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**'Fat boys'
in the mud
A CAPE YORK
ADVENTURE**

**Come 'n' Try
Day
Report**



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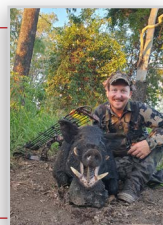
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Hi archers!

Where has the year gone? Just the other day, I saw fruit mince pies in the supermarket already, so Christmas is just around the corner!

You know what that means? The next issue of Archery Action is the only printed issue of the year!

So, send everything my way to editor@archeryactionmagazine.com or you can text/call me on 0423 778 698 (please leave a message - I often can't answer right away but I do check).

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 - Field and hunting stories
 - Photos! Make sure you're entering your shots in the Abbey Archery photo competition!
 - Recipes: do you have a go-to recipe you use for the meat you hunt? Maybe a goat curry, or venison stew... share it along with a photo!
 - Advice/tips: What have you learnt that might help other archers and hunters?
- We welcome it all! If you're worried, you're not a



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good enough writer, please don't be – that's what an editor is for.

And if you really don't want to or don't have time to write, but have a story to share, let me know – we can talk and I'll write it up for you.

Kelly James, editor

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With the rut done and after being away for about a month, I had a short stint at home to catch up on a few jobs, resort gear, repack and head off again—this time to Cape York where my son, Hugh, had organised to take our boat out of the water on a friends trailer to install a new through hull transducer for the upgraded sounders going in as well as a few other jobs including new antifoul.

As with most jobs, not everything went to plan and at the last minute the trailer was needed for a far more urgent cause: a friend's boat taking on water. That gave us a few days to fill in, which, to state the obvious, is not too hard in the Cape. Luckily, I had put my bowfishing gear in and naturally the hunting kit had come along for the ride.

We had decided to head out on the water the following morning in the dingy to do a bit of fishing. We were keeping an eye out for any activity in the water worth having a look for a shark or stingray with the bowfishing gear, as it was on the new moon with the tides having a good run and coming up in the afternoon. It should have been good, but for some reason it was unusually quiet.

We did manage a couple of queenies just off a small headland, so we decided to have a look around there with the bow for a couple of hours. Although the cloud had built up during the morning, intermittently blocking the sun, when we rounded a rocky outcrop, I could see the fin of a reasonable-size shark cutting the surface and catching a free ride on the now-incoming tide on its

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The trophy shark landed by Graham

quest to find a meal.

Skirting quickly around the rocky outcrop into an ambush position as he continued the expected path, I came to full draw and waited for a shot to present. At about three metres, he started to veer away so I released, hitting my target solidly. The water erupted with a short tussle ensuing to see a nice trophy shark landed for the day. As the cloud cover was now quite thick, we decided to head home with still enough time to reorganise the dingy and pack the hunting gear ready for

an early start up the coast in the morning. Being early in the year and having a wetter than average monsoon season, it would most likely be far too wet to be very productive, but at least I would have a better idea when it may be worth another look.

The next morning saw me at the boat ramp in the semi-darkness, wanting to arrive as early as practical. Today was to be a solo mission as Hugh had things to do at home. Putting in, I motored tight against the coast, just enjoying the salt air and the

pristine coastline while hatching a plan for how to best cover the area with the now-evident gentle south-easterly breeze. Upon arrival and selection of a suitable anchorage, I proceeded to don the camos, immediately becoming aware of the local sandfly population which moved one along with great haste inland. Hopefully away from the main hoard—well, they did diminish—only to see the march flies take over, driving clean through the mesh ridgeline shirt I'd worn. Ouch!

I was now on a bit of a pad, skirting between the sand ridge and swamp's edge with the various grasses being between waist and head high with a good foot of water in a lot of areas, but there was enough sign and rooting around to keep one interested, so I moved along as quietly as possible. As I came to a point halfway along the sand ridge where a spring fed the swamp, I decided to pull up.

I leant against an old box tree to have a listen and evaluate the situation. I had bought my

game caller, so maybe the sound of fighting boars could drag another big old fella out of the sea of grass to see what was going on, or I could walk up along the edge of the spring on the chance of finding a boar feeding on the fresh short grass shoots that grew along its edges there. Then the answer: the roars of boars fighting in the waist high grass out towards the salt pans a couple of hundred meters away. Thinking I could halve the distance and get into the zone before refining a plan to skirt the wind for a final approach if I could locate the mob, I went straight at the commotion which had by now had gone quiet.

Working the shorter of the grass to maximise any chance of a visual, I noticed movement in the tops of the grass steadily coming my way. Suddenly, a boar materialised not 15 metres away in a tunnel through the vegetation and now plodding along, head down, three-quarters on! I came to full draw and, as luck would have it, there was a bit of flood debris on the ground he had to go round which opened up enough of his shoulder for a tight shot. The arrow hit hard as he let out a whoof and trotted around me

not knowing what had happened, then with a final dash he made it all the way back to a pretty spot by the spring. An ideal location to get a few pictures!

He was a good, mature boar with quite a mane, nice tusks—one with a fresh chip off it, presumably from the recent battle—as well as three or four large puncture holes in his side. This, along with his demeanour, would likely indicate him being the loser of the battle for rights to mate.

I decided to have a look at the rest of the swamp before everything bedded up, on the off chance I could locate the mob and

the dominant boar. I quickly set the boar up for the pictures later and headed back to the edge of the swamp to see if anything else was moving about. After glassing the swamp and mangrove fringes with nothing evident, I headed back up the ridge in a large arc to get the wind right for a scout across the flat in the area the mob had been.

After easing my way out from



Hugh with a queeny on the day they went bowfishing



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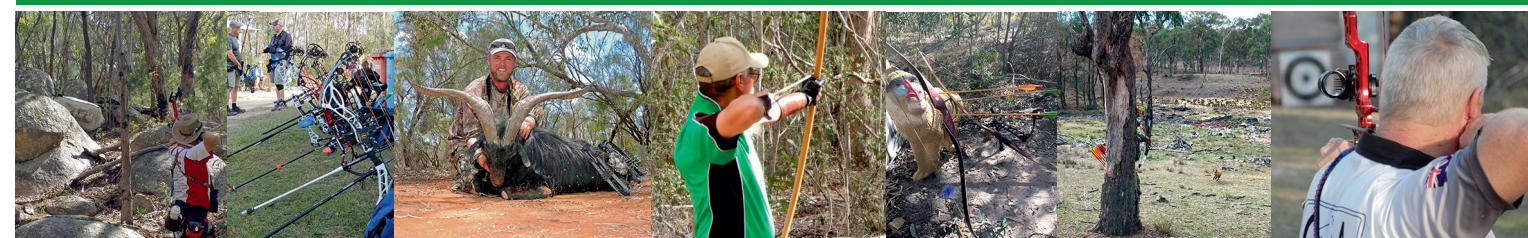


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the tree line I'd been using for cover, a black shape appeared above the grass about 100 metres out—and then it was gone again. It did take a second for the obvious to click in. The only way a pig could be that tall above the grass was if he was on top of another pig!

With some purpose, I hunched over and slipped as quietly as possible in a direct line to that location. Now just edging in, the grass moved all around with pigs grunting everywhere as they scurried around, but where was the boar? Then as luck would have it, up popped fat boy, astride again at an estimated 25 metres directly ahead and broadside.

Well, armed with a razor sharp 150g Zot I had been busting to put through a solid set of fighting pads

and now at full draw, I ran the pin straight up his front leg, settled and released. The arrow punched clean through those huge pads as he let out a massive roar and slithered slowly off her backwards to the ground, not to move again. Poor fella's last thought must have been, "Jeez I've overdone it; I've had a heart attack!"

As the mob broke out of the grass heading for the cover of the mangrove, there were two other boars with them but nothing the calibre of this bloke.

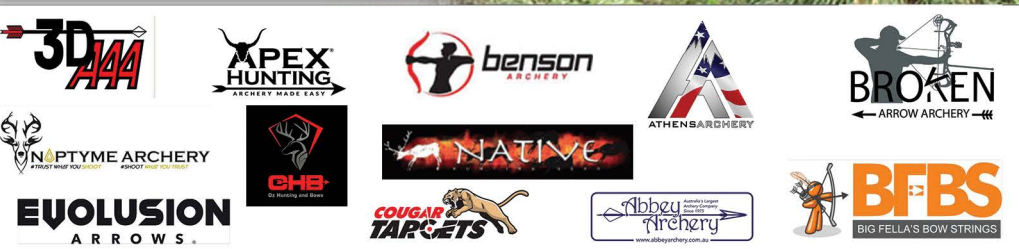
He was a real brute with heavy shoulders and thick tusks, one of which was also freshly chipped. He also had a few puncture wounds along his flanks. Still wanting to get a look at the last of the swamp around the corner, which wouldn't take long, I set him up



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Big Marlin the croc, sunning in the mangroves

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for photos before scurrying off.

The tail of the swamp was a bit drier and there was a small mob working the edges with one boar doing the rounds of the sows, but I only got to see the back end of him at a distance, so I swung around, heading back to get some good pictures and remove tusks. On the way back I did come across a nicely coloured little croc, about eight-foot-long sunning himself on the edge of the mangrove belt. I stopped to get a couple of photos as well as some of the

rainbow bee eaters in the trees.

Arriving back at the first boar on the edge of the spring, I had a nice freshen up in the crystal-clear, cool water before taking pictures and tusks, then continuing to the big fella to do the same.

Time then to get back to the boat before the falling tide left me stranded. On arrival it was a relief to see just enough water to push off and head home, somewhat weary but pretty pleased to have had a bit of luck! @



The back end of the boar seen at the tail of the swamp

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BOWHUNTING DIVISION
report



By Allan Driver / Vice President Bowhunting Division



My, how this year is moving along at such great pace. When it comes to bowhunting and, in particular, ABA members, it is important that everyone knows the rules / legislation on hunting in their own respective Australian state or territory.

Many of the rules are based on firearms owners, but they certainly apply to bowhunters, and some states do have specific bowhunting rules in place.

You should be aware of these things before going out to hunt, especially if you are new to our ABA.

Below is a list of websites for most individual states and

territories that will take you to hunting information.

Please have a look in your own time and remember that they can change, so it is important to keep up to date.

VIC: www.gma.vic.gov.au
NSW: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au
SA: www.environment.sa.gov.au
TAS: www.dipipewe.tas.gov.au
WA: www.wdfw.wa.gov.au/hunting/regulations
NT: www.nt.gov.au/hunting/regulations
AUSTRALIA: www.ssaa.org.au

At present, the Bowhunter Proficiency Certificate (BPC) manual is being reviewed and updated.

It is at a second stage draft

review and just needs some more work to bring it to a finish.

Once completed, it will be available online at the ABA website to read.

This has been a two-year plan to make it possible for ABA members to do a BPC online, except for the practical component, which is still to be completed at a club.

There will still be Branch BPC officers that can and will train BPC instructors at club levels to assist their members to obtain a BPC.

Bowhunting claims are still coming in, which is great to see, so please keep up the good work.

Until the next issue, stay safe.

Summary
OF AUSTRALIAN BOWSHOT RECORDS

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

ladies
BEST OF SPECIES

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



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

Branch	Hunter	Club	Game	Award	FK/FKOS	Size
B	Stephen Fairbrother	Cape York Archers	Fallow	TC		156 4/8
B	Bryan Butson	Full Boar Archers	Camel	TC	FKOS	28 2/16
B	John Teitzel	Independent	Fallow	TC		186 5/8
B	John Teitzel	Independent	Fallow	TC		181 5/8
B	John Teitzel	Independent	Fallow	TC		158
B	John Teitzel	Independent	Goat	TC		96 3/8
B	John Teitzel	Independent	Goat	TC		102 6/8
B	Toby Gall	Mackay District Bowmen	Rabbit	GA	FKOS	0
B	Toby Gall	Mackay District Bowmen	Fallow	RC		211 7/8
B	Toby Gall	Mackay District Bowmen	Fallow	RC		197 4/8
B	Daniel Ferguson	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Fallow	RC		191
B	Daniel Ferguson	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Fallow	RC		223 1/8
B	Daniel Ferguson	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Chital	RC		167
B	Daniel Ferguson	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Pig	TC		27 6/8
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B	Graham McComiskie	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Pig	TC		28
B	Graham McComiskie	Twin Rivers Bowhunters	Pig	TC		26 6/8
D	Colin Ross	Darling Downs Field Archers	Fallow	TC		187 4/8
D	Thomas Buxton	Grange Bowmen	Red Deer	TC		178
D	Thomas Buxton	Grange Bowmen	Red Deer	TC		198 4/8
D	Thomas Buxton	Grange Bowmen	Red Deer	TC		194
D	Jon Matsen	Independent	Fallow	RC		206
F	Robert Messer	Campbelltown District FA	Fallow	RC		197
F	Tim Messer	Campbelltown District FA	Fallow	TC		176 4/8
G	Christopher Bourne	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Fallow	RC		234 5/8
G	Christopher Bourne	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Fallow	RC		200 5/8
G	Jeremy Kasper	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Hare	GA	FKOS	0
G	Jeremy Kasper	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Fox	TC		9 9/16
G	Marc Curtis	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Fallow	RC		193 3/8
G	Marc Curtis	Macalister Trophy Bowhunter	Fallow	RC		205 2/8
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H	Tyler Atkinson	Ballarat Bowhunters	Fox	RC		10 3/16
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J	Cheryl Morris	Western Plains Archers	Red Deer	RC	FKOS	211 4/8
J	Nigel Morris	Western Plains Archers	Red Deer	RC		211 4/8
J	Troy Morris	Western Plains Archers	Red Deer	RC		200 7/8



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TO END JULY 2022

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David Luxford 200

Bowhunter Award

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Daniel Ferguson 160

Dan Podubinski 140

John Teitzel 130

Graham McComiskie 120

Marc Curtis 110

Adam Clements 100

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- 4.67lbs Mass Weight



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- 6 3/8" Brace Height
- Draw Lengths 26"-31"
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- Draw Lengths 27"-32"
- Draw Weights 30-80 lbs



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- 342fps
- 6.25" Brace Height
- 31" Axle to Axle
- Draw Lengths 26"-30"
- 45-60, 55-70 lbs



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TRADITIONAL *trails*

With Nick Lintern

Hi to all our readers and welcome to the latest instalment of Traditional Trails. I hope you are all out shooting and hunting and enjoying this much-drier weather. I know there's still plenty of rain about, but it's far better than how the year started. In this edition, I'm going to take a look at a commonly asked technique question and one that can be challenging to understand for new archers: should I shoot three fingers under or split?

There are three ways an arrow can be drawn: split finger, three under or pinched as in the case with a thumb ring or similar. I won't cover the pinch / thumb ring style as it's actually quite rare and is really only going to be used on Asiatic style bows. Overwhelmingly, traditional bows will be shot either split finger or three under.

So, the question simply is: should I shoot three fingers under or split? While this seems simple enough, there is actually a pretty big difference between the dynamics of both styles, plus we'll take a look at the anchoring phase of shooting in general.

So, let's plunge into this subject and hopefully clear up some fog surrounding this subject.

SPLIT FINGER OR THREE UNDER?

Since the earliest times, archers primarily have used what is termed the Mediterranean loose or lock when shooting a bow. Where this name comes from in the archery sense, I'll admit I'm not sure. This style is primarily attributed the European nations and countries like England.

The connection to the Mediterranean I'm unsure of, but anyway, as long as we understand what it means we're good to go.

The Mediterranean draw is very simply, one finger placed on the bowstring above the arrow, and two below—although many ancient archers only had one finger above and one below the arrow.

The Mediterranean, or split finger, draw is still the most common method of shooting a bow in all archery styles. There really is no negative to shooting in this way and multiple positives. Let's look at the positives or benefits to shooting split finger.

1. GREATER 'FEEL' OF THE SHOT

This is due to being able to feel the arrow between your fingers.

At first, new archers will often struggle with getting the feel of the pressure on the arrows nock and the arrow will pull off the shelf as they draw the bow. But with time and practice, you learn how to correctly roll your fingers around the bowstring and the natural rotation that occurs as you draw will keep the arrow snugly on the arrow rest.

Whether you are using a thick, multi-layer tab or glove, bare fingers or something in between, you will be able to have a good feel of your shot. This "feel" means you will feel very secure in your shot. As you anchor, you may primarily feel your fingers but you are secure in the knowledge of where your arrow is.

2. NOCK FIT

Shooting split finger allows us to have a great variety of nock fits. Most of us have a nock fit we prefer, some like a snap fit, some prefer it quite loose.

The split finger draw has a degree of side pressure on the nock which enables you to know your arrow is securely on the string. So, if for example you prefer a slightly looser nock fit (as I do—a looser fit allows for quick nocking for follow up shots while hunting, or in speed rounds etc.), the position of your fingers allows you to keep the arrow fully engaged on the string.

The contrast here is when you shoot three fingers under, your nock fit must be absolutely perfect and it must err towards being a little tight.

With three under shooting, you are relying on the arrows nock being pushed up into the nocking point and you can't control the arrows position on the string at all.

Many times, a looser fit nock will result in a dry fire with three under shooting. This really limits your serving thickness and nock choices.

3. AIMING DIFFERENCES

Most of us anchor somewhere near our mouths. Because we

come in different shapes and sizes, that anchor point will vary a bit with different archers, but it's usually around the corner of the mouth.

For me, I have two points of reference when I anchor.

Firstly, I'm feeling for a spot where my index finger is up and under my cheek bone and the tip of the index finger is in the corner of my mouth.

Secondly, my thumb knuckle touches my right ear lobe. This combination guarantees the same depth and alignment every time.

Other folks I know of anchor with their index finger on a gap in their upper jaw where a tooth is missing. You get the idea though, as long as it's a consistent and repeatable anchor it's all good.

This will apply whether you are shooting three under or split. One anchor point I've seen a few times through the years that really makes me cringe, is where folk anchor near their eye. This is really dangerous and should never be attempted for obvious reasons.

All it takes is a blown nock and you're blind in one eye. Not to mention, it has no accuracy advantage at all. Long range shots—by that I mean maybe 30 or 40 metres, will be a real nightmare anchoring that high. So please, don't ever anchor there!

In terms of the aiming difference between the two it comes down to this: Imagine you anchor at the corner of the mouth and are using the split finger draw. Let's say you are shooting at a 30-metre target and your bow is shooting pretty much point on. So, no elevation is required and by your eye, you are pointing straight at the target and getting centre hits.

If you then go to three under with the same anchor, you will now need to include some elevation. This is because you have essentially raised the arrow up and so now, it is pointing slightly down.

This is exactly like raising your anchor point with a split draw. Target archers almost invariably use a split draw and anchor under their chins to make the point of



Split finger under shooting lends itself well to instinctive style

aim on long range targets much more direct or point on.

The trade-off is that at much closer distances, a three under draw will be point on whereas the split finger draw will require you to have a space picture which is holding under the target.

In my experience, it's really easy to adjust for the closer targets feel of holding at aim under the target. Distance shots are the tougher ones to feel out as the target can start to be under your field of view. So, I would always favour the easier aiming of a distance shot

that split finger offers. That said, if you are shooting three under and never intend to go beyond what your point on shot is, it doesn't really matter. But your point on distance will be shorter than you can achieve with split fingers.

The other reason many field

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and 3D shooters like three under is that they can “walk” the string. A few associations out there don’t like string walking, but in many it’s legal in competition.

Very simply, string walking is just creeping your fingers down the serving to different depths depending on the target’s distance. Obviously, this can only be done with three under. Again here, nock fit is crazy important. With no finger contact with the nock at all, you have to be sure that the nock won’t move.

To sum all this up, three under shooting is more of a target style of shooting whereas the split finger

is very versatile and is definitely better suited to hunting.

In the hunting field, bows are often forced to be laid over flat, sometimes vertical and sometimes held in the most natural position. Quick follow up shots are much easier with split finger and techniques like string walking just don’t work as animals don’t run around with distances marked on them.

Ultimately, it comes down to what you are most comfortable with and there is no wrong or right. If you are just starting out and aren’t sure which way to go, I’d definitely encourage

you to a split finger draw, as it is the most ubiquitous method that lends itself to all facets of archery, where three under can be a bit niche. Finally, just to add another point to all this, from a purist longbow point of view, no English archer ever went to war and shot three under. Just food for thought. Seriously though, I’m always in favour of the most flexible shooting method there is.

Until next time, if any of you have a subject you’d like me to cover or there are any questions please send them to norseman-longbows@hotmail.com, and as always, keep traditional. ©



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Around the Trads

By Sue Wallace

BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THE WHITE ROSE BIRTHDAY SHOOT WAS AN ABSOLUTE BLAST. THERE WERE 12 ARCHERS, ONE FROM QUEENSLAND, THE OTHERS FROM ACT, NSW, SA, AND VICTORIA, WHO HAD COME TOGETHER OVER THE WEEKEND OF MAY 28 - 29.

The one thing to remember with this shoot is that Roadie is the sole person who did all the work over the previous weeks making sure everything was right to go for the weekend, from keeping the paddock clear to the set-up of the events.

After a hearty breakfast on Saturday morning, it was nice to stand around the fire and chat. Before long it was time to get the gear together and head over to Recreational Grounds Sheds for muster. There were 71 archers in total: 65 adults, one junior and five cubs.

The course format for the Titles shoots for Saturday was 20 3D targets, as a three-arrow walk-up, scoring A-10, B-8, rest of body five for each arrow.

The novelties for Saturday were the moving target, which was setup not too far into the course, so you could shoot it on your way through, as we did, or



come back after you'd finished. The rolling disc was set up on the way over to the course, and the 60 second hunt round was set up toward the end of the course.

There were wild dog, deer, goat, and pig targets, some with trees which may jump out into the arrow's path. At one target there

were three deer and you had to work out which target to shoot from which peg, while another had one very bright chameleon. Three different sized pig targets across a "melon hole", which was full of water, was very interesting!

Once we'd completed the field course, we went back to camp for

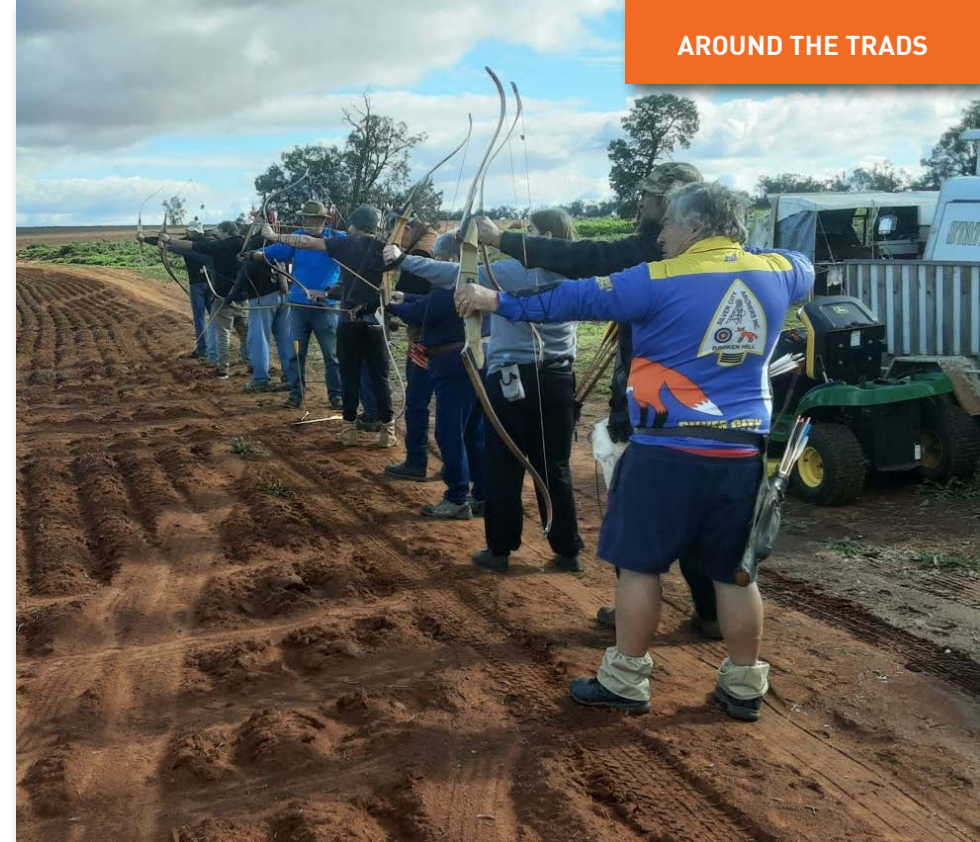
some lunch and to collect some more firewood for the night before we headed back out to do the rolling disc. This event was along a fence, where a disc rolls down a length of square bottom steel channel, in front of some bales. You shoot at five discs, by rotating through the pegs, scoring 10 for the centre ring and five for the outer ring.

Next, the hunt round. Here we found a small winding track with orange cones marking the side of the track the target was on, however not where it was sitting. You walk from the start position when time commences and meander along the path shooting the targets until the end one and you may return down the track shooting the targets again, until the 60 second time is called, then you stop shooting and return to the start, for the next archer to walk through.

After we had all completed the hunt round course, one grabbed the arrows in the five on each target, another grabbed the arrows in the 10 on each target, while others searched for any that may not have quite found their mark, and we scored away from the event, so the next group can commence.

Once we'd completed the score cards, we went back to camp, put all our gear away, collected a little more firewood, then sat around the fire.

The club had initiated and were running a new version of the 'Hawkeye Event' over at the practice butts that had started late afternoon, and it was now almost dinner time, so we wandered over to get a seat to find it still running.



The format is the same, five arrows for \$5 and you shoot at a round spot, this time, on a bear's chest. As each person has a go and hits the mark, they progress into the next round, and the bear is moved back. Those remaining have another chance to claim the prize by hitting the mark, however, it seems this was not to be the case. The "pot" is now taken to the next TAA event (Gayndah in September).

Sunday muster was for 8.30am and then we were doing the 20-target 3D course as a one-arrow round with the 30-second speed round also to be completed. This was found on the way onto the course, to be done either before or after the course.

After we'd completed the course, we just had the speed round and there was a couple of groups at the event, one waiting, one shooting. For this event you stand in one spot, and you must attempt every target once, then

you are allowed to shoot them again until 30 seconds is called.

All events were now complete, so I double checked the scorecard addition and handed them in, before wandering back to camp to enjoy a relaxing cup of tea, a sit down and a chat before lunch, then went over to the big shed for the presentations and raffle draw.

For the readers who are on Facebook, check out Travellin' Round the Trads; you can read the shoot write-ups and get the flyers for all the Trad shoots being held, You will find the further information and available flyers for all the Traditional Shoots on: www.wallacetradwoods.com www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org

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Macleay VALLEY ARCHERS

COME 'N' TRY DAY REPORT

Macleay Valley Archers recently held a Come 'n' Try Day event over two days: on Wednesday, July 13 at our indoor venue at Kempsey Showground, and on Saturday, July 16 at our Taman Forest range.

We were originally planning to do it as part of the National Come

'n' Try event, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, we had to postpone to a more suitable time.

We promoted the event through our club Facebook page and encouraged locals to share on community pages etc. to get maximum coverage. We ran it during the last week of school holidays to attract school

kids on Wednesday. We sent a promotional flyer via email to all primary and high schools during the last week of the term to include in school newsletters.

We ran two-hour sessions on the Wednesday at 12, 2, 4 and 6 o'clock, and asked people to ring and book a time. We had to extend this to another session at



10 o'clock as well, due to demand. The response was way beyond what we had thought possible—we had 53 visitors shooting on the Wednesday and 35 shooters on the Saturday.

Our three coaches were onsite during all sessions on Wednesday, assisted by experienced archers. Visitors paid \$10 per shooter, signed a membership form, and shot for 90 minutes followed by a sausage sandwich and a drink

before the next group started.

They were taken through safety briefing and basic shooting instruction and shot IFAA indoor targets at seven metres for around 40 minutes.

We have our butts mounted on rollers and then turned the butts around to then shoot ABA targets mounted on the back, with an explanation of the different games.

Afterwards, we introduced

some 3D targets on trolleys as well as balloon targets and discussed hunting and feral versus native animals.

We had members shooting as well, demonstrating different bow styles and equipment as well as answering questions.

Feedback on the day was great and everyone had a great time.

On Saturday, we hosted visitors on the practice butts for free at 11am where they were

taken through safety and basic shooting skills. All three coaches and other experienced archers assisted the beginners. After a run through on the practice butts, we had a drink and sausage sandwich. Then, groups of beginners did 15 targets on our “everything” range.

We had set up five targets each of ABA, IFAA and 3D, and each group had one or two experienced members to

assist. Some beginners came on Saturday as well as Wednesday, and the overall feedback we received was great.

On the day, one family and one other paid up as members, and we have had eight new beginners on the following Wednesday. From enquiries, we should get at least 10 new members from the days. We are very happy with this and think that we will run a similar two days every six months. ☺



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Shayna ANTONIO

Age: 30

How long have you been involved in archery?

I was born into archery.

Are you in a local club?

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What type of archery do you shoot?

ABA, IFAA and AA

Do you Hunt?

I hunted when I was younger with my family, but I love target archery more. I prefer to shoot 100 arrows at targets than walk around all day and only get one or two shots.

What's your favourite archery memory?

I have so many favourite memories from growing up in an archery family and going to many shoots across Australia. However, a memory that stands out is the ABA nationals in Wagga Wagga many years ago. I was shooting with Bec Darby, a long-term rival, and we were on the same score and I needed to get an A on the last target to tie with her on the

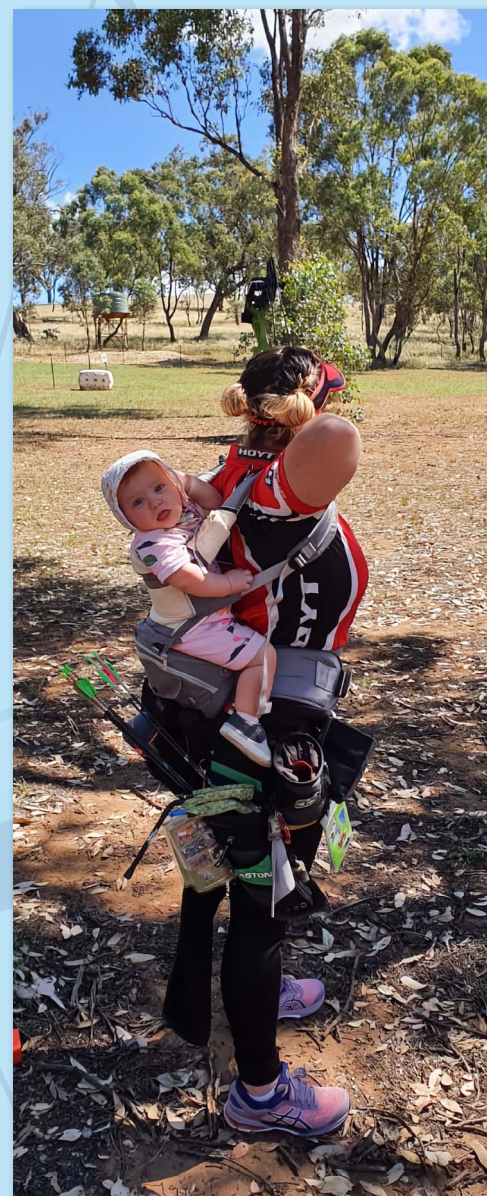
Female Freestyle Unlimited ABA 1-Arrow national record of 392. The last two targets were series fives and Bec changed her sight between targets, which scared me because I thought they were the same distance. I stuck to my guns and kept my sight the same, I pulled back, aimed and released, closed my eyes because I was too scared that if I looked my actions would push the arrow out. Bec put me out of my misery and looked through her binoculars and called in the A.

What appeals to you about archery?

I love ABA and IFAA because they're very family oriented and my two young daughters can come around with me. My four-year-old has her own bow and she can shoot when she wants. Archery Australia draws me in for the competition and the precise accuracy you need over so many arrows.

Are any family members involved in archery?

My parents got me into archery



and still shoot, my sister and her family also shoot and my husband and four-year-old also shoot. Ellie, my youngest, will start to shoot when she can follow the directions so she can shoot safely.

What was your first bow?

It was a self bow made for my sister originally by a club



member. It was a tiny longbow—my nephew currently shoots it.

What do you have currently?

I have two bows currently, for my two different styles. I have a bow set up for freestyle—it is a Hoyt Pro force FX with a T.R.U. ball AXCELL sight with Easton X10 arrows. My second bow is set as Bowhunter unlimited; it is a Hoyt Hyper Edge with an AXCELL

Armotech 5-pin sight and Easton carbon ones 600 spine. I use my Scott Backspin release aid with both bows.

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

I've competed in two IFAA world titles, placing first and fourth, and multiple Nationals. I've gotten records in ABA and IFAA. The greatest achievement though, is

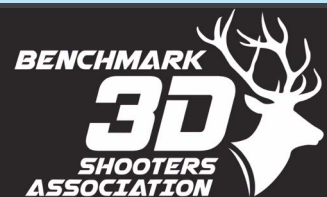
all the friendships I have made over the years and continuing to improve my form and place higher scores in the different styles I shoot.

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*Here we go
again...*

By Kev Windle



Brett searches for his pig...

Here we go again. My South Africa trip was postponed for a second time because of good old COVID. The outfitters have been kind enough to postpone it for me again, so I'm desperately hoping that in October 2022 I can be there. Anyway, a person has to hunt so up towards the Cape we go.

All the usual preparations have been carried out: quads, car and trailer serviced, hunting equipment, food and drinks packed, and as it's going to be hot in late October, air-conditioned accommodation organised. Just about all packed and ready to go. Going with me this time is our Branch D controller, Brett Willaton, my son, Grant, and my

brother, Bob. We are heading up toward the top end of Queensland to try and get Bob his 40th trophy class animal—again!

I've taken him on several trips over the years to get this elusive creature and for various reasons he has been unable to reach the milestone. So, here's hoping this is the time. Also, Grant wants his first trophy pig, Brett his first official FKOS and I'm looking for another two trophies for my 20th, so we all have something to achieve.

Some members of the local council were doing some road works and using our allocated accommodation, but they were almost finished so we delayed our departure by a day to let them vacate.

After a fairly uneventful trip we

arrived at 8.00pm on Monday, had a quick feed and threw ourselves into bed. We spent the next morning unloading and setting ourselves up before jumping on the quads and heading off to find some pigs.

Arriving at the river, we found considerably more water in it than the last time we were here six years ago and realised it was going to be a bit harder to find the pigs, as they would be spread out a bit. We walked a bit of the river and Grant spooked a couple of mid-sized pigs but did not get a shot. He also saw a feral cat—a fleeting glimpse as the cat also saw him. We ventured down to the swamp where we saw a few more pigs and both Grant and

Bob took one each. Only small animals, but kills nonetheless. It was very hot, and we all felt the effects of the heat that night.

The next day started out noticeably cooler. Bob decided to wait until the afternoon to hunt and Grant wanted to walk the creek just down the road a bit. Brett and I dropped Grant off and we headed back to the swamp. After searching one side of the swamp, I sat on a log and said to Brett, "Let's just sit here for a bit. You can sometimes be surprised what happens if you sit quietly."

It didn't take long—maybe 10 minutes—and we saw a couple of small pigs come out of the swamp, and a few minutes later a mid-sized fella come out and

started walking straight toward us. At about 15 yards, he stopped and politely turned side on. Brett shot and hit just a fraction behind the lungs. The pig took off and, despite our searching, was never to be seen again. There was no blood to be found and we could not find Brett's arrow either. It was getting hot now, so we decided to go back to camp.

Meanwhile, Grant was having fun on his own finding pigs, spooking pigs and finally shooting a sow. He saw a couple of good boars but could not get a shot before they left. He decided to go back there in the afternoon when it cooled a little. So, that afternoon Bob and Brett went back to the swamp and Grant walked his

creek again. I stayed back to cook the evening's dinner.

Grant saw more pigs and a dog, but the wind was swirling and never seemed to be in his favour when it counted. Bob and Brett found where the pigs came from in the late afternoon, but nothing was worth shooting. However, my meal turned out beautifully.

On Thursday morning, we all had a plan: Grant and I were to walk part of the river, while Bob and Brett went back to the swamp. They saw a few pigs and Bob shot one, only for it to end up in the reeds in the swamp. Bob got wet trying to find his prize but could not. He was convinced it would die there and would come back when it was cooler to retrieve

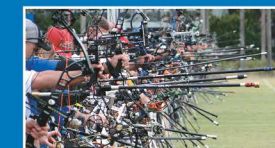
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him. While Bob was getting wet, Brett had another search for the pig he shot the day before but was unable to find any trace of him. Maybe it was all a dream.

At the river Grant and I walked a bit and saw no recent sign. On the way back to the quad we spooked one small boar and a bit further on a couple of wallabies spooked another couple of small pigs for us. Thanks guys. The heat of the day was spent in one of the air-conditioned rooms playing cards.

Friday. Bob and Brett go back to the swamp to find Bob's pig. After much searching they were unable to find it and spent the rest of the morning waiting for something to happen to no avail. Grant and I went to the creek he walked previously. On

the way, Grant spotted what he thought was a pig. After some glassing with the binoculars, we determined it was a pig, so Grant went on the stalk.

Just as he got into a good position, a bird made a call and the pig immediately sat up. It, and the one with it, both got up and disappeared before he could fire. As he walked back to me on the creek bed I said, "Look behind you."

Some 14 pigs walked out of the bush to go to the water. What made it okay was none were worth shooting—at least that is what we told ourselves. We finally arrived and made camp at the water hole and waited.

Eventually, a very nice boar walked down to the water and made himself at home. He came

in so fast that I was out of bow's reach so it was up to Grant to get him. The boar settled in the water in a position that made it impossible for Grant to have a clean shot. He waited patiently and then the boar must have gotten our scent, as after a loud grunt he exploded from the water and scaled the eight-metre bank in the blink of an eye. I have never seen a pig move that fast.

Later, another smaller boar walked in and presented himself for Grant to shoot. Grant's bow made that very loud noise when the shot is not right and the arrow landed well left of target. We followed the blood trail until it ran out. Another one lost.

We met up with Bob and Brett back at the house and related our

day's experiences to each other. Grant decided he was going to have a walk in the creek behind the house. It seemed he had only just left when he called up on the CB to ask if someone would like to come and take a photo for him. He had shot a good-sized boar only 200m from the house—a very large, very healthy boar. That night, we celebrated the shot and even Mother Nature got involved with a light show of her own. The tusks ended up measuring 23 4/8. Not quite the trophy he wanted, but very acceptable and there is still more time to get another. It rained lightly during the night which was not going to be a problem as we had planned to go into town in the morning to pick up some more supplies.

Saturday morning was a chores day. We filled in the morning by cleaning up a bit around the house and throwing out the garbage. A bit of bow maintenance and knife sharpening was also done. The trip to town was uneventful; we replenished our supplies and had a beer or two at the pub. That afternoon I went to the corner of the house yard, as I was told pigs come in there often just on dusk. That was not to be this time.


Brett went down to the creek and turned to the right to find a waterhole to sit at. On the way, a bunch of wallabies spooked a "giant" pig on him. A bit further down he found another pig asleep and presenting for a shot. He manoeuvred into position and took his shot. The pig took off

over the embankment and Brett followed. He found his arrow, but not the pig. He will need help to trail it in the morning.

In the meantime, Grant went to the creek and turned left. His plan was to walk the creek to the road and call for a pickup—about a 4km walk. He had gone about 2km before seeing any pigs, but could not get a shot due to the wonderful swirling wind. Not far further down the creek he stalked and shot what turned out to be a sow. It was a good shot and he now had one on the ground. He made his way to the rendezvous point and on the way found that his CB had gone flat, so his thinking changed from hunting to being at the pick-up point at a time we would come looking for

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Grant with his record cat



him. He was still relatively early so he thought he would find a bit of water to sit at.

There was a water hole about 150m away, so he headed towards that. As he approached, he saw that there were no animals around the water. As he approached, he saw something that required more attention: it looked like a small ear. As he moved closer, he saw a tail and then a leg and tried to contain his excitement as he realised it was a sleeping cat.

The cat stirred and made the mistake of looking toward Grant over its right shoulder which made him present nicely. The cat must have not fully realised the situation as Grant had time to draw and fire. He took his shot from two metres—the lucky sod. The cat burst out from its bed

and jumped about before taking its last breath. It was all the self control Grant could muster to stop himself dancing and yahooping about. As it was getting near the appointed time of dusk and I had not heard from him I headed off to see if he was okay. Picking him up and being shown his cat made the trip special for us both.

Sunday morning was beautiful and cool. Grant was cleaning up his cat skull and was going to go with Brett after that to try to find his pig from Saturday. They scoured the area but alas, no pig. Brett pointed out to Grant the water hole he was going to sit at for the day and said, "I hope the pigs will come to water here", to which Grant replied, "Like that one there now!" as one was already watering.

Grant left Brett to enjoy his day and walked back the water where he shot his boar on Friday. To his surprise, another good-bodied boar was lying about a metre from where he shot the other one. Grant took this boar, but it only had baby tusks, so he only took a photo. He'd had enough for the day and headed back to camp.

Bob and I went down another creek to sit at water and wait. On the way in I thought, "I should nock an arrow". Why, I did not know, as it cost me my first cat. I spotted a small cat at about five metres. It walked off another three or so then stopped and looked at me while I fumbled to get an arrow on board. By that time, the cat was off and through some brush making a shot impossible. Rookie mistake on



Bob's big pig

my part. We had two pigs come in that morning; Bob took a shot at one and I the other (not at the same time though).

Bob's shot was a touch high, and we went to trail him but again, no blood. With my shot, I didn't settle properly and flinched the release, nicking the boar on the vital bits at the back. It was not our day. Back to camp for some R&R and await Brett's adventures. When Brett came back to camp he was all smiles. He had finally gotten the monkey off his back and had downed a sow and two small boars—he was a happy little vegemite that night.

On Monday, Grant and Brett

wanted to walk the main river at the far end of the property and then try wetting a line for a Barramundi. Bob wanted to go back to the water we'd sat at the previous day, and I took the other boys in the car for the 140km round trip to the river where we all tried our luck, keeping one eye firmly out for crocodiles. We came up with nothing but had a good time doing it.

Arriving at camp, Bob met us with a smile on his face. He had downed the only boar that came to the water that morning. When he first looked at it he reckoned it would be his trophy but rolling him over showed a tusk was

broken. It is the biggest bodied pig he has shot and also the 50th pig he has shot. We all went down to the water to pull the pig out and get the required photos. We all had a couple of congratulatory—and commiseration beers—with him, then spent a quiet afternoon before the boys went back out to try and whistle up a cat. Nothing came to the whistle. The next day would be our last, and I settled on going to the creek where Grant had shot his cat, as there was water there and it had only been disturbed once.

Brett headed off early to his usual haunt as he wanted to be there on daybreak. Mid-morning

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saw a murder of crows suddenly fly off, and Brett saw a skinny black cat appear on the creek bed. It was too far for a shot. The crows returned and all started to attack the cat, driving it off into the timbers. He saw no more after that and returned to camp to have lunch and prepare for the afternoon hunt.

Grant travelled to his allocated spot and was just starting his walk when some of the farm workers in a couple of trucks pulled up nearby and started making noise. He decided it was going to be a lost cause to continue so he headed back to camp.

I arrived at the water at 7am but left at 10.30am after nothing but kangaroos came to drink. When I left, I woke up a roo that had been sleeping only 10m from me for most of the morning and boy, did it get a fright.

Brett went back out in the afternoon back to his haunt and cleaned up another three pigs with good shots on all of them. Grant

went exploring a new paddock and saw nothing worthwhile.

A quick recap on things:

Bob wanted his 40th trophy and is still waiting, although, he did shoot his biggest bodied boar as his 50th pig.

Brett got his first (FKOS) pig and six more to boot.

Grant got a record class cat (FKOS), his biggest set of tusks to date and five other pigs.

And me?

Well... I lost an arrow. ☹️



Bob cooling off on a hot day

BRANCH D



A SALUTE TO Grange Bowmen

The Grange Bowmen clubhouse was bustling with visitors. The ranges, with their new targets, wanting action. Campers and cars were corralled in the pony paddock, graciously provided by the pony club next door. The annual ABA Branch D Celebration Shoot and AGM 2022, hosted by Grange Bowmen Inc. was underway.

On August 19, 20 and 21, archers from clubs across Branch D joined with us to celebrate this annual Branch D event. Approximately 90

shooters and support members had the club almost at capacity.

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 saw 79 archers across two ranges vying for the coveted first place in their division. Archers were happy with the target setup and enjoyed competitive comradery. Jokes were told, new friends were made, and everyone had heaps of fun. Fun shoots on Friday and Saturday nights added entertainment.

The success of this event came down to club teamwork. Months before, the Range Captain and

his team started preparing the grounds for our visitors and getting our ranges ready for archery action.

Coordinators put their heads together to organise a great menu and Grange volunteers rose to challenge of catering to 90 people.

Guests started the day with hearty breakfasts of bacon and eggs, and lunches of hamburgers, hot dogs and chips kept them going. The highlight of Saturday night was the mouth-watering

pig on the spit followed by apple crumble and custard. The fire pit made for the perfect party atmosphere afterwards, all recalling the highlights of the day.

At the presentations on Sunday, there were huge smiles on faces as placegetters were rewarded with recognition and pats on backs from other team members.

The ABA Branch D Celebration Shoot 2022 was a huge success all around. Thank you to all the volunteers and organisers for making this event happen. 🍷

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September

17th - 18th	Wide Bay Archers *	C	IFAA Branch Titles
17th - 18th	Darling Downs Field Archers *	D	Gold Cup - ABA
17th - 18th	Campbelltown District Field Archers *	F	3D / ABA
17th - 18th	Lilydale Bowmen *	H	ABA
17th - 18th	Mallee Sunset Field Archers *	I	ABA State Titles
17th - 18th	North Albert Field Archers *	QLD	3DAAA - State Titles
17th - 18th	Dubbo 3D Archers *	NSW	3DAAA
18th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
18th	Hinchinbrook Archery Club	B	ABA
18th	Kurrimine Beach Archers	B	ABA
18th	Diamond Valley Archers	VIC	Single 720 QRE + Matchplay
18th	SOPA *	NSW	SOPA Matchplay Series Round 8
21st	MPB	QLD	Para QRE series
25th	Dead Centre Bowhunters *	A	ABA
25th	Freds Pass Field Archers *	A	ABA

October

1st	Eden Field Archers Inc	SA	Field QRE
1st - 3rd	Full Boar Archers *	B	ABA State Titles
1st - 2nd	Hunter Bowmen *	E	3D Branch Titles
1st - 2nd	Phoenix Field Archers of Sale *	G	ABA State Titles
1st - 2nd	Gleneagle Field Archers *	J	Invitational
1st - 2nd	Cessnock Archers *	NSW	3DAAA
2nd	Moorabbin Archery Club	VIC	Moorabbin Shield
2nd	Mackay District Bowmen	B	ABA
2nd	Mt Isa District Bowhunters	B	ABA
2nd	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	ABA
8th - 9th	Mornington Peninsula Bowmen *	VIC	3DAAA
9th	Towers Bowhunters	B	ABA
9th	Diamond Valley Archers	VIC	Double 720 QRE
12th	MPB	QLD	Para QRE series
15th - 16th	Capricorn Field Archers *	C	ABA
15th - 16th	Silver City Archers *	I	3D State Titles
15th - 16th	Manly Warringah Field Archers *	F	3D State Titles
15th - 16th	West Melbourne Field Archers *	H	ABA
15th - 16th	Ipswich Field Archers *	QLD	3DAAA - Gavin Brown Memorial
16th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
16th	Hinchinbrook Archery Club	B	ABA
16th	Kurrimine Beach Archers	B	ABA
16th	SOPA *	NSW	SOPA Matchplay Series Round 9
22nd - 23rd	Peel Archers *	J	ABA State Titles
22nd - 23rd	North Albert Field Archers *	QLD	3DAAA - Halloween Tournament
23rd	Dead Centre Bowhunters *	A	ABA
23rd	Freds Pass Field Archers *	A	ABA

23rd	Diamond Valley Archers	VIC	Single 720 QRE + Matchplay
30th	Archery Victoria	VIC	Sherbrooke 1440
November			
2nd	Archery WA	WA	Indoor QRE
5th - 6th	Eden Field Archers Inc	SA	Field QRE
5th - 6th	Macleay Valley Archers *	E	IFAA State Titles
5th - 6th	Burnie Bowmen *	TAS	Luttrell - Clarke Memorial Shoot
6th	Full Boar Archers	B	ABA
6th	Mackay District Bowmen	B	ABA
6th	West Gippsland Field Archers *	G	IFAA
6th	Diamond Valley Archers	VIC	Double 720 QRE
12th - 13th	National Championships *		3DAAA
12th - 13th	Paringa Archers Launceston Inc	TAS	Paringa Payout 2022
13th	Towers Bowhunters	B	ABA
13th	Mt Isa District Bowhunters	B	ABA
13th	Townsville District Bowhunters	B	ABA
13th	Murray Mallee Field Archers *	I	ABA
19th - 20th	Paringa Archers Launceston *	TAS	Northern Tasmania Champs
19th - 20th	Kurrimine Beach Archers	B	Presentations
19th - 20th	Darling Downs Field Archers *	D	Club Challenge - ABA
19th - 20th	Capital Field Archers *	F	3D / ABA
19th - 20th	Geelong Trophy Bowhunters *	H	ABA
20th	Dead Centre Bowhunters *	A	3D
20th	Freds Pass Field Archers *	A	3D
20th	Collinsville Barebow Hunters	B	ABA
20th	Hinchinbrook Archery Club	B	ABA
20th	SOPA *	NSW	SOPA Matchplay Series Round 10
20th	Archery South Australia *	SA	State Target Archery Championships
20th	Diamond Valley Archers	VIC	Single 720 QRE + Matchplay
26th	WA Field and Bowhunters *	J	Invitational
27th	Geelong Archers	VIC	Geelong Archers November 2022 Double 720 QRE

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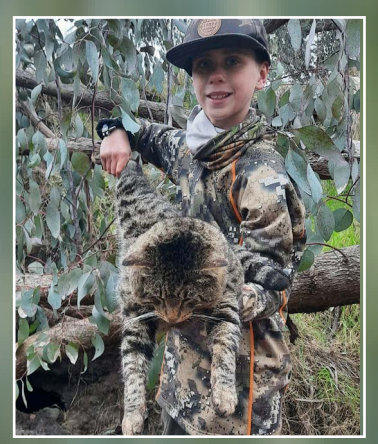


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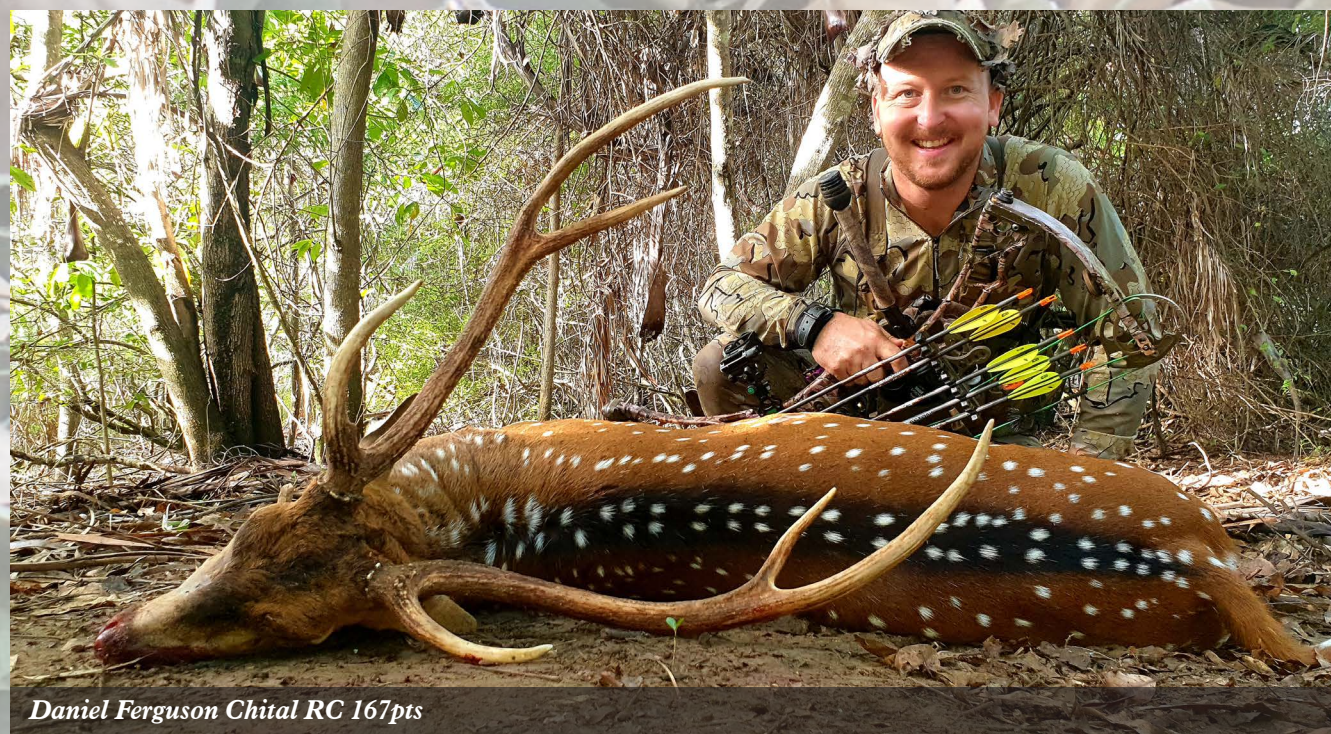
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