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Game Claim Report 2/12/2012

Well there was an influx of ratings back in September before the awards with some outstanding animals rated, and things have not slowed down since.

Adam Greentree recently ventured north to have a crack at a buff, and didn't his good form continue? He not only knocked over several bulls in the 90 point class, but got a long shot into an absolute monster from 60 metres, and had the bull down in short time. The result, a new TT number 1 buffalo scoring 108 4/8 DS. Well done Adam. Cameron Bryant from Tassie also knocked over a cracking buff back in July, scoring 102 4/8 DS coming in at number 3. Nice one Cameron.



Adam Greentree with his 92 2/8 DS bull.



Adam Greentree with the new No. 1 Buffalo
– an incredible 108 4/8 DS monster!



Cameron Bryant's No.3 bull – 102 2/8 DS.

Another bloke who's been getting stuck into the game this year is Ben Salleras. Ben has recently rated a 81 6/8 DS hog deer; 203 2/8DS red deer; 209 4/8 DS rusa deer; 115 4/8 DS billy goat, and a swag of nice boars that he has taken over the years, the best a 30 6/8 DS brute taken back in 2005. Well done Ben, keep them coming!



Ben Salleras with his 115 4/8 DS Billy.



Ben Salleras with the new No. 3 Hog deer – 81 6/8 DS.



Ben Salleras with his 209 4/8 DS Rusa.



One from yesteryear: Ben Salleras' PB Boar – 30 6/8 DS.



Ben Salleras with his first Red – 203 2/8 DS.



Ben Salleras with a more recent 28 4/8 DS Boar.

Speaking of boars, Stuart Hervert got lucky on a recent trip to the cape and came home with a cracking 31 DS boar. Well done Stuart, good reward for plenty of trips in the heat.



Stuart Hervert and his 31 DS beauty!

The Channel country is still producing boars, with a handful of TT members reaping the rewards. Paul Woods was lucky enough to meet up with an old timer, scoring 32 DS neat. As usual the action was caught on camera, so keep your eyes peeled for another 'The Born Bowhunter' production.

Local bowhunters James Warne and Sean Walsh have also been into them, rating a few good ones each in the 25-26 DS range. Well done boys.



Paul Woods and his 32 DS boar.



James Warne and his 25 DS boar.

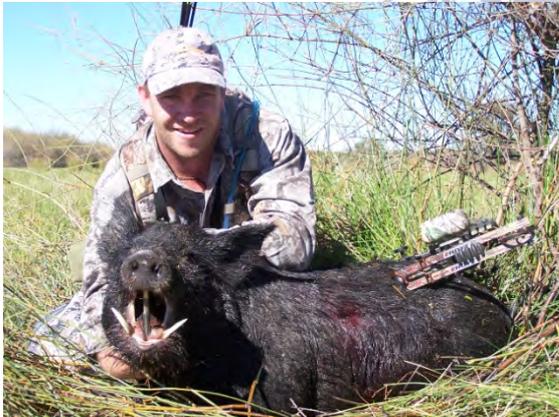


Warnie with a 26 4/8 DS Western Boar.



Another nice boar for Sean Walsh – 26 DS.

Trevor Willis travelled out west and took a nice 28 DS boar back in May. A few months earlier he took full advantage of the deer rut taking a 214 3/8 DS fallow and 247 3/8 DS red deer. He also rated several chital stags that he took last year in north Queensland, scoring 161 and 127 2/8 DS. Well done mate.



Sean Walsh into them again with a 24 6/8 DS boar.



Trevor Willis with his 28 DS boar.



Sean Walsh with a 24 DS boar.



Trevor Willis' 214 3/8 DS Fallow buck.

We have also had some other nice chital rated in the last period. NZ bowhunter Hardie McLaren travelled across the ditch and came up trumps with a 195 3/8 DS stag which sits at number 3 in the ratings. Well done Hardie, and welcome to TT.



Hardie McLaren's 195 3/8 DS Chital stag – the new No. 3.

Sean Walsh cracked a long antlered stag scoring 171 3/8 DS back in February. Nice one!



Sean Walsh and his 171 3/8 DS Chital.

Mark Wills and Wally Parker also came good on a four day hunt after the TT awards, with Wally getting his first bowshot stag scoring 162 6/8 DS and Willsy cracking the 30 inch mark with a nice hard velvet stag scoring 170 5/8

DS. This follows a good year for Mark, taking a 218 DS black fallow buck in April and a 193 7/8 rusa stag in June.



Wally Parker's 162 6/8 DS Chital – well done Wal!



Willsy's 170+ DS Chital stag.



Mark Wills and his 218 DS Fallow buck.



**Mark Wills and yet another fine Rusa stag
– 193 7/8 DS.**

A few other TT hunters have rated some good fallow bucks recently. The biggest of them is a late season buck taken by Peter Morphett. The buck scoring 245 5/8 DS has beautiful shape with long even spellers – a great trophy – well done Pete.



**Pete Morphett with a beauty Fallow buck –
245+ DS!**

New member Jeremy Kelly rated a 221 2/8 buck he shot back in 2009. Jeremy also rated a 172 6/8 south coast rusa as well. Congrats mate, and welcome to TT. Back to the fallow, and Ben Rieth had a good season taking two bucks, a 210 and 191 DS model. Well done Ben, living amongst them is sure starting to pay off. Long time TT member Manual Agius took a great buck with his longbow and custom arrows. Hunting

with Chris Hervert in wet conditions, Chris brought the buck in with a doe call and Manual did the rest. Well done fellas.



Ben Reith with his 210 DS Fallow.



Another nice buck for Ben Reith – 191 DS.



Manual Agius with his 176+ Fallow buck.

Cobar Bowhunter Jeremy Brown recently got the drop on his first 40 inch billy, and made no mistake taking the 123 4/8 DS goat with one arrow from 20 meters. Nice work Humps!



Humps with his first 40" Billy – 123 4/8 DS.

Sean Walsh also rated a few stinkers, ranging in size from 110 6/8 to 117 6/8. Well done Sean.



Warra with another great billy – 117+ DS.



Sean Walsh and his 112 7/8 DS Billy.



Sean Walsh and a 110 6/8 DS Billy.

Scott Whiting also joined the TT ranks with a 70 4/8 DS goat and a 9 4/16 fox. Welcome Scotty.

Paul Southwell, finally got a few of his more unique trophies scored, rating a 62 4/8 DS banteng shot back in 2009 and a 31 4/8 DS bull tahr that he took on the west coast of the South Island of NZ back in May. Well done Bro...

As always, TT members have been giving the small game some curry and for once, Shane Dupille isn't in the list! Goulburn based bowhunter Steven Holgate came up trumps on a cracking big black cat which took out the biggest cat award for 2012 at 8 points neat.



Steve Holgate's 8 DS moggy – the best of 2012!

He also rated several foxes over 10 DS. Well done Steve. Sean Walsh also rated a cat scoring 6 8/16 DS and a fox scoring 9 8/16DS. The remained of the fox ratings were filled by James Warne with a big western fox of 10 5/16 DS, Dave Whiting with a 10 3/16 fox and Ben Reith with a 10 1/16 fox. Well done fellas.



Steve Holgate and his 10 4/16 DS fox.



Sean Walsh and his 9 8/16 DS Fox.



Sean Walsh and his 6 8/16 DS cat.



Warnie with his 10 5/16 Fox.



Ben Reith with his 10 1/16 DS Fox.

Well that's all for now, I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

Cheers,

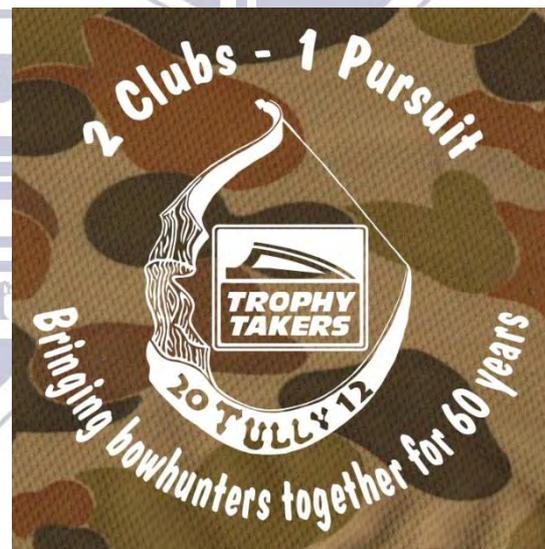
Mark Southwell.

Chairman's Report

Well the 2012 Annual Awards are now behind us and by my calculations it is only four full moons till the next big event, the 2013 rut. Can't wait! I have provided a detailed report later in this newsletter re the Awards however before I move onto some other subjects I would like to pass on a few very big thank-you's to firstly the Tully Club for their excellent support, in many ways, of this year's Awards, secondly thank you to all our members who travelled to the Awards and

helped in any way to make the event the success it was, thirdly to Ian Fenton for donating his painting (of the winning ticket holder's choice) and Anthony Clarkson for providing the quality frame for our major and very successful raffle. Also a very big thankyou to everyone that purchased tickets in the Ian Fenton Raffle, I realise they were not cheap but the odds were good and the prize very much a once off. The eventual winner, drawn at the conclusion of the Tully Shoot, was Doug Church from Barcardine in Central Queensland.

I would also like to extend a big thanks to Dave Keable; Wal Parker and Ben Salleras for designing a special commemorative logo for the Tully event. The guys put their heads together and created a unique hybrid Tully Bowhunters/Trophy Takers logo, which featured on merchandise sold at the event. The logo can be seen below:



I was very pleased to attend this year's Awards knowing I now have all of our perpetual shields enlarged to carry extra plaques and engraved with all

winner over our 26 year history. Shane Dupille's assistance in helping me achieve this is appreciated.

We have been asked to do a stall at the 2013 Archery Hall of Fame to be held at Brisbane this coming February. I have attended the past four years' AAHOF in Sydney and do feel we should be represented and give support again in 2013 however I am, at the time of writing, somewhat unsure that I will be able to make it. If we are going to participate we need to move quickly to get some numbers, book a stall and reserve a table at the actual Hall of Fame banquet and inductions.

Kev Whiting is one of those being inducted in 2013, so if I can make it I will, as it would be a great honour to be present at this special occasion. We have the option of just booking a table at the Banquette and not doing a display however we can discuss options once we gauge member interest. Please contact me on 0417045433 ASAP if you are even just thinking about attending. We will go from there.

Good mate Wayne "Ando" Anderson and I have just completed our eight week trip (organised around Tully Awards) all the way to the tip of Cape York. We caught, photographed and released hundreds of great fish, saw some great country and bagged some excellent trophies with the bow. We thank everyone that showed us any form of hospitality whilst we were on the road and hope to share with all members a few photos and short stories from our adventure in this and

future newsletters. With hunts at Condobolin NSW; Bourke NSW (thanks Warnie); Barcaldine; the Basalt Wall; Tully and the Cape we have plenty of great memories and stories to tell.

I am aware that a good number of other members have had some success in recent months however I won't steal their thunder and hopefully we will hear of their successes in the near future via some form of media.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The 2013 Annual Awards will be at Bourke in outback NSW on NSW long weekend of 6/7/8 October 2013. We want to make this a big one, with plenty of hunting, fishing and tourism activities available in the district before and after the event, so please start planning now to attend. It is a great time of year in the outback and you won't be disappointed. We'd love to see you there.

Thanks to Darren Hayman and James Warne for putting their hand up to host this one (your turn is coming Willsy!).

Don't forget we have a photographic and video section open to ALL members and family for judging at each year's Awards.

Good hunting and keep those game ratings coming.

Dave Whiting, Chairman.

2012 Trophy Takers Annual Awards

Tully Bowhunters Club at Tully in Far North Queensland was the venue for the fourth lot of TT Annual Awards to be held in the Sunshine State with previous locations being Barcaldine, Maryborough and Gladstone.

The Awards were held in conjunction with the Tully Club's renowned Annual Traditional shoot and provided a real opportunity for our members to mix, meet or renew acquaintances with likeminded bowhunters and field archers. TT members travelled some long distances including from Victoria, NSW and other parts of QLD plus Wal Parker made it two Awards in a row from where he works in PNG.

As expected the weather was fine, hot and humid for this late September weekend, meaning a few cold ones were enjoyed by all after each day's shooting events.

The Tully Club was established in 1977 and with 35 years of rich Bowhunting history the opportunity was not missed by the TT Committee to give some recognition to many of the local bowhunting legends during the Saturday night TT Annual Award presentations. By the way the close link between TT and the Tully club goes back to our foundation days in the mid 1980's when Tully greats such as the late Bill Baker and the late Bill Hill plus Dave Keable, Albert Agale, John Tietzel and Michael Venturato

joined, supported and rated some excellent game with us.

Whilst TT has never enjoyed a massive membership I am proud to say we continue to attract the truly active trophy bowhunters throughout Australia to our ranks and the quantity of quality game registered by our members year in year out never ceases to amaze me. The 2012 rating year was no different and continued to rearrange Top 10 positioning for many of the game animals our rating service rates. The Award winners are listed below but before listing these great efforts I would like to thank ALL of you TT Bowmen of the Bush that rated game with us this year and say congratulations in achieving and sharing some great personal milestones with us.

The highlights and best of our rating year, as presented at Tully were:

Boar - 32 DS - Paul Woods
(Accepted by Dave Keable)

Billy - 144 1/8 DS - Josh White
(Accepted by Shane Ross)

Red Deer - 249 5/8 DS - Adam Greentree
(Accepted by Lachlan Cooke)

Fallow Deer - 250 6/8 DS - Trevor Willis
(Accepted by Dave Whiting)

Rusa Deer - 209 4/8 DS - Ben Salleras
(Accepted by Peter "Slosh" Salleras)

Chital Deer - 197 DS - Paul Southwell
(Accepted by Paul Southwell)

Hog Deer - 96 5/8 DS - Will Ellen
(Accepted by Dave Whiting)

Buffalo - 91 6/8 DS - Anthony Clarkson
(Accepted by Chris Ogle)

Fox - 10 10/16 DS - Shane Dupille
(Accepted by Dave Whiting)

Cat - 8 DS - Steven Holgate
(Accepted by Mark Southwell)

Junior Bowhunter - Awarded to **Glenn Payne** for his excellent ratings across our Billy, Fallow and Fox categories during 2012. Accepted by Willy Agale.

Bill Baker Deer Award - Award shared this year between **Will Ellen** for his magnificent Hog Deer and **Paul Southwell** for his excellent Chital Stag. Presented by Walter Niebling and accepted by Paul Southwell on behalf of both hunters.

Ian Fenton Traditional Award - Another shared award between two of our longbow members, firstly **Mark Pitts** for his 151 point Rusa and secondly long term member **Manuel Agius** for his 176 2/8 point Snowy Mountains fallow. Everyone in attendance on the night were thrilled to have this prestigious award accepted by the Ware family, a name synonymous with bowhunting in north Queensland for a period extending into its fifth decade with Bill and Gabby

flying the family banner in the sport since the 1970s and sons David and Willy doing well with the bow in more recent decades.

Chairman's Award - A tough decision for me again this year but in the end I went with **Paul Southwell** for his outstanding results on a number of massive Chital he has shot over the past 12 months or so that not only regained him the #1 rating but also strengthened the quality of our top ten ratings for Chital. Well done Paul.

Dallas Conway & Kev Whiting No.1 Shield - Will Ellen and Paul

Southwell have had their names added to the shield for those that have over the past 26 years broken a #1 record on our primary rating fields of Boar, Billy, Buffalo and the six deer species. They are both now the proud owners of the very hard to get TT #1 shields. Well done fellas.

Danny (Where am I?) McMahon Legend Award - this year went to three of our Cobar members and brothers **Sean "Warra" Walsh; Dash Warren and Brock Walsh**, plus **Michael "Ranga" Blair** from Innisfail for their hunting trip adventure gone wrong, including eventual helicopter rescue from a flood ravaged property in far NW NSW earlier this year. Well done boys, ya's just pipped a fast finishing Danny Bajt who gave himself a very serious broadhead cut to the hand the night before he was due to head off on a long awaited and anticipated Buffalo hunt in the NT.



Dave Keable accepting the Boar award on behalf of Paul Woods.



The Ware Family accept the Ian Fenton Traditional Award for Mark Pitts and Manuel Agius. L-R: Dave Whiting, Bill; Gabby; David, and William Ware.



Slosh accepting the Rusa award on behalf of his son Ben Salleras.

Hope the hands on the mend Danny and you can eventually take the trip on the Buffalo.

As for this year's winners don't forget that you guys get to pick next year's lucky/unlucky winner/mug!!!

Dave Whiting, Chairman.

Pigs' Pad



William Agale is all smiles while accepting the Junior Bowhunter Award on behalf of Glenn Payne.

Ten years ago I would never have believed that there was ever any chance of hunting in NSW National Parks, actually make that 2 years ago! Now it seems that it is a distinct possibility, though I will believe it when I actually see it in place. I can remember when many thought hunting and especially bowhunting were doomed, it was only a matter of time before it was under strict licensing, similar to guns, then the inevitable tightening of those restrictions leading to a complete ban. Now we are

looking at being able to walk through selected areas of National Parks with a bow and arrow, positive stuff.

I am not quite sure how the tide turned but seemingly it has, hunting in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania at least has government input and some degree of management. The overall feedback from the general population is positive I think, most people don't understand but once they have received some constructive and unbiased facts about the whole process they see the positives of such a system. The removal of feral animals at very little or no expense to the tax payer usually goes a long way to sway any doubt of most of the rational minded populace. That the whole system is in fact predominately financially self-perpetuating is also a bonus. Keep up the good work guys there is no doubt this slow ground swell of acceptance and support is partly due to the efforts of many bowhunters.

I would like to thank Pete Morphett for his efforts in compiling the newsletter over the last few years. Pete certainly raised the standard and I think we would all agree it's been a bloody good read, good job Pete! Thanks to Ben Salleras and copy boy Paul Southwell for taking this on.

Lastly just a quick note on camp etiquette. Imagine after a hard days slog in the heat of the north your sitting back discussing the days events over a cold coke, then while soaking in the visual delights of the local waterhole and its abundant birdlife something a bit bigger than a White Ibis and with a little more visual presence than the

local spoonbill strides into view! My god no man should be put through that's, scarred for life and nightmares for months. I think it's an old bush rule that you never bath in the 'dining room', would you do that home? I don't think so!

Have a great Xmas all and very prosperous New Year.

Chris Hervert.

Mars, Mates and Migaloo

By Paul Southwell

In mid-October, the Hervert Brothers, Col 'Mono' Moynihan and I headed up to our usual Cape York haunt for a couple of weeks of boar busting action.

After a fairly uneventful days driving from Cairns, we arrived at the remote outstation we usually camp at to find a work camp already set up. The fencing contractors had been working in the area for a few weeks, so we headed off down an overgrown track to another area of the place and in the failing light set up camp, aptly named 'Mars Camp', due to the lack of shade and burnt out area we chose.

The first few days were spent hunting swamps, but unfortunately, most of the ones that usually fire at the end of the dry season were still full to the brim of water, with not a lot of pig sign around them. A change of tactic was required, so we decided to concentrate on creeks and mud holes. This proved

successful, and in the following days some nice boars hit the deck.

After a week of hunting, we were in need of a change of scenery, and due to a badly leaking axle seal on Stuey's cruiser, a trip to town was required. With parts in hand we set about doing our best rendition of bush mechanics, and after a couple of hours had the truck back together with no parts left over, and no leaks.

Then it was off to the barra hole to chuck a few lures. The arvo produced 16 barra between us, with Stuey's 80 cm model the best fish landed.



Stuey's nice 80cm barra.

I was left a shaking, dribbling mess when a ripper barra (near enough to a metery), smashed a popper and proceeded to brick me in the snags before the inevitable bust off.

With a change of camp to a shadier creek, complete with a water hole or two to wash in, we were in high spirits. That was until Mono decided he needed a bath at dinner time. We thought Migaloo (the white whale) had been stranded in a Cape York creek there for a minute!

The final week was spent checking out new creek sections and a few old haunts as well. Roger Charnock had arrived after a week of hunting and car troubles on another station close by, and he teamed up with the Herverts for a day to act as video man. The footage was coming thick and fast as Stuart snuck in on a good boar, but the shot wasn't ideal. The boys knew this old timer was a good one, but as he trotted off into the never never, they realised the only chance they had at getting this bloke would be to try and flank the boar and hopefully get a shot when he propped.



Stuey's ripper 31 DS boar.

The boar looked to be winning as the chase continued, with a Hervert on either side fatiguing badly. Roger realised this and with super human courage, ran at the boar yelling. This had the desired effect, and luckily Rog had a tree close by to climb up before the boar made contact in a full charge. With a finishing arrow successful, Stuey had the old boar on the ground, which ended up being his PB scoring 31 points, the best boar for the trip.

I had also been having some luck, taking some nice boars in a section of creek we had never hunted before. No quad bike or dog tracks meant this section was more than likely untouched for the year. The 17 lone boars I saw in the 6 km section was testament to how good this area can be when the doggers leave it alone. I managed to get 7 of these boars the best being just over 29 points.



Paul's best for the trip – 29 2/8 DS.



Another one down – 27 4/8 DS.



Paul with a good toothy boar.



Paul with a solid 28 DS boar.

Mono had also done his usual trick of finding toothy boars, and a 28 4/8 and 29 4/8 were just rewards for many

kilometres walked along the dry creek beds.



Mono with a 28 4/8 DS boar.

Chris also nailed a few, having one great late arvo stalk around a swamp where he shot two good ones.



Another very solid hog for Chris.



Chris with a nice swamp boar.



A Cape dingo taken by Chris.



Chris with a nice hooky boar.



Roger with one of his boars.



Stu with a 27 DS boar.



Doesn't get much better than this!

All in all we grassed over 30 boars, with a dozen of these going over 27 points. A great trip made even better

by having a champion bunch of blokes in camp to enjoy it with.

Around the Traps

At the recent TT Annual, in the wee hours of a Sunday morning after a fairly typical session, Dave Whiting and a few of the usual suspects decided a bow test was in order. The subject of the test – one of North Queensland bowyer Rob Nicoll's stunning Flatline 'Raptor' recurves, that Rob had brought down to display. Somehow Rob was convinced by the boys that it would be a great idea to test the bow out. A few arrows were apparently flung around at various targets (under strict supervision of course), and all were reportedly impressed by the bow's performance.

Mightily impressed by the bow, and partway through a whirlwind hunting tour through half of Queensland, Dave asked Rob if he could take the bow for a few walks on his upcoming hunts. Rob obliged, and the Raptor travelled south with Dave on his tour. Dave really put the Raptor through its paces on live game, securing 8 trophy animals across 4 species including the moggy and nice billy shown below.

If you're interested in one of Rob's masterpieces, you can contact him on 0414 654 511 or robnicoll@bigpond.com. You can also check out the Flatline Bows website at www.flatlinebows.com.au.



Warra; Humps, Brock and Ranga have had a great start to Summer, taking out some great quality billies and plenty of boars, here is a sample of their latest hunts:



Adam Greentree has recently returned from a dream hunt in the Northwest Territories of Canada. He put the hard yards in and secured two magnificent trophies – a 60" Alaska-Yukon Moose and an excellent Mountain Caribou on the last day. Way to go Adam!





Paul Southwell has been giving the local chital a hard time as usual, recently removing this malform stag from the herd and filling the freezer at the same time:



Hey everyone hope all is well and to all have a safe Merry Xmas, some local game taken since the last edition of the newsletter, myself with some table fair - a spiker taken from 20m and a nice Fox called in and brained at 10m, and a bunny from 25m. Shane McNaughton was also in amongst it, taking a nice fox from 10m.

See ya Pete.



Newsletter Contributions

As many of you read this 2012's days will be very numbered. With Christmas fast approaching and school holidays already in full swing, many of you will be catching up with family and friends and enjoying a well-earned break. Stay safe on the roads and make the most of the holidays.

It has been another incredible year for TT, and 2013 is shaping up to be a cracker already. One can only imagine the adventures the TT fraternity will get up to next year, and what the Top 10s might end up looking like after another 12 months!

A big thanks to all of the contributors this issue, and well done to all who made the trip to the Annual in Tully and especially the winners of this year's annual awards. We have again seen a number of new members joining the TT ranks in the last couple of months – welcome to you all.

Finally, a very special thanks to the one and only Pete Morphett for his contribution to TT over the last several years, not only in constructing our Newsletter each issue but looking after several other commitments. Your efforts are appreciated by all mate and we hope to continue the exceptional standard you have maintained over the years.

For any merchandise enquiries, please give Shane Dupille a call on **0406 013 130**.

As usual score sheets, photos and membership enquiries should be directed to Mark Southwell at the TT Mailbox.

Please ensure photos are attached to all ratings submissions, and sent to:

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2013!

Ben Salleras & Paul Southwell.

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I'm still making custom strings featuring the mainly BCY Fibres the NEW 8190 is the best performing and stable and well as the most durable string material available at the present time, I highly recommend it. I still carry BCY 452X and the BCY Trophy String material, all materials are quiet, have far less creep and stretch over time. I also have BCY 8190 (low wax), it's estimated to be the fastest string material ever made and on average be between 5-10fps faster than 452X and Trophy respectfully!

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