

ABA Game Recorders Report.

16/02/09

Well I can only say thank God that the year of 2008 is long gone and what a poor hunting year it was, compared to 07 there were one hundred less animals taken.

There were a grand total of 165 feral animals taken by 29 hunters that claimed their game for the whole year, with ten of the hunters adding another species to their personal game awards (first kill of species) which is a great achievement and good to see. Five of them were deer which is one of the hardest species to hunt (so I have been told), three of them Red deer one Rusa and to one of our junior hunters a Fallow deer.

57 of the animals claimed were from the one club and it is one of the newer clubs to our branch, so very well done to the boys from the Twin Rivers club, they bagged an assortment of game most of the Deer that were claimed as well R/C Buffalo, Rusa and a great looking Boar, out of their 57 claims 40 of them were T/C or better, that sure is some top quality game.

Looking back through the book and in the first five years of this century there were 2300 feral animals taken by our branch and in the last two years only 560, it appears to me we have a very big problem with our claiming of game, or we have ran out of hunters.

As I am a member of the TBA committee I will be taking a look into all of the other branches and see if they are having the same problems as us, we can only hope that this year is a bit better as I have been sending a letter to all of the members that had claimed game asking them to claim all the game they take, as the majority of them are only claiming T/C or better, it is no help to us when we will need all the game claims we can get when it comes time to put our argument to the people in power and to get them to allow us to hunt in National parks, much like the R licence in NSW, we can only hope that day comes real soon.

Very late last year we saw the taking of Sword fish removed from our game species and from what I have been hearing it looks like we may lose all of our water born game, as we follow the of rules of spear fishing for our bow fishing it now looks like all the rules of spear fishing are going to be changed and it looks like the new rules will not be suitable for us, I can only let you know more about this as I am told.

Well done again to all of the members who have been taking the time to venture out into the long grass and poke a few arrows into some feral animals.

GARRY PITT (FIELD REP)

By Garry Pitt for Bill Nelisen.

Hi there to all, hope you are all well, as everything is in a go slow situation out here, we have had an ABA shoot last month and that was our first shoot of the year, for some reason last year was a shocker and we ended the last half of the year with around nine shooters at every shoot, and not the same people, where and what they were all doing has got me bet.

We have got thirty five Indians of the big and small sizes on the books and to my surprise we have been getting around twenty five to each shoot so far this year, but that may all change on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month as it is our AGM.

We will be voting to change our AGM date to the last shoot that we have in the year so the New Year will start straight up with a new committee, that way we will kill two birds with the one stone as the National body wants all clubs to pull into line with each other in Australia.

We have just brought another 3500 dollars worth of 3D's, this time around we are going to have a go at the new Rinehart targets that are coming out of the USA, and we will have them for our next 3D round on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

On the hunting seen there has not been too much game taken by our members, off the top of my head Peter Helmrich was the only one to have claimed game and they were all only game awards, it was a very poor year and we saved a shit load of money at trophy presentation night as we did not hand out any hunting awards, but that did give the club a little extra to put on the BAR.

We can only hope that all things to do with bow hunting swings back into line this year, like the weather out here we have enough rain to fill the dam and wash all of our Barra over the wall and off to Lake Julius and from there into the Gulf, we have not seen this for the last ten years, and I would like to see the hunting as good as it was ten years ago, no doubt the boy's will all be out there having a go.





# ACTING SECRETARYS REPORT.....

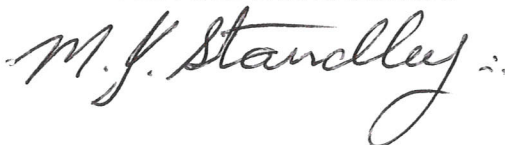
MARCH 10/03/09

WELL HI TO ALL , HOPE ALL CLUBS IN BRANCH ARE FINALLY ABLE TO START THEIR COMP,S AFTER THE WET SEASON .

1. IT HAS TAKEN A WHILE BUT I HAVE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL OUR CLUBS SO THIS WILL SPEED UP THE INFO / MEETINGS /INQUIRIES.
2. I AM STILL WAITING ON SOME CLUBS TO SEND IN THEIR COMMITTEE INFO SO IF YOUR CLUB HAS NOT DONE SO PLEASE GET IT TO OUR P.O.BOX OR EMAIL ME OR GARY PITT
3. WE HAVE A NEW CLUB IN THE BRANCH THIS IS GREAT TO SEE , KURRIMINE BEACH ARCHERS
4. OUR RAFFLE OF A CHITAL DEER HUNT AN MISSION BOW IS GOING WELL SO IF DON'T HAVE YOUR TICKETS BETTER GET SOME SOON .

THE BRANCH COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SPONSERS OF THIS RAFFLE .  
TROPHY BOWHUNTS AUSTRALIA MICHAEL BAKER  
& REDBACK ARCHERY SUPPLIES SCOTT MURRY .

ACTING SECRETARY MITCH STANDLEY





G'day guys,

Firstly will be Inwards correspondence then I'll give you the Treasurers Report and accounts for payment.

1. List of Kurrimine Beach Archers committee members (to be forwarded to Gary)
2. Letter to Branch B President (to be forwarded to Gary)
3. Archery Action with Outdoor Connections invoice (accounts for payment)
4. Post Office Box renewal (accounts for payment)
5. February Bank statement (treasurers report)

#### Treasurers Report

The February bank statement,  
opening balance was \$4472.88  
account fees           \$10.00  
closing balance       \$4462.88

Cashbook balance as at 10 March 2009,  
Receipts               \$6395.15  
Payments               \$1932.27  
Balance                \$4462.88

#### Accounts for payment.

Archery Action invoice, \$140.00  
P.O. Box renewal       \$75.00

#### General Business.

I ordered and received the targets for the Branch Safari. I did not receive an invoice from Action Graphics so I will phone them and check up on this. I will forward the target to Collinsville this week.

I have not been able to pick up the Branch 3D targets from Robin Woodfield due to the rain, I will be contacting Robin this week to see if I can get a vehicle to the shed to collect the targets.

Cheers for now.

Neil Delarue  
Branch B Treasurer

---

## Treasures Report March 2009

### March Bank Statement. 31 Mar 09

Opening Balance, \$4462.88  
Account Fee's, \$10.00  
Credits, \$0.00  
Debits, \$225.00  
Closing Balance \$4237.88  
GST Payable, \$0.00

### Cashbook Balance

Reciept to Date, \$6395.15  
Payments to Date , \$2297.87  
Unpresented Cheques, \$140.60  
Cashbook Balance, \$4237.88  
GST Payable YTD, \$55.94

### Accounts for Payment

Second set of targest for Branch B Safari. \$140.60  
Trophies for Branch Safari. \$549.00  
Stationary and Travel Expenses. \$438.80

### General Business.

Could all Branch B club Treasurers please forward shoot fee's as soon as practicable. I have not received any shoot fees from clubs since January this year. The fees are \$1 for each Adult and \$0.50 for Juniors and Cubs who are ABA members. This is the only Branch income other than Raffles and the Safari. I have been up to the new Kurrimine Archers and had a great reception from them. I didn't get to shoot but they have a top spot there and I look forward to getting there again and to the other clubs throughout the rest of the year.

The Treasurers books will be closed as of close of buisness 14 May 09 so as the can be audited by Concord Tax prior to the Branch B Safari.

Cheers for now.

Neil Delarue

**Mitch Standley**

---

**From:** "michellep63" <michellep632@bigpond.com>  
**To:** <mitch.drumduff@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 March 2009 10:47 PM  
**Subject:** FW: TDB report.

---

**From:** michellep63 [mailto:michellep632@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 14 March 2009 1:41 PM  
**To:** 'mitchdrumduff@bigpond.com'  
**Subject:** TDB report.

G'day mitch,

Just a quick note to let you know what's been happening in T'ville. Well as you have heard our Invitational shoot was cancelled due to the Wet weather , we are hoping to hold it in august. So far no one from the club has been out hunting this year, so no claims as yet.

I have had an enquiry about Blazer vanes in regard to the rule about having 12" of fletches on arrows shot from bows over 50lb draw weight? Is this still the rule Or has it been changed? That's about all for now, hope to hear from you .

DAVE PAULSEN  
ABA rep for TDB.

---

Internal Virus Database is out of date.  
Checked by AVG - [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)  
Version: 8.0.237 / Virus Database: 270.11.13/1999 - Release Date: 03/13/09 05:59:00

29/05/2009



BRANCH B  
29/04/2009.

HI TO ALL CLUBS, HOPE ALL ARE READY FOR THE  
BRANCH SAFARI AT COLLINSVILLE ..6 TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE ,

TO ANY ONE INTERESTED IN BRINGING HUNTING  
PHOTOS OR GAME TAKEN , SKINS . ECT WE WILL BE  
HAVING A TBA TENT TO SHOW ALL SOME OF OUR  
GAME ....

I HAVE RECEIVED ABA REPORTS FROM TOWNSVILLE  
, MT ISA , TWIN RIVERS AND HOPE THAT ALL CLUBS  
JOIN IN AND GET THERE ABA REPS TO KEEP UP WITH  
WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND THE BRANCH ...

THE RAFFLE IS STILL GOING AND WE SHOULD HAVE  
SOME TICKETS TO SELL AT SAFARI , SO BEST TO BUY  
NOW OR MISS OUT ON TWO GREAT CHANCES TOO  
WIN ...

THANKS AGAIN TO OUR SPONSORS MICK BAKER  
.TROOPY BOWHUNTS AUSTRALIA . & SCOTT MURRY  
REDBACK BOWHUNTING SUPPLIES . .....

THE ELECTION OF A NEW CONTROLLER AND  
SECRETARY IS TO BE DONE AT COLLINSVILLE SO  
REMEMBER TO GET YOUR NOMS IN BY THE TIME  
ALONG SO AS WE CAN HAVE THEM TO THE  
NATIONALS AND BACK READY TO VOTE .....

WELL TILL LATER GOOD LUCK  
ACTING SEC .... MITCH

**Mitch Standley**

---

**From:** "Garry Pitt" <pitt04@bigpond.com>  
**To:** <mitch.drumduff@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 April 2009 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Hinchinbrook Bowmen

Hi mate, this is a reply from the Hinchinbrook club, have you seen the committee list yet, regards Pitty.

**From:** Steve&Dorothy Reeves [mailto:blowcart0@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 April 2009 1:16 PM  
**To:** Garry Pitt  
**Subject:** Hinchinbrook Bowmen

Hi Garry

Thanks you latest Field rep report and news. A list of our club committee has been sent to the Townsville post office address recently, after our AGM on 29 March. If it doesnt come through to you, let me know. Terry Low and Glenn Hillam from our club will be going to Kurrimine this coming weekend to do the proficiency training - Terry said this training will accredit them as proficiency trainers. Is that correct? They already hold their proficiency cards.

We are plugging the Collinsville June shoot but are unsure who may be attending at this stage. We have sold some tickets and will make sure they come back to you mid-May.

No other news this end at this stage.

Steve Reeves  
President  
Hinchinbrook Bowmen

---

No virus found in this incoming message.

Checked by AVG - [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

Version: 8.0.238 / Virus Database: 270.11.58/2061 - Release Date: 04/15/09 19:52:00

29/05/2009

**Mitch Standley**

---

**From:** "Linda White" <neilandlinda@westnet.com.au>  
**To:** "Mitch Standley" <mitch.drumduff@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 10 May 2009 2:32 AM  
**Subject:** Re: hi neil

G'day Mitch,

The last time Mackay paid shoot fees was 15 June 2008. It was for \$100.00. I think Victor was letting clubs pay \$100.00 up front and when they calculated that the \$100.00 was up they paid again. I personally would prefer to see clubs pay as they go and send moneys at least every 3 months. If they wish to pay more regularly, as in monthly or every second month, that would be great.

Cheers for now.

Neil

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Mitch Standley](#)  
**To:** [neil delarue](#)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2009 6:13 AM  
**Subject:** hi neil

hi neil i need you to look up and let me know when was the last time mackay bowhunters paid there aba shoot fee,s so as i can let them know and they can pay it up please ..  
mitch

---

No virus found in this incoming message.

Checked by AVG - [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

Version: 8.0.238 / Virus Database: 270.12.25/2109 - Release Date: 05/11/09 16:14:00

29/05/2009



BRANCH B  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON  
6 JUNE 2009  
AT  
COLLINSVILLE BOWHUNTERS  
GROUNDS

The meeting was opened by Wayne Salmon at 8:02 pm.

Present at meeting:

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of previous AGM read by Wayne Salmon Acting Branch Controller.

Confirmation of Minutes : Moved: Garry Pitt  
Seconded: Dave Paulson  
Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Treasurer and Auditor's report: Not presented

Appointed Committee positions of Branch controller and Secretary were vacated.

Dave Paulson asked if election was right to go ahead as he stated no ballot papers were sent to his club.

Mitch Standley (Acting Secretary) replied that he had sent all papers to all clubs via emails; also Garry Pitt had sent them via post to ensure they were received by clubs.

Wayne Salmon , spoke on this and stated all was okay with the National Executive Director (Eric Creighton) had accepted his nomination as Branch Controller and Mitch Standley's nomination for both Branch controller and branch Secretary had been declined on the basis that his membership of ABA had not been continuous for the past two years.

Wayne Salmon also stated that Amy Woodfield had been asked to stand for Acting Secretary with this he stated he had spoken with the Executive Director and all was okay to go ahead with the appointment.

A vote on the only accepted nomination for Branch Controller (Wayne Salmon) was put to the meeting.

Moved: Garry Pitt

Seconded: Neil Delarue

Carried

Acting Secretary, Mitch Standley declined to stand and Amy Woodfield was appointed to position of Acting Secretary.

Moved : Dave Paulson

Seconded: Jeff Howlett

Carried

AGM MEETING CLOSED AT 8.14pm 6 June 2009

## Branch B General Meeting

Held 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009

At Collinsville Bowhunters

### Meeting Opened- 8.18pm

Present- Steve Farnden (Townsville), Tony Lasker ABA rep (Twin Rivers), Scott Murray (Twin Rivers), Linda White (Townsville), Jim O'Brien (Twin Rivers), Wayne Salmon (Townsville), Gary Pitt ABA rep (Mt Isa), Russell Johnson (Twin Rivers), Jeffery Howlett ABA rep (Collinsville), Derek Lock (Mackay), Shane O'Keefe (Mackay), Dave Paulsen ABA rep (Townsville), Tony Manthey (Cape York), Neil Delarue (Townsville), Amy Woodfield (Townsville)

Apologies- Alan Heritage (Tully), Ray Hardie (Tully), Peter Ellis ABA rep (Mackay), Tony Salsberry ABA rep (Charters Towers)

Previous Minutes- The previous minutes were circulated and read and passed as being true and accurate.

Moved-Dave Paulsen

Seconded-Gary Pitt

### Business arising from previous minutes-

The branch still requires a coach. Need to gather information on how to gain appropriate certificates to become qualified.

Correspondence In- Reports from Twin Rivers, Charters Towers, Branch B controller, Branch B Score Recorder, Field rep report

Correspondence Out- Nil

It was agreed that the correspondence inward be accepted and the outward be adopted

Moved- Amy Woodfield

Seconded- Dave Paulsen



Treasurers Report- The books have been audited by Concord Tax in Kirwan. The Auditors reports were signed and tabled. No issues were raised by the Auditor.

The balance as per the Auditors report is \$3931.13 as of the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Moved- Neil Delarue

Seconded- Jeffery Howlett

Accounts for payment-

Wayne Salmon \$149.00 for printer (Wayne requested that payment is to be held over until a later date as the printer has malfunctioned and needs to be swapped)

Red Back Archery Supplies \$300.00 for the bow for branch b raffle  
Mick Backer \$1000.00 for the Deer hunt for Branch B raffle

Moved- Neil Delarue

Seconded- Dave Paulsen

Reports- Reports were received and tabled (page 2 of Charters Towers report was missing requesting a copy please)

Risk management reports- Nil

General Business-

The raffle went well, Tony Manthey suggested that if we do another hunt could it please be opened up to rifle shooters as well lots of people were interested and would have bought tickets.

A suggestion of a camper trailer as a raffle was raised.

We need to keep up with the rules and regulations of raffles as they change so frequently.

A request came in for a measurers course as people have moved on leaving clubs with no measurers or proficiency officer. These are not due for 2 years.

We need a branch coach- need to find out what is involved and what certificates need to be done to gain coaching degree. Branch will send out a request to all clubs for people interested in becoming branch coach.

Gary Pitt and Alan Heritage are to look into proficiency papers that have been lodged but nothing has been received back.

Tony Lasker talked about the NSW game council and their success of their program that they are running and queried if it would be successful in Queensland.

It was raised that clubs can only have 1 ABA shoot a month and results need to be sent to the branch score recorder with shoot fees included.

Adults are \$1.00 cubs and Juniors are \$0.50 per shooter

Gary Pitt thanked everyone who supported the TBA tent.

Gary Pitt made up thankyou brochers for the people who donated prizes and placed them around for people to read.

Shane O'Keefe raised concerns of the lack of information available for people taking on positions for the first time at a club level. He requested that if the branch had any information they could share please forward it to him.

Shane also offered to all clubs a information pack on applying for grants that he has put together for the Mackay club.

Shane also requested a copy of what information goes into a ABA report and that perhaps the branch comes up with a report form so all clubs have the same layout.

Gary Pitt informed the branch that Eric Criton will sell us medallions at \$2.00 each

Mitch Standley has taken the AGM minutes for 2009 and will type them up and forward them on to the branch when done.

Meeting Closed- 9.20pm

Branch Score Recorder Report for 2009


I Wayne Salmon here by present this report for the 2009 AGM.

With the ABA proving a computer and the program to better record the grading shoot scores. I was away for 5 months however I have got the grading shoot in the computer.

The computer mentioned above is now classed as a branch asset that is paid for from the normal branch rebates over the next 3 years. I have not set up an internet connection to this laptop I use my own for that.

Yours in Archery Wayne Salmon

35 Rio Vista Way  
Kirwan  
QLD 4814

  
03 JUN 2009



**Treasures Report**  
**06 June 2009**

**Cashbook Balance 06 June 09**

Receipt to Date, \$1085.25  
Payments to Date, \$110.00  
Monies Carried Over 2008/09, \$2958.88  
Cashbook Balance, \$3931.13

**Accounts for Payment**

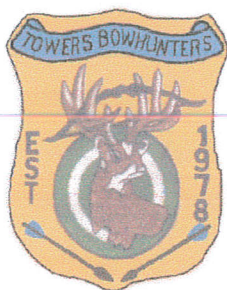
Raffle prizes. Mick Baker \$1000.00,  
Red Back Archery Suplies \$350.00

**General Business.**

The Branch books were audited and no anomilies were found by the auditors Concord Tax Kirwan.

Cheers for now.

Neil Delarue



Towers Bowhunters  
PO Box 226  
Charters Towers 4820

## 2009 ABA Report

Membership at Towers Bowhunters remains strong with approximately 58 members, 37 Seniors and the remainder Juniors/Cubs. It is encouraging to see several new families becoming members of the club and regularly participating in ABA/Fun Shoots.

The format of alternating ABA shoots and fun shoots every fortnight has proven successful with many members enjoying the freedom of fun shoots especially when 3 D targets are set up in real life hunting situations. The club has recently purchased 5 new 3 D targets and currently has a funding submission lodged with the view to purchase more 3 D targets if it is successful.

The Towers Bowhunters Invitational Shoot in September 2008 was extremely well attended with 92 shooters from Mt Isa, Ingham, Townsville, Collinsville, Mackay and Brisbane travelling to Charters Towers to participate in this event. This was a great result given that fuel prices were at there highest point at this time.

Hunting activity is restricted to a hand full of keen members even though the majority of club members have attained their Bowhunters Proficiency and that we live in one of the best hunting locations in Australia. A combination of work and family commitments are probably the main reasons that more members do not participate in hunting on a more regular basis. A bowhunting week-end was undertaken in 2008 where a few senior members took some juniors out for a camping and hunting experience – while no game was taken a good time was had by all.

Two of the more enthusiastic hunters at the club were able to secure the Overall Best of a Species for 2008 –

Ernie Collett – Cat 7 13/16

Anthony Salisbury – Chital Deer – 173 2/8

Hopefully the list of game taken in 2010 can be improved on.

## TWIN RIVERS BOWHUNTERS REPORT FOR 2008 / 09

Twin Rivers Bowhunters had a very successful hunting year with Scott and myself getting first kill on red stags.

Will O'Brien shot himself first kill of species Record Class Fallow stag and not to be out-done Derek Locke shot himself first kill of species Record Class Rusa stag.

Other members of our club also got first kill of species:-

John Doe with feral goat and feral boar.

Richard Piper with feral goat and also shot himself Trophy class feral goat.

Jim O'Brien with rabbit

Will O'Brien with rabbit and hare.

Our members also achieved national recognition for Best of Species and also one Master Bowhunter Award.

Our current membership is 25 members comprising adult male, adult female and juniors.

Our main aim for 2009 next year is to try and get everyone a first kill of species either land bound or water bound.

Another important thing our members are doing is claiming every animal we shoot regardless – boar, sow, etc as all ABA needs is a photograph and signature on the Kill Form as this goes into a national registrar and when the Greenies come knocking we have all the relevant information on file and to show Govt. Dept that we are efficient in culling of feral animals which costs the Australian govt. nothing.

We wish everyone a successful and safe hunting year for 2009.

Yours in hunting.

Tony Lasker



## 2009 Field Rep Report.

Once again a lone and hard year, most club's added a few new members to their ranks and some are having a harder time of it, with memberships down, a good number of club members still travelled to other club invitation shoots, and there was a number of members at the Branch B shoot which was good to see and well run by the Collinsville club, with good feedback from shooter about the rangers, food and the effect put into the TBA tent, which is something we have not see at a Branch shoot for over twenty years, I hope to see it remain at all of our Branch shoots form here on out.

We have seen a few changes come out of last year's AGM, with the interdiction of a forth peg added to an ABA round, this is the hunters peg, which anyone to shoot from, when nominating for that day, it is to be an orange colour peg, ABA is pulling into line with IFAA and 3DAAA, this will see us changing the scoring on our ABA targets with the 16 point scouring area taking up the whole body of the target, and with that we should see the end of D grade shooter, everyone scores will go up, there is to be a new set of coloured targets made with these score zones marked on them, this makes the animals look more realistic and with the score zone lines marked in red a lot hard to see, you can now use a pair of Binoculars to look at the target BEFORE you shoot, you cannot use a Rangefinder.

I have seen the new targets and they were shoot at the Australian Titles, over all they were well excepted by everyone, it was a shame to see a very poor roll up of Branch B members especially with the shoot being held in Queensland at Charleville, it will be at least another five years before we see it back our way, to the branch members that made the effect to go well done, three from Mackay, five from the Isa and one from Townsville, very well done.

The Australian Titles will be held at Wagg Wagg next year and this will be the World Titles as well, you will have to book a sight in advance, they are saying that there is 1500 German's alone coming; it's going to be big.

But on the hunting side, the Branch has done well, taking 360 game claims for the year, putting us back up on top of all Branch's again, there was a lot of members out trying their luck at taking a deer and well done to the ones that got them, we have a new Australian Record Shark taken by Lynda Fell from the



Cape York Club, measuring 19 6/8, we had 14 members claim their first kill of species some taking two or three, 18 Record Class game taken and 132 Trophy class, but the number of claims is what is the best thing to be seen, there is 16 claimable species out there to be had, our Branch claimed 12 of them, but one outstanding member took 10 species for himself for the year, that is outstanding, well done to all of you no matter what part of the sport you do.

This year will see Rhonda and I move from Mount Isa down to the Brisbane Valley, and by the end of August we should have found a new home; I will stay the Field Rep for the Branch for as long as you want me, so if you want me out you will have to talk someone else into taking it from me.

All the best Garry Pitt.

## Yearly Rep Report.

It has only been eight months since I have taken over as the branch field rep, and I am very disappointed in the reply to all of the information I have sent out, to club rep's and to club presidents.

There is no wonder we are one of the worsted run branches in ABA, and in explains to me why I have had so many calls from the National Executives in the short time I spent as acting branch controller.

Things have to change and all club ABA reps will have to start doing their jobs, the job of the rep is to attend club shots (**at least half or three quitters of them in a year**) and to talk to all members of the club and pass on any questions they have that you are unable to answer, and to pass on to them information at has been forwarded to you from me or from the branch committee, if you are unable to do this you not the member of your club for this job and you should be replaced immediately, because as long as I am doing this job and from now on I will be doing my best to see that the branch is brought up to the standard of all other branches.

The only income this branch has is the money we receive from ABA shoot fees, and let me tell you we do not pay anything in fees like they do in other branches, so the only other option we have is to keep having raffles, they all don't have to as big as the one we have run for the branch shoot, I would like to see us have at least Three raffles a year, I will be putting this to the meeting tonight.

In the first 5 years of this century our branch has bagged 2300 feral animals and in the past 2 years we have only taken 560 animals, and again it was a very poor year for hunting; 29 hunters from the branch put 175 claims through the books, compared to last years, but it was still a poor year with only 264 claims.

Trophy Class and Record Class animals taken were a very good average of the total number, there was 52 T/c and 5 R/c Boars, 14 t/c Goats, 3 T/c Foxes, 2 R/c Buffalos, 1 R/c Cat, 3 T/c Stingrays, 1 T/c and 1 R/c Shark, there is a big improvement in the number of Deer that are being hunted with 3 Red Deer on the ground and all of them being FKOS to each hunter Tony Lasker, Steve Kidd a very nice 178 6/8 and Scott Murray, 1 R/c Rusa 188 6/8 FKOS to Derek Lock, #

Chital deer were taken , 1 to Steve Kidd, 1 to Toby Gall and a very nice R/c 173 2/8 to Anthony Salisbury, and very late in the year young Will O'Brian walks into camp with a very impressive R/c Fallow that went 180 6/8 points, they are a very hard animal to hunt so well done to all of you for taking some very good Deer.

Over all a big well done has to go to all of the hunters that spent the time out in the bush, and an even bigger well done to the boys from the Twin Rivers Club who took the majority of the animals claimed, 60 overall with 40 of them being T/c or better, and 7 of them First Kill of Species.

I have had it put to the national body that I wanted to put a picture of the game that was being claimed on the recognition letter, it was pasted and the animal prints were to be made, as nothing has turned up yet I am going to be doing it my own way, I will be putting the picture of the claim photo on the recognition letter, this will only be on T/c or better game, so send in a good photo, and anyone who has received a recognition letter since I have been doing the job would have seen they have been returned in a large envelope, so from now on the recognition letter with photo on it will be laminated as well.

I thoroughly enjoy doing this job.

Best regards Garry Pitt.



AUSTRALIAN BOWHUNTERS  
ASSOCIATION  
BRANCH B  
P.O. Box 1854  
AITKENVALE 4814  
QLD

## BPC and Measurers Course

Hello all Clubs Allan Heritage and Garry Pitt will be running a Bowhunter proficiency and measurers Course please forward the names of the people attending ASAP

DATE- 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010

PLACE- Townsville District Bowhunters

Please send the names of the people who will be attending these courses so catering can be provided.

It would be good if people could arrive by Friday evening so they can make an early start.

It is also the same weekend as the Hinchinbrook Invitation shoot.

I will get more information to you when I can

Yours in Bowhunting  
Amy Woodfield



## Branch B General Meeting

Held 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009

At Mackay and District Bowmen Club

### Meeting Opened- 7.33pm

Present- Amy Woodfield (Townsville Branch secretary), Wayne Salmon (Townsville Branch Controller), Peter Ellis (Mackay ABA Rep), Jeffery Hewlett (Collinsville ABA Rep), Shane O'Keefe (Mackay President), Brett Farraher (Collinsville Range Master), Neil Delarue (Townsville Branch Treasurer), Linda White (Townsville Club Member)

Apologies- Dave Paulsen (Townsville ABA Rep), Allan Heritage (Tully Proficiency Officer), Gary Pitt (Mt Isa Field Officer)

Previous Minutes- The previous minutes were circulated and read and passed as being true and accurate.

Moved- Amy Woodfield

Seconded- Neil Delarue

### Business arising from previous minutes-

- \*Charters Towers report is only one page
- \*Minutes from the AGM have been forwarded to us from Eric Creighton
- \*The warranty issue has been fixed Wayne Salmon needs to be reimbursed.
- \*Coaching- Wayne Salmon has contacted Jeff Bell and is waiting a response
- \*Dave Paulsen has the latest rules for raffles and will forward us a copy
- \*Allan Heritage is the person to contact for all enquiries about proficiencies

### Correspondence In-

Field Rep report from Gary Pitt,  
Mt Isa report,  
Proficiency officers report from Allan Heritage.  
Emails from ABA reps regarding addresses

### Correspondence Out-

Emails to ABA reps confirming mailing addresses  
Minutes from last meeting posted out to all ABA Reps

It was agreed that the correspondence inward be accepted and the outward be adopted

Moved- Amy Woodfield

Seconded- Linda White

Treasurers Report- The cash book balance as of the 18<sup>th</sup> July is \$7835.78c  
The raffle made \$2906.00 less the costs \$1300.00 is \$1606.00 profit  
The shoot fees from the safari was \$2655.00 for the weekend

Moved- Neil Delarue

Seconded- Shane O'Keefe

Accounts for payment-

Gary Pitt stationery \$231.35

Concord Tax Kirwan for Auditing books \$210.00

Wayne Salmon for printer \$149.00

Wayne Salmon for printer \$104.98

Moved- Neil Delarue

Seconded- Shane O'Keefe

Reports- Mt Isa

Risk management reports- Nil

General Business-

\*Proficiency's are still missing Shane O'Keefe will contact Allan Heritage about the problem and find out if they need to re do them

\*Wayne Salmon has emailed Jeff Bell in regards to club coaching he has not received a response as yet he will re email him again

\*Dave Paulsen has the latest rules in regards to raffles and will forward a copy to branch B

\*It was brought up that we have to many divisions to cater for trophy wise is there a possibility we can reduce the divisions. ( as per the ABA rules these are the divisions we have to cater for due to the national and international rules)

\* State titles are the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August any clubs interested please nominate as soon as possible

\*Neil Delarue contacted the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries in regards to what is the maximum size for Stingrays and how they are measured. Measurements are taken from the nose to the end of the tail and are to be a maximum of 1.5m this is the same for Sharks and uses the same measurement this only applies in Queensland.

\*Allan Heritage has requested funding support for a flight to Weipa to put people through proficiencies. Requesting prices before August will need a list of names to see if it is viable

\*9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October is the Nationals AGM Neil Delarue, Wayne Salmon are attending. Gary Pitt will be contacted in regards to his attendance. Amy Woodfield said she would also attend and has offered to pay her own way to and from the event.

\*Could clubs please consider taking on the State Titles please send in your nominations to the branch

\*A reminder that 2010 calendars are due by 15<sup>th</sup> August please.

\*The Branch B postal address is P.O.Box 1845 Aitkenvale Townsville QLD 4814 all correspondence is to go to this address or be emailed to amywoodfield@bigpond.com

\*Brett Faraher from Collinsville raised concerns about Rep reports. Could all Branch members please ensure that all reports are presented after they have been proof read before submitting them as some clubs have taken offence to the wording contained in the reports.

Meeting Closed- 8.32pm

The Next Branch B Meeting will take place at Townsville District Bowhunters Invitation shoot at 7.30pm Saturday

**Amy Woodfield**

---

**From:** "ALLAN HERITAGE" <allanhery@bigpond.com>  
**To:** "Amy Woodfield" <amywoodfield@bigpond.com>  
**Cc:** "ALLAN HERITAGE" <allanhery@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 July 2009 10:38 PM  
**Subject:** Report from the proficiency instructor  
Proficiency Instructor's Report,

The Kurrimine beach Bow hunter's club have got a proficiency officer now and that is MR. Albert Agale. Their was a number of test done at the club by MR. Neil Delarue from Townsville. The Hinchinbrook bow hunters club also have proficiency officers to as well and that is MR. Terence Low and MR. Glen Hillam.

The Mackay club has Mr. Derek Lock as their proficiency officer. The weipa bow hunters club has not got a officer at all and have a number of people that require proficiency's, I have been ask to travel to Weipa and put 2 guy's through for proficiency's officer's. To do this I require air tickets to Weipa and return, I'm asking for assistance from the branch to pay for the flights.

The MT ISA CLUB has a number of people that have done proficiency's. Their have been 2 for Twin rivers club and 8 for MT Isa, 6 for Kurrimine club and 3 for Townsville club.

Regards Allan Heritage



Hi there to all of you, I can bet I am missing a great shoot and I hope you all have a good time, since the Collinsville shoot I have had three Rep reports sent to me and it a good start to getting the Branch back up and running as well as some of the other Branches, it was good to hear that the Mackay club had received the big Grant they were after and that they have a steady membership, as well the Townsville club has put in a lot of hard work to increase their numbers, and some of their members can still find the time to get out and do a little hunting it sounds great, much like the Twin Rivers club that is about all their members are doing is hunting, with some nice excellent game taken already this year, and every now and then some of their members turning up at one of the other clubs for a shoot.

The Isa club is just hanging in there at the moment; we are only getting ten or so members to a shoot, and we have no idea where or what the rest of them are doing.

There has not been a lot of game claimed up to date, only Forty five animals claimed, Thirteen of them T/C, Four R/C and three are FKOS, that shows there is still some very good quality game out there to be had, once it starts to warm up the claims will come rolling in.

Only a few weeks back I had posted a copy of the new game claim form to all club Rep's, this form has been changed by the National body and since then they have changed the Deer claim forms as well and all of the Rep's can get it from the Web page the same way I have told them they can get the other forms.

There is going to be a few changes made in the TBA committee, with David Luxford standing down from the Secretary Spot, it will be a shame to see him go, but I don't think it will be the last we will see of him, thank you very much David. If anyone wishes to put up there hand please let me know.

Other than that I do hope to see you all either at the Townsville shoot or the Charters towers shoot in the upcoming months, I hope everyone has a very safe trip home.

Best regards Pitty.

Branch B Report

Date 6/7/09

From - MOUNT ISA DISTRICT BOWHUNTERS

Club Progress-

Membership No-

Seniors Male- 18  
Female- 6  
Juniors Male- 1  
Female-  
Cubs Male- 2  
Female 1

Hunting Trips- 3 PEOPLE ONCE A YEAR

Public Relations(newspaper, media)- MOSTLY NEWSPAPER ONLY IF THEY PRINT IT.

Any other comments-

TRYING TO ENTICE NEW MEMBERS, WE HAVE A FEW SHOOTERS TRYING IT OUT AND WE HOPE THEY ENJOY IT TO JOIN UP.

HOLD CLUB RAFFLES AT A LOCAL CLUB THIS IS OUR FINANCIAL BACK UP.

SHOOT 3D'S EVERY FORTNIGHT

**Amy Woodfield**

---

**From:** "Salmon, Wayne SGT" <wayne.salmon@defence.gov.au>  
**To:** "Amy Woodfield" <amywoodfield@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 July 2009 10:16 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Coaches [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
UNCLASSIFIED

Hi Amy just got this from Jeff Bell re coaching. Not much help there.

**IMPORTANT:** This email remains the property of the Australian Defence Organisation and is subject to the jurisdiction of section 70 of the Crimes Act 1914. If you have received this email in error, you are requested to contact the sender and delete the email.

---

**From:** Jeffrey Bell [mailto:jbell@dcsi.net.au]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 18 July 2009 08:21  
**To:** Salmon, Wayne SGT  
**Subject:** RE: Coaches [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Wayne – things are a bit hectic at the moment coaching wise as the National Director of coaching has resigned and so has the secretary. At the moment Keith Goldsmith is looking after coaching stuff and you are welcome to contact him. If you can be patient a little longer .... there may be a feasible solution in the near future.

Hope this helps  
Regards

Jeff

---

**From:** Salmon, Wayne SGT [mailto:wayne.salmon@defence.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2009 1:53 PM  
**To:** jbell@dcsi.net.au  
**Subject:** Coaches [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

UNCLASSIFIED

Hi Jeff can you please send any info you have so that Branch B can get someone trained as a BRANCH Coach.

I was talking to Eric a couple of weeks ago re this matter. He suggested I communicate with you.

Yours in archery Wayne Salmon..

*Wayne Salmon ( FISH)*

**SGT SPLR Training Coordinator**

**1AOSS**

**Raaf Base Townsville**

**07 47522075**

**0747522261 FAX**

**0438061854**

3/08/2009



20/07/2009

**From the Offices of:**

**Mark Burrows  
VP Bowhunting**

**Jeff Bell  
VP Field**

**To all Branch Controllers, Coaches, BPC and Measuring Instructors.**

May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 has been set down as the date for the Re-accreditation and training of all Coaches, BPC Instructors and Measuring Instructors. This will be held at the Frederick Marsden Centre, the same venue where we hold the AGM.

We are giving your branches sufficient advance notice to allocate funds over the next 10 months or so to send the necessary personal. It is imperative that each Branch sends a representative for each one of these fields. All accreditation expires for all these departments after 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010. If you do not send a representative then your branch could be without a Measurer, BPC Instructor or Coach.

Funding assistance from National will be 75% of that that is allocated to your branch for the sending of personal to an AGM. National will also cover 100% of food and accommodation for all personal for the weekend.

It is expected that attendees arrive where possible on the evening of Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Normally these are four-year cycles but as the one before last was five years we have got out of sync. Having this one as a three year cycle will get us in line again with the four-year format that makes sure these events fall the year before a National election year.

If you have any questions please get in touch with either Jeff or Mark.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Mark and Jeff.



**Amy Woodfield**

---

**From:** "Lawrence John Nelson" <cbps@bigpond.net.au>  
**To:** "Amy Woodfield" <amywoodfield@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 August 2009 7:38 AM  
**Attach:** Field Archery.pdf  
**Subject:** Fw: Southwest Games

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Heather Pender](#)  
**To:** [Undisclosed Recipients](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2009 6:51 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Southwest Games

Please see below

**Heather**

---

**From:** Bonnie Cabrini [mailto:cabba@netspace.net.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 August 2009 11:30 PM  
**To:** Tim Stone; Steve Barratt; Phil & Jan Watkins; Mark Burrows; Lynne Fairhall; Keith Goldsmith; Ian Cameron; Heather Pender; Eric; Daryl Venables; Bob Wilson; Bob Dover; Alan Avent NSW  
**Subject:** Southwest Games

**2009 - 2010 SOUTHWEST GAMES**

Hi Everyone,

As this is the 25th anniversary for the Southwest Games, these games are now open to all ages and all levels of competitors from all around the nation, so come help us celebrate.

Bunbury Western Australia will be the host town & The Southwest Bowmen club have been asked to hold the Field Archery events. This will be a 3D & ABA on the 27th - 28th March 2010.

Trophies will be supplied by the Southwest Games Inc.

Not only individuals can enter but clubs can also nominate teams.

For those interested in entering a nomination form has been enclosed.

We will need the Registration form plus \$10.00 fee for competitors as soon as possible please, so the Southwest Games committee can gauge the numbers of competitors.

These can be also be downloaded from the web site on [www.swginc.org.au](http://www.swginc.org.au) .

Could you please pass these around to any interested members. thankyou

Regards  
 Bonnie Cabrini  
 Secretary  
 Southwest Bowmen Inc

## Branch B General Meeting

Held 29<sup>th</sup> August 2009

At Townsville District Bowhunters

### Meeting Opened- 7.30pm

Present- Amy Woodfield (Townsville), Wayne Salmon (Townsville) Jeff Howlett (Collinsville ABA Rep), Jackie Reygersburg (Collinsville), Allan Heritage (Tully), Steve Reeves (Hinchinbrooke), Tony Salisbury (Charters Towers ABA Rep), Steve Farnden (Townsville), Ian Shaw (Collinsville), Dave Paulsen Townsville ABA Rep), Neil Delarue (Townsville), Ray Wallace (Collinsville), Gene Anderson (Collinsville).

Apologies- Gary Pitt (Mt Isa), Terry Low (Hinchinbrooke), Peter Ellis (Mackay)

Previous Minutes- The previous minutes were circulated and read and passed as being true and accurate.

Moved- Amy Woodfield

Seconded- Jeffery Howlett

### Business arising from previous minutes-

Branch Coach training will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Brisbane.

Jyri Iivonen has put forward a nomination for the position of branch coach Gary Pitt will be attending the AGM in Brisbane a cheque will be forwarded to Gary to pay for flights.

The Branch Postal Address is P.O Box 1854 this was incorrect in the last minutes .

### Correspondence In-

Bank Statement

Field Rep Report from Gary Pitt

Mt Isa Club Report

Letter from Mackay District Bowmen RE- Complaint Inter Club Shoot

Letter from Mackay District Bowmen RE- Proficiency Test

Proficiency Report Allan Heritage

Collinsville Report

Charters Towers Report

Mackay ABA Report

Townsville District Bowhunters ABA Report

Townsville District Bowhunters Copy letter from ABA Rep to Gary Pitt

2009/10 Southwest Games Flyer

Information on Measurers course

Club Calenders- Kurrimine Beach, Mt Isa, Townsville, Weipa,  
Hinchinbrooke, Collinsville

Correspondence Out- Minutes From Previous Meeting

It was agreed that the correspondence inward be accepted and the outward be adopted

Moved- Amy Woodfield

Seconded- Dave Paulsen

Treasurers Report- The cash book balance as of the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009 is \$6852.84

Neil has advised that he has internet banking set up on our account so he can print the statement when he needs them this is all that can be done.

Moved- Neil Delarue

Seconded- Dave Paulsen

Accounts for payment- Amy Woodfield \$186.28 for Postage, Stationary

Moved- Neil Delarue

Seconded- Dave Paulsen

Reports- All reports were read

Risk management reports- Nil

General Business-

The issue between Mackay, Townsville and Charters Towers has been discussed and dealt with between the clubs involved. A suggestion has been made to the Branch to check all calendars to see if there are date clashes.

A motion was made that all club calendars be in no later than the end of the first week in June from now on so the branch can sort out the calendars.

Moved Dave Paulsen Seconded Amy Woodfield All in favour none against and none abstained.

A motion was made to get the dates from Nationals so the Branch can organise the calendar so no clashes happen again.

Moved Allan Heritage Seconded Jackie R All in favour none against no abstainers.

Charters Towers have given a verbal yes to the State Titles only if it falls on the May long weekend.

The letter from Mackay club about proficiency test needing updating was discussed and will be passed on to nationals.

Blue cards for working with children- we need as many adults as possible to get these they are free to all volunteers. applications can be found on the QLD government web site and down loaded.

Meeting Closed- 8.43pm

The next meeting will be at Charters Towers on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7.30pm



## Rep report for August

Hi there to all of you how time flies, I am sorry I cannot be there as I have only just returned to the Isa from Brisbane.

All has not been running very well in our Branch, I have received a letter from a member of the Mackay club informing me that they had been told at their invitation shoot that the Townsville club had held an inter club shoot or challenge with the Charters Towers club on the same weekend, I cannot understand how this could have even been considered by the Branch Controller and the other members of the committee, I was not notified or asked anything about this shoot taking place on the same weekend as another club's invitational shoot, a little more consideration should come into play when planning these of the calendar shoots.

I had sent an email, on behalf of the Mount Isa club as their Rep to Wayne the Controller, and still to date have not received a reply.

I have also had a phone call from Allan Heritage asking me why he was stopped from going to Weipa to put some of their members through the proficiency course, this had already been arranged back when I was filling in for Wayne, I had asked Nationals about it and they said that even if the Branch could not cover the cost of the flights, Nationals would cover it and refund it from our refunds from them, and Allan had been told of that decision, he was gutted by the decision of the committee and felt he had let the Weipa club members down, (not him), he has gone as far as to resign from the committee, but I can tell you Nationals will not except it.

I see in the last minutes that Allan was asked for a list of names to see if it was viable, it would not matter if there was one or ten it is his job and he should have been sent, the president of the Weipa club told you all at the Collinsville shoot that there was seven up there waiting to do the course, or had you all forgotten.

Now the hunting seen there has been a big improvement in game being claimed, with quite a few members getting a good number of first kills, along with some nice record class boars, taken by Frosty from Cairns two of them were monsters a 33DP and a 34 2/8 monster well done to all who are getting back out into the bush.

I do realise that all of the people who shoot a bow and arrow do not go hunting and if you choose not to do so it is your choice, as I am a member of the TBA committee as well it may look to some of you that I am all about hunting, that is not so, I have been a member of ABA since 1978 and have shot a lot of targets it that time let me tell you, anything that is forwarded to me from the minutes of the National meetings to do with bowhunting in general is forwarded to your club Reps and they are the ones to pass this information on to the members and have it put up on your club's notice boards, I feel my reports cover all parts of our sport.

The newer clubs that have only been up and running within the last two years are all going well and that is good to hear.

As we all know you can get a great broadhead from John Teitzel up there in Tully, and to all of you that have not heard you can now get the Blackstump broadhead from Albert Agale now up there at Kurrimine beach club, so give the boys a call if you are running short.

So until I see you all at the Towers meeting take it easy.

Field Rep; Garry Pitt. 27/08/09.

Dear Gary,

I'm writing this letter in the capacity of club A.B.A. rep in reply to your correspondence. Firstly, it was unfortunate but unintentional that one of our shoots happened to clash with Mackay's Invitation shoot. The inter-club shoot that you refer to is one that has been running for many years now and is held over 4 rounds. That particular weekend in question was but one of the 4 rounds. and yes you are quite right, it isn't listed on our calendar as such, so no it wasn't an "official" shoot, but as for being an unsanctioned shoot I think not, it is clearly marked on our calendar as a hunters round. THIS CALENDAR HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL BODY, AND THEREFORE WAS FULLY INSURED. Secondly, our membership fluctuates from year to year anywhere between 60 to 100 members, on any given shoot we average about 35 shooters, of those about 20 shooters attend approximately 90% of our shoots. That leaves anywhere between 15 and 85 members who are not regulars, and that doesn't include potential future members. If our calendar states that there is a shoot on that date, then the people that turn up on the day expect to be able shoot. So therefore the shoot that was scheduled on our calendar was going to take place regardless. The members that did attend our shoot did so by free choice. People's lifestyles are more demanding today than ever and the cost of travel has increased also, the members that didn't attend the Mackay shoot did so for their own reasons, that is unfortunate for the Mackay Bowhunters, but shouldn't it be seen as a boon for the bowhunters in the local area that there was an activity for them that Sunday? Might I also ask where you were that weekend? Or perhaps you don't live in a glass house! Thirdly, from the vein of your letter it would seem to me that it is more of a personal attack on Wayne Salmon than anything else, because I fail to see Alan Archers name mentioned anywhere in your inane rantings. And lastly, I was under the impression that as the branch field rep your charter is to handle matters pertaining to hunting, measuring and game claims. Please confine yourself to these in your correspondence to our club. Other matters should be directed to us from our branch controller, NOT YOU!

Yours faithfully

Dave Paulsen

A.B.A. rep for T.D.B.

Ps Please refrain from using expletives in your correspondences, even if they are implied. It is uncalled for and unappreciated and very unprofessional.

1<sup>st</sup> of September 2009

## T.D.B. club report

Membership at Townsville District Bowhunters is steady with approximately 68 members, the breakup of membership being Snr male 39, Snr female 7, Jnr male 12, Jnr female 1, Cub male 7, Cub female 2.

The weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> of August saw our club host our annual invitation shoot. The event was a great success with 70 shooters competing; the clubs represented at the shoot were Ch. Towers, Collinsville, Mackay, Tully, Hinchinbrook, Weipa and one competitor from Torres Strait. Everybody had a great time and were kept occupied and entertained with novelty events when they weren't competing, and a couple of our keen juniors setting out a very good sneaker round.

On the hunting side we have had a couple of hunters go out, and were successful in taking scrub bulls and feral pig. Now that the weather is warming up and it is getting drier more of our hunters will be making forays out into the wilds.

Our club has had some work done around it, with the bar area having a new shade structure erected as the old one had bush posts and they were rotten with age. A light was also installed on the end of the shade structure, as well as provisions been made to reposition the bore pump to above the bore, also posts have installed for a second shipping container to be positioned adjacent to the first. The club has also come into a quantity of second hand pavers, which have been earmarked for our driveway into our club, hopefully this will stop the driveway being scoured out when it floods.

Yours Faithfully

DAVE PAULSEN club A.B.A. rep



MACKAY DISTRICT BOWMEN

ABA REPORT

THE MACKAY CLUB HAS HAD QUITE A BUSY YEAR WITH A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS AT OUR CLUB. THE CLUB HOUSE HAS BEEN EXTENDED ALSO THE KITCHEN, BBQ AREA, TABLES & FORMS HAVE BEEN BUILT & A KNIFE & AXE FACILITY BUILT AS WELL & THE TARGET COURSES IMPROVED.

THANKS TO THE MEMBERS BOTH OLD & NEW FOR THE EFFORT PUT IN TO ACOMPLISHING THESE IMPROVEMENTS. WE ALSO HAVE SECURED GRANTS FOR A NEW TOILET & SHOWER BLOCK & A SPORTING GRANT FOR TARGETS & OTHER GEAR WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN THE FLOOD EARLY LAST YEAR. IT WAS A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT.

OUR ANNUAL SHOOT WAS HELD IN JULY, THIS WAS A GREAT WEEK-END, ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN A BIT BUT THESE WHO ATTENDED FROM NEAR & FAR REALLY ENJOIED THE SHOOT & THE HOSPITALITY PROVIDED BY THE HOSTS. THANKS TO THOSE WHO TRAVELLED FOR THE EVENT.

IN AUGUST WE CONDUCTED AN EDUCATION COME SLEEP OVER FOR THE CLUB MEMBERS. AS WE HAVE A LOT OF NEW MEMBERS WHO WISH TO START HUNTING A PROFICIENCY COURSE WAS RUN BY DERRECK OUR PROFICIENCY OFFER, WITH A GOOD ATTENDANCE. ALSO THERE WAS A KNIFE MAKING DISPLAY & A LOT OF ADVICE HANDED OUT FROM THE MORE EXPERIENCED TO THE NEW COMERS & JUNIORS.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT A LARGE SCREEN WAS SET UP & HUNTING DVDS WERE SHOWN, SOME PROFESSIONAL ONES, & MOST OF THE MEMBERS HAVE MADE DVDS OF THEIR PERSONAL ADVENTURES WITH BOW & ARROWS & A FEW NICE FISH TAKEN ON ROD & REEL.

SUNDY WAS A SLOW START 3D ROUND AS MOST WERE AILING FROM THE AMBER FLUID FROM THE NIGHT BEFORE. ALL IN ALL THE WEEK-END WAS HAILED A GREAT SUCCESS & MORE ARE PLANNED IN THE FUTURE.

THE HUNTING SIDE HAS BEEN A BIT SLOW, AS BIG RAINS EARLIER SCATTERED THE ANIMALS WE HUNT BUT FROM NOW ON IT SHOULD IMPROVE, ALSO SOME OF THE LAWS ON TAKING STINGRAYS & SHARKS HAVE BEEN CHANGED & AS WE HAVE NOT GOT THE FULL STRAY THESE HUNTS HAVE CEASED AS IGNORANCE OF THE LAWS IS NO EXCUSE IF YOU GET CAUGHT DOING THE WRONG THING.

YOURS IN BOWHUNTING

MACKAY ABA REF.

*PJ Ellis*



**Towers Bowhunters  
PO Box 226  
Charters Towers 4820**

## **ABA Report August**

**Membership of Towers Bowhunters is approximately 40.**

**Currently two shoots per month are undertaken – 1 x Official ABA round and 1x fun shoot which is generally a mix of ABA targets and 3 D targets. Attendance at shoots averages out at ~ 20 shooters.**

**New shooters attend club shoots frequently however unless these shooters have their own archery equipment the ability of Towers Bowhunters to supply gear of correct specs for these shooters can be limiting.**

**Shoot results are published in the local newspaper along with club contact details.**

**Hunting – Many members do not actively participate in hunting for a variety of reasons. Most members that consistently attend club shoots have completed the Bowhunter Proficiency course.**

**3-4 members regularly hunt on stations within close proximity to Charters Towers. Country is just starting to dry out after 2008/9 wet season so game should become more plentiful over ensuing months.**

## **Amy Woodfield**

---

**From:** "ALLAN HERITAGE" <allanhery@bigpond.com>  
**To:** "amy woodfield" <amywoodfield@bigpond.com>  
**Cc:** "ALLAN HERITAGE" <allanhery@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 August 2009 3:50 PM  
**Subject:** Report from the proficiency  
Proficiency Instructor's report,

A quiet time only 1 for Twine Rivers club and 2 for the Townsville club

Regards Allan Heritage



Mackay and District Bowmen Inc.

25th August 2009

Hi Allan

Thanks again for your assistance getting all the paperwork sorted out to allow me to carry out Bowhunter proficiencies for the Mackay and District Bowmen members. We held proficiency tests at our sleep over weekend and 5 members took part. I have enclosed the forms for the following members;

Juniors

Jeffery Buttle Jnr  
Ivan Beard.

Seniors

Duncan Unicomb  
Michael Beard  
Mark Mosier

Jeffery Buttle Jnr sat the written test for experience and passed.

I would like to make a couple of comments with regard to the written and practical tests.

I think it's probably about time to review both tests and bring them into line with current testing standards and guidelines. The questions should be clear in meaning to reduce misinterpretation and the practical test should be more structured.

All the paper work is fairly old and should be updated to reflect that it has been reviewed by the Bowhunting division committee of ABA.

I also believe that there should be a formal course for the Bow Hunter proficiency not just, read memorise and pass. As responsible Proficiency Officers and trainers we should be pushing this, as more and more of our members are going bush hunting and should be able to practicably demonstrate the skills required. Not only should they be able to shoot a bow effectively, but as part of the test be able to identify correct arrow placement on animals by drawing the vital organs in on animal diagrams and also the use of basic survival skills as well.



I'm not saying a 24 week TAFE course but possibly a series of practical tests where they must demonstrate their knowledge of animal anatomy and basic survival skills, like what to do with a snake bite or broken limbs, use a compass and GPS correctly and first aid. Basic survival skills can save lives in the bush and the more we can demonstrate that our members are competent hunters the greater our acceptance will be to government departments, State or Federal.

Now that NSW has access to some State Forests and hopefully the other states will follow and will go the same way in the future. We should lead the way in Hunter education and demonstrate our proactive attitude toward preparing our members for hunting anywhere in Australia, while not only doing the right thing but be seen to be doing the right thing.

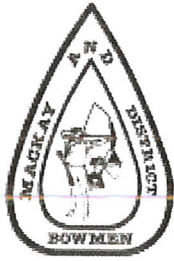
This may seem a bit like opening a can of worms and a lot of work which would require current proficiency Officers to complete the course as well. I believe it is necessary for our Bowhunting members, new and old, to be properly prepared to hunt in the bush and our responsibility to ensure we provide the training to do so.

Please feel free to pass my thoughts on to the ABA Bowhunter Division Committee.

Yours in Bowhunting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Lock', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Derek Lock  
Secretary  
Proficiency Officer  
Mackay and District Bowmen Inc.  
0439261554  
0749576211



## MACKAY AND DISTRICT BOWMEN

To ABA Zone B Executive Committee  
22-7-09

Dear Executive

It is with regret that I find it necessary to forward this letter of complaint on behalf of the Mackay and District Bowmen members with regard to an Inter-club Shoot recently held between Charters Towers and Townsville.

The Mackay Club is a long standing member of the Australian Bowhunter Association yet we now feel that we won't receive the support that comes with that membership.

Like most of the clubs in Zone B, we hold an Invitational Shoot each year in an effort to bring other ABA members to our club to take part in our shoot, meet our members and in the process bring a much needed boost to club funds.

Setting up for these shoots is an expensive and time consuming exercise not just for Clubs but members that give up their valuable time in some cases their own money to prepare to grounds, targets and facilities for an Invitational Shoot.

This year we were made aware of an Inter-Club Shoot between Charters towers and Townsville, at the Townsville grounds on the exact same weekend as our Invitational Shoot. This would have an obvious effect on anyone travelling to Mackay given the option to shoot at Townsville.

As all shoots held must be sanctioned by the Zone and National, to be under the ABA insurance umbrella, it is clear that the Executive sanctioned this shoot and understood the implications when the Inter-Club shoot was organised on the same weekend as the Mackay Invitational Shoot.

If this practice of sanctioning shoots willy nilly by the ABA Zone B Executive and National body is continued, then I suggest that the Invitational shoots are withdrawn from the yearly calendar and leave the Clubs to freely organise any type of shoot whenever they feel like it because that seems to be what the Zone B Executive is striving for.

In our opinion the Mackay Club would have the highest number of members that travel to away shoot's per head, than any other club in the Zone. In some cases over 50% of our members have attended away shoots including the Zone Safari.

Our members understand that distances can be difficult when a shoot is over a 2 day weekend, so travelling from Mt Isa and Weipa would be quite a stretch on time and money for those particular club members. But, when you consider how many of our members have supported the Townsville and Towers Shoots over the years it is

disappointing that they would organise a shoot in opposition to the Mackay Club Shoot.

This year we had 40 shooters last year 60 shooters which could be argued that there is an obvious effect. Even though the numbers were well down our shoot was successful and I believe those that attended enjoyed themselves.

I would like to give thanks to the members from other clubs that did make our shoot they are as follows;

- 4 from Collinsville the Faraher family
- 1 from Charters Towers Steve Shephardson
- 2 from Moranbah, Donna And Damien Ormiston
- 4 from Townsville, Wayne Salmon, Neil and Linda Delarue and Amy Woodfield.

The Mackay and District Bowmen believe that the Zone and National Executive need to make a greater effort to ensure that they support the clubs in the Zone and prevent this situation from occurring in the future.

Yours in Bowhunting

Derek Lock

Secretary  
Mackay and District Bowmen

Mount Isa Rep report.

Hi all well it's that time of the year up here again and the heat is kicking in again, our club has really been at a standstill, with the members coming out to the shoots around 12 each Sunday, it is very rear to get to many more, we are still running our weekly raffles at one of the local clubs and have done so from the start up of our club, without that weekly income our fees would have to go up and then we would have no members.

A few of the boys have been out hunting with no luck going their way, as it gets hotter their luck may change, it was a very poor year last year and we can only hope that it all changes this year.

Just a little bit of information for all of the other clubs to do with targets as I have a lot of time on my hands sitting at home, I have been buying paper and hessian targets from the USA and they are not as dear as you would think, the hessian targets are coloured and take up wards of 4000 shoots, some of the paper targets are as big as our group 4 and 5 targets, they have a kill zone and the rest of the animal is the wound area, for anyone who is looking for something different to shoot at their club have a look at the archery section on American eBay and just type in targets.

(Yes they are American animals).

Until the Towers shoot take it easy.

Best regards Garry Pitt.



Transactions

4834 1026 2897 Business Trans Acct ▾

[View transactions](#)

<b>Nickname/Type</b>	<b>Account number</b>	<b>Account balance</b>	<b>Available funds</b>
Business Trans Acct	4834 1026 2897	\$6,852.84 CR	\$7,352.84 CR

59 transactions found, displaying 1-20

[1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [Next>](#)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
24/08/2009	000054	\$231.35		\$6,852.84 CR
05/08/2009	000055	\$210.00		\$7,084.19 CR
03/08/2009	ACCOUNT SERVICE FEE	\$10.00		\$7,294.19 CR
21/07/2009	000057 4823	\$102.94		\$7,304.19 CR
21/07/2009	000056 4823	\$149.00		\$7,407.13 CR
01/07/2009	ACCOUNT SERVICE FEE	\$10.00		\$7,556.13 CR
25/06/2009	000052	\$1,000.00		\$7,566.13 CR
15/06/2009	000053	\$168.00		\$8,566.13 CR
12/06/2009	DEPOSIT		\$5,136.00	\$8,734.13 CR
11/06/2009	000051	\$300.00		\$3,598.13 CR
01/06/2009	ACCOUNT SERVICE FEE	\$10.00		\$3,898.13 CR
20/05/2009	DEPOSIT 4823		\$427.00	\$3,908.13 CR
18/05/2009	000050	\$110.00		\$3,481.13 CR
14/05/2009	000049	\$140.60		\$3,591.13 CR
13/05/2009	DEPOSIT ADJUSTMENT	\$2.00		\$3,731.73 CR
13/05/2009	DEPOSIT		\$644.25	\$3,733.73 CR
11/05/2009	000047	\$549.00		\$3,089.48 CR
08/05/2009	000048	\$438.80		\$3,638.48 CR
01/05/2009	ACCOUNT SERVICE FEE	\$10.00		\$4,077.28 CR
02/04/2009	000046	\$140.60		\$4,087.28 CR

59 transactions found, displaying 1-20

[1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [Next>](#)

## Collinsville ABA Report

2009

What a year so far we have had many working bees spending the first half of the year working hard preparing for the Safari. All of the hard work paid off in the end and it was very successful. We hope you all enjoyed it.

No hunting trips for our to report but we did manage to kill some paper targets.

We have received a small grant to assist in erecting a shade shelter at the practise range this shade area is our main fundraising goal at the moment and a necessary addition to our facilities.

Membership is on an even keel at the moment with a few prospective members for next year.