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We have all had a year that will be remembered for many reasons. Our sport will have restrictions of some kind for the foreseeable future. SCA and our member state associations have looked to embrace the time to communicate with their members keeping them informed and engaged, working on plans for the future.

We have cancelled all but the last of championships due to covid-19 restrictions in 2020 as travel was not possible for many members. This will be reviewed if restrictions are eased and make it possible to hold a sporting championship in early 2021, the venue and details will be decided later in the year if this is achievable. The Compak championship listed for November to be held at Lake Bonney Sporting Clays S.A is under review, with the extension of border closures by many states until at least December 2020 a decision on this will be provided by end of August.

We will advise on the 2021 National Team over the coming months, the National and State Target Director are working through the options and we await their decision. The Australian government has made it very clear that if we do not have a vaccine for covid-19 we will not be allowed to travel overseas. Lack of suitable travel insurance would also be an issue. SCA will continue to monitor and review all Government advice over the coming months, members safety will always be our top priority in all decisions.

I have had the opportunity to work with some very positive minded people on projects to enhance our sport and associations now and into the future. SCA has been working on an online nomination platform to enable the states and clubs to open for practice and competition. This program has been extensively tested and used in real time events by Rocky Gully Sporting Clays in S.A and the SCWA Team and modified as required. Competitors have embraced the system, participation at RGSC has increased 28% in shooter attendance measured against the same time over the last 3 years. The live scores online nominations program is ready to work with Covid-19 protocols for community sport within each state. There are articles from the club and the developer in the magazine, each state has a subject matter expert to assist clubs with the program.

Our sponsors partners have been severely affected by Covid-19, I have been actively communicating with and offering support to them, many have lost most of their sales revenue since March. In this edition of the magazine all adverts are free of cost and we hope that it helps them in some way to generate extra sales. We have informed all sponsor partners that their agreed commitments to SCA HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2020. I ask you all to support our sponsors when you need to purchase and let them know you are a member and want to support them, it goes a long way to helping the industry survive.

On Behalf of all SCA member I would like to offer our condolences to two families. Ray McFarlane and family on the passing of his wife Jean after a long illness. Our second notice is to the Mead Family and QLD Sporting Clays members on the unexpected passing of Ashley Mead, he was a great servant to the QLD shooting community and will be greatly missed RIP.

Greg Dawes,
SCA President

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Some articles may have been superseded due to the dynamic nature of the Covid-19 restrictions. We're doing our best to deliver the most accurate and up-to-date news to keep our members informed.



SCORE BOOKS AND GRADING

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.

If you are an active member of Sporting Clays Australia (SCA) you should have a score book with all your results recorded for posterity. If you are a long-time and very active member, you might have already filled one or more books and you are probably thinking "I don't need to read this – I already know everything there is to know about score books". Maybe so but then again, perhaps not, so please read on.

On the other hand, if you are a new addition to the SCA family, you probably do not have more than the vaguest idea what the book is all about. This article is definitely for you.

What is the score book for?

The score book records your results in every SCA event for Sporting Clays events, Old-Style Sporting Clays events and Compak events. English Sporting results are not necessarily recorded in the book and even if they are, they are not included in grade and handicap calculations.

The score book is used to calculate your grade and handicap for Sporting Clays and Old-Style events and it is used to calculate your Compak grade for Compak events.

The score book is an important document when it comes time to compete in State or National or even International events. If it is not filled out correctly, you may be forced to compete in AA/0 or in the worst case, you could be disqualified from the event.

Who is responsible for doing what with your score book?

First of all, it is your responsibility to ensure that your score book is up to date. It is also your responsibility to bring the score book to every event that you attend (rule A24.1).

The office staff will write your scores for the current event into the book (rule A24.2).

Note: Clubs sometimes run non-SCA events which are defined by the total number of targets in the event being not a multiple of 25 (for example 80). The results of such events should not be entered into score books and should not be used in calculating grades and handicaps.

Once the scores are entered, it is your responsibility to check the results and to calculate your grade and handicap if that is required.

How do you calculate your grade and handicap for Sporting Clays events?

If you are a new member of SCA and you attend your first shoot, your initial grade and handicap is not known at the start of the event. However, at the end of the event, your scores will be used to establish your grade and handicap for that event and consequently, what competition (or competitions) you should be included in (rule A25.2). You should now calculate your grade and handicap as follows:

1. Calculate your total score and convert that to a percentage of the total number of targets in the rounds in which you competed. For example, if you scored 10 and 12 in a two round (50-target) event, your total would be 22 and your percentage would be 44%.
2. If it is a Sporting Clays or Old-Style event, you should look at the ready reckoner on the back page of your score book and you will

find that 44% corresponds to a grade of C/14 (always look in the 4-Grade Event column)

3. Enter C/14 in the appropriate column of your score book next to the scores for this event.

This process is repeated for subsequent events, building the complete total for all rounds up to that point and using the percentage to determine your grade and category. For example, if you scored 14, 12 and 10 in the next event (a 75-target event), your total would be 58/125 which is a percentage of 46.4%, and again a grade of C/14. You would need to write that handicap in your book also (rules A.25(b) and A.25(c)). This process is repeated until a total of 12 rounds of 25-targets have been recorded. At this stage, you have established your first full grading and you will compete under that grading for the next 12 rounds.

If you have completed more than 12 rounds, you only need to calculate your grade and handicap every 12 rounds. The procedure is essentially the same:

- Calculate your total score for the 12 rounds (300-targets)
- Divide the total score by 3 to convert it to a percentage
- Look up that percentage in the ready reckoner.

You are not finished yet. There are some more rules that you need to apply before you can establish your grade and handicap for the next 12 rounds:

Rule A.25.1.1 (c) says "A shooter's handicap may only increase by one point after each revision, but it will reduce immediately if the shooter's performance dictates."

- Look at your last handicap and compare it with the value indicated by the Ready Reckoner.
- If it is more than one point above the previous handicap, your new handicap is reduced to the previous handicap plus one. This may change the grade as well. For example, if your previous grade was B/8 and your new grade from the Ready Reckoner is C/10, rule A25.1.1 (c) says your new grade and handicap has to be B/9
- But we are still not finished...
- Rule A.25.1.1 (d) says "During a calendar year from 1st January to 31st December inclusive, while a shooter's grade and handicap may decrease as performance dictates, they may only move down one grade in that period, based on the four-grade system".
- Find your grade at the start of the year (according to rule A24.3, it is your responsibility to record this starting grade at the top of the page in your score book)
- If, for example, that grade was A, then your grade and handicap cannot go below B/9 for the remainder of the year.

How do you calculate your grade for Compak events?

The rules for Compak events are a little simpler.

Firstly, there are no handicaps involved in Compak events and so there cannot be a Handicapped Compak event. There are only the four grades AA, A, B and C and this is what the Ready Reckoner looks like:

Your Grade	If your % is equal to or greater than		
AA	88%	To	100%
A	78%	To	87%
B	65%	To	77%
C	0%	To	64%

The procedure is simple:

- Total up your Compak scores in groups of 12
- Divide the total by three to give a percentage
- Look up that percentage in the Ready Reckoner to get your Compak Grade.

New shooters need to calculate their Compak grade at the end of each event until they have 12 or more Compak scores – just as with Sporting Clays.

Since about the start of 2020, clubs have been requested to record Compak scores on the last page of the Score Books. Prior to that, the Compak results were placed in chronological order amongst the Sporting Clays results, but with the scores written in the right-hand column.

What happens if your club uses the SCA Nominations program and Live Scores website?

The Live Scores website at <https://scalivescores.com.au> maintains a record of your scores and it applies all the grading rules to those scores to maintain what is really a “best guess” at your current grade and handicap. Unfortunately, not all clubs use the software, so the database is incomplete. Nevertheless, it is invaluable to those clubs that do use it because it provides a “sanity check” on the handicaps in the score books and that alerts the nominations staff to possible problems.

If you are a new member of SCA and you have less than 12 scores registered on the Live Scores website, you may be placed into a group called “Ungraded”. This is the way that the software implements the A25.2 rules for initial handicaps. If you have more than 12 scores recorded in your book and you have done the grading and handicapping calculations properly, the computer operator has the option of selecting your grade and handicap in accordance with your book.

People in the Ungraded group remain there until either all of their scores for the current event have been entered or they have achieved a total of 12 scores (whichever comes first). At that time, the program does the sums as described previously to determine their grade and handicap and places them in the correct competitions.

What else does that software do?

The program prints out the score sheets that you fill out during the event and the nominations staff can enter those scores when you return the score sheet. Those scores are then displayed on either one or two monitor screens. That avoids the delays and errors inherent in writing up the scores on a whiteboard.

During the event, the program can upload the latest scores to the Live Scores website and you can see how you are going by checking your phone. Of course, this is only possible if the club has Internet access – many do not due to their remote locations.

When the event is finished, the final results are uploaded to the Live Scores website and provide a permanent record of the event. There are events dating back to 2013 on that website.

The scores are also recorded separately from the results on the live scores website and are used to recalculate grades and handicaps for everyone involved in the event. This does not mean that you do not need to do the calculations in your score book because you may well have competed at clubs which do not use this software system.

What is Online Nomination all about?

The Live Scores website provides a system that allows clubs to set up online nominations for their events. This is particularly useful during the COVID-19 pandemic and all the restrictions and requirements that clubs need to observe.

The event is set up by the Event Administrator partly on the website and partly with the Nominations program, then the event details are uploaded from the program to the website ensuring that all the details match. The Event Administrator can test the event and check that the nominations are being processed exactly the way that they want and that the prices are correct. When satisfied with the setup, the Event Administrator can release the event so that the shooters can nominate themselves.

Potential shooters do not need to log on to the website but they do need to identify themselves. This is relatively easy, especially for SCA members who only need to enter their SCA ID number – a 9-digit number starting with a 1. In fact, if the person’s SCA ID number is 100009876 they only need enter the last part – i.e. 9876.

Non-members can also nominate even if they have never previously participated in an event run by a club using the software – they need to input their email address, their surname, their first name and their date of birth.

People can nominate themselves and family members as well as friends, select a squad and a start time that suits them and pay by credit card, bank transfer or request to “pay on the day”. Pay on the day is not the preferred payment method as it creates more delays and congestion at the Nominations counter when the event is starting and that is a definite disadvantage under COVID-19 restrictions. Credit card payment requires that the club establish an account with Pin Payments and not all clubs have done so yet.

Once people have completed their nominations, an email is sent to them confirming their nomination and providing the start time of their squad. The email advises that they should plan to arrive at the club about thirty minutes prior to their scheduled start time – this complies with the COVID-19 rules for community sport.

After the nominations for the event have closed which for a typical Club event would be the Friday before the event, the event administrator can download the nominations from the Live Scores website directly into the Nominations program and the event is virtually ready to run immediately – the nominations are all set up and the squads already organised. When that is done, the squad and start times are posted on the live scores website for all to see.

The Event Administrator can get everything including the score sheets ready before the event date.

On the day of the event, instead of everyone arriving at 8:30 and milling around, people arrive in a steady stream, pay their nominations (if needed) and go out to shoot. There are no overcrowding problems and social distancing rules are easily achieved.

Overall, the running of the event is much more streamlined and stress free for all concerned when the nominations are setup using this system.

What sorts of events does this system support?

The short answer is – almost anything.

It can support non-SCA standard events where the total number of targets is not a multiple of 25, for example 80 targets.

It supports almost every variation of standard SCA events that you can imagine – Club level, State level and National level and the four style of event – Sporting Clays, Old-Style, English Sporting and Compak as well as a variant of Compak called “Compak In Line”

For example, here is a summary of the supported Club Level event formats:

Level	Targets per day	Format	Courses	Days (* means adjustable)	Multi Course Mode	Sporting Clays or Old Style	Compak	English Sporting
Club	50	2x25	1	1*		yes	yes	
Club	50	2x25	2	1*		yes	yes	
Club	50	1x50	1	1*	yes	yes		
Club	50	1x25pair	1	1*				yes
Club	75	3x25	1	1*		yes	yes	
Club	75	3x25	3	1*		yes	yes	
Club	75	1x75	3	1*	yes	yes		
Club	75	38/37	1	1*		yes		
Club	75	38/37	2	1*		yes		
Club	75	40/35	1	1*		yes		
Club	75	40/35	2	1*		yes		
Club	100	4x25	1	1*		yes	yes	
Club	100	4x25	2	1*		yes	yes	
Club	100	4x25	4	1*		yes	yes	
Club	100	1x50	2	1*	yes	yes		
Club	100	2x50	4	1*	yes	yes		
Club	100	1x100	4	1*	yes	yes		
Club	100	2x25 pair	1	1*				yes
Club	100	2x25 pair	2	1*				yes

All of those 31 event formats very easily and they can be made multi-day if that is required. They can be adapted to other configurations fairly simply.

The 1x100, 1x75 and 1x50 style events are particularly useful under the COVID-19 restrictions because people can shoot the whole event and then return home with minimal involvement with the clubrooms.

There are 44 profiles for State-level events and 6 profiles for National events.

What clubs are using this software?

At the end of July 2020, the following clubs are using the software:

New South Wales – Support: Peter Kay

- Ardlethan/Beckom
- Cooma
- Dubbo
- Gunnedah Sporting Clays
- Majura Park
- Mudgee
- Shoalhaven Sporting Clays
- Sydney

Queensland – Support: Enzo Gigante

- Brisbane Sporting Clays
- Fraser Coast Sporting Clays
- Gympie Sporting Clays
- Redcliffe City Clay Target Club

South Australia – Support: Mike Gates

- Central Sporting Clays
- Lake Bonney Sporting Clays
- Rocky Gully Sporting Clays
- South East

Tasmania – Support: Graeme Witchard

- Northern Midlands Sporting Clays

Victoria – Support: Bob Hutton

- Daylesford
- Geelong
- Laang
- Mornington Clay Target Club
- Little River Sporting Clays
- Warrnambool

Western Australia – Support: Ken and Sue Green

- Perth Metro Branch Wanneroo
- Echidna Park Sporting Clays
- Harvey Sporting Clays
- Three Springs Sporting Clays
- Hastings Sporting Clays (formerly Wannamal)

The support people listed have a lot of experience with the software and can help clubs get set up and train the office staff how to use it.



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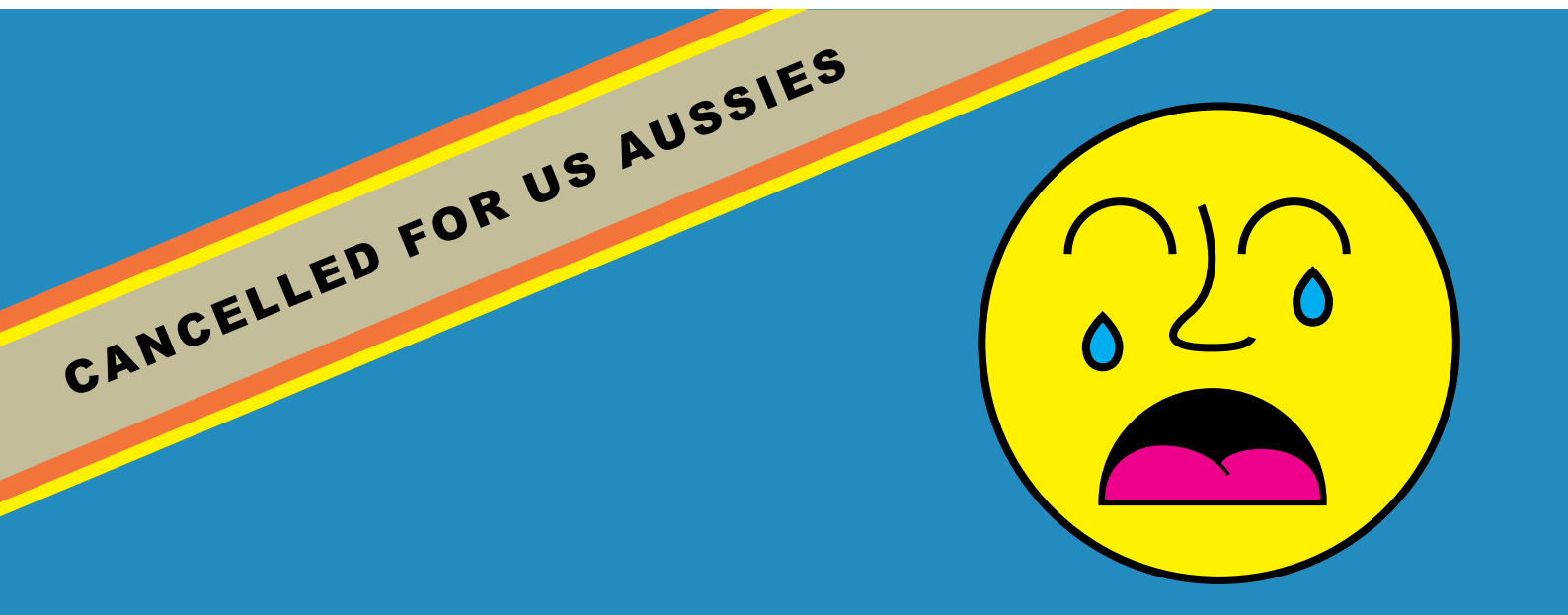
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If this had been a usual year in this issue of the SCA Magazine we would have been reporting on the FITASC 2020 World Sporting Championship from the USA. The event should have gone ahead in July but with Covid-19 the event organisers have rescheduled the 2020 World Championships for 12th to 15th November 2020.

Unfortunately for SCA members it is a dead set certainty that with Australian Travel restrictions being applied in our country we will not be able to attend, unless something positive happens between now & October. With these travel restrictions we can only hope 2021 brings with it more open travel prospects.

Rather than disappoint everyone, we thought it would be a good idea to keep the thought alive & that we would share the past SCA National Australian teams over the years.

Our records go back to 2003 when the first digital photos were taken and recorded at the World Championship held in Kansas – USA at Claythorne Lodge shooting grounds.

It is amazing to look back on the past team photos with the journey we have taken along with the years and the way we have matured as an Association.

Anyway members, enjoy the trip down memory lane and let's all look forward to a better year in 2021 when we can get back into action and compete again on the World stage.



NATIONAL TEAM - CASTILLO DE ROBLEDO – SPAIN 2013



LADIES ON PODIUM – SPAIN 2013



LADY WORLD CHAMPION – ST LAMBERT – FRANCE 2017



LADIES TEAM – GALGAMÁCSA – HUNGARY 2017



LADIES TEAM -MINNESOTA
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LADIES ON PODIUM – SOUTHERN COUNTIES – UK 2005



NATIONAL TEAM – SIGNES – FRANCE 2004

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS



JUNIOR ON PODIUM 3RD WORLD CUP
CASTILLO DE ROBLEDO – SPAIN 2013



NATIONAL TEAM – PIANCARDATO - ITALY 2016



JUNIORS – VALE DAS PEDRAS – PORTUGAL 2014



NATIONAL TEAM – ST LAMBERT - FRANCE 2017



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NATIONAL TEAM – ST LAMBERT - FRANCE 2017



NATIONAL TEAM - VALE DAS PEDRAS – PORTUGAL 2014



SENIOR TEAM – ST LAMBERT - FRANCE 2017



NATIONAL TEAM – CARIBOU GUN CLUB LE SUEUR (MANITOBA)



WORLD FITASC OPEN ON PODIUM
OUTHERN COUNTIES – UK 2005



JUNIOR WORLD CUP BRONZE – VALE DAS PEDRAS – PORTUGAL 2014



NATIONAL TEAM – ST LAMBERT - FRANCE 2017



VETERAN WORLD CUP SILVER - SENIORS
VALE DAS PEDRAS - PORTUGAL 2014

NATIONAL TEAM - AREZZO - ITALY 2010



REPUBLIC - 2007



NATIONAL TEAM - E.J. CHURCHILL - UK 2019



NATIONAL TEAM - LIMASSOL - CYPRUS



FRANCE 2017



WORLD FITASC JUNIORS ON PODIUM - SOUTHERN COUNTIES - UK 2005



USA 2015



NATIONAL TEAM - ORVILLE - FRANCE 2011



SPAIN 2013



NATIONAL TEAM - GALGAMÁCSA - HUNGARY 2017

GEELONG SPORTING CLAYS

It has been a strange year with the Covid19 pandemic putting a stop to shooting competitions throughout the world.

Geelong Sporting Clays has taken the opportunity during the layoff to do major works to the shooting ground and also to the club rooms.

We have also had a concrete slab poured at the clubrooms entrance as well as a ramp to the back door courtesy of Charlie Branca.

We have also installed thanks to Enzo Crocitti and Bill Zogogiannis a display cabinet for all of the SCA National perpetual trophies plus the large number of trophies that have been

To Huss and Dominic well done in setting some great targets for our enjoyment.

Steve thanks also for your commitment to conducting the practice sessions each Friday.

Ray McFarlane

President



Additional earth mounds have been built to separate shooting stands as well as creating an additional mound to facilitate shooting down on targets.

Our large scaffold donated by Jason Charlton of JC Scaffolding is getting well used and also provides the opportunity to shoot targets below your feet

The three Compak Sporting layouts have had solar powered electric fences constructed around them to keep the cattle from eating the traps

Solar panels have been installed on all Compak traps and also to traps in all of the towers, this saves a lot of work and effort as we do not have to charge and transport a large number of batteries each week.

The last stage of the renovations to the clubrooms, renewal of the kitchen is now complete, the new cupboards and benchtops look fantastic thanks to Robert Scriva and family.

Karl Kivinen together with son Cameron was our resident electrician and they have completely rewired the clubrooms, thanks Karl an enormous effort well appreciated.

Covid19 was not all disaster as it allowed Ed Treadwell to bring three of his apprentices down to put electric lights in our enlarged storage and workshop.

won by all of our various teams at World Championships. It looks fantastic with the trophies sparkling in the illuminated setting.

We have started back with a few weeks of practice days each Friday and Saturday and these have been well attended by those who have suffered withdrawal pangs during the layoff.

Competition will recommence at our range on 18th July when we will be conducting a 75 target State Selection event.

Unfortunately Daylesford have had to withdraw from hosting the Victorian Sporting Championships and Geelong Sporting Clays will now conduct this event on 19th and 20th September.

This will be a 200 target event with competitors having to shoot 100 targets each day in one visit to conform to the Covid19 regulations as gazetted by the Victorian Govt.

Two x one hundred target layouts with mainly four traps per stand will be used.

A special thanks to my sidekick Colin MacPherson who has spent many days and hours with me since Christmas at the range, his expertise in electric fencing, hanging wallboard, painting, making solar panels for traps etc. was great.

VSCA UPDATE

Saturday 18 July saw the VSCA hold it's 2020 AGM at the Geelong club grounds. Members in lockdown were invited to dial in via Skype. This format was successful and will be utilised moving forward to conduct future committee meetings.

Election of office bearers resulted in the appointment of the following.

President – Glendon Dickinson

Vice President- Enzo Crocitti

Secretary – Anthony Panetta

Treasurer – Steve Raven

Director Target Shooting - Bill Zogogiannis

Assistant to Director Target Shooting – Matthew Munroe

Public Officer – Craig Hobbs

Committee Members – Christian Crocitti, Matthew Hall, Phillip Rendell, Colin Johns, Raymond McFarlane, Stephen Chilton, Edward Magee

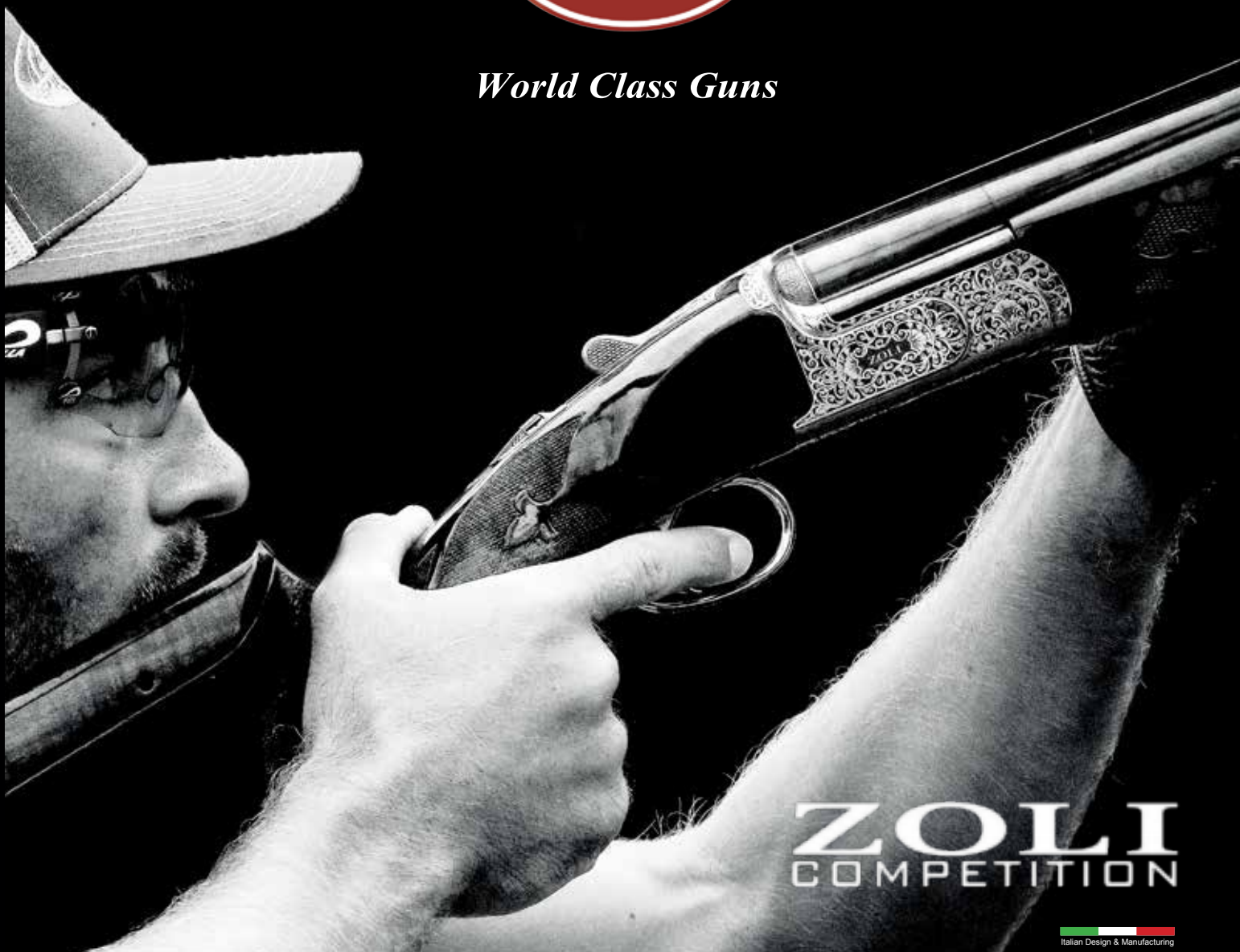
The VSCA committee look forward to moving ahead with the state organisation leading the way for our members. Our next meeting will be on Saturday August 22nd. Further information regarding the state championship will become available after that time. As it stands, the state championship is scheduled to be held at Geelong Sporting Clays on 19/20 September. Entries for this event will not be opened until the committee has the opportunity review the Victorian government's advice regarding current restrictions. The next government announcement is expected on August 19.

Anthony Panetta

VSCA Secretary



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ASC SYDNEY NEWS

24 JULY 2020

Well ASC Sydney has finally resumed shooting after the long shutdown period. We have been following the NSW government's Covid guidelines and are pleased to say all shooters are observing the new conditions. We did open with a bang that's for sure with a double header weekend Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July. We are currently planning to shoot as per the 2020 calendar if things remain the same. It does seem that some extra events may be slipped in if possible, stay tuned for updates.

Whilst things were shut down your members and the committee continued to work on maintaining your facilities, this was made a little tougher due to the restrictions. However, the volunteers ticked off some very important jobs which included:

1. A massive clean-up of general rubbish
2. Hydraulic maintenance on all our EWP's
3. Update all traps, batteries and claymate plugs (that's around 150 plugs)
4. Installation of new solar panels and regulators on most stands.
5. New range signage and trap signs.
6. Major service to our traps.
7. Install a new stand and vice for workshop
8. New clay trailer for the range.
9. Reposition several traps to new locations.

We have also had our relentless crew behind the scenes, lobbying for our rights. Not only our landlords, the local council, but also the state government, sport department, planning department and even directly to the NSW premier. This issue of securing our ground for the future SC shooters and also expanding our ground to its rightful size has been driven by a handful of ASC members. So a special thanks to Allan Dorahy, Mark Savage, Mick Stevens, George Kassianou.



Regards

ASC President

Paul Smidt

BERMAGUI SPORTING CLAYS



Well this Covid-19 has certainly slowed things down in regards to clay target shooting.

Bermagui held its June shoot on the 29/06/20 (the first for many months) and we attracted 32 shooters. Unfortunately a few traps, after sitting idle for some time, created some niggling little problems, but otherwise, everything went according to plan. People adhered to the 1.5 metre social distancing rule, Bronzewing hand sanitizer was available at all stations, bring your own lunch seemed to go off without a hitch, and presentation was brisk, and much smaller than usual, but the winners of all grades received some great prizes from our much appreciated sponsor, Grumpy. Thanks again mate.

These changes may well become the norm for the foreseeable future, so if you are contemplating having a trip to Bermi for one of our future shoots, it may pay to give one of our committee members a ring, or contact Nev Brady on 0418 168 207, just to make sure there has been no changes.

Unfortunately, our FREE LUNCHES are on hold for the time being, but like Arnold said, "We'll be back".

The grounds have been kept in tip top order during the shutdown by some terrific efforts from Darren & Jan Redman and Phil & Shelley Craig. Well done gang, everyone has commented on your great work.

The Committee has decided to hold a Presentation Dinner at the Bermagui Country Club (one of our top sponsors) on the 21st of November 2020, the night before our Christmas shoot, on Sunday 22nd November 2020. This will be a Semi Formal affair, blokes must wear a tie (yes even you, Phil & Muz), and WAGS can put on their finest attire, to welcome in the festive season.



There is a lot of organising to be done between now and then, so please get in contact with Shirl, on 0418 621 423, and confirm your booking and attendance.

John & Sue Singleton, from Bermagui Motor Inn, have kindly made their Motel available, (with some great discounts), for travelling shooters, so if you would like to come to the Presentation night, and you are looking for accommodation, give John & Sue a ring on 64934311 and confirm your booking.

The dinner will be a "pay for what you order" meal, off the Country Clubs extensive menu, and drinks will be available at bar prices.

Club Person of the year, Club O.T.G. and Hcp sashes will be presented and other novelty prizes will be given away. Should be a great night and prelude to our Christmas shoot the next day.

Because of the Myxo bug that is going around, things could change dramatically at anytime. We will be in contact with everyone should the need arise. Fingers crossed.

Bermagui Sporting Clays has been in existence for 24 years, own our own grounds, and have for many years, been trying to establish a Safety & Training day, once a month, to encourage new and Junior shooters into our sport. Despite our nearest neighbour being 2.5 kms away, the angst shown to our club has been astounding, a lot of it being pushed by a few self centred groups who are basically "anti gun", there is one particularly nasty piece of work, who seems to derive much pleasure, in hopefully seeing us destroyed by Council.

This culminated in a little group of people forming a "hate group" from within the local community, and getting a hotch/potch report done, claiming that we have been contaminating the local, and beyond area, with lead shot.

Council reacted to this report by contacting us wanting some more in depth answers or we would be shut down. This was going to cost us a lot of money.

As a small country club, we have limited funds to counter act these sorts of accusations, and so we called upon the S.C.A. executive to help us out financially, which they have done, and we thank them enormously. Now after several months of hard work, a 220 page report from one of the best environmental and soil analyt companies in Australia, has just arrived on our desk, and we have got it off to B.V.S. Council today.

Now it is back in Councils court, and we will be hoping Council sees through this finely disguised group of antis.

This saga just goes to show what selfish, anti gun, self interest groups, with a pre determined agenda, are capable of.

To ALL gun clubs..... BEWARE!!!

Hopefully, we will have some good news in the next edition of S.C.A. magazine.

Finally to all our members and their families, and friends within the clay target shooting fraternity, stay safe and be extra careful when travelling.

Cheers, Nev Brady





COFFS HARBOUR SPORTING CLAYS

STATE SELECTION

Saturday 25th July saw Coffs Harbour Sporting Clays host the 3rd NSW State Selection Shoot. The rain forecast leading up

to the credit of the promatic traps and clays they didn't falter all day.

1st A grade Coffs Club President Phillip Nelson 79/100, 2nd Chris Barrowman 78, 3rd Brian McClelland, after a shoot off.



to Saturday's shoot went from a chance of 5-10ml to 40-80ml.

With the current lack of shooting going the set up team pushed on with fine tuning the layouts.

8 squads lined up from around the state including Dubbo, Sydney, Central Coast, Goulburn, Mudgee, Newcastle, Shoalhaven as well as some good mates from Queensland.

As the first squads started shooting, the rain started and continued for most of the day. To

A special thankyou goes to Lee Burger and Simon Gunther from OTC for their continued support of our club enabling us to present an impressive prize table of top GB ammunition yet again.

High Gun went to Jason Pole from Brisbane with a solid 88/100 from some quite testing and challenging targets in what can only be described as terrible conditions.

1st AA Darren Sasse 77/100, 2nd Lance North 75, 3rd Warren Thorpe 71.

1st B grade Jason Solomons 74/100, 2nd Manjinder (George) Atwal 71, 3rd Benjamin Mitchell 70.

1st C grade Josh Radford 62/100, Adrian O'Brien 53, Kahleb Radford 51.

Seniors 1st Peter Kay 80/100, 2nd Keith Roades 69, 3rd Rodney Carr 62.

Ladies 1st Zuzana Navara 67/100, 2nd Andrea Barrowman 64, 3rd Amy Buys 50.

Juniors Jack Roth

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SCNSW REPORT

SPORTING CLAYS NSW REPORT FOR AUG / SEPT 2020

As we all know 2020 has not been exactly going to plan. Between the fires early in the year and the ongoing concerns with Covid it's been bloody difficult. On the positive we are back shooting again although currently at a limited level. Just when we thought we had the State program back on track we have had the disappointing news from the NSW department of health that sports cannot be "interzone" and preferably not 2-day events. This is currently having a real effect on programming of events and may well see the end of the 2020 selection program. (Ironically, it's still okay to go skiing)

The State AGM is under review for the same reasons. Travel and a meeting programmed for Bathurst is out and the meeting may need to be run remotely. Still working through this one.

Bermagui Sporting Clays has had a rougher year than most, with only 3 shoots being held so far this year. On top of this they were issued with a prevention order by the local council with fears from the local community they had higher than permissible lead levels. The club was required to get soil sampling done across their range to prove that this was not actually the case. Fortunately, with financial assistance from SCNSW they were able to provide a comprehensive report that should see the issue resolved in favor of the club.

The report is interesting in that it shows where the range and stations are spread out and moved frequently the levels of lead contamination were very low, well below acceptable standards. However, if stations are set in the same location continuously this can lead to elevated levels. Something for clubs and range setters to keep in mind, vary your shot fallout zones. Change makes for better targets anyway.

Stay Safe and stay well

Andrew Fairfield-Smith

President SCNSW



A special thanks for the weekend goes to the ground crew Phillip, George, Kenny, Matt, Lee, Frank & Adrian with Jimmy Kane in the kitchen, with Judy, Geoff and Peter Kay in the office.

Regards,

Dean Short, Sporting Captain

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME

By 'Shellshocked'

On Sunday 5 July, after a layoff of three months, the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted its first post Corona Virus restrictions competition shoot, a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Championship. While the rules have been relaxed a little, the shooters were required to apply social distancing on the range, hand sanitiser was available, and the club house was closed to socialising after the shoot. The presentation of trophies has been held over to a later date.

The shoot was sponsored by Neil Treganowan who very generously provided an excellent range of prizes for the winning shooters. The day was bitterly cold, overcast and windy, with the odd shower thrown in for good measure. Organisers were delighted with an attendance of 27 shooters given the terrible conditions.

The range was set by Josh and Josh and Ashy and Gerard and Richard who did an excellent



job to present a very good variety of targets. The compact range of five stations was shot three times to make up the competition. The targets were not too difficult which made for very enjoyable shooting, the best shooters recorded some very impressive totals, and the results were pretty close in all grades.

The best score off the gun was an excellent total of 66 that was shot by AA Grade shooter Gerard Mahoney. If Gerard can ever manage to coordinate his work roster with our shooting calendar he will likely score a few more first place finishes and be a real threat for our club championship.

The first place prize in A Grade was won by Andrew Ashwood who shot with perfect consistency for an excellent total of 63. Tim Millsteed was an absolute star in B Grade and claimed the first place prize with an equally good score of 63 that included an excellent 24/25 on his final round. Bob Tweedie has been bobbing up in the results quite a bit, maybe all that painting has improved his swing. Bob shot very well for a score of 54 which won him the first place prize in C Grade. Tom Casey continued a good run of first place finishes in the Junior Grade with a very good score of 49.

Information for any event at Broken Hill is available from Association President Rod Weaver on 0407 187 498, and Secretary Cassie McEvoy on 0437 237 955.

BROKEN HILL - 5 JULY 2020 NEIL TREGANOWAN 75 TARGET GRADED			
High Gun	Gerard Mahoney		66
A	1st	Andrew Ashwood	63
	2nd	Brian Casey	60
	3rd	Josh Holmes	58
B	1st	Tim Millsteed	63
	2nd	Adrian Locke	61
	3rd	Rick Jones	55
C	1st	Bob Tweedie	54
	2nd	Arnaud Fuster	51
	3rd	Brent Farnsworth	51
Junior	1st	Tom Casey	49
	2nd	Ashden Hall	47

NORTHERN MIDLANDS SPORTING CLAYS



In these difficult times the members of Northern Midlands wish to pass on our thanks to our state secretary, Graeme Witchard, and state president, Gary Harper, for the huge amount of work they have put in to both national bodies and state government departments to enable us to return to the new normal of shooting this month (June). Yes we have missed a couple of months' shooting

but that is a very small price to pay compared to the problems that are happening around the world.

The state executive have come up with a revised qualifying plan and details have been passed on to all clubs. If Tasmanian members are hoping to complete the qualifying programme for 2020 please contact your

club for details. When we get advice from SCA regarding the 2020 Nationals this will be passed on to club members immediately. I know some have booked to go and hopefully they will be able to do so.

For all our friends and supporters - as a club we are still planning to hold our 2 day Old Style FITASC Classic on 21 and 22 November in one way or another. If/when the borders open (it has been announced that this will take place on 24 July but only if there are no major problems between now and then) we will put out our flyer to those shooters around the country who are the first 96 on the list. There may be many who cannot make it to Tassie this year and their places will then be offered to others who can.

We have been informed that the Spirit of Tasmania is also taking booking from 1 September so hopefully this will be an extra way of getting in and out of the state so that we too can attend events on the mainland. The problems of living on an island!!!!

Hope to catch up with everyone at a shoot somewhere in the future.

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TASMANIAN FIELD AND GAME ASSOCIATION

Well here we are sitting and looking back at what has unfolded over the last six months still trying to comprehend what has happened. For the whole community, the issues that have arisen over the Covid-19 outbreak have been beyond comprehension. The effect that this has had and continue to have will be felt for a long time yet.

Here in Tasmania we were insulated initially, looking on in amazement at what was unfolding in China, Iran, and Italy, but once the outbreak hit here it was game on. The State Government implemented the toughest border restrictions in Australia at the time, forcing all arrivals into a 14-day quarantine. A spike in infections happened off the back of the cruise ship debacle. This then had the effect of further community transmissions causing the shutdown of two community hospitals on the North West coast. The NW region was then in effect shut down, with restrictions on travel into and out of the region until the outbreak was brought under control.

As was the case with other states, recreational sports were shut down overnight.

The clubs and members here did not dispute the process that the State Government took to enable the issue to be managed. To give credit, the government kept all sporting bodies well informed and assisted where possible for clubs to meet the guidelines and prepare in readiness for a return to shooting. They provided weekly updates and answered any questions raised in a timely manner. A very big thank you to them for their assistance.



For sporting clays shooters, it was a shock to not be able to go out and shoot a few clays with friends. People kept in touch by social media and phone calls which was positive, especially given the time from the last shoot was held. Clubs had to reassess how they would hold shoots, as the initial return to sport (shooting) guidelines limited numbers and had explicit conditions applied. Some people were saying that "this is too hard", but by working together and coming up with ideas and supporting each other we have now got back to what everyone wanted, shooting clays again.

As there are only three clubs in the state, it was extremely pleasing to see members from the other two attend the State Qualifying shoot held last weekend at Penguin. The targets were "interesting" as one person commented, and as scores reflected not easy. It would be great to see shooters support all

the clubs wherever possible. An hour or two to travel is nothing, especially to support the clubs now we are able to shoot again.

In closing, I would like to give a shout out to our tireless state secretary Graeme Witchard for the time and effort that he has provided through these difficult times. Whenever any of you shooters out there see him, give him a pat on the back and thank him for what he has done.

All the best and we will see you around the ranges.

Gary Harper

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QSCA UPDATE

- by Ashley Mead

QSCA has been through a very interesting period due to the COVID-19 restrictions placed upon our clubs, members and guests. QSCA has continued to work with SCA, industry representatives and government agencies in relation to a return to shooting. Significant work has been undertaken, with a brief outline provided below:

- QSCA thanks SCA, and in particular Greg Dawes (SCA President) and Glen Rider (SCA Secretary) for the provision of SCA's COVID-19 Protocols, which greatly assisted in the development of our own QSCA COVID-19 Protocols. These protocols were issued to each member club, to provide guidance on the precautions required for reopening for practice and eventually – competition.
- QSCA also joined QSport – an organisation who works to promote, sustain and enhance the development of sport in Queensland. Through QSport, QSCA has been able to attend meetings with the Department of Sport and Recreation, on the conditions required to return to sport and competition while ensuring that the views of QSCA Clubs/Members are heard. This work culminated in COVID SAFE Industry Plans being approved (we come under the Outdoor Team Sports category), for both Stage 2 and Stage 3. QSCA extends a thanks to QSport, and in particular - Peter Doig from Queensland Rifle Association for all of his hard work

QSCA thanks you for your patience and compliance with requirements during this pandemic. Please adhere to the controls put in place by your local club (i.e. social distancing, hygiene etc.), as we are subject to review and audit.

QSCA REMINDERS

- 4th QSCA Qualifier – 75 targets. Redcliffe City Clay Target Club, Sunday 30th August
- QSCA State Titles – 150 targets. Childers Sporting Clays, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September. Note this is to be run as 100 targets Saturday, 50 targets Sunday.
- SCA Sporting Nationals – 200 Targets. Brisbane Sporting Clays, Friday 9th - Sunday 11th October
- COMPAK State Titles – 75 targets. Redcliffe City Clay Target Club, Sunday 1st November.

Note: the 2020 QSCA Old Style FITASC



Shooters in action during the competition – Dennis Dinte in the stand with Ian Grant watching in awe

QSCA FUNDING

Through the funding provided by the Queensland Governments Active Industry Fund, we have been able to distribute annual funding of \$3000 to each club to be spent in the following areas:

- To run 'Come and Try days' at your range
- To develop training programs for Juniors and Ladies members
- To run coaching days for members
- To supply coaching aids to members
- To improve the club's profile within the community

QSCA extends its thanks to the Qld. Department of Housing, Homelessness and Sport | Department of Housing and Public Works (Sport and Recreation).

QSCA COMPETITIONS

QSCA has had an interesting quarter for State Competitions, hosting the 2nd and 3rd State Selection series.

QSCA 2ND SELECTION SERIES – BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS

Figure 1 - Shooters in action during the competition – Dennis Dinte in the stand with Ian Grant watching in awe

The second QSCA selection shoot for 2020 was held at Beaudesert Sporting Clays on Sunday 22nd March with 40 shooters competing. Although we had Covid-19 restrictions, this competition was held just prior to the full shutdown of all sport in Queensland. The event was sponsored by Outdoor Trading Company (OTC) and QSCA with a big thanks to OTC for their continuing support of these events in Queensland.

In a day with highs and lows, congratulations go to Peter Tobin for taking High Gun on 66/75.

Thanks, from QSCA to Beaudesert Sporting Clays and its volunteers for running the event.

QSCA 2020 – 2ND STATE SELECTION BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS – 75 TARGETS

OPEN			
High Gun	Tobin, Peter		66/75
AA	1st	Lillis, Paul	65
	2nd	Pole, Jason	65
	3rd	McIver, James	63
A	1st	Davis, Daniel	65
	2nd	Cain, Reece	64
	3rd	Clifford, Joseph	62
B	1st	Chapman, Chris	59
	2nd	Porter, Chad	57
	3rd	Christensen, James	55
C	1st	Richards, Hugo	54
	2nd	Beeby, Gordon	49
	3rd	Prostamo, Greg	45
Ladies	1st	Palfreeman, Shannon	57
	2nd	Rider, Karen	46
	3rd	Apiata, Sheryl	28
Senior	1st	Evans, David	59
	2nd	Rider, Glen	56
	3rd	Farrow, Mark	55
Junior	1st	Lillis, Harrison	64
	2nd	Christensen, Christopher	54



with Leo Cao (QSCA Vice-President) - Dave Evans High Gun - Glen Rider QSCA President

QSCA 3RD SELECTION SERIES – FRASER COAST SPORTING CLAYS

Fraser Coast Sporting Clays hosted the third selection shoot on Sunday 19th July 2020.

49 competitors participated, with congratulations to David Evans for taking out the event on 70/75. Congratulations also to Paul Lillis who shot the only 25 of the day.

Once again, QSCA thanks Fraser Coast Sporting Clays and its volunteers for the great event.

**QSCA 2020 – 3RD STATE SELECTION
FRASER COAST SPORTING CLAYS – 75 TARGETS**
OPEN

High Gun	Evans, David		70/75
AA	1st	Lillis, Paul	69
	2nd	Pole, Jason	67
	3rd	Tobin, Peter	65
A	1st	Collingwood, Matthew	68
	2nd	Clifford, Joseph	63
	3rd	Cain, Mitchell	60
B	1st	Chapman, Chris	64
	2nd	Mazzarotto, Olindo	63
	3rd	Christensen, James	56
C	1st	Paulsen, Sean	59
	2nd	Peters, David	51
	3rd	Green, Russell	40
Ladies	1st	Birgan, Maree	65
	2nd	Palfreeman, Shannon	52
	3rd	Groundwater, Lyndall	46
Senior	1st	Gigante, Enzo	64
	2nd	Birgan, Michael	63
	3rd	Rider, Glen	59
Veteran	1st	Groundwater, Darryl	64 (s/o 9)
	2nd	Whiting, Max	64 (s/o 8)
	3rd	Irvine, Geoffrey	60
Junior	1st	Hall, Damon	65
	2nd	Lillis, Harrison	61
	3rd	Stewart, Nicholas	54

Full results available at

www.scalivescores.com.au

QSCA has been fortunate with the timing of our State Selection competition events. After the rescheduled event at Fraser Coast in July, we are now back up to speed with our selection series again. Hopefully this good news continues & we will be able to complete the remaining scheduled events now that the Covid-19 issue is coming under control (in our state at least).

Ashley Mead

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BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS

- by Ashley Mead

2020 SCA SPORTING NATIONALS

There have been discussions between BSC & SCA regarding the 2020 Sporting Nationals at Brisbane in October. The Covid-19 situation has & still is being monitored, but as conditions start to ease around the country with borders opening & travel easing (apart from a few flare ups) life is looking more hopeful. We have received many phone calls asking for the 2020 National competition to be kept. It would have been very easy just to cancel this event, but we are tougher than this & with so much negativity out there we are providing a small beacon of light. As our members are still happy to support the event, we will do our best to return that support. Although the event is still many weeks away & as we have seen with this Covid-19 virus our Governments are continually moving the goal posts. It is still our intention to keep the promise made to our members & provide you with an event during these testing times to the best of our ability. At this stage with Covid-19 conditions easing – the 2020 Nationals scheduled for 9th -11th October are still planned to go ahead unless the Governments close us all down again.

Make sure you have made your plans to attend; it's going to be big. For those that have attended previous major events at BSC – you know we like to put on a good show.

Please monitor SCA and BSC media releases, websites and social media accounts for the latest information.

JULY 2020 REPORT

Brisbane Sporting Clays has continued to keep busy, even during the prolonged



**BSC COMPAK LAYOUT -
AWAITING THE RETURN OF SOME SHOOTERS!**

Covid-19 closure period. In the interim, BSC has continued to work hard behind the scenes to ensure we are in the best possible condition post restrictions, including:

- the delivery of a container of clay targets and two pallets of ammunition
- the demolition of the old tower
- the removal of three large skips of scrap steel and a large amount of rubbish
- trap maintenance
- cleanout and organisation of sheds and shipping containers
- ground works, including mowing, slashing and clearing of small undergrowth/regrowth
- establishing COVID-19 signage, protocols and hand sanitiser throughout the site
- a cleanout and reorganisation of our administrative systems
- minimising expenditure and managing invoicing to sustain our savings wherever possible.

BSC would like to thank: John English, Jason Pole, Phil Cranston, Daniel Gibson, Bob Geale, Ian Stark, Pieter Pretorius, Joe Clifford and Ian Collison for their efforts.



The formal retirement of our old tower

VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

BSC relies on the generosity of volunteers to operate – please take the time to get involved – any time you can spare is appreciated.

Jason Pole (Vice-President) is currently seeking people to assist with competition ground setting throughout the year. Jason will also be seeking assistance with the setup and running of the 2020 Nationals in October. Don't be scared – we can help you learn the basics of traps and setting targets.

Vern Porter is also seeking people to help look after BSCs Corporate guests when we reopen for bookings.

We will also be holding several working bees in the near future – please help where you can.

Contact the BSC Secretary via email for further details.

RANGE FACILITIES UPDATE

Our new clubroom extension is largely complete, but progress has been on hold during our closure. As our funds return to normal, we will be looking to complete the clubroom in time for the 2020 Nationals in October.

RANGE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

BSC was closed for an extended period due to COVID-19. Initially, our reopening was managed via online bookings for COMPAK layouts on Saturdays only. We are now open for general practice on Fridays and Saturdays as normal, with COVID-19 controls in place (social distancing and hygiene etc.).

Competitions will recommence on the second Sunday of the month. Please monitor the BSC Website and our social media accounts for the latest news, including reopening for Sunday practice on the third Sunday of the month and for corporate bookings.

VALE – TONY GALLAGHER



It was with much sadness when Brisbane Sporting Clays lost one of its long-time members Tony Gallagher, who passed away on the 25th of June after a short illness. Tony was a very popular member of BSC for many years.

During his time at the club, he worked for a number of years on the trap and field set-up teams for regular Saturday practise, and was also one of the volunteers who assisted with the club's corporate and group shooting sessions.

Tony loved his shooting and was always keen to help newer shooters learn the ropes of shooting sporting clays. He wasn't backward



in coming forward to let more experienced shooters know why they missed a target either, with one of his favourite comments being – “You're over the top of that one mate!”

He was also a regular supplier of his home-grown honey, which will also be sorely missed by quite a few BSC members. Tony was one of the good blokes of BSC and will be greatly missed.

CLASSIC – JULY 2020 SHOOT

Following the COVID-19 restrictions, BSCs first competition back was the OTC Classic – a 100 target event held on Sunday 12th July. BSC would like to take this opportunity to thank OTC for its continued support over many years.

The competition saw 73 competitors attend, with congratulations to Jason Pole taking out High Gun on 90/100.

Congratulations to Renzo Renda for the only 25 shot during the day, and to Chris Chapman – who took out the drawn score Compak shoot-off with 18/25 to win.

OTC CLASSIC – 100 TARGETS			
OPEN			
High Gun	Pole, Jason		90/100
AA	1st	Tobin, Peter	86
	2nd	Knowles, Aaron	84
	3rd	McIver, James	83
A	1st	Clifford, Joseph	80
	2nd	Andries, Tom	76
	3rd	Lillis, Daniel	75
B	1st	Renda, Renzo	77
	2nd	Lucas, Michael	71
	3rd	Lincoln, Isaac	71
C	1st	Salmond, Clive	78
	2nd	Gates, Damien	67
	3rd	Mckiernan, Daniel	66
Ladies	1st	Birgan, Maree	66
	2nd	Rider, Karen	55
	3rd	Groundwater, Lyndall	49
Senior	1st	Evans, David	81
	2nd	Birgan, Michael	75
	3rd	Gigante, Enzo	73
Veterans	1st	Groundwater, Darryl	80
	2nd	Waldron, Ian	75
	3rd	Barker, Colin	66
Junior	1st	Christensen, Christopher	68
	2nd	Lillis, Harrison	64

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VALE

ASHLEY MEAD

Many of our members are already aware of the extremely sad & totally unexpected news that Ashley Mead passed away on Tuesday 4th August 2020.

Ash was one of the most dedicated volunteers we have had both as a member to Queensland Sporting Clays and as an Executive person at Brisbane & on the QSCA Board.

He was always ready to help out whatever the problem was and to help make our sport and venues a better place for everyone,

Many members would not be aware of the work Ashley covered in his time behind the scenes, but I can attest that as someone who worked with him over the years & I cannot express enough Ashley's part in making our Association & Sport greater for all.

It is a testament to his selfless dedication, along with the endless hours he spent behind the scenes with our sport in helping us to evolve by sharing his knowledge of safety & process which advanced our professional standing both at Club & State level in Queensland.

One of our true gentlemen and one who will be very much missed on a personal level by many.

RIP Ash

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SAFGA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5 AUGUST 2020

Dear Members,

With 2020 well underway and Covid-19 now regrettably a common term in our sport, business and personal lives, we have all been forced to consider how we adapt and respond to this unprecedented challenge.

Staying connected and supporting our clubs and their members is of utmost importance.

Unfortunately, as we all know, the Sporting Clays Australia Nationals have had to be cancelled and our thoughts go out to

Brisbane, as a lot of planning would have already been put in place.

All South Australian clubs are now back to holding competitions, with strict Covid-19 guidelines in place. Well done to all clubs for all of their efforts to get shooters back to restricted competitions.

At this stage, the 150 Target State Championships, will still be going ahead on the 12th - 13th September in Loxton.

The Loxton club has done a lot of work on the ground to ensure a successful championship. Well done to Ray Pash and his team.

There are great sponsors for this event, including Loxton Hotel, Outdoor Trading Company, SAFGA, Torresan Wines and Top Shot Industries.

Lake Bonney will be holding the Compak Nationals over 200 targets, on the 14th - 15th November. This event will be hosted by Lake Bonney, with neighbouring club, Burrungule, in a joint venture. We can be assured of great courses and targets.

These events will go ahead, subject to no further restrictions being placed on our sport in South Australia.

I am hopeful that all competitors that are able to, will support these events, as they may be the only major events held in South Australia under these current conditions.

South Australia has done extremely well with the Covid-19 crisis and hopefully will continue to do so in the future.

Let's all stay safe in these unprecedented times and adhere to all of the government restrictions and hopefully get back to some past normalities in the not too distant future.

We are thinking of our Victorian counterparts, who are not as fortunate as we are and wishing them all the best in the coming weeks, in dealing with the Covid-1g restrictions.

Our deepest condolences to Ray McFarlane and his family, on the recent passing of his wife Jean. She will be fondly remembered.

All the best to all the clubs and members of the Sporting Clays Australia family.

Kind Regards,

Ernie Scheidl
State President
South Australian Field & Game Association

LAKE GEORGE BEACHPORT

25 JULY 2020

The Lake George Management Committee was dissolved by order of the Wattle Range Council on 9/7/2019.

It has been reformed as a sub-committee under Beachport District Development Association, which I consider a move in the right direction.

As the SAFGA member, I have been successful in having Duck Hunting listed as a valid recreational activity at Lake George on the Charter, used to manage the lake.

The Number 1 reason how I have managed to do this, is because of the effort of a small group of volunteers who continue to do the grunt work. Keeping the camp sites clean of rubbish, clearing undergrowth from existing tracks, filling pot holes, communicating with other hunters who are not SAFGA members,

about the importance of keeping the lake clean and tidy and not to hunt in close proximity of NPWS camp sites, when they are occupied.

Removing duck hides at the end of the season that have been left standing. The removal of hides is a time consuming exercise with the main offenders of this coming from interstate, as is the main offenders of leaving rubbish laying around.

If we want to keep hunting this area, we will need to lead the way and set the example for other interested groups, not to be able to use this as an excuse to close down hunting. I am going to try and communicate with FGA to see if I can get some info to Victorian hunters to assist with keeping the place clean.

Jim Peglar, who is the chairman of the committee, Ben Gysbers the recreational

fishing member and myself, just recently met with Local Members Nick McBride and Tony Pasin on the importance of the lake and the need to direct and maintain water flow.

We will be meeting with the Environment Minister David Speir. This meeting will be about continued future access to the area and maintaining water flow and levels.

Lake George is a magnificent area, well located, easy to hunt and fish on and I would encourage all of our members to take advantage of it and enjoy what it has to offer.

Please just tidy up your rubbish when you have finished.

Mark Fabris
SAFGA Representative

VALE OLGERTS RESNAIS

1923 - 2020

My friend Oli has finally gone. He won. He kept hunting into his 90's and he shot his last duck with me at 95. He never let them take his hunting.

Oli was born in Latvia and his father and uncle were prominent in the local hunting community. The family had a lake side house with ducks at their door step. Oli just hunted and fished. His career was nearly cut short as a young teenager when his dog knocked his hammer shotgun which discharged into his foot. Oli was resilient and continued hunting that year with his foot up in a seat his father built.

Latvia was invaded by Russia on June 16th 1940. Stalinist Communism didn't take kindly to middle class intellectuals and Oli's grandfather took cyanide on the eve of his arrest by Stalin's police. Oli did not like Communists.

In 1941 Latvia was "liberated" by the German army as part of their war against Russia. Oli knew he would be conscripted into the Wehrmacht at any time. He chose to volunteer as volunteers got their choice of service. Oli, always thinking.

He was offered a role in the artillery. Based on his interests on his application, namely hunting, the wily Recruiting Officer suggested he might like to be a Forward Artillery Observer. Life Insurance is hard to get with this occupation.

"What do I do?" asked 18 year old Oli.

"Well, it's like hunting except you tell us when to pull the trigger. You make a hide, watch for Communists and tells us when to shoot."

"Where do I sign?"

Oli became a member of the Latvian SS and fought for the liberation of Latvia. He was wounded three times and won the Iron Cross.

I was putting in the boat with him one day long ago. One of his legs was shredded with scars.

I asked him how he got them.

"Russian hand grenade. Four of them found me and threw grenade. I got splinters all up my leg and arse."

"They must have been close, how did you get away?", I naively asked.

"I shot them." Oli, good friend, bad enemy.

After some years in a displaced persons camp in Europe Oli was able to migrate. Australia was not his first choice. He applied to go to America. America did not take SS veterans and Oli had his blood type tattooed on his arm. Oli stole a couple of cartons of cigarettes, burnt out his tattoo and presented himself again. Approved for Australia. Oli, survivor. Good for Oli, not good for Anas Superciliosa.

He found himself in Adelaide, got a job, a motorcycle and shotgun in that order. He discovered Lake Alexandrina and our ducks and they became his life long obsession. He knew all the old hunters and they knew him.

He built the concrete bunker on Tolderol Point, no longer there, but still a land mark in the early 80's. He had hides for every wind and every occasion.

He did not relish people using his hides and many hunters must have

known you mean business."

In Oli's world there were two types of people, dickheads and non-dickheads. He gave me some very valuable advice. Over a little bit whiskey after a shoot he told me gravely, "You cannot be dickhead every day". Very true.

If you went on a shoot independently you could be sure of a phone call that night. The interrogation that followed was intense. Then he would ring the person you went with for another interrogation. If the stories were not perfectly corroborated don't expect a Christmas card.

It went both ways and Oli gave me many tips, particularly if he saw ducks settling somewhere and it would be advantageous if someone else shot there to move them to him! Good friend, bad enemy.

Oli put in much to the hunting community. When we were really threatened by Laurie Levy's campaign in the 80's Oli served us well. He joined anti hunting groups, attended meetings and took notes, in Latvian, which he translated to me next day. All this helped

us to have our say and be in the right places and at the right times.

"Odessa", as he was codenamed, was finally discovered when the Democrats put forward a bill to ban hunting. The

anti's realised we were getting too much information and they had a leak. My belief is that a serving police officer in an animal rights group did an illegal firearms licence search on the Oli and realised the truth. It's all history now. Took them thirteen years to do it.

Oli was publicly denounced at a meeting organised to ban hunting at Henley Town Hall.

The anti hunting speaker pointed to Oli, called his name and denounced him as a liar and a spy to the audience. Oli told me later it was like getting the Iron Cross all over again.

He was advised by our Legal Officer, John Bennett, to lodge a charge of defamation and he asked my advice.

"But Oli," I said, "It's true, you are a liar and a spy."

He thought for a moment and said, "You're right. Come on, let's have little bit whiskey."

Oli was my friend, and he played a big role, largely unknown, to save our hunting.

His last little bit of wisdom, "If you can't do anything about, not to worry"

Our Father's swamp has many pozzies and he has chosen a place for you.



OLI RESNAIS, COMING HOME IN THE STORM.

wondered why the ducks suddenly flared.

They looked like they were coming straight in. They didn't know about the silver wine bladders dancing in the breeze tied to the reed tops just behind them. Oli, cunning.

He once took me to a special place.

"John your hide is over there. There is seat. Pull off that seat and sit on the one underneath."

I had learned by now just shut up and do it with Oli.

After a very lovely shoot I had to ask, "Why the two seats?"

"Ah, other dickheads shoot here. They sit on first seat, they are too high and ducks will see them. They will get nothing and not come back." Of course.

There were many other dirty little tricks I could reveal but I'm still using them.

Oli was fanatical about punctuality for fishing and hunting. If you were late, you just didn't get invited ever again. He asked me to pick him up at 5.23 am. I did. He looked at his watch and nodded, nothing said but Oli invited me often.

One day I had to say, "Oli, why don't you just say get here at 5.30?"

"Ah, if you say 5.30 dickheads might think 5.35, 5.40. doesn't matter. You say 5.23 they



THE SCA ONLINE NOMINATIONS PROGRAM: THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES

All of us are looking for something positive in this whole COVID pandemic and perhaps I can point to one bright light that has come out of this situation, the new SCA Online nomination program. With health directives now asking for clubs to encourage physical distancing, online bookings and contactless payments, the online nominations program is a great tool to help with all of these issues, not to mention benefiting both shooters and club office staff.

The feedback I have received from shooters is that they appreciate knowing ahead of time when they are starting their round/s and can turn up at an appropriate time and don't have to rush to get there early to nominate and pay, only to wait around for some time for their squad to go out. From the club's point of view, the ability to prenominate means that there is no crush of people all needing to nominate and pay at the start of the day and with the need for social distancing nowadays, this is especially important. The club knows how many shooters are expected, and can plan accordingly, having their score sheets pre printed and ready to go and the kitchen can plan their food orders to suit the expected numbers. Everyone is a winner. The shooters are happy and the event staff are happy, so why not try it for yourself?

So whats it all about?

Features: Event Set up

Firstly, the online system is very easy to set up and use. Anyone from your club can be designated an event administrator, which then allows you to set up and manage online nomination events at your club. For efficiency, this administrator should have access to be able to check your club's bank account in order to be able to validate payments.

It is also easy enough to get higher level access in order to hold state or even national level events. Setting up an event is quick and easy with 'fill in fields' and check boxes for your options and only take a few minutes. The program has full flexibility to set up any sort of shoot, with number of courses, rounds, waves and of course number of

squads fully configurable. So no matter what style of event you want to hold, the program will have it covered.

You are also able to set the nomination closing date and the price for nominations, including different price brackets for ages and categories (Pensioners or sub juniors for example). You can set the event open to all comers, only SCA members, only club members, members of your state association, or FITASC members, depending on what kind of event you are holding. The key here is flexibility, giving you and your club the tool kit to hold whatever kind of shoot it is that you want to run. You can set a 'shoot together limit' to set how large a squad can be. Admins can also set certain squads as 'reserved' and shooters will not be able to choose those squads when they nominate. This function is often used for your shoot committee who are handling course set up and changes or at a state level event this might be your shooters that are trying out for the state team, or special guests or sponsors. Only the admin is able to nominate people or move them into these reserved squads.

All this can be set up 'behind the scenes', so the public will not be able to see the event until you are ready to release it and have it open for shooter nominations. Until then you can play around with the settings and do test nominations to make sure its all working properly. Remember, once it goes 'live' you wont be able to make changes.

Features: Nomination process

Once the event is released, people are then able to nominate into your event. Both members (using their name or SCA member ID number) and non-members (with an email address) can nominate. Shooters can then choose their preferred squad and a payment option. SCA members are linked to the member database and all the relevant details are brought across, such as names, email addresses, ages / categories and grades/ handicaps.

While at higher level events such as National championships, you cannot choose who you shoot with, at a club level, shooting with your mates is what it's all about and the nominations program caters for that. One person can make a single nomination for multiple people. So if you and three friends want to all shoot together, one of you makes a single nomination with all 4 people's names. That way all four of you will shoot together, regardless of what squad you end up in.

The administrator can set nominations to 'pay on the day' or 'prepaid only' options however you desire. In addition, you can list certain squads as being prepaid only, ie squads 1-6 might be prepaid only and squads 7-14 are pay on the day. If the squad a shooter chooses is prepaid, then their nomination will not be

confirmed until payment is made, and they will not be allocated to a squad until that payment is confirmed. This does reinforce shooters making prompt payments to secure the squad that they want.

Again, this feature gives the club flexibility with how they wish to handle nominations. With the emphasis on cashless payments these days, we have found that having your first block of squads being pre-paid definitely reduces the work load on the office team early in the day. Those first squads are able to just get out and into shooting, allowing the later squads to pay as they arrive. Hopefully no more early morning crush at the nominations desk!

Of course the administrator has full control over being able to move a shooter around from one squad to another as the need arises as you would expect. Admins can also add nominations on behalf of shooters, but if they do, the payment options for those people is restricted to pay on the day.

There is plenty of 'behind the scenes' power for the administrator. You get detailed reports on the statuses of nominations, who has paid, by what method and when, as well as who needs to pay on the day. You can see who's nomination is completed and confirmed and any that are 'provisional' (incomplete) and who's payments are still outstanding. You know how many shooters you have and how much nomination money your club should be taking....all those essential things your staff need to know.

Upon completion of their nomination, shooters get an email detailing their confirmed nomination, the payment details, the squad they have chosen and what time their squad is shooting. Everything we hope the shooter will want to know. In addition, there is a function to export all nominated shooter's emails into a list, so the administrator is able to send out any extra information that shooters may need to know before the event to keep them updated. I have certainly found these functions very useful in the running of an event.

Payments

Administrators will need to set up their bank details (BSB and account numbers) when they first create their club profile. You only need to do this once the very first time, after that your club's details are in the system. Then this will allow you to accept direct EFT payments into your club account. These payments are direct from the shooter to your club and they do not go through SCA in any way.

We have also set up facility for taking credit card payments through an Australian merchant site, 'Pin Payments'. You will have to set this up several days before you set up your event, as the process requires forms of ID to be presented, similar to opening a bank



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account and does take a few days, but once you have that set up, you don't have to do it again. The Pin Payment system will link to the nominations program and credit card payments are instant. Payment confirmation and the locking in of the shooter's preferred squad are also instantaneous.

We have found this feature to be excellent, and shooters enjoy the instant confirmation of their squad, rather than needing to wait for EFT payment confirmation which may take 2 to 3 days depending on your bank. I highly recommend signing up for this feature. It is easy, fast and inexpensive, and is essentially the same as the merchant fees you would pay on a credit card transaction anyway. Believe me, your treasurer will love this feature as it makes consolidating payments very simple.

For those of you running the Live Scores system, the nomination program is fully compatible. After your nomination cut off time, all the shooter nominations can be uploaded into the Live Scores program and the squads are ready to go for shoot day. You can print out score sheets and be ready to go way ahead of time.

Overview

Like any new program, the event admin will need to devote some time to learning how the program works and how to use the features. What I will say is that considerable effort has gone into the nominations program design in order to make it very user friendly, so don't worry, you don't need to be a computer programmer in order to make use of it! An hour of playing around with it and I felt confident that I could use it for a real shoot.

We at Rocky Gully have used this program for our last three club shoots, and we are very, very happy with the results, so much so that we would not even think of going back to the old way of doing things. Our staff in the nominations area are not worn to frazzle at the beginning of the day trying to organise squads and take money, squads can get out and get shooting in a smooth and efficient manner and our kitchen staff can cater appropriately for the number of shooters.

Shooter feedback has been very positive, and we have tried to incorporate more functions that they want. Anyone can see who is nominated in what squad and how many places are left and so can pick a squad they want to shoot in. Those who want to shoot early and leave early can lock that in and those people needing more travel time to get to the club can choose a later squad and arrive later. Everyone's life is made easier, and isn't that what it's all about?

Access to the Online Nominations program is a free service offered to every SCA affiliated club, so why not try it for your next event? I know you will not regret it.

SOUTH EAST BRANCH

80 TARGET ENGLISH SPORTING BY SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME AT BURRUNGULE PARK

After a four month shutdown due to Covid-19, 51 Sporting Clay shooters returned to competition at Burrungule Park, in near perfect weather conditions, to compete in the 80 Target English Sporting event sponsored by Pick Ave. Bakery & Deli, Spot on Fishing & Tackle and Russell Industries.

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	3rd	M. Gates	50/80	
Seniors	1st	1st N. Kent	9/80	
	2nd	E. Scheidl	3/80	
	3rd	C. Wright	2/80	
Veterans	1st	C. VonStanke Snr	63/80	
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	3rd	E. Lawford	3/80	
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	2nd	S. Vanderhorst	46/80	
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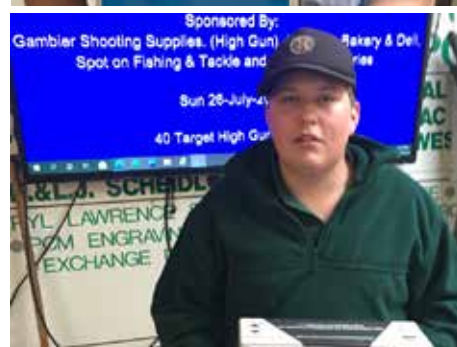
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