up and go out in it again before daylight. We had a leisurely start to the day and sat around in the kitchen near the fire sipping coffee and having breakfast until Tom came back from wandering around in the cold and fog.

Ah, the enthusiasm of the young ... but no point getting old if you don't get smart.

We had a great weekend and everyone raved on about how much fun it was just out chasing rabbits instead of our usual hunts for much bigger game. It is also a terrific way to hone your skills with a small target that doesn't want to sit still to give you an easy, close shot.

Hopefully we will be invited back when it's a bit warmer to once again face the challenge of hunting these pesky little critters.

Thanks to Mike and Belinda for putting up with us. They were terrific hosts and looked after us all weekend. I think Mike was a bit disappointed with us as we did not deplete his rabbit population much, but that's just how bowhunting works. It's not a numbers game but a way of trying to get up close and personal with your quarry and trying to get the better of it in its own environment.





Robbo with a rabbit at last.



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BOWHUNTING DIVISION REPORT

by Mark Burrows
(Vice-President Bowhunting Division)



A big year for bowhunting

I mentioned in my previous report that two new bowhunters had claimed their Royale Ishi. However to make the year even bigger we have had another two since then. Ben Chambers from Western Australia and Graham McComiskie from Queensland have also taken all 18 species recognised by the ABA. This is a huge effort

and a lot of commitment by these bowhunters. Ben was actually the first to do it this year, followed by Marc Curtis, Michael Luxford and Graham McComiskie. These bowhunters—along with David Luxford, John Scott, Troy Morris and me—now bring the total to eight bowhunters who have achieved this level.

Electronic Game Claims

As I mentioned in my September-October report, there is now a 'Bowhunting' button in your ABA portal via the website. This function is live and ready to process your claims. The Bowhunting Division has been working on this process for quite some time and I for one am excited to see it in operation. This function allows ABA members to process their game claims instantly. All you have to do is take a picture of the game you are claiming, open your portal on the ABA website, then open the Bowhunting section. From here you tick the boxes relative to your claim, upload your picture and send. This will forward the completed claim to the general secretary at the ABA office, also to your Branch Field Representative and your club game recorder.

The claim will be entered to your records as a game award claim only, no matter how big the trophy is. If the animal you have claimed is a

measurable species then you will have the usual three months to get your game officially measured by a qualified measurer and the official measuring form sent in to the ABA office. This can be scanned and emailed or posted. If this is not done then the claim will remain on your records as a game award.

Final report

Well I guess this is it; my last report. The decision not to stand for Vice-President Bowhunting, or for that matter any position on the National Executive, has not been an easy one. I have been wrestling with it for most of the year. The ABA at a national administration level has been a huge part of not just my archery life, but my life in general, for more than 20 years. So it is definitely with some degree of sadness that I am leaving this part of my life behind. But the time has come and I am confident that someone will come along after me and continue to work within the Bowhunting Division of

the ABA. If no one does, then for me to stay on for another term just because no one else did was never going to fix the long-term result anyway.

I do have some reservations as I think we need someone leading Bowhunting otherwise we will just get left behind. Over the past 20 years I have been closely involved with promoting bowhunting positively, dealing with Police Ministers and the DPI or its equivalent in most of the mainland States. We have won a lot of battles and I am extremely confident that without the ABA's input in both time and money we would have already lost the ability to either own a bow or to bowhunt in some of them.

Bowhunters by their very nature are generally solo or unobtrusive people but in this day and age it doesn't cut it. Bowhunters in general need to unify and work together or we may be the last generation to have such easy access to bowhunting, and that would be woeful for our kids and their kids. However there is still a very good

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	John Lopes	108 2/8	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	Christie Pisani	268 3/8pt	2014
Fallow Deer	Jennifer Vanderburg	205 5/8pt	2018
Chital Deer	Leny Smith	159 3/8pt	2010
Hog Deer	Cheryl Morris	60 5/8pt	2018
Sambar Deer	Nil		
Rusa Deer	Emma Johnson	195 6/8pt	2016
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

group of bowhunters within the ABA to lead and to manage the complexities of what bowhunting, and hunting in general, has become in this modern world. There will be some new faces on the TBA Committee and some experienced heads as well. I am sure they will see the Bowhunting Division into the future. But they will definitely need help from all bowhunters.

To finish up I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been a part of the Bowhunting Division, the TBA Committee, and the National Management Committee over the 20 years of my involvement at this level and wish all those who intend to put their hand up in the future all the best. I would also sincerely like to thank Kerry at the ABA office and Jenel, Editor of *Archery Action*. Both of these ladies are somewhat anonymous within the Bowhunting Division but I can guarantee you they work tirelessly on a daily basis for all bowhunters.

I would also like to sincerely thank my wife who has had to put up with me attending far, far, too many ABA activities over that time and also to my family, my kids and now my grandkids. They missed out more often than was prudent with my commitment to the Association. Finally I would sincerely like to thank all the National Executive members I have worked with over that period, especially the current Executive who have been a great group of people to work with and who, I can assure you, only have the best interests of the Association at heart.

Pacific Regional Field Archery Championships 2019 RECORDS

Bowhunter Recurve (BH-R)

VFBHR G. Allen (Aus) Hunter Round 314; Animal Round 394.

Our apologies to Glenys Allen that we missed publishing this result in the previous magazine.



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

Bnch/Hunter	Club	Game	Award	FK/FKOS	Size
A Peter Bergin	Fred's Pass Field Archers	Pig	GA	FK/FKOS	0
B Graham Otto	Cape York Bowhunters	Pig	TC		26
B Graham Otto	Cape York Bowhunters	Shark	RC		20 3/8
B Graham Wienert	FNQ Bowmen	Red Deer	GA	FKOS	0
B Laurie Goudie	Independent	Pig	TC		27 2/8
B Laurie Goudie	Independent	Pig	TC		27 4/8
B Laurie Goudie	Independent	Pig	RC		29 6/8
B Laurie Goudie	Independent	Pig	TC		27 6/8
B Laurie Goudie	Independent	Pig	TC		28 6/8
B Toby Gall	Mackay District Bowmen	Shark	GA	FKOS	13 4/8
B Toby Gall	Mackay District Bowmen	Rusa	RC		185 3/8
B Toby Gall	Mackay District Bowmen	Rusa	RC		192 6/8
B Graham McComiskie	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Shark	TC		18 3/8
B Graham McComiskie	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Stingray	TC		6 2/8
B Graham McComiskie	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Shark	RC		23 6/8
C Tony Mclean	Full Draw Field Archers	Stingray	GA	FK/FKOS	4 6/8
C Ted Ivory	Moranbah Bowhunters	Chital	GA	FKOS	131 3/8
D Alan Robertson	Grange Bowmen	Rabbit	GA	FKOS	0
D David Wallace	Lakeside Bowmen	Cat	GA	FKOS	0
D David Wallace	Lakeside Bowmen	Cat	RC		7 10/16
D Darryl Bulger	Pacific Bowmen	Pig	TC		28 2/8
D Brad Seagrott	Renegade Bowmen	Goat	TC		103 1/8
D Brad Seagrott	Renegade Bowmen	Red Deer	TC		182 5/8
D Brad Seagrott	Renegade Bowmen	Red Deer	RC		210
D Brad Seagrott	Renegade Bowmen	Fallow	TC		187 7/8
D Brad Seagrott	Renegade Bowmen	Goat	TC		100
D Dale Winks	Renegade Bowmen	Pig	TC		26 2/8
D Dale Winks	Renegade Bowmen	Pig	TC		26 2/8
D Dale Winks	Renegade Bowmen	Pig	TC		27 2/8
D Dale Winks	Renegade Bowmen	Pig	TC		25 6/8
D Jack Winks	Renegade Bowmen	Pig	TC		25
D Kev Dowd	Renegade Bowmen	Chital	RC		165 7/8
D John Mahoney	Roma and District Bowmen	Stingray	GA	FKOS	4
E Darcy Galliano	Namoi Valley Archers	Goat	TC	FKOS	98 4/8
E Darcy Galliano	Namoi Valley Archers	Goat	TC		95 4/8
E Darcy Galliano	Namoi Valley Archers	Fox	GA	FKOS	9
G David Luxford	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Rusa	RC		202 7/8
G David Luxford	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Rusa	RC		187 3/8
G David Luxford	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Camel	RC		30 4/16
G Douglas Cahill	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Shark	TC	FKOS	16 5/8
G Marc Curtis	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Fallow	RC		196 3/8
G Marc Curtis	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Rusa	TC	FKOS	162 1/8
G Ben Gipps	West Gippsland Field Archers	Goat	GA	FK/FKOS	32 3/8
G Michael Luxford	West Gippsland Field Archers	Rusa	RC	FKOS	209 6/8
J Ben Chambers	Western Plains Archers	Hare	GA	FKOS	0
J Ben Chambers	Western Plains Archers	Donkey	GA	FKOS	0
J Ben Chambers	Western Plains Archers	Buffalo	GA	FKOS	0
J Dominic Neeson	Western Plains Archers	Camel	RC		30 2/16
J Dominic Neeson	Western Plains Archers	Camel	RC		30 9/16



Trophy Bowhunters of Australia Club



Introducing NEW TBA MEMBER Quineka Parker

Where do you live?

I live in Bunbury, Western Australia.

How old are you?

I am 15.

Are you a member of an archery club; if so what one? Do you hold a position in the club?

I am a member of Peel Archers. I don't hold any positions in the club but I am the unofficial babysitter at interclubs.

How long have you been an ABA member?

I have been an ABA member for almost 10 years.

How long have you been hunting?

I have been hunting for about six years.

What got you into bowhunting?

I got into bowhunting because my

Mum and stepdad bowhunt, and I like a challenge.

How often do you go hunting?

I usually do two or three hunting trips a year.

What equipment do you use? (compound/recurve/longbow)

I shoot a Bowtech Eve Shockey compound set @40lb.

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

I would like keep hunting and I would like to try and get some different species.

Did you know much about TBA before this?

As my Mum and stepdad are both TBA members, I already knew a bit about TBA.

The TBA Committee congratulates you, Quineka.



Among the species Quineka has taken previously are scaled fish and rabbit. A photo of her Trophy Class shark and how she took it are on the next page.

Bowhunting achievements to end September 2019

Master Bowhunter

David Luxford 510

Trophy Bowhunter Award

Benjamin Chambers 210

Bowhunter Award

Toby Gall 190

David Brewer 170

Bradley Seagrott 150

Darcy Galliano 110

Bowhunter Royale

Nil further since last report

Bowhunter Imperial

Kevin Dowd

Bowhunter Supreme

Nil further since last report

Imperial Ishi

David Luxford

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Ben Chambers

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The hunt:

Quineka, her mum and her stepdad were spread out, all knee-deep in the water at Shark Bay in Western Australia's Denham area. It was a beautiful fine day. Earlier, Quineka had shot a shark but it had bitten the rope and got away.

"It was kind of sad, but it made me more determined to get one and make it count," she said.

The holiday in Shark Bay was one of a number of trips they have made to the area over about six years.

"Every time we've gone there I've practised shooting into the water and taking refraction into account. I've really been trying and trying," she said.

"You can have your poundage too low or sometimes you don't shoot in exactly the right place. It takes a lot of practice to get it right. It's really challenging and fun."

On previous visits she took stingray and multiple fish, but this time it would be a different species she pulled in. The water was gloriously clear and when the shark came within about five metres, she was ready for it. Getting a shark was exciting enough, but what made it even more thrilling was that the shark went Trophy Class, at 15 6/8pt, gaining her membership into the Trophy Bowhunters of Australia. (Her mum and stepdad were already members of TBA.)

Quineka took the first shark of the trip, but her mum and stepfather also had success, making it a shark trifecta.

Since then they've been on a pig hunting trip to Cape York in far north Queensland.

"It was fun, even though I didn't get a pig. But I have a fox hunting trip coming up soon so now I'm practising with the whistle for that."



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Wide Bay



Competitors began rolling into the campgrounds of the Wide Bay Archers Club late Friday afternoon in mid-August for the club's Invitational Shoot. Once settled, they were socialising with their fellow archers in no time. It was great to see archers from as far afield as Emerald at Hervey Bay for the invitational shoot.

A total of 44 shooters competed over the weekend. On Saturday morning, keen archers hit the practice range to fine-tune their skills. I was actively getting rid of the bad shots for the day—or so I thought! No sooner had we completed bow check than we were hitting the range with a three-arrow round in the morning, followed by a short break for lunch and then a one-arrow round in the afternoon. The fun didn't stop after the one-arrow round with Wide Bay Archers holding novelty games for the kids and adults. The first event was the William Tell shoot which entailed hitting an apple with an arrow. If you missed the apple and hit the balloon, you were out. The adult shooters were not keen on being the first to shoot, therefore we sacrificed a cub archer (as you do) a young lad named Frazer of the Saxons Club! Frazer got the ball rolling and the blood pumping and soon the adults were fighting for the William Tell rights! I believe it was taken out by Matt Harthill from Gympie Archers at around the 60m mark.

The kids were kept entertained with a bust-the-balloon shoot and then we all competed in the V-Shoot after dinner. It was a great first day of shooting, with an entertaining afternoon that led well into the evening.

Sunday rolled around and it was time for the Aussie Expert Round. Some of us had an idea about what we were in for as we had shot the Aussie round at a prior Wide Bay Archers event. How much harder could an

Invitational Shoot



expert round be? we thought. Well, let me say it was brutal, ruthless and unforgiving (just a few of the words the ABA archers expressed when describing the shoot). It was certainly different and if you were wanting to branch into IFAA, this would be a great step in the right direction.

With the Aussie Expert Round behind us (thank goodness), it was time for the speeches and presentations.

Over the weekend, it was wonderful to see so many

children representing their clubs and to see them socialising with their peers and showing respect for the adult club members.

Wide Bay Archers represented themselves well and the grounds were awesome along with the grand facilities. A big thank you to Wide Bay Archers for a fantastic weekend. We will be back!

Tony Buckholz

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TBA Muster 2019

This year the Renegade Bowmen hosted the biennial TBA Muster. TBA stands for Trophy Bowhunters of Australia Club. Membership of the TBA is granted after archers take and claim their first Trophy Class animal through the Australian Bowhunters Association. The aim of TBA is the promotion of trophy bowhunting in Australia and the encouragement of bowhunting ethics of the highest possible standard.

With this in mind, the Renegade Bowmen committee went to work organising the best possible bowhunters as speakers to spark everyone's interest for the weekend.

Renegade Bowmen President Peter Judge and his band of helpers started months ahead of the event, building four display walls that could house the many trophy animals that hunters proudly displayed over the three days. It was truly unbelievable the generosity of hunters who brought their pride and joy trophies to display, considering how much money they had invested in them. Chital, rusa and red deer, pigs, rabbits, goats, dingo and buffalo from Australia were on display. We were lucky enough to also have animals from



Host: Renegade Bowmen



ABOVE: Setting up the display.
BELOW: One of the talks in session.

Africa including a full-size warthog and a head mount of a Cape buffalo.

Saturday's topics included hunting in South Africa, hunting in NSW State Forests, sharpening broadheads, Tusker broadheads and backpacks, food handling in camp and the very popular session on butchering and capping. Graham Cash travelled down from Tiaro with a full-size goat he had harvested in the morning. George Robertson did a great job in sharing his knowledge as well as demonstrating the best way to cape it out ready to take it to a taxidermist. Then Graham



The coveted TBA Bowhunter of the Year trophy was on display at the Muster. The current holder of the trophy is NT hunter Rohan Walker.





A wall of deer heads on show.

showed his butchering skills, getting the meat ready for the freezer. There was no wastage—everything was used from the animal.

In the afternoon, for those who wanted to shoot their bows, there was a choice of an ABA round or a sneaker

round. People who had never done the sneaker round before really enjoyed it.

Ray Boreham and his brother-in-law Rolly prepared and cooked a pig on the spit for Saturday night's dinner which went down well with all the campers. It was truly a delicious meal

which topped off a great day for the 70 attendees. Many past hunts with great memories, along with plans for future hunts, were discussed over the rest of the evening.

Sunday started with a demonstration of animal calls and movement,



Extremely popular sessions were the caping display and the subsequent butchering demonstration.



This little cub put all he learned into practice and took his first game two weeks after the TBA Muster.

measuring game, fox whistling, navigation and the impact of photos and social media on hunting and the sport of archery.

There were two raffles going over the weekend—one was a club raffle and the other was a TBA raffle of a compound bow and 3D target.

This weekend was enjoyed by all who attended, from new archers who came along to take in all the information they could, to some of Australia's finest hunters who also asked questions and learned new ideas to go away and try.

One young Renegade cub shooter Alex Szybel attended the weekend and really enjoyed it, soaking in all the information. He went on a hunting trip two weeks after the TBA Muster and now has claimed his first game through

ABA. He even proudly wore his TBA Muster commemorative shirt for the photo!

A big thanks has to go to the TBA Committee, Renegade Bowmen members, and especially all the speakers and the hunters who displayed their trophies.

Education is the key to ethical bow-hunting, so keep an eye out for the next TBA event as it may be in your area and it is truly worth attending.

No matter how many or how few patches you have earned, the TBA Muster was the perfect place to wear your brag shirt ...



Patches showing the Game Award badge history.



The amazing tale of Pitty's pig

The 2019 TBA Muster may well be the last time that a rather famous pig skeleton travels thousands of kilometres from its Mount Isa home to provide entertainment and edification at an archery event.

Garry Pitt, the man in charge of the bony superstar, says it's probably time to retire his skeleton, which has been a star exhibit in at least five TBA tents at National Safaris and many other events. I caught up with him (Garry, not the pig) at the ABA AGM recently and he told me a bit of the tale of how it all came to be. I've missed out a bit of the story, but this is the gist of it:

Garry was at a National Safari at Charleville in southwest Queensland quite some years ago. There, he met bowhunting stalwart David Luxford and mentioned his plan.

"I told him that I was going to do a pig like they do a dinosaur in a museum," Garry said.

"Dave said, 'You'll be doing something amazing for bowhunting if you can manage it,' so after the Safari I went up to the Gulf, shot my pig and started to boil the meat off.

"It wasn't long before I realised that he was going to fall apart if I kept boiling him so I decided to put him on an antbed for six weeks. That didn't work too well either. Next I got the wire brush out. Then Derek Locke from Mackay suggested a pressure washer, so out came the water gurney."

"I started the job with a length of steel for his backbone, and yes, there was a lot to do. Every leg joint has a screw in it and he's all beautifully coated with clear lacquer." And the vertebrae are a work of art!

Garry admits his fellow is a bit of a Frankenstein. "I busted his left seventh



rib when I shot him, so I kept shooting boars to get a replacement rib until it dawned on me he was a smaller pig than the Trophy Class pigs I was shooting. Being a young fellow, he didn't have really big tusks either. So I had to borrow some tusks from another boar for him."

Plus, while his pig was outside

being worked on, birds would pinch the tail when Garry wasn't looking. So that's someone else's tail on the poor piggy too.

Good on you, Pitty. I'm sure that no one who met your pig could ever forget him.

Jenel Hunt, Editor



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Nick Lintern TRADITIONAL TRAILS

Hi to all our readers and welcome to another instalment of Traditional Trails. Before we get into this edition, I want to make a shout-out to Hunter Valley Traditional Archers. Since 2009 the club has been hosting a charity shoot once a year to aid charities that don't receive a lot of help. This year the beneficiary was Love Bites, a charity that is trying to make a difference to the horrendous domestic violence stats that we still have here in Australia. The club managed to raise \$6000 for this charity and that brings the donated total over the past 11 years to around \$70,000 to various charities. Members of the traditional archer community are proving over and over again how deep their passion is and how willing they are to help those in need. Well done to all.

In this issue, I am going to continue with the subject of hunting the traditional way. Let's look at further factors that make using a traditional bow a great choice for roaming the bush.

Hunting with a traditional bow

Part 2

Flexibility

We wrapped up the previous column looking at the aiming benefits of a traditional bow in the field. The next thing we need to look at is flexibility. That is, a traditional bow's flexibility of use. By this I mean it can be shot upright, horizontally and from awkward angles with no negative side effects. Of course you need to practise these shots to be ready in the field. It is also very light and manoeuvrable.

A real life example of this was on a trip many years ago when I found myself a few metres from a goat. It was on my left but there was a lot of lantana between him and me. I saw there was some room under the bush but it was quite low down. He'd seen me but wasn't overly panicked—I assume, because of the scrub between us. I took a step, dropped down on to my right knee and laying the bow



Typical scene from the Australian outback. Reliability of equipment has to be a priority in remote areas.

nearly horizontal I drew and released. The arrow flew true and I picked him up a few metres down the valley. This speed of use stands a traditional bow well above compounds.

A sighted compound cannot be laid over flat in this way. If it were to be, the sights would be way off. They must be shot perpendicular. Plus the modern compound bow has overly complicated rests that just don't allow for fast or angled tricky shots. The modern compound also doesn't accommodate quick follow-up shots. A longbow can be shot, reloaded and shot again very quickly. I've heard sighted shooters argue that that doesn't bother them because they don't miss. Obviously that's rubbish;

all of us miss from time to time. The way I look at it is that they're trying to turn hunting into target archery and that just doesn't work efficiently. So many opportunities are lost.

It must be said, though, that you can't just buy a longbow or a recurve and have this magical ability at your fingertips. What you have is a bow that will open a whole world of possibilities but you *must* practise. Practise kneeling shots, varying the cant of your bow and shooting quickly. It is not a rushed shot if you've practised for that speed and your form is still spot on. Most traditional competitions have a speed round. These were originally designed to get archers to follow up quickly and accurately for hunting scenarios.

Accuracy

Accuracy in the hunting field is obviously critical to getting a good outcome. An alarming idea, though, that has been circulating for a while, is that if we want to test what bow is the most accurate in the field we need to stand on a shooting range—with flat ground—and place a target at 25m and see whether a sighted compound or a traditional bow is more consistently accurate. This has major flaws in its theory. That test is the ideal circumstance for a direct aiming scenario, with sighted bows laden with gadgets. It in no way reflects what is actually going on in the hunting field. A good target archer using an Olympic-



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Learn to shoot from your knees. This is a great way to get under and around brush-type vegetation.

style recurve or compound will hit that mark over and over again. But in the field, in difficult circumstances, that style of shooting is seriously lacking. Probably a more accurate test would be to throw a soccer ball out onto a field and then once it stops the archer has five seconds to shoot it. Then do the same thing in rain, dappled light and while kneeling. Also the use of broadheads changes things as well. Good practice for hunting should involve shooting hunting weight

arrows and—if possible—broadhead arrows. At the very least, make sure your field points are the same weight as your hunting heads.

So to summarise, there is a big difference between target range accuracy and hunting accuracy.

Still more

To add to all this, we can also say that there are attributes for any hunting bow that are really important. It must be reliable, simple, strong or durable and forgiving of archer error. In the bush there are no pro shops around so a simple, durable bow is paramount. Bows can get a bit knocked about in the bush so they must not be over complicated and mega-high tech. Forgiving of archer error comes through good bow design. As I mentioned above, chances are you'll be shooting cold, or after walking many hours in tough terrain. In that situation, it's unlikely your form will be great. Traditional bows, particularly longbows, are the last word in cutting you some slack when it comes to form.

Ethics

When it comes to hunting, ethics are absolutely the most important thing. Never take lightly that you are shooting at a living thing. Getting that arrow where it needs to be is critical. So practise, practise and practise some

more. Put a 10in circle on a practice butt and shoot eight arrows at it. You want a minimum of six in that circle. Work back until you can't achieve that, and you'll soon get a feel of the distance that you are competent at. In my experience, when I get an opportunity to shoot at game, I know whether I'm confident about the shot or not. If not, I'll try and get closer. If I blow the stalk, so be it. It is generally considered, with plenty of evidence to back it up, that traditional hunters have a smaller wounded-and-lost rate than their compound shooting cousins. Partly that is due to compounders' over-reliance on gadgets and not enough on personal skill and 'feel', as well as a lack of understanding of the equipment's limitations. Also, arrows that are too light are the curse of the high-tech world.

We must all, irrespective of the bow we use, work within our own and our bow's limitations. Here again, high-tech gear has many more limitations than does a good traditional bow *but* the trad archer must become competent in its use. Although that will take time, the practice is enjoyable so I've never



Training to shoot from bad angles and around scrub is an absolute must if you plan on getting some shots in the field.

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Summary

To summarise this entire article, a traditional bow is an exceptional hunting bow. It is very simple, but in the hands of a trained archer it is something that no living thing can stand against. The traditional bow has fed, protected and clothed us for tens of thousands of years. Even though we're now in the 21st century, it is still just as effective a hunting tool as ever. Nothing's changed—only numerous attempts at re-inventing the wheel. For every do-hickey and doodad we add to a bow to improve our 'efficiency', we actually hamper ourselves in a big way in the process. Gadgets are designed to shortcut our training time and get us accurate quickly. There is so much reliance on these things now that crazy shots are being taken in the scrub. There is never a substitute for practice and hunting skill, learning animal lore

and habits. If a high-tech bow is used at sensible ranges with an experienced hunter and archer then all is well, but when inexperience, coupled with over-reliance on technology come together, a modern sighted bow is a poor rifle and even worse bow. I'll always say, though, the counter to not using gadgets et cetera is that you must practise, and if you practise,

you'll get confidence in aiming at anything, anywhere, anytime with your traditional bow. And, at the end of the day, practice is fun!

That wraps up our look at this large topic. If you have a question or an idea for a topic that you'd like to see an article on, feel free to email me at norseman_longbows@hotmail.com.

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FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

My style of paradise

JOHN McKAY

The boys and I had been planning this trip for some time. Now, the dates were set and gear was being organised and tested. The newest addition to my gear list was my Honda quad. It wasn't long before all my gear was sorted and D day was upon us. I was leaving from Mackay and meeting the boys halfway to Normanton and we would travel together from there. We would be exploring a new property in the Gulf for seven to 10 days then heading back to Mareeba to let Ryan catch up with some work on his farm before going on to the Cape to see friends at Merluna ... and hopefully get into some quality boars.

All systems were go and the trip was pretty uneventful until we arrived at the property and set up camp where we managed to damage one of the ramps while unloading the John Deere buggy. It had been loaded at home with a forklift and the ramps were, let's say, a little short. Nonetheless the excitement was all but brimming out of us because we were in a new location and champing at the bit to explore the new surround-

ings and get the boat into the water. Oh yes, did I mention this place had a very large tidal river running through it? So we were going to do some fishing as well.

The fishing turned out to be a lot higher on Ryan's important-to-do list than it was for the rest of us as he was in charge of organising the food and cooking gear, which we were assured was all sorted. It turned out 35kg of frozen potato chips and a

20-litre bucket of lard to cook them in needed some fish to go with them. Well, let's just say we learned a few lessons this trip: Number 1, never leave Ryan to organise the food and number 2, we make better hunters than fishermen. Thank goodness for an abundant supply of mud crabs and a few sausages and steaks that I had bought along just in case! And another lesson learned was that the tides were different in the Cape and for the first



Gulf boars ... a good start to the trip.



A group of mates on the road again, with the Honda quad bike a great addition to the line-up.



Chase got a cracker bore during the Gulf hunt.

few days there was not enough water to launch the boat without getting badly stuck.

We ventured far and wide on this amazing property and saw lots and lots of pigs but only a few smaller ones were put on the ground. We were able to get Ryan's son Chase in on a cracker boar and he dispatched it from 16m with one very well placed arrow. We were very proud of him.

The most amazing part of this property was the reach of the tidal arms back up from coast. Some of them reached 50km inland and were nothing more than a white salty depression in the ground in the heat of the day (but still too wet to cross) and a small stream at high tide. There were small pockets of timbered areas surrounded by vast cleared plains that held pigs and wildlife, with nothing else for many kilometers. It never ceases to amaze me the diverse eco systems encountered when out hunting.

There was plenty of potential in this property but due to mustering requirements we had to leave early and this put a spanner in our well laid plans.

It was decided that Clint and I would stop at Ryan's place for the weekend and restock supplies (not chips because I reckon we were pretty sure at this time if we never saw another potato chip that would be too soon). Then we would head up the Cape, do a bit of work for the station and catch up with our friends and get our heads around where the pigs were so we could have a few places sorted for when the other lads arrived. It was great to catch up with Cameron and Michelle and their family and it wasn't long before Ryan and Dennis rocked up, itchy to loose a few shafts.

We all ventured out and I must say I started a bit shaky. I took a very nice boar which later went Record Class but I was shooting very poorly for some reason ... nerves maybe. I always endeavour to take the life

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of a feral as ethically and humanely as I can, with one well placed razor-sharp broadhead. Unfortunately, sometimes more than one arrow is needed and as ethical hunters we should always ensure we make every effort to dispatch our quarry as quickly as possible. Thankfully, things went to plan for the rest of the trip. I must have shaken off the nerves and was shooting well.

The next couple of days were a bit slow. I took a couple of fat little boars just to keep my eye in.

I ventured out the back of the property to one of my most loved locations anywhere. I wanted to have a look at the track and to see what was hanging around the waterhole. I managed to take a couple of very nice boars wallowing in the mud around the hole. Later in the week, this spot would give me be my best day's hunting yet.

The next couple of days saw Dennis shoot one of the biggest pigs we have ever seen up here. It just lay there as he rode past on the buggy. Dennis came back on foot and made a very short stalk in to find him standing up, so sent a super-fast arrow through the boar's vitals. Dennis is quite vertically



One of the wallowing boars.



Dennis with his amazing boar.

challenged and anyone who knows us knows we love to stick it to each other any time we can. But his boar, well, that was a monster! It had an awesome saddleback as well.

I spent the same days investigating some dry creeks that I hadn't been to before and had some very close-by shots on a couple of boars, resulting in another pair down.

My time up here hunting was coming to a close, but in usual style the bowhunting gods had saved the best till last. It was the second last day of hunting and I wanted to go back to my little piece of bowhunting paradise at the back of the property. I headed out extra early as there were couple of old brumby carcasses I wanted to check

on the way then I'd hunt my favourite waterhole later in the day when it got a bit hotter. I parked the quad well back from the carcasses and walked in the last 1.5km as the morning was super still. Sure enough, there were two boars on the carcass squabbling over who was the boss. This gave me time to close in and slip a shaft into the one on the carcass as the other one seemed to have lost interest and was walking off. My pig made a 20m dash and went down kicking on the ground. This commotion interested the boar that had been walking off and he came back cautiously to investigate. When a shot presented itself, my arrow was on its way. Number two was down and the morning was just a pup!

After a couple of quick photos, I was on my way again, happy that I'd taken two Trophy Class pigs already that morning. Halfway to the waterhole was a nearly spent carcass that I was pretty sure would have nothing at it so I snuck in on my Japanese sneaking boots (the quad). About 60m out I was proved wrong with about six average sows jumping up and running off. I crept a little closer to investigate and sure enough another sow jumped up—or so I thought. It turned out to be quite a frail old boar but I could quite easily see his hooks over his top jaw. I thought I had blown my chance as he stood looking at the large strange object sitting on a bright red quad chugging away some 35m from him. I switched the bike off quickly and sat still. After a while he put his nose down and sniffed around looking for the ladies that had left earlier. He slowly trotted off looking for his girls then stopped to dig around and so on. I followed him like this on foot for some 300m, slowly closing the gap until a shot presented itself at 30m. Before he could react, the arrow was on its way and I had a good 30 pointer on the ground. A few photos and I walked back to the quad carrying his jaw, only to find a cheeky dingo looking at this odd red four-wheeled device. I sent an arrow his way without ranging first and was out by a bit only so only frightened him as the arrow sailed harmlessly over his head.

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John's 30 pointer.

I headed on to the waterhole and parked the usual 800m out. I slowly stalked in to the waterhole with the wind in my face. As I got in view of the waterhole, my eyes were working overtime trying to pick out some movement—the flick of an ear or tail or a strange shape. It wasn't long before I noticed the snout and side of a head of a pig on my side of the water. He was lying flat on his side and most of his body was submerged in black mud. I snuck in to 18m and let him have a Slick Trick. He ran out of the wallow past me and died 20m behind me. I prepped him for a photo and

retrieved my arrow from the mud. As I was washing my arrow in the water, I noticed another hog 200m further along, also wallowing. I slowly made my way round the waterhole keeping my eyes peeled, as there are so many hiding places along the edges. Sure enough, on the way I put up a monster hog that one of the boys would later get after I had gone home. I got in to 32m on the second pig and placed a shaft a little far back which allowed him to run about 150m back towards my first pig before succumbing to his wound. I was retrieving my arrow from his body, prepping to drag him to the

first pig to take photos when I noticed a third one sitting in the first one's wallow! What the actual hell, he had to have walked across my scent trail to get there. From this angle I had no cover and had to make my way across the open to keep the wind right. While I was doing that, a very cranky looking feral cow had made her way to the water and was keeping the hog occupied with her movements. This was both a blessing and a curse. It allowed me to close the distance while the pig was watching her but before I loosed the arrow, she got nervous and snorted, stomping her foot. The hog leapt up and the arrow hit the spot I was aiming at but his vitals were no longer there and the arrow hit him in the rear leg and his pizzle. Not surprisingly, he was quite cranky and took off roaring but stopped 48m out looking directly at the first pig prepped for a photo. This gave me enough time to accurately send a second shift on its way. He went down 50m further out. Wow, three pigs within photo distance of each other!

I went to the edge of the first wallow and retrieved my arrow. I was squatting in the mud washing the thick black mud off the arrow when I looked up to see a fourth pig amble out of the brush to the water's edge not 16m from me. The old arrow I was washing was still razor-sharp so I slowly nocked it and sent it on its way to claim my seventh Trophy-Class-or-above pig for the day. He made 10m and died looking at the first pig.

I dragged them all together for a photo. I then sat on the edge of this paradise watching two more good pigs come in to the other side of the waterhole while I ate my lunch and reminisced about how lucky I was to be able to out here doing the thing that is truly a part of who I am.

I left those two to fight another day and headed back to the homestead.

That night at tea saw many stories



of each other's adventures for the day. Plans were made for the last day's hunt. I would head out to a far dry creek I had seen on the GPS but had never visited. On the way I was intending to show Ryan and Dennis another big creek that still had pools of water in it, but we never made it as Ryan's buggy broke down. We got it temporarily going but he decided to go back instead of further away from the homestead, so I took Dennis out to the creek. I dropped him at the start of the creek and rode up a couple of kilometres then continued down the creek on foot. Dennis would pick me up when he reached the bike.

I had seen very little sign at the creek and was nearing the end when I noticed a likely shady corner. I decided if there was no pig in it then I would bail out. As I neared the corner, I slowed right down but even though I was barefooted the leaves were very noisy underfoot. I was standing right on the corner on the high bank when my eyes locked with a boar and this

cracker fellow took off out of his bed. Consequently on the next corner a large mob exploded out of their beds and took off.

I was a little defeated, hot and thirsty, so I decided to go around to the next corner and drop into the creek to look at the beds and have a rest in the shade. As I stepped down into the creek, my overgrown foot got tangled in a root and I fell ever so graciously on my face. I swore loudly and just before I hit the dirt I noticed a good boar sit up on his haunches, awoken by the sound of some strange dense timber falling. I tried to quickly regain my composure and check my gear over while inspecting the quality of this boar. I couldn't see his hooks but I decided in my still quite frustrated and embarrassed state that I would have a go at him. I closed the distance to 30m and had a very steep quartering-away shot. It looked good and I thought the arrow hit where I was aiming. He roared and exploded out of his bed continually roaring and doing circles

looking for what bit him. He went over the far bank out of sight but I could still hear him. Then he came back into the creek and was slowly coming towards me roaring and still doing circles. I could see a bunch of gut hanging out and my heart sank. I hadn't seen the arrow out the other side but now I was pretty sure I had gut-shot him. By now I had missed my opportunity to retreat out of the creek without him seeing me. Things got a little nervous then, because he was still mad and only 20m from me and he would definitely want to dish out a bit of retribution if he saw me move. At this point the pig from the first corner walked cautiously back to the creek to see what all the commotion was about. He went through the creek out the other side and up onto the opposite high bank, keeping a bead on the very vocal boar in the creek. As he got to the highest point on the creek bank the fella in the creek got the wobbly boot and lay down for his last time, with a very relieved highly stressed hunter (me) only metres from him.

This intrigued the larger bloke and he circled round the creek bank and was headed for the same place where I'd fallen on my face. I had nocked an arrow when his eyes were out of view. As he came down the bank he would walk within a metre of my head. I had already drawn on him as his head went behind a small bush. As he stood there within a metre or two from me but above my head, I could see the details of his eyes as he stared directly at me. The arrow had barely left the bow when it struck him in the middle of the chest between his front legs and exited just behind his shoulderblades. He thankfully turned away and only made 3m before bailing up. It had been a heartstopping moment to say the least; this was the closest shot I have ever taken and one I will never forget. A quick investigation showed the first pig had the arrow full length inside him, it had hit its mark but for



Fabulous foursome.

some reason he had hung on way too long—man, these things are tough. A couple of photos of both pigs and I could hear Dennis coming to pick me up. What a way to end the trip.

We packed up and said our goodbyes and I headed home. What a trip—a total of 14 Trophy Class or better hogs and two Record Class. The rest of the boys stayed for an extra few days and cleaned up. I would like to thank Cameron and Michelle again for their hospitality and the opportunity to hunt this awesome part of the country. I would also like to thank Abbey Archery for supplying my gear. If you ever need archery gear look up these guys in one of their two locations—Brisbane or Sydney. Lastly, thanks to my mates who share this hunt with me each year. The camaraderie and mateship is what makes a trip.



John's final two boars of the trip—the close-call pig and the one taken just after.



Mount Isa District Bowhunters Invitational Shoot

Everyone's a winner

by RHONDA PITT

Mount Isa District Bowhunters held their Invitational Shoot on the Queen's Birthday weekend in October, starting with a Friday night meet and greet.

As we had no Branch B members nominate to attend, we held a club social night with our members rolling up and enjoying a barbecue dinner, plenty of cold drinks and great music followed by a night of shooting some arrows.

Saturday morning started with a hearty breakfast. We had 20 nominations for the ABA round, which was held on our Notorious Hill Course. The three-arrow round was held

in the morning and the one-arrow in the afternoon, with members smashing arrows into the shale rocks and showing off their broken arrows (it's a kind of like 'show and tell' from schooldays!) The weather was just right for a day of shooting arrows. The slight cool breeze kept the heat at bay and we could not have asked for better. Novelty events of knife and axe, along with arrows shot for prizes, ended the day. A money board was held, and the winners were Richard Morrison, Graham Bird and Rick Morrison.

A delicious dinner of mixed grill and salad, along with





dessert, was followed by some great music.

On Sunday morning we had 22 nominations for the 3D round on the Pavex River Course and then started our 40 lucky door prizes. I think Darby and Ryan must have won the majority of these prizes! Thanks to Tusker Broadheads, Tusker Productions, Rimex Wheels, Lee and Jo Schmidt and our club for all the donations that made the weekend a great success. After a cold meat and salad lunch, we proceeded with the presentation. Every member who participated received a first place gold ribbon medallion, because we believe everyone was a winner for attending and making the weekend so enjoyable!

Also on the weekend we had a special celebration for one of our members, Richard Morrison, who celebrated his 75th birthday with a chocolate cake enjoyed by all. When it was all over, it was time to sit back, relax and get a coldie to watch the footie grand final.

We are hoping that next year members from Branch B will be able to make it to our club and enjoy a weekend like the one we just had, with great courses, great food, good music and laughter throughout the whole weekend—and and bloody good weather!



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BACK TO BASICS

RESCUE

Part 2

In previous issues of *Archery Action*, we have discussed the Priorities of Survival and have broken them down into their sub-elements. In the previous issue, we found that hunters were one of the 11 designated categories of people in the western world who got lost and were reported missing. So, picking up on this theme, in this issue we'll look at the second priority of the rescue element of survival, and what you can do to place yourself in the best possible position to be found by Search and Rescue (SAR) teams.

Tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs)

Increasing your chances of being located by SAR assets boils down to Tactics Techniques and Procedures (TTPs). Specifically, TTPs are the patterns of behaviour, activities or methods that you routinely use in any given situation. In this case, when you go hunting or when you are lost.

Before leaving home

Before heading out on a hunting trip, your TTPs should start with the following:

- You've left a detailed fridge-gram at home and with a mate, boss or neighbour telling them where you're going,

with whom, and when you expect to be back. (For more on fridge-grams, see www.heimanhabitat.com.au.)

- You've purchased a Personal Locating Beacon (PLB) and registered it online on the beacon registration system operated by AMSA or by contacting 1800 406 406.
- You've had your vehicle serviced to reduce the likelihood of breakdown.
- You've checked all your communications gear and have spare batteries for handhelds.
- You've checked your torch to ensure it works and you have spare batteries.
- You've packed (and will carry!) your first aid kits.
- You've packed (and will carry!) your survival kit and checked its contents. (Note: a handy guide is the list in the Bowhunter Proficiency Manual. We'll cover this in more detail in a separate article.)



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Stop!

You've been invited on a trip or perhaps planned one for ages to get that Record Class buck, billy or boar. Somewhere along the line something goes awry. You've been turned around in the mulga, bamboozled by the bush, zigged when you should have zagged, or perhaps you're simply geographically embarrassed. However it has happened, once you've identified that you're lost, the first thing you need to do is STOP. Literally, but the word stop can also be used as a survival acronym:

S – Stop and stay calm. Panicking helps no one and you'll need a clear mind for the next steps.

T – Think. Sometimes, this is all it takes and you'll be able to retrace your steps back to camp. Other times, though, you'll need to prioritise your actions based the Survival Priorities of Protection, Rescue, Water and Food.

O – Observe. What's in your pockets, pack et cetera?. Can you hear a car, river, livestock, or ocean to assist in triangulating where you are? What's the weather look like and what's it going to do? Can you see any bush tucker or water sources about ... or game trails that might lead to them? Or how about gun shots, the beep of a horn, a whistle or someone yelling out your name?

P – Plan. It's only after you've sat down, calmly thought about the situation, observed what is around you and what you have on you, that you are able to take an informed course of action.

After making preparations for your Protection, what you need to do next is to take steps to maximise the likelihood that the searcher will find you.

Attention seeker

Now is the time to channel your inner Hollywood celebrity. That is, you need everyone to be looking at you. Add some MacGyver-inspired antics and you may be well on your way to being rescued.

Specifically, position yourself so you can both see—and be seen from—potential aerial and ground-based search parties. Then enhance your visual signature.

For example, are you carrying a survival blanket? (Note: Survival blankets are not the cheap shiny blankets that come standard in first aid kits. Survival blankets are stronger and typically have one side coated hi-vis so that they are visible at a distance ... even from the air). If you don't need your survival blanket to stay warm and protected, then consider using it as a passive rescue aid in the form of a ground-to-air signal. To do this, place the blanket out in the open to maximise its effect. It doesn't have to be next to you but rather it should direct attention towards your position.

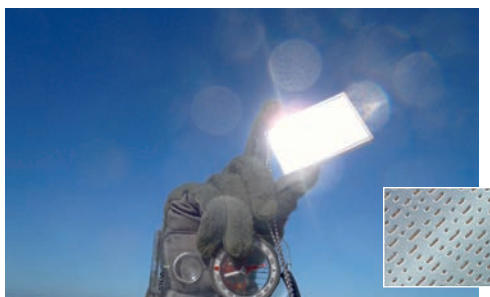
If you don't have an available survival blanket, create the letter V in the open out of whatever you can find



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around you. Make the sides at least 6m long and .6m wide so that a fixed wing plane can see it from afar. This is the international ground to air signal for 'Require Assistance'.

You can also tear a first aid blanket into strips and create a 'tinsel tree'. Think of a Christmas tree full of reflective shiny things. Failing that, the inside of a few chip packets could achieve a similar result. If you're broken down in a vehicle, consider removing the mirrors and lamps from your rig and stringing them up to enhance visual detection. As the wind blows, the wind movement will cause them to flash sunlight and to catch the attention of searchers.

If you're carrying a PLB, you can enhance its effectiveness too. The PLB should be positioned to have the clearest possible view of the sky. Obstructions such as tree cover, deep canyons, ravines, caves, overhangs and shadowing objects can block out the view of satellites and may inhibit the signals from reaching and sending from the PLB. You can enrich the signal by placing the device on the roof of your 4x4. If you're on foot, place it on your survival blanket.

Burn baby burn

Signal fires are commonly used in rescue situations.



If you can't find enough materials for your signal, you may have to start digging.



A smoke signal is more than simply one branch of green stuff on the fire.

Below: Your smoke plume needs to be carried straight up.



But did you know that three fires arranged in a triangle is an international signal for help? Modern-day SAR helicopters have FLIR—Forward Looking Infra-Red—that can see your body heat as it approaches you. Meanwhile, while the aircraft is operating its search pattern, crew members will be looking out the sides of the fuselage for other signals—like your fire—using their ‘mark one eyeballs’ and night vision devices.

During the day, you could have a smoke fire—or three of them 10m apart in a triangle (are you sensing a theme to this yet?). Ensure that you have a pile of fresh green vegetation stacked alongside each fire to provide the smoke when lit. This fuel needs to be replaced daily to ensure that it remains fresh and smoky.

When required, fires are lit and the green vegetation is piled on the frames. The updraft of hot air from the fire carries the smoke from the burning green vegetation up in a column.

Remember that, when it comes to signal fires, you'll have a two-minute window. That is, from the moment you can hear an aeroplane's engine drone off in the distance, you have two minutes to attract its attention before the search asset is out of sight and unable to see your signal aids.

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Dot-dot-dot flash-flash-flash

As the smoke is rising from your fire, you—or another member of your team—must be trying all other methods at your disposal to attract attention.

So, jump on the radio and see if anyone is listening. Did you know that the Australian Government has legislated that Channels 5 and 35 on the UHF CB Band are reserved for emergency use only and have volunteers listening? (Improper use of these channels can actually incur heavy penalties.)

While this is going on, you should have your purpose-designed heliograph flashing away to get the aerial (or ground-based) search party's attention.

If you don't have a heliograph, try using a normal mirror. Don't rely on carrying a CD/DVD. Contrary to some urban myths, they don't operate as effectively. The surface of a CD or DVD, while smooth to the touch, actually has thousands of pits arranged in the form of spiral tracks. When visible light strikes the pits, each pit diffracts light in different directions (hence the rainbow colours you see). This has the effect of dispersing the reflected light rather than focussing it. So, while a purpose-designed heliograph will reflect light to the horizon, a CD/DVD probably won't be seen beyond a kilometre or so.

Make a noise

While not useful for aerial searches, the humble whistle is great for attracting attention of ground-based SAR while conserving your strength and saving your voice (and hydration levels). But not all whistles are created equal.

While you can find cheap goods at charity shops or thrift stores, when it comes to survival, don't place your life at the disposal of a \$2 whistle. To be useful in a survival situation, a whistle should:

- Emit a disco-disturbing 110-120db.
- Preferably be double chambered and emit two frequencies .
- Be pealess—because a pea that's wet from rain (or because you fell overboard in a boating incident) won't emit a sound.
- Be operable with gloved hands for when it's cold.
- Preferably not made of metal so it doesn't get stuck to your lips in freezing weather.
- Be manufactured in hi-vis colours for if you drop it ... and you might easily do so.

When you blow the whistle, you want to have three distinct blows with short pauses in between and then a long pause waiting for a response. Three blasts of the whistle is an international distress call, which is loosely translated to "Help me!" Two blasts of the whistle is a call-back signal



Whistles are not all the same. Some are gimmicks rather than being useful items in survival situations.

which means "Come here." One long blast can mean "Where are you?" or it can be a call-back signal if you hear anything that sounds like a code.

An oldie but a goodie

By now you should have recognised a recurring theme of 'threes' among these TTPs. Patterns of three are abnormal in nature and are therefore more likely to attract attention. The classic SOS is an obvious example.

Besides a whistle, you can use other things to send an SOS (such as lights or flags), but the code is still the same: three dots, three dashes, and three more dots. The dot is a short, sharp pulse about a second long; the duration of a dash is three times the duration of a dot. The inter-element gap between the dots and dashes is one dot duration or one unit long.

SOS is the only nine-element signal in Morse code, making it easily recognisable, since no other symbol uses more than eight elements.

Now think about your modern-day radio. You might be able to hear someone from a base station or a vehicle-mounted five-watt radio but they may not be able to hear you speaking on your hand-held for a variety of reasons. In such a scenario, press the pressel switch (generally called the 'Push to Talk' [PTT] button) on your device three times to break channel. Provided that you've established a TTP around this practice ahead of time, this action will let the originator of the communications know that you can hear them even though—for whatever reason—they can't hear you.

Take away

Act like a Boy Scout and 'Be Prepared'. Always take quality gear out bush and know how to use it. Don't be 'that guy' with all the gear and no idea.

Around THE TRADS

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Sue Wallace

✱ On the weekend of August 3 and 4 the Golden Triangle Archers in Victoria held the Dunolly Trad Shoot, attended by 66 archers. I have gathered the following information from a Queensland archer who attended, thank you Tom.

We shot a selection of 3D targets around the ranges shooting two arrows at each. Then came the viking ship which was shot from about 40m or 50m with some extra points available for the hard-to-hit shields, and a running pig. Lastly, we shot the kings round from 20m, 30m, 40m and 50m at IFAA-style targets. Once you had your distances sorted you could choose to shoot again from any of the earlier distances. If you shot from 50m then you multiplied your score by 5, from 40m multiply by 4 and so on. It was interesting to see different strategies at play but if you could score from 50m then multiplying by 5 made a *big* difference to your final scores.

There was axe and knife throwing later in the afternoon. On Sunday the range was shot again. A great raffle table with lots of great prizes and as always a great selection of meals cooked by the local ladies made for a fabulous shoot.

✱ As some of you know, I have been somewhat preoccupied with getting my better half back on his feet following his illness and hospitalisation and haven't been able to attend some shoots. I decided to follow up on a couple of these and was quite surprised when I couldn't seem to find anything on the Stanthorpe trad shoot which was held on August 10 and 11. I was disappointed to find that only one fellow and his daughter had travelled to the shoot. I remember there was snow predicted, so I guess that may have changed a few minds. Anyway, I am pleased to say I have received some information from Bunga Bunga, so thank you Chris for retelling the story of your visit and enjoyable weekend. The club I believe have not been disheartened, so let's keep our fingers crossed we don't lose this shoot. Enjoy the story, from Chris:

It was Friday lunch time, and I had organised an early finish at work to get on the road to Stanthorpe to attend the Granite Belt Bowmen Traditional Shoot.

It was our first visit to Granite Belt Bowmen, and we'd received great feedback from other archers about the previous year's shoot, so I decided that this year we would attend.

The weather forecast was for temperatures as low as -2° with a chance of snow. As my daughter Gemma had never seen snow, she was excited at the possibility of a snowfall.

We arrived just before dark, with enough time to set up our gazebo and swag, then headed back into town to get some supplies and have dinner at O'Mara's Hotel.

The next morning we awoke to find only two other campsites were established and to tell the truth I was a bit dubious about how the weekend would pan out with such a small attendance. As it worked out, Gemma and I were the only two archers who attended from away, and there were 15 or so core Stanthorpe members.

After getting over the initial introductions and perhaps a little nervousness at being around new people, we formed some groups and headed out. The ranges were well set out and somewhat challenging, in both target obstructions with overlying branches and physical exertion climbing your way up the mountain.

Once at the top, the view took on a new meaning, with a fantastic outlook over the surrounding bushland and farming area of the Granite Belt.

While we were shooting, the winds picked up quite a bit, and often we found the arrow being blown off the rest while at full draw! We weren't too concerned—we all found it a bit of extra fun trying to time our shots in between the strong gusts of wind whirling up the mountain.

Saturday lunch was a killer steak sandwich, homemade vanilla slice and Cherry Ripe rum balls, which was all quickly consumed along with several cups of coffee to warm up the inner core.

After lunch we took on the 3D range, enjoying a leisurely stroll along the flat course, with the usual banter and jovial remarks while crossing paths with the other shooting groups.

It had a great vibe throughout the day with Brodyn playing country music out of his UE Boom mobile speaker and the boys' laidback but competitive nature.

The Tonka 3D rabbit set up on the weighted line was absolutely brilliant, we all spent a good couple of hours trying to master the lead required to nail that quick little critter.

As the temperatures plummeted, the fireplaces were stoked and the music got louder, beers and spirits flowed freely—it was party time. After all the hard work the members had put into the new clubhouse, it was their first opportunity to kick back and enjoy all of what they had achieved.

The clubhouse started to swell as spouses and siblings attended for dinner. The hearty home-cooked stew around the fireplace was well appreciated, with lots of desserts and treats for the kids.

The celebrations went well into the night, with many of us taking shelter in the clubhouse to avoid the fresh outside temperatures. By 1.00am most of us were knackered, worn out by all the laughter, campfire stories and shenanigans.

The next morning we had a very slow start with many contemplating shooting at all, due to sore heads and lack of sleep. After a mighty breakfast of bacon and eggs, hot coffee and Panadol, we gathered to shoot another two rounds.

No snowfall had been recorded on the Granite Belt the night before, but it was a night Gemma and I will remember for many years to come.

A big thank you to Dennis, Bronyn, Kerry, Shane, Jack, Aaron and Brett for making our stay so memorable, not forgetting all of the wives and siblings for all of the home-cooked meals and help during the event. We look forward to our return.

✱ It was a glorious morning as I headed down the highway toward Sunshine Coast Bowmen's course near Forest Glen on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland to attend their

one-day trad shoot in August. I wasn't expecting to be at this shoot, and received a very warm reception when I arrived.

The range captain, Mr Peter, mentioned at muster that one course was going to be a fox hunt (as all the targets were foxes) and the other course was a two-arrow 3D. At this club, due to the course layout, all groups are allocated target numbers and everyone sets out then a siren is sounded for all to start.

Our all-female group headed out to find we had the fox hunt course first. These 20 were all ABA photo targets and my goodness some of those foxes could do with a feed! Mr Peter had certainly arranged the shooting peg in some testing situations. It was a little challenging, and fun, and the scores were certainly not going to be the highest on this range. Two in our group were a mother and daughter who were quite new to the sport and were shooting from the yellow peg, which at times was further away from the target than the orange peg just to make it interesting for them.

Once we had completed this course we stopped for a lunch of handmade chicken and beef sausages with coleslaw.

Then we headed out to do the second course which was full of 3D targets. The final target was two little bunnies (one arrow at each). The new



Dunnolly speed round.



Sitting down on the job at Dunolly.



Hills to climb at Stanthorpe.



A cold day on the Granite Belt.



Sunshine Coast Bowmen 3D round.



Big crowd at Tully..

people were really enjoying shooting at these targets, and once again Mr Peter had taken full advantage of the foliage and trees along the pathways when placing the orange trad pegs.

At least 45 archers enjoyed the day. The club's next single day trad shoot is November 17.

✱ The Swan Hill Archery Club held its annual trad shoot on the weekend of August 24 and 25. Archers from Queensland, South Australia and NSW travelled to join the club members for the weekend. The weather was fine and cool. The following information was received from one of the archers who attended:

There were two field courses of 20 targets, one with a combination of 3D animals and paper targets where you shot two arrows at each target, unless there were two targets at the peg, in which case you shot one arrow at each. Included were some novelty events including Marty the Moose, a 10m shot, scoring 10/5 on the target score zone, unless you hit a Swan Hill sticker, in which case you scored 50 points. If you dropped short and landed in the circle on the ground you had points deducted ... as if missing wasn't bad enough!

There was also a flying goat, a steel dragon where two arrows shot through the centre of the target earned you 50 points each or you

could choose to shoot the 3D animal and score 10 or 5. The rolling discs were shot from a tower and then you shot at the bear target nearby.

The 30-second speed round was set up in a dry creekbed and found archers shooting at stuffed toys plus rabbits and cats. At the 60-second hunt round you walked to the first brick shooting at the two targets before moving to the next brick and shooting the next two targets until you reached the end which was three balls set on posts.

One of the 3D targets on this course was a deer target at the end of a very narrow shooting lane which also had overhanging branches. Very interesting results for some archers, I believe.

The second course was all paper targets, shooting two arrows at each target, one from the red peg and one from the green peg.

The Swan Hill club should be congratulated. Non-shooting members get behind the trad shoot by running the meals and helping with the course set-ups for the archers to enjoy. Everyone is looking forward to next year's event, which may be held a little earlier in the year. Keep your eye on the calendar.

✱ Townsville Bowhunters held their trad shoot on the same weekend, with approximately 50 archers attending,

including travellers from Newcastle, Brisbane and Gympie and I believe it was a pretty good shoot with two field courses and some novelties.

✱ Tully Bowhunters held their club's first trad shoot under the TAA banner, on the first weekend of September weekend with more than 90 archers attending this one including the travellers from Newcastle, Brisbane and Gympie, as well as the Sunshine Coast and Gladstone. The following information came from Greg, a Tully bowhunter.

We had one of the best Invitational shoots ever, with more than 100 shooters competing in the two-day event. The shoot opened with 'split the sapling' followed by the running deer. We had three different courses for the weekend from open terrain to rainforest. On Day 1, Course 1, there was a two-arrow round on 15 3D targets including running goat and canoe shot,

Course 2 was a two-arrow round on 3D targets plus speed round on another five 5 3D targets. Novelty was the Bundy bear long shot plus the Iron man contest.

On the second day on Course 3, we shot a one-arrow on 20 3D targets then had presentations.

The Tully Bowhunters would like to thank Shane Knuth MP for presenting

the overall traditional winner with the Bill Hill Memorial trophy. This year it went to Jaben Seargent. Also, thanks to our volunteers for making the weekend a successful event.

✱ On Sunday September 8, Chevallan Archery Park held a single day trad shoot. A few people had camped over and everyone was raring to go so we had muster early. Quite a few of the Kurwongbah Lake Traditional Archers joined us, all looking very distinctive in their brand new shirts.

The course was laid out so all shooting was done to the right of the walking area. For this shoot there were 22 3D targets, with two arrows at each, scoring 10/5. The targets were shot from the orange peg on the way down and from the blue peg on the way back. Other events were moving pig, 45-second 3D round yard speed round walking from one target to the next, and the rolling disc.

Then there was lunch, novelties and presentations. The next single day event is November 24.

✱ On the weekend of September 7 and 8, the White Rose Archery Klub Inc in Irymple Victoria held a trad shoot to for the locals and to accommodate those who were travelling around the State. There were archers from as far afield as Queensland and SA who gathered to enjoy the set up. For

this shoot they only shot the rounds and novelties at the home property. The weather was a little on the cool side and the fire bucket pit was put to good use. The targets included rolling discs that had to be shot through a doorway and some tower shots to targets below. The speed round was held with a bit of a twist, with extra points for targets hit and scored in a certain time.

✱ The following weekend, the club at Taree held their annual trad shoot. Here is a little write up from Mr and Mrs Towball:

Thank you Manning District Bowhunters for a wonderful weekend. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves as did everyone present. The course was fantastic—real trad and very well designed. Dave and Chris must have spent some time thinking up some of the crazy shots and well thought out placements. Sharlie and everyone involved with the canteen and cooking, well done! The members at Manning are so friendly and welcoming. Karl and Glen thank you for making everyone feel special. Numbers were a little disappointing for all the hard work put into the shoot. The up side is that we all managed to chat with everyone and have fun!

✱ The only trad shoot confirmed for December and January is Stawell

Bowhunters Inaugural Trad Shoot on November 30 and December 1.

✱ Reports from Chevallan Archery Park, Hunter Valley Trad Archers, North Albert Trad Tourney and Sunshine Coast Bowmen will be in the next issue.

You will find the further information and available flyers for the traditional shoots on the following websites:

Traditional Archery Australia: www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org > Shoot Information

Wallace Woods: www.wallacetradwoods.com > Shoot information (proposed 2019 calendar, and will have the link to the shoot flyers as they become available)

Chevallan Archery Park: www.chevallanarcherypark.com – for the proposed traditional shoot calendar, IBO approved African 3D targets with replaceable centres, customised archery medals/medallions.

Ozbow: www.ozbow.net > Traditional Archery Events > each shoot has an individual thread

Wishing all the readers the very best for the festive season, and I look forward to seeing you 'round the trads in 2020.



Rolling discs, Swan Hill.



Scary 3D target at Manning.



White Rose tower shot.

THE MANY FACES OF ARCHERY



by JETT HARCH

I had never experienced anything quite like it before—three action-packed days of archery where I was lucky enough to have success in a couple of completely different fields.

It all started on a Friday. I got off school so that my Dad, my uncle and I could go hunting on a particular property in western Queensland. We arrived on Thursday. Nothing happened on that day to write about, except that we saw plenty of sign and walked our fair share of kilometres.

On Friday, our day had a bit of a humorous start as my uncle had accidentally set his alarm 45 minutes earlier than mine and Dad's. Oh well, we were awake by then so up we got to get ready for the day.

First we walked a feedlot and came up empty. Then the day really began. My uncle and I walked about five creeks, with an average of 5km per creek, and my Dad stayed behind to pick us up at the end of our walk. He was planning to fly his new drone to try to find pigs. After walking our last creek we came back to the car, and the next thing we knew Dad was running towards us, frantically pointing into the scrub. He caught up to us and showed us the pigs on his phone connected to his drone. Long story short, we never found them, although Dad did get a shot at a big boar.

Our time hunting was coming to an end, but we went to one more scrubby area where pigs have been seen frequently. As we all walked in on a very well used pig pad we came to



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a more thick bushy area and hooray I spotted a pig! It appeared to be a skinny old sow, but a pig is a pig and I hadn't got one yet with a bow. We were about 50yd from her. I started my stalk, with the wind in my face and checking my footing as I slowly crept up on the sleeping pig. I was now at 20yd and ready to shoot, but Dad ushered me forward. I was now at 15yd and the pig was still sleeping, but now I could see the angle she was on. She was sleeping with her back to me but I was comfortable with my equipment and knew I could get the job done.

I positioned my feet, gripped my bow, pointed toward the target, drew, aimed just above its spine and released. My arrow was away on its deadly path, the arrow landed right where I wanted it. Holy moly, the skinny sow was a young boar but was still big. I saw my arrow in his back and he ran off into the scrub. I could hear the unmistakable *crack* of my arrow snapping, but then dust, crash and nothing.

My pig was done. He had barely made it 10yd, and I'd arrowed him with a perfect heart shot. I waited 10 minutes before going to check on him with my Dad. I saw him lying motionlessly.

Now to drag him out. I grabbed his back leg and pulled. Nothing. I couldn't move him at all. Hey Dad, you're up!

Once he was out of the scrub I got overwhelmed with intense excitement—well, truthfully that had been happening since I first saw him. After a mountain of photos and a quick video for my YouTube channel, Dad announced he had filmed me shooting him, and I couldn't have

been happier. This was my first pig, a young boar around 85kg with only tiny tusks but oh well.

Then it was time to leave my favourite place because we had a different kind of archery lined up for the next day, competing in the 3DAAA Queensland State Championship.

I had been waiting for this morning for six months. Gladstone Field Archers, my home club, was hosting the competition. On the first day we would shoot three ranges, and two the following day. We first shot the red range, where I managed an 80 out of 100. Then we moved to the blue range where I shot a score two better and on to the yellow range where I shot an 85 out of 100.

After all the shooting was done for the day we all just sat back and relaxed. At about 7 o'clock the knife and axe throwing began. First was axe or tomahawk. This I was good at, and won out of about 20 kids with a score of 27 out of about 50. The knife competition was a different story. I did no good and only got a score of 1.

Sunday was the final archery day and we shot the orange and the green range. Both were awesome and had targets like pigs, deer, foxes, alligators and elk. On the orange range I shot a 78 which was disappointing as I knew I could do better. But on the green range—which was supposed to be the hardest range—I came up with 85 out of 100, which was a great way to end the shooting.

After everyone had finished, there was a Top 10 Shootout for adults with aided and unaided. It was great to watch.

Then it was time for the presentations and I was excited to have won my division of YMR 13-14 years. I received a cool looking belt buckle with "3DAAA State Champion" written on it. This was awesome! It was the first competition I'd won, and I'd just got my first pig with a bow and arrow as well. It was the best three days of my year ... maybe the best three days of my life!

My uncle came second in his division and Dad came 10th in a very popular division, so we all did pretty well. Now I'm planning to go to the national shoot in NSW to try to do it all again.

My YouTube channel, 'The bow show', has a video of my shot on the pig. I used a Bear Cruzer G2 bow with GEN-X arrows and Magnus trad broadheads.



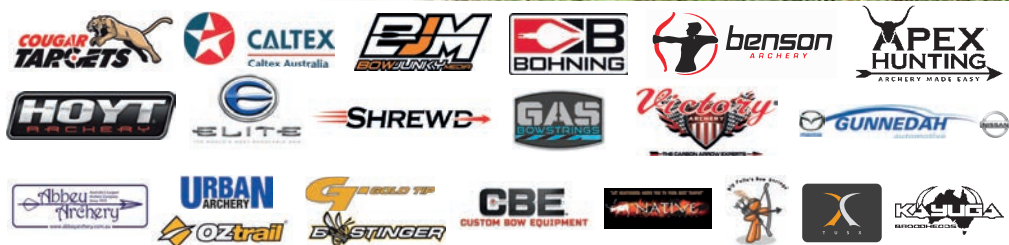
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Barebow division

The evolution of the barebow division and its present-day popularity is one of the most engaging stories in archery. At the 2019 Lancaster Indoor Classic, over 300 archers contested the barebow division, interestingly won by Australia's Michael Fisher. This event drew a huge telecast audience.

My own earliest competitive archery experiences in the early sixties were in the barebow class, then operating under the American National Field Archery Association rules in Australia.

The leading barebower of that era was Richmond

Virginian archer Cliff Necessary, who shot scores in excess of 500 for the 28-target field round. Cliff shot three fingers under the nock, utilising a shooting glove, and the barebow class received excellent coverage in the American archery magazines of that period.

In 1967, Florida barebower Frank Gandy stunned the archery fraternity by shooting a perfect 560, and surpassing the scores of the sighted division at the NFAA Nationals. Frank introduced the concept of stringwalking and multiple anchors, which allowed him to use point-of-arrow aiming on all targets. This is the

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method still utilised today by the world's best.

Frank went on, it should be noted, to become first a sighted recurver winning the major indoor events and becoming the outdoor Professional Archers Association champion. He even switched to compound, once again amassing over 150 national and regional titles, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. His skills as a barebow, sighted recurver and compounder rate him as one of the very greatest overall archers of all time.

Into the seventies, David Hughes became the perennial barebow champion in the USA, but in the decades which followed, European archers—particularly the Scandinavian shooters—began their dominance of world field championships instigated by the FITA world body.

The Swedes in particular produced superb barebow archers and Italy too commenced its rise to prominence in the nineties. Eric Johsson from Sweden, Ben Rogers from USA, Pasi Ahjokivi from Finland, Seb Codina from Spain and Giuseppe Seinendi and Sergio Cassiani from Italy are multiple world champions and tally field scores even a quality compounder would be proud of. The ladies too have a strong representation in Europe, with Lina Bjorklund from Sweden a multiple world title holder and Elanora Strobbe a regular podium contender.

The barebow situation worldwide suffers somewhat because there are a variety of rules across the archery organisations defining what is legal in competition. World Archery has the strictest guidelines, with no stabilisation or clicker permitted. The USA organisations vary as to stabiliser length and the validity of a clicker, so the lack of uniformity can cause confusion and restriction for competitors.

The top America archers, such as John Demmer, need to switch bow set-ups when competing in World Archery events and as a consequence a percentage

of USA barebowers choose to just shoot for one local organisation.

The Lancaster and Vegas indoor events are hugely popular, but Lancaster operates under World Archery auspices, while Vegas functions under National Field rules. European archers on their home turf and other international level barebowers under World Archery governance do not have to deal with these contingencies.

Canberra archer Michael Fisher has made a significant mark on the world stage with a bronze medal at the World Field Championships, the big win at Lancaster and high finishes at World Games and the Vegas shoot.

Barebow competitors really only come into any real focus and publicity during the World Archery Field Championships, held on alternate years to the target titles. The advent of the World Games barebow class has raised competitive opportunities and coverage on the net.

Watching world-class barebowers in action is fascinating viewing. They utilise long-limbed bows 70in to 72in to counter tiller concerns due to string walking. Stabilisation as regards adding rods is not legal as the low handle must pass through a circular device to pass scrutiny. However, additional weights can be added to the riser provided they pass that test.

Bu walking the string, with three fingers under and having point-of-the-arrow aim and various anchors, the archer can obtain on-the-target aiming at all distances. Of course, perfecting all these skills is a major achievement and their accuracy level is extraordinarily high at World Titles level.

I would certainly recommend taking any opportunity to view archery competitions on the internet, especially the World Archery Field Championships, World Games and particularly the coverage of the Lancaster Indoor Classic to observe these great archers in action.

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The son—Drew Edwards

“This time last year I wrote in to *Archery Action* and was introduced into the Trophy Bowhunters Association as I had shot a Record Class fox. I was asked what one of my bowhunting goals was and I replied that I wanted to spot and stalk warthog and impala in Africa. So here I was in South Africa, about to live out my big dream.





Kudu bull.

David:

I knew that like most hunters on their first African safari, my son Drew had kudu and nyala on his mind. To me, kudu is the most impressive plains game animal on the Dark Continent. To witness my son take a kudu with a bow along with his nyala, warthog, steenbok and a springbok are special moments I will never forget. They are his stories and only he should tell them; this is mine.

On the first day of our South African hunt, we spotted a lone kudu bull feeding along the edge of a ravine. Our guide Kelvin and I started to circle down and around the hill, keeping



the wind right and trying to get to the opposite edge of the ravine.

Halfway to the kudu, Kelvin started to drop back, pushing me slightly ahead. As I approached the kudu, I spotted a jackal coming through the

gaps in the bush down the hill in front of me. As a jackal was on my wish list, I took out my predator call and let out two bleats.

Out of nowhere I had three jackals all running at me, then I heard gravel



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Drew:

I had a rocky start to our trip. Four weeks before we left, I injured my knee when my mate rolled a 4WD buggy. I was still slightly crippled, but nothing was going to put an end to my African trip.

On September 11, Dad and I left Brisbane and arrived in Perth. After a cancelled flight due to engine problems we finally touched down in Johannesburg on September 13 and arrived at Port Elizabeth a couple hours later.

We were greeted by Kelvin Milsom from Induna Safaris in the airport and after an hour's drive we arrived at the lodge, eager to do some hunting. First we had to do some minor adjustments to our sights, then we were ready for an afternoon hunt. I was very excited to start my first plains game South African hunt. We figured out what the wind was doing and decided that we would go out and glass on top of a ridge that Kelvin suggested and which looked down into a gully and across to another ridge.

On the way, we spotted several vervet monkeys sitting in trees watching us as well as a spring hare which I took a shot at and missed. Not long after we arrived on top of the ridge, we spotted a lone kudu bull and Dad was up for the challenge. While Dad stalked closer, Kelvin and I sat back and watched the event unfold through our binoculars. With some skilful stalking; Dad was able to close the distance between him and the kudu bull. While watching the events unfold, we noticed a jackal to Dad's left. Dad pulled out his predator call which we use on foxes here in Australia and started calling the jackal in closer. Amazingly two more jackals appeared, and they were all coming towards him fairly quickly. To our amazement a duiker (a small antelope) came in to the whistle too, which really puzzled me. Kelvin was even more bewildered because he had never seen anything

like it. Neither of us could work out why a prey animal would come to a distress call.

The duiker noticed the jackals and took off. The jackals also took off and went up and over a ridge as we sat back and watched the events unfold. We noticed the kudu bull had been alerted by all the commotion, and he swiftly took off, disappearing over the next ridge. Dad unfortunately didn't get another opportunity to take a shot, but we both agreed that the afternoon in the bush had been very exciting and enjoyable.

Having seen such a number of species in a small area and the way they had reacted really got our adrenaline pumping and made us more excited for what was to come.

We were up early next morning,

ready for a long day of hunting. Dad and Kelvin went off hunting in one area of the concession to look for another kudu bull. I headed out with the tracker Ashley. It was great to be able to walk straight from the lodge into the bush. While we were walking through the rocky terrain, I couldn't help but notice the open expanse of land before us. It was really special just being able to walk through the beautiful barren land. We walked for some time before we noticed a sow warthog on a hill opposite us about 150yd away. She was feeding towards us. We got into a good position and the wind was right. I first ranged her at 60yd then she moved in to just under 40yd and started to snack on something, turning away and giving me a half-quartering-away/half-broadside shot. I



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being moved to my right. Not 10ft from me, a duiker ram stood for a tenth of a second completely unaware of my presence, then it bolted with three jackals in fast pursuit. Ashley the tracker, who was unaware of what had just happened, called on the two-way to say the kudu bull had joined up with four or five others and was headed over the other hill. Calling in that duiker stuck in my mind all night.

The next morning we went out looking for a kudu. As we glassed the valley in between two ridges we spotted four kudu cows and two yearlings heading up a game trail towards water. Glassing back down through the bush, we spotted a big kudu bull slowly following them. We made a plan to cut back up the hill, come around with the wind right and wait in ambush. The cows and yearlings came in just 37yd away as we waited for the bull. It was not long before the wind changed and the kudu cows barked and then bolted.

On the way back to the lodge we stopped at one thicket to see if we could call out a duiker. We had two come flying out of the bush but they

did not offer a shot opportunity.

The afternoons were father-and-son time (well, Dad, you're the cameraman!). Kelvin worked hard trying to get Drew into bow range of a super big kudu all morning and I could see by the look on their faces that sitting in a blind and shooting a few vervet monkeys wouldn't be such a bad thing. Vervet monkeys are a real pest and do more damage to bird and tortoise nests in South Africa than cats and foxes do to native animals here.

The next day's plan was that Drew and Kelvin would go over three ridges and spot and stalk in the third valley, while Ashley and I would head off to the thick bush that duiker like to call home. As we dropped off the ridge and made our way into the bush, I stopped and asked Ash to back into a bush as I did the same on the other side. He stood there shaking his head at me. (What's this mad Aussie up to?) I started with one light blow on the predator call and waited. Just as I started on the next call a ram sprang out of the bush; as I tried to draw back and spit out the call he was gone. Ashley was astounded; he

was ready to shoot her, and in a good position. My mind started racing, and while I was contemplating my options the wind swirled, and she bolted away. I was a little upset but knew there would be plenty more opportunities.

After about half an hour of walking, we spotted impala feeding in the distance. I'd been told back home that it would be very difficult to walk and stalk impala as they were such wary animals from being hunted by lions for thousands of year. The other problem, I'd been told, was that because you bumped into so much game while you were getting to them, the impala were usually alerted by the other animals before you got anywhere like near enough for a shot. Still, I was up for the challenge. We closed the distance and got within 90yd but we ran out of cover to get closer so sat and watched them. They were all on alert ... but not because of us. We could hear a rattling noise and when we looked through our binos we noticed two porcupines not far from the impala. We continued watching them for about half an hour. During this time, the large group of impala barely moved and were still very alert so we decided to abandon the stalk. As we walked back to the lodge, we spooked a duiker but no shot was given. Once we got back to the lodge, Dad and I exchanged our stories of the morning hunt and had some lunch.

After lunch we headed out to the blind. After a drawn-out half an hour, a troop of monkeys came in to feed on a pile of oranges—finally some entertainment! It was very interesting watching their interactions as they were blissfully unaware that we were watching. After about five minutes those monkeys were chased off by a larger troop. As they settled in to feed, I picked out the largest male with the bluest balls. I placed my 20yd pin right behind its shoulder and let the arrow go. The monkey ran about 15yd and



Drew's vervet monkey. Inset: Monkeys eating oranges.

expired. I was happy that I'd got my first animal but was now determined to bag a plains game animal. About 45 minutes later, a group of nyalas appeared out of nowhere. There were two bulls and three cows; they were quite alert and seemed very wary of their surroundings. They finally settled down to feed. I patiently waited for the biggest one to present a shot. Finally he did—a perfect, quartering-away shot at 20yd. I drew back as Kelvin opened the window then I placed my pin right behind the shoulder. My arrow took out his heart and exited right on his opposite shoulder and out the other side. He ran about 50m and we watched him fall over dead. I couldn't have asked for a better shot and I was thrilled with my beautiful animal and his quick death. We hopped out of the blind and retrieved my bull and monkey and took some photos, I was especially interested in how similar our hands are to the monkey's.

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had never seen or heard of a duiker coming to a call!

Ashley was intrigued so I showed him how to use the call and gave it to him to try. We moved over the ridge to a new thicket on the side of a hill with a good opening of 100yd down and up the other side and a few small bushes we could see over. We took a fresh stand, Ash let out a call and before he stopped, out from the other side of the clearing a duiker ram was bolting towards us. I drew my bow and made a slight noise to stop him broadside, just seven yards in front of me.

It all happened that fast I'm not sure if I shot low or if the ram jumped the string but the arrow just grazed the bottom of his chest. After an hour of searching and only finding two small spots of blood in his tracks, we left feeling sure that it was only a graze. On the way back to the lodge we walked across the flats at the bottom of the hills just before the thrones. The flat open ground is where the steenbok live. I would say it may be the smallest antelope but pound for pound the toughest with the ability to do that matrix thing so it's really no surprise when every predator from cats to eagles is out to get them.



Dave stalks in on warthogs.

I was up early on our fourth day of hunting so I could video the sunrise and shoot my bow. Ash came up to me with my fox whistles around his neck and my predator call firmly gripped in his hand, a smile from ear to ear. The only thing he said was "Duker," and the smile was back. I could see he was hooked on calling but we had to go and help retrieve the kudu bull Drew had shot the night before. After finding the bull, Kelvin went back to get a sleigh to drag the bull's carcass out. I walked behind the blind from where Drew had shot the kudu bull to look at an old kudu skull that was nearby. Just 10yd from the skull was a freshly killed nyala cow from the night before. Judging by the prints, it was a kill by a small leopard or large caracal.

After photos Kelvin took the kudu bull back to the lodge while Ash, Drew and I walked homeward back over the two ridges, stopping to glass a dam where we saw five warthogs. Kelvin had asked us to cull some of the warthogs and to shoot jackals and caracals on sight. The boys stayed put as I stalked down to the dam. Coming out of the bush, I could not get a shot at the first two, as they made their way to bed down. So I peeked around the corner and saw two young warthogs ducking into cover as a big old sow slowly followed. I placed my 30yd pin

behind her shoulder and watched the arrow disappear through her vitals and ricochet off the ground. She ran up the hill towards where the boys were waiting but she didn't get far and expired quickly.

As we were departing up the opposite hill, the stench of death filled our nostrils. Following the stench, we found a dead warthog sow backed halfway down a hole. Judging by the stench and decomposition, she had been dead three or four days. As I pulled it from the hole two smaller warthogs came flying out of the hole. After recovering from being startled by the escaping pigs, we noticed the back end of the sow had been ripped up and half eaten. We were not sure if the smaller warthogs had ripped the carcass trying to get out or had started eating the dead sow.

The following morning, Ash and I were dropped off at the edge of 5000 acres of thick specworm bush. We pushed our way through trying to find little openings. As I stepped into an opening a big kudu jumped up and stood broadside. It felt like a long time in my head as I thought, "Do I try to shoot him? How will we ever get him out?" These thoughts were tearing through my head as I was trying to get an arrow on the string but the Grey Ghost was gone!

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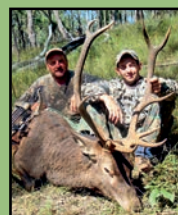
Drew's nyala.

Day 3: We were up early again and did some walking and stalking. We came across a group of kudus with a very large bull in the mix. We spent hours trying to get in on them before I pushed a little too hard and they spooked and bolted. While we were

stalking kudus, Dad was out calling to test if duikers really did come to his predator whistle. He managed to draw in two but had no shot opportunity. By this time, Dad had come to the conclusion that they believed there was another male in their area.



Waterbuck on high alert.



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This duiker came to a predator call.

We waited for five minutes then Ash let out one call. I was at full draw as a duiker ram came to the edge of the clearing and stopped at the same time as my arrow passed through just behind his shoulder. It was a short blood trail through the undergrowth to claim one of my smallest—but biggest!—trophies. The afternoon was

topped off videoing Drew taking a warthog and a springbok.

Another day we were wandering slowly up the flats when I spotted a steenbok ram milling around through the small bushes. I put in a stalk to where I'd last seen him as Kelvin stayed back to video. When I got to where I had seen him I spotted him just 35yd away, rubbing his head on a bush. I took my time glassing him, ranged him again at 35yd. I split the pins on him and I could see all of his chest through

the gap of my 30yd and 40yd yard pins. The arrow passed through him so fast I thought I'd shot over him. When I saw the blood trail I knew it wasn't something a bandaid would fix. After a short blood trail, I had my steenbok!

Sitting on the verandah later, I was thinking about the great hunt I'd just had as I relaxed waiting for Drew and Ash to get back. Then just before noon, the depressing thought came to me that in just hours we would be winging our way home.



Son, father and 'One Horn'.

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That afternoon we retired back to the blind and had a delicious packed lunch while we waited for the game. After a while a group of kudus came in. They were even more skittish than the nyala from the day before. We waited for a shot to arise on the biggest one, which finally turned broadside at 18yd. I put my 20yd pin right behind his shoulder and slowly squeezed the trigger then he disappeared off into the thick brush. I knew it was a good shot and was extremely excited to get my hands on him. As we waited for him to expire, we spotted two nyala bulls off in the distance and Kelvin excitedly whispered, "it's One Horn, it's One Horn!" We had seen a one-horned nyala the day before and Dad had really wanted to get it. Unbelievably, this same nyala presented himself at the blind. The two bulls slowly walked past each other as if they were about to fight and then they came in to feed. Dad was up, he ranged it at 16yd and took a semi-quartering-away/semi-

broadside shot, then it ran about 50m and fell over. After a quick photo session, we looked for my kudu but ran out of light, so we headed back to the lodge.

Day 4: Once again we were up early. We went straight out to look for my kudu, and found him after about 20 minutes of searching. I was over the moon with my kudu; unfortunately, the crows had found him first and pecked his eye out.

After we got some photos of my kudu, we headed to a dam where we spotted five warthogs. Dad put in a good stalk and shot a big sow. So it was back to the drawing board. On the way back to the lodge we could smell something dead. We followed the scent and located a dead warthog sow with half her body out of her hole. It appeared she had been there for about a week. Dad pulled her out to get a better look; don't ask me why ... I wasn't touching that thing! As he freed her, two smaller pigs came

screaming out of the hole! This made us all jump! We noticed that they had started eating the back end of the sow to survive.

On the drive home we spotted a duiker and Dad got into position he let out two calls and the duiker barrelled towards him so quickly he couldn't even draw his bow back in time and it ran straight past him and off into some thick bush.

Day 5: We headed out to call some duiker and on the way we spotted a steenbok lying under a small shrubby tree. I stalked in and got within 30yd. I held my pin right behind his shoulder but because of the angle he was on, I hit him slightly too far back. I followed him up, cautious not to spook him and lose him forever and found him once again lying underneath a scrubby bush. I shot another arrow into him straight behind the shoulder and he died right there. After we took photos we drove him back to the lodge to put him in the coldroom, then went out



Drew's kudu.

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Springbok.

chasing duiker. We split up again; this time I was with Kelvin and Dad was with Ashley. Kelvin and I spotted kudu and warthogs but had no luck calling in duiker, but Dad and Ashley managed to call in five duikers and Dad was lucky enough to get a shot on the fifth one.

Day 6: On our last full day of hunting, we did more spot and stalk on kudu and impala but had no luck. So we went to a different blind in the afternoon where we knew springbok were coming to feed and drink. As we waited, two warthog sows came in to 20yd from the blind to get a drink. The biggest sow was directly broadside but I had to wait for the smaller one to move out of the way. As soon as it moved, I took the shot and hit it straight behind the shoulder, taking out the vitals. It ran about 40m and fell over dead. We got some photos and hopped back in the blind and waited

for the springbok. It wasn't long before a couple came in. They were very, very wary and only a few would come in close enough then wander off again back and forth but we patiently waited. Finally they felt comfortable and a couple began feeding. We waited for the darkest coloured one, as we had been asked to shoot a darker coloured one to take its genes out of the herd. It finally came in and when it was directly broadside I shot it at 20yd and punched straight through the heart. It ran about 40m and died. I retrieved my blood-soaked arrow and got some photos before loading my warthog and springbok into the truck.

Day 7: We had a quick morning stalk, we spotted a steenbok ram and Dad managed to stalk into 30yd and put an arrow straight through its chest. We flew out later that afternoon and had a long flight from Johannesburg back

to Brisbane. Although we did put a lot of effort into walking and stalking I only managed to shoot one animal doing so, as they are all so alert ... their ears are like satellite dishes and they can smell you from a mile away if you don't have the wind going for you. Added to that, it's not just one lot of ears and noses you have to watch out for!

Once again, I would like to thank my Dad for taking me on this trip of a lifetime and putting in so many long hours of work to get me there for my 17th birthday. Some day I will be able to tell my kids and grandkids about our adventure. I also would like to thank Kelvin and Denise Milsom for looking after me—the hospitality was 10 out of 10. Induna Safaris gave us the experience of a lifetime—luxury accommodation, excellent food, a great family atmosphere ... and a lot of beautiful game.

Outside In the zone

This old house

by Nils Spruitt

I have a fascination with old farm buildings. I am not sure when this fascination for such relics started, although I suspect it has always been there lying dormant beneath other interests of the day. A few years ago I started looking seriously at, and photographing, some of the local outbuildings on abandoned farms dotted around home. I have yet to do any actual research on these buildings as I fear that would open a Pandora's box of frustration which I am not so sure I want to embark upon at this moment in time. That may change in the future, but for now I am content with just discovering such rural decay in an ever-widening circle.

By old world standards, Australia is a very young country when you refer to colonisation and subsequent man-made features. The indigenous peoples who settled and roamed this continent for thousands of years prior to Europeans, certainly left their mark in the form of paintings and carvings, but when it comes to historic constructions like castles, palaces and grand churches such as those scattered all across Europe, then Australia lacks any such edifices.

Aboriginal people did not need such grandeur in their lives. I have often heard



it said that Australian Aborigines were a very primitive people, but I am more inclined to think the opposite. In Europe castles were built as bastions to house nobles whose job it was to protect the local communities from attack. Palaces were constructed to house royalty and monumental Gothic-style churches were constructed because religion had far too much power and control in those days. You only have to scratch the surface of history to realise the trouble and strife religion has caused throughout the history of mankind.

I am no expert but to my knowledge Aboriginal tribes did not have a ruling class based on birthright. Their religion was the Dreamtime and tribal disputes were settled, not always peacefully, but with far less drama and bloodshed than the early Celtic and Roman days.

Aboriginal people constructed simple and temporary shelters because their nomadic lifestyle did not require anything of a permanent nature. I believe the various tribes which inhabited much of this country followed the seasons. In winter they abandoned

the high country and sought warmer and less hostile environments and vice versa when the heat of summer scorched the plains and dried out waterholes. They pretty much followed the animals they so depended upon for food. Personally, I think this is smart. To be tied down to a specific area when the water and food has gone just because you have constructed a permanent dwelling or cleared a section of bush does not make a lot of sense.

When Europeans settled in this country they began by establishing towns along the coastline. The settlements later grew into cities and of course expansion into the interior resulted. Along the way, they erected permanent structures primarily to house the colonial rulers and government institutions. These can still be seen today whenever you visit any Australian city or major rural centre, but by world standards our historic buildings are not very historic. Elizabeth Farm in Sydney's west is considered the oldest building in Australia and was built in 1793 whereas some of the world's great temples and structures were built hundreds of years BC.

While I have a deep admiration for the stonemasons and architects of yesteryear, my interests centre more around the simple and sometimes crude structures that were built by early pioneers and farmers as shelter for not only themselves, but also machinery and stock. If you take the time to look around, a simple drive in the country will often reveal many such structures. Old hay sheds and abandoned dairies abound in my neck of the woods even though a lot of the old farmhouses themselves have been levelled and replaced with more modern structures. Nothing fascinates me more than a rundown and decaying dairy or hay shed sitting desolate in the middle of a paddock, slowly losing its battle against time and the elements. From a historical viewpoint these structures

probably mean very little, but to me they just reek of character and charm.

As hunters, we are often well placed to discover such vestiges of the past when landowners grant us permission to hunt upon their holdings. I remember years ago when I was a young man I hunted a particular property in western NSW that is now a national park. On this property there was (and still is) a very large old house which had fallen into disrepair even though some of the workers still lived in a section of it. I cannot remember how many rooms this house comprised but I do remember in the centre of the house was a great room which doubled as a ballroom where all the locals in the area would gather once or twice a year for a get together. I believe that prior to the end of World War 2, this house was the main homestead on a property a million acres in size. Such properties of this size do still exist in the Gulf country but I am talking NSW here and that was unheard of. I did actually spend a night in this house on one trip after spending an exhausting day trying to extract myself and vehicle out of the black soil property following a storm.

Back even further when I was in high school, my best friend lived on a small farm nestled in the foothills of the great dividing range on the NSW South Coast. Just about every weekend I rode my pushbike to his farm and stayed there until Sunday afternoon. Whenever we could (and of course after his chores were done), Dave and I would wander around the surrounding hills and mountains in search of adventure. On one weekend we discovered an old abandoned house complete with a wide verandah on an adjacent farm. No one had lived in it for many years so we used this old house as a base camp for our rabbit hunting forays. It was great fun and many a weekend was spent warm inside this house in front of an open fire while the cold winter winds howled outside.

My only regret is I never once thought about photographing this house. What a picture it would have made, sitting snug up against the mountain range.

Many years on I did revisit this old house but it had long fallen and what still remained was completely overgrown with blackberry bush. These two structures come easily to mind and if I were to dwell upon it hard enough I believe I could come up with quite a few more examples. Derelict shearers' quarters, an old farmhouse with lignum growing right up to its back door, broken windmills with sagging pump houses and machinery sheds defying the laws of gravity. Yes, there are many ... and what do I have to show for all these discoveries? Nothing. Not a single photograph. At this time in my life, I deeply regret this.

From now on I will not let these unique finds be simply committed to memory or lost completely. My interest in photography over the past three or four years has grown tenfold. I cannot retrace my steps to go back in time but I can, from this day forth, record these long forgotten remnants whenever I stumble upon them.

Just to make it even more interesting, I will capture the moment in black and white. Black-and-white photographs enhance a mood and in the case of a derelict farm structure, a dark contrasting mono image portrays reality in a stark and almost alien way which to me is a preferable medium to that of colour.

All hunters these days carry a camera even if it is simply a mobile phone so there is no excuse not to record such finds. I spend more time these days walking around with a camera than I do armed with a bow. In the years to come, it will be nice to show the grandchildren a few of the hidden discoveries I have made in my lifetime of hunting adventures, instead of just photos of dead animals. Until next time.



Dangerous game ADVENTURE

by **HARRY MORRIS**

After well over a year of planning, my wife Sunny and I were at last on our big game bowhunting safari. It was early July and we were hunting Asiatic water buffalo. Spot-and-stalk bowhunting buffalo in Arnhem Land was a dream come true for me. The landscape was wild but also beautiful, and right from the start the action was hot, hot, hot!

Our safari was with Craig Richardson and Michael Mackay of Australian Outfitters Hotspur Outback Safaris. We spotted heaps of buffalo the first day before returning to camp for a gourmet dinner.

The second day out, Mike brought us close to some big buffs. As we were having lunch near a beautiful billabong we heard splashing sounds. It was a cow buffalo and her young one. I picked up my bow and then drew the string

without an arrow, placed my pin sight on the cow's vitals and held for some time. She was unwise to my actions and it was a great practice stalk.

As we drove around that afternoon, Mike saw a group of buffalo. The buffalo were taking a drink at a waterhole under a hill. All I could think was, "It just does not get any better than this!" One big bull looked fierce. Mike drove away carefully so they didn't get spooked. Luckily we had some cover and we started closing in on the fierce one.

Two large ant hills stood between us and buff. Mike held a leafy branch in front of us and the wind direction was perfect. We stalked in to 40m, then I nocked an arrow and settled the 40 pin on the big bull's vitals. My heart was pounding as I drew on the fierce beast and let the death stick fly. The buff jumped the string slightly and half

the arrow went inside him only a little back of where I aimed, then he was gone. But he only moved slowly across the floodplain 130m or so and then just crashed down.

We gave him half an hour before going down to the floodplain to check on him. We positioned him in the sunlight and took our photos.

Mike started caping him out, and I helped skin him. We then cut out the back straps which are very good table fare. The rest of our days at camp we enjoyed sightseeing, taking photographs and fishing.

We saw a couple of freshwater crocs at a really beautiful river. Fishing at a beach near our camp was extra good and we hooked up some impressive silver bream and even caught some very nice mud crabs.

Sunny and I loved our safari. We both had the time of our lives.



gear used

Bow: Hoyt Protech on 65lb

Arrows :Easton Gamegetter xx75,300

Broadheads: Helix Two-Blade 200g





Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

of the National Management Committee of the
Australian Bowhunters Association Inc™

Held at Redland Bay, Brisbane, Queensland from October 11 to 13, 2019



ITEM 1/19: OFFICIAL OPENING BY CHAIRMAN

The meeting was opened at 8.40am by President Jeff Bell, who welcomed all and noted the welcome overnight rain.

ITEM 2/19: MEETING ADMINISTRATION

ITEM 3/19: RECORD OF ATTENDANCES

All attendees announced themselves and were recorded (details in the expanded notes).

ITEM 4/19: CONFIRMATION OF CREDENTIALS

Total members present (after late arrival of one member at morning tea) was 38 and number present at meeting eligible to vote was 34 plus one postal vote = total number eligible to vote 35.

ITEM 5/19: TABLING OF ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report was tabled.

ITEM 6/19: TABLING OF OTHER DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS AS NECESSARY

The analysis of survey results, agenda and two addenda to the agenda, were tabled.

Motion: That the addenda be accepted as part of the agenda.

M Gerard Kelly S Stuart Renwick Carried

ITEM 7/19: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2018 AGM

MOTION: That the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2018 AGM.

M Bruce Kelleher S Dirk Craigie Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

ITEM 8/19: REPORTS

National President Jeff Bell, Vice-President Bowhunting Division Mark Burrows, Vice-President Field Archery Bruce Kelleher and TBA Committee Chairman Ralph Boden read their reports.

ITEM 9/19: BRANCH CONTROLLER REPORTS

Branch A report was read by Ken Henderson, Branch B report was read by Graham McComiskie, Branch C report was read by Andrew Little, Branch D report was read by

Brett Willaton, Branch E report was read by Ann Stubbs on behalf of Peter Stubbs, Branch F report was read by Chuck Szanto, Branch G report was read by Jamie Harrington on behalf of outgoing Controller Tim Opie, Branch H report was read by Steve Old on behalf of Wendy Gallagher, Branch I report was read by Brett Raymond, Branch J report was read by Ken Neill.

Business arising from the reports: Peter Stubbs queried the \$50 late nomination fee that has been introduced by Branch C. Andrew Little reported that only a little negative feedback had been received. Steve Old suggested another way to deal with late nominations was to make the latercomer non-competitive. Peter said Branch E refunded fees to people who had nominated but didn't shoot.

Lorraine Bruce from Branch B pointed out that although the report didn't mention it, it should be noted that clubs within the Branch had presented the State Titles and a Branch Safari without the assistance of an operational Branch committee, and had done a great job.

ITEM 10/19: NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Amanda Skinner presented her report which was printed in full, along with the profit and loss statement, in the Annual Report.

MOTION: That the National Treasurer's report be approved.

M Amanda Skinner S Brian Taylor Carried

ITEM 11/19: AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's Report was circulated to delegates.

Appointment of Auditor

MOTION: That the auditors, Certus Group, be appointed for the next financial year.

M Amanda Skinner S Greg Anderson Carried

ITEM 12/19: ANNUAL BUDGET 2019-2020

MOTION: That the annual budget be adopted.

M Amanda Skinner S Bruce Kelleher Carried

ITEM 13/19: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION ACCEPTED 2018 OR TABLING AT 2019 AGM

Nil.

ITEM 14/19 AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

14.1 MOTION: That the existing wording of Section 12 Annual General Meetings, Special and Other Meetings (ii) be changed from:

“(ii) A quorum for a Meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be five (5) Executive Officers, of whom one (1) Officer shall be the National President or Senior Vice-President, one (1) Officer of the Bowhunting Division and one (1) Officer of the Field Division.” to read:

“(ii) A quorum for a Meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be five (5) Executive Officers, of whom one (1) Officer shall be the National President or Senior Vice-President, one (1) Officer of the Bowhunting Division and one (1) Officer of the Field Division. If a member of the Bowhunting Division is unavailable, a member of the TBA Committee may fill the position to form a quorum.”

M Ken Neill S Margret Szanto Carried

MOTION: That Section 17C be enacted to allow the smooth and effective administration of ABA Inc.

M Chuck Szanto S Peter Stubbs Carried

14.2 MOTION: That the existing wording of Section 19, Administration of the Association, a. Officers of the Association (v), be changed from

“(v) The National Vice President, Bowhunting Division. The National Vice-President, Bowhunting Division shall be responsible for the operations of the ABA Inc. Bowhunting Division, and shall generally have all responsibility for the efficient operation of the Division and the Association’s hunting awards and recognition systems. This Officer shall also be responsible for the collection, storage and retrieval of hunting research statistics, and for the appointment of Field Representatives of the Division, and for the training and appointment of Bowhunting Instructors, and management of the operations of the National Bowhunter Education Programme.” to read:

“(v) The National Vice President, Bowhunting Division. The National Vice-President, Bowhunting Division shall be responsible for the operations of the ABA Inc. Bowhunting Division, and shall generally have all responsibility for the efficient operation of the Division and the Association’s hunting awards and recognition systems. This Officer shall also be responsible for the collection, storage and retrieval of hunting research statistics, and for the appointment of Field Representatives of the Division, and for the training and appointment of Bowhunting Instructors, and management of the operations of the National Bowhunter Education Programme. Should this position be vacant, the Chairman of the TBA will be responsible for the roles undertaken by the Vice-President Bowhunting.

M Peter Stubbs S Margret Szanto Carried

MOTION: That Section 17C be enacted to allow the smooth and effective administration of ABA Inc.

M Chuck Szanto S Ryan Tilbrook Carried

ITEM 15/19: ELECTION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The election of Officers was run by secret ballot. The results were:

National President: Tony Hartcher
Senior Vice-President: No nominations: Vacant
Vice-President Field: Bruce Kelleher
Vice-President Bowhunting: No nominations: Vacant
National Treasurer: Amanda Skinner
National Measurer: Garry Pitt
National Assistant Measurer: Troy Morris
National Score Recorder: Brian Taylor
National Assistant Score Recorder: Sally-Anne McGrigor
National Communications Officer: Alan Avent

ITEM 16/19: ELECTION OF TBA COMMITTEE

Nominations from Mark Burrows and Garry Pitt were withdrawn, leaving only four nominations so no election was required. The TBA Committee members are Ralph Boden, Michael Luxford, Troy Morris and Robert Windle.

ITEM 17/19: TABLING OF BRANCH SHOOT CALENDARS 2020

MOTION: That the Branch Shoot Calendars be accepted.

M Gary Sinclair S Sonja Wegert Carried
Branches I, H, C and J to see the Vice-President Field in conjunction with their calendars

ITEM 18/19: TABLING OF BRANCH BUDGETS 2019-20

MOTION: That the Branch budgets be accepted.

M Amanda Skinner S Margret Szanto Carried

ITEM 19/19: TABLING OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020-22

Amanda pointed out every Branch had a copy of the new Strategic Plan, a development plan created with the assistance of the CPR Group, and asked delegates to read through the plan before the afternoon presentation by Steve from CPR Group. Steve’s presentation is summarised at the end of the minutes under Other Business.

ITEM 20/19: TABLING OF BRANCH DEVELOPMENT PLANS 2019-2020

Branches B and I are to submit their development plans for adoption at the next Executive meeting. Other Branch Development Plans were tabled.

MOTION: That the Branch Development Plans be received.

M Peter Stubbs S Brett Willaton Carried

ITEM 21/19: GENERAL BUSINESS FROM AGENDA

21/19.1: Nominations for Life Membership

No nominations were received.

21/19.2: Nominations for Meritorious Service Award

No nominations were received.

21/19.3: Syd Green Memorial Award

A nomination was received for Alan Scarlett to receive the Syd Green Memorial Award. The meeting voted to grant Alan this award.

21/19.4: Allocation of National Competitions

The 2020 National Safari will be held at ABA Park. (Meeting approval was not sought as it is standard practice that the competition be held there every second year.)

2020 IFAA National Field Championships: Gympie Field Archers have withdrawn their application. An expression of interest has been received from Wide Bay Field Archers.

MOTION: That the National Management Committee provide in-principle agreement for Wide Bay Field Archers to hold the 2020 IFAA Championships on the proviso that Branch C receives and endorses an application from the Wide Bay committee.

M Jeff Bell S Bruce Kelleher Carried

21/19.5: Proposal to add another game to the current National 3D format (Branch G)

MOTION: That a new 3D game with a two-arrow round be introduced where archers would only shoot a second arrow if they believed their first arrow had not scored.

M Mark Burrows S Ken Neill Lost

22/19: GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

22/19.1: Consumption of 3D Targets (Branch F)

Varying costs of different brands of 3D targets make it possible for some targets to be re-repurchased whole (specifically the small Group 1 targets) for the same price as buying inserts for other brands. It was suggested that clubs could share their information on which targets were most cost effective through the *Archery Action* magazine.

22/19.2: Active Kids Program (Branch F)

Several Branch F clubs would like juniors and cubs to benefit from the NSW Government's Active Kids Program but to be eligible, ABA National has to be a registered sporting association with the Active Kids Program. The National Executive will look into registration and policy requirements. Delegates said similar programmes operated in the NT and Queensland.

22/19.3: Distribution of National Executive Minutes to clubs (National)

Branches were asked to add a reminder in their Branch minutes to send the National Executive minutes to their clubs. In order to facilitate this, the minutes will be emailed to Branch secretaries as well as Controllers.

22/19.4: Canteen at 2020 Safari at ABA Park (National)

At this stage there is no one to run the canteen at the upcoming National Safari. It is open to any club, Branch or

individual to do the canteen and take the profit. If there is no interest from within the ABA, a local community/not-for-profit group may be approached.

22/19.5: Results compiled from feedback forms completed at National Safari and PRFAC (National)

All delegates had the opportunity to read the analysis form which showed an outline of the results. Some points could be addressed by the National Executive and others were the responsibility of host clubs.

22/19.6: 3D target order (National)

Between now and the end of the financial year, the National Executive will be ordering 3D targets for upcoming national/world competitions. Clubs and Branches can advise of their interest in adding to the order so as to fill the shipping container. Contact ABA office manager Kerry Chandler with expressions of interest.

22/19.7: Proposed reduction of number of trophies given out at Safaris/State events (Branch H)

Branch H had prepared tables of the past five years' attendance and results at ABA National and 3D National competitions, showing 33 per cent of participants were rewarded without another archer being scored. Suggestions received included reducing the number of divisions (eg have an adults class to replace male and female) and to have a set minimum score that must be attained before a medal can be handed out. It was agreed that Lindsay and Bruce would prepare a working draft for next year's AGM.

23/19 ITEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

23/19.1: Bowhunting Division Advisory Committee meeting (Friday)

Mark Burrows reported on Friday night's meeting. Agenda items included:

- Bowfishing for carp in NSW: Still waiting to be finalised by government.
- Measurers Manual: It is not necessary to do a reprint of the manual at this time but the new fallow deer palm width determination system needs to be redistributed to measurers so an addendum page could be added to the remaining manuals.
- Bowhunting Education Program: This course needs an overhaul. The suggestion is to look to an online procedure. Ray Morgan, National BEO, is to source any help he may need and have something for consideration at next year's meeting.
- BPC Manual: In need of an update. Eric Creighton has offered to assist and BH Tech Committee intends to take him up on his offer.
- Bowhunting policies: Troy Morris is to update the policies, rules and guidelines and present necessary

proposals to the 2020 BH Tech meeting.

- TBA Bowhunter of the Year: The past two recipients have had pictures and BH interviews in *Archery Action*. The committee will look for more ways to promote the award.
- TBA Muster: There were mixed results from the Muster held at Renegade Bowmen. It was aimed at education for junior hunters in particular but was not attended by many young people. However, 70 people attended an enjoyable event. Thanks to the people who demonstrated the different aspects of bowhunting. The Committee is now looking at the possibility of changing the format totally, perhaps with an emphasis on awards presentation.
- Electronic Game Claims: The new membership module means people can claim game through their personal ABA portal on the website. Once the electronic claim is put in, it is automatically sent to the club Game Recorder, Branch Field Rep and the General Secretary. If it is a measurable species the person has three months to get their trophy measured and to forward the measuring form to the General Secretary. Otherwise the claim will remain on record as a game award claim. It was recommended that all Field Representatives make a concerted effort to promote game claims.
- International game: It was decided the Committee would recognise those members who hunt overseas or take species that are not on ABA's species list. This would not be recognition of trophy size but specifically of species. Within the online electronic claiming system, "International" would be an option in the drop-down box and from there people could upload their photo.

23/19.2: Field Division

Bowhunter Limited and Bowhunter Unlimited Sight Pin Spacing (Branch F)

The issue under discussion was that current ABA standards for Bowhunter Limited and Bowhunter Unlimited disadvantaged competitors using low-poundage bows. In-depth discussion clarified that changing the rule could unfairly advantage many other people who would be able to set up their sights (using the top and bottom gaps, for example) with many more reference points. It was also pointed out that when people have equipment that does not meet the rules of a division, they have the option to change the division in which they shoot.

MOTION: That National Rules, Page 7, paragraph 3), restrictions on sight pin spacing, be removed in its entirety.

M Margaret Szanto S Cameron Van Veen Lost

Bruce Kelleher reminded Branches to make sure the information about the change of rules for sight pins was received by all clubs. As of May (after the National Safari at Easter), competitors in pin sight divisions are allowed to use a clarifying device—a clarifier or lens—in their peep sights.

Also, for IFAA, the young adult division age has changed from 17 years to 20 years, there is a new senior division

for 65-plus years, and Cub Bowhunter has been added to the divisions.

24/19 OTHER BUSINESS

• Strategic Plan

Steve from CPR Group gave a presentation on Sustainability, Leadership, Promotion and Engagement, and Development. Sustainability required strong financial management and an increase in membership numbers. Leadership incorporated both strategic and operational models, with clear separation between governance and operation. Promotion and Engagement included marketing initiatives that would promote a positive perception of the sport, with a suggestion for a national come-and-try week. Development would take into account technology that would improve the members' experience within the group as well as addressing long-term needs of the sport. He explained major initiatives that could be introduced across a six-year timeline.

- Legal structure: Changing from an association to a not-for-profit public company (Ltd), reporting to ASIC. Resultant change in public and government agencies' perceptions.
- Critical discussions about fees and the expected level of service, plus how much of this service should be given by volunteers and how much by paid employees.
- Anticipated growth in membership.
- *Archery Action*— review benefits and costs, analyse the future of the magazine.
- The organisation's name—being open to the possibility of changing the name to assist the public perception of what the group stands for. Concerted marketing push in the case of a name change.

Following the presentation, Branches were asked to take the discussion back to club level and encourage feedback on topics including a possible name change.

• Retirement of National Executive Officers

During the meeting three retiring members of the National Executive, Jeff Bell, Mark Burrows and Steve Barratt, were presented with plaques to recognise their work on the Association's National Executive, a combined total of around 70 years. .

• 2020 ABA AGM

Next year's AGM is to be held in Brisbane at QCCC Brookfield 9-11 October.

AUTHORISED FOR DISTRIBUTION
Tony Hartcher, *National President*

The full financial report can be found, along with a pdf copy of these minutes, at the official ABA website: www.bowhunters.org.au

What's On

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Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November 2019

Saturday Round

11am Registration & Bow Checks
Nominations Close 12.15pm
12.45pm Muster for an 1pm start
2 Arrow Round

Sunday Round

7.45am Muster for an 8.00am Start
3 Arrow Round
Lunch - 1 Arrow Round
Presentations ASAP

Fees: Cubs/Juniors \$15, Adults \$25, Family \$50

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The Last Word

The ABA held its AGM in Brisbane during October. One of the topics of discussion was the ABA name and how well it came up in a Google search. It was noted that the Australian Bowhunters Association was a little way down the page and the first cab off the Google rank was actually the Australian Breastfeeding Association. One lady member, obviously pregnant, was heard to say, "Well, what's wrong with that?"

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November			
2nd - 3rd	Full Draw Archers *	C	Branch Invitational ABA
2nd - 3rd	Gloucester District Archers *	E	Branch Invitational 3D
2nd - 3rd	Silver City Archers *	I	3D SA State Titles
3rd	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	ABA
3rd	Archery NSW *	NSW	ASNSW Clout Championships
9th - 10th	Nambucca Heads *	NSW	3DAAA National Championships
10th	Full Boar Archers	B	ABA
10th	Mount Isa and District Bowhunters	B	ABA
10th	Towers Bowhunters	B	ABA
10th	Boola Valley Field Archers *	G	ABA
10th	Sydney Olympic Park Archers *	NSW	Target QRE
16th - 17th	Granite Belt Bowmen *	D	Club Challenge ABA
16th - 17th	Eurobodalla Archers *	F	ABA / 3D
16th - 17th	Geelong Trophy Bowhunters *	H	ABA
17th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
17th	Full Boar Archers	B	ABA
17th	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	3D
17th	Archery SA *	SA	Archery SA State Target
24th	Freds Pass Field Archers *	A	ABA
24th	Dead Centre Bowhunters *	A	ABA
24th	Samford Valley Target Archers *	Qld	National Matchplay Series
30th Nov - 1st Dec	Manning District Bowhunters *	E	Branch "Shooter of the Year" ABA/3D/IFAA
December			
1st	West Gippsland Field Archers *	G	ABA
1st	Mount Isa and District Bowhunters	B	ABA
1st	Sydney Olympic Park Archers *	NSW	Target QRE
8th	Full Boar Archers	B	ABA
8th	Sydney Olympic Park Archers *	NSW	Target QRE
15th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
15th	Sydney Olympic Park Archers *	NSW	Target QRE

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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.

If you do not agree, tick this box: ☐

Signature of Applicant

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

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

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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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Parent-Guardian Signature ABA Number if Applicable:

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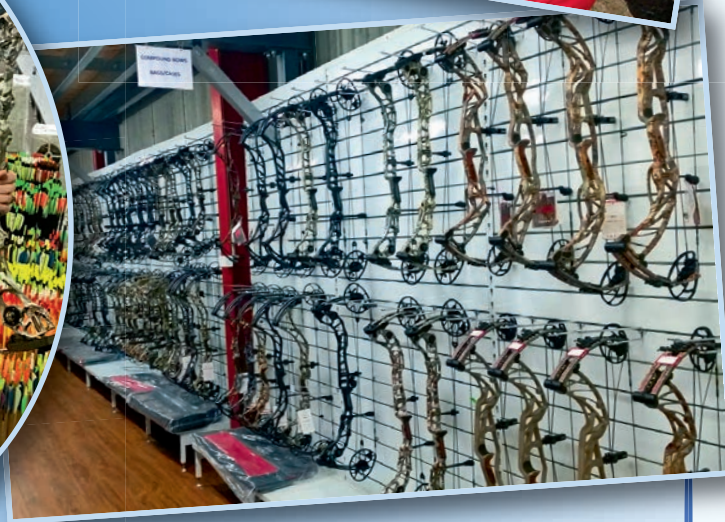
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