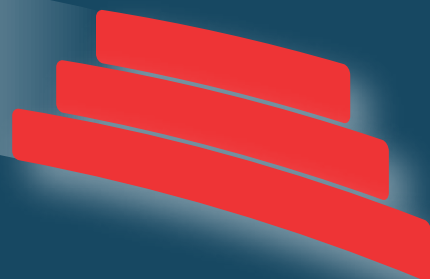


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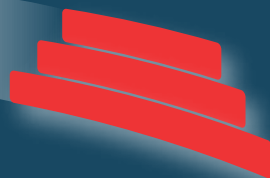


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi to you all,

Well March is all but over not sure where the time has gone.

The new executive has been busy behind the scenes getting up to date.

We just held the Grand Prix at Laang and what an event it turned out to be all 240 places were filled in record time and at one stage we had a wait list of 26 people and because of people pulling out for one reason or another I think almost all the wait list got to shoot.

It was very pleasing to see our long time shoot partners Outdoor Trading Co , Beretta Australia, Perrazi and Castellani come back on board to help with the event you guys are amazing .

As time goes forward we will have time to sit down with many more new and old partners and should see a great line up for the future National events to be held this year.

A huge thank you to the Laang club many who gave up their right to shoot the Grand Prix and slaved away all weekend keeping the grounds running . To Chook and his helpers for setting an amazing course that had many very varied and challenging targets to not only satisfy the lower grades but to also challenge the top shooter. To Clayton for running the office during the weekend many thanks. A very quiet spoken gentleman in Peter Kay who put in many hours over 4 or more weeks leading up to the event and taking nominations and doing the squadding (a thankless task) we salute you Peter. Anita Chilton and your band of dedicated ladies thanks for keeping us all fed and watered, and oh the Coffee to die for. If I have missed someone, I'm sorry.

Congratulations to all the winners and place getters of the Grand Prix well done.

The National Teams were selected from this event and the last Nationals, and those people will represent Australia at the Oceanias in New Zealand and then in Hungary for the FITASC World championship. I wish you all luck in your endeavours we are proud of the people representing our great sport and Australia.

Your Board and Executive going forward will be working through the states to get a draft Constitution out to you all to bring this Organisation into the modern era and be reflective of new laws and our current environment.

Its over from me and hope to see you around the traps soon.

Ian Grant
SCA President

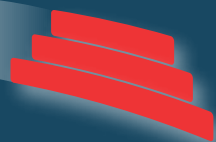


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21ST AUSTRALIAN FITASC GRAND PRIX

The last Grand Prix to be held at the Laang range was back in 2021 for again the FITASC SCA Australian Grand Prix event. As always Steve Chilton & the Laang Team showed again why they are the premiere shooting ground in Victoria & one of the best in Australia without question!

When nominations opened the entries started to flood in & as per SCA expectations it was another sell out SCA Competition at Laang, with the maximum numbers & with members on the waiting list. SCA did post several times to members not to delay getting their nominations in. A few may have considered this a ruse to get members on seats, but we do not play these games & a few missed out on what was one of the best events for a few years in Australia. Prior to Covid many SCA National Events reached maximum numbers & it would appear we are back into this cycle. A lesson to be learnt for the remaining National Competitions this year, you must get in early these days to secure your spot!!

The weather held good for the two days of Competition & Saturday started off looking threatening with rain, although it did not eventuate & held off giving perfect overcast conditions for shooting. Sunday opened with an overcast sky. The low ground down in the valley was a little cool & misty for the first of the mark squads at 8:15 for the kick off. Anyone with a Smokey cartridge certainly found out in the trees as the cloud hung in the air with no wind, making the short loop a test.

The course of targets set up for each day consisted of 4 grounds of 25 targets with 4 stations to each. You shot two grounds of 25 target layouts for a rotation (50 targets straight through for each visit), with two rotations each day to make up the 100 targets. Each layout of 25 targets was set up with 4 stands throwing 6 + 6 + 7 + 6 targets off each (not necessarily in that order) to make up 25 targets per round in singles and doubles as per the FITASC regulations with menus all reading correctly & marked up for the exotic Clays. To clarify a question that was raised, sorry a Chondel standard is not classed as an exotic Clay if it is a standard 110mm Clay. It is not how target is thrown that classifies it as an "Exotic" it is the diameter of the clay (60mm/70mm/90mm) or whether it is a Rabbit or battue Clay. These Clays other than a 110mm mark them as "Exotic" & these must

be mentioned on the Menus in the singles (Not necessarily in the Doubles once they are mentioned in the single menu).

The Laang Club has a well-deserved reputation for putting on courses that everyone can enjoy, no matter what your skill level and Steve Chilton with assistance from his crew did not disappoint this weekend with the target presentations which had the grades hitting the correct percentages. A great variety of Targets both in presentation & options of exotics. Every angle, trajectory & speed was taken care of. Even the Moorhen target on the First Station was the first for many, especially launched off an automatic trap. One of the new traps out from Promatic & available in Australia. I believe Laang would be the first Club to purchase this new trap in Australia.

It was a great result to see the Event Partners to SCA coming back on Board after the Covid Shutdown. Many companies suffered greatly when the whole of Australia went into melt down shutting everything down & its taken some time to get back up to speed. SCA would like to thank OTC (GB/Promatic) - Perazzi - Beretta - Castellani for supporting this event.

After the first 100 targets Nick Guerra led the pack with a 94/100. Closely followed by Gavin Dyson 93/100 - Grant Sandford. Jack Gibbs, Robert Hall, Colin Johns, Leight Dunn on 92/100. Very tight at the top with it left open for anyone come day two. Colin Johns was in the Senior category & led the field there on 92/100 - Eddie Magee & Ronnie Rook led Veterans on 86/100 - Ladies was led by Renae Birgan 87/100, Bianca Norris 86/100 & Emalene Munro 78/100 - In the Masters Division John Torresan was ahead with 79/100 then Ken Triffet 78/100 & Warwick Cumberland 77/100, In Juniors Ben Studham was in the lead 86/100, followed by Charlie North 83/100 & Zayne Papaluca 81/100. The scene was set for a final showdown on the remaining 100 targets to close the event out.

Day two and the final run kicked off at 8:15am for the first two squads. A chilly start and slightly overcast making the target a little dull in the wooded area of the Perazzi/ Castellani Ground. The weather threatened a few times to rain early on in the morning but it held off for the rest of the day's competition & didn't return until the end of the closing ceremony. Good for the undercover presentation area at Laang.

**AUSTRALIAN FITASC 21ST GRAND PRIX 2023
LAANG SPORTING CLAYS – 200 TARGETS**

Open	High Gun	Nick Guerra	191/200
Open	2nd	Blake Nankervis	184/200 so 22
Open	3rd	Grant Sanford	184/200 so 21
Open	4th	Cameron Kivenen	182/200
A	1st	Craig McNeil	168/200
A	2nd	Jason Solomons	166/200
A	3rd	Keith Ferguson	166/200
B	1st	Mark Cain	147/200 so 13
B	2nd	James Christinsen	147/200 so 12
B	3rd	Jimmy Papaioannou	146/200
C	1st	Tim Faulkner	127/200
C	2nd	Brendan Goodman	125/2500
C	3rd	Filipe Amaro	122/200
Ladies	1st	Renae Birgan	173/200
Ladies	2nd	Bianca Norris	171/200
Ladies	3rd	Emalene Munro	162/200
Senior	1st	Colin Johns	180/200
Senior	2nd	Sox Pilipasidis	179/200
Senior	3rd	Leigh Dunn	176/200
Veteran	1st	Eddie Magee	172/200
Veteran	2nd	Ron Rhook	168/200
Veteran	3rd	Russell Pigdon	163/200
Junior	1st	Ben Studham	170/200
Junior	2nd	Zayne Papaluca	169/200
Junior	3rd	Nicholas Brighenti	164/200
Masters	1st	John Torresan	160/200
Masters	2nd	Ronald Duncan	156/200
Masters	3rd	Warwick Cumberland	155/200

The Final selection for the SCA National Team to represent SCA/ Australia at the FITASC World Championships in Hungary are made from the eligible members that have completed their State Selection series & names from the Selection series advised to SCA National Target Director prior to the SCA Nationals. These names presented from each States selection series then compete at the SCA Sporting Nationals for the final cut. From the Nationals final cut the State Selection series eligible members then compete for

the final selection competition at the SCA Australian FITASC Grand Prix (The SCA National Event for this team's selection was at Echidna Park – Geraldton – WA). The top runners then make the team from the various categories.

The SCA National Team for Hungary July 2023

SCA NATIONAL TEAM HUNGARY 2023			
Open			
Nicholas		Guerra	
Chris		Brown	
Xavier		Russell	
Adam		Shale	
Senior			
Tim		Widdison	
Chris		Ball	
Michael		Birgan	
Veterans			
Russell		Pigdon	
Robin		Shawyer	
Ernie		Scheidl	
Ladies			
Bianca		Norris	
Emalene		Munro	
Gaye		Shale	
Juniors			
Benjamin		Studham	
Nate		Palubiski	
Nicholas		Brighenti	

Anyone who has taken the step to put on one of these events appreciates the work to get the event to this level. It is not just the level of targets, but everything else that goes into an event. The food, the organisation out in the field to keep the traps filled & working flawlessly. We have to remember we are in the entertainment business & if people are not entertained; they will end up spending their money where they can be & it may not be on Clay Target Shooting.

SCA thanks the Laang Club for a fantastic two days of Competition which will keep the members coming back for more, what more can you say?





Special Thanks to OzShoots for taking and providing the photos for the Grand Prix
and for the cover photo



Open



Ladies



Seniors



Veterans



Juniors

Masters





Congratulations to the
Australian Sporting Clays Team members for
Oceania sporting Championship and
45th world Fitasc Sporting Championship



By the time this magazine reaches you the FITASC Oceania Championships in New Zealand will be complete. The members who made the team for SCA at the FITASC Oceania 2023.

Open	
Billy Zogogianis	Xavier Russell
Robert Hall	Chris Brown
Veteran	
Ernst Scheidl	Robert Brown
Russell Pigdon	
Junior Team	
Benjamin Studham	Nate Palubiski
Charlie North	
Senior	
Chris Ball	Kevin Haskins
Mark Cain	
Ladies	
Bianca Norris	Janette Densley
Shannon Palfreeman	

Good Shooting to the Team & all SCA members going across the ditch for the event.

Sporting Clays Australia Assoc. - April 2023



After the completion of the 21st FITASC Australian Grand Prix held at Laang, which was the Final Selection event to select our National Team to represent SCA at the World FITASC Sporting Championships in Hungary. Congratulations to those members that made the final cut. A few new faces in the 2023 Team. Good Shooting to everyone in the team & those going over as Individuals to this World Championship. We wish each member every success in bringing home the medals



Open	
Nicholas	Guerra
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WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN A STRANGE COUNTRY

LATE NIGHT MAN HUNT FOR AN AUSTRALIAN TEAM
SUPPORTER IN ORVIETO JULY 2022



To preserve the identity of the lost soul we shall call him Dave. Dave together with his wife and family were in Italy for the 2022 FITASC World Championships.

Together with The Gov they were having a few late night Gin & Tonics in the Medieval Town Square of Orvieto.

Perhaps Dave was out of his comfort zone as The Gov had been in full training for such an occasion.

Needless to say Dave an addict to the dreaded nicotine felt the need for a drag on the weed. Being a polite person and not wishing to share the smoke with his companions, Dave walked into one of the many alley ways off the town square.

After a few lefts and rights in the myriad of alley ways our Dave was lost and befuddled.

After a fair lapse of time the group noticed the absence of Dave and a frantic effort to find him in the alley ways was launched. It seemed to be a case of the blind looking for the blind. As their search was unsuccessful the group noticing the passing through of two of the local Gendarmerie enlisted their help, they suggested that Dave may have wandered into the ancient Cathedral and was locked inside.

Being helpful and concerned for the lost Dave the Policia got the local priest out of bed to open the Cathedral and searched it thoroughly for no result.

By this time other Aussies who were staying in the vicinity joined the search and there was still no sightings of Dave.

Dave's family by this time were distraught and no wonder, Dave had in his wallet a huge amount of Euro's. It begs the question were they worried about Dave or the potential loss of the necessary funds for the rest of their Italian experience.

What was the final result, Dave unconcerned woke up from his little nap to find himself sitting on the bottom of a childrens playground slippery slide, he then negotiated his way back to the Town Square to the delight of his family.

Two things come out of this story.

1. If you are not in full training do not try and keep up with the The Gov in regards to the number of G&T's you imbibe.
2. The mixture of too many G&T'S and the deadly nicotine have led many down the Slippery Slide of life.

SPORTING CLAYS AUSTRALIA SHOOTER PROFILE INTERVIEW

Name – Xavier Russell

Age – 21 Years Old

Marital Status – Single

Occupation – Maintenance Fitter Apprentice – 3Rd Year.

Lives – Mooroopna – (Shepparton) Victoria.

Family consists of Mum, Dad, and Sister.

Shooters in the family? – Dad – rifles, Mum (shotgun and rifles for fun)

Grandfather (Shotgun Shooter) Grew up in Shepparton – Born and Bred.

First introduction to shooting? – Xav first started shooting with his grandfather between the years of 12 and 14 once a month on practice days at the SSAA Pit.

First Gun? – Miroku MK70 Sporter.

What's your current shotgun? – Blaser F3 Flat Rib.

What is your favourite ammo and shot size? – GB Extreme 8's

Who was the biggest influence in shooting? – Grandfather.

Did you receive coaching and guidance through your rise? – A few coaching lessons from Chris Brown and 1 with Gebben Miles

How often were you shooting over your years? – From 15-18 shooting nearly every Saturday and Sunday all year.

Do you shoot practice? – No just competitions nearly every weekend. Major Achievements to date? –

FITASC World Number 1 ranking Junior 2022

Placed 5th in juniors at the FITASC World Championships 2022

Runner Up – Junior Beretta Sporting World Cup 2022

Australian National Jnr Champion 2022

Australian Oceania Jnr Champion 2022

Team Bronze – FITASC World Championships 2019

ICTSF World English Sporting Placed 3rd Jnr 2019

Most Memorable Moment – Beating Richard Bunning in a shoot off in Dubai to win an African hunting trip.

Do you have any regrets? None to date.

What is the best ground in Australia? Echidna Park, WA

What is the best ground you have visited overseas? – Back Woods Quail Club, South Carolina, USA

Who do you think the current best shooter in the world is? – Derrick Mein

What is your favourite style of target to shoot? – Battues

What advice would you give to young shooters? – Stick at it - It doesn't happen overnight.

What would you like to see happen to improve the sport? – After experiences overseas the option of more private clubs.

What is your favourite pastime outside of shooting? – No interests outside of shooting.

What's next on your agenda / bucket list? – Win a FITASC World Championship.





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NSW COACHING CORNER

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RENEWED FOCUS ON IMPROVING SHOOTING SKILLS IN NSW.



Sporting Clays NSW is set to support new and existing members of all ages with coaching opportunities to improve their scores and most importantly their enjoyment of the sport. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic slowed down coaching activity somewhat, but prior to this there had been considerable effort put into building coaching capacity through engaging more experienced members in coach training activities. Our former State Coaching director Ken Jones did a sterling job building a base of volunteer coaches in southern NSW through coach training days that sought to build both generic coaching skills and skills more specific to our sport. Ken also put passionate personal effort into helping some of our young up and comers to build their shooting skills.



Pic. Ken getting the most out of every student.



Pic. Putting theory into practice

Last year Ken retired from the State Coaching Director role to concentrate more on one-on-one coaching. Sporting Clays NSW thank him for his valuable contribution to our sport and wish him well.

At the NSW AGM last November, I was asked to step into the coaching role and being the recipient of generous assistance with my own shooting from many experienced over the years, I felt this was a way I could give something back. I have spent most of my career in agricultural education which is possibly one of the most challenging fields of adult education, so I feel I come with solid skills in communicating technical concepts and imparting physical skills. Like many of us I began my shooting journey on the DTL traps in the 80's but over the years I have had success in Trap, Skeet and Sporting clays.

It is our intention this year to commence a program of engaging new club level coaches to improve the capacity of our clubs to help their members to improve their shooting. At the same time, we will also deliver some structured shooter development opportunities similar to the workshops held at Mudgee last year. These will specifically target the lower grades and junior shooters along their pathway to improvement. We will be relying on the SCNSW member clubs to provide facilities to deliver these at multiple locations over a period of time so if you are passionate about the sport and feel you can offer something in a coaching role or you simply have a desire to improve your shooting and feel you would like some coaching to help you on your way, approach your clubs executive and tell them you would like to be involved when the opportunities arise.

Wishing you all success around the traps

Doug Alcock
N.S.W. State Coaching Director

ASC NEWS

We have a full calendar for 2023 with events nearly every weekend. Our regular attendances are still climbing and membership is also growing.

Our first comp of 2023 the Hugh Johnston cup was a fantastic shoot with Hayden Valeri taking Hi Gun with his first score in the 90s. 91/100 he got to join the other winners aboard Hughie's old Fergie the winners' photo.

Phil Moses and his team are going great guns with the try shooting and corporate days, with a healthy conversion rate to members.

Peter Cassar is also running his junior coaching days in 2023 with club support.

ASC is continuing to upgrade our range and facilities. Our new range buggy is proving a great asset, along with our new (Colin Bradbury) covered area on stand 7.

Our Range employee Tom, along with his helpers have been doing a fantastic job keeping on top of all the things that need doing each week. This has taken the pressure off our volunteers and ensured our members get a great day shooting every visit.

Mick Vella has done an unbelievable job restoring a paddock find, farm /golf buggy back from the grave over Christmas. We hope to offer it as a service to disabled or those who need assistance to get around our ground very near future.

We are proud to announce that the 5th SCNSW selection 10th June at Sydney will be sponsored by Safari Firearms and followed by the OTC GB shot shell English Sporting 120 on the Sunday.



Winners



HG Hayden

We have incurred some significant cost in the last three months including a replacement Generator, which had moved with us from the Cranebrook in 1995 and it was old then! Hopefully this new one will give us the same service with half the noise. Thanks to Tommy and the old Fergie it is in its new home also George Poulakas for checking all the electrical connections and safety requirements. Now we will have the office and kitchen running like clockwork again.

We have also recently had our new landlords raising the issue of lead levels and management plans etc. I don't believe this will go away easily. However, there is always a way forward and we are pursuing all avenues. Unfortunately, these types of issues seem to be on the cards for most shooting grounds.

Regards

ASC President

Paul Smidt

28/02/2023



ASC Shoot Off



Winners are grinners

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A big thank you to our sponsors thus far for this year.

Scott & Lisa Bradley at Bermagui Bait & Tackle. Gary Georgiou and Safari Firearms.

Bruce Arthurson from Classic Racing and Performance Engineering. Ken "Bucko" Buckley

From the Big 4 Caravan Park at South Durras.

Without the continued support of these great businesses, we would not be able to function as we do.

Please support the people who support you.

At our 2nd January shoot, on the 29th of the month, long time Cooma shooter, Richard Seeers, finally shot his first 25/25, along with Murrumbidgee shooter, Andrew Scott, and then, at our February shoot, long time member Bobby Duncan, finally shot his first 25/25. Well done to all shooters, and I'm sure now that the monkeys off the



Badge winners Richard Sears and Andrew Scott.



Visitors from Geelong. Jacob, Rebecca and their two girls Grace and Hazel.

back, there will be many more to follow.

Our FREE shoot day luncheons looked perilously close to finishing up recently, but a call to arms resulted in a big influx of donated fare which hopefully continues. Thanks Gang.

We are presently enjoying good numbers to set ups, and shoots, with numbers on shoot days ranging from 35 – 55, which is pleasing.

The Victorian duck season has just been announced with a five week season starting late May and finishing late June, with a daily bag limit of 4 birds. Unfortunately for us, it's a long way to travel for such a small reward. Politicians – they run with the hounds, and hunt with the wolves.

We have had a few trap upgrades over the last few months, along with a concerted effort to try and get our auto remote systems more uniform. Trap spare parts seem to be getting harder and harder to source, and a new PA system is on its way.

Our office staff continue to excell, ably led by Patrick, Matt, Rob, and Muzz with shoot day helpers,

While our gorgeous BBQ ladies Shirl, Elspeth and Lisa, continue to keep the masses fed.

Young Patty Thompson is doing a fine job as Publicity Officer..... keep up the good work mate..

Cooma Easter shoot is on again over 4 days at the beginning of April, it would be great to see a good roll up of Bermi shooters to take home a few prizes.

Finally a "BIG GET WELL" from all at B.S.C.'s to the following members who are not enjoying the best of health at the moment:- Patty Tenant, Willy White, Craigh Hurst and Barbie Magrin

Until next time

.....Shoot Straight and Often.....



Sponsors Bruce Arthursen and Ken Buckley.



U/O winner Paul King. SxS winner Bob Duncan



Bobby Duncan with sponsors with sash and shoot money.

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS BY "SHELLSHOCKED"

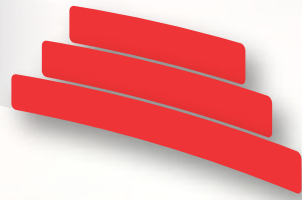
On Sunday 4 December the Broken Hill Field and Game Association concluded another year of clay target shooting with our ever popular Christmas Shoot. The shoot was very generously sponsored by Mick Walden from Flat Out Tyres which provided an excellent range of prizes for the winners and placegetters.

The weather was warm to hot, with a light breeze, and conditions were just about perfect for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with an excellent turnout of 46 shooters, including visitors from the Milparinka and Sunraysia Clubs.

The range was set by Josh and the usual band of culprits who provided an excellent variety of targets that were reasonably easy as is appropriate at a Christmas shoot. The range comprised five stations and was shot twice to make up the 60 target competition. The best shooters in each grade shot some very good totals.

High Gun, and first place in A Grade, was won by local shooter David Lemmich who shoots for the Milparinka Club. David shot a pair of 29's, just a target shy of a perfect score in both rounds, but easily good enough for the High Gun medal.

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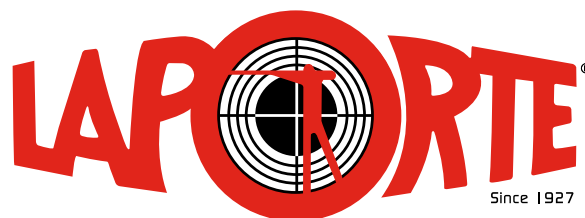
200 Targets (100 Targets/Day)



Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May

**Host Club South East Field & Game Assoc,
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Grade winners of the Flat Out Tyres 60 Target Christmas Shoot, left to right, Brian McGaffin (AA Grade), David Lemmich (High Gun and A Grade), Tom Casey (Juniors), Rowan Young (B Grade) and Lachlan Day (C Grade).

Sunraysia shooter Brian McGaffin won AA Grade with a score of 57, just a single target behind first place. Three shooters finished with a score of 55 at the top of the B Grade results and Rowan Young, President of the Milparinka Club, had to wait for a count back to award him the first place prize. Lachlan Day, also from the Milparinka Club, shot a good score of 53 for a comfortable first place in C Grade. Cassie Hibberd shot 45 to win the Ladies trophy, and Tom Casey, our top junior shooter, shot 49 for a very narrow win in the Junior Grade.

At the conclusion of shooting the Association's President Rodney Weaver thanked all present for their attendance and support. Rodney then presented prizes to the lucky shoot winners, and also presented the Association's annual awards.

The winner of the Rex and Sidney Carroll Club Championship Cup for 2022 is Brian Casey. Brian was easily our best and most consistent shooter all year and he finished the year with 33 points, more than double the points scored by the next best shooter. An achievement all the more meritorious given that Brian is one of the clubs growing number of veteran shooters. For 2023 Brian has set an example for all of our other veteran shooters, and a challenge for all of the young blokes.

Perpetual trophies were also awarded to the most successful shooters for 2022 in each Grade. The trophies were presented to Clay Johnston and Travis Casey (A Grade), Jeff Glasson (B Grade),



Brian Casey (at right) is presented with the Rex and Sidney Carroll Club Championship Cup for 2022 by Association President Rod Weaver.

and Peter Hoare (C Grade). Tom Casey was the winner of the best Junior shooter, and he received the perpetual shield donated by the Rawson family. Julie Gillespie was our best Lady shooter.

Rod also presented the President's Shield that is awarded to a member who makes an outstanding contribution to the Association during the year. For 2022 the Shield was presented to Josh Edgecumbe. Josh has been our range officer for most of the year

and has worked extremely hard to provide some of the best ranges that we have ever shot, particularly important at our major two day shoots. An award well earned for a job well done.

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



Club Grade Champions for 2022 (left to right), Travis Casey (A Grade), Jeff Glasson (B Grade), Tom Casey (Juniors) and Peter Hoare (C Grade).



Josh Edgecumbe (at right) is presented with the President's Shield for outstanding service to the Association during 2022 by Association President Rod Weaver.

BROKEN HILL XMAS SHOOT 2022 60 TARGET GRADED SHOOT

High Gun		David Lemmich	58
AA Grade	1st:	Brian McGaffin	57
A Grade	1st:	David Lemmich	58
	2nd:	Ricky Jones	56
	3rd:	Leigh Norton	54
B Grade	1st:	Rowan Young	55
	2nd:	Ian Featherstone	55
	3rd:	Rod Weaver	55
C Grade	1st:	Lachlan Day	53
	2nd:	Rod Grenfell	51
	3rd:	Grant Boylan	50
Ladies	1st:	Cassie Hibberd	45
Juniors	1st:	Tom Casey	49
	2nd:	Lincoln Casey	48
	3rd:	Max Day	45

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME

NEWS BY "SHELLSHOCKED"

50 TARGET SIMULATED FIELD GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP

On Sunday 5 February the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 50 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship Shoot to get the 2023 shooting year underway. The shoot was sponsored by Bob Tweedie who very generously provided the prizes for the winning shooters. The weather was clear, sunny and warm, but not as hot as expected for this time of year, so conditions were good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very happy with the attendance of 31 shooters.

Range marshal Clay, with plenty of advice and some assistance from a cast of thousands, set an excellent five station layout that had plenty of variety and interesting targets to shoot at. The degree of difficulty was just a little bit tougher than we have seen at recent shoots and made the shooters work hard for a good score. The best shooters still recorded some good totals.

The best off gun total for the shoot was an excellent score of 43 that was shot by Brian Casey. Brian is our reigning Club Champion and has gotten his year off to a very good start winning the High Gun medal and first place in A Grade.

The winner in AA Grade was Brian McGaffin who drove up from Mildura for the shoot, shot 39 to win the first place prize, and then generously donated his prize to the junior shooters. Ian Featherstone, representing the Milparinka Club, shot 36 to win B Grade, and Bob Tweedie shot 30 to win C Grade, both in very close finishes. Lincoln Casey was the lone ranger in the Junior Grade but shot pretty well and his first place prize was well deserved.

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



Grade winners of the Bob Tweedie 50 Target Graded Championship, left to right, Brian Casey (High Gun and A Grade), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Bob Tweedie (C Grade), Brian McGaffin (AA Grade) and Ian Featherstone (B Grade).

BOB TWEEDIE 50 TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP BROKEN HILL - 5 MARCH 2023

		Name	Home Club	Score
High Gun		Brian Casey	Broken Hill	43
AA Grade	1st:	Brian McGaffin	Sunraysia	39
	2nd:	Evan Stephenson	Broken Hill	32
A Grade	1st:	Brian Casey	Broken Hill	43
	2nd:	Gerard Mahoney	Broken Hill	42
	3rd:	Jeff Glasson	Broken Hill	40
B Grade	1st:	Ian Featherstone	Milparinka	36
	2nd:	Rod Weaver	Broken Hill	35
	3rd:	Rowan Young	Milparinka	34
C Grade	1st:	Bob Tweedie	Broken Hill	30
	2nd:	Grant Boylan	Broken Hill	28
	3rd:	Ray Johnston	Broken Hill	27
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	Broken Hill	26

50 TARGET GRADED HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

On Sunday 5 March the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 50 Target Graded Handicap Championship shoot. The event was sponsored by Jeff Glasson which provided for a good range of trophies for the winning shooters. Shoot day was sunny, still, and very warm, but still a pretty good day for shooting clay targets. Organisers were rewarded with a very good attendance of 31 shooters.

Range marshal Bob, with the usual crew of offsidars, set a very enjoyable range for our shooters. The targets were mostly close, some were very fast, and the degree of difficulty was a little bit on the easy side of average. A fun day of shooting was had by all with some excellent scores shot and some very close results.

The best off gun total for the shoot was an exceptional 49/50 shot by A Grader Travis Casey. This is probably the best 50 target score ever shot at our range. It is also the best score that Travis has shot and included a perfect 25/25, another one off of his shooting bucket list. Travis won the shoot quite easily at the finish and was a very deserving winner of the first place prize and High Gun Medal.

The remaining prizes were awarded for handicap totals.

Rod Weaver and shoot sponsor Jeff Glasson both shot 56 to finish in equal first place in A Grade. Glasson got the nod from the scorers on count back which made the win just that little bit sweeter. Anthony Elliott was an easy winner in B Grade and his handicap total of 62 was the highest for the shoot. In addition to the first place prize he also won the medal for the Handicap High Gun. Range marshal Bob Tweedie tied with Glenn Kester for first place in C Grade with a score of 61. Once again the scorers were called upon to decide the winner and Bob got the first place prize on countback. Max Day from the Milparinka Club won the Junior Grade with a very good score of 60.

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



Grade winners of the Jeff Glasson 50 Target Graded Handicap Championship, left to right, Jeff Glasson (A Grade), Travis Casey (High Gun), Max Day (Juniors), Anthony Elliott (B Grade and Handicap High Gun) and Bob Tweedie (C Grade).

JEFF GLASSON 50 TARGET H/CAP CHAMPIONSHIP BROKEN HILL - 5 MARCH 2023

		Name	Home Club	Score
High Gun		Travis Casey	Broken Hill	49
A Grade	1st:	Jeff Glasson	Broken Hill	56
	2nd:	Rod Weaver	Broken Hill	56
	3rd:	Brian Casey	Broken Hill	53
B Grade	1st:	Anthony Elliott	Broken Hill	62
	2nd:	Murray Barker	Broken Hill	59
	3rd:	Peter Hoare	Broken Hill	57
C Grade	1st:	Bob Tweedie	Broken Hill	61
	2nd:	Glenn Kester	Broken Hill	61
	3rd:	Grant Boylan	Broken Hill	58
Juniors	1st:	Max Day	Milparinka	60
	2nd:	Lincoln Casey	Broken Hill	57

COFFS HARBOUR SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

The last weekend of Summer saw 4 full squads come to Coffs Harbour to test their skills.

Coffs Harbour Club continues to attract competitors from further afield to our monthly Sporting Competitions and now with the inclusion of Compak to our events program we have seen numbers continue to grow as our Skeet & DTL shooters are willing to give it a go.

This weekend we had competitors from Port Macquarie, Grafton, Yamba and Iluka.

Round 1 of our 75 target event returned lower than average scores, our target setters soon realised the targets that were set were worthy of a State or National Event, not for the two squads of novice competitors.

Round 2 the target setters quickly tweaked the targets and stands in order to keep the novice competitors' interest, and order was restored to the percentages, in order to grow our competitor numbers it is imperative that we keep the novice competitor interested.

Round 3 was only a case of moving the shooting position with all competitors happy with their results and looking forward to the following competition.

75 TARGET SHOOT		
	Winner	
High Gun	Phillip Nelson	58/75
A Grade	Matt Hubbard	57/75
B Grade	Dean Short	56/75
C Grade	Glenn Thomas	48/75



Dean Short in action.



Drone view of Coffs Harbor Clay Target Club Inc.

COOMA SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

LADIES DAY HANDICAP – FEBRUARY 2023

What a beautiful summer's day we had at our annual Ladies Day handicap Shoot. Hygge Eco Cabins (see entry below) were our sponsors today, thanks Josh for your support.

The ladies spent yesterday setting up the range with a team of handy dandy strong men to do the heavy stuff. Thanks to all the men who toed the line and kept their options to themselves. We truly appreciated your help.

I think most were surprised at the high level the range was set, with no 25's recorded on the day.

The ladies were also entered into a lucky door prize. The prize was donated by Kirby Rae Photography and consisted of a 30min photo shoot.

Thanks to all who attended. Below are the winners.



High Gun – Chris Bryne



AA – Grade 1st – Doug Alcock, 2nd – Mark Gschwend (absent), 3rd – Darren Redman



A – Grade 1st – Adam Mower, 2nd – Aaron Deans, 3rd – Tony Crome (absent)



B – Grade 1st – John Sankey, 2nd – Peter Tomasi, 3rd – Terry Thistleton



C – Grade 1st – Joshua Lean, 2nd – Glenn Schofield, 3rd – Shaun Rowling, 4th Isaac Khan (absent), 5th Rodger Sands



Ladies 1st – Corina Rowling, 2nd – Shelly Craig (absent), 3rd – Jess Kelly



Juniors 1st Zack Poucher, 2nd – Montana Schofield, 3rd – Wyatt Hurford (absent)



Richard Mould paid tribute to a lost member, Brian Ferguson.

COOMA SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

100 TARGET COMPAK EVENT – JANUARY 2023

The rainy weather did not stop the shooters from enjoying 2 great layouts in the 100 target Compak Event. Following are the results

100 TARGET COMPAK EVENT		
		Name
High Gun		Mark Coleman
A Grade	1st:	Chris Byrne
	2nd:	Charlie Kimber
	3rd:	Terry Thistleton
B Grade	1st:	Russell Rowling
	2nd:	Aaron Mackay
	3rd:	Andrew Fairfield-Smith
C Grade	1st:	James Povey
	2nd:	Glenn Schofield
	3rd:	Peter Tomasi
Ladies	1st:	Penny Irvin
	2nd:	Wendy Crouch
	3rd:	Kerry Donald
Junior	1st:	Montana Schofield
	2nd:	Alexi Alcock
	3rd:	Jake Povey



MUDGEESPORTING CLAYS

Over the weekend of February 11 & 12 Mudgee branch of sporting clays held the first NSW state selection event on the Saturday followed by the Jim Taylor memorial on the Sunday. 100 targets each day. With 150 entrants on Saturday followed by 116 on Sunday saw club members working flat out. Most progressive clubs try or would like to try new shooting formats to enhance the days enjoyment for all concerned. Our executive tried a new idea for ranges but due to a number of factors (including the most numbers at any state selection event in Mudgee) it was going to be a slow day. No doubt the majority of competitors enjoyed the targets but not the waiting involved, which held up proceedings at the end of the day. For that we apologise. Sunday's event flowed quiet a lot quicker with the first squad out at 8.20am.

Our club is fortunate enough to have some very generous supporters for which we are most grateful. They include WINCHESTER AUSTRALIA, BERETTA, the HORSLEY PARK GUN SHOP, JOHN DICKEY, MR & MRS ANTHONY BURGESS, MUDGEES AUTO ELECTRICAL (CRAIG & ANN KURTZ), GPR SITE SERVICES (GEORGE & PENNY ROTH). SPORTING CLAYS NSW sponsor all NSW selection shoots. We as all clubs are most appreciative of the help provided by the NSW association.

After a quick talk from Andrew Fairfield-Smith, Peter Kay & Jason Solomons regarding rules and regulations the first squad was called at 9am sharp. Sven, Henk and Co. led the way. As the number one ground was a distance from the clubhouse local bus driver John Roberts was on hand to ferry the squads to the pad. Results for Saturday are as follows.

STATE SELECTION #1 - 100 TARGETS OTG

		Name	Home Club	Score
High Gun		Steve Payne	Mudgee	86/100
AA Grade	1st:	Craig Brown	Sydney	84/100
	2nd:	Gary Adams	Mudgee	82/100
	3rd:	Bart Brighenti	Mudgee	82/100
A Grade	1st:	Jason Solomons	Mudgee	84/100
	2nd:	John Koolbanis	Sydney	83/100
	3rd:	Dave Mills	Cooma	83/100
B Grade	1st:	Hayden Valeri	Sydney	83/100
	2nd:	Craig Kurtz	Mudgee	81/100
	3rd:	Alan Bauer	Mudgee	76/100
C Grade	1st:	Brent Coulthard	Mudgee	69/100
	2nd:	Tom Knight	Cooma	68/100
	3rd:	Christopher Coss	Sydney	64/100
Seniors	1st:	Vass Lialiaris	Sydney	78/100
	2nd:	Peter Kay	Dubbo	75/100
	3rd:	Paul Smidt	Sydney	75/100
Veterans	1st:	Steve Tydd	Mudgee	84/100
	2nd:	Tony Monk	Dubbo	71/100
	3rd:	Laurie Redfern	Dubbo	71/100
Masters	1st:	Ross Christian	Mudgee	84/100
	2nd:	Alec Ceccato	Ard-Beckom	71/100
	3rd:	Geoff Smith	Cooma	67/100
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	Dubbo	68/100
	2nd:	Tenille Siviour	Mudgee	67/100
	3rd:	Amy Buys	Mudgee	67/100
Juniors	1st:	Nick Brighenti	Mudgee	79/100
	2nd:	Jed Leadbitter	Mudgee	73/100
	3rd:	Jack Atkins	Shoalhaven	69/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Dylan Murray	Dubbo	73/100
	2nd:	Henry Purvis	Dubbo	66/100
	3rd:	Christian Raco	Sydney	58/100

Targets were slightly eased for Sunday's event. Results as follows.

JIM TAYLOR MEMORIAL - 100 TARGETS OTG

		Name	Home Club	Score
High Gun		Angelo Salamon	Sydney	92/100
AA Grade	1st:	Andrew Bell	Sydney	92/100
	2nd:	Walid Issi	Sydney	91/100
	3rd:	Gary Adams	Mudgee	88/100
A Grade	1st:	Scott Halsey	Sydney	91/100
	2nd:	Andrew Sinclair	Ard-Beckom	89/100
	3rd:	Rami Teffaha	Sydney	87/100
B Grade	1st:	Craig Kurtz	Mudgee	89/100
	2nd:	Alan Bauer	Mudgee	85/100
	3rd:	Chris Agustin	Mudgee	81/100
C Grade	1st:	Tom Knight	Cooma	72/100
	2nd:	Christopher Coss	Sydney	68/100
	3rd:	Lucas Theocharous	Sydney	67/100
Seniors	1st:	Donald Jessop	Sydney	84/100
	2nd:	John Collier	Mudgee	81/100
	3rd:	Jon Lloyd		80/100
Veterans	1st:	Steve Tydd	Mudgee	84/100
	2nd:	Laurie Redfern	Dubbo	77/100
	3rd:	Milton Cartright	Dubbo	76/100
Masters	1st:	Alec Ceccato	Ard-Beckom	85/100
	2nd:	Ross Christian	Mudgee	76/100
	3rd:	Ian Stewart	Mudgee	74/100
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	Dubbo	81/100
	2nd:	Janelle Craig	Mudgee	74/100
	3rd:	Tenille Siviour	Mudgee	71/100
Juniors	1st:	Nick Brighenti	Mudgee	81/100
	2nd:	Jed Leadbitter	Mudgee	81/100
	3rd:	Hayden McGrath	Cooma	78/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Dylan Murray	Dubbo	66/100
	2nd:	Christian Raco	Sydney	53/100

All competitors who shot both days went into a lucky draw for the shotgun that was kindly donated by HORSLEY PARK GUN SHOP. As you had to be in attendance when it was drawn we had a couple of false starts before local club member Mick Quinlan's name was drawn. The under and over Miroku shotgun which was donated by CRAIG & ANN KURTZ and GEORGE & PENNY ROTH was won by Ross Christian after a shoot off with Ross, Jack Atkins and Rob Briscas. The winning name to be engraved onto the JIM TAYLOR MEMORIAL trophy for 2023 was Alan Bauer. With handicap added he came out on top with a 121. Due to the incredible sponsorship this year the club was able to provide a \$200 gift voucher for the two day high gun winners in all grades and categories.

AA—Gary Adams 170/200	V—Steve Tydd 158/200
A—Jason Solomons 170/200	M—Ross Christian 160/200
B—Craig Kurtz 170/200	J—Nick Brighenti 160/200
C—Tom Knight 140/200	SJ—Dylan Murray 139/200
L—Mel Phillips 149/200	S—Vassilios Lialiaris 157/200

The Adrian Hayes Teams event was won by Mudgee (Steve Payne, Ross Christian, Bart Brighenti, Craig Kurtz). We hope all shooters can join us in May for the two day FIOCCI shoot.

BOB BURNS CUP

On Sunday February 26 Mudgee members attended the Windamere range keen to have their name engraved on the Bob Burns cup. Bob who sadly passed away last year was a very keen supporter of our club. Bob's son was on hand to present the cup to the winner.

Two weeks earlier our club had run a NSW state selection event so the majority who would be attending were very keen to have a re-run of those same targets. This event is run as a handicap shoot so as to give all competitors a chance of winning. Ross Lear was the eventual winner by one target from Jason Solomons. Third position went to Peter Hayman. The club will shoot for the cup again in August.



QSCA MARCH 2023

The Competition season for 2023 kicked off with the first Selection Shoot as Brisbane Sporting Clays. As usual for the first major Competition of the year the members came out in force for this event. The weather was well situated for shooting & we thank BSC for conducting the event.

We also would like to thank OTC for their continued support of our State Selection series, along with QSCA for the Trophy table

THE FINAL RESULTS

OPEN			
	High Gun	Steve Blake	63/75
AA	1st	Denis Dinte	62/75
AA	2nd	Bronson Barden	56/75
AA	3rd	Aaron Knowles	56/75
A	1st	James Palfreeman	57/75
A	2nd	Bruce Mainwaring	56/75
A	3rd	Olindo Mazarotto	54/75
B	1st	James Christensen	55/75
B	2nd	Allan McKenzie	53/75
B	3rd	Andy Cassidy	53/75
C	1st	Issac Lincoln	52/75
C	2nd	Qianhan Zhu	45/75
C	3rd	George Tomlinson	45/75
Ladies	1st	Shannon Palfreeman	45/75
Ladies	2nd	Maree Birgan	44/75
Ladies	3rd	Missy Mckerrow	34/75
Senior	1st	David Cunliffe	58/75
Senior	2nd	David Evans	56/75
Senior	3rd	Michael Birgan	54/75
Veteran	1st	Glen Rider	59/75
Veteran	2nd	Kris Dowie	56/75
Veteran	3rd	Leo Cao	50/75
Junior	1st	Chris Christensen	49/75
Junior	2nd	Luke Taylor	39/75
Junior	3rd	Stewart Nicholas	33/75



Steve Blake
High Gun 1st State Selection Brisbane

BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS 2ND QSCA STATE SELECTION COMPETITION 18TH MARCH 2023



The Next State Event in the series - 2nd State Selection Competition at Beaudesert Sporting Clays. As usual the end of Summer kicked in with a vengeance with a hot & steamy day of 38C. Still next month it will cool down. The Club organised the event in anticipation of the heat & had Eskys of bottled water at each layout for the Competitors to help themselves along with Shade covers as well. Good job folks it certainly helped in these conditions. The competition ran flawlessly & the club needs to be thanked for their work under these conditions. Well done Beaudesert Sporting Clays

QSCA 2023 2ND STATE SELECTION MARCH 2023

Beaudesert Sporting Clays - 75 Targets			
OPEN			
	High Gun	Aaron Knowles	64/75
AA	1st	Steve Blake	60/75
AA	2nd	Daniel Davis	58/75
AA	3rd	Glen Graham	57/75
A	1st	Daniel Mckiernan	60/75
A	2nd	Denis Dinte	59/75
A	3rd	Clinton Davis	57/75
B	1st	Kent Gould	55/75
B	2nd	James Carter	53/75
B	3rd	Anthony Neven	53/75
C	1st	Luke Hills	48/75
C	2nd	Garth Hardgrave	43/75 so10
C	3rd	Braden Nolan	43/75 so7
Ladies	1st	Maree Birgan	51/75
Ladies	2nd	Shannon Palfreeman	45/75
Ladies	3rd	Missy Mckerrow	41/75
Senior	1st	Simon Paterson	59/75
Senior	2nd	Michael Birgan	57/75
Senior	3rd	James Ogden-Brown	56/75
Veteran	1st	Chris Dowie	57/75
Veteran	2nd	Robert Davis	54/75
Veteran	3rd	Chris Larsen	51/75
Junior	1st	Chris Christensen	55/75
Junior	2nd	Luke Taylor	49/75
Junior	3rd	Stewart Nicholas	43/75
Sub Junior	1st	Jack Davis	45/75

SCA SPORTING NATIONALS 2023

GUNNEDAH SPORTING CLAYS
SEPTEMBER 22nd - 23rd - 24th

Thursday 21st
Practice

Fri/Sat/Sun
22/23/24
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Wednesday 27th
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Thursday 28th
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Sat 30th Sep & Sun 1st Oct

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107 Chandos St | 02 4978 8786

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234 Keepit Dam Rd, Keepit
02 6769 7605

Red Bank Rest Area
Oxley Highway



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Commercial Hotel Curlewis
1 Coran St, Curlewis
6744 1523

Post Office Hotel & Caravan Park Mullaley

11530 Black Stump Way,
Mullaley
02 6743 7820

Royal Hotel Tambar Springs
79 Tamba St, Tambar Springs
6744 2396





Thanks to Outdoor Trading Company (OTC) & Queensland Sporting Clays for the Trophy table.

BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS



Brisbane Sporting Clays started 2023 with new Committee members: Michael Birgan (Vice-President), Shannon Palfreeman (Secretary) and Rick Nutt (Treasurer) and Kevin Sze Committee person. John English continues to head up the Committee as President, with Warren Dennis and Larry Crouch staying on. BSC thanks our outgoing Committee members for their hard work and dedication over a tough few years.

Come and try Saturdays continue to book out and we thank our hard-working team of volunteers for making these days the successes that they are. The club continues to grow, with lots of new faces every week. We welcome all our new members and look forward to seeing them around the club.

The first two shoots of 2023 are done and dusted. Target selection and range setting has benefited from the vast national and international competition experience brought by Mike, seeing a variety of technical targets that take advantage of the BSC landscape to trick and lead the shooter into complacency - focus is essential.

HIGH GUN AARON KNOWLES



Aaron Knowles High Gun 2nd State Selection Competition
Beaudesert Sporting Clays

QSCA AGM 2023 11TH FEBRUARY 2023

QSCA held their State AGM on Saturday 11th February 2023. The Previous Committee were re-elected to the State Executive. Glen Rider, President - Leo Cao, Vice President - Jay Dallison, Treasurer & Aaron Knowles, Secretary. Denis Dinte was a new appointment as the new QSCA State Target Director. Welcome aboard Denis. The State Treasurer (Jay Dallison) provided the Audited Accounts to the members for 2022. What a great result with the QSCA State finances. This is down to the increase in membership over the previous year. This growth cements our sport for the future. Well done to all our Clubs for this effort over the year producing another year of continued membership growth. With the ever-increasing options available to people to spend their money on, our Clubs must be doing the right thing. If the Clubs did not make the sport welcoming the increase in membership would not have happened. Well done to all involved

Glen Rider

QSCA President



Jason Pole
High Gun March Competition



Steve Blake
QSCA Selection No1 High Gun



One for the calendar: 13 and 14 May will again see BSC hosting the annual OTC classic, a two-day shoot sponsored by the generous Outdoor Trading Company. The shoot will be 150 targets over two days – well worth a trip to Queensland!

FRASER COAST

Fraser Coast, Gympie and Childers are teaming together to hold a 2 day novelty shoot over the weekend of 19th and 20th August, 2023 at the Fraser Coast grounds. 100 targets each day with numbers capped at 120. Open to SCA, FGA & SSAA members. There is free camping. OTC are onboard as a sponsor and if anyone else would like to get involved with sponsorship, please call Simon on 0417 388 406. More information will be posted on Facebook as we closer to the date.



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DERWENT VALLEY

Derwent Valley is one of 3 SCA clubs in Tasmania and has been running for over 50 years. The club owns 16 acres along the banks of the Derwent River leading into New Norfolk, in the south of the state.

Our club held our inaugural English Sporting 2-day event over the weekend of 18th-19th February, we had 50 shooters with some travelling from the north of the state to compete in the 180-target event.

Derwent Valley put the call out to all associations to come and join us for the weekend and it was pleasing to see some new faces around the club.

Day one had us shooting in to the gully which is renowned for bringing shooters undone. Two of our AA Grade shooters, Alex Grodski and Nick Brown managed to pull off a 28/30 in one of their rounds.

Moving into the second day there had been much banter and trash talking from some of the C grade shooters, with some being far better at talking than shooting.

Day two had the set-up team making life a little harder and bringing out the short game targets, funny how targets so close can be so easily missed!

THE FINAL RESULTS

	Name	Score
AA	Nick Brown	166
	Alex Grodski	152
	Mick Blackwell	142
A	Andrew Wratten	138
	Brett Smith	135
	Matt Baldock	132
B	Jason McSherry	139
	Brady Nash	129
	Jack Choraziak	120
C	Ben Evans	111
	Greg Farrell	105
	Brendan Bowerman	101

Congratulations to our winners that walked away with a side of lamb and ammo.

A special mention must go out to Brendan Bowerman for his donation of lamb and to Matt Baldock for his support with ammunition and sponsorship.



The club also held a lucky door prize with a gun up for grabs! Axel Davis, our newest member to the club was stoked to be the winner!

Derwent Valley is hoping to firmly plant this 2 day event on the State Shooting Calendar for many years to come, and would love to see some mainland shooters make the trip to the little island for next year's instalment.



NEWS FROM WA SPORTING CLAYS

WRITTEN BY SUE GREEN STATE SECRETARY



SPORTING CLAYS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Over here in the West our shooting season doesn't really get underway until Autumn. We have too many fire bans and a lot of activities are not permitted, and it's too bloody hot to be walking around in the bush! Not a great deal of competition shooting held at the clubs.

WA MEMBERS TRAVELLED TO THE FITASC GRAND PRIX HELD AT LAANG VIC.

WA had 11 WA members travel across to the FITASC Grand Prix at Laang recently, including the 3 members who actually qualified from the State series and the Nationals who were selected to compete for a place in the Australian team.

Whilst they never made the next step it was great to have 3 WA members in amongst all the top shots from the east coast. Here in WA, due to mostly fire bans our shooting months are limited as we certainly don't shoot as much as what our counterparts on the east coast do. Well done Michael McDonald, Nick Melanko and Danon Randazzo who proudly represented WA and a huge thank you to all those who travelled across to Laang.

SCWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over the weekend of the opening of the State Qualifier season, the State Association will hold its AGM on the Saturday and we shall wait and see what unfolds with the election results for the 2023 season. We thank all the candidates that have volunteered for these roles and wish you all well in the elections. With all AGM's some of the previous committee members choose not to re stand and to those people we say a huge thank you for your services to our sport and may you continue in your shooting for the enjoyment. Your time spent at the State level has been appreciated. Also very much appreciated are those members who are prepared to re stand for positions and any new members putting up their hand. We are all very much aware just how rare volunteers are everywhere. Thank you to all our volunteers who give up so much of their personal time for the betterment of our sport and not just in WA.

WA FUNDING POLICY

The SCWA funding policy has recently been updated to encompass more things the State might be able to assist clubs with. All clubs are eligible to send in an application any time throughout the year. This funding program has been increased to \$34,000. The State would like to acknowledge the Echidna Park Club who ran the 2022 Nationals for their most generous donation to SCWA from the SCA profit share arrangement the club received of \$10,000 towards specifically for interest free grants to clubs as part of the funding program. Whilst the club was under no obligation to do this they wanted to acknowledge the collaborative efforts from all members around the state who helped the club. It was truly a joint effort and anyone who attended the Nationals had a most enjoyable time. Setting the bar high at Echidna Park! Am I allowed to say that?

The Harvey Club was the latest club to be the beneficiary of a part loan and part grant to assist the club with the purchase of machinery. The Board decided to provide a grant of \$6,000 and an interest free loan for \$6,000 to assist the club to purchase more traps.

STATE QUALIFIERS 2023 & 2 DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS - SCA Members only. Must compete in 4 of the 5 State Qualifiers and the 2 day championship is a must attend shoot to qualify.

26th MARCH	HARVEY	1st STATE QUALIFIER
30th APRIL	THREE SPRINGS	2nd STATE QUALIFIER
21st MAY	WANNEROO	3rd STATE QUALIFIER
4th JUNE	ECHIDNA PARK	4th STATE QUALIFIER
30th JULY	HASTINGS	5th STATE QUALIFIER
26th & 27th AUGUST	THREE SPRINGS	STATE 2 DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS
13th August	MOORA	STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS
22nd to 24th September Gunnedah NSW 2023 SCA SPORTING NATIONALS		

FITASC AFRICAN SPORTING & COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS

The road to attending this FITASC event in Zimbabwe has not been an easy road for some. Apparently, there is an Australian ban on bringing firearms into Zimbabwe and these members all had the relevant permits, but the final decision had to be made by the Australian Government Foreign Minister Penny Wong. She made the decision that in the best interest of the National security the application was declined.

Here in WA we had 8 members from the Hastings club all committed to attend the FITASC event and travelled to Zimbabwe. I can tell you that the WAPOL and Customs here in WA were extremely helpful as were the letters of support in writing from SCA and SCWA but sadly to no avail.

Luckily, 8 members had a plan B and borrowed firearms for the event. Plus they also received some coaching from the legend himself Mr George Digweed. We are all looking forward to hearing their travel stories upon their return soon.

STATE QUALIFYING SERIES START 26TH MARCH AT HARVEY

Our State Qualifying Series starts on the 26th March at the Harvey Club and that is always a great turn out to kick start they year off. Our members will travel as far away as Geraldton and make the 6-hour road trip to shoot 100 targets and return. Nominations are already online via the SCA Live scores program. Thanks to our team of helpers behind the scenes who make this event happen both in the admin side and the setting of targets and the catering folks who feed and water us all. Did I also mention the Barista's at the club. Well worth making the trip.

Here at SCWA we allow all codes to compete for targets only, can't win any prizes as you must be an SCA member. Don't forget everyone needs to sign the visitors book for insurance reasons. Should be a great turnout. See you all at Harvey.



LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

There were 78 shooters at the Collins Court Butchers, Bowman Earthmovers, Millicent Tyre Centre, J&M Shanks 75 target Handicap event.

On a course that consisted of a few very technical targets six shooters stood out, all shot a perfect round of 25/25. Congratulations to the competitors: Rolf Bugden, Chris Wright, Steve Groen, Tim Widdison, Mick Brennan and long time Lake Bonney shooter Warren Whitehead, who finally got his first 25 badge after more than 30 years of competition shooting.

The Handicap Highgun was won by Lake Bonney sub junior Liam Millard, who took out the top spot by a very comfortable lead.

AA grade was won by Tim Widdison, second went to Mark Fabris and third Danny Bellinger.

Warren Whitehead took out first in A grade, Romain Devaud second and Glen Crowe-owen rounding out the top three.

Local shooter Ian Vearing was first in B grade ahead of Kingston's Rob Summers and third Victorian shooter Doug Cowland.

C grade was won by Richard Try, second went to Perry Gurney and third Edwin Edge.

Local Tony Sellars took out first in the Seniors grade, Greg Kessegian second and Trevor Whitehead third.

The Veterans top spot went to Bob Jones, ahead of Rolf Bugden in second and Robert Simpson third.

First and second in the ladies grade had to be settled by a count back with Sam Freeman taking out the top spot, Bec Kober second and Bernie Peters claiming third.

Declan Wright had an easy win in juniors with no competition.

First in Sub Juniors was won by Jack Dyson with Isla Gordon second.

A visit from the Ladies from RFDS saw Lake Bonney sporting clays present a \$500 donation to the charity after running a few novelty targets in the last few shoots.

Congratulations to all the volunteers who worked to run another successful event



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SHOOT OFF

AT BURRUNGULE PARK

South East Field & Game kicked off their Christmas event at Burrungule Park with the Champion of Champions Shoot off. The monthly winners of the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun gathered in front of sizeable crowd to shoot a tough 20 target Old style sporting layout.

Jeremy Kent, Jamie Dunn & Ron Rhook all tied on 17/20 to take the shoot off into sudden death. Wildcard entrant Ben Hastings, a promising Junior, shot a credible 16/20 Kent prevailed to claim the Kevin Dyson Trophy sponsored by Elders Gambier Farm Supplies.



Photos (L to R)
Jamie Dunn, Ron Rhook, Jeremy Kent, Scott McIntyre, Ben Hastings, Leigh Dunn, Dane Hastings



Winner Jeremy Kent

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME ASSOCIATION'S 2022

AGGREGATE PRESENTATIONS



Sponsor Peter Klieve with Sub-Junior aggregate winner Shakielle VonStanke



Sponsor Al Scheidl with Junior aggregate winner Declan Wright



Sponsor Neville Kent with Ladies aggregate winner Tasha Bellinger



Veteran Aggregate winner Chris VonStanke Snr with Josh Lamond representing Sponsor Graham Lamond

50 TARGET CHRISTMAS SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT AT BURRUNGULE PARK.

Hot and sunny conditions greeted the 94 Competitors that nominated for South East Field & Game's 50 target Christmas sporting clays shoot at Burrungule Park.

The event was sponsored by Whitty Engineering, South East Vets, South West Freight, Collins Court Butchers and Elders Gambier farm Supplies. Ken Atkin set a challenging course to test the shooter's skills and fresh from his victory in the Champion of Champions shoot off earlier in the day Jeremy Kent shot 48/50, including the only possible 25, to claim the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun.

Other notable performances came from Tony Sellars taking out A Grade with 47/50 and Kain Ashby shooting 43/50 to claim the Sub-Juniors.



President Charles Wallis with Open Aggregate Winner Jeremy Kent sponsored by Elders Gambier farm Supplies



Sub Juniors Kain Ashby, Jack Dyson & Noah VonStanke-Dowie



Juniors Ben Hastings, Brodie VonStanke-Dowie & Declan Wright



Heath Telford on behalf of sponsor Peter Telford with Senior aggregate winner Greg Kessagian



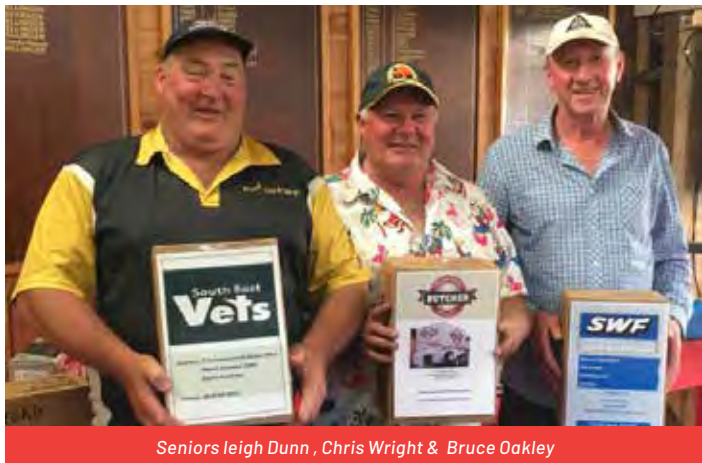
Ladies Sonia Vanderhorst, Tasha Bellinger & Nicola Dunn



Veterans Wayne Evans & Neville Kent



A Grade Heath Telford & Tony Sellars



Seniors Leigh Dunn, Chris Wright & Bruce Oakley



AA Grade Jamie Dunn, Danny Bellinger & Michael Brilley



C Grade Dwayne Bell, Michael Gates & Charles Wallis



B Grade Nathan Smith & Scott Fleming



Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Sponsor Dane Hastings with winner Jeremy Kent

JANUARY SHOOT

South East Field & Game's recent 75 target Sporting Clays event at Burrungule Park. 62 shotgun shooters nominated for the event sponsored by Aussie Disposals, Galpins Accountants and Portland Field & Game.

Ken Atkin & his hard working crew set up 3 grounds of Old Style Sporting layouts to test the competitors skills. Jeremy Kent needed a shoot off with Greg Kessagian to claim The Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun after both shot 73/75



AA Grade Danny Bellinger & Gavin Dyson



Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun
Jeremy Kent



Juniors Declan Wright



A Grade Ken Atkin



Ladies Tarsha Bellinger & Georgie Beighton



Veterans Ernie Scheidl



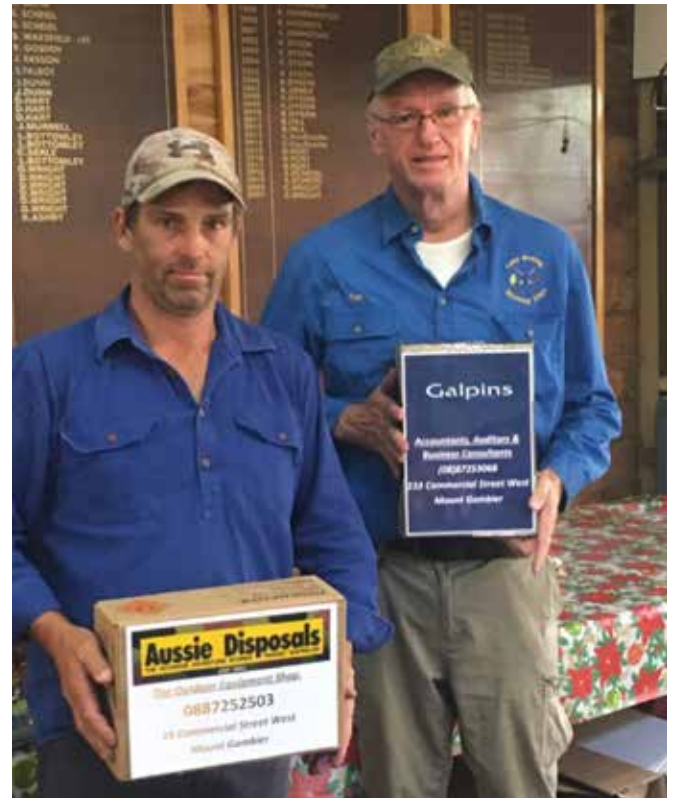
Seniors Greg Kessagian & Chris Wright



Sub Juniors Harry Simson



C Grade Doug Rohde, John McIntyre & Michael Gates



B Grade Simon Withers & Tim Lloy

75-Target Old Style Event

High Gun	Jeremy Kent	73/75			
AA Grade	1st Danny Bellinger	70/75	Senior	1st Greg Kessagian	73/75
	2nd Gavin Dyson	68/75		2nd Christopher Wright	71/75
	3rd Michael Brillely	67/75		3rd Scott McIntyre	68/75
A Grade	1st Ken Atkin	71/75	Veteran	1st Ernie Scheidl	67/75
	2nd Andrew Hoare	64/75		2nd Bob Jones	66/75
	3rd Dale Smith	58/75		3rd Graham Lamond	66/75
B Grade	1st Angus Maddern	66/75	Lady	1st Tasha Bellinger	67/75
	2nd Simon Withers	65/75		2nd George Beighton	59/75
	3rd Timothy Lloyd	64/75		3rd Samantha Freeman	52/75
C Grade	1st Douglass Rohde	51/75	Junior	1st Declan Wright	64/75
	2nd John McIntyre	50/75			
	3rd Michael Gates	49/75			

FEBRUARY SHOOT

The 75 target event was sponsored by Nutrien Mount Gambier (Jeff Olafsen), Kain Transport & BOC Gases.

88 Competitors nominated for a chance to tackle the Ken Atkin designed layout which drew high praise from the sporting clay shooters. For the second month in a row Greg Kessegian & Jeremy Kent finished the day all square on 71/75 necessitating a shoot off to determine a winner.

Kent needed all his previous shoot off experience to claim his second Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun in consecutive months over Kessegian who had to settle for a category win in Seniors. AA Grade also needed shoot off to determine the podium as Tim Widdison, Ron Rhook, Danny Bellinger & Joe Densley all tied on 68/75.

Widdison prevailed over Danny Bellinger to claim the win with Rhook rounding out the placings in third. Declan Wright & Shakielle VonStanke also had to shoot off to determine a winner in the Junior category after both had shot 59/75. Wright came out on top to claim the win.

February 75 Sporting Clays Club Shoot 26-Feb-23

High Gun	Jeremy Kent	71/75			
AA Grade	1st Timothy Widdison	68/75	Senior	1st Greg Kessegian	71/75
	2nd Danny Belinger	68/75		2nd Christopher Wright	70/75
	3rd Ron Rhook	68/75		3rd Leigh Dunn	69/75
A Grade	1st Craig Handreck	64/75	Veteran	1st Wayne Evans	66/75
	2nd Allan Cowin	64/75		2nd Ernie Scheidl	63/75
	3rd Ken Atkin	62/75		3rd Neville Kent	62/75
B Grade	1st Dwayne Bell	55/75	Lady	1st Janette Densley	66/75
	2nd Scott Fleming	54/75		2nd Tasha Bellinger	64/75
	3rd Stephen Bellinger	54/75		3rd Charlotte Devaud	53/75
C Grade	1st John McIntyre	50/75	Junior	1st Declan Wright	59/75
	2nd Michael Gates	46/75		2nd Shakielle Vonstanke	59/75
	3rd Zack Oakley	45/75			
Sub-Junior	1st Kain Ashby	57/75			
	2nd Jack Dyson	50/75			
	3rd Noah Vonstanke-Dowie	49/75			



Sub Juniors Kain Ashby, Jack Dyson & Noah VonStanke



AA Grade Tim Widdison, Ron Rhook & Danny Bellinger



A Grade Craig Handreck & Allan Cowin



Gambier Shooting Supplies Winner Jeremy Kent



B Grade Dwayne Bell & Scott Fleming



Seniors Greg Kessegian, Chris Wright & Leigh Dunn



Veterans Wayne Evans, Ernie Scheidl & Neville Kent



C Grade Runners up Michael Gates & Zack Oakley



Ladies Janette Densley, Tasha Bellinger & Charlotte Devaud



C Grade Winner John McIntyre



Juniors Declan Wright & Shakielle VonStanke

ROCKY GULLY

The year has kicked off in full swing for Rocky Gully and the first shoots of the year have been full with people eager to start the new season. Both January and February saw a full contingent of 14 squads enjoyed superb summer conditions with blue skies, little wind and just pleasantly warm. You couldn't order better conditions to start us back into shooting some sporting clays in 2023.

It was great to see some new Rocky Gully team members step up and help design some of our course in February, getting new ideas for target presentations is just what everyone needs to keep a large variety of exciting targets in the air. While there were some good scores being posted by several shooters in all grades, there were some notable achievements. Robert Marcoionni and Kristian Downing both shot rounds of 25! Well done to you both. However, it was certainly Joe Densly's day. Joe shot a very impressive 72/75 which included the first 50 straight. Congratulations Joe!

It is also great to see many of our members notably improving their scores over the last few months. Of course we are out there to have fun, but I'm sure we can all agree that it is always more fun hitting a few more targets. It is so great to hear someone recount the time about "that one they hit" is what we are all about. Perhaps one reason for this improvement is that our practice sessions on Saturdays have been bustling with eager shooters, many of them being new club members. I'm sure anyone in any sport or activity will say there is just no substitute for putting time and practice into what you're doing in order to improve and sporting clays is no exception. Our practice sessions are held on Saturday mornings, usually from 10am until 3pm. On our new 5 stand practice field with 7 brand new MEC 406XP machines.

Our practice days have seen a steady stream of shooters coming in throughout the day to shoot some rounds and shooting continued right up until closing time. I was able to take time to see some shooters in the stands. Most encouragingly there were several shooters who have had recent coaching sessions and it was notable the improvements they have made. You could see it in the technique and most importantly, they were smashing even tougher targets. Now to bring that form to competition day. Keep it up! It certainly helps to have some expert advice on hand and many of our sessions have had one of our experienced club coaches, John Monaghan, present to give some members some expert advice. Even within the day I could see improvement.

Another benefit to our practice field is that the trap shelters can be moved around in order to change to targets presented on the field. At Rocky Gully, we strongly believe that shooting as varied presentation of targets as possible is the way to develop your skills and keep you from falling into a rut. So having had our practice field operating for several months now, it is probably time to change things around! By the time you read this, we have probably changed it up with a new set of targets.

So if you are interested in coming out to shoot some rounds of practice, we welcome members and non-members. So if you have a firearms licence and your own gear, feel free to come up whenever we are open. All practice days will be advertised on our events page on our website as well as our facebook page. So check it out.

ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS - ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS: JANUARY 2023

	Name	Score
AA	Button, Alex	65
A	Terry, Shane	73
	Bologiannis, James	70
	Bologiannis, Nicholas	68
B	Marden, Allan	66
	Hendy, Peter	63
	Backhouse, Brian	63
C	Hall, Scott	59
	Brown, Paul	57
	Anderson, Brenton	57
Sub Junior	Papaioannou, Jimmy	64

ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS - FEB 2023 75-TARGET SPORTING CLAYS HIGH GUN EVENT

	Name	Score
AA	Button, Alex	68
A	Densley, Joseph	72
	Terry, Shane	69
	Marcoionni, Robert	66
B	Downing, Kristian	67
	Dawes, Gregory	66
	Marden, Allan	64
C	Hall, Scott	61
	Carr, Christopher	54
	Higginson, Daryl	53
Sub Junior	Angus, Sebastian	58
	Angus, Flynn	39

ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS - ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS: AMERICAN SUPER SPORTING DECEMBER 2022

	Name	Score
AA	Button, Alex	89
A	Brown, Haydn	92
	Nunn, Colin	91
	Brewer, Adam	90
B	Angus, Todd	80
	Benham, Glenn	79
	Jensen, BJ	79
C	Higginson, Daryl	84
	Hall, Scott	82
	Brown, Paul	80
Sub Junior	Angus, Sebastian	80
	Papaioannou, Jimmy	76
	Angus, Flynn	35

ROCKY GULLY 2023 PRE – DUCK HUNTING SEASON CLAY TARGET PRACTICE SHOOT

Following on from the successful 2023 CHASA Duckwise Information Night, the SAFGA Southern Region - Rocky Gully Sporting Clays show cased some practice fun for swamp like duck hunting scenarios. Each shooting stand was acting as your favourite hide in the swamps with black duck decoys scattered everywhere that would attract your favourite bird. The range of targets simulated ducks from all directions coming into your kill zone at approx. 20-25 meters in front of the stand. A perfect day with 26°C brought out 20 hunters that took to the stand for the very first time. A flush shoot finished off the practice giving each hunter the ability to choose his/her bird from all directions.

Clay Target Shooters & Duck Hunters join forces as targets bag out!!!



Behind each stand was a well experienced hunter with high level Clay Target achievements from both the club members and club committee. This form of target practice gave each hunter a better understanding of how to lead the target to achieve the point of impact required every time. And by doing so this enhanced the knowledge of each hunter for better preparation for the field hunting. Overall a very fun day with interaction from both the clay target member and the hunting community. The event was such a success we hope to continue the involvement with an end of season shoot.



VALE BRYAN STOKES FAREWELL FROM ROCKY GULLY

On Boxing Day 2022 Rocky Gully lost an outstanding member who made an enormous contribution to our Club. Bryan was someone that once met was never forgotten. Some might have described him as a 'larger than life' character or even a 'force of nature'. At Rocky Gully we would simply say of him that he was a great bloke and he is very sorely missed.

In his time with Rocky Gully and in the sport of Sporting Clays he held a number of positions. At Rocky Gully he was at various times Vice President, President and general committee member as well as a long time sponsor, in conjunction with Garry Tucker, of our English Sporting Xmas shoot. He also played a significant role at the State level of our sport holding the positions of President and Treasurer for many years.

Bryan was a very successful businessman who, to our great fortune, chose to share his time, business skills and financial acumen with our club and the sport we all love. Fortunately, Bryan was, when faced with opposition and criticism, able to look beyond that, especially when supported by those who valued him for his drive and energy. Rocky Gully valued Bryan greatly as he played a key role as part of a small group that changed the direction of our club and ultimately of sporting clays in South Australia. Bryan was instrumental in the modernisation of our state association and his vision and drive helped bring it into the 21st century and gave all SA clubs independence and self-determination to which all SA members should owe a debt of thanks. Without Bryan's determined leadership, that group would not have been able to achieve what it did.

Bryan first came to Rocky Gully Sporting Clays as part of a group invited to the club to participate in the trial run of our Corporate Shooting programme. This venture was greatly supported by some key sponsors, namely Fisher Firearms and Winchester. Sponsors and supporters were invited to a dress rehearsal of the corporate day format and asked to invite, as our guest, one of their customers or friends. Bryan came as the guest of Greg Sparrow, the proprietor of Fisher Firearms. The event was a great success and Bryan had such a good time that he just never left. While Bryan had been a keen shooter in other disciplines he had never before shot sporting clays. All those reading this will no doubt understand just how hard the sporting clays bug can bite.

When Bryan arrived at Rocky Gully we had no idea at all about who Bryan was or what he had achieved in his life as an entrepreneur and businessman, but we soon found out. Perhaps one moment stands out above all else, for many people at Rocky Gully their first time meeting Bryan at the club was when they drove into the club one day for a round of practice, only to see Bryan's helicopter parked in the middle of the grounds, certainly living up to his 'larger than life' presence. The Club provided Bryan with coaching through its coaching programme as he struggled

to master the dark art of sporting clays. The coaches greatly enjoyed their time with Bryan as he was a very keen pupil who picked up the skills of sporting clays quickly and threw himself into the sport, enjoying all the fun and enjoyment it could bring.

A great deal of shooters all across Australia may be familiar with "Australis", Bryan's Kreighoff 'gun of the year' engraved with iconic images of our great country. Most guns like this are locked away somewhere as a collector's piece, never to be used, but Bryan was not one of those people and to his credit he used Australis every time he was shooting. Just to see such a beautiful gun like that in use was something special and it is a testament to the type of generous and friendly person that Bryan was that he was never shy in offering absolutely anybody to 'have a few shots' with the gun.

The list of what Bryan did for Rocky Gully and the sport is long so here are just two of the most important examples: He provided numerous interest free loans for the club, (all of which I'm proud to be able to say we paid back) and he purchased a small parcel of land that abutted the boundary of the club property that enabled much better use to be made of some really great shooting ground. This latter item allowed bigger events to be held by the club. These acts of generosity laid the foundation for what Rocky Gully has become, namely one of the best Sporting Clay venues in Australia. Bryan also had a fascination for heavy equipment which he was able to indulge on the Club property. His projects included a large digger and tip truck. Holes, some of considerable size, and their resulting piles of rock and sand would regularly appear around the ground. Some of these holes and piles were useful and were used by the target setters, others not so much. If you're reading this Bryan, there are still a few holes that you promised to fill that are still waiting.

But what Bryan brought to Rocky Gully, more than anything else was energy, drive and a 'can do' attitude. Many times, when ideas were being discussed about future developments for the sport and other people said 'that's not achievable', Bryan would counter with "why not?" If he saw something that needed doing he just did it or found a way to make it happen. The new practice field at Rocky Gully is one instance; when Bryan put forward the suggestion of the club building such a facility and at the time it seemed to us like a fantasy, an insurmountable task that, while a nice 'wish list' we may never truly see eventuate. However, with Bryan's drive and insistence that such a thing could be achieved, we persevered and many years later it has become a reality. I'm very glad Bryan was able to see his vision come into being, something I know he was very proud of.

At the same time in the club house or when travelling to competitions, he was the life of the party and raised everyone's spirits with his voice, laughter, and sense of humour. We were lucky to have known him and Rocky Gully is the better for having had him as a member. He will be sorely missed by us all.



Bryan first Corporate Shooting day



RGS Clays 2022 Committee with Bryan



Bryan with Glen Benham first place cash prize sponsorship in English Sporting



Bryan with longtime friend John Monaghan



Club house Naming in honor of Bryan and Vicki Stokes



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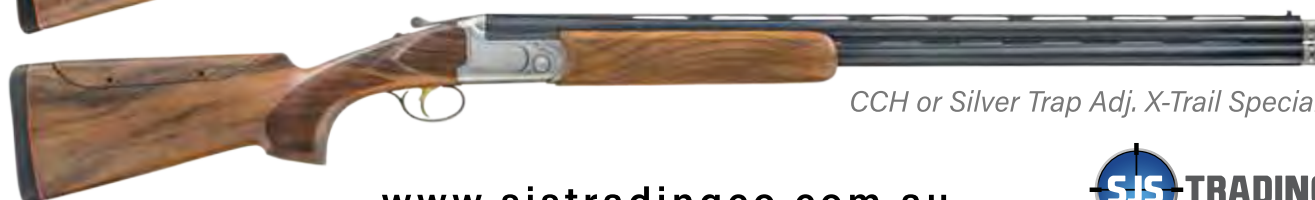
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