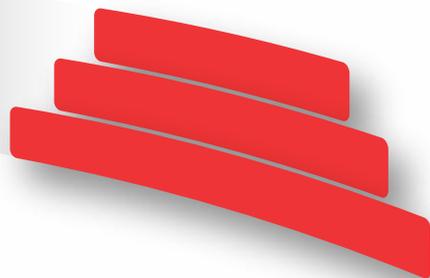


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NATIONAL COMPETITION DATES

English Sporting 2022

6th - 7th August. Gunnedah,
New South Wales

Sporting Nationals 2022

9th - 11th September. Geraldton,
Western Australia

Compak Nationals 2022

8th - 9th October. Brisbane, Queensland

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well hasn't the year started with a bang! No pun intended. The Australian FITASC Grand Prix was held by Geelong Sporting Clays and attracted 180 entries. A very challenging course was made even more so by Geelong's infamous weather. Unfortunately, the forecast wind did a 180 degree turn and made things more than a little tricky for competitors. Some amazing scores were still posted and for the most part reports were positive. With a full table of sponsor's prizes provided by OSA and Bronze Wing along with some additional cash, the winners were very happy with their spoils. The Australian FITASC Grand Prix is one of the selection events for the Australian team. It is therefore important that a suitable standard of targets is presented to test those vying for a spot. It's equally as important that everyone who attends is presented with targets that ensure they enjoy themselves and are also challenged and encouraged to progress their shooting skills. I have had a few comments about the GP such as "you need to cater for the average shooter" and as far as "the shoot was set for 15 people" My response to that is that shoots are set to cater for every member of SCA to be challenged as well as hit a few and to enjoy themselves. In the instance of the GP, being an Australian selection event, it should be set to challenge everyone from the elite competing for a place in a team right through to the C grade competitor looking to learn from the experience of competing in one of the toughest sporting events on the Australian calendar. Geelong went as far as leaving the courses as they were for their next two club events and when shot, in much better weather conditions scores were very different. Now, I'm not looking to make excuses for a tough event, and it was tough. But things need to be kept in perspective when it comes to laying blame and making sweeping statements about "never going back". I've said enough about that.

The Oceania championship was the next major for the year and this year was hosted by Shepparton Field & Game. Shepparton only joined the SCA family in 2021 and have proven to be a popular venue with VSCA members supporting their state selection events in very good numbers.

Many months of planning went into this event and the Shepparton crew are to be commended on running an amazing event. You can read more about it later in the issue, right now on behalf of SCA I want to thank everyone at the Shepparton branch who were involved in putting on an outstanding event. I would also like to thank VSCA target Director Matthew Munroe who took on much of the course design as well as Bob and Maggie Hutton for their magnificent work in the office along with Lauren Steyger and Stuart Hooper. And of course, the SCA Target Director Steve Chilton and FITASC Vice President Ray McFarlane for their assistance in the days leading up to the event. There were learnings that came out of this event just like there are from any, but I don't think anyone can complain too much about the 2022 Oceania Championship.

I also want to thank every member of SCA who attended these events. Thank you for supporting the clubs. Thank You for supporting SCA and Thank You for supporting the sport!

What's with all the thanks you say? Well, running a clay target club is a thankless task as many of you well know. Lately, volunteers are in short supply and many clubs are finding themselves in very difficult situations. Here in Victoria, two major clubs close to Melbourne are on the verge of closing their doors with the future of another looking bleak! The situation isn't much different in the country either with clubs relying on too few to do so much.

So, I'd like to put out a challenge to all our members. I challenge every member of SCA who attends an event to do one thing to help the club. It could be help setting or packing up the event, help run the office or canteen or emptying a couple of shell bins at the end of the day. It could even be something as simple as picking up some empty shells lying around the pads. Just get out there and lend a hand, or else, you might not have a club to complain about.

Finally, The Australian Team isn't far off leaving for the World Championship in Orvieto, Italy. We wish them all the very best with the knowledge they will do us proud representing Australia.

The event is being held from July 14-17 and live results can be found on the FITASC website. Links will be provided on the SCA Facebook page closer to the dates.

Remember the upcoming SCA event and put them in your calendar. Entries will open in due course.

Regards,
Anthony Panetta

TEAL TARGET TACTICS

Springing teal, springers or simply teal, can strike fear into the heart of even the most seasoned sporting clays shooter. At close range they can be very easy and often disappear in a satisfying ball of smoke. As distance and speed increase however, teal become one of the harder targets to read and hit consistently. Like any target, good technique is the key to consistently hitting these clays.

As teal can be presented in different ways, we need to sometimes adjust our techniques to suit. Picking a technique to use will also be determined by your ability and skill level as well. Angled targets with a going away component of their flight are probably better approached with a smooth swing through style. Either way, attention must be paid to the target angle, speed, and distance to determine the best way to approach the clay. Getting up and blazing away is sure to be the fastest method to zeros on your score card.

Hold points are determined by the presentation. Angled going away teal can be approached with a little higher than halfway hold point in relation to the chosen break point. This allows you to see the clay and move to it smoothly without generating too much gun speed. This type of target generally doesn't need a great deal of lead and is best approached with a smooth but aggressive swing through technique pulling the trigger as you pass through the front of the bird. If you're a one-eyed shooter, then swing through is probably the best technique for you to use no matter the presentation. Adjusting your hold point to about halfway along the clays flight path will allow you to generate more gun speed on those faster, further presentations. Pay particular attention to the targets angle. If it's moving to the left or right at all you will need to be on that side as your gun passes the bird.

High teal thrown straight up and down may best be approached using maintained lead, especially if they are presented with any serious speed or distance. For those real screamers, pick a break point with a corresponding halfway hold point. When the clay is released, you must commence your mount. Watch the clay rise behind the gun and as the gun comes to the face make sure you're looking at the clay and pull the trigger. These types of targets generally need a fair bit of lead and if you imagine them presented as a crosser it may give you a better idea of the type of lead they need.

The other thing to remember is that teal targets are always slowing down, at least on their way up. So don't be in such a rush to shoot them off the plate. While shooting them on the way up is recommended, taking a teal on the way down can be advantageous in certain situations such as when the wind is blowing it back into the shooting position.

Hopefully these quick tips can add a few more teal to you bag, or ones on your score card at least.

FITASC OCEANIA

SHEPPARTON AUSTRALIA

Shepparton Field And Game
1275 Crawford Rd, Durringile, VIC 3610

In 2022 due to the Covid 19 epidemic it was only Australia who was able to conduct FITASC Sporting International Events. Other FITASC affiliates ie, New Zealand and New Caledonia were discouraged by their Governments from international travel.

The Australia Grand Prix at the Geelong Sporting Clays Range attracted an entry of 180 with the vast majority coming from the home state of Victoria.

I was assisted in the design and setting of the targets by Anthony Panetta, Colin Johns, Brent Harbour and Colin MacPherson. The targets and their trajectories were viewed and approved by both myself and the National Target Shooting Director on the Friday, unfortunately the forecast mild Southerly wind turned 180 degrees early on the Saturday into a Northerly.

This change had a detrimental effect on a few targets especially three of the Simultaneous Doubles. Jack Gibbs Shot magnificently to record a winning score of 183/200. All other winning scores in Categories and Grades where applicable to the competitors handicap. What must be understood it is an International standard event not a club shoot.

Championship of Oceania was conducted at the Shepparton Field and Game Range. The attendance was fantastic with 280 entries. We were fortunate that New Zealand entered a Junior Team and they were accompanied by Adam Green and Andrew Welch.

The range is a combination of open flat sections on which four of the layouts were designed, the other four layouts were in the hilly treed section which provided great variation in the targets presented.

They have extremely good facilities with a large well-appointed clubhouse etc. The Shepparton Committee and Members were a delight to work with and many did not shoot so as the event could be run faultlessly (thank you).

VSTD Matthew Munroe was the main designer of the ranges and target trajectories and I congratulate him on a great effort as he took the week prior off to the event to ensure its success.

Once again it is an international event and the scores attained by the winners in their various Grades and Categories showed how our shooters have improved.

The winning score of 192/200 by Robert Hall was exceptional closely followed by Jeremy Kent on 191/200. These scores were exceptional considering the difficulty of a number of the targets.

What I saw as inspiring was the emergence of Juniors and young Ladies who performed well at both events and are receiving their reward for effort by achieving their dream of representing their country as Team Members at the World Championships in Rome.

Juniors Nicholas Brighenti and Charlie North will join Xavier Russell in the Junior Team, Bianca Norris and Emalene Munro will be our Lady representatives along with our No. 1 Lady Renae who has taken them under her wing like a mother hen and has declared that these young

ladies will be a force for many years to come.

These two international events were the final selection for the Australian Teams for the World FITASC Championships. It is satisfying that the Teams are made up of members from three of the six states that make up SCA. Each year our elite competitors in all Categories are raising the bar and I am sure they will represent SCA with distinction.

I will conclude this report on congratulating Cameron Kivinen on his performance at the recent European Championships and also Junior Xavier Russell who won the Junior Silver Medal at the American Grand Prix. The dedication of these two young men to their sport is commendable, and also the support of their parents who have made it all possible.

Footnote

2023 promises to be a better year in Oceania with New Caledonia hosting the Championship of Oceania and New Zealand conducting a New Zealand Grand Prix.

Russian competitors have been banned from participating in FITASC Events

The World Championships scheduled for 2023 in Russia have been cancelled, a new venue will be announced after the FITASC AGM in July.

The next Major event for SCA is the Ladies and Junior Training Camp to be held in Geelong on 18th and 19th June. This is always a great weekend where promising Ladies and Juniors are provided with high level tuition.

The majority of the Open, Ladies team members have participated at this event in the past and it has certainly shown that it is successful by the performances that they are producing on a regular basis

Some of our SCA States do not seem to regard this weekend as important at this stage only NSW have responded by sending down five representatives.

Two years ago before Covid, Andrew Welch brought his son over from New Zealand to participate for the experience, this year he has requested that he be invited to bring both his son and daughter who are both Juniors to participate.

He is prepared to pay to bring them both from NZ at his own expense as he is of the belief that the camp provides a great opportunity for skills improvement.

Coaching will be provided by members of the Australian Team and others.

Ray McFarlane
FITASC Vice President (Oceania)

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SHEPPARTON AUSTRALIA



Open Oceania Cup. 2nd - Jeremy Kent, 1st - Robert Hall, 3rd - Nick Guerra, 4th - Jack Gibbs.



Ladies Oceania Cup. 2nd- Bianca Norris, 1st - Renae Birgan, 3rd - Emalene Munro.



Junior teams. 2nd - NZ, Ashling Welch, Graham Welch, Zane Cottle. 1st - AUS, Charlie North, Xavier Russell, Christopher Christensen



Junior Oceania Cup. 2nd - Nick Brighanti, 1st - Xavier Russell, 3rd- Charlie North



A Grade. 2nd Bill Fraser, 1st Frank Papaluca, 3rd - Craig McNeil



C Grade. 2nd Enzo Crocitti, 1st - Fred Zito, 3rd - Ray McFarlane



B Grade. 2nd - Stephen Incani, 1st Rob Matuch, 3rd - Ryan Leman



Master Oceania Cup. 1st Alec Ceccato, 2nd -Darly Mawson



Senior Oceania Cup. 1st - Sox Pilipasidis, 3rd - Marty Seymour



Veterans Oceania Cup. 1st - Bob Brown, 2nd - Russell Pigdon.



BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS

By "Shellshocked"

On Sunday 3 April the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Championship shoot. The shoot was sponsored by Neil Treganowan who very generously provided an excellent range of prizes for the winning shooters. The day was warm, clear and sunny, and conditions were just about perfect for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very happy with the attendance of 29 shooters.

The range was set by Richard and a cast of thousands 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, with quite a few changes between rounds to keep the shooters on their toes. The targets were certainly not easy but still made for very enjoyable shooting and the best shooters recorded some very good totals.

The best score off gun was an excellent total of 66 that was shot by Travis Casey. Travis shot very consistently and with plenty of encouragement from a supportive squad was a worthy winner of the High Gun Medal.

Clay Johnston was also headed for a big total and despite a bit of a stumble in the second round he still finished with a great score of 64 and a well deserved first place in A Grade. Milparinka shooter Rowan Young had a blinder in B Grade and shot 61 to claim the first place prize by a comfortable margin at the finish. Veteran shooter Peter Hoare had a good day at the range and shot 55 to win the first place prize in C Grade.

It is always rewarding to see a good roll up of Juniors at the range. Tom Casey continued a good run of first place finishes and won the Junior Grade with a very good score of 54.

BROKEN HILL - 3 APRIL 2022 NEIL TREGANOWAN 75 TARGET GRADED			
High Gun		Travis Casey	66
A Grade	1st:	Clay Johnston	64
	2nd:	Andrew Ashwood	63
	3rd:	Rod Weaver	61
B Grade	1st:	Rowan Young	61
	2nd:	Anthony Elliott	56
	3rd:	Jeff Glasson	54
C Grade	1st:	Peter Hoare	55
	2nd:	Rodney Grenfell	52
	3rd:	Kieran McEvoy	50
Juniors	1st:	Tom Casey	54
	2nd:	Calan Lawrence	48
	3rd:	Lincoln Casey	37



Grade winners of the Neil Treganowan 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship, (left to right), Clay Johnston (A Grade), Travis Casey (High Gun), Tom Casey (Juniors), Peter Hoare (C Grade) and Rowan Young (B Grade).

On Sunday 1 May the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Handicap Championship shoot. The club provided an excellent range of prizes for the winning shooters. The day was sunny and quite mild with barely any breeze to disturb the targets, conditions were perfect for shooting clays. A twilight shoot on Saturday evening preceded the main event and organisers were well satisfied with an attendance of more than 25 shooters over both shoots.

The range was set by Clay with much appreciated support from a cast of thousands. The range was excellent, plenty of variety and interest and a lot of fun for all of the shooters. It also helped that the targets were a little easier than average. Most shooters managed to better their handicap pretty comfortably, and the best shooters recorded some very impressive totals.

The best score off the gun was an excellent total of 67 that was shot by Gerard Mahoney. Gerard had to hustle a bit to stay ahead of the field but won a very well deserved High Gun Medal by a reasonably comfortable margin at the finish.

The grade results were off handicap scores. Rod Weaver shot very consistently to win first place in A Grade with a score of 78. Richard Murphy had one of his best days at the range for some time, shot very well off the gun, and won B Grade with a score of 87, the highest handicap total for the shoot. Bob Tweedie continued a good run of results in C Grade and won the first place prize with a total of 82. Lincoln Casey has not long started clay shooting and he shot very well for a score of 75 and first place in the Junior Grade.

BROKEN HILL - 1 MAY 2022 CLUB 75 TARGET HANDICAP			
High Gun		Gerard Mahoney	67
A Grade	1st:	Rod Weaver	78
	2nd:	Travis Casey	76
	3rd:	Clay Johnston	74
B Grade	1st:	Richard Murphy	87
	2nd:	Adrian Locke	84
	3rd:	Anthony Elliott	80
C Grade	1st:	Bob Tweedie	82
	2nd:	Peter Hoare	82
	3rd:	Neil Treganowan	80
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	75
	2nd:	Tom Casey	69



Grade winners of the Club 75 target Simulated Field Graded Handicap Championship (left to right), Rod Weaver (A Grade), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Gerard Mahoney (High Gun), Bob Tweedie (C Grade) and Richard Murphy (B Grade).

COOMA SPORTING CLAYS

COOMA EASTER CLASSIC SHOOT REPORT

The 2022 easter long weekend saw Cooma Sporting Clays (CSC) host it's 39th Cooma Easter Classic.

The concept of a four-day shoot began with an idea and quickly became a reality that has stood the test of time to become a CSC Tradition.

Tradition: "a long-established custom or practice having the effect of precedent or unwritten law"

The Classic is regarded as a premier sporting clays event which comprises 10 events held over 4 days. The shoot attracts shooters from most states with strong representations from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and one shooter from Western Australia vying for the spoils. The Snowy Mountains turned on fantastic weather for the duration of the weekend. Allowing our many visitors the best of what our corner of the country can offer.

Friday saw the running of the 75 Target Sub-Gauge Championship with the overall winner being Rob Passarin of the Taralgon Sporting Clays Club in Victoria.

Saturday continued with a 100 target State Selection event which incorporated the first part of our Easter Classic competition. The overall winner for Saturday's event was Matt Hall of the Gelong Sporting Clays Club. Easter Sunday saw the culmination of our Easter Classic event, with the clear winner by nine targets being Matt Hall.

Shooters not taking a well-deserved break for the public holiday, continued into Monday's side by side competition, with Rob Passarin taking out the side-by-side championship.

In conjunction with this event, we also hold a springing teal event which saw Aaron Knowles of Brisbane Sporting Clays coming out on top.

In addition to the many events run over the four days, we run a competition for shooter who compete in each of the three different styles, Fridays' sub gauge, Saturday's state selection and Monday's side by side. This Tri-Gun Championship saw Jason Mouhert winning the Handicap event and the off the gun was won by Rob Passarin.

As is the case with all sporting club events, the event could not be a success without the enormous efforts of our members. The club would like to thank all our helpers for giving 110% over the Easter weekend and in the weeks leading up to the event.

Special mention goes out to Adam Mower, Peter Tomasi & Geoff Ingram who came to the aid of fellow shooters that had suffered mechanical failure to their camper. The boy's trailered the



stricken camper to the range on Thursday night which allowed the competitors to set up camp and compete in their intended events throughout the Classic.

Our extensive prize pool would not be possible without the generosity of our amazing sponsors:

Sub Gauge Event - Perazzi Australia

State Selection - Sporting Clays NSW

Easter Classic - Cooma Ex Services Club & Safari Firearms

Side by Side Event - Territory Firearms

A big thank you to our many locals who have also donated equipment that allowed for the seamless running of the event. Another special mention goes out to Bermagui Sporting Clay & Majura Park Gun Club for providing Traps that made life on the range a lot more pleasant.

Though we broke all event records this year, next year will see the club celebrating the 40th Easter Classic, which promises to be our biggest and best yet.

A full list of entrant's results are available on SCA Live Scores at <https://scalivescores.com.au/>

Photos (L to R) Great out look for a couple of pads, SXS Winners, Sub Gage Winners, State selection no.3 High Gun Winner



COOMA SPORTING CLAYS

COOMA LADIES DAY

Following a see-sawing couple of years with Covid and uncertainty it was refreshing to settle into a more familiar calendar with Cooma Sporting Clays (CSC) Annual "Ladies Day Shoot" on February 20th, 2022.

The concept of holding a Ladies Day Shoot was to recognise the input that SCA Lady members contribute to the overall running of our club activities.

CSC Ladies work hard in all the normal duties and earn their free entry to this event by setting what has fast come to be recognised as competitive ranges to test all skill levels.

One thing worth noting is that zero complaints were received by the Ladies Shoot Committee.

The successful running of CSC club shoots would not be possible without the generosity of our amazing sponsors:

This shoots sponsor was "Ready Set Plaster from Jindabyne"

The 100 Target Ladies Day Event is a 100 Target HCP event that sees all grades on a more level pegging with lower grade shooters predominantly featuring in the winning circle.

COOMA LADIES DAY SHOOT			
High Gun		Adrian Wellsmore	120
Ladies	1st	Emily Casey	115
	2nd	Wendy Crouch	111
	3rd	Ruby Farrell	109
AA	1st	Doug Alcock	101
	2nd	Tony Crome	95
	3rd	Darren Redman	91
A	1st	David Mills	112
	2nd	Craig Field	107
	3rd	Adam Mower	107
B	1st	Mitch Casey	117
	2nd	Sam Tomasi	116
	3rd	Adam Shiels	116
C	1st	Roger Sands	112
	2nd	Ken Jones	109
	3rd	Ian Armstrong	107
Juniors	1st	Montana Schofield	105
	2nd	Eric Kilborn	104



COOMA MIXED TARGET CHALLENGE

Following last month's successful running of the Annual Cooma Easter Classic, Sunday 15th May was time for the Cooma Sporting Clays (CSC) Members and visiting shooters to sink their teeth into another of the club's monthly competitions.

With poor weather forecast, early morning showers and threatening sky's 36 fearless shooters braved the elements and attended the club grounds. The gamble paid off with great conditions improving right throughout the event and blue skies prevailing after lunch perfect for clay shooting.

The range setters compiled 2 traditional setups that saw a good variety of targets that saw something to challenge all levels of shooters and keep everyone engaged throughout the event. A big shout out to the range setter Doug Alcock along with his helpers in James, Kerry and Neil (Top job guys).

The successful running of CSC club shoots would not be possible without the generosity of our amazing sponsors:

This shoots sponsor was "Jindabyne Joinery"

The Mixed Target Challenge is a 100 target off the gun format which is broken into graded categories. The event saw several shooters travelling from the South Coast, Bermagui, Bombala and Canberra to enjoy our fantastic region.

The quality of shooters saw several shootouts required to separate the competitors and decide the places.

Special mention goes out to Ian & Sally Armstrong for attending the Range after an extended absence, it seems that the break has served Ian well with a very impressive 71 to take out 1st place in C Grade.

Another impressive result comes from our Jnr ranks with a hard fought out battle throughout the day concluding in Montana Schofield coming out on top by the slightest of margins.

COOMA MIXED TARGET CHALLENGE			
High Gun		Tim Friend	79
A	1st	Stephen McIntyre	78
	2nd	Doug Alcock	78
	3rd	Rob Shaw	75
B	1st	Andrew Fairfield - Smith	77
	2nd	Chris Robinson	77
	3rd	Adam Mower	73
C	1st	Ian Armstrong	71
	2nd	Rohan Chapman-Davis	56
	3rd	Geoff Ingram	53
Juniors	1st	Montana Schofield	
	2nd	Callan Jamieson	
Ladies	1st	Penny White	65
	2nd	Kerry Donald	53
	3rd	Jesse Kelly	48

COOMA SPORTING CLAYS

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

A hot topic of discussion that has been at the forefront of the NSW State Body has been awareness of the SCA rules, and the importance of their implementation/enforcement at Club level.

This facet of our sport is crucial in developing a strong culture of "Sportsmanship and Fairness" from Club level right through to State events.

With the above in mind Cooma Sporting Clays (CSC) decided to offer both members along with associates of the club an opportunity to attend a 1-day free Referee's Course at the Cooma Range culminating in attendees gaining accreditation as a SCA Referee.

A great turn out with 13 participants in total and a good mixed demographic of shooters.

2 x juniors, 2 x ladies and the other 9 (1 from Bermagui) made up of new and experienced male shooters.

The theory in the morning went a little longer than expected, with a genuine thirst for knowledge and want for understanding of the rules.

The afternoon's practical component proved more engaging as the participants took it upon themselves to try and catch each other out on the rules they had learnt during the morning session. "Good fun method of learning" and good for the development of our sport

Congratulations go out to those members below for gaining Referee Accreditation:

- James Callaghan
- Peter Tomasi
- Stephen McIntyre
- Craig Cotterill
- Zack Poucher
- Neil Poucher
- Luke Kilborn
- Eric Kilborn
- Penny White
- Mark Coleman

CSC would like to take this opportunity to encourage more clubs to offer similar programs to their members to raise awareness and avoid confusion in relation to our Sports Rules & Requirements.



BERMAGUI SPORTING CLAYS

A few years ago Bermagui Field and Game, (as it was known then), was put in a position where the same 2 or 3 members were setting up for each and every shoot.

This was neither fair, nor sustainable and so the committee at the time, introduced a "Set Up Roster" program, where each year, members names are put on a list, (in the main, it is usually only once or twice a year) and they are expected to keep a copy of the roster, and turn up on their designated day/days or find a replacement, if for some reason they can't attend on the day.

On the whole, this system seems to work quite well and gives a host of new and different target presentations throughout the course of the year.

In accordance with each set up, one pre advised member, is given the main job of "Course Designer" (12 different Course Designers Per Year).

It is the Course Designers job to get in contact with each of his 4/5 designated helpers, prior to set up day, to arrange availability, set up times, car pooling etc.

The Course Designer is the boss and has the final say for each and every stand and target on the course, although usually each attending set up member has input and a mutual say in proceedings.

Please bear in mind that setups, along with shoot days are supposed to be enjoyable for all and a fun experience. Some groups even bring out their wives, swags and campers and make a weekend of it.

At Bermagui we predominantly shoot "Shotgun Starts", (all bases loaded at start time), we then shoot fifty targets in the morning, then collectively have a magnificent FREE luncheon, supplied by our Catering Committee, then shoot the remaining 50 targets in the afternoon.

This way of doing things may not work for all clubs, but it certainly works for Bermagui as it gives the club a chance to sell and draw raffle tickets, plus gives everyone a chance to catch up with old mates and cobbles and gets the shoots finished a bit earlier, thus giving travelling shooters a chance to get home in daylight.

I am often asked by new "Course Designers", how to go about setting up a course layout.

While there are no set rules to setting up a course, I have found that if you stick to a basic formula, you will more often than not, get it right.

First off, get a mud map of your ground, preferably on an A3 size board, why A3 you ask, for ease of drawing up cage locations, target trajectories and clarity of unforeseen safety issues.

Write down a list of targets needed.

1. Overhead.
2. Incomer.
3. R2L Crosser.
4. L2R Crosser.
5. Battue.
6. Rabbit
7. Looper.
8. Springing Teal.
9. Going Away.

As each target is put on the mud map, put a cross next to it on the list.

Other things that should be taken into account for setup are, long, quartering and close type targets, different types of targets, midis, standards, super-minis, minis etc etc and naturally speed settings.

The Course Designer should pre determine what level of shooter expertise is required for each and every target, eg :-

- AA grade targets2 or 3 per round of 25 targets
- A grade targets4 or 5 per round of 25 targets
- B grade targets8 or 9 per round of 25 targets
- C grade targets7 or 8 per round of 25 targets

As I said earlier, these are not hard and fast rulings and should be used as guidelines only but the Course Designer should always



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keep in mind, that at most club shoots B and C grade shooters are in the main and should be looked after accordingly, ideally you want everyone going home with a smile on their face (there is nothing more disheartening than seeing a new C grade shooter come in with 4 x low sub 10 scores, in many cases they don't return).

Prizes will always go to the best shooters on the day and remember any brain dead clown can set a course that would make the great George Digweed struggle, but that is not the job of a GOOD Course Designer.

When setting up any target on set-up day go to the trap and set the target so that it is travelling into "clear air", YES CLEAR AIR, with NO obstacles (trees, stumps, bushes, branches or rocks) to interfere with the targets flight trajectory, JUST PURE CLEAN AIR, then go to the cage (shooting position) and set the cage in any position you like bringing into play, the trees, bushes, rocks etc, to determine the degree of difficulty required to shoot the target, all the time knowing that the target is flying into clear blue skies.

This should all up take a minimum of targets.

How many times have you seen someone go through half a box of clays, trying to thread a target through a strand of trees or similar obstructions in order to produce a C grade target then come shoot day, a slight change of wind direction causes major delays, heartbreak, unhappy shooters and untold costs to the club .

Honestly, setting up a GREAT course is not rocket science. It just requires a minimal amount of "Common Sense".

LOOK AFTER CLAYS

Clays are like egg shells and are becoming extremely expensive, thus all care must be taken when handling them.

When attending to a malfunctioning trap DON'T grab a nearby box of clays to sit on for your comfort (it happens).

When transporting clays around the course DON'T lay boxes of clays on their side (it happens)

When loading clays onto the back of a ute DON'T throw them in like bales of hay (it happens).

When packing up UNLOAD clays from trap carousels, prior to transporting trap back to storage area and ensure ALL leads, aerals and remotes are packed away securely.

ABOVE ALL, REMEMBER THAT SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT AT ALL GUN CLUBS AND MUST BE AT THE FORE FRONT OF ALL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AT YOUR CLUB.



DUBBO SPORTING CLAYS

CAMP QUALITY CHARITY SHOOT

Camp Quality Charity Shoot was held on Sunday 30th January. We had a great day with an awesome range set by Rob and Mel and their band of helpers. We raised \$1500, including Rob paying out \$257.30 for every target broken (2573 targets).

Brett Hall won the teal event at 95m after a very long battle with Paula Purvis and Craig McPherson. Dylen Murray and Henry Purvis were eventually knocked out at the 85m mark, a great effort from 2 of our Sub Junior Members.

Lucky Door Prize - Sam Brander. 100 Club - 1st Jason McGrath, 2nd Stephen Smith, 3rd Kaitlin Purvis

A massive Thank You to Andrew Garvie, Craig Brown, Denis Coaker, Ron Spedding, Brett Hall and Dubbo Field & Game for their donation of prizes.

Thank goes to Amelia for cooking up a storm and feeding all of us, no one could say we went hungry. To everyone who helped set up, pack up, run office and mow the grounds.

And a massive thank you to everyone that came out and made the day a big success.

CAMP QUALITY CHARITY SHOOT JAN			
High Gun		Chris Bourke	88/100
A	1st	Rob Murray	85/100
	2nd	Craig McPherson	81/100
	3rd	Ken Purvis	81/100
B	1st	Phillip Sattler	76/100
	2nd	Tony Corderoy	75/100
	3rd	Murray Rees	70/100
C	1st	Jason McGrath	77/100
	2nd	Rob Purvis	71/100
	3rd	Paul Purvis	56/100
Seniors	1st	Paul Lyne	71/100
	2nd	Ron Spedding	63/100
Veterans	1st	Laurie Redfern	76/100
	2nd	John Sidoti	64/100
	3rd	Milton Cartwright	59/100
Masters	1st	Denis Coaker	81/100
	2nd	Bob Glasson	62/100
	3rd	Keith Lyne	60/100
Ladies	1st	Mel Phillips	80/100
	2nd	Paula Purvis	66/100
	3rd	Melissa Bourke	48/100
Juniors	1st	Nick Lyne	73/100
	2nd	Aliza Purvis	50/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Ryan McPherson Jake McPherson Dylen Murray	70/100

Left to Right: High Gun Winner Chris Bourke with Rob Murray and Grant Berryman, Shooters Viewing Targets, Prize Table with Grant Berryman, Sub Junior Winners Dylen Murray, Jake McPherson and Ryan McPherson with Rob Murray and Grant Berryman



FEB SHOOT			
High Gun		Stephen Cooper	81/100
A	1st	Craig McPherson	77/100
	2nd	Brett Hall	73/100
B	1st	Glen Bloink	79/100
	2nd	Stephen Smith	76/100
	3rd	Adam Carmichael	74/100
C	1st	Lance Murphy	56/100
	2nd	Michael O'Dell	55/100
	3rd	Jason McGrath	55/100
Senior	1st	Jeff Hall	62/100
	2nd	Mark McDonald	43/100
Veteran	1st	Laurie Redfern	70/100
	2nd	John Sidoti	70/100
	3rd	Tony Everett	59/100
Masters	1st	Denis Coaker	73/100
	2nd	Les Townsend	51/100
Ladies	1st	Melinda McGrath	58/100
	2nd	Mo Ross	39/100
	3rd	Pedr Corderoy	29/100
Juniors	1st	Dylen Murray	45/100



High Gun Winner Stephen Cooper



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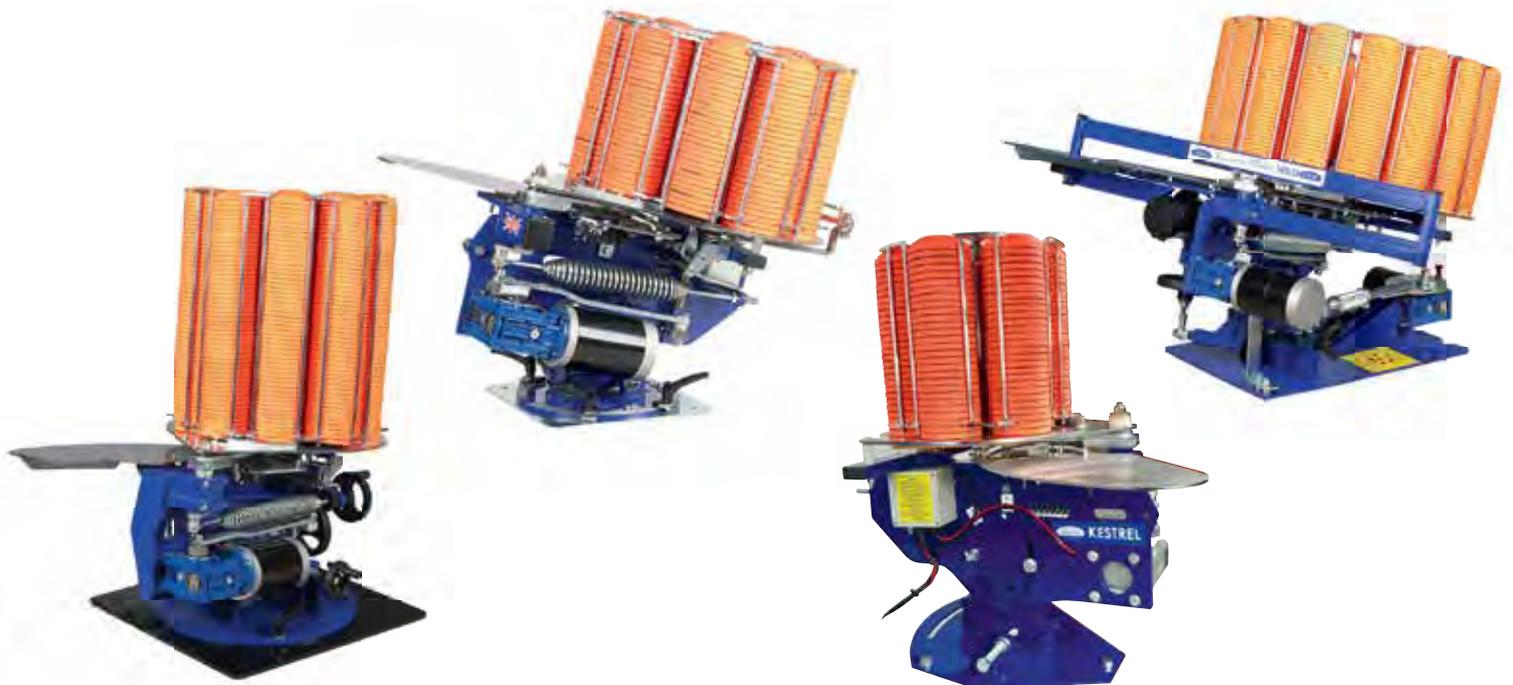




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SYDNEY SPORTING CLAYS

ASC NEWS

Well, 2022 has been a little wet in Sydney along with most of the east coast. Let's just say we now have some understanding of what a wet spell in the UK is like? Except we have humidity on top and it's still bloody raining!

We have even cancelled shoots due to the torrential rain. Whinge over.

ASC has had fantastic attendances at every shoot so far this year and shooters are just happy to get in a few rounds after all the lockdowns of 2021.

We have continued to update our range with several new shooting positions and trap locations.

The 1st May was our first working bee for 2022 with around 30 members attending including the St George Hunters team. We managed to clear nearly two years of overgrowth in a single day, Johnathon's mulcher didn't stop all day. Plus a heap of general maintenance, paint, oils and clean

We have finally received council approval to erect our covered area on stand 7 and are still awaiting approval for our carpark extension, lucky I'm not holding my breath!

Our first major shoot of the year was the 5th SCNSW selection on 14th May. Thanks to our sponsors Gary at Safari Firearms and SCNSW we were able to put up over \$3500 in prizes.

With a weeks' worth of solid rain on already soaked grounds our ground workers were well and truly waterlogged by Friday night and sick of wet clays and mud that's for sure.

Saturday dawned with a thick fog over the ground and thankfully progressed into a perfect shooting day, clear skies and no wind.

With nearly 130 shooters at the start gate, the pre-shoot briefing was quite clear don't muck around, back up get in and get out thankfully 90% got the message. However, we did have a squad start on the wrong layout? The day did progress extremely well with no flat batteries or breakdowns and only one quick stoppage to fill the tower on stand 10. Most shooters approved of the targets even if they were testing with only two possible's shot on the day. Fantastic shooting from both Craig Brown & Wazza Thorpe.

Unfortunately, a perfect day just slipped away at the last minute with two squads left stranded on B range with two pads to finish as the light turned to darkness in the blink of an eye. A range was slightly better off with the last two squads pushing through to finish the last pad in let's say testing light.

With the course not completed by all competitors the SCNSW Executives had a tough job on their plates to find a solution and in quick time!

The solution was to take the final visit to B course off all shooters scores. This was always going to drastically change the standings for some.

As we know the true sportsman might cop a tough call occasionally,

they just take it on the chin and get on with it. So, congratulations to Craig Brown for not only his fantastic shooting on the day but his sportsmanship, as he was clearly the most affected by circumstances beyond his control.

On Sunday the English Sporting 120 Sponsored by OTC thanks Lee & Simon for the fantastic prize pool on the table, with some extra help from Mr John from HPGS.

This was a massive success for E/S in NSW with 95 entrants and some very testing pairs for most, except one Dan Baskerville who took HG with an impressive 109/120 not bad for a fisherman? He must pull Marlin in like carp.

We did manage to get everyone finished in daylight and even had time to reflect on a big weekend of top-class shooting.

We have several big events on the horizon at ASC

The Bermagui fund raiser on Saturday the 18th June which will be a fun shoot for all with a few surprises?

Then the SCNSW state Championships on 20th/21st August, which we hope to be able to use a little more new ground and some new targets.

Looks like ASC biggest issue in 2022 is going to be supply of clays and ammo, as demand is not a problem. It's great to have such a positive shooter base.

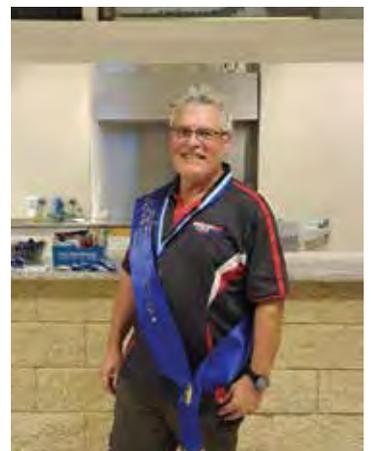
Special thanks to all the ASC crew for their big efforts so far in 2022.

Regards

Paul Smidt

ASC President

21/05/22



LAANG SPORTING CLAYS

Recently we undertook some upgrades to both the shooting areas and the access.

This has given us more areas to shoot in, allowing a greater variety to our already extensive targets.

Additionally some much needed access tracks were also upgraded allowing much easier access to all shooters, including the addition of a bridge coming off our main track finishing off splitting to two tracks on the north side, all completed with the works being undertaken by a local. Thanks

The upgrades wouldn't have been possible without some assistance from some of our local shooters completing all required paperwork, even though they don't want to be publicly recognised at a club level we know who they are and to say we are grateful for their many hours of assistance goes without saying.

Clayton Lanigan

Secretary

Warrnambool SSAA Laang Range

Laang Upgrades



Mornington Hits & Missus prize winners



MORNINGTON NEWS

Hello to everyone from the beautiful Mornington Peninsula. Yes, it's been a while! Mornington CTC like all clubs around the country have awoken from lockdown stronger and better than ever.

The club has been able to continue to grow its membership and shoot attendances have been pleasing for what our shoot program has put on so far in 2022.

It has its major raffle being held once again for a very unique Beretta shotgun which can be purchased through the club's social media page.

With the nations borders re-opening and life getting back to normal, MCTC members have taken the opportunity to travel once more and participate at other club's events such as the Cooma Classic.

The MCTC congratulates members Alan White, Daniel Fritsch, Matt Harris Spencer and Jason Barclay, all had podium finishes across the various formats of the Classic.

Also, the club had an extremely good attendance at the recently completed FITASC Championship of Oceania, held for the first time at Shepparton F&G.

Ben Studham flew the MCTC flag proudly there taking second in the Junior category. The club congratulates all these members on their fine achievements.

At the end of April, the club once again conducted its very popular Generation Classic held in conjunction for the first time with its Hits & Missus Couples Championship.

Numbers were extremely good on the day and the atmosphere was fantastic. Pictures of the winners and place getters are within this article. Plans are now underway to combine the two into a Sporting Clay family day for 2023. Stay tuned.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Studham Plumbing, Crown Melbourne, Peninsula Hot Springs and Herbalife Nutrition who supported the day and to all the other sponsors of the club who support the MCTC in these very challenging economic times. Your efforts are why the club is in a very good shape.

As stated earlier our borders are opening and this also includes our international one. We have several members preparing to travel in the new world to the northern hemisphere for the 44th World FITASC Sporting Championships. This will be held in Orvieto, Italy in July. We wish them well in their travels and the competition.

The clubs sporting program now turns towards its Compak Sporting series, being held in June and August, and it is once again being supported by Gamebore Australia. This will be two great warm up events for the VSCA State Compak Championships being held at the club in late October. Stay tuned to the club's social media page for details.

Well, that's it. Looking forward to seeing our Sporting Clay fans on the Mornington Peninsula soon.

BUGS

OCEANIA SCA SHOOT

2022 OCEANIA SCA SHOOT

My first Oceania shoot for SCA. When Dad asked me if I wanted to shoot the Oceania Sporting Clays in Shepparton which was close to home, I didn't really comprehend the size of the event. I don't think Dad did either, because on the first day we were running late and arrived 5 minutes before our squad started. When we finally arrived, I couldn't believe the number of cars and shooters already there and that's when it hit me how big this event really was. I quickly jumped out of the car as we only had 5 minutes to get ready. I looked over and saw Xavier Russell one of the best juniors in Australia and a couple of other juniors with state jackets waiting for me. This is when the nerves started, especially being squadded up with all these gun junior shooters. (I did quietly think to myself I would love to have one of those jackets one day!)

When we arrived at the first station, we looked at the targets presented and I thought WOW these are awesome, I can have a crack at these! First pad I hit my first target and all the nerves start to go. As we got into the first round, I thought this was quite special shooting in this event. I found myself quickly learning from all the squad members and enjoyed each and everyone's company throughout the weekend. What I really enjoyed from the event was forming the new friendships and how relaxed it was even though it was a big event. This competition tested my shooting ability and allowed me to see where my ability lies. After the Oceania's I now keep in touch with a couple of the Vic junior boys. I would advise any junior wanting to compete to squad up with the juniors just for the experience.

The targets over the whole event were very well thought out and presented very well. They were challenging and made me work extremely hard.

I thought the shoot was extremely well organised, one thing I would like to see would be more shooting stalls and merchandise, if possible, but I did con mum into a new shooting jacket which was a bonus!

One thing I took away from this event is that shooting clays is my passion and I aspire to one day represent Victoria in Sporting Clays Australia or wear an Australian Shirt.

Nate Palubiski



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QSCA JUNE 2022 UPDATE

Well folks we are well into the 2022 season. Not much happening around the traps as we endure the deluge that Queensland has received & continues to receive since November 2021.

The Second State Qualifier at Southern Downs went off with out any problems. A great day was had by all. The targets were up to standard & Denis Dinte Shot like a champion to take out High gun with a fantastic score only dropping four targets for a 71/75. Other scores below

We are in the process of rejigging the QSCA English Sporting State Titles & hopefully by the time you receive this report we will have set a date with Beaudesert to move forward.



The main news to report has been the acceptance of the QSCA Constitution on the second reading where the interested members voted in the new Constitution. The process on the first reading required 75% of the individual members to cast a vote. As in most associations this 75% participation never happens & it always goes to a second Special meeting where the majority attending (or supplying a proxy vote) has their say, one way or the other.

Our State Association has matured over the years as we have grown from just a couple of Clubs into many. The old QSCA Constitution did not reflect the process of operating with the continued Club members coming on board. It is the Clubs that drive the QSCA This process has been ongoing for 5 plus years & Ashley Mead was very energetic in getting the QSCA State Constitution revitalised & brought up to date.

The main take on the Constitution to be aware of is that the Clubs are the members to the State Association, which changes from the old constitution which had the Individual member as the controlling force of the Association. The special meeting called did not have any negative votes being cast. The new structure of the QSCA Constitution now brings us in line with the SCA body who operate on a similar Constitution.

The things to look out for in the Competition cycle in Queensland for the next six months.

- **Childers Sporting Clays – 2 Day Selection event**
16th & 17th July
- **Brisbane Sporting Clays – 2 Day State Titles**
23rd & 24th July
- **Brisbane Sporting Clays – SCA National Compak**
8th & 9th October

Anyway, that’s about it for now. Stay dry & safe, hopefully the next six months brings sunny weather back to Queensland.

QSCA 2021 – STATE COMPAK CHILDERS SPORTING CLAYS – 150 TARGETS

High Gun		Denis Dinte	71/75
AA	1st	Aaron Knowles	68/75
	2nd	Michael Lucas	67/75
	3rd	Glen Graham	66/75
A	1st	Daniel Davis	64/75
	2nd	James Palfreeman	61/75
	3rd	James Christensen	56/75
B	1st	Anthony Nix	53/75
	2nd	Andy Cassidy	48/75
C	1st	Scott Blinman	54/75
	2nd	Naden Gray	48/75
	3rd	Les Sutton	48/75
Ladies	1st	Maree Birgan	62/75
	2nd	Shannon Palreeman	59/75
	3rd	Karen Rider	49/75
Senior	1st	David Evans	66/75
	2nd	Glen Rider	63/75
	3rd	Michael Birgan	61/75
Veteran	1st	Guy Bedington	64/75
	2nd	Maxwell Barton	44/75
	3rd	Geoff Irvine	123/150
Junior	1st	Chris Christensen	59/75
	2nd	Luke Taylor	49/75
	3rd	Jack Davis	48/75



Denis Dinte (Left) Aaron Knowles (QSCA State Secretary – Right)

QUEENSLAND SPORTING CLAYS

Fraser Coast Sporting Clays continues to increase membership, improve and expand facilities, thanks to the financial assistance provided through over \$17000 in grants received over the years from the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

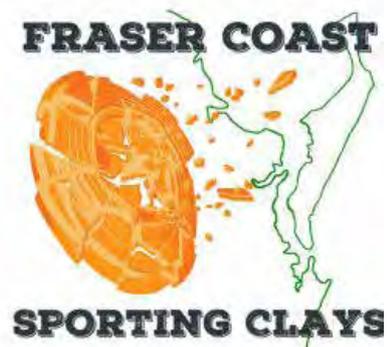
In 2021, grant funds aided in the purchase of new trap batteries, antennas & modem to receive reliable phone service which allows for SCA live scoring and eftpos facility.

In 2019, grants enabled the club to purchase a generator, computer and printer.

Again in 2022, Fraser Coast Council accepted our application and provided essential funding.

Club Vice President David Frost is in the process of acquitting the 2022 grant as the following works have now been completed: Safely accessing the skeet high house and bunker sporting stand has been greatly improved with new stairways and safety rails. New fencing erected between the skeet and DTL layouts makes it possible to shoot both disciplines simultaneously. Our thanks go to Community Grants team and Alderman Paul Truscott who have been great supporters of the club. Paul surprised all of us with his shooting ability when he came out to inspect the completed work and shot a round.

Unfortunately, we had a major septic failure at our State selection shoot. Inspections revealed that a major upgrade of the system was required. Again the Council's plumbing department assisted with advice and support.



Our Thursday mid-week shoots have proved a great success financially and as a pathway to gaining new members. FCSC is the only club in the Fraser Coast and Wide Bay area able to attract shooters with offering four disciplines - sporting, skeet, DTL and Tower.

We can't wait for the **"TRUFLIGHT HOT 100's"** - 100TGT - 25targets over the four disciplines on **Sunday 2nd October**.

Remember the date 02 October which is also the peak time for whale watching in Hervey Bay.

Cheers from all at Fraser Coast Sporting Clays



PERTH METRO SPORTING CLAYS

We have completed all the necessary paperwork to change our name from Perth Metro F&G to the new Perth Metro Sporting Clays Ass Inc. this is bringing Perth Metro in to the 21st century. We have a great team leading the way to make PMSC the WA home of sporting Clays. We have had some challenges getting the constitution updated and changes to the new name but we think this definitely represents us better as a Sporting Clays club with the added support of our members only rifle ground.

Thank you to all the members who have had a hand in the changes and in the picking of the new PMSC logos which looks amazing and very modern.

Special Thank You to Rob von Pirsch of Redback Digital Pty Ltd. for the extra effort you put in and the new website that I know will be truly amazing. The committee over the last 2 years for your forward thinking and full support with many emails and ideas coming together to give us a perfect start to the next 40yrs+.

We now have the signage up, which looks brilliant, a big Thank You to Peter G for all your hard work.

We have many ideas and plans in the pipeline for this year and beyond, we are working hard to get the members shooting more and opening up at least 1 day a week at one of the two grounds, I know that many of you have asked for this and we just need to get the last few things together to support this at both grounds, we are hoping Fridays would be a good place to start?

Have you attended our Whiteman Pk Ground? You could be in for a great surprise the ground works is getting done, also some more walkways to access the stands but the biggest thing is the new layout that we are working on, no more 5 Stand! We are working on improving to have English sporting stands (2 Traps) and 5 stations. We had our first 100 target event in early May this went fantastically well with 46 shooters attending, everyone really enjoyed the day and we are looking to making it a permanent layout soon!

We have a Trap maintenance day booked in August for any member who wishes to learn more about the care and setting of traps, so you can help us at the different grounds. Please contact president@pmfg.org.au to get more information.

We had our first shoot as PMSC in March at Wanneroo Ground, with a great turnout of 66 shooters, the weather was perfect for an Autumn Day.

High Gun – David K

A Grade 1-Danon R, 2- Nick M, 3- Macca

B Grade, 1-Jarrold W, 2-Chris U, 3- Chris O'R

C Grade, 1- Terry G, 2- Amit B, 3- David S

Junior- Riley V

In April PMSC ran our first PMSC Coach Course, this is an initiative to get more help for our growing membership base, who love our

coaching days, we had 6 attendees, who all had a fantastic day, they spent a full day at Wanneroo ground, learning the basics of coaching and more importantly becoming confident to go out and help others. If you see one of our coaches out in an orange hi-vis vest and you are having trouble with a target, please ask for help, they are more than happy to talk targets.

We hope to hold a course every year as our membership grows.

We have our sponsored Absolute Scapes English Sporting Shoot on this Sunday 29th May. We hope that you all enjoy these different events that we set up for you all. Please remember that even on the competition days they will be just as much fun as the practice days. Come along and have some fun with your fellow members, this is just an opportunity for you to socialise with like minded people.

We have more coaching days booked for this year so, keep an eye out on your emails to when they are happening, we had a 3on1 coaching day last month which went incredibly well and a couple of the participants won a couple of shoots after so, it's worth getting help when you're ready.

Next 3on1 coaching day is in June with a couple of spots left for the afternoon.

What a great first half to 2022, thanks to all the helpers it has been great this year so many of our members are truly stepping up, if any members want to join us to get shoots ready or help with club events, please contact me at president@pmfg.org.au and I will point you to the right people to talk to.

We look forward to seeing you soon at any of our 3 Grounds.

Warm Regards,

Tracey Grayer.

President



SPORTING CLAYS WA

STATE AGGREGATE QUALIFIERS

STATE QUALIFIER 1 - HARVEY SPORTING CLAYS

The State Aggregate competition with the first qualifier for the year being held in Harvey on Sunday 13th March 2022. It was a great turn out with 94 shooters taking part. Congratulations to Danon Randazzo on winning High Gun with an impressive 92/100, and Tony Trainor for taking home the only 25 break badge for the day. Competitors will return to Harvey later this year for the State 2 day Sporting Clays Championships to be held on the 13th/14th August 2022.

STATE QUALIFIER 2- HASTINGS SPORTING CLAYS

Due to the forever imposing Covid health risks, Three Springs Sporting Clays made the decision to cancel their 2022 shoot program which included the State qualifier event, we look forward to having Three Springs back on board in 2023. So, our shooters were keen for the next state qualifier and headed off to Hastings. Bracing the fresh morning air 76 shooters competed in the 2nd State Qualifier on the 15th of May. Some very impressive scores were seen across the board, with 50 break badges going to Nicko Melanko and Rhys Howard, and 25 break badges awarded to Tony Trainor, Maria Dunnett, Glen Ward, Michael McDonald, Danon Randazzo, Steve Tunnicliffe, Merv Holben and Mick Thomas Jnr. Congratulations to all.

RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA HARVEY SPORTING CLAYS STATE QUALIFIER 1 13TH MARCH 2022

High Gun		Danon Randazzo	92/100
AA Grade	1st:	Michael McDonald	90/100
	2nd:	Paul Bowles	89/100
	3rd:	Clayton Dennis	86/100
A Grade	1st:	Garry Stipinovich	87/100
	2nd:	Nick Melanko	86/100
	3rd:	Ryan Mcpherson	86/100
B Grade	1st:	Tom Stoney	84/100
	2nd:	Glen Doran	82/100
	3rd:	Jarrod Witney	81/100
C Grade	1st:	Kevin Dodd	78/100
	2nd:	Benjamin Butcher	74/100
	3rd:	Michael Ledger	70/100
Seniors	1st:	Tony Trainor	91/100
	2nd:	Kim Halbert	87/100
	3rd:	Paul McGowan	86/100
Ladies	1st:	Maria Dunnett	79/100
	2nd:	Tracey Grayer	78/100
	3rd:	Sharon Merritt	59/100
Juniors	1st:	Tristan Noble	69/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Jackson Butcher	73/100
	2nd	Liam Thomas	70/100

RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA HASTINGS SPORTING CLAYS STATE QUALIFIER 2 15TH MAY 2022

High Gun		Tony Trainor	95/100
AA Grade	1st:	Glen Ward	89/100
	2nd:	Michael McDonald	86/100
	3rd:	Danon Randazzo	86/100
A Grade	1st:	Nick Melanko	92/100
	2nd:	Paul Bailey	87/100
	3rd:	Steve Tunnicliffe	85/100
B Grade	1st:	Mick Thomas Jnr	85/100
	2nd:	Ron Van Heerden	84/100
	3rd:	Robert Gatto	80/100
C Grade	1st:	Ian Gamble	67/100
	2nd:	Alan Curtin	62/100
	3rd:	James McBain	60/100
Seniors	1st:	Peter Grayer	87/100
	2nd:	Dave Knight	82/100
	3rd:	Mick Thomas	86/100
Ladies	1st:	Maria Dunnett	89/100
	2nd:	Stacey Bell	70/100
	3rd:	Karen Dunnett	66/100
Juniors	1st:	Jaxson Bryant	68/100
	2nd	Tristan Noble	58/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Oliver Hill	77/100
	2nd	Liam Thomas	66/100

SPORTING CLAYS NATIONALS 2022

9th - 11th September

Echidna Park, Western Australia



SCA NATIONALS 2022

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE!

In great attempts to move past the Covid Crisis, Echidna Park Sporting Clays are excited to be presenting the 2022 Sporting Clays Australia Nationals on September 9th-11th at Echidna Park, Geraldton WA. Preparations at the club are well underway with the team working hard to put together a Nationals you won't forget. Situated just a short drive from the Geraldton City Centre, Echidna Park will have everything you need for a supreme weekend of shooting. This includes the fully stocked club house and dining area, with meals and refreshments available from start to finish, licensed bar, ablutions, and hot showers on site, 48 powered caravan sites and unlimited self-contained caravan and camping sites, marquee hire for vendors and bus transportation around the grounds.

Things to Remember:

- Club Address: Yanget Rd, East Chapman WA 6532.
- Practice grounds will be open from Wednesday 7th September.
- For those wishing to camp, the grounds will be open the week prior to the competition, you are more than welcome to come in early and get yourself set up, if you plan on arriving earlier than that, please RSVP your arrival to the Echidna Park President.
- There are no reservations of powered sites, first in best dressed!
- No private vehicles will be used for transport to and from grounds, buses will be provided all weekend and it is your responsibility to ensure you are prepared when your squad is scheduled to depart.
- Meals, drinks, and ice are available for purchase from the clubhouse.
- Eftpos is available on grounds but no cash out- sorry.
- No "on the day" nominations will be accepted; all nominations must be submitted online prior to the event. Nominations will be launched on the SCA website.
- All interstate competitors, vendors and suppliers travelling with guns or ammunition, you must obtain a WA Firearms permit. Please contact the SCWA State Secretary to apply secretary@sportingclayswa.org.au

Need help with accommodation? We suggest getting in early with travel plans and if you intend to book accommodation or hire a van.

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To stay up to date with all the information regarding the SCA Nationals 2022, please visit our website at <https://www.echidnaparksportingclays.com.au/> and follow us on Facebook at Echidna Park Sporting Club. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the club, and one of our friendly members will be able to assist you.

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BURRUNGULE PARK SPORTING CLAYS

MARCH SHOOT

South East Field & Game held its final Compak event of the summer series at Burrungule Park.

After heavy rain that affected the February event, the 62 shooters that nominated for the event were greeted with near perfect conditions of 31°C for sporting Clays.

60 targets were on offer to competitors, all shot as pairs.

Sponsors for the day included; K & S Fuels, O'Connor & Graney & Castec Rural Supplies.

Jeremy Kent took out the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun with 55/60 Next SEFGA Event at Burrungule Park; 24th April 75 Targets State Qualification Shoot



2ND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE QUALIFICATION

The 2nd South Australian State qualification shoot held by South East Field & Game Association at Burrungule park.

74 Sporting Clays shooters from around the state nominated for the event sponsored by O.G.Roberts, Cocky's Autopro & Millicent Tyre centre.

Near perfect Autumnal weather greeted the competitors as they tackled Ken Atkin's course.

Jeremy Kent took out the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun but only after a shoot off with Dane Hastings, after Hastings rolled back the years and tied with Kent on 72/75.

Other notable performances came from Australian Junior team Xavier Russell who made the long trip from Shepparton worthwhile shooting 71/75 and claiming the Junior category.

The soon to be Octogenarian Peter Klieve claimed his first possible 25 Badge after a lifetime shooting sporting clays.

Charles Wallis, President

Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Winner Jeremy Kent with Sponsor & Runner Up Dane Hastings & AA Grade; Mark Fabris, Ron Rhook & Ken Atkin

27 MARCH 2022 ENGLISH SPORTING

High Gun		Jermey Kent	55/60
AA Grade	1st	Mark Fabris	51
	2nd	Ron Rhook	51
	3rd	Ken Atkin	47
A Grade	1st	Mick Banning	43
	2nd	Chris VonStanke	41
	3rd	Graeme James	38
B Grade	1st	Brian Shelton	39
	2nd	Darren Murrel	35
	3rd	Charles Wallis	34
C Grade	1st	Doug Rhode	38
	2nd	Scott Fleming	29
	3rd	Jordon Mervart	26
Seniors	1st	Leigh Dunn	47
	2nd	Chris Wright	39
	3rd	Greg Kessegian	39
Vets	1st	Ernie Scheidl	47
	2nd	Neville Kent	44
	3rd	Chris VonStanke	41
Ladies	1st	Janette Densley	47
	2nd	Tasha Bellinger	45
	3rd	Sonya Vanderhorst	31
Juniors	1st	Kody Vanderhorst	47
	2nd	Declan Wright	45
	3rd	Brody VonStanke Dowie	32
Sub Juniors	1st	Shakielle VonStanke	41
	2nd	Jack Dyson	32
	3rd	Kain Ashby	30

75 TARGET SPORTING CLAYS 2ND STATE QUALIFYING SHOOT. 24 APRIL 2022

High Gun		Jermey Kent	72/75
AA Grade	1st	Dane Hastings	72
	2nd	Joe Densley	71
	3rd	Daniel Falco	68
A Grade	1st	Alex Button	68
	2nd	Chris VonStanke	66
	3rd	Michael Gill	65
B Grade	1st	Ben Hastings	67
	2nd	Simon Withers	59
	3rd	Nick Glenn	59
C Grade	1st	Scott Fleming	41
	2nd	Jack Schulz	36
	3rd	Jordon Mervart	34
Seniors	1st	Chris Ball	66
	2nd	Greg Kessegian	64
	3rd	Malcolm Price	60
Vets	1st	Neville Kent	69
	2nd	Ernie Scheidl	64
	3rd	Peter Klieve	61
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	62
	2nd	Vicki Johnstone	62
	3rd	Janette Densley	61
Juniors	1st	Xavier Russell	71
	2nd	Cody Vanderhorst	61
	3rd	Zac Button	61
Sub Juniors	1st	Shakielle VonStanke	63
	2nd	Noah VonStanke	43
	3rd	Reece Fleming	40

SEFGA MAY SHOOT

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME'S MAY SHOOT

70 shooters descended on Burrungule Park in near perfect autumnal weather conditions to tackle targets set by Rolf Bugden and his hard working crew of volunteers.

Sponsors for this month's event were Collins Court Butchers, Beljon Pastoral and BOC Gases (Mt. Gambier) This event was also the second leg of the Lake Bonney Sporting Clays/Burrungule Park Inter club challenge. Burrungule Park shooters held a

7 target advantage after the first leg at Lake Bonney the previous week.

Burrungule Parke managed to extend their lead to retain the Inter club challenge trophy.

Jeremy Kent continued his rich vein of form to claim the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun scoring 71/75

Upcoming Shoot

Limestone Coast Sporting 150

Saturday 11th Burrungule Park

Sunday 12th Lake Bonney Sporting Clays

MAY 75 TARGETS SPORTING CLAYS. 2ND LEG OF THE LAKE BONNEY/ SOUTH EAST CHALLENGE.

High Gun		Jeremy Kent	71/75
AA Grade	1st	Gavin Dyson	68
	2nd	Danny Belinger	68
	3rd	Daniel Ashby	63
A Grade	1st	Wayne Gurney	62
	2nd	Tony Sellars	62
	3rd	Tim Widdison	60
B Grade	1st	Tim Llyod	58
	2nd	Angus Maddern	57
	3rd	Nathan Smith	55
C Grade	1st	Robert Simson	49
	2nd	Richard Try	45
	3rd	Ian Lister	43
Seniors	1st	Chris Wright	68
	2nd	Leigh Dunn	65
	3rd	Greg Kessegian	64
Vets	1st	Rolf Bugden	59
	2nd	Chris VonStanke	58
	3rd	Neville Kent	57
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	64
	2nd	Rebecca Kober	42
	3rd	Charlotte Devaud	41
Juniors	1st	Declan Wright	61
	2nd	Ben Hastings	55
Sub Juniors	1st	Kain Ashby	49
	2nd	Jack Dyson	46
	3rd	Shakielle VonStanke	46



Photos (All L to R)

Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Winner Jeremy Kent, Veterans Rolf Bugden, B Grade Tim Lloyd, Juniors Declan Wright & Ben Hastings, A Grade Wayne Gurney & Tim Widdison, Sub-Juniors Kain Ashby, Jack Dyson & Shakielle VonStanke, Inter Club Challenge Trophy, SEFGA Committee Member Chris Wright with Lake Bonney Sporting Clays President Wayne Gurney, Ladies Tasha Bellinger, Bec Kober & Charlotte Devaud, Seniors Chris Wright, Leigh Dunn & Greg Kessagian, AA Grade Gavin Dyson, Danny Bellinger & Daniel Ashby.



LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

COLIN WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL SHOOT EASTER SUNDAY

There were 68 shooters attending the Colin Whitehead Memorial shoot on Easter Sunday, the event was a 50 handicap event run over 25 stand compact courses.

The Whitehead family sponsored the prizes which included both Easter eggs and vouchers to the Grand Hotel.

There were 3 25/25 perfect rounds shot, they were shot by Mick Banning, Trevor Gould and Greg Kessegian.

Mick Banning took out AA grade in front of Dane Hastings and Tom Weir.

First in A grade went to Doug Cowland, with Trevor Gould second and Jamo in third.

Plum Werchon won B grade by one target ahead of Herb Whitehead and Duncan Munro in third.

Peter Ellery won C grade, a count back was needed to award Daniel Badman second and Jacob Willison third.

The Veterans grade was won by Kevin Dyson ahead of Gary Dangerfield in second and Bill Morrison taking third.

Greg Kessegian had no competition in the Seniors grade.

Bernie Peters took first in the ladies grade by one target Ahead of Rachael Withers and Sam Freeman in third.

Sub Juniors was won by Darci Bell who ended up with the highest score of the day with her handicap, second went to Liam Millard just two targets behind and Tyler Collins rounded out the top 3, fourth and fifth went to Harry Bell and Shak VonStanke respectively.

Once again the shoot ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of the volunteers.

Photos (All L to R)

A. Mick Banning Tim Widdison Brenton Ferguson, AA. Danny Bellinger Dane Hastings, AA. Tom Weir Mick Banning Herb Whitehead. B. Nate Smith Mitchell Moody, Ladies. Bernie Peters Rachel Withers Sam Freeman, C. Alex Gordon Ian Lister, Vets. Herb Kevin Dyson Bill Morrison, Sub j. Shark VonStanke Darci Bell Harry Bell Liam



LAKE BONNEY VS BURRUNGULE CHALLENGE FOR 2022

Sunday was the first round of the Lake Bonney vs Burrungule Challenge for 2022. There were 59 competitors at the shoot ground on a windy cold day, suitably sponsored by Goodwindi Charolais. There were only two shooters to manage a perfect 25/25, in the challenging conditions, the badges were awarded to Chris Wright who went on to win Highgun and to Shak VonStanke scoring his first 25/25.

Burrungule shooter Chris Wright took Highgun by 2 targets over fellow club member Dane Hastings who took out first place in AA grade, second place went to another Burrungule shooter Jeremy Kent and third to Lake Bonney shooter Danny Bellinger.

A Grade went to Lake Bonney local Mick Banning after a shoot off with Burrungule shooter Tim Widdison, with Brenton Ferguson (Lake Bonney) taking third.

Nate Smith won B grade ahead of Mitchell Moody and Brian Shelton.

C grade was a clean sweep for the Lake Bonney club with no Burrungule members, Richard Try won first with Alex Gordon taking second and Ian Lister third.

Bruce Oakley had no competition in the Seniors grade so took an easy win.

The Veterans grade was won by Neville Kent, Chris VonStanke snr took out second just two targets behind and Kevin Dyson placed third.

Shak VonStanke won the sub juniors grade with Harry Bell in second ahead of his sister Darci Bell in third and Noah VonStanke coming in fourth.

After all was said and done Burrungule is leading the challenge by 7 targets.

Thank you to the sponsors, the workers and all the best to all the shooters for the next half of the challenge.

ROCKY GULLY

We are well into our shooting year now with our State championships and nationals coming up soon in 2022. Its essential to try and see a whole lot of different targets and presentations to develop your shooting skills and those of us who go on to shoot at the major events really appreciate the chance to experience as much variety in targets as we can in order to get ourselves in "match shape". To that end, in the last few months it has been fantastic to see us getting some additional people stepping up and designing competition courses for our events at Rocky Gully Sporting Clays. We all know it is always such a big thing to get any sort of help around sporting clubs and it's even better when that help has a wealth of shooting experience and target setting. We have had both Jim Bologiannis, Alex Button and Todd Angus take the reins for setting targets for two shoots. All have been shooting and setting targets for many years. Thanks to them and some other eager club members that stepped up to make the shoots run and give our regular crew a bit of a breather. We have had some amazing and different ideas for targets that has kept us all challenged and interested. Thank you so much for your help from the whole club.

On the competition front, Rocky Gully is hosting its State Qualification shoot on July 17th. We hope to offer another varied course for the last of the SA rounds that will have something to offer shooters from beginners to the best in the state. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we get our usual expected roll out. Look out for our event on SCA Livescores or go to our website or facebook page for details. Shooter numbers are capped, so if you are thinking about attending, don't leave it until the last minute to nominate.

PERMANENT PRACTICE LAYOUT NEARS COMPLETION

Besides our regular shoot activities to keep us busy, our team has had our hands full with the construction of our new project, a permanent practice field. This has been a long held dream for many



MEC 406XPs midi & battue in their solar powered purpose built mobile houses



Dean, Andrew & Greg working through the program set up



2 more traps in their solar powered purpose built houses



Voice activation control

of us at Rocky Gully for some years but we thought it way beyond our means. Thanks to a successful infrastructure grant, we have been fortunate enough to be able to green light this project and make it a reality for our members. The number one thing we get asked about at Rocky Gully is members wanting to practice (quite rightly so!), and we are very happy to be able to bring this valued feature to our club. Not only will this be a practice field for many, but this system will allow many of our older and mobility impaired members to come along and still easily do some shooting.

Our project will have 7 machines in their own semi mobile trap houses, the entire system will be operated by a voice release system and driven by swiping a practice debit style card. The units are self powered with solar panels, so will always be ready to use with a minimum of set up and pack work.....a real blessing to our hard working team. So once you have swiped your card all you need to do is step into the shooting position and call pull to begin shooting some targets. The system is highly versatile and can be configured to provide practice programs of varied difficulty. This will allow us to set sessions for beginners, intermediate or higher level shooters. With the system's ability for Compak and custom sequences as well as a flush, there is plenty of excitement for all. And since our trap houses can be repositioned, we can make sure we can set new and fresh targets all the time!.

All of our machines are MEC 406XPs and we use Longrange remotes and aials. All of these products can be sourced from Topshot Industries. Dean and Andrew from Topshot industries were great and came down from Brisbane to Rocky Gully to give our crew a thorough instruction on how to use the system and help us set it up. Thanks to their help, we were across the basics in no time and eager to dive into all the features. We had our 4 completed units programmed and positioned out in the field and after configuring the voice release system, our team got to testing by shooting some clays! We shot a variety of the sequences, both manual and voice release and everything ran very smoothly. I was very impressed with ease of use of the voice release system that had no problem hearing any of us calling for targets and the instant release on pairs is fantastic.

The Rocky Gully Team are hard at work finishing off our remaining trap shelters so we can install and set up our remaining machines. We are in the final stages of the project now, so we hope very soon to have the entire system up and running for members. So perhaps very soon in the future YOU will need to come up and get yourself a Rocky Gully practice card and see the system for yourself. Stay tuned to our website or our facebook page for details of the grand opening!



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