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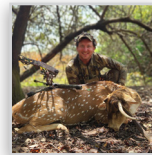
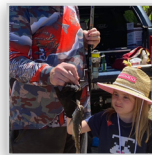


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# Archery Action Comment

Happy New Year! A big 'welcome' to 2023, which — incredibly — already seems to be flying by at an incredible pace. Is it just me, or does time seem to speed up as you get older? Maybe it just seems that way because we just keep getting busier!

Hopefully not too busy to get the bows out and take a weekend here and there hunting though!

This issue is a brief one on account of everyone's being busy over the holidays, but make sure you flip through to find the details about Safari 2023 — exciting!

And for any young ones or parents of young ones reading, be sure to check out the ABA's new competition for young writers! The details are on

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page 34, and I'm certain any budding young archers will want in on the action. Anything getting them taking a pen to paper is a good thing, right?

On that note, do make sure you're getting in touch if you have a story, news or club update — we're always in need of more tales to tell, and if you're out hunting be sure to take lots of photos!

I'm looking forward to seeing what you get up to this year — happy hunting!

*Kelly James, editor*



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# BOWHUNTING DIVISION *report*



**By Allan Driver / Vice President Bowhunting Division**



A new year is upon us once again and hopefully everyone has had a great holiday break with family and friends. It is, of course, also the start of another bowhunting year for many of our ABA members and newbies.

It is well worth mentioning to everyone the importance of supporting our Association by encouraging everyone to acquire their Bowhunting Proficiency Certificate (BPC), even if you are not a bowhunter.

Having as many members as possible holding a BPC is important for our Association as it is a numbers game when it comes to State governments and

other organisations that want to change the way things are done.

The process is not a difficult one as the majority of ABA clubs have their own committees with a BPC instructor who will run prospective members through the steps to gain the BPC accreditation.

Once you have the BPC, you have it for the term of your ABA membership, so please seek out your BPC instructor in your club and have a talk to them.

A number of years ago, our Association started a process to have bowhunting for fish introduced into NSW.

It took a great deal of manpower to approach the Government and put our case forward to them,

and after some time it actually happened. Now, all NSW ABA members have the opportunity to bow fish. South Australia also has the same opportunity.

There used to be Bow fishing in Victoria some years ago, but the rules changed at the stroke of a pen, so to speak, and some Victorian members are asking whether we can do the same as the other states and get back the legal opportunity to bow fish in Victoria. So, we will be putting our heads together to see what can be done to bring this task into being.

Above all else please keep getting out there looking for those elusive feral animals and putting your claims in. Stay safe!

## *Summary* OF AUSTRALIAN BOWSHOT RECORDS

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

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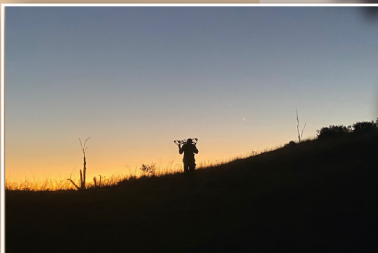
Species	Holder	Score	Year
Boar	Kristan Bell	34 4/8pt	2017
Goat	Katherine Agale	127 1/8pt	2010
Buffalo	Christie Pisani	87 4/8pt	2017
Camel	Christie Pisani	30 7/16pt	2014
Fox	Helen Duff	10 14/16pt	2016
Cat	Lorna Hopkins	7 12/16pt	1984
Red Deer	Elissa Rosemond	275 2/8pt	2021
Fallow Deer	Elissa Rosemond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

**GAME  
CLAIMED**

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

Branch	Hunter	Club	Game	Award	FK/FKOS	Size
B	Dave Flynn	Independent	Goat	TC		103 4/8
B	Michael Picot	Independent	Pig	GA	FKOS	0
B	Aaron Irwin	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	Pig	TC		26
B	Damien Smith	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	Pig	TC		26 6/8
B	Damien Smith	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	Pig	TC		25 2/8
B	Garry Pitt	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	Pig	TC		28 6/8
B	Brian Dunhoven	Townsville District Bowhunters	Pig	TC		26 6/8
B	Chris Nelson	Townsville District Bowhunters	Goat	TC	FKOS	109 5/8
B	Dan Smith	Townsville District Bowhunters	Goat	RC		115 4/8
B	Dean Dank	Townsville District Bowhunters	Goat	GA	FK/FKOS	88 3/8
B	Dan Ferguson	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Pig	TC		25 4/8
B	Graham McComiskie	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Stingray	TC		6 6/8
B	Graham McComiskie	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Pig	RC		30 4/8
B	Graham Wienert	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Pig	TC		25 4/8
C	Brett Fittock	Full Draw Field Archers	Fallow	RC		196 2/8
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C	Elissa Rosemond	Full Draw Field Archers	Fallow	RC		194 2/8
C	Tomas Long	Full Draw Field Archers	Fish	GA	FKOS	0
D	Darren Askin	Independent	Rabbit	GA	FKOS	0
D	Andria Swan	Renegade Bowmen	Stingray	GA	FK/FKOS	5
D	Jack Winks	Renegade Bowmen	Pig	RC		29 4/8
F	Rob Messer	Campbelltown District FA	Pig	TC		25 4/8
F	Rob Messer	Campbelltown District FA	Pig	TC		26 6/8
F	Jason Lesnik	Capital Field Archers	Fallow	TC	FKOS	162 4/8
F	Jason Lesnik	Capital Field Archers	Fallow	RC		205 3/8
G	Andrew Robertson	Boola Valley Field Archers	Sambar	TC		155
G	Adam Clements	West Gippsland Field Archers	Pig	RC		29
G	David Luxford	Macalister Trophy Bowhunters	Shark	TC		15 5/8
G	David Luxford	Macalister Trophy Bowhunters	Shark	RC		20 2/8
G	Jeremy Kasper	Macalister Trophy Bowhunters	Goat	GA	FKOS	0
G	Jeremy Kasper	Macalister Trophy Bowhunters	Fox	RC		10 2/16
J	Cheryl Morris	Western Plains Archers	Pig	GA	FKOS	0
J	Troy Morris	Western Plains Archers	Buffalo	RC		90 6/8

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# Safari 2023



## Incorporating Bowhunter and Sighted Championships and 3D Championships

To be held at the National Field Venue **ABA PARK, Mudgee, NSW**

**7 to 10 April 2023**

**All ABA members are cordially invited to compete at the 2023 National Safari Championships.**

### **Nomination Fees:**

All nominations must be completed online at [www.bowhunters.org.au](http://www.bowhunters.org.au) and be paid for at the time of registration. Nominations will close on 1st April, 2023.

ABA Adult \$55 Jnr/Cub \$45 Family \$125  
3D Adult \$60 Jnr/Cub \$50 Family \$135

**Closing date for entries:** Saturday 1st April, 2023.

**Last date for grading:** Saturday 1st April, 2023.

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

### **Timetable:**

**Muster each day at 8.00am for an 8.30am start**

**Thursday 6th April**

Registrations and Bow Checks for all events

**ABA Friday 7th April and Saturday 8th April**

(3 and 1 arrow each day), followed by Presentation Saturday evening.

**3D Sunday 9th April and Monday 10th April**

(3 arrow and 1 arrow each day) 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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## *Bowhunting achievements* TO END NOVEMBER 2022

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### Trophy Bowhunter Award

Tyler Atkinson 280  
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Peter Griffiths 230  
John Scott 220  
Graham McComiskie 200

### Bowhunter Award

Daniel Ferguson 190  
Wayne Atkinson 170  
Axel Podubinski 130  
John Teitzel 130  
Marc Curtis 110  
Brett Fittock 110  
Toby Gall 100  
JackWinks 100

### Bowhunter Royale

*Brett Fittock*

### Bowhunter Imperial

*Elissa Rosemond*

### Bowhunter Supreme

*Nil Further since last report*

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# ROY ROSE *Meanderings*



## SHOOTING A CLICKER

All international-level archers who compete with a recurve bar utilise a clicker. A clicker serves a trio of critical functions: It provide a draw length check, a tension check at full draw, and most importantly a shot trigger. Clickers have been part of the recurve armoury for a long time. FRED LEDER, a machine tool maker from Cincinnati was the inventor and from 1957 it gradually became a regular accessory on recurve bows in American competition. In fact, Earl Hoyt, the founder of Hoyt archery, became the first to commercially produce the clicker.

Obviously, the clicker ensures that the exact length of arrow is drawn, which is imperative to guarantee precise poundage and hopefully prevent high and low scoring arrows.

It also puts the drawing arm, and the holding arm in a uniform tension state, which is also

a very necessary precursor of fluency of execution. Finally, the fall of the clicker blade provides the sound cue for release. While it is not the unanticipated action a compound release aid provides,

it does certainly help defeat the effects of a commanded shot referred to as IBF: impact bracing factor.

Sadly, for all the positives attributes it offers, recurve shooters overall tend to have a love/hate relationship with this narrow, quite inexpensive, piece of metal.

Passage through the clicker is a vital aspect of form and execution, and fluency is a hallmark of the world's elite. The efficiency with which the Korean recurvers excute past the clicker at an average of a round 3 seconds, sometimes less, is simply a joy to behold, for an old archer like myself, who in my prime, the hold was often 15, 20, or even more seconds.

So the logical question arising from all this information is, "what form strategies are these champions bringing to bear to facilitate such fluency?"

Clearly with the high poundage archers are utilising today, a swift, fluent, clicker passage is critical, as an extended hold can only invite bow movement and a lesser aim and strained release.

The general consensus among these elite is that a push and pull

clicker procedure is the norm, and the logic of this approach is easy to comprehend. Clearly there has to be a pulling motion in order to anchor, which will proceed following the aim. The line is established and the scapular action as the elbow moves around to emphasise that line provides the pull. The pushing motion at the target comes from the front shoulder and is imperative, as it not

only assists clicker passage, it prevents any collapsing at full draw.

Most recurves leave just a millimetre so left to expand through the clicker, simply because there is a need for just a minimum of expansion to produce the fall of the clicker blade.

It goes without underlining that this coordinated push-pull method needs intense practice, best done initially at a bank vale up dose

in order to regularly produce that needed efficiency. Just as one does when working on anticipation, the nest drill is to shoot at a large target up close.

A drill is always used, and one

I've written about previously, was passed on to me by the great American archer ED ELIASON.

It is widely practiced by upper echelon performers. Ed would draw past the clicker with his pull pull expansion, and then continue that hold and expansion for a number of seconds and let down. In this way, the archer is actually strengthening that area just past the clicker, so that normal expansion is not under stress during actual shooting situations. Some archers (I was one) find having other clickers going off around them a struggle, and the only real remedy is to practice with other archers as often as possible. It is an annoying trait which needs to be practiced. Good shooting all you ambitious recurvers and newcomers to our great sport.



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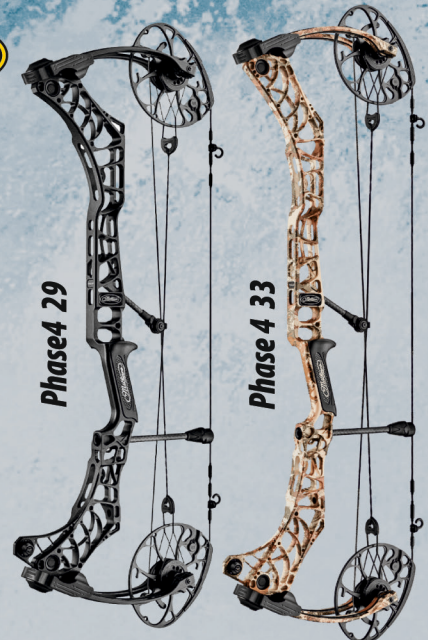


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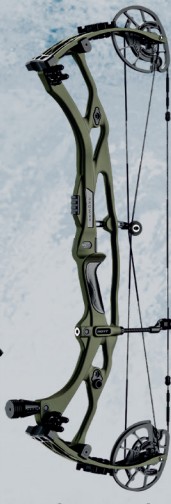
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**By Sue Wallace**

**CLEAR SKIES AND WARM SUNSHINE WERE THE ORDER OF THE DAY AS WE HEADED TOWARD NANANGO FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL TAA NATIONAL MUSTER 2022 AT THE BARAMBAH BOWHUNTERS AND FIELD ARCHERS INC. OVER THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 29/30.**

Some of us were fortunate enough to be able to set up camp on Thursday and when we arrived, just after lunch, there was already two sites set up in the dog camping area, and a few others scattered around the rest of the site. Others trickled in during the afternoon, and a couple of campers were only just setting up as a storm blew in. It rained for about 15 minutes, and that was all the rain we were to have the entire weekend!

Friday morning dawn came with beautiful blue skies. The night had been cool and it was warming up very quickly, so we waited until mid-afternoon to head over to the practice butts for a couple of shots in the shade.

Saturday morning Muster was called at 8.30am, where the shoot director gives instruction for the day's events. There was an archer from Mildura VIC; some came from the Snowy Mountains, Illawarra,



Sydney, Newcastle, Coffs Harbour and Tenterfield regions of NSW. While Qld was well represented from Chinchilla, Toowoomba, Gladstone to Gympie, Kingaroy, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, and the Gold Coast. A total of 106 archers, the biggest turnout for quite some time.

The TAA Titles shoot has a format for each event, and you got to choose in which order these events are done.

There was also an Archery Crafters Guild Display set up for people to display various wares of traditional archery-related items, from broadheads through

to armour and leather goods which was open for all to browse through over the weekend.

Our group headed up past the running pig onto what was the second range of targets, 11-20. There was orange sign to designate the target, then orange tangs on steel pegs for adult and juniors, with a pink tang for the cubs. The courses were set up with nine targets either side of the track and one at the end, in a loop, so they were very social.

The novelty events are scored as 10 for A and B zone and 5 for the rest of body, so both groups completed and scored the event together. We then set for camp to have a quick refreshing drink.

As we walked onto our second course there was a collection of people, there were three targets quite close, with the group on target one scoring, so we didn't wait long. It was good being able to talk to other groups along the track to each target, which on this course were an antelope, ram, baboon, three pigs from three separate pegs, a hyena, chameleon, and a skunk.

After the events, we all headed back to our respective camps. They ran the axe and knife events while the cooks were preparing the dinner in the clubhouse kitchen.

There was live entertainment, an acoustic duo 'Miss Fee-Rose' and 'Mikey-O' (also an archer) covering many songs and finishing around 9.30pm, which was just about the time we were heading to bed after enjoying a meal with friends and a couple of nightcaps in camp.

Sunday morning was sunny once again, with a slight breeze today, and as there was no muster



we could go out at any time, so our group headed for the Hunt Round first, however there were a few groups waiting, so we went to the field course.

After the events, everyone started to gather in the clubhouse for the raffle draw, which had been very well supported with over 80 items on the tables. Before too long we were onto the presentations and it was great to see Juniors in both longbow and recurve and so many cubs shooting, which keeps the sport growing.

There are no shoots confirmed on the Proposed Calendar (at time of writing due to clubs awaiting AGM's) for Feb 2023/

Mar 2023, another good time for reflection from past shoots. I have been advised that the Traditional shoot is back on at NAFA over the Easter weekend April 8/9 which is great news.

You will find the further information and available flyers for all the Traditional Shoots on; [www.wallacetradwoods.com](http://www.wallacetradwoods.com)

If you have any queries or would like to be added to the Qld Traditional Archery data base for direct shoot information, please feel free to contact me by email at [swallace@wallacetradwoods.com](mailto:swallace@wallacetradwoods.com)

I look forward to sharing more stories with you in 2023, and to seeing you 'round the trades.





RENEGADE BOWMEN'S

# *Catfish Challenge*

*By Jeanette Dowd*

As most clubs try to think outside the box to retain and obtain new members to their clubs, Renegade Bowmen has developed a fun social weekend away.

What started off being just one day fishing with a handful of people at the local dam has turned into a two-day fishing and kayaking spectacular. Beginning five years ago, each year it just gets bigger and bigger with new members of the club joining in

the fun getting to know their fellow club members.

This year, we hired out a private campsite at Wivenhoe Pocket which is just downstream from Wivenhoe dam. Twenty-six people came along to enjoy the social, most turning up early Friday morning.

The Catfishing Challenge, as it is known, is on the Saturday only, so those members that had ventured out Friday got to fish the river and pick out prime spots

ready for the following day.

Like most events, the organisation started months earlier. Everything was put in place for the what-ifs — a couple of marquees were organised in case the weather turned bad and while the Covid lockdowns are now a thing of the past, it was always in the back of my mind.

The one thing we didn't think about was the level of the Wivenhoe dam leading up to the event. Like the rest of Australia,



we'd had good rain fall leading into October.

Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk announced on the Thursday that they will be releasing water from early Saturday morning from Wivenhoe dam. A quick call to the owners of the campsite who put our minds at ease. We were advised the water will rise but not high enough to reach our camp site and as the water will flood the bridge to get in there is a detour

we could all take to get home. This put our minds at ease.

Everyone was up early Saturday on the water as soon as they could. The rules are if you catch anything you bring it back in to shore to get officially measured. We had a special measurer made up as well as a Strong Waters Catfish Challenge Leader Board. The leader changed a few times throughout the day!

The flood gates at the dam were to open at 9am which



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we could feel around an hour later as the river slowly rose and the current got a bit stronger throughout the day. It didn't deter us and it was great to see everyone fishing from the banks or in their kayaks. We even had Marissa out on her paddle board showing us how good and stable she was. It was even better to see the kids sharing kayaks and paddling about.

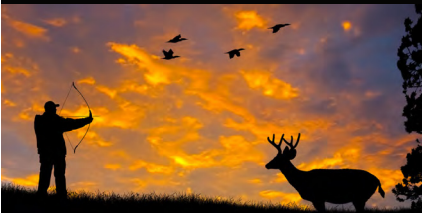
By Saturday afternoon the river rose quite a bit so most of us ventured back up the hill to enjoy a spread of dips, salami, meats, cheeses, onions and olives.

While we sat back enjoying the company and fantastic view, we could smell dinner cooking.

Then someone spotted a rope swing up a tree around 60 meters away. We all gathered around watching and laughing as they tried to get it back to the bank. Mark jumped in to make sure nothing was under the water that we couldn't see and it was safe to use. Kev D was first to give it a try, then it was one after another. I think it took them all back to their childhood. The easy part was swinging out on the rope the hard part was climbing back up

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the steep bank.

Saturday night we were having a shared buffet meal. We had a smoker going with pulled pork, camp ovens with kangaroo curry on the go, potato bake, Lasagne and damper. The view from our camp area was fantastic and when you added a fire pit and the smell from all the food cooking, we thought we were in heaven.

Like we thought, the food tasted as good as it smelt, and after dinner and dessert we presented the trophies.

A big thank you goes out to Renegade club member Ian Parkinson who organised the Catfish Challenge Logo on the trophies and stubby coolers.

This year we organized a variety of trophies:

- Smallest catfish caught at 15cm went to Andria
- Longest Non-catfish caught 80cm went to Kev D
- Smallest Non catfish caught 9cm went to Indy
- Most fish caught 20 went to Jeanette
- Most awkward landing a catfish went to Archie

The Catfish Challenge Champion for 2022 with a 50cm Catfish went to John Erskine. John now has the bragging rights for the next 12 months.

2nd place was Indy with a 48cm and 3rd Sam with a 30cm.

With the rest of the night, we enjoyed around the campfire with a few cold ones and fun stories.

The big winner of the weekend was socialising with fellow club members and their families and well as getting to know a few more people in the club.

# PHOTO COMPETITION *Entries*



## *Reflections*

**Photo by Adam Clements**



# Goats

Photo by Oliver Simcic



# Jasmine VOGES

**Age:** 36

**How long have you been involved in archery?**

28 years.

**Are you in a local club?**

Saxon Archery Club in Bundaberg.

**What type of archery do you shoot?**

ABA and IFA

**Do you Hunt?**

No.

**What's your favourite archery memory?**

I keep making new favourites all the time but right now it would be taking each of my two children around the course for their first archery competition.

**What appeals to you about archery?**

I love the discipline needed to achieve the result – a set of steps that you have to execute just right in order to achieve the goal. I'm a perfectionist by nature so there's a constant drive to do better than I did the last time or better than I've done before.

**Are any family members involved in archery?**

Yes! My family and I started archery when I was 7 years old

and we've been shooting ever since. I met my husband at our archery club and we now have 2 children (9 and 4) who also shoot with us. Most of our conversations around the dinner table come back to archery in some way or other – we literally live and breathe it.

**What was your first bow?**

A Sherwood Forrest fibre glass recurve closely followed by an Alpine Colt.

**What do you have currently?**

I shoot an Elite Energy 35 ENS at 45lb and 25.5" draw length. It's fitted with an Axcel Achieve XP sight, Shrewd Optum scope and BStinger Micro Hex stabilisers. My arrows are Easton 670 ACE's.

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

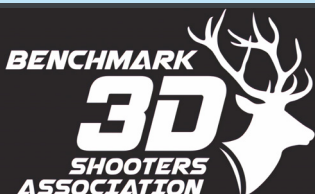
I think the thing I'm most proud of is my first perfect 400 ABA round which I shot just the other day. It's something I've been trying to do for a really long time and I'm pretty excited to be able to say that I've finally done it.

**Last Word:**

I would recommend archery as a sport for any family looking



for something that they can do together. It has helped my family and I make some priceless memories and meet some wonderful friends. I'm really grateful to have been able to be involved in the sport for as long as I have and I can't wait to see what our next archery adventure will be.



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## SHOOT CALENDAR

### January

8th	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	B	ABA
8th	Towers Bowhunter Club	B	ABA
11th	MPB *	QLD	AA pathways program QRE
14th	Venue TBC *	I	Carp Hunt
15th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
15th	Full Boar Archers	B	3D
15th	Hinchinbrook Archery Club	B	ABA
15th	Kurrimne Beach Archers	B	ABA
15th	Mackay District Bowmen	B	3D
21st - 22nd	Gympie Field Archers *	C	3D Hillbilly
21st - 22nd	Barambah Bowhunters *	D	ABA
21st - 22nd	Lithgow Valley Archers *	F	3D/ABA
22nd	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	B	3D
22nd	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	ABA
22nd	Phoenix Field Archers of Sale *	G	IFAA
28th	Hinterland Field Archers *	QLD	3DAAA - Battle of the Bows
29th	Full Boar Archers	B	ABA

### February

5th	Mackay District Bowmen	B	ABA
5th	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	B	ABA
5th	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	ABA
5th	West Gippsland Field Archers *	G	ABA
8th	MPB *	QLD	AA pathways program qre
11th - 12th	Northern Tableland Archers *	E	ABA
11th - 12th	Playford District Field Archers *	I	IFAA State Titles
12th	Towers Bowhunter Club	B	ABA
12th	Full Boar Archers	B	ABA
18th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
18th - 19th	Renegade Bowmen *	D	ABA Branch Titles
18th - 19th	South West Slopes Sporting Field Archers *	F	IFAA NSW State Titles
18th - 19th	Ballarat Bowmen *	H	ABA
18th - 19th	Western Plains Archers *	J	3D/ABA
18th - 19th	Twin City Archers *	VIC	3DAAA
19th	Hinchinbrook Archery Club	B	ABA
19th	Kurrimne Beach Archers	B	ABA
19th	Mackay District Bowmen	B	3D
19th	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	B	3D
19th	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	Pete Picken 3D
25th - 26th	Moranbah Field Archers *	C	3D
25th - 26th	Cessnock Archers *	NSW	3DAAA
26th	Dead Centre Bowhunters *	A	ABA
26th	Fred Pass Field Archers *	A	ABA

26th Full Boar Archers B IFAA Round

**March**

5th	Mackay District Bowmen	B	ABA
5th	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	B	ABA
5th	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	ABA
5th	Macalister Trophy Bowhunters *	G	3D
8th	MPB *	QLD	AA pathways program qre
11th - 12th	Hunter Bowmen *	E	3D
11th - 12th	Ipswich Field Archers *	QLD	3DAAA
11th - 12th	Mornington Peninsula Bowmen *	VIC	3DAAA
11th - 13th	Mount Clay Archers *	H	ABA
12th	Full Boar Archers	B	ABA
12th	Towers Bowhunter Club	B	ABA
18th - 19th	Saxon Archery Club *	C	IFAA Branch Titles
18th- 19th	Roma & Districts Bowmen *	D	3D Branch Titles
18th - 19th	Orange and District Archers *	F	3D/ABA
18th - 19th	Playford District Field Archers *	I	Marked 3D
18th - 19th	Gleneagle Field Archers *	Branch J	Invitational/ABA
18th - 19th	Lake Glenbawn Field Archers *	NSW	3DAAA
19th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
19th	Hinchinbrook Archery Club	B	ABA
19th	Kurrimne Beach Archers	B	ABA
19th	Mount Isa District Bowhunters	B	3D
19th	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	3D
26th	Dead Centre Bowhunters *	A	3D
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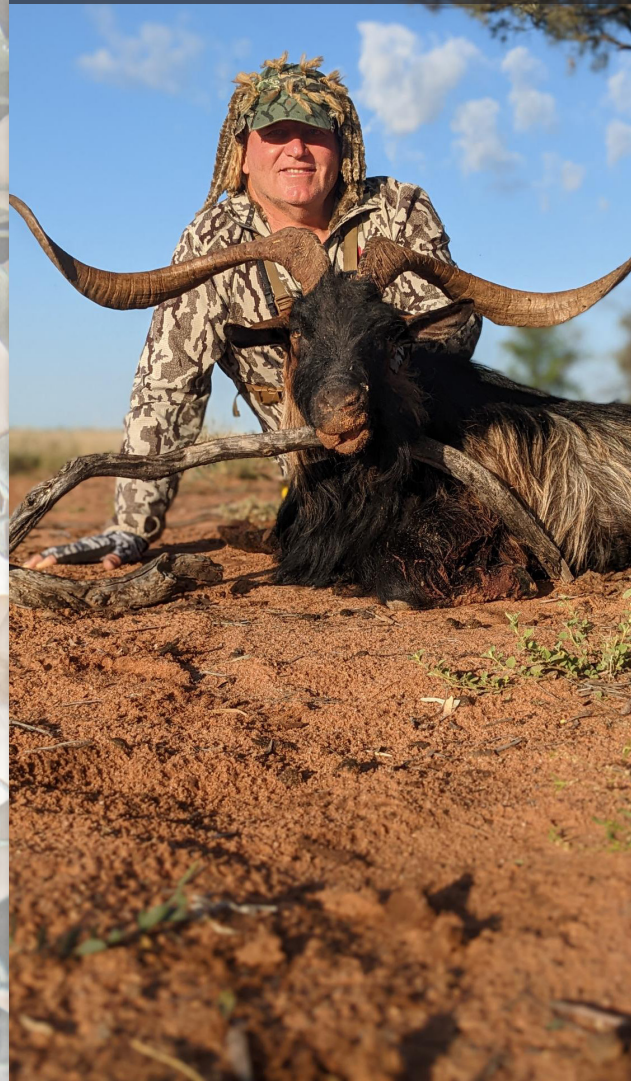
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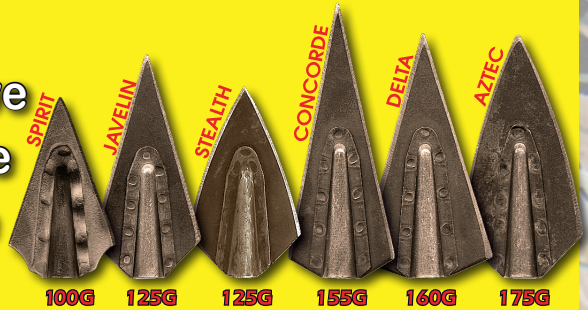
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