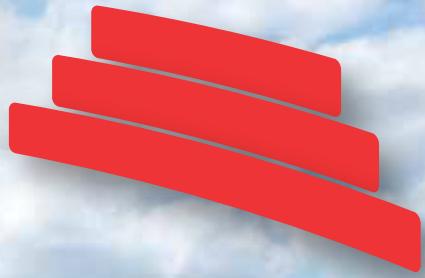


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SCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to congratulate the Ladies Team in Hungary for their success on the podium at the FITASC World Sporting Championships, an incredible third place. Well done ladies! I'm proud to advise that SCA have received a formal letter from FITASC (copy provided in the magazine) congratulating us on our team uniform.

Our membership numbers are up on last year. Now that all our members are online, this is the first time that we have been able to substantiate our numbers.

The Echidna Park SCA Australian Sporting Clay Nationals were a huge success. I spoke to people that have at least 15-20 Nationals under their belts and they rate this one as the best ever run in Australia. Firstly, I would like to thank Ian Grant, the owner of the land and President of the Club, and his dedicated members who worked tirelessly to make sure it was an event to remember. The Target Directors did a fantastic job of setting 49 different traps and targets never seen or shot before in Australia. We also have to give a nod to the band of trap fillers and bus drivers. It was an awesome effort by all! Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters that made it to the podium. It was great to see new faces up there. To our valued sponsors – we can't thank you enough. We could never have that amount of guns and ammunition on the prize table without your support.

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Lastly, I cannot give enough thanks or credit for the work that the Executive Team is doing behind the scenes. These are unpaid volunteer positions and the amount of time the Team dedicates to SCA, their Clubs and the sport needs to be acknowledged. Thank you!

Yours in Shooting,

Tony Trainor
SCA President

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR

A couple of months ago, NSW State Coaching Director Ken Jones sent me some info on a coaching day to be run at the Cooma club in early June. Ken advised that he had a high level of interest in the day and expected good attendance. This day is likely to become an annual event on the Cooma calendar. Ken sent me a comprehensive schedule for the day which I'm sure would be useful as a guide for any clubs wishing to conduct similar days for their members. Please get in touch if you're interested to know what was involved (coachingdirector@sportingclaysaustralia.com.au). Thanks, Ken, for your valuable contributions to our sport.

I would encourage all clubs to attempt to run a coaching day for its members during the remainder of this year. Many of our members have completed the club coach accreditation so are more than capable of providing coaching advice at club level. If any club would like assistance on how to go about running one of these days, please contact your State Director or myself. We only get out what we put in, so don't sit on the sidelines and go get involved with your club.

I have also sent out a list of people to the State Directors who require reaccreditation. I have had some returned so will be processing them with Shooting Australia shortly. If you believe you may be due for reaccreditation and have not been advised as yet, please contact your State Director. Accreditation lasts four years.

Regards,

Anthony Panetta
National Director - Coaching



NATIONAL TARGET DIRECTOR REPORT

- by Steve Chilton

I've been doing this job for five years now and the bar is being raised every year in terms of the quality of competitors and venues going up and up. Nowadays, if you don't nominate early to any major event you're likely to miss out with either record fields or maximum numbers in every event.

Thanks must go to all who have made my job so much easier. Ray and Glen do more than their fair share of report writing as I'm not big on the paperwork. To the State Target Directors – thank you. I could not meet a better bunch of blokes. It's a pleasure to work with you all.

Once again, the sponsors have outdone themselves at all the SCA events throughout the year with awesome trophies and prizes laid on for the winners. Thanks for your support of SCA and I hope it continues for years to come.

The first major shoot of the year was the Australian Grand Prix held at Laang with a record field contesting the event. Chris Brown was the open winner with Brittany Cole winning the ladies (a sign of more good things to come for both competitors). Next up was the Oceanias held in New Caledonia, which by all accounts was a highly contested event held on very good grounds. Damien Birgan took out the title there with Tara Lawrence from NZ winning the ladies. After that it was back to Laang for the COMPAKS with a full field competing. Sox Pilipasidis snagged the Open win and Renae Birgan claimed first-place honours in the Ladies on some testing targets. Shooters headed to Brisbane in June for the English Sporting Nationals with Chris Brown prevailing to take home the Open win and Maree Birgan coming out on top in the Ladies. As you can see from the results, you have to be on your game to win a major event, which is all good for the sport. With only two major events left the year was wrapping up fast. The World Sporting Championships in Hungary had a lot to live up to after Italy last year. Talking to some who ventured over, it was a spectacular venue to hold the World Championships with hills, gullies and enormous towers that brought quite a few undone. Finally it was on to Geraldton in Western Australia for the 2017 SCA Australian Sporting Clay Nationals. Driving in on Wednesday, I thought the place looked superb. Terrain with high hills, low scrub, gullies – this place had it all. Without a doubt, Echidna Park hosted one of the best Nationals I have been to. You could hold another major competition there a week later and not use the same terrain. Credit must go to Ian Grant with his generous use of such great grounds as well as the WA crew for the dedication and hard work that went into setting up such a great event. Nothing was too hard; if the target directors wanted something done, it was done without asking again. An awesome effort by all concerned. The range setters back in the east would give their back teeth to have a place like that over here. You blokes have set the bar for the Nationals in 2018 and beyond. Congratulations to New Zealander Brian Deadman for taking top honours and to all who earned a place on the podium.

Once again, thanks to all who have made the running of SCA events this year extremely successful. I'm looking forward to a bigger and better year in 2018.



HUNTING AND HABITAT UPDATE

- by Howard Barks

STATE REPORTS

Congratulations to South Australia who provided two excellent H & H reports for the last SCA magazine. Perhaps one of the authors may volunteer to be the SAF&GA H & H Director. I hope they keep it up and it encourages other states to do the same.

FIREARMS LEGISLATION

WAF&GA is being proactive on the topic of firearms legislation through our membership of the Western Australian Shooting Association, which is reviewing the NFA and WA Firearms Act and will be putting forward recommendations for changes to the Federal and WA State Governments. This is possibly something all State Associations could get involved with.

FERAL CATS

I urge all states to get involved in the national feral cat reduction programme. Contact your local Shire (especially in country locations) and ask for permission to shoot on their landfill sites. Don't waste your shooting skills; put them to a great use on this very worthwhile project. The University of New England are also keen to get tissue samples from around Australia and we have our first batch to send them. If any states want info on how to go about it, feel free to contact me for details on what we are doing here in WA.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

SA's South East Hunting & Habitat report by Al Scheidl says it all using "Hunting, Habitat & Conservation" as the headline. I suggest we adopt this nationally as it more accurately conveys what we do. More articles on our HH&C activities will show that our Associations do important work that benefits the wider community.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We have been asked to continue our very successful feral control projects in national parks close to Perth which will be expanded to include a special emphasis on feral cats. Similar situations are sure to be available in other states; it is simply a matter of pursuing the opportunities.



**BRITTANY COLE, FELCITY PAGLIA AND RENAE BIRGAN
THE SCA LADIES TEAM**



LINE BERETTA WAS A HEARTBREAKER FOR MANY SHOOTERS.

39TH WORLD FITASC SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP GALGAMÁCSA, HUNGARY

- by Ralph Ali

The 2017 World FITASC Sporting Championship is one to be remembered. The enthusiasm by the Hungarians to host this much-anticipated annual carnival of ours was out of this world, from the opening ceremony to the daily lunches. The perfect weather and different shades of green in their forests was also blinding with beauty. Galgamácsa certainly turned on the charm for the 49 Aussie competitors and their travelling companions who made the trip to Hungary.

The opening ceremony was a memorable event for the 1000 plus competitors along with their friends, partners and family members. Everyone was well-catered for with as much food and drink as one could handle. The team was looking sharp in their uniforms and Sporting Clays Australia has since received a letter from the FITASC President, Jean-François Palinkas, commending their professional image.

2017 SCA NATIONAL TEAM		
OPEN	LADIES	JUNIORS
Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Bryce Paglia
Chris Brown	Brittany Cole	Matthew Wilesmith
Matthew Libbis	Felicity Paglia	Luke Willemesen
Socrates Pilipasidis		
VETERANS	SUPER VETERANS	
Ross Clancy	Alan Backman	
John Leach	Ross Christian	
Neil Peart	Tony Power	

There was a lot of talk about the TOWERS on the Beretta Range in the lead-up to the event. Not knowing what people meant, I took the privilege to visit the ground and was amazed at the history behind those four towers. They looked like rockets or minarets. During the Cold War period and with Hungary under communist rule, these towers were used as radar jamming devices by the Russians. Across the board, they were part of the hardest ground to shoot on in the comp by far. The average score for Line Beretta was just 14 and only one shooter, a Hungarian, managed a clean round. "Practice makes perfect" as the saying goes and we saw some good scores come off that particular layout (eight Aussies managed 20 or above), but we

also saw and shot some very ugly scores off the same ground. The Promatic ground (Line 7) also proved difficult for competitors, backing up the prediction from the course designer that shooters would face some "tricky, teasing targets". Moral of the story: WE DO NOT SHOOT TARGETS LIKE THIS. I had one of the Americans tell me their training regime to take on difficult layouts like the ones presented at Galgamácsa, but it's simply not possible here in Australia. We do not have the population, the clubs or all of the facilities shooters have access to in the US and Europe. I have to say though for what we have and what we've achieved, we Australians are the champions.

DAY ONE kicked off with an afternoon shoot for all team members. The day ended very late due to a break down on – yes, you guessed it – Line Beretta. This left the two last squads out on the course until almost sundown. All in all it was a great start to the shoot.

TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY ONE

Team	Position	Combined Scores
Open	5th	171
Ladies	4th	114
Juniors	1st	135
Veterans	10th	114
Super Veterans	2nd	123

DAY TWO began with perfect Hungarian weather. While our Ladies and Veteran shooters were able to improve on the previous day's placings, the calibre of competition and complexity of the targets was showing.

TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY TWO

Team	Position	Combined Scores
Open	6th	347
Ladies	3rd	235
Juniors	4th	250
Veterans	6th	236
Super Veterans	3rd	233

► Besides the normal competition targets presented on **DAY THREE**, a joker card extreme target was also thrown across the eight grounds. If you were good enough to hit any of the targets, you placed the cards you collected into a box to be drawn out at the closing ceremony. The grand prize was 5,000 Euro – quite a handsome sum. A name was drawn until the prize was collected and the first name called belonged to an Australian who unfortunately didn't stay so he missed out. OUCH!

TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY THREE

Team	Position	Combined Scores
Open	6th	524
Ladies	3rd	353
Juniors	6th	365
Veterans	5th	356
Super Veterans	4th	340

DAY FOUR and we were on the home stretch. The USA, England and France maintained their dominance and the overall scores were close with shootoffs required to decide individual places in all categories except the Opens.

I would like to congratulate the Ladies Team – Renae, Brittany and Felicity – for their bronze position on the podium. It was a tough competition all round and they certainly showed their skills to the rest of the world (all three shot 20+ on Line Beretta – an amazing effort!). To place third in the world is a fantastic achievement. Well done!

FINAL TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY FOUR

Team	Position	Combined Scores
Open	6th	701
Ladies	3rd	473
Juniors	6th	485
Veterans	7th	463
Super Veterans	4th	454

STATS REVIEW

2017 STATISTICS FROM THE PARCOURS AT GALGAMÁCSA, HUNGARY

Line 1 - Q-Line Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 71.60% | Number of 25 straights shot = 16

Line 2 - Hull Average Score = 19/25 | Average % = 74.09% | Number of 25 straights shot = 20

Line 3 - Gamebore Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 70.82% | Number of 25 straights shot = 23

Line 4 - Beretta Average Score = 14/25 | Average % = 57.04% | Number of 25 straights shot = 1

Line 5 - 25 Straight Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 69.12% | Number of 25 straights shot = 10

Line 6 - Krieghoff Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 69.85% | Number of 25 straights shot = 4

Line 7 - Promatic Average Score = 16/25 | Average % = 62.93% | Number of 25 straights shot = 5

Line 8 - Blaser Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 66.56% | Number of 25 straights shot = 3

2016 STATISTICS FROM THE PARCOURS AT PIANCARDATO, ITALY

Line 1 - Promatic Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 71.57% | Number of 25 straights shot = 5

Line 2 - Beretta Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 70.44% | Number of 25 straights shot = 6

Line 3 - Krieghoff Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 72.19% | Number of 25 straights shot = 7

Line 4 - Fiocchi Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 67.87% | Number of 25 straights shot = 4

Line 5 - Perazzi Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 71.87% | Number of 25 straights shot = 7



Line 6 - Browning Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 69.20% | Number of 25 straights shot = 4

Line 7 - Cesar Guerini Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 71.20% | Number of 25 straights shot = 3

Line 8 - Gamebore Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 68.84% | Number of 25 straights shot = 4

AUSSIE HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTRALIANS WHO ACHIEVED A 25/25 CLEAN ROUND

Matthew Libbis (Line 1), Damien Birgan and Jeremy Kent (Line 2), John Younger, Jamie Dunn and Reece Cain (Line 3), Anthony Panetta (Line 5).

AUSTRALIANS WHO SCORED 20+ ON THE ELUSIVE LINE BERETTA (LINE 4)

Renae Birgan (23/25), John Younger (23/25), Jeremy Paglia (21/25), Damien Birgan (20/25), Brittany Cole (20/25), Felicity Paglia (20/25), Peter Tobin (20/25), Mathew Wilesmith (20/25).

AUSTRALIANS WHO FINISHED IN THE TOP 50

OPEN – Top 50 Placeholders	LADIES – Top 50 Placeholders	JUNIORS – Top 50 Placeholders
Damien Birgan – 16th	Renae Birgan – 7th	Mitchell Cain – 12th
Anthony Panetta – 20th	Brittany Cole – 10th	Cameron Kivinen – 21st
John Younger – 36th	Felicity Paglia – 25th	Mathew Wilesmith – 22nd
		Luke Willemsen – 27th
		Bryce Paglia – 27th
		Reece Cain – 29th
		Billy Cain – 35th

VETERANS – Top 50 Placeholders	SUPER VETS – Top 50 Placeholders
Ross Clancy – 17th	Alan Backman – 12th
	Anthony Power – 15th
	Ross Christian – 23rd
	Darryl Groundwater – 35th
	Colin Barker – 39th

The 40th World FITASC Sporting Championship will be held in St Lambert, France from 12 to 15 July 2018.



S.C.A. (Sporting Clays Australia)

Paris, July 21st, 2017

Ref: JFP/17074

Subject: National teams - Dress Code

To the attention of the Chairman, M. Ray Mc Farlane

Dear Sir,

We would like to congratulate your Federation for abiding by the dress code at the opening and closing ceremonies of our Fitasc international Championships.

One can say that the parade of the Australian teams is an example to be followed by all our member National Federations, as their smart outfit enhances the level of the whole parade and, by extension, enhances the image of our sport.

As pictures of our ceremonies are the only visual supports representing our sportsmen, their outfit has thus a special importance in terms of communication aimed at enhancing the performances of men and women who practices the sports shooting.

Again thank you for your efforts in that way, being an example that deserved to be followed.

Best Regards.

Jean-François PALINKAS
President

CC : Glen Rider

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM PHOTOS

SCA National Team (minus Damien Birgan)



Veteran Team | Ross Clancy, Neil Peart & John Leach



Open Team | Matthew Libbis, Chris Brown, Damien Birgan & Socrates Pilipasidis



Mathew Wilesmith, Ralph Ali (Team Manager) & Luke Willemsen



Team uniform



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM PHOTOS

Super Veteran Team | Tony Power, Ross Christian & Alan Backman



Junior Team | Mathew Wilesmith, Luke Willemsen & Bryce Paglia



Tony Power & Ross Christian looking suave

Ladies Team | Renae Birgan, Felicity Richardson & Brittany Cole



The Open Team lads





THE CROWD GATHERED TO SEE WHO WOULD BE THE
OSA 'CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS' FOR 2017

41ST AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS

ECHIDNA PARK, WA

- by Ray McFarlane

Having seen photos and videos of the Echidna Park property prior to the competition, I attended with high expectations of experiencing a great event. Upon arrival, I was blown away by the terrain on which we were to compete over the 200 targets and also the facilities and scope of the clubhouse and environs. What a privilege it was for SCA to be able to conduct a national championship over such a vast area. If we wanted to, we could go back and repeat the event again and again without having to use much of the grounds chosen for this year's shooting stands; it was a true "greenfield" event.

The Western Australian members of SCA can be extremely proud of the event and the huge effort they put into running it. A very special thanks to Ian (Grunter) Grant, not only for inviting us onto his property, but also for his effort to present the grounds as he did and the many tens of thousands of dollars he spent doing it. He has surely built a world-class facility for the sport we love. A heartfelt thank you from all the participants who came to Geraldton to enjoy this great event.

The entry of 268 competitors exceeded expectations. Congratulations to SCA President, Tony, on the way he cajoled and encouraged WA members to nom up. Their participation over the last few years has been on the increase and they make the effort each year to tackle the long trip east to support SCA. Well done to the members from the other State bodies who made the long trip over from the Eastern seaboard. The event attracted nearly 100 more competitors than the last Nationals held in WA which shows SCA Sporting Clays is growing in popularity with our members. Those that could not make this trip will be kicking themselves for missing out on a spectacular competition after reviewing the remarks and photos posted showcasing a world-class venue in every sense.

COMPETITORS BY STATE

WA 93 | VIC 93 | NSW 37 | QLD 20 | SA 18 | International 5 | TAS 2

To our fantastic sponsors, once again, we thank you for providing a prize table that signifies the importance of this event. Trophy sponsors in alphabetical order were: Beretta, GB/Corsivia, Outdoor Sporting Agencies, Perazzi and Winchester, with SCA also supplementing into the prize pool. A total of 13 firearms were supplied as prizes for the successful competitors along with 30,000 rounds of shotgun shells. Also thanks to the range sponsors and vendors who promoted their products, adding much-needed colour to the event.

DAY ONE

The weather was fine and shooting got underway at 8am. There were eight ranges in operation, all with a different degree of difficulty, making it hard to predict who the winner was going to be right to the last target.

Junior, Cameron Kiviven, shared top honours for the day with John Younger followed by Rhys Howard, Jack Gibbs, Damien Birgan and Robert Hall hard on their heels.

LADIES

Felicity Richardson on 63/75 was a comfortable leader from Renae Birgan 59/75 and Brittany Cole 58/75.

VETERAN

Another close competition here with Colin Johns and Mike Birgan leading on 69/75 from John Leach (66/75).

SUPER VETERAN

Ross Christian 66/75, Neville Johnson 64/75, Alec Ceccato 60/75.

JUNIOR

Cameron Kiviven was setting the pace with 72/75, out in front of Daniel Falco and Matthew Wilesmith on 68/75 followed by Danon Randazzo 65/75.

SUB JUNIOR

Xavier Russell was well in the lead from Byron Jones.

DAY TWO

The weather was good again, although fog delayed the day's start by over 30 minutes, but with the excellent organisation at the range the shooting was still over by early afternoon. With changes in the wind there was some noticeable variation in the target trajectory on some of the grounds, with targets lacking power when thrown from a distance. This was especially evident on Ground 4.

OPEN

John Younger got a jump on the field and established a 1 target lead



Ian Grant (far left) and Bruce Burns (GB/Corsivia, far right) with Open placegetters Chris Brown, Cameron Kivinen, Damien Birgan, Brian Deadman and John Younger



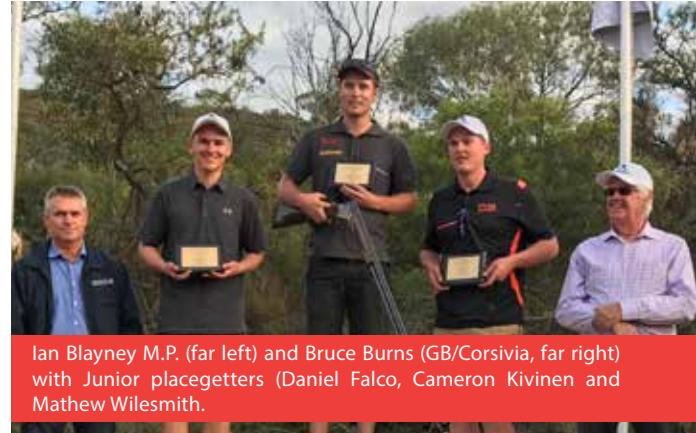
Sporting Nats Brian Deadman



Ladies placegetters (L to R) Felicity Paglia, Brittany Cole and Renae Birgan with Greg Chan from Beretta Australia



Veterans placegetters (L to R on podium) John Leach, Chris Ball and Colin Johns with Bruce Burns (GB/Corsivia), WA Rep (Winchester) and Brian Mortensen (Winchester)



Ian Blayney M.P. (far left) and Bruce Burns (GB/Corsivia, far right) with Junior placegetters (Daniel Falco, Cameron Kivinen and Mathew Wilesmith.



Super Veterans placegetters (L to R on podium) Alec Ceccato, John Torresan and Ross Christian with Ian Blayney M.P., Greg Chan (Beretta) and Bruce Burns (GB/Corsivia)



Sub Junior placegetters (L to R on podium) Byron Jones, Xavier Russell and Cory Backhouse with WA Rep (Winchester) and Bruce Burns (GB/Corsivia).

► from Chris Brown, with Brian Deadman a further target back, Damien Birgan 3 behind and Kivinen 4 off the pace.

LADIES

Brittany Cole had a great day and was 4 in front of Renae Birgan and 7 in front of Felicity Richardson.

VETERAN

We saw a complete change in the leaders with Chris Ball on 136/150, 3 targets in front of Eddie Magee and Mark Gibbs.

SUPER VETERAN

Ross Christian was on 130/150, 4 up on Nev Johnson and 8 head of David Knight.

JUNIOR

Cameron Kivinen was still out in front with 139/150, with Danon Randazzo surging up into 2nd with Mathew Wilesmith 3rd.

SUB JUNIOR

Xavier Russell was not going to let this one go and with 126/150, he was well in front of Byron Jones and Cory Backhouse.

With the normal program done for the day the OSA Champion of Champions shootoff was now ready to go (you'll find an additional report about the finale in the mag).

DAY THREE

The day of reckoning. Fog caused an hour delay to the comp but with support of the ground crew time loss was kept to a minimum.

OPEN

John Younger, with a 1 target advantage and Ground 4 behind him, looked like the early favourite. A 25/25 on his first round extended his lead to 3 targets, but this is FITASC and it's not over until the fat lady sings. An unexpected 19/25 for a total 187/200 left the door open. Brian Deadman from New Zealand slipped into top gear and with a pair of 24/25s for a total 189/200 got up by 1 from Damien Birgan who was also fast-finishing on 188/200. John Younger had to settle for 3rd with Junior, Cameron Kivinen, in 4th.



New South Wales (2nd - 1169), Victoria (1st - 1247) and South Australia (3rd - 1159)

LADIES

Brittany Cole took out the title with 173/200 followed by Felicity Richardson on 169/200 and Renae Birgan on 167/200.

VETERAN

Chris Ball was joined in the lead by John Leach on 177/200, with Colin Johns, Chris Charleson and Mark Gibbs on 173/200. Chris Ball won the National Veteran Champion title after hitting 22/25 to take the win from John Leach 19/25. Colin Johns claimed 3rd with a stellar 24/25 over Chris Charleson's 22/25 and Mark Gibbs' 19/25.

SUPER VETERAN

Another tense finish here with a three-way tie of 173/200. Ross Christian, Alec Ceccato and John Torresan went into the shootoff with Torresan taking out 1st with 18/25 ahead of Ceccato on 17/25 and Christian on 16/25.

JUNIOR

Cameron Kivinen reigned supreme with 186/200 ahead of Daniel Falco 174/200 and Mathew Wilesmith 173/200.

SUB JUNIOR

Xavier Russell earned top spot on the podium with 164/200 followed by Byron Jones 139/200 and Daniel Backhouse 113/200.

41ST SCA AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS CATEGORY WINNERS			
OPEN			
Open	High Gun	BRIAN DEADMAN	189
Open	2nd	DAMIEN BIRGAN	188
Open	3rd	JOHN YOUNGER	187
Open	4th	CAMERON KIVINEN	186
Open	5th	CHRIS BROWN	185
LADIES			
Ladies	1st	BRITTANY COLE	173
Ladies	2nd	FELICITY PAGLIA	169
Ladies	3rd	RENAE BIRGAN	167
VETERAN			
Veteran	1st	CHRIS BALL	177 (22/25)
Veteran	2nd	JOHN LEACH	177 (19/25)
Veteran	3rd	COLIN JOHNS	173 (24/25)
SUPER VETERAN			
Sup Vet	1st	JOHN TORRESAN	163 (18/25)
Sup Vet	2nd	ALEC CECCATO	163 (17/25)
Sup Vet	3rd	ROSS CHRISTIAN	163 (16/25)
JUNIOR			
Junior	1st	CAMERON KIVINEN	186
Junior	2nd	DANIEL FALCO	174
Junior	3rd	MATHEW WILESMITH	173
SUB JUNIOR			
Sub Junior	1st	XAVIER RUSSELL	164
Sub Junior	2nd	BYRON JONES	139
Sub Junior	3rd	CORY BACKHOUSE	113

41ST SCA AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS GRADE WINNERS			
GRADES			
AA Grade	1st	BRIAN DEADMAN	189
AA Grade	2nd	DAMIEN BIRGAN	188
AA Grade	3rd	JOHN YOUNGER	187
A Grade	1st	JOSEPH DENSLEY	180
A Grade	2nd	KARL KIVINEN	175
A Grade	3rd	ANDREW OPIE	173
B Grade	1st	MARK SAWYER	150
B Grade	2nd	JASON MCGRATH	148
B Grade	3rd	CRAIG SMITH	146
C Grade	1st	WAYNE MOORE	138
C Grade	2nd	DILLAN STIPINOVICH	128
C Grade	3rd	MARK HOGGAN	124

STATE TEAM RESULTS			
TEAMS	1st	VICTORIA	1247
TEAMS	2nd	NEW SOUTH WALES	1169
TEAMS	3rd	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1159
TEAMS	4th	QUEENSLAND	1154
TEAMS	5th	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1117



2017 AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS STATISTICS

GROUND	25 STRAIGHTS	AVERAGE SCORE	PERCENTAGE
Promatic	4	18	70.56%
WTF	6	19	77.48%
Clay & Hunt	11	19	74.82%
GB/Corsivia	0	17	67.02%
OSA	2	18	70.15%
Winchester	1	17	67.56%
Perazzi	3	17	69.65%
Beretta	9	20	79.83%

2016 AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS STATISTICS

GROUND	25 STRAIGHTS	AVERAGE SCORE	PERCENTAGE
GB	26	20	82.21%
OSA	16	19	78.56%
Clay & Hunt	0	17	69.31%
Winchester	5	18	74.25%
Beretta	3	18	73.30%
Top Shot	4	18	75.29%
Perazzi	6	17	70.92%
Corsivia	4	19	76.95%

25 STRAIGHT BADGES

Name	Promatic	WTF	Clay & Hunt	GB/ Corsivia	OSA	Winchester	Perazzi	Beretta
Chris Ball	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lee Berger	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Damien Birgan	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Rick Bomer	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Brown	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Brown	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wayne Button	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Billy Cain	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Charleson	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-
Chris Everett	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jack Gibbs	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Hall	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
Craig Hobbs	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Rhys Howard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Mick Keirl	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-
Jeremy Kent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Cameron Kivinen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Jacob Mackenzie	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
Gary Marsh	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Mortensen	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-
Bryce Paglia	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Jeremy Paglia	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Socrates Pilipasidis	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Danon Randazzo	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Felicity Richardson	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adam Shale	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	-
April Thompson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Reece Turner	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
John Younger	-	-	25	-	25	-	-	25
Bill Zogogiannis	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-

Congratulations to Brian Deadman: Sporting Clays Australia 2017 National Champion. To all New Zealanders, this will be satisfactory payback for the many times John Younger has crossed the Tasman and returned with the bikkies.

NATIONALS TRAINING SQUAD

The following people are the successful SCA members who have completed the necessary criteria for the selection process for SCA/Australian representation at the 2018 World FITASC Sporting Championships to be held in France. The final part of the process will be determined after the members have competed at the FITASC Australian Grand Prix to be held at Laang, Victoria early next year (date to be confirmed). Congratulations to all.

NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD 2018 - FRANCE		
OPEN	NAME	NATIONALS SCORE
1	Younger John	187
2	Kivinen Cameron	186
3	Brown Chris	185
4	Kent Jeremy	183
5	Guerra Nicholas	182 C/B
6	Gibbs Jack	182 C/B
7	Shale Adam	181 C/B
8	MacKenzie Jacob	181 C/B
9	Densely Joe	180
10	Hall Robert	179
11	Zogogiannis Bill	178
12	Sgambellone Frank	176
13	Nankervis Blake	175 C/B
14	Pilipasidis Socrates	175 C/B
15	Baskerville Daniel	175 C/B
SUPER VET		
1	Mage Eddie	172
2	Torresan John	163 S/O
3	Ceccato Alec	163 S/O
4	Christian Ross	163 S/O
5	Johnson Neville	160
6	Cumberland Warwick	158
VETERAN		
1	Ball Chris	177 S/O
2	Leach John	177 S/O
3	Hall Peter	173 C/B
4	Johns Colin	173 S/O
5	Gibbs Mark	173 S/O
6	Birgan Michael	172
LADIES		
1	Cole Brittany	173
2	Paglia Felicity	169
3	Birgan Renae	167
4	Thompson April	161
5	Hirschfield Anna	152
6	Birgan Maree	151
JUNIOR		
1	Falco Daniel	174
2	Wilesmith Matthew	173 S/O
3	Randazzo Danon	173 S/O
4	Paglia Bryce	169
5	Cain Billy	168
6	Russell Xavier	164



OUTDOOR SPORTING AGENCIES 2017 "CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS" SERIES

- by Ray McFarlane



The finale of the "Champion of Champions" took place on the Saturday afternoon of the Sporting Nationals. The Top Six shooters in attendance who qualified from the season's series of events battled it out for the trophy. Chris Brown, Damien Birgan, Billy Cain, Jeremy Kent, Socrates Pilipasidis and Brian Mortensen were the participants. What an effort for Junior shooter Billy to be part of such an illustrious group of Sporting Clays Australia's finest.

An Old Style FITASC Layout with three shooting positions had been set for the final and allowed the large crowd of spectators at Echidna Park to have a great view of the spectacular shooting. The targets were tough, but the right degree of difficulty was achieved as the final scores showed.

Stand 1: Four Singles and two Doubles here producing an almost faultless performance. The only target dropped was by Jeremy and that was the B Battue in the Double.

Stand 2: Five Singles and two Doubles. Targets were a little tougher here. Billy took the first shots and dropped the three targets on the Stand. Sox was up next and he dropped the Teal in the double as did Jeremy. Brian smashed the five Singles and then dropped all the Doubles. Chris went two down as did Damien.

Stand 3: Sox was in the lead with one down; Chris, Damien and Jeremy two down; Billy three down and Brian four down. Jeremy led off in the Singles and was clean, as were Brian, Chris and Damien. Billy and Sox dropped one. Now it was onto the last two Doubles and they were tough. Brian led off and dropped a target in each Double to finish on 19/25. Chris dropped the second target of the first Double and finished 22/25. Damien was up next and with a clean stand you would think he had sewed up the event. Billy dropped three and finished on a creditable 19/25. Sox followed and with only one down had it all in front of him. The pressure came on and he dropped his first single, and then proceeded to clean up the rest. The last shooter was Jeremy and on two down there was no room for a mistake. He took out the four singles, smashed the first double, called for the second Double, shot them both and then called a no-target on himself on the Teal target. At that point he had to repeat the Double, and calmly smashed both targets again. I cannot remember seeing a more impressive display of pure sportsmanship. Jeremy I take my hat off to you.

And so we had a three-way tie to be broken in the Sudden Death format. The targets chosen for this prior to the start of the shoot-off were the two most difficult targets: the C Teal and the Crosser D.

Damien was first up and missed both, then Sox went 0/1, which put Damien out of contention and meant that Jeremy had to shoot at least one of the Doubles to stay alive or break both to win. No doubt about it; he smashed both and became the 2017 OSA "Champion of Champions".

Congratulations Jeremy and a special mention to Billy. As a Junior, he stood up well to the pressure and is a very impressive young man.



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JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY



SCA Q&A

with Brittany Cole

SCA National Team Member and 2017 Australian Sporting Clay Nationals Ladies Champion

Who introduced you to shooting and how old were you?

A family friend named Ted introduced me to shooting when I was 12 years old.

What type of shotgun did you start out with?

Ted had an old SKB shotgun. I can't remember the exact make, but it was a heavy piece of equipment. Most of the time I could barely get through a day of shooting with my young shoulders. He still shot with it most months up until his passing last year.

What do you shoot with now?

I shoot with a Beretta DT11 Sporter with trap stock and Falcon Ammunition for every discipline. I've been shooting with these for a while now and I can never go back. The shotgun suits me perfectly and the ammunition is fantastic to use.

Did you have any role models from the shooting world when you first started out?

My role model when I first started out was Renae Birgan. At that point she was – and still is – Australia's most dominant Lady shooter across many disciplines. It's been an honour to have been in the national team with her for the last couple of years and to stand beside her on the podium in Hungary this year.

What is it that keeps you interested in Sporting Clays?

I like the social side of the sport. I also like challenging myself to shoot the highest score that I can for the day. It's also rewarding to be able to hit a target easily that a couple of years ago would have made me panic. As for my competitive side, I have a twin sister who has an OAM, six Paralympic gold medals and endorsements galore. We are BOTH very competitive against each other.

Best venue you've ever shot at?

My favourite club for terrain would be when I shot the Worlds in Spain (2013 at Castillejo de Robledo). My favourite targets would have to be from the following year in Portugal. Back home, the medal for terrain and targets goes to Brisbane Sporting Clays followed closely by Laang.

Do you have a favourite discipline?

I enjoy the New Old Style SCA has been running at the last couple of major competitions. It combines the fun of Old Style, with the timetable of New Style.

Do you have any long-term goals you're working towards?

I'm currently planning my wedding in January and saving for a house after that, so you might not see me around for a while.

Is there an up-and-comer you think we should be watching?

I think Felicity Richardson (Paglia) is definitely someone to watch. She's been making waves at recent national events. It was great to be in the team with her in USA and Hungary. I can't really say much on anyone else because I don't get around as much as I would like to.

Do you have any advice for someone new to the sport?

Don't give up if you're not succeeding straight away. It took me a long time to get to where I am today. Never be afraid to ask someone for advice; they're always happy to give it to you. Never try to copy someone's style exactly. We all have our own unique technique that works for us. Practise, practise, practise.

- by Erin Webb

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35TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR UNIVERSAL TRENCH

- by Craig Henwood

The 35th World Championships for Universal Trench were held on August 17 to 20, 2017 at the famous Ball Trap Club in Megève, France.

The team members met in Milan, Italy on Sunday 13 August and endured a five-hour bus ride from Milan to Megève which included plenty of tight bends through the French Alps leaving two or three members very nervous to say the least.

The Australian team consisted of the following shooters:

Senior – Matt Schiller, Nathan Cassells, Craig Henwood
Junior – Jack Clerke, Thomas Armstrong, Jack Turner
Ladies – Anna Shadrina, Amanda Holt, Tricia Carter
Veterans – Phil Matthews, Martin Collumb, Dino Oliviero

With competitors' families making the trip to the Championships, we had 30 Australians with us in Megève to ensure there would be a great atmosphere for the Aussies. We stayed at a hotel called Au Coin du Feu which translates to "by the fireplace" in French. The hotel staff couldn't do enough for us and even came out to the range a couple of times during competition to cheer us on!

Monday was our first chance to check out the range. We'd heard so much about it and photos showed it to be something different than any of us had ever experienced before. The range is located high up on a ski resort mountain at about 1700 metres and consisted of four layouts. All layouts shoot out over a gorge into another mountain, so white clays were used. The layouts were spread out at all different heights and distances with the last layout needing a packed lunch and several bottles of water plus hiking boots to get there. We had to allow a good 20 minute walk to this layout and for the not-so-fit like myself a further 15 minutes just to get your breath back. All shooting positions were located inside what can best be described as a "hut" with the roof protruding about three metres from front of the shooting pad and a front wall coming to waist height, leaving only a small window-like gap to shoot out of. Everyone put in some extra practise in the lead-up to the comp just to get used to it.

The Aussies set up camp in one of the tents with our flags raised to claim our spot. The team flag bearer for the opening ceremony was announced at dinner on the Tuesday night, with the position going to our current Ladies World Champion Anna Shadrina who was very honoured with the accolade. Amanda also celebrated her birthday on the trip so we treated her to a surprise birthday cake and candles.

The opening ceremony was held in Megève's main town square and our team looked the part in our uniforms. Thanks to Shane Pinner for supplying them and Martin Collumb of Collumbo Shooting for

arranging them; we are blessed in UT to have such great sponsors. Australia was the first team to march up on stage and we received a huge cheer from all of our support crew. There was a moving moment when the original owner of the shooting range shed a tear or two in pride that his club was again being used to host the World Championships.

We were fortunate that the whole team was squaddled to shoot in the afternoon session, so we were able to have a good sleep in before the Championships got started. Most of the Aussies' scores went up and down over the next three days of competition and the event saw a mixture of conditions that ranged from sunshine to fog and a torrential downpour. Despite all this, we had two shooters going into the last day in medal contention. Thomas Armstrong had a two-target lead in the Junior section and Tom Turner was in equal second only one target behind in the Seniors. Our Junior and Senior teams also looked a good chance of a medal in the teams event.

Sunday saw us all up early for breakfast hoping the two Toms could close it out and win a medal, hopefully gold! Thomas Armstrong was up first and he scratched his way through for a 23, which saw him a little disappointed but the Italian Junior Trabucco (who won silver behind Mitchell Iles in Morocco in 2016) also produced a 23, meaning Thomas still held his two-target buffer with a round to go. Tom Turner came home clean with a great 25 in outright second place, still one target behind the Italian Narducci who had also shot 25 in the morning.

Everyone's nerves had gone up a notch and as young Thomas Armstrong walked out to shoot his last round and a large crowd gathered to watch from whatever position they could find. Because you shoot out of the "huts", it made it difficult to spectate and the windows were completely blocked with people looking in and relaying to others watching from the sides whose turn it was to shoot. Tom's nerves looked to get the better of him as he missed one early but then settled to come in with a well-shot 23. This meant the Italian had to shoot 25 to beat Thomas or a 24 to tie. A nervous wait was to be had. It was then Tom Turner's chance. Word had got out that Narducci had missed a target in his last round leaving the door open for Tom to tie him if he ran a clean 25 straight. Tom wasn't aware of this but all the Aussies watching knew. Unfortunately, Tom dropped a target midway through his round to end up on 24. This left him one target behind the outright winner and in a shoot-off for silver as Nardoux from France had shot a clean round to tie with Tom. The attention then turned to the Italian Junior Trabucco. Could he run 25 and claim the Junior World Title? Another massive crowd gathered on the layout. Thomas Armstrong, being the true sportsman he is, had gone for a walk to the top layout to cheer on his teammate Jack Turner. The nerves proved to be too much for Trabucco who came in with a 22 in his last round, ensuring that

young Thomas Armstrong was crowned 2017 World Junior Universal Trench Champion. Well done Thomas! There were emotional scenes in the Aussie camp as everyone rushed to congratulate both Thomas and his proud parents who had tears running down their cheeks. It was a fantastic moment to witness and one that makes all the hard work in organising the series and team worthwhile. In winning gold, Thomas joined a list of talented Aussie shooters to have won individual medals at the Universal Trench World Champs including James Willet (bronze, 2014), Jackson Willmann (silver, 2016) and Mitchell Iles (gold, 2016).

By the time Tom Turner's shootoff came around the shadows had come in and it had gotten very cold. Tommy headed out to the shootoff range in his Blundstone boots and a heap of pats on the back for good luck from his teammates. Tom shot the first five beautifully but came unstuck on target six, letting it land. He battled on for a 24 but it wasn't enough as Nardoux punched another 25 straight to claim the silver and see Tom Turner awarded the bronze medal. It was an amazing effort from Tommy who proved himself to be an amazing all round competitor having shot very little UT coming in to the event.

Our Junior and Senior teams also secured bronze medals. Our team's tally was one gold and three bronze – not bad.

Final results of all our shooters

SENIOR

Tom Turner – 195 (3rd)
Matt Schiller – 189 (13th)
Vinnie Mollica – 186 (34th)
Craig Henwood – 184 (50th)
Jeff Tonna – 182 (80th)
Nathan Cassells – 179 (113th)

JUNIOR

Thomas Armstrong – 189 (1st)
Jack Clerke – 177 (11th)
Jack Turner – 164 (15th)

LADIES

Anna Shedrina – 176 (9th)
Amanda Holt – 158 (19th)
Tricia Carter – 151 (20th)

VETERANS

Phillip Matthews – 183 (17th)
Martin Collumb – 178 (31st)
Eric Bullore – 173 (47th)
Dino Oliviero – 161 (69th)
Col Kneebone – 149 (76th)

Well done to all shooters. Everyone gave their all and that's all you can ask. Those who didn't perform at the level they would have liked will be back hungrier for it next year, I'm sure.

The closing ceremony was held in the town's sports centre. The Italian team went nuts whenever one of their shooters won a medal and a quick message went out to all the Aussies in the crowd that we had to out beat the Italians when Thomas Armstrong was called up. It was an amazing moment seeing the Aussie flag raised and hearing Advance Australia belted out, not to mention the 30 Aussies going crazy cheering "Aussie Aussie Aussie, oi oi oi!" as Thomas claimed his prize. We even got a clap from the Italian team for our efforts. Not to be outdone, we did the same for Tom Turner as he collected his bronze medal.

What an amazing trip it was. We had a great group of shooters, wives and parents in the group and everyone got along, everyone was there to support each other making it really feel like you were part of one big family, making the trip much more enjoyable.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors who made our journey possible: Perazzi Australia, Winchester Australia, Polyaire (Aemel Nordin), The Flying Pan (Al Scott), Pinners Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (Shane Pinner), Bronze Wing – LaPorte Australia (Anna Shedrina), Collumbo Shooting (Martin Collumb), Go Shooting (Lauryn and Russell Mark), The Watts (Paul and Claire Watts), Top Shot Industries (Dean Crouch), Kandus Glass and Splashbacks (Matej Kandus), SportsPass and Extreme Shooting Supplies (Andrew Brady). Thank you all of you. It would not be possible to have the success we do without your support.

Our 2018 series kicks off in November at Frankston Australian CTC and is already booked out for a maximum 96 shooters with a waiting list in place. We look forward to taking on the world again in Hungary in 2018.

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FITASC UPDATE

- by Ray McFarlane

FITASC Vice President (Oceania)



On July 10th I attended the FITASC Board Meeting where many decisions were made that affect our sport.

The Annual General Assembly Meeting (AGAM) was held the following day attended by all FITASC Member Countries. Decisions made by the Board are presented here at the AGAM and are ratified if agreed to by the Assembly of Member Countries.

Below is a report of the major decisions that will affect members in the Oceania Region.

1 FITASC is still in legal battles with the former Portuguese Federation who support Fedecat in conducting copycat versions of FITASC disciplines. Over the last two years FITASC have spent 70,000 euro in fighting this case.

Fedecat have been operating the FITASC Disciplines of Sporting, Compak Sporting, Helices (ZZ) and Universal Trench under different names but with similar rules. FITASC initiated the legal action and to date FITASC have won all court actions and are seeking costs.

2 Warning to SCA Members: Any SCA member who participates in the Fedecat copycat disciplines of FITASC will be banned for 1 year. If there are future breaches the ban will be extended to 5 years.

Two Australians have had a 1-year ban imposed (they are not members of SCA).

3 All FITASC affiliation and competition fees have increased by 3% in line with inflation.

4 Referee fees for requested foreign Referees at FITASC competitions are 1,050 euro for each Referee.

5 The original Spanish Federation may be re-affiliated with FITASC as they have abandoned Fedecat.

6 A small number of member countries were suspended due to lack of paying affiliation fees.

7 France will be the host of the 2018 World Championships. Venue to be finalised. Patrick Russo will be the official course designer.

The World Championships will be held in Great Britain in 2019 and in the USA in 2020.

FITASC UPDATE

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8 Continental Teams

The Champion Team must come from the Region. A Team from outside the Region who shoots the highest score receives the gold medal, but is not recognised as the Champion Team for that Region.

Similarly, in the Oceania Region, to be crowned the Oceania Champion you must be from that Region. If a competitor from outside the Region wins, they receive the medals but not the recognition of Oceania Champion.

9 Sporting Rules: When trajectories have been set for the competition they must not be altered due to weather unless the target becomes not visible or the trajectory is dangerous.

10 Compak Sporting Rules: When target release is by manual means the target is to be released immediately on the shooter's call.

When target release is by acoustic control, the controller is to be set with a 0.5 release time, both for the call of the shooter and also the release of a target on report.

11 Individual categories have been renamed and a new category for competitors aged over 73 years has been adopted. It will be called Master Category. There will not be team events for this new Category.

Categories are now known as: **Man** 21 years to 55 years, **Senior** in the year of their 56th birthday to 65 years, **Veterans** in the year of their 66th Birthday to 73 years, **Master** in the year of their 74th birthday and above, **Lady** no age limit, **Junior** 12 years to the year prior to their 21st birthday.

12 Mixing of different Categories will be allowed in Teams e.g. if a Junior is included in the Open Team, he must also abandon his Junior status and compete in the Man Category. This applies to all Categories. If you wish to compete in a Team of a different Category, you must compete in that Category as an individual.

13 FITASC has accredited an English organisation to provide coaching. SCA can apply to have a representative to attend a course in England and they can then be accredited as a coach in the FITASC system. Cost per person is around 1,000GBP.

14 FITASC President Jean-François Palinkas announced that there will be a review of the Sporting Commission prior to the next elections.

Jean Wenger has been removed as President of the Sporting Commission and awarded the title of Honorary President.

Hugh Smith from Great Britain has been removed as a member of the Sporting Commission and appointed as President of the Referee's Commission.



AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS

Year	Location	Open	Ladies	Veteran
1977	Wagga Wagga, NSW	Max Hewitt	Unknown	Unknown
1978	Geelong, VIC	Brian Elstone	Miss Corbett	Unknown
1979	Wannamal, WA	Brian Elstone	Unknown	Unknown
1980	Penguin, TAS	Neil Vance	Unknown	Unknown
1981	Adelaide, SA	Max Hewitt	Unknown	Unknown
1982	Mildura, VIC	Gus Clarkson	Mira Howell	A. Anderson
1983	Sydney, NSW	Max Hewitt	Mira Howell	A. Hayes
1984	Mildura, VIC	John Younger	Unknown	Jack Hobson
1985	Sale, VIC	Gary Jago	Sheryl MacPherson	Alex Bremner
1986	Adelaide, SA	Malcolm Whitehead	Unknown	Unknown
1987	Bendigo, VIC	Colin Johns	Cherie Mitchem	Les Pianta
1988	Mt Gambier, SA	Fred Botica	Cynthia Wells	Colin Buckley
1989	Penguin, TAS	John Younger	Cynthia Wells	Noel Bullimore
1990	Colac, VIC	Colin Johns	Cherie Mitchem	Bill Field
1991	Wannamal, WA	John Younger	Unknown	Unknown
1992	Ballarat, VIC	David Paterson	Cynthia Wells	Theo Vandenberg
1993	Brisbane, QLD	David Cunningham	Maree Birgan	T. Whelan
1994	Geelong, VIC	Robert Hale	Cynthia Wells	Norm Paterson
1995	Sydney, NSW	David Paterson	Nadine Crevatin	Jim Taylor
1996	Geelong, VIC	John Younger	Natasha Lonsdale	Jim Taylor
1997	Currency Creek, SA	David Paterson	Natasha Lonsdale	Jim Taylor
1998	Cooma, NSW	John Younger	Natasha Lonsdale	Martin Nicholls
1999	Geelong, VIC	John Younger	Unknown	John Johns
2000	Monarto, SA	Colin Johns	Maree Birgan	John Johns
2001	Mudgee, NSW	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Max Kavanagh
2002	Geelong, VIC	Damien Birgan	Nadine Blacker	Bob Vittori
2003	Longford, TAS	Damien Birgan	Maree Birgan	Barry Jane
2004	Brisbane, QLD	John Younger	Renae Birgan	John Torresan
2005	Renmark, SA	John Younger	Renae Birgan	Ken Triffitt
2006	Laang, VIC	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Rod Brain
2007	Sydney NSW	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Ken Triffitt
2008	Little River, VIC	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Ken Triffitt
2009	Geelong, VIC	Blake Nankervis	Natasha Lonsdale	Ed Treadwell
2010	Wannamal, WA	Matthew Libbis	Renae Birgan	Robert Brown
2011	Longford, TAS	Anthony Panetta	Kelly Norris	Robert Brown
2012	Laang, VIC	Brenton Irons	Renae Birgan	Ron Rhook
2013	Rocky Gully, SA	Brenton Irons	Renae Birgan	Ron Rhook
2014	Mudgee, NSW	Jeremy Kent	Renae Birgan	Ron Rhook
2015	Geelong, VIC	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	John Leach
2016	Brisbane, QLD	Socrates Pilipasidis	Renae Birgan	Colin Johns
2017	Geraldton, WA	Brian Deadman	Brittany Cole	Chris Ball

—CHAMPIONS ARCHIVE

Super Veteran	Junior	Sub Junior
N/A	Unknown	Unknown
N/A	Unknown	Unknown
N/A	Unknown	Unknown
N/A	Unknown	Dean McFarlane
N/A	Unknown	Unknown
N/A	Craig Meuleman	David Gawley
N/A	David Gawley	Paul Blacker
N/A	Unknown	Gavin Dyson
N/A	David Gawley	Mark Crevatin
N/A	Unknown	Craig Ralston
N/A	Mark Crevatin	Paul Blacker
N/A	Mark Crevatin	D. Hignett
N/A	Tim Murray	Lee Berger
N/A	Paul Blacker	N. Monk
N/A	Unknown	Unknown
N/A	M. Dare	N. Cassells
N/A	John Maher	Damien Birgan
N/A	Damien Birgan	Cameron Stowe
N/A	Damien Birgan	Bobby Moreland
N/A	Peter Cassar	Ben Whitcroft
N/A	Cameron Stowe	Daniel Johnson
N/A	Ben Whitcroft	Kyle Gould
N/A	Unknown	Unknown
N/A	Brenton Irons	Ben Wakefield
N/A	Chris Brown	Ben Wakefield
N/A	James Clancy	S. Sweeney
N/A	Brenton Irons	James McKenzie
N/A	Chris Brown	Robert Hall
N/A	James Clancy	Blake Nankervis
N/A	Brian Deadman	Aaron Little
N/A	Blake Nankervis	Ryan Wharton
N/A	Blake Nankervis	Jamie Dunn
Ray McFarlane	Blake Nankervis	Michael Scriva
Bryan Rafferty	Jack Gibbs	Kailan Markham
Ray McFarlane	Jacob MacKenzie	Adam Shale
Rod Brain	Jack Gibbs	Kailan Markham
John Argilla	Jacob MacKenzie	Cameron Kivenen
Barry Jane	Jeremy Paglia	Mark DuRose
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TRAINING TIPS



EFFECTIVE PRACTISE FOR CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENT

- by Anthony Panetta

Our competition schedule really kicks off again moving into the second half of the year. For many of us, our home State Titles are the next major event leading up to the Australian Sporting Clay Nationals. We're trying to shoot as much as possible and maybe even do some practise. We're out there at club events "practising" for these highlights on the event calendar, hoping to perform well enough to podium in our grade or category or maybe even win the high gun.

I have many people ask me about practise. How to practise, what to practise, when to practise and even if practise is necessary. The short answer is yes! Practise is an essential part of developing the skills required to tackle the variety of targets we encounter on the course or in the field. Yes – in the field! Practise isn't just for clay target shooters.

So, how do we practise effectively? Many clubs have "practise days" where there may be a 5 stand set up and we go and shoot a few rounds. Quite often we go and shoot our monthly competition and say we're using it as practise. Sometimes we even go out and shoot some DTL or skeet as practise. Can this be considered effective practise? Well, firstly, if that's all that's possible, it's better than nothing. However, for the most part we are just shooting and not really practising at all. In my experience, to practise effectively and get the most out of our time and money, we must have specific goals and outcomes set prior to the session. We should identify one or two aspects of our shooting for each session that we consider can be improved upon or frequently cause us trouble.

An example could be consistently shooting behind battues, or we're always being high on going away targets. We should then, preferably with the help of a coach, determine a strategy to address those aspects and decide on a timeframe to do so. Using the above examples, we may determine that swing through is the wrong technique on that fast battue beating our gun. Or you may be holding too high on that outgoer, causing you to dip your barrels on the mount. Your coach should be able to identify what you need to work on and provide clear instruction you can take away and use in your practise sessions.

After each practise session, we should go back and review what we have done, assess the outcomes and revise our strategy if necessary. Take some notes so you can go back and ask your coach any questions. This way, we can maximise the benefits of each session and waste less time and money when practising. If your club doesn't offer the type of practise that suits your needs, then have a chat with the committee and offer to get involved and help set it up. You may find that other club members are keen to assist once the idea is raised. Like many things, you will only get out what you put in, so have a go at making your practise more effective.

Anthony Panetta is SCA's Director of Coaching. A clay target shooter for over 20 years, Anthony is an AIS Accredited Coach and offers coaching clinics and one-on-one sessions to help shooters perfect their technique and reach their full potential at all levels of the sport. Find out more at anthonypanetta.com.

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WINNERS OF THE 2017 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEFT TO RIGHT): PAUL SMIDT (B GRADE), JACOB MACKENZIE (HIGH GUN), DANIEL BASKERVILLE (AA GRADE), ROSS CHRISTIAN (SUPER VETS), MATHEW WILESMITH (JUNIORS), STEPHEN PAYNE (A GRADE), WILLIAM WRIGHT (C GRADE), CHRIS KOOLBANIS (SUB JUNIORS), HELEN OVERTON (LADIES) AND PETER KAY (VETERANS)

2017 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Ross Christian

12-13 AUGUST 2017

The 2017 NSW State Championships were held at Mudgee Sporting Clays Range on 12 and 13 August. The 200-target competition ran over two days shooting from 40 different ring positions with slow rabbits, long rabbits, crows, battues, teals and midis off towers making it very interesting for all competitors. Mudgee members were kept busy filling traps, tallying up scores and supplying food for the 80+ shooters who competed at the event. People came from all over NSW with a few interstate shooters competing for prizes supplied by our generous sponsors.



High Gun winner Jacob Mackenzie



AA Grade winner Daniel Baskerville



A Grade winner Stephen Payne

There were some close scores in a couple of the Grades, with only a target or two between first and second. B Grade and Ladies had to be decided in a shootoff, with Paul Smidt and Helen Overton coming out on top.

Overall the weekend ran quite smoothly and any problems were quickly sorted out by the Mudgee members. Some shooters said that this was one of the best ranges they've shot in quite a while so congratulations to the target setters! Prizes were presented by Mudgee Sporting Clays President, Craig Kurtz, and event sponsors.

The NSW State Team members were also announced and will represent NSW at the Australian Sporting Clay Nationals in Geraldton.

Open Jacob Mackenzie, Daniel Baskerville, Stephen Payne, Bart Brighenti

Veteran Peter Kay

Ladies Amy Buys

Junior Mathew Wilesmith

Mudgee would like to thank everyone who made it a fantastic shoot. Thanks to the sponsors, Horsley Park Gun Shop, Safari Firearms, NSW Field & Game Association and Coastwide Site Services; all the shooters who attended the Championships; and the members of Mudgee Sporting Clays who put a huge effort into running this prestigious event. ■

2017 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL RESULTS			
High Gun		Jacob Mackenzie	182/200
AA Grade	1st	Dan Baskerville	181/200
	2nd	Andrew Bell	168/200
	3rd	Bart Brighenti	164/200
A Grade	1st	Stephen Payne	173/200
	2nd	Frank Sgambellone	171/200
	3rd	Frank Araco	162/200
B Grade	1st	Paul Smidt	152/200
	2nd	Richard Nicholls	152/200
	3rd	Mick Quinlan	150/200
C Grade	1st	William Wright	160/200
	2nd	Rick Hoolihan	132/200
	3rd	Les King	131/200
Veterans	1st	Peter Kay	162/200
	2nd	Matt Mackenzie	151/200
	3rd	Milton Cartwright	149/200
Super Vets	1st	Ross Christian	162/200
	2nd	Barry Jane (VIC)	154/200
	3rd	Alec Ceccato	153/200
Ladies	1st	Helen Overton	147/200
	2nd	Amy Buys	147/200
	3rd	Lauren Judge	114/200
Juniors	1st	Mathew Wilesmith	174/200
	2nd	Jack Roth	155/200
	3rd	Tom McGrath	149/200
Sub Juniors	1st	Chris Koolbanis	110/200



NSW State Team (Left to Right): Daniel Baskerville, Stephen Payne, Jacob Mackenzie, Bart Brighenti, Peter Kay, Mathew Wilesmith and Amy Buys



SILVER CITY STEEL HIGH GUN CHAMPION DANIEL BANNING (CENTRE) IS PRESENTED WITH HIS TROPHY BY SHOOT SPONSOR JOSH HOLMES (LEFT) AND FIELD AND GAME PRESIDENT ROD WEAVER (RIGHT)

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS

by "Shellshocked"

4 JUNE 2017

The Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a big day of shooting on 4 June with two events on the program: a side-by-side championship and a simulated field championship. The day started very cool but quickly warmed to a mild, sunny and calm day, conditions that were just about ideal for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with an attendance of 35 shooters, including much appreciated support from the Sunraysia club.

The Steve and Craig Lawrence 56 Target Side-by-Side Handicap Championship was shot in the morning. This very popular annual event gets the old double barrel guns out of the gun cupboard for a run around the range, with some interesting results. A number of guns were borrowed with many thanks to their owners.

The range was set by Steve, Craig and Brian who provided a very good layout that was compact but with plenty of variety. The targets were reasonably close and not too difficult as they should be for this type of shoot. Despite many of the guns feeling a bit strange in the hands, especially those with double triggers, some very good scores were recorded.

The best off-gun score for the event was an excellent 46 shot by both Rod Weaver and Murray Barker, a tally that was well clear of the rest of the field. Rod had a fairly easy win in the ensuing shootoff and happily claimed the High Gun medal. The remaining prizes were awarded for handicap totals and Murray Barker's excellent off-gun score saw him a deserving winner of the Handicap High Gun medal, but by the narrowest of margins at the finish. Josh Edgecumbe, Peter Ellis, James Baird, Craig Lawrence and Peter Hoare were the next best shooters on handicap and all won a prize for their efforts.



High Gun winners of the Steve and Craig Lawrence 56 Target Side by Side Handicap Championship (left to right): Rod Weaver (High Gun) with his side- by-side shotgun, Craig Lawrence (Sponsor) and Murray Barker (Handicap High Gun)



Grade winners of the Bernard Clogg 50 Target Simulated Field Championship (left to right), Rod Weaver (Club President), Josh Holmes (AA Grade), Craig Lawrence (High Gun and B Grade), Murray Barker (A Grade), Cassie McEvoy (Ladies), Barry Foley (C Grade) and Preston Slater (Juniors)

After a hot and tasty sausage sizzle lunch, the shooters competed in the Bernard Clogg 50 Target Simulated Field Championship, and the over under- target guns returned to the range.

The range was set by Josh and Brian and the usual band of culprits who set a very good layout that was compact, but provided good variety. The targets were toughened up a little bit for the simulated field championship which was appropriate but some very good scores were still recorded in all grades.

The High Gun medal was very well won by Craig Lawrence who shot an excellent total of 41 which was just one shot clear of a whole bunch of other shooters at the finish. Craig proved once again that B Grade is the burglar's grade; he finished with the High Gun and first place in B Grade.

Josh Holmes shot consistently for a score of 40 and a comfortable first place in AA Grade. Murray Barker and Richard Murphy were best in A Grade and also shot a good score of 40. Murray got the nod on countback for the first place prize. Craig Lawrence was first in B Grade but only by one shot from second

placegetter Brian Casey who shot 40. Barry Foley snuck home by that one vital shot to win C Grade with a score of 33. Cassie McEvoy found one trigger easier to manage than two and shot 28 for first place in the Ladies Grade. Preston Slater and Ashden Hall are both new shooters and shot very well for a score of 26 in the Juniors Grade. Preston won the first place prize on countback.

BROKEN HILL -4 JUNE 2017 56 TARGET SXS HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP		
High Gun	Rod Weaver	46
H/Cap High Gun	Murray Barker	51
AA Grade	1st	Josh Holmes
	2nd	Clay Johnston
A Grade	1st	Jeff Glasson
	2nd	Wayne Haskard
	3rd	Lachie Simpson
B Grade	1st	Josh Edgecumbe
	2nd	Peter Ellis
	3rd	James Baird
C Grade	1st	Peter Hoare
	2nd	Neville Hill
	3rd	Bob Tweedie
Ladies	1st	Cassie McEvoy
		26

BROKEN HILL - 4 JUNE 2017
50 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP

High Gun		Craig Lawrence	41
AA Grade	1st	Josh Holmes	40
	2nd	Clay Johnston	37
A Grade	1st	Murray Barker	40
	2nd	Richard Murphy	40
	3rd	Jeff Glasson	37
B Grade	1st	Craig Lawrence	41
	2nd	Brian Casey	40
	3rd	Rod Weaver	38
C Grade	1st	Barry Foley	33
	2nd	Peter Hoare	32
	3rd	Kieran McEvoy	28
Ladies	1st	Cassie McEvoy	28
Juniors	1st	Preston Slater	26
	2nd	Ashden Hall	26

2 JULY 2017

On Sunday 2 July, the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Handicap Championship shoot. The shoot was sponsored by Steve, Gerard and Kyle Mahoney who very generously provided an excellent range of prizes for the winning shooters. The day started out cool but warmed to mild and sunny, and conditions were just about perfect for shooting clay targets. Organisers were a tad disappointed with an attendance of 25 shooters given the great conditions.



Grade winners of the Steve, Gerard and Kyle Mahoney 75 Target Graded Handicap Championship, left to right, Steve Mahoney (B Grade), Gerard Mahoney (A Grade), Ashden Hall (Juniors), Clay Johnston (High Gun) and Grant Boylan (C Grade)

The range was set by Josh, Gerard and Kyle who did an excellent job to present a very good variety of targets in a compact range of five stations, which was shot three times to make up the competition. The targets were fairly easy which made for very enjoyable shooting. The better shooters, as usual, managed the targets very well and recorded some very impressive totals.

The best shooters off the gun were Clay Johnston, Josh Holmes and Murray Barker who all finished with an excellent score of 67. A shootoff was held to decide the results and was won by Clay Johnston who finished with the High Gun medal.

The remaining prizes were awarded for handicap totals.

Josh Holmes was the lone ranger in AA Grade

but his excellent off-gun score, plus a small dollop of handicap, saw him finish with 76 to be a deserving winner of the first place prize. The result in A Grade was pretty close, with just three shots between the top four shooters. Gerard Mahoney shot consistently and with just one extra point of handicap up his sleeve snuck away with the first place prize. Steve Mahoney was a runaway winner in B Grade and he took first place fairly comfortably at the finish with a good score of 87. Grant Boylan had a blinder in C Grade and he shot very well for 91, the best handicap score for the shoot, and a well-deserved first place. It was encouraging to see a couple of keen junior shooters at the range and Ashden Hall, a relatively new shooter, won the first place prize with a good score of 82 which included 21 off the gun for his last round of shooting.

Information for any event at Broken Hill is available from Association President Rod Weaver on 0407 187 498 or Secretary Josh Holmes on 0424 968 802.

BROKEN HILL - 2 JULY 2017
75 TARGET GRADED HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

High Gun		Clay Johnston	67
AA Grade	1st	Josh Holmes	76
A Grade	1st	Gerard Mahoney	83
	2nd	Clay Johnston	82
	3rd	Murray Barker	82
B Grade	1st	Steve Mahoney	87
	2nd	Anthony Elliott	84
	3rd	Craig Lawrence	84
C Grade	1st	Grant Boylan	91
	2nd	Josh Edgcombe	89
	3rd	Barry Foley	83
Juniors	1st	Ashden Hall	82
	2nd	Kyle Mahoney	80

12 - 13 AUGUST
SILVER CITY STEEL CHAMPIONSHIP

On 12 and 13 August, the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted the eighth annual Steve and Josh Holmes Silver City Steel Championship, one of the club's more popular and successful shoots. Conditions over the whole weekend were mild and sunny and were magnificent for shooting clay targets. Organisers were pleased with the attendance of 55 competitors from throughout New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

The three range shooting layout was very well set out by Josh, Gerard and Brian and they are to be congratulated for a job well done. An excellent variety of targets was provided throughout the weekend. The targets could be quite challenging; shooters who worked them out shot very good scores and burst their handicap, shooters who didn't work them out could very easily crash and burn.

The shoot comprised a 75 target graded championship on Saturday, a 75 target handicap championship on Sunday and a 150 target graded championship over both days. An excellent display of prizes was provided

by Steve and Josh Holmes for the winners and placegetters in all grades.

The most successful competitor at the event was South Australian A Grade shooter Daniel Banning who shot the excellent total of 133 to win the Silver City Steel Overall High Gun trophy quite comfortably with five shots up his sleeve at the finish. This was Daniel's first visit to shoot at Broken Hill and we trust his success will encourage him to return for future shoots.

The best Broken Hill shooter was Josh Holmes who shot a very good score of 128 for a narrow win in AA Grade and second place off the gun. This was an excellent result for Josh in a very good field of shooters and just reward for his continuing efforts to improve his shooting.

Also shooting very well for Broken Hill was Clay Johnston who shot 125 for a fairly comfortable win in A Grade and fourth place off the gun. Clay has been one of Broken Hill's top shooters for a few years and his grade win was very well deserved.

The result in B Grade was a real eye opener. Fabian Bigmore from Robe shot the excellent score of 124 for fifth place off the gun and a very easy grade win. Alexander Silk from Allansford also had a very successful weekend at Broken Hill. His total of 101 was comfortably clear of the rest of the field in C Grade.

Veteran shooter Bill Harker from Sunraysia is a regular and popular visitor to Broken Hill and rarely fails to shoot well. This shoot was no different and Bill shot a good total of 114 to narrowly win the Veteran Grade. The Ladies Grade was won very easily by Lake Bonney shooter Tasha Bellinger who finished with a good score of 113 for the first place trophy. Broken Hill junior Ashden Hall is a relatively new and improving shooter. Ashden continued his good form and shot 87 for an easy win in the Junior Grade.

At the conclusion of the shoot Association President Rod Weaver thanked all shooters, particularly the visitors who had travelled so far, for their attendance. Rod thanked all who had helped with the organisation and running of the shoot, particularly the lovely ladies in the nominations office, Ricky Cooper and the cooks and caterers, and the hard working crew who set and maintained the range over the weekend. Rod also made special mention of the shoot sponsor, Steve and Josh Holmes of Silver City Steel, and all other supporters who made the event possible.

Information for any event at Broken Hill is available from Association President Rod Weaver on 0407 187 498 or Secretary Josh Holmes on 0424 968 802.

BROKEN HILL SILVER CITY STEEL RESULTS - 75 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP				
AA Grade	1st	Danny Bellinger	Lake Bonney	64
	2nd	Josh Holmes	Broken Hill	64
A Grade	1st	Daniel Banning	Kingston	69
	2nd	Clay Johnston	Broken Hill	60
	3rd	Gerard Mahoney	Broken Hill	59
B Grade	1st	Fabian Bigmore	Robe	64
	2nd	Mark Moss	Roxby Downs	61
	3rd	Brian Casey	Broken Hill	61
C Grade	1st	Alexander Silk	Allansford	54
	2nd	Paul Habberman	Roxby Downs	51
	3rd	Aaron Darley	Broken Hill	50
Veterans	1st	Richard Murphy	Broken Hill	55
	2nd	Bill Harker	Sunraysia	55
	3rd	Peter Ellis	Broken Hill	43
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	Lake Bonney	54
	2nd	Rachael Moss	Roxby Downs	44
	3rd	Cassie McEvoy	Broken Hill	41
Juniors	1st	Ashden Hall	Broken Hill	44
	2nd	Sean Patton	Meadow Creek	41
	3rd	Cameron Ware	Dandenong	35

BROKEN HILL SILVER CITY STEEL RESULTS - 150 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP				
High Gun		Daniel Banning	Kingston	133
AA Grade	1st	Josh Holmes	Broken Hill	128
	2nd	Danny Bellinger	Lake Bonney	127
A Grade	1st	Clay Johnston	Broken Hill	125
	2nd	Gerard Mahoney	Broken Hill	121
	3rd	Clayton Faggotter	Andamooka	116
B Grade	1st	Fabian Bigmore	Robe	123
	2nd	Brian Casey	Broken Hill	120
	3rd	Mark Moss	Roxby Downs	118
C Grade	1st	Alexander Silk	Allansford	101
	2nd	Paul Habberman	Roxby Downs	98
	3rd	Aaron Darley	Broken Hill	96
Veterans	1st	Bill Harker	Sunraysia	114
	2nd	Richard Murphy	Broken Hill	113
	3rd	Peter Ellis	Broken Hill	98
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	Lake Bonney	113
	2nd	Cassie McEvoy	Broken Hill	77
	3rd	Rachael Moss	Roxby Downs	75
Juniors	1st	Ashden Hall	Broken Hill	87
	2nd	Sean Patton	Meadow Creek	81
	3rd	Cameron Ware	Dandenong	71

BROKEN HILL SILVER CITY STEEL RESULTS - 75 TARGET HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP				
AA Grade	1st	Josh Holmes	Broken Hill	71
	2nd	Danny Bellinger	Lake Bonney	66
A Grade	1st	Gerard Mahoney	Broken Hill	80
	2nd	Clay Johnston	Broken Hill	80
	3rd	Clayton Faggotter	Andamooka	80
B Grade	1st	Jason Hefford	Renmark	89
	2nd	Mark Moss	Roxby Downs	84
	3rd	Fabian Bigmore	Robe	80
C Grade	1st	Grant Boylan	Broken Hill	83
	2nd	Aaron Darley	Broken Hill	82
	3rd	Scott Harlock	Bool Lagoon	80
Veterans	1st	Peter Ellis	Broken Hill	79
	2nd	Bill Harker	Sunraysia	77
	3rd	Richard Murphy	Broken Hill	76
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	Lake Bonney	71
	2nd	Rachael Moss	Roxby Downs	70
	3rd	Cassie McEvoy	Broken Hill	69
Juniors	1st	Ashden Hall	Broken Hill	85
	2nd	Sean Patton	Meadow Creek	82
	3rd	Cameron Ware	Dandenong	75



High Gun and Overall Grade winners of the Steve and Josh Holmes Silver City Steel Championship (left to right): Alexander Silk (C Grade), Daniel Banning (High Gun), Josh Holmes (AA Grade), Clay Johnston (A Grade), Bill Harker (Veterans), Tasha Bellinger (Ladies), Ashden Hall (Juniors) and Fabian Bigmore (B Grade)

BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

by Barry Dunn

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2017

Bermagui Field and Game's monthly shoot for June was a 100 target handicap event generously sponsored by Scott and Lisa Bradley of Bermagui Bait and Tackle. The range had been set mostly by Nev Brady and comprised eight shooting stations with a wide variety of targets, receiving favourable comments by many shooters as one of the best layouts presented at the club. Local shooters were joined by visitors from Goulburn, Cooma, Illawarra and Sydney.

The standout shooters on the scoreboard were the placegetters in C Grade, all shooting well above their handicap, and the Lady shooters not far behind them.



C Grade winners: Mat Richardson, Dave Bedingfield and Owen Gauslaa



Ladies winners: Barbie Magrin, Vicki Marshall and Carol Cook

The \$500 club shoot raffle won by Craig Field was only able to be claimed if he could shoot all of the required eight targets in a shootoff. Unfortunately, he didn't break all the clays so his consolation prize was a meat tray donated by Benny's Butchery of Cobargo.

BERMAGUI F&G RESULTS 25 JUNE 2017			
AA/A Grade	1st	Pat Jubb	102
	2nd	Robert Shaw	102
	3rd	Barry Dunn	99
B Grade	1st	Zip Summerell	110
	2nd	Ray Summerell	109
	3rd	Shane Platts	109
C Grade	1st	Mathew Richardson	124
	2nd	Dave Bedingfield	118
	3rd	Owen Gauslaa	117
Ladies	1st	Barbie Magrin	110
	2nd	Vicki Marshall	110
	3rd	Carol Cook	109
Juniors	1st	Holly Gschwend	104
	2nd	Pat Thompson	97
	3rd	Josef Gschwend	95

by Patrick Thompson

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2017

Bermagui Field & Game hosted the inaugural Cheryl Brady Memorial 100 target Handicap Challenge on Sunday 27 August, proudly sponsored by Nev and Shirl Brady of Bermagui Welding. The challenging but entertaining course was set along nine stands of gruelling mountain goat walking tracks.

The competitors were kept on their toes with a varied array of targets which included a springing teal and a rabbit that played very hard to get and teased the shooters no end. The day was made even more difficult by the lovely icy winds and misty rain for the first two rounds, however it was good to see the shooters tough it out for a chance at the prizes. The set-up committee should be commended on the well-balanced course.



Surprised and excited High Gun winner, Nathan Wu, with sponsors Nev and Shirl Brady of Bermagui Welding



B Grade winners Zip Summerell (1st), Ray Summerell (2nd) and Richard Seears (3rd)

Congratulations to Nathan Wu, who was awarded High Gun of the day with a score of 113. Nathan was presented with the 2017 Cheryl Brady Memorial sash and walked away with an array of prizes and his name on the winner's plaque. Zip Summerell pipped his son, Ray, at the post for first prize in the men's B Grade. Juniors saw Josef Gschwend come first by outdoing his sister, Holly, in second with Pat Thompson third.

Andrew Whitbread won the raffle to shoot the jackpot \$500. Unfortunately, he was left holding the meat tray from Benny's Butchery of Cobargo after failing to hit the required amount of targets.

Next Shoot:

10am start - Sunday 24 September.

100 target OTG, sponsored by Drakos Bros Construction and 777 Supermarket. ALSO round two of the Commagui Cup.

Set-up crew: Jimmy and James Drakos, Craig Field, Dick Brown, Andrew Whitbread and Rodger Budd.

BERMAGUI F&G RESULTS 27 AUGUST 2017			
High Gun	Nathan Wu	113	102
A/AA grade	1st	Adam Shiels	101
	2nd	Chris Raabe	96
	3rd	Gavin Moulding	90
B grade	1st	Zip Summerell	102
	2nd	Ray Summerell	98
	3rd	Richard Seears	94
C grade	1st	John Hine	113
	2nd	Pat Tennant	111
	3rd	Jon Theobald	99
Ladies	1st	Barbie Magrin	84
	2nd	Elspeth Dunn	54
Juniors	1st	Josef Gschwend	102
	2nd	Holly Gschwend	92
	3rd	Pat Thompson	80



State Selections – Overall Winner - Daniel Baskerville

GUNNEDAH SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

by Alison Kelly

1-2 JULY 2017

Gunnedah held the last round of the State Selection Shoots on Saturday 1 July with 66 shooters attending. The targets were well received by all. The weather started off frosty in the morning but turned out to be a fabulous day.

The Adrian Hayes Teams event was won by Mudgee.



State Selections – Ladies placegetters



State Selections – AA Grade placegetters



State Selections – A Grade placegetters



State Selections – B Grade placegetters



State Selections – C Grade placegetters



State Selections – Veteran placegetters



State Selections – Super Veteran placegetters



Adrian Hayes Teams Event Winners - Mudgee



Around the grounds



A shooter takes aim

On Sunday 2 July we held our Annual Charity Shoot for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service with 91 shooters turning up to shoot the event. The course was tweaked from the previous day to include more pairs. A great day was had by all, raising over \$4000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

RESULTS - 2 JULY 2017			
Overall	Stephen Payne	87/100 + 17 in the shoot off	
AA	1st	Daniel Baskerville	87/100+13
	2nd	Daniel Cameron	84/100
A	1st	Jason Solomons	80/100
	2nd	Andrew Holly	77/100
B	1st	George Roth	75/100
	2nd	Ken Fleming	71/100
C	1st	Paul Lyne	70/100
	2nd	Willy Wright	63/100
Ladies	1st	Helen Overton	81/100
	2nd	Amy Buys	74/100
Veterans	1st	Peter Rea	75/100
	2nd	John McKinnon	56/100
Super Veterans	1st	John Sidoti	76/100
	2nd	Lachie Cameron	62/100
Juniors	1st	Jack Roth	80/100
	2nd	George Lyne	70/100
	3rd	Oscar Mower	50/100
Sub-Juniors	1st	Nicholas Lyne	56/50
	2nd	Eli Kelly	49/50
	3rd	Ethan Kelly	48/50

The 51st Annual Gumtree Championships will be held on September 30 and October 1 where we're expecting around 300 shooters to compete over three layouts. On the Friday arvo there will be five stands running for practice, then 101 targets per day for Saturday and Sunday with a great prize pool on offer. Camping and powered sites will be available for the weekend. See our Facebook page and website for more info. ■

proud Ian Stewart who came out on top and will have his name added to the BB Cup for 2017. Second spot went to ex-Sydney shooter John Collier and third to new shooter Reid Hjorth.

COOMA FIELD AND GAME WINTER UPDATE

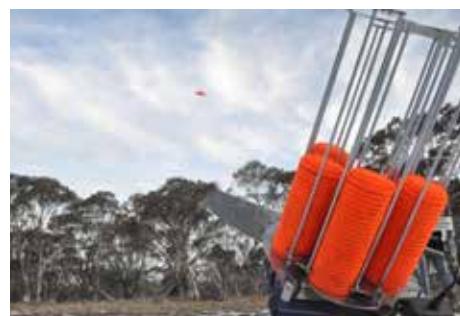
- by Andrew Fairfield-Smith



Cooma has survived the winter months in 2017 well. We have only started shooting all of the winter months in the last few years with a decision from the membership to take our chances with the obvious potential flaws in the weather. Despite the ski resorts reporting great skiing conditions, the Club managed to squeeze the three "winter" shoots in on relatively good days. The weather was cold but clear, which is good because besides snowy conditions being uncomfortable, it can also be very difficult to see the targets. Our video of the "Tweed Cup Shoot" is on YouTube under Cooma F&G if you'd like to check it out.

JUNE 18TH – MID-WINTER CUP

The Mid-Winter Cup saw a good turnout of shooters with competitors travelling from Goulburn, Canberra and Bermagui to take part in the event. We had 49 shooters enjoy two well-set ranges on a perfect winter's day. Being a handicap event, there were some new faces receiving the prizes at the end of the day, which hopefully will encourage all of our newer shooters to progress to bigger and better things. No perfect rounds were achieved but the scores on the scoreboard reflected the targets were of good quality, giving all grades plenty of opportunities to break clays.



MUDGEE SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

- by Max Holland

27 August 2017

On Sunday 27 August, members of Mudgee Sporting Clays shot for the prestigious Bob Burns Cup. This event is pencilled into our shoot calendar twice a year. Bob, who is approaching 90 years of age, is our club patron. He also participated in the event shooting some respectable rounds. Club members strive to have their name etched onto this trophy. Most competitors shoot four rounds over the day, but the first two with your handicap added is what goes towards the final result. This gives our older and younger members who choose to only shoot two rounds the opportunity to win. When the scores were tallied up it was a very



Cooma Field and Game won the second round of the Interclub Challenge but couldn't make up the deficit from the week before.



Cooma Field and Game President, Andrew Fairfield-Smith, hands over the Cup to Cooma Gun Club President, James Barron.

Results

High Gun - Lindsey Blewitt 117

AA Grade

1st Warren Thorfe 90
2nd Mark Gschwend 88
3rd Matt Webster 87

A Grade

1st Neville Brady 106
2nd Andrew Fairfield-Smith 104
3rd Chris Robinson 100

B Grade

1st Curls Thistleton 104
2nd Josh Pederson 103
3rd Tim Wilson 103

C Grade

1st Jesson Bowerman 109
2nd Brendon Wholohan 109
3rd David Noakes 108

Ladies

1st Marg Warriner 107
2nd Kerry Donald 102
3rd Corina Rowling 101

Juniors

1st Olivia Heise 102
2nd Jake Mason

Thanks to our June sponsors Cooma H Hardware.

JULY 16TH - TWEED CUP

It was a perfect day to wear some tweed at the Cooma Field and Game range for the second running of the Tweed Cup. An excellent turnout of 60 shooters came to make the most of the perfect mid-winter weather. The targets were varied and well-set, testing the best shooters with balanced scores across all grades. The competition was fiercely contested with bottles of Wildbrumby Schnapps supplied by the sponsors up for grabs, and yet no one managed to shoot a perfect round of 25. Bill Warriner's experience

overcame the field taking out a well-deserved High Gun and in turn taking home the Cup.

As usual with any themed event not everyone chose to wear tweed, but those who did put in a good effort. Stephen McIntyre took out best dressed with Oscar Mower runner up.

Results

High Gun - Bill Warriner 82

AA Grade

1st Chris Davis 75
2nd Mark Gschwend 71
3rd James Byrne 71

A Grade

1st Andrew Fairfield-Smith 77
2nd Doug Alcock 75
3rd Chris Raabe 75

B Grade

1st Richard Sears 80
2nd Colin Brownlie 75
3rd Adam Mower 70

C Grade

1st Rodger Sands 60
2nd Doug Blewitt 60
3rd Charlie Kimber 59.

Ladies

1st Robin Perkins 67
2nd Penny White 53
3rd Marg Warriner 50

Juniors

1st Oscar Mower 71

Sub Juniors

1st Daniel Davis 68
2nd Nick Davis 6
3rd Josef Gschwend 55

Penny White won the rabbit raffle and shot the targets to take home the prize.

August 20th - Interclub Challenge

Sunday saw the second leg of the Interclub

challenge between the Cooma Gun Club and the Cooma Field and Game. The event is in its third year and is proving popular amongst the shooters of both clubs. Initiated to boost numbers attending the clubs' August shoots, it is paying dividends with 36 shooters at Cooma Gun Club and 54 shooters at Middling Bank.

Cooma Field and Game won the second round of the Interclub Challenge but couldn't make up the deficit from the week before.

The competition is fiercely contested with clubs usually making the most of home ground advantages to win each of the respective days. The F&G shooters gave the Cooma Gun Club too much lead in the first leg and were unable to make up the deficit, with Cooma Gun Club winning overall by 44 targets. Both days were a huge success and gave shooters an opportunity to shoot different disciplines and enjoy some healthy interclub rivalry. The competition is definitely alive and well.

Cooma Field and Game President, Andrew Fairfield-Smith, hands over the Cup to Cooma Gun Club President, James Barron.

Results

High Gun - Chris Davis 92

AA Grade

1st Jake Hedger 80

A Grade

1st John Starr 86
2nd Roy Meagher 80
3rd Andrew Fairfield-Smith 79.

B Grade

1st James Ewart 83
2nd Adam Mower 83
3rd Curls Thistleton 79

C Grade

1st Allan Nielson 71
2nd Rodger Sands 63
3rd Brendan Wholohan 63

Ladies

1st Penny White 65
2nd Robin Perkins 61
3rd Rhonda White 48

Juniors

Jake Mason 48

Interclub challenge Scores

Cooma Gun Club 1277/1600
Cooma Field and Game 1233/1600

Father's Day Shoot

Cooma Field and Game held a novelty shoot to celebrate Father's Day. It was a shortened program and offered shooters an alternative activity to celebrate the day. This was the first time the club has had a shoot like this but was well received and may become a fixed date on the calendar.

Very windy conditions didn't scare off the 24 brave souls who were happy to have a red hot shot at targets that seemed to have a mind

of their own. With wind gusts up to 70km an hour, the targets were being buffeted and their trajectory was difficult to predict.

The day started out with two rounds on the 15 target Compak "A" range, which was a little more sheltered than B range. We then moved on to the novelty events with pairs shooting four simultaneous targets followed by teams of two or three shooting at 30 random targets. Good fun.

Results

Event 1 – Compak 30 targets.

High Gun

Adam Mower 22/30

A/AA Grade

1st Chris Robinson 20/30
2nd Bill Warriner 20/30

B Grade

1st Adam Mower 22/30
2nd Russell Rowling 20/30

C Grade

1st Charlie Kimber 18/30
2nd Lindsey Blewitt 18/30

Ladies

1st Penny White 17/30
2nd Marg Warriner 14/30

Two shooter Teams

1st Chris Robinson, Marg Warriner 12/20
2nd Ed Oslins, Penny White 10/20

Three Shooter Teams.

1st Craig Bottom, Adam Rowling, Chris Robinson.

Equal 2nd Bill Warriner, Wendy Crouch, Lindsey Blewitt / Oscar Mower, Shaun Rowling, Luke Rowling

We're looking forward to the run to Christmas. With our usual shoots being held on the third Sunday of the month we're getting ready for a busy October with an additional "Come and have a go day" and a Compak shoot on the fifth Sunday of October, which is proving very popular. Shooters can also look forward to one of the best Christmas shoots on the calendar. Check out coomafieldandgame.org for more info. ■

TASMANIAN FIELD & FIELD ASSOCIATION INC

- by Rolf Bugden

2017 TASMANIAN STATE TITLES

Clay Target Club hosted the Tasmania State Titles on Sunday 13 August. The weather was cool and overcast, but the ground unfortunately was wet and muddy after two nights of heavy rain so good footwear was the order for the day. We had 48 shooters registered for the event.

The shoot was held on our bottom range with three rounds of 35, 35 and 30 targets over five stands per round (seven targets shot at each stand for the first two rounds, six targets for the last round). The targets were tough and more technical than most shooters expected and the scores reflected this in the first round; the only shooter to come to grips with them was Nick Towns who came in with a 24. The next closest shooters, Paul Rigby and Gary Harper, managed 20. The rest of us only wished we had shot a 20.

The next round saw improvements from the better shooters with many in the lower grades slipping backwards as some shooting stands were moved. Nick came in with 21, as did Dwayne Evans. Lunch was taken with bruised egos and humble pie on the menu with plenty of scores just making double figures.

The lunch break must have worked as many shooters improved. Nick Towns was the only competitor to shoot 20+ across all

four rounds and he triumphed to win the High Gun at the end of the day. The two contenders in the Ladies category had a tight tussle, with Sally Ridgway coming up trumps on the day. If Angie had shot her grade she would have won it – well done Angie. Paul Rigby and Alex Grodski tied for AA but ended up tossing a coin to decide first and second place, with Alex winning the coin flip. This was determined to be the quicker option over a shootoff after the rabbit trap broke down, delaying the shoot, and a number of shooters had a three-hour drive ahead of them. ■

2017 TASMANIAN STATE TITLES FINAL RESULTS		
High Gun	Nick Towns	86/100
AA Grade	1st	Alex Grodski
	2nd	Paul Rigby
	3rd	Richard Trifit
A Grade	1st	Dwayne Evans
	2nd	Jason Towns
	3rd	Gary Harper
B Grade	1st	Steven Ridgeway
	2nd	Ray Coates
	3rd	Arthur Carter
C Grade	1st	Wayne Kelly
	2nd	Shaun Brown
	3rd	Chris Ryan
Ladies	1st	Sally Ridgeway
	2nd	Angela Padman



NICK TOWNS SHOULD BE LOOKING SHARP NOW AFTER WINNING THE STATE TITLES

Veterans	1st	Rolf Bugden	60/100
	2nd	Ray Groves	54/100
	3rd	Graeme Witchard	47/100
Sup Vet	1st	Roger Manton	47/100
	2nd	Ray Williams	43/100
	3rd	Linden Evans	42/100
Juniors	1st	Lachie Peacock	67/100
	2nd	Hayden Connors	33/100

2017 VSCA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- by Ray McFarlane

The VSCA State Championships took place at the Geelong Sporting Clays range on the weekend of 19 and 20 August. The event was very testing for the target setters as Victoria had experienced two weeks of exceptionally wild and windy weather in the lead-up to the shoot. Targets had to be controlled to alleviate any problems that would be caused by the weather and to everyone's credit, we were able to throw good, fair targets throughout the competition no matter the strength of the wind. Would you believe that on the Saturday the wind dropped?! But it was very cold with some rain showers.

There were 142 competitors entered for the Championships and the trophy table looked great thanks to the sponsorship received from GB/Corsivia, Winchester and Outdoor Sporting Agencies.

VSCA is very appreciative of their support and I am sure all our members are grateful for the generosity of our sponsors

RESULTS AFTER DAY ONE

Open

Scoring was exceptional with Robert Hall leading on 97/100, closely followed by Blake Nankervis on 96/100, and Reece Turner and John Younger on 93/100.

Ladies

Renae Birgan set an early lead with 90/100, clear by 14 targets.

Juniors

Cameron Kivinen was the leader on 90/100 ahead of Mathew Wilesmith and Luke Willemens on 86/100.

Sub Juniors

Xavier Russell leading with 83/100 from Brendan O'Brien 67/100.

Veterans

Colin Johns was ahead of the pack on 89/100 leading John Leach on 86/100, with Ron Rhook and Ernie Scheidl tied on 85/100.

Super Veterans

Rex Barber was out in front on 89/100 followed by Barry Jane on 83/100 and Bryan Rafferty on 81/100.

FINAL RESULTS AFTER DAY TWO

On Sunday there was no wind and the sun was shining despite heavy frost. The targets toughened a little but this did not stop the good scoring. John Younger laid down the challenge with 49/50 for the day while Blake Nankervis shot 46/50. The lead of Robert Hall was cut to one target; could he hang on? Hall came home with 48/50 and a total of 191/200 for the Championships to take the title with Younger and Nankervis to shoot off for the minor places on 187/200 (see final results below). In the

Ladies, Renae Birgan just kept getting on with the job and with 182/200 was the clear winner finishing in the Top 10 overall. Luke Willemens came home strong in the Juniors with 90/100 (total 176/200) to take the title from Cameron Kivinen and Mathew Wilesmith. Xavier Russell was the winner in the Sub Juniors on 162/200 from Brendan O'Brien on 140/200. In the Veterans, Colin Johns held on to his lead to finish on 180/200 from Ron Rhook and Ernie Scheidl. Rex Barber had an easy win

in the Super Vets, with Ray McFarlane and Alan Backman coming in second and third respectively. ■

2017 VSCA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL RESULTS			
High Gun		Robert Hall	191/200
AA Grade	1st	Blake Nankervis	187/200 +21
	2nd	John Younger	187/200 +17
	3rd	Chris Brown	184/200
A Grade	1st	Glenn Philipson	165/200
	2nd	Craig McNeil	164/200
	3rd	Mark Cooper	162/200
B Grade	1st	Hussein Hussein	150/200
	2nd	Craig Smith	145/200
	3rd	Joe Tombolato	141/200
C Grade	1st	George Pilipasidis	120/200
	2nd	Andrew Portelli	120/200
	3rd	William Petzke	105/200
Veterans	1st	Colin Johns	180/200
	2nd	Ron Rhook	174/200
	3rd	Ernie Scheidl	170/200
Super Vets	1st	Rex Barber	174/200
	2nd	Ray McFarlane	160/200
	3rd	Alan Backman	158/200
Ladies	1st	Renae Birgan	182/200
	2nd	April Thompson	150/200
	3rd	Natasha Lonsdale	139/200
Juniors	1st	Luke Willemens	176/200
	2nd	Cameron Kivinen	174/200
	3rd	Mathew Wilesmith	171/200
Sub Juniors	1st	Xavier Russell	162/200
	2nd	Brendan O'Brien	140/200

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2017 STATE CHAMPION BEN SGRO



2017 WA TOP 10



2017 STATE TEAM Carrie Paulsen, Tony Trainor, Rhys Howard, Ben Sgro, Junior Danon Randazzo, Gary Marsh and Clayton Dennis.



Tony Trainor was the 2017 Overall State Champion with a great score of 185/200. Tony proudly accepted two slabs of Winchester Ammo and gave thanks to Winchester for their support.

AA Grade winners Colin George, Ben Sgro and Garry Marsh. Colin's sash flew out the back of his mate's ute on his way home, so if you see a AA Grade in the bush, please return it to Georgie!

Paul Bailey ("Wildman") from Wannamal

2017 State Junior Champion and overall runner-up Danon Randazzo.

THREE SPRINGS 2017 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

19 - 20 AUGUST 2017 - by Sue Green

RESULTS STATE 200 TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS		
High Gun	Tony Trainor	185/200
AA Grade	1st Colin George	177/200
	2nd Ben Sgro	176/200
	3rd Gary Marsh	172/200
A Grade	1st Clayton Dennis	172/200
	2nd Ryan McPherson	171/200
	3rd Glenn Povey	167/200
B Grade	1st Tom Papadopolous	165/200
	2nd Dale Browne	156/200
	3rd Luke Hayward	152/200
C Grade	1st Ian Callan	143/200
	2nd Wally Kendrick	137/200
	3rd Neil Jeary	135/200
Veterans	1st David Knight	175/200
	2nd Ian Grant	148/200
	3rd Bill Clarke	138/200
Ladies	1st Tracey Grayer	145/200
	2nd Carrie Paulsen	138/200
Juniors	1st Danon Randazzo	178/200

2017 STATE AGGREGATE TOP 10			
#1	Ben Sgro	Pegasus	480.20%
#2	Danon Randazzo	Wannamal	479.89%
#3	Tony Trainor	Wannamal	469.76%
#4	Rhys Howard	Wannamal	461.51%
#5	Clayton Dennis	Wannamal	459.28%
#6	Gary Marsh	Harvey	456.85%
#7	Steve Tunnicliffe	Wannamal	456.85%
#8	Michael McDonald	Wannamal	456.45%
#9	Mick Thomas	Harvey	454.55%
#10	Ken Green	Wannamal	454.04%

2017 STATE CHAMPIONS			
High Gun	O/A	Ben Sgro	480.20%
AA Grade	O/A	Rhys Howard	461.51%
A Grade	O/A	Clayton Dennis	459.28%
B Grade	O/A	Garry Stipinovich	453.57%
C Grade	O/A	Paul Bailey	373.50%
Veteran	O/A	Tony Trainor	469.76%
Ladies	O/A	Carrie Paulsen	351.86%
Junior	O/A	Danon Randazzo	479.89%
Sub-Junior	O/A	Bryon Jones	259.20%

2017 WAFGA TOP 10

Congratulations to all the winners. The 2017 Sporting Clays Champion by a whisker is Ben Sgro, beating out our runner-up state Junior champ, Danon Randazzo, by less than half a percent.

A huge THANK YOU to the Three Springs club and especially Gary Turley. This two-day carnival was totally sponsored by Winchester Australia, Maicon Engineering and Wellington Electrical plus an "anonymous sponsor". A special mention to Gary Turley because without him none of this would have been possible. What he does for our sport it is exceptional and truly appreciated.

It was an excellent State Carnival and the hospitality was awesome as usual. Everyone had a great weekend. A big thank you to Gary's "7 Wives" who are a tradition at Three Springs. These lovely ladies looked after us all with the catering and kept us all fed over the two days.



2017 Ladies Champion Carrie Paulsen.



The presentation tables were a sea of Winchester ammo.



Gary and his 7 Wives

PERTH METRO BRANCH FIELD & GAME WANNEROO SPORTING CLAYS

- by Mark Mansfield

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Geoff B, Graeme B & Mathew B

WANNEROO 100

The Wanneroo 100 was held on 16 July, and for a winter shoot, the weather held off which made it an even better day. The shoot was handicapped and even though that levelled the field, there were some very close scores on the targets shot.

WANNEROO 100				
		Handicap	Total	
High Gun	Morgo	24	112	
1st	Bill C	27	110	
2nd	Neil J	42	107	
3rd	Breno	24	106	
4th	Graeme G	24	105	

5TH RIFLE QUALIFIER

All went well on what was a sunny but windy day. The next rifle shoot is a practise day on September 24, with the Club (Perth Metro) Championship on October 22.

The first qualifier for the 2018 Perth Metro Club Champion is on November 19.

AUGUST RIFLE SHOOT 5TH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER 2017			
High Gun		Andrew Peters	545/600
A Grade	1st	John Stevens	471/600
	2nd	Mark Williams	470/600
	3rd	Mark Robins	462/600
Veterans	1st	Tony Smith	330/600
	2nd	Hendrik de Beer	320/600
Juniors	1st	Matthew de Beer	211/600



WHAT'S COMING UP AT WANNEROO?

Saturday October 7

Coaching from 10am–12pm and Practice from 1pm–4pm.

Sunday November 5

English Sporting (pairs and singles) 100 targets.

Sunday November 26

Christmas Shoot.

For those of you have not done so yet please visit the Perth Metro Field & Game web site at www.pmfq.org.au

WANNAMAL SPORTING CLAYS

2 DAY CLASSIC

- by Sue Green

DAY 1 – SATURDAY 29 JULY 2017

RESULTS			
High Gun		96/100	Chris Brown
AA Grade	1st	89/100	Michael McDonald
	2nd	87/100	Gary Marsh
	3rd	85/100	Rhys Howard
A Grade	1st	89/100	Doug Coleman
	2nd	84/100	Steve Tunnicliffe
	3rd	81/100	Glenn Povey
B Grade	1st	83/100	Mike Hudspith
	2nd	74/100	Tommy Papadopoulos
	3rd	69/100	Vern Godfrey
C Grade	1st	72/100	Fred Carnaby
	2nd	62/100	Ian Callan
	3rd	61/100	Paul Pitaro
Veterans	1st	85/100	Tony Trainor
	2nd	82/100	Bob Brown
	3rd	79/100	Steve Bastow
Ladies	1st	72/100	Katrina Brown
	2nd	71/100	Jenny Temessl
	3rd	65/100	Antonia Mylonas
Juniors	1st	79/100	Danon Randazzo
Sub-Juniors	1st	51/100	Cory Backhouse

DAY 2 – SUNDAY 30 JULY 2017

RESULTS			
High Gun		98/100	Chris Brown
AA Grade	1st	85/100	Michael McDonald
	2nd	82/100	Ben Sgro
	3rd	80/100	Ken Green
A Grade	1st	86/100	Doug Coleman
	2nd	82/100	Nick Melanko
	3rd	80/100	Glenn Povey
B Grade	1st	71/100	Glen Doran
	2nd	71/100	Tommy Papadopoulos
	3rd	70/100	Dale Browne
C Grade	1st	62/100	Paul Pitaro
	2nd	61/100	Fred Carnaby
	3rd	59/100	Neil Jeary
Veterans	1st	82/100	Bob Brown
	2nd	80/100	Tony Trainor
	3rd	74/100	Grant Cooper
Ladies	1st	72/100	Jenny Temessl
	2nd	67/100	Katrina Brown
	3rd	62/100	Carrie Paulsen
Juniors	1st	79/100	Danon Randazzo
	2nd	69/100	Morgan Robins
Sub-Juniors	1st	55/100	Byron Jones
	2nd	53/100	Cory Backhouse

This was the very last 2 Day Classic held at our iconic Wannamal ground. It was a very emotional and exciting time for many members. With intermittent showers during the first day of competition and gusty winds it was going to be a challenge for all the

shooters. Chris Brown was struggling with the difficult course that Ian Callan and the boys had set up and only managed four consecutive rounds of 24; at one stage I think I heard our President telling Chris to stop dragging the chain and shoot a 25!

Some of our local talent kept it interesting with a couple of rounds of 24 being shot by Doug Coleman, Alastair Crookes and Gary Marsh and even a 25 by our very own Vice President, Mr. Rhys Howard-Digweed.

Saturday night, as always at Wannamal, was a big event. Coops and the girls had the kitchen humming and looking across the sea of smiling faces everyone looked pretty content after day one. The night drew long in to the wee hours and thanks to some sponsored wine it was going to be a slow start for many the next day.

As many awoke on day two and peered through bloodshot eyes, it was clear that the weather had changed for the better. We had near-perfect conditions to start the day off.

After some Saturday night coaching from Garry and Luka Stipinovich, Chris Brown finally had taken heed as his first 25 hit the board; one of two for the morning. As the day progressed it was apparent that the activity from the night before was starting to take its toll. Slowly but surely, the ones who played the hardest fell the quickest with some huge falls from the top of the leaderboard.

At the end of the day Chris Brown was too good for the locals and took the chocolates for both days. For those that were lucky enough to shoot with him over the weekend I'm sure you gained some useful tips before the Nationals.

This being the last two-day shoot at our beloved Wannamal grounds, we would like to thank all members that have supported the club over the years. It was refreshing to see groups from all WAFGA clubs in attendance and if we continue to support each other in the future, the WA shooting scene will be prosperous for all.

We have a great team of volunteers at Wannamal and without them, our events would not run as smoothly as they do. Thank you to our office workers, Sue and Ken Green; canteen staff, Grant and Helen Cooper, Sue Ellis and Leanne Hudspith; and our course setters Ian Callan, Bill Clarke, Tony Trainor, Rhys Howard, Dale Browne, Clayton Dennis, Alastair Crookes and Garry Stipinovich. You have all worked tirelessly around the clock and because of you, our two-day shoot was an unforgettable event. Thank you.

Thank you for the support from our Eastern states visitors, Chris, Katrina and Bob. The support you have shown our club over the years is fantastic. The same goes to all that have travelled from the east over the years; your support is recognized by all.

Lastly, but not least to our sponsors who without their support, events like this would not be possible. Tony and Sally from A&S Lawn, Force Equipment, BCF and John Torrison.

Finally, to our major sponsors, Bruce and Kim Burns from GB Corsivia. The support Wannamal has received from you both over the many years is second to none. Kimmy is an absolute delight to be around and Bruce is always a true gentleman and you are not only our major sponsors, but well and truly a part of the Wannamal family.

We are looking forward to hosting everybody at a new location next year! ■

ECHIDNA PARK SPORTING CLAYS RESULTS OF THE 5TH STATE QUALIFIER

- by Sue Green

25 JUNE 2017

ECHIDNA PARK 5TH STATE QUALIFIER			
High Gun		Steve Tunnicliffe	85/100
AA Grade	1st	Michael McDonald	83/100
	2nd	Ben Sgro	81/100
	3rd	Rhys Howard	80/100
A Grade	1st	Garry Stipinovich	77/100
	2nd	Rohan Shawcross	76/100
	3rd	Alastair Crookes	74/100
B Grade	1st	Jarrod Whitey	69/100
	2nd	Vern Godfrey	68/100
	3rd	Dale Browne	66/100

C Grade	1st	Stuart Cooper	54/100
	2nd	Paul Camerer	53/100
	3rd	Ian Callan	47/100
Veterans	1st	David Knight	76/100
	2nd	Tony Trainor	76/100
	3rd	Kim Halbert	72/100
Ladies	1st	Carrie Paulsen	56/100
	2nd	Jenny Temessl	52/100
Juniors	1st	Danon Randazzo	77/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Tristan Noble	44/100

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



2017 SAFGA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

- by Greg Dawes

The SAFGA State Championship was held on the 5/ 6 August by Central Branch. With forecasts of 25- 30mm of rain and 40km/h winds gusting to 60km/h from the NW each day, everyone was reaching deep into the cupboard for their wet weather gear. Course format was laid out in 7 stands 38/37 on the tight undulating grounds. The club course setters had taken into account the forecast of strong wind and rain when setting the targets.

The clay target committee members and course setters from Central Branch viewed the targets and the menu boards on Friday making a few minor changes. All was ready for the event, a great job done by the club presenting the targets that are expected for this event with well serviced traps and teams in place to keep them full and running all weekend. We did not have one trap failure in some of the worst conditions I have shot in - a credit to them all.

78 shooters attended the event with several dropping out before the event started, due to the forecasted weather conditions. This was also the last round of the state team selection and the 12 shooters in contention for the state team all shot in the same squads

to ensure that they all received the same targets and could compete with each other to achieve team selection.

Final results for the state team selection are available on the website. Some new faces have made the team which is a good thing for the sport and the future. I wish the whole team the best at the National Championships in Geraldton W.A 8/9/10 September.

AA Grade - by John Berryman

First squads couldn't take advantage of the easy winds as thickening fog was hard to budge; the weather was playing havoc with the field. Chris Wright and Tim Widdison both opened their accounts with 14. Wendel Litchfield (23) showed he still had some form from the Worlds. Joe Densley (22) was marking the early leaders. Local chance Mike McKinnon (20) and Hayden Brown (20) kept the pressure on.

On the back side of the course everyone had warmed up their trigger finger. Out the front was led by Jeremy Kent and J Densley (23). Ken Atkin (23), Chris Wright (23) teamed up to finally trouble the scorers. Danny Bellinger (22) and Alex Button (21) were administering first-aid to revive their Championship. The

Cold got the better of Wendel (15); he suffered from 'Icicle-index-ititis' and went from early co-leader to mid pack.

As the winds continued to rise, anything over 20 was going to be an excellent round. Round 3, Alex Button (23) started his run for a place. Rod Laidlaw (23) also top scored. Ken Atkin (21) followed it up. Aaron Went (15) wasn't enjoying the wind at all. Hayden Brown (20) was consistent with 20's all day, "If you offered me 3 x 20's at the start of the day; I would have taken it". Hayden remarked at the end of the day.

Sunday:

Jeremy Kent applied the blow torch. Aaron Went and Tim Widdison (23), Joe Densley (22) hung in there. Ken Atkin and Alex Button (22). Chris Wright, Danny Bellinger and Wendel Litchfield (21) keeping the gap close across the leader board.

Wendel Litchfield (22) and Danny Bellinger (22) kept improving ahead of the big weather front. Chris Wright (23) finally started to find his mojo, Alex Button (17) unfortunately faltered as the weather and winds intensified. On the back side of the course the bubble burst and Joe (16) dropped several critical

► targets and wasn't able to recover this late in the Championship.

As the rains continued, the scores washed away. Ken Atkin (18-18) needed all his experience to hold off the fast finishing Danny Bellinger (19) who dropped some critical targets on the last stands and missed the podium. Chris Wright (23) left his run too late, lamenting his Saturday's poor scores.

Jeremy Kent was able to kick on and put the result beyond any doubt scoring an outstanding 136/150 in some miserable, trying conditions.

On both accounts a very commendable effort, in the true spirit. Congratulations to both Jeremy and Joe on a wonderfully fought out championship.

Results:

Overall High Gun: Jeremy Kent 136 / 150
1st Joe Densley 124 / 150
2nd Chris Wright 122
3rd Ken Atkin 121

A Grade

SATURDAY:

Chris Gibbison (20/17/16) started with promise, but was missing his little cheer squad. Jeremy Hellyer (12/20/14) had an up and down morning much like his drive in Saturday morning from the SE. James Bologiannis (18/15/18) dropped a few critical targets on the dreaded back side of the course. Peter Hicks (19/18/19) started well, doing his best to impersonate John Daly. Colin Nunn (18/17/19) was up and about, dropping only a few. Rob Marcoionni (19/21/17) was out to defend his title, despite a hiccup at Stand 6 late in the day. Central local Peter Rugless (18/20/20) looked to be on his 'A game' leading by 1 at close of play Saturday.

SUNDAY:

Emilio Calicchio (21/19/15) always threatened, but failed at the end of each day. James Bologiannis (20/18/22) regained his form, with consistency costing him from Saturday. A grade became a race in 3. Peter Hicks (20/19/22) sharpened his scores from Saturday, swimming himself into 3rd position. You could fairly argue the weather was against him, as his wet weather gear looked to be achieving nothing. Colin Nunn (23/21/21) passed Hicks and took the challenge. Rob Marcoionni (24/20/20), a fright for 1st position as he tied in the last rounds, but did enough for outright 1st with a solid 24 in the first round Sunday seeing off the challengers.

Results:

1st Rob Marcoionni 121 / 150
2nd Colin Nunn 119
3rd Peter Hicks 117

B Grade

SATURDAY:

From the start, the B grade was a race of 3. Mark Moss (16/18/14) ensured he was there if any faltered. Both Central hopes Rob Cross (18/18/15) and Bradley Harris (18/20/15) faded as the Saturday drew to an end. Luciano Palumbo (18/18/18) was in for the long haul, and was pacing himself nicely.

SUNDAY:

Some good scores started coming from low on the leader board but was too little too late. Mark Moss (18/18/16) cued up. Rob Cross (17/16/18) was all around it, failed some critical targets and finished 3rd. Bradley Harris (15/19/18) woke up on the wrong side of the bed and continued his rut early on. Luciano Palumbo (16/15/18) couldn't buy an extra target or 2 and faltered. Bradley however was able to recover and match Luciano in the last 25 to see off his challenge.

Results

1st Bradley Harris 105 / 150
2nd Luciano Palumbo 103
3rd Rob Cross 102

C Grade

SATURDAY:

C grade was always going to be a lottery, with all shooters capable of putting up good scores. It was just a matter of who was going to roll up in form. Liz Rymill (13/15/17) liked the look of the course and progressively bettered as the day went on. Marlene Pohl (13/17/14) and John Hayward (14/16/14) both couldn't quite string it together. Joker Scott Hall (14/11/11) continued his improvement just lacking some consistency.

SUNDAY:

Scott Hall (16/12/14) thinks shooting should only be on Sundays recovered well and put pressure on the leaders. John Hayward (19/13/10) had his Weatbix for breakfast but unfortunately faded as the day turned. Liz Rymill (11/17/15) pretty much mirrored her Saturday scores but in a different order. Marlene Pohl (17/15/18) was hot and cold all weekend, with 2 big scores on the Sunday in monsoon was able to see off the challengers.

Results

1st Marlene Pohl 94 / 150
2nd Liz Rymill 88
3rd John Hayward 86

Veterans

SATURDAY:

This was sure to be interesting, with so many State teams positions on offer. You were always going to have to shoot well for a place. Chris Ball (22/23/16) made headway but all was undone on the last 25. Greg Dawes (18/19/20) and Robin Shawyer (18/19/20) were

playing a game of chicken as to who was going to blink first. Grant Baum (21/20/20) was a quiet achiever keeping everyone honest. Ernie Scheidl, Chris Von Stanke (jun), and Rod Saligari all were licking their wounds from slow starts.

SUNDAY:

The ex- heavy weights proved they could still pull some heavy hits. Robin Shawyer (24/19/19) kicked things off, but needed some more in the later rounds. Greg Dawes (21/20/23) kept chipping away and scoring points in each round. Ernie Scheidl (22/25/15) proved he was not to be discounted, but unfortunately had to watch this one out. Chris Ball (23/21/18) despite bettering Saturday's score, fell victim to the back side of the course. Grant Baum (23/21/24) mirrored Chris's scores, Grant was able to deal the final blow with 24 in the last round.

Results

1st Grant Baum 129 / 150
2nd Chris Ball 123
3rd Greg Dawes 121

Super Vets

SATURDAY:

Super Vets were off to a sluggish start, all agreed to have first round of sighters before the gloves came off. With so many proven performers this one was always going to be hard to pick. Ken Triffitt (19/13/17) looked to be hitting them well. Wayne Evans (15/17/21) progressed throughout the day and wasn't far off the pace. John Monaghan (15/18/20) was uncharacteristic but was able to salvage the day. Barry Jane (19/18/17) was consistent, unfortunately scores went the wrong way. Malcolm Whitehead (15/18/20) dashed his overall chances and kept himself busy for the rest of the weekend, straightening his barrels. John Torresan (18/19/21) used his experience on the grounds to good effect.

SUNDAY:

In a course that showed so many that they could score well, no competitor was able to put together 6 consistent Rounds. Bryan Stokes (18/17/17) Prosper Van Der Zalm (18/20/16) and Bob David (18/18/17) were best of the rest. Ken Triffitt (22/19/16) started fast, but as the polish wore off in the rain so did the scores. John Monaghan (21/16/17) followed suit both just finishing out of the placings. Barry Jane (20/18/18) did his best but just needed to break the 18 hoodoo. John Torresan (19/19/15) was left to ponder his last few stands and dry and await the arrival of Malcolm Whitehead. Malcolm (22/18/22), deserving winner of the Super Vets division, closing the day out with equal highest score in the division.

Results

1st Malcolm Whitehead 115 / 150
2nd John Torresan 111
3rd Barry Jane 110

Ladies

The Ladies division was always going to be a close event. Netty Densley had been in some fine touch over the past few months which shortened her odds. We all knew that Tash Bellinger was handy and was always going to be a handful if she was on her A game.

SATURDAY:

Netty Densley (13/16/14) was seeing them well enough, but just couldn't beg an extra 2 to break. Deanna Van Der Zalm (18/20/19) nudged the measuring stick a little higher. Tash Bellinger (17/16/20) was up to the challenge and finished strongly to keep the pressure on. Vicki Fabris (21/13/9) and Tamara Von Stanke (7/13/6) were coming unstuck on the fast target layout.

SUNDAY:

Tamara Von Stanke (12/12/13) was improving, as her experience on the grounds started to show. Vicki Fabris (11/10/8) her fortunes went the other way. Netty Densley (15/14/15) started to roll through the targets but it seemed her good fortune was to end. Deanna Van Der Zalm (17/20/19) was out on the course first and had to put up the scores for all to chase. Deanna was able to avoid the worst of the rain, as the skies opened with scores dwindling; it looked more and more likely she'd be the victor. Fortunately for Tasha Bellinger (22/21/20) she failed to read the script. Like a duck to water, the SE champ was able to string together 4 round of 20 or better to claim the Title.

Results

1st Tasha Bellinger 116 / 150
2nd Deanna Van Der Zalm 113
3rd Janette Densley 87

Juniors**SATURDAY:**

Well it was always going to be a one horse with Daniel Falco about. Daniel (16) looking sluggish, perhaps not well rested as the school study looked to be taking its toll. Nearing the end of the first round once the coffee had started to work, Daniel started middling the targets with a very handy (23). By this stage Daniel looked to have the competition sewn up, and shut it down in the afternoon with (12).

SUNDAY:

Daniel must have got a talking to from Coach Yoda on the way home. A different Daniel came out to play on Sunday scoring both heavily and consistency (21/22/20) and put in some good solid practice ahead of the National titles.

Results

1st Daniel Falco 114 / 150

Sub Juniors**SATURDAY:**

Was even across the board, Brodie Von Stanke (12/13/10) Will Vickery (12/14/12) and Declan Wright (14/15/12) all starting well. Shak Von Stanke (11/8/11) sputtered along and couldn't quite find his feet. Ethan Hellyer was suffering from Post-Travel Syndrome or there was a diesel leak? From the 5.5hr mercy dash with Dad to make it to the event on time.

SUNDAY:

It's amazing what some fresh air and good night's sleep will do for you, Ethan Hellyer (14/17/16) middling most targets on the toughest day. Brodie Von Stanke (13/13/12) was ridiculously consistent, and unlucky a few tough targets didn't fall his way. Will Vickery (12/8/16) was getting a little rickety, but recovered well in the final 25. Declan Wright (16/12/12) was fading fast late on Sunday but was able to do enough on Saturday to put it beyond doubt from the fats finishing Shak Von Stanke (15/15/15)

Results

Declan Wright 81 / 150
Shak Von Stanke 75
Will Vickery 74

The Royal Flying Doctor Service and The Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group were invited to come along and enjoy the day.

Both groups were being presented with a cheque each at the end of the competition.

There were plenty of quality targets on offer however many struggled in the conditions. Congratulations to Jamie Dunn, who took out the High Gun for the day 48 targets out of a possible 50.



SQUAD



PRESENTATION TO RFDS AND LPCSG

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME CHARITY SHOOT

25 JUNE 2017

On Sunday, the 25 June 2017 SA Field & Game South East Branch held a Charity shoot to aid The Royal Flying Doctor Service & The Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group. The Club was pleased with the support provided with 71 shooters braving the wintery conditions. A number of old & new faces, some travelling a number of hours to take the opportunity to nominate for the 50 Target handicap charity shoot.



JAMIE DUNN IN ACTION

Husband and wife duo Joe & Janette Densley were hard to beat. Joe taking out AA Grade event ahead of Chris Wright and Mark Fabris while Janette finished on top of the Ladies event well ahead of Liz Rymill while fashionista Tamara Von Stanke had to be content with third place.

Bob Jones shot well to take out the Super Veterans whilst Peter Caskey took full advantage of Peter Klieve's absence to finish second ahead of Kevin Dyson.

The Extreme Target Event had many puzzled but Old Crow Chris Von Stanke & Gavin Dyson showed their class. The only shooters to clear the stand shooting 6/6.

S E Branch of Field & Game would like to wish all shooters attending the up and coming World Championships in Hungary the best of luck.

Congratulations to all other winners and place getters. They are as follows:



JAMMIE DUNN

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME JULY SHOOT

Despite the cold wet weather, 77 shooters competed in the 50 Target Sporting Graded Event.



Results:

Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Event -
Jamie Dunn 48/50

S E Marine & Motorcycle Supplies winners -

AA Grade

1st. Joseph Densley 53/50
2nd. Chris Wright 51/50
3rd. Mark Fabris.49/50

A Grade

1st. Terry Howard 54/50
2nd Michael Lamond 51/50
3rd Chris Von Stanke Junior 49/50

B Grade

1st Romain Devaud 55/50
2nd Mathew Jones 54/50
3rd Mick Banning 50/50

C Grade

1st Mathew Crook 53/50
2nd Brad Long 53/50
3rd Michael Edwards 52/50

Vets

1st Chris Von Stanke 47/50
2nd Wayne Gurney 46/50
3rd Neville Kent 38/50

Super Vets

1st Bob Jones 57/50
2nd Peter Caskey 52/50
3rd Kevin Dyson 49/50

Ladies

1st Janette Densley 59/50
2nd Liz Rymill 51/50
3rd Tamara Von Stanke 49/50

Sub Juniors

1st Doyle Yoannidis 58/50
2nd Brodie VonStanke 50/50
3rd Shakielle Von Stanke 46/50

Extreme Target Event

Joint winners -Chris Von Stanke Snr &
Gavin Dyson

for \$684 to a representative of The Royal Flying Doctor Service, Mrs Mary Marks and a Representative of The Limestone Coast Prostrate Cancer Support Group, Mr Malcolm Porter. Both worthwhile Charities received a total of \$1884 each.

In the future, the South-East Branch of South Australian Field and Game will be planning a Charity Shoot each year.

The results of the Sporting Graded Shoot conducted at Burrungule Park on the 23 July 2017 are as follows:

Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun

Gavin Dyson 50/50

Pick Avenue Deli & Bakery & Russell Industries Event

AA Grade

1st. Jeremy Kent 49/50
2nd. Chris Wright 48/50
3rd. Mark Fabris 47/50

A Grade

1st. Graeme James 46/50
2nd. Chris VonStanke Jnr 45/50
3rd. Rob Whitty 43/50

B Grade

1st Mathew Jones 43/50
2nd. Curtis Scheidl 42/50
3rd. Garry Banning 41/50

C Grade

1st. Cameron Scheidl 36/50
2nd. Doug Rhode 33/50
3rd. Mathew Crook 30/50

Vets

1st. Wayne Evens 44/50
2nd. Wayne Gurney 43/50
3rd. Neville Kent 42/50

Super Vets

1st. Kevin Dyson 45/50
2nd. Greg Todd 43/50
3rd. Frank Kentish 40/50

Ladies

1st Tasha Bellinger 42/50
2nd.Janette Densley 34/50
3rd. Liz Rymill 33/50

Juniors

1st. Mason Patzel

Sub Juniors

1st Declan Wright 37/50
2nd Will Vickery 35/50
3rd. Shakielle VonStanke 33/50



Congratulations to Gavin Dyson, who shot the perfect score. 50/50.

The President of The South-East Branch of South Australian Field and Game, Ernie Scheidl invited a representative from the Royal Flying Doctors Service, together with a representative from Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group to presentations which was held at the end of the day, to receive a further cheque of \$684.00 each.

In the previous month a shoot held at Burrungule Park on 25 June 2017, South East Branch hosted a 50 target Handicap Charity Shoot. Through 2 main activities that were conducted to raise funds for the two worthy causes, the club had raised a total of \$3768.

At the end of the Charity Shoot in June, The President Ernie Scheidl, presented each of the Royal Flying Doctors & The Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group with a cheque to the value of \$1200. As all the funds were not finalised until the following week, The Committee had realised that we could present another Cheque to the value of \$684 to both Charities, hence the invitation to the shoot held on 23 July 2017. The President, Ernie Scheidl presented a Cheque each

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME

27/08/17 REPORT



South East Field & Game had 70 shooters nominate for Mt Gambier Rural Supplies and Glencoe Shop & Bistro 50 target Sporting Clays event at Burrungule Park. Neville Kent set the course to challenge all shooting abilities considering the new & old shooters competing in the Family shoot run concurrently.

Fresh from a successful European shooting trip, Jamie Dunn dominated the event, by not missing a target, in what turned out to be a clay shooting masterclass and taking out the Gambier shooting supplies High Gun with 50/50.

Lake Bonney shooter Danny Bellinger took out AA grade with 48/50 whilst perennial rivals Tim Widdison & Leigh Dunn could only be separated by a high quality shoot off, with Widdison prevailing on some testing targets.

A Grade honours were shared by visiting shooters; Graeme James (1st) and Tony Sellars (2nd) both from Lake Bonney and Kingston's Leigh Peterson back in third.

B Grade was won by Glenn Crowe-Owen from a talented young shooter from Allandale in Matt Jones. Mick Banning again on the podium in third.

Doug Rhode warmed up for some international shooting in Thailand with a win over Rob Michalski in C Grade.

Wayne Evans continued his blistering form with a consecutive 25 badge and a class win in Veterans over Wayne Gurney and Neville Kent. The super Veterans saw Greg Todd overcome old rivals Kevin Dyson and Barry

Hill, who made a welcome return from an injury layoff.

Tash Bellinger was a convincing winner in the ladies class from Liz Rymill and the ever improving Tamara VonStanke.

Brodie VonStanke-Dowie finished on top of



the podium in Sub Juniors and got bragging rights over his cousin Shakeille VonStanke. Talented newcomer Adam Kuhl rounded out the placings in third.

The Second Annual Family shoot ran concurrently and attracted many new faces and some old ones as family members paired up to try to win the Kent & Wright Families sponsored event. Not surprisingly the Father/Son combination of Leigh & Jamie Dunn won the OTG with 97/100 whilst the Handicap team event finished as a tie between Liz, Tom & Roo Rymill and the Cameron Scheidl & Emma Lawford combination.

Good luck to South East Shooters competing in The Sporting Clays Australia Nationals next month in Geraldton, Western Australia.

Congratulations to Jeremy Kent who finished 4th Overall (3rd in AA) in the weekends ACTA Sporting Clay Nationals in Wagga Wagga.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 16th & 17th - Lake Bonney 150 Classic
- September 24th - Burrungule Park 75 Targets

RESULTS

GAMBIER SHOOTING SUPPLIES HIGH GUN

Jamie Dunn 50/50

AA

1. Danny Bellinger 48/50
2. Tim Widdison 47/50
3. Leigh Dunn 47/50

A

1. Graeme James 47/50
2. Tony Sellars 46/50
3. Leigh Peterson 44/50

B

1. Glen Crowe-Owen 42/50
2. Matthew Jones 42/50
3. Mick Banning 41/50

C

1. Doug Rhode 25/50
2. Rob Michalski 25/50

Veterans

1. Wayne Evans 45/50
2. Wayne Gurney 44/50
3. Neville Kent 42/50

Super Veterans

1. Greg Todd 44/50
2. Kevin Dyson 43.../50
3. Barry Hill 41/50

Ladies

1. Tash Bellinger 42/50
2. Liz Rymill 36/50
3. Tamara VonStanke 32/50

Sub Juniors

1. Brodie VonStanke-Dowie 32/50
2. Shakielle VonStanke 30/50
3. Adam Kuhl 25/50

FAMILY SHOOT WINNERS

Off The Gun (OTG) Jamie Dunn & Leigh Dunn 97/100

Handicap Tied Result

Liz, Tom & Roo Rymill

Cameron Scheidl & Emma Lawford

SOUTHERN BRANCH SHOOT REPORT

- by Wendel

The year is rapidly moving ahead and this report finds us at the conclusion of our state qualification period. The target setting crew has been hard at work figuring out new and improved ways to throw challenging targets.



Qualifying shoot: AA Grade - 1st - Mark Fabris, Club President - Bryan Stokes, High Gun - Greg Dawes

► July saw Rocky Gully hold our state qualification shoot and our team opened up some areas around the perimeter of the club that had only been shot on infrequently for bigger events. This saw the sizable contingent of shooters that traveled from across the state to attend, try their skills against targets providing distance, speed and technical ability in order to keep the pace. It looked easy but it proved for most to be more difficult than it looked. Those that persevered were lucky enough to share in a generous prize pool from Outdoor sporting agencies. Greg Dawes was skillful enough to take out High Gun ahead of Mark Fabris in AA Grade and Shak Von Stake shot very well to just edge out Nicholas Bologiannis in Sub Juniors.



AA Grade Club Championship - Rob Marcoionni, 2nd - Jim Bologiannis, 3rd - Peter Hicks



AA Grade Club Champion - Alex Button, 2nd - Greg Dawes



High Gun - Shane Terry

Next was the Rocky Gully Club Championship in August, and the shoot return to our popular 100 target format. 9 squads (54 shooters) turned up to tussle it out on what turned out to be a fantastic, cool, partly cloudy day after some early rain cleared up just before start time. With 2 target setting crews putting their minds to a course each, the "Northside" and "Southside" sections had distinctly different vibes to them with length and deception on one side and zippy technical targets on the other. After a good contest that every shooter had to work for, Shane Terry and Rob by Marcoionni tied for High Gun on 82. After

a tense shootoff, Shane Terry won his third, back to back club championship!

Shane Terry - 2017 Overall Club Champion

Alex Burton - AA Grade champion

Rob Marcoionni - A Grade Champion

Peter Perry - B Grade Champion

John Bennett - C Grade Champion

Turning our sights to the future, we have the SA Old Style Championship on October 14th and 15th. 150 targets over two days and 6 old style courses. Also we have the SA State Compak Championship in November and the SA English Sporting Championship in December. Phew, what a busy few months. To top this off the 2018 FITASC Grand Prix in March 2018, which as you all know will be a huge event.

For these endeavours our club team are working hard on improvements that all visitors, both shooters and non shooters will enjoy. Our big project of getting "Ladder 22", the old fire engine up and running is almost finished. The hydraulics are working, as is the 120 foot ladder. A remotely operated trap machine is almost ready to be fitted into its housing on the ladder's summit and soon the great machine will be dragged into place where it will be able to throw some absolutely monster birds! We can't wait.

Our quest to supply raised shooting positions continues and soon we will have a tyre mound in place where we can place several stands on various levels. We aim to have this in place for the the 2018 Grand Prix.

Finally, some generously donated building materials will help us construct some much needed infrastructure and amenities around the club for all to use.

We hope to see you at some of these great events very soon.

LOXTON 13 AUGUST 2017



Left to Right- Stephen Kelly, James Baird, Rob Shawyer, Craig Scheele, Peter Rugless, Mike McKinnon, Mike Woosnam

Loxton Field and game had 14 shooters compete in the 75 target handicap shoot on Sunday the 13th of August. Shooters travelled from Mildura, Adelaide, Waikerie and Renmark/Berri. The shooting was very

competitive and looking at the results some competitors will have a reduction of their handicap in the near future.

Results:

AA Grade

1st Craig Scheele 76/75
2nd Hayden Brown 72/75

A Grade

1st Kevin Nickolai 81/75
2nd Colin Nunn 79/75

B Grade

1st Steve Kelly 91/75
2nd Ian Jones 85/75

C Grade

1st Mike Woosnam 79/75

CENTRAL BRANCH

THE SMART CENTRE 75 TARGET SPORTING COMPETITION

- John Berryman

The weather man, should be out of a job! With again perfect conditions present, steady light NE winds kept the temperature down. With most SA regions represented, it was great to welcome Robyn Gibbison to Central Branch who took full advantage while visiting her family. Joe, Netty and the Fabris Family represented the SE Gang. What was promising; to see so many young families walking the circuit, new faces and new shooters returning all for the enjoyment which contributed to the large field and 7 complete grades.

Many thanks to the Canteen with Karen and Sue, coping with the surprise increase number for this round. Mike McKinnon and the shoot Committee for setup and some great targets. To the clean-up Crew thank you very much – Special mention to Brenton Denny who came to get introduced into the sport and ended up getting his hands dirty. So thank you, and to all that attended.

AA Grade

The Course setters were told to start toughening up the targets and for perfect conditions the scores were all over the place. Were the AA shooters sandbagging? No one could string 3 complete rounds together.

Rd 1: Things were under way with Chris Ball (23) opening up his account, Joe Densley (22) showed he has been working on his starts. Mark Fabris (20) was getting accustomed to the Central Branch layouts. Daniel Falco's (20) excuse? Most likely from a late Saturday night.

Rd 2: As the temperature increased so did the Scores, as the shadow boxing between the heavy hitters continued. Chris B (21) didn't help his early advantage. The Coffee stop helped Daniel (23) pulling back 3 targets, Aaron Went (22) decided to roll up and show some interest. The big improver of the Round was Robin 'Weasley' Shawyer (24) showed his magic improving 6 targets to be amongst it by the Lunch break. Rd 3 promised a shoot out

Rd 3: With the scores all over the place and no one able to string more than 2 rounds together...the match was more reminiscent of drunken bar brawl. It looks like James (23) took some of his own coaching advice as he continually improved throughout the day and finished strongly. Daniel Falco (23) backed up his 2nd Round score and was best of the bloody noses. Mark Fabris (21) kept it consistent. Joe Densley (19) slipped away with the Sun. Chris Ball (21) couldn't manage another target and settled for second. Rob Shawyer (21) closed out 3rd with par score.

Results:

Daniel Falco 66/75
Chris Ball 65
Rob Shawyer 63

A Grade:

Rd 1: A grade wasn't much better. Rd 1 decided the places as they were the only ones troubling the scorers. Mike Mckinnon (23), Eddy Benc (22) and Greg Dawes (21). Chris Von Stanke closed out 4th position with (19) in the early rounds.

Rd 2: Chris Gibbison (20) finally got into gear; complained of match fitness, that could have been from pushing the pram around. Usual suspect Glenn Benham (16) was relishing his new Grade; but failed to fire all day. Colin Nunn (21) wasn't joking; Port is his Poison and after a slow start mounted a rescue mission. Eddy Benc (22) and Greg Dawes (20) led them all into the Lunch break and were going to be hard to catch. Who was going to be 3rd?

Rd 3: Chris Von Stanke (21) was consistent all day, mounted a late charge for 3rd only to fall short by 1. Glenn Benham, David Ferrari saw the lunch time scores and put the Cue in the rack. Colin Nunn (17) did enough for bragging rights over good mate Chris Gibbison (20). Mike Mckinnon (19) did just enough to hang on to 3rd position. Greg Dawes wasn't finished with Eddy and became a high stakes game. Greg needed High Gun Honours to win. Greg (24) surged, with his only hope to bring the match to a shoot off. Eddy (23) held his nerve and picked up 1 target to put it beyond doubt.

Result:

Eddy Benc 67/75 High Gun Honours
Greg Dawes 65
Mike Mckinnon 60

B Grade

Rd 1: Par course looked to be around 17 / 16 targets for B grade. Rob Cross (20) opened sharply to put daylight between himself and the field, followed by Steve Kelly (18). Tied for 3rd was Rob Saligari (17) and B grade new comer John Berryman (17). Paul Douvos, Colin Smith and Bryan Stokes (16) rounded out the places.

Rd 2: Paul Douvos (19) and Colin Smith (19) found some nice touch in the second. Rob Cross (18) was brought back to the pack but still led to Lunch. Matt Huxtable (18) added to the question after Lunch. John Berryman (18) left all his scoring to the last stand to recover. Rod Saligari (17) was able to keep the pressure on.

Rd 3: Rob Cross (15) it was clear Rob hadn't had his afternoon Holiday nap and faded. Colin Smith (12) needed to join him. Paul Douvos (15) wasn't much better resigning his day. Matt Huxtable (18) finished strongly, as did Steve Kelly (18) and pinching 3rd position. Rod Saligari (20) wasn't following anyone else's wheels, and came from around the outside of the pack to snatch the win from Rob by 1.

Results:

Rod Saligari 54/75
Rob Cross 53
Steve Kelly 52

C Grade

Rd 1: 14 C graders made the start line, it was always going to be a mixed bag. It was great to see the Marveggio 'Mexicans' Brothers out and at it again. Matt Marveggio (14) started well, equal top scorer with John Hayward (14). Trevor Forgan and Trent Daniel (13) followed closely. Locals Greg Hansford and Daren Kemp (12) rounded out the placings.

Rd 2: Became a 4 horse race all within 2 targets of each other. The big improvers Trevor Forgan (16) and Trent Daniel (17). Greg Hansford (13) improved by 1. John Hayward (14) continued to advance in the second round.

Rd 3: Scott Hall (17) showed us all what he is capable of at the wrong end of the day. Consistency wasn't going to get John Hayward (15) over the line today, but did well to hold on to 3rd. In a close finish between Trent Daniel (17) was able to hold of Trevor Forgan (17) by 1 target, in some great pressure shooting. Trent held on to that advantage for most of the day.

Results:

Trent Daniel 47/75
Trevor Forgan 46
John Hayward 43

Super Vets:

Rd 1: The tales of inconsistency continued throughout the grades and Super Vets was

no exceptions. Except for John Monaghan (20) hitting his par for the day and set the tone for the winner was going to have to shoot a score of 60 +. Bod David (19) said he was up to the task. Pros Van Der Zalm (21) also picked up the argument.

Rd 2: It was clear from the 2nd round that only 2 were in contention, John Monaghan (21) bettered his first round score and asked the question. Pros Van Der Zalm (22) politely responded and asked the same questions back to John. Bob Davis (16) didn't know what the question was, Kurt (19) thought he knew what the question related too. Usual suspects Mike Lane and Dave Gagnon didn't know any questions were being asked. BJ was back from Overseas, his questions were still in a foreign language.

Rd 3: John (19) was able to finally get 1 target back on Pros (18), but unfortunately Pros had done enough to secure the Win. Bob Davis (15) wasn't able to recover his early form from round 1. Kurt Grunert (14) was less than convincing in taking 3rd place from Dave Gagnon (16)

Results:

Pros Van Der Zalm 61/75
John Monaghan 60
Kurt Grunert 50

Ladies

Ladies division produced a healthy field of 6 competitors, which had a hint of International flavour Robyn Gibbison joining us from NZ.

Rd 1: Deanna Van der Zalm (21) opened her account well, and look disappointed as Deanna let some targets go. Netty Densley (20) was hot on her heels. Marlene Pohl (14) the coaching are paying off with her consistency; Robyn Gibbison (15) rounded out the podium. With Tamara Von Stanke (12) close behind.

Rd 2: Tamara Von Stanke (15) made her way up the leader board. Marlene Pohl (14) made par. Robyn Gibbison (13) was uncharacteristic and dropped the bundle, luckily not Bubs. Netty Densley (20) backed up her early scores to apply some pressure. Deanna (20) let the competition back in and only went into the lunch with a 1 target lead.

Rd 3: Lori Mann (7) improved with each turn, and hitting some hard targets and looked to be enjoying the unseasonal warm weather. Tamara Von Stanke (17) and Marlene Pohl (16) continued to improve around the course. Robyn Gibbison (20) finally liked the look of the targets. For 1st place it was a game of who would blink first. Always Competition Deanna (20) got the better of Netty (19) in this instance, and is shaping up as a great State Titles bout.

Results:

Deanna Vander Zalm 61/75
Janette Densley 59
Robyn Gibbison 48

CENTRAL BRANCH

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-John Berryman

It was a frosty welcome to the competitors for the first shoot in winter at Central Branch. However a large crowd was forming due to the forecast and the Weather man didn't disappoint. Fine sunny and no wind had Course Setters tweaking targets to move them away from the sun.

AA Grade

A big AA grade provided some much needed match practice ahead of the State Titles. Daniel Falco got proceedings started with 25, Alex Button said he was going to be around the mark with 24 and Aaron Went closing out with 23. James Bologiannis and Robin Shawyer closing out the leaders

By the long break only 3 would be in contention. Alex, Falco and Went all within 1 shot of each other. Bologiannis and Shawyer stayed in contact. Adam Brewer was warming up with the weather and getting better with each round

Rd 3 Alex and Daniel continued the shadow boxing from the 1st and 2nd rounds. Aaron Went for consistency shooting 23, 23, 23 clearing Daniel by 2 on 69 and Alex by 3

Results:

1st Aaron Went 69/ 75
2nd Daniel Falco 67
3rd Alex Button 66

A Grade

13 A Graders took to the course, Shane Terry was determined for a turnaround in fortune opening with 24. Phillip Rowe followed suit with 23. Emilio Calicchio and Richard Dean closed out the positions on 22. With another 6 shooters all within a shot of the leaders.

Rd 2 Saw the Calvary arrive Richard Dean 23, Emilio 22, Peter Hicks 22, Michael Mckinnon 24, Peter Rugless 23, Luciano Palumbo 22, Kev Nickolai 21 and Greg Dawes 21 making A grade 10 horse race. As Shane Terry (18) and Phil Rowe (19) ran out of steam in the 2nd. All 10 shooters were within 2 shots of the lead.

Rd 3 A grade had themselves a good old fashioned shoot out. Shane Terry traded in his 'get out of jail free' card and recovered his second round to finish 3rd. Hicks, Mckinnon, Rugless and Rowe all finished in 4th on 62. The drama wasn't quite over as Emilio grabbed 1 back and tied with Richard on 65, and was able to complete rout in shoot off.

Results:

1st Emilio Calicchio 65/ 75
2nd Richard Dean 65
3rd Shane Terry 64

B Grade

Saw some old faces returning to the sport. 12 starters thought the standard was high teens. However Wendel Litchfield (21) Rodney Saligari (21) and Rob Low (20) didn't get the memo. Royce returning to the sport after a lay off needed some more practice (16). Stephen Kelly and Rob Cross also seemed to be having an off day.

Rd 2 Everyone lifted their games picking up 1 or 2 targets. The Leaders Wendel and Low doubled down on their first round scores and advanced comfortably. Saligari (18) went against the trend and dropped a couple returning the chasing pack. Steve Mahoney and Mark Della-Zoppa were quietly chipping away with (19, 19) and awaiting a mistake from the leaders.

Rd 3 Wendel can't seem to beat the lunch time blues (14) signalling his day was done. Bryan Stokes (21) made a play for position which fell just short for 4th. Rob Low (19) dropped 1 target in the closing round, finishing early Rob had to sweat it out. Saligari and Della-Zoppa both picked up 1 target to finish equal 2nd and 1 shot behind Winner Rob Low. With Della-Zoppa getting the better of Saligari in the shoot off.

Results:

1st Rob Low 59
2nd Mark Della-Zoppa 58
3rd Rodney Saligari 58

C Grade

Saw a smaller than usual crowd in C grade. As usual the first rounds in C grade decided the points. Darren Kemp (16) showed his experience. And opening substantial lead over new comer Greg Hansford (10). Followed by Michael Vasileff (9).

Rd 2 Saw more of the same from Darren (15). Positions for 2nd and 3rd got interesting with Michael matching Greg's effort of (10)

Rd 3 By this stage Darren had hit cruise control and was unable to be caught with a big 15 target win. Greg (8) showed his inexperience, unfortunately dropping 2 targets and allowing Michael (11) to come through and claim 2nd spot.

Results:

1st Darren Kemp 45
2nd Michael Vasileff 30
3rd Greg Hansford 28

Super Vets

The thought of a winter shoot kept plenty away in the Super Vets. Opting for warmth, but the competitors had a good argument for trying to source some sunscreen from the bottom from the back seat of the car.

John Monaghan (21) made a strong start. Followed by Dave Gagnon (19) and Mike Lane (18). The rest were left chasing with the nearest 3 targets down with the only hope of a podium was a mistake from the rest.

Rd 2 John Monaghan must have felt like the Pied Piper leading them all a merry dance, rounding things out at Lunch with a 24. And needing a big upset to lose top spot. Dave Gagnon (19) couldn't commit to keeping John honest as he always looking over his shoulder with Mike Lane (17). Trevor Forgan (19) made his run for the prizes, only being 1 target behind Mike Lane.

Rd 3 Trevor Forgan (14) couldn't keep the momentum going after Lunch. John (18) took his foot off the pedal, but the result wasn't to change. Which left Dave Gagnon and Mike Lane to fight out the minor placings. Mike Lane (17) try as he might to cover the 2nd round deficit, wasn't able to close the gap to Dave Gagnon (19).

Results:

1st John Monaghan 63
2nd David Gagnon 57
3rd Mike Lane 52

To Landmark Mt Pleasant thanks for your support. Many thanks needs to go out to all of the helpers in the clean-up, due to the increased numbers of New / Clay only shooters left everyone still cleaning up in the dark. Thank you to John who helped set up digital scoring system in preparation for the coming State Titles. Special Mention to Marsh Insurance Agencies – Rob Low for allowing the Club to place Lucky door prizes up for grabs.

QUEENSLAND SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION INC

- by Ashley Mead

QSCA has seen continued growth in members and participation within the clubs, with a current membership of 628 (up from 597 in May 2017).

Our growth continues to be strong and each club has a small group of dedicated volunteers who work hard to develop clubs and promote sporting clays; without these people our sport would fold. Each club is always looking for volunteers and sponsors, so please make the effort to get involved.



QSCA News



QSCA President Mark Farrow was successful in obtaining a grant from the Queensland Gambling Community Development Fund, managing to secure a grant for \$11,000. QSCA added approximately \$4000 to subsidise the purchase of a defibrillator and storage cabinet for each branch, plus a spare for events, servicing and training. QSCA is also prepared to support training proposals for each branch to make sure these devices are maintained and can be used when needed.

QSCA Reminders

- 2017 English Sporting State Titles to be shot over 100 targets at Beaudesert Sporting Clays on Saturday 28 October from 9.30am. Thanks goes to the event sponsors: Top Shot Industries/ MEC Shooting Sports and Chris Wright Motorhomes.
- 2017 Old Style FITASC State Titles – due to unforeseen circumstances this shoot has been moved from Cherrabah Sporting Clays to Brisbane Sporting Clays (BSC), to be held on Sunday 12 November over 100 targets from 9.30am. Please check the BSC website/Facebook for updates.
- Due to a heavy weather cancellation in April, the 2017 QLD Compak State Titles will now be held at Fraser Coast on Sunday 7 January 2018. Stay tuned for more details.

- The 2017 QSCA State Conference date and location is currently being confirmed. All branches will be notified as soon as details are finalised.

3rd & 4th QSCA Qualifying Events

The 3rd QSCA Fraser Coast Qualifier was held on Saturday 24 June over 75 targets. There were 41 competitors in attendance, with both Billy Cain and Mike Birgan ending up on 71/75. A tense shootoff saw Billy win 10-9.

The 4th QSCA Childers Qualifier was held on Sunday 25 June over 75 targets (also held at Fraser Coast). 43 Competitors attended, with Brett Chambellant, James Palfreeman and Billy Cain finishing up on 69/75 after normal competition. Another tense shootoff saw Brett victorious on 10, with James 9 and Billy on 8.

Thanks to Sponsors GB/Corsivia, QSCA and Global Clay Technologies.

2017 QSCA State Championship

The 2017 State Championship State Titles were held over 150 targets at Brisbane Sporting Clays on the 12 and 13 August with 74 shooters competing. The event was sponsored by GB/Corsivia and QSCA with a big thanks to Bruce Burns and GB/Corsivia for their continuing support of these events in Queensland. Thanks also goes to Simon Gunther and Lee Berger of GB/Corsivia who made the trip up for the shoot.

BSC presented a high standard of targets over six grounds, allowing the event to run at a smooth pace. Twelve shooters managed to shoot a 25 straight throughout the competition, with a special mention going to Dale Whiting who came home with a perfect 75/75 on Sunday.



SCORING 75/75 IS DEFINITELY A REASON TO SMILE FOR DALE WHITING

Scoring 75/75 is definitely a reason to smile for Dale Whiting

Ultimately, after two days and 150 targets of intense shooting, scores were level with

both Billy Cain and Damien Birgan on an impressive 142/150. The resulting shootoff had both competitors displaying some great shooting, with Billy defending his 2016 QSCA State Title to win the shootoff 23 to 22.

Big thanks from QSCA to those who set the targets including Glen Rider, Laurie Stubbs, Vern Porter, Daniel Gibson and Ian Collison and to Kathy and Glynnis in the kitchen. Apologies to anyone else I left out.



2017 QSCA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

High Gun		Billy Cain	142/150
AA	1st	Damien Birgan	142
	2nd	Peter Tobin	138
	3rd	Dale Whiting	136
A	1st	Mark Cain	129
	2nd	Glen Rider	128
	3rd	Glen Graham	126
B	1st	Chris Chapman	127
	2nd	Andy Sawers	116
	3rd	Clive Salmond	109
C	1st	Keith Conner	108
	2nd	Weito Zhang	105
	3rd	Chad Porter	104
Ladies	1st	Maree Birgan	119
	2nd	Lyndall Groundwater	107
	3rd	Karen Rider	103
Juniors	1st	Chase Wilkerson	123
	2nd	Reece Cain	119
	3rd	Mitchell Cain	62
Veterans	1st	Michael Birgan	134
	2nd	Mark Farrow	122
	3rd	Keith Rhodes	117
Super Veterans	1st	Warwick Cumberland	131
	2nd	Darryl Groundwater	127
	3rd	Ian Poole	113

2017 QSCA State Team



Congratulations to the QSCA State Team for 2017, well shot!

- Open - Brett Chambellant, Jason Pole, David Evans, Dennis Dinte
- Veterans - Mike Birgan
- Ladies - Maree Birgan
- Juniors - Billy Cain.

Full results available at www.qldsportingclays.org.au

Ashley Mead
QSCA State Secretary



Billy Cain 2017 State Title Champion



Lee Berger (GB/Corsivia) with AA Grade placegetters Dale Whiting, Damien Birgan (1st) and Peter Tobin, and Simon Gunther (GB/Corsivia)



Ladies placegetters Lyndall Groundwater, Maree Birgan (1st) and Karen Rider (front) with Simon Gunther and Lee Berger of GB/Corsivia (behind)



A Grade placegetters Glen Rider, Mark Cain (1st) and Glen Graham (front) with Lee Berger and Simon Gunther of GB/Corsivia (behind)

BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS PRESIDENT REPORT 2017

- by Laurie Stubbs

Hello everyone.

Brisbane Sporting Clays (BSC) had its AGM in August and I put my hand up to be President, once again. I have remained very active within BSC and am always willing to help out with every facet of the Club.

The Nationals were very taxing time for everyone involved; a huge amount of time and effort is invested in the lead up to the event. I took the opportunity to recharge the batteries, step back a bit and have a look at the big picture. I have put my feet back into the water again and am keen to have another go at growing the Club and the Sport.

The Club is still very strong financially and we have a member base of more than 510 members. The growing membership is mostly from corporate visitors who love the experience and want to then attain their firearms licence, continue to participate and then hopefully move on to competition shooting. Social media and word of mouth have also given us a boost. Our volunteers are the driving force that are making this happen and I congratulate every one of them on their continued efforts.

The Club will soon trial a school programme introductory session, with a large group of approximately 80 coming to the range on the

22nd October. The kids will receive a show bag with a water bottle, BSC hats etc. We hope to have a firearms safety course provider on-site on the day to explain what's required. They will shoot over 8-10 layouts with an instructor at each layout, giving them a well-rounded shooting experience. Any mothers in attendance will also have the opportunity to shoot with other lady shooters of the club. I have booked the local M.P. to be there to see how the day goes and may receive greater support from the government in the future. The name of the programme will be "From School to Cool".

Throughout the year we have hosted the two-day GB/Corsivia Championship, the SCA English Sporting Nationals and the Queensland State Championships plus our normal club shoots. The effort that everyone puts in for these events is outstanding, from the trap setting to filling traps, running the canteen and the noms hut. Thank you to everyone involved.

The Queensland State Titles was a great competition, with Simon Gunther and Lee Berger from GB/Corsivia coming to the event. I would like to thank them for their continued support of the State Selection series. Billy Cain was the eventual winner of the event

after a spectacular shootoff with Damien Birgan. Both shooters went all the way and it wasn't until the last pair was thrown that we had a winner. Congratulations Billy Cain.

I have just arrived back from Echidna Park. All I can say is it is a WORLD CLASS GROUND. It is an amazing place with so many extraordinary grounds to shoot with natural amphitheatres, undulating hills with green fields, and the vastness of it was very spectacular. I believe the format we shot over the 500 acres was incredible (Brisbane is 55 acres in comparison). To the West Aussies and to Ian Grant and your people /helpers: it was a very well-run shoot. We all loved it. Thank you.

Looking ahead, the State Old style Titles will be on 12 November. BSC is also set to host the SCA Compak Nationals in 2018 (exact date TBC). We are still in a very strong position, with continued growth and more infrastructure on the way.

Thanks, Loz.



RULES CORNER

WHEN IS A TARGET A "NO TARGET"?

It's not as difficult as you think. All targets have to be called on their own merit, although we do not live in a perfect world. Ideally a target should be called a no bird before the first shot is fired. The role of any referee is to ensure all competitors play by the same rules and no one is advantaged or disadvantaged by a decision. Even with the best intentions, wind can play a part. In windy conditions, you have to accept variations and that all targets are legal (within reason).

There's not much anyone can do about windy conditions. Should it be considered a no bird in this type of situation? The answer is a firm **no** if the person has had a fair shot. The term "fairness" goes for all, which includes not only the person shooting, but also the other competitors they are competing against. Is it fair someone receives a 1 marked on their scorecard after a missed target was given again?

How many times do we see a complaint by a member to their squad that their target was a no-target? The situation magnifies when it comes to Doubles. A person misses his first shot, the second target is released and they miss that as well. They then call into question a no bird on the first target, with the result of getting to shoot at both targets again. Both shots (scores) now count. The competitor has just had two practice shots at these birds and now gets to shoot both again. We all know that if they hit both targets this time they have just increased their score by two. Is this right? The first target should have been called a "no target" by the referee before the second bird was released. This scenario happens on occasion and is not fair play for your fellow competitors.

"No-Targets"

There are a number of instances where a no-target should be called by the referee:

- A broken target is thrown off a trap.
- The target was not thrown from the correct trap.

- For a single target, two targets were thrown in the air, on the same stand.
- Incorrect colour type or size of target.
- Referee rules the trajectory incorrect.
- If the target is thrown more than three seconds after the referee's command.
- If the shooter has not called for the target.
- If the referee rules that the shooter has been clearly disturbed.
- If the referee is unable to give a ruling on the target. Again, in our rules it mentions the competitor should break the target where it can be clearly seen, not let it run behind an obstacle then contest a hit. If the target cannot be seen, how can it be called a hit?

Above are the main examples of legitimate no-targets. What all competitors must realise is that targets do not run on wires. There will be occasion where variations of target flight and trajectory are concerned but the competitor has to accept that the target will still be deemed legal. As such, demanding a no-target in the following instances is not warranted:

- Targets that are wind-affected are not no-targets and the shooter must accept that this will occur from time to time.
- Targets that hit an obstruction at the end of their flight after the shooter has been able to fire two fair shots are not no-targets.

It should be stressed again, **referees need to call "no target" before a competitor has fired their first shot**, not let a competitor put two shots in and contest the result with a "no-target" call after they miss.

In fairness to all, let's keep it simple: competitors need to accept target variation and stop calling on the "no-target" card when they miss.



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