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National Champion Jeremy Kent with
Anna Shadrina from Bronze Wing Australia**

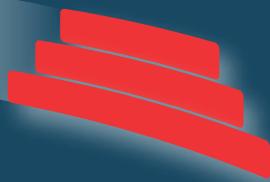
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2023 English Sporting Championship



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi to members of Sporting Clays Australia

Your board recently met and one of the items that came up and I know is causing a lot of discussion is the proposal from Field and Game to have some sort of amalgamation with ourselves (SCA). This discussion went on for quite a while and at the end a vote was taken, and the organisation decided that at this point it is not in the best interests of Sporting Clays Australia to go down this path.

The main reasons were,

1. Until the political agenda around the duck seasons in Victoria and South Australia settles and is clear we are better to stay independent. Once these outcomes are known we will be in the position to review and assess the direction our organisation wishes to take.
2. The issue is predominately focussed on Victorian and South Australian clubs and the joining of the 2 organisations would have no benefit for any other member state in the organisation in our opinion.
3. SCA is structurally and financially sound, our membership is growing so keeping our independence is perceived to be important.

I had the pleasure of attending the National English Sporting event hosted by Southeast Field and Game at Mt Gambier at the end of May and was firstly surprised by the number of entries at 100 when ten days before we could only muster 72.

A huge congratulations to Charles Wallace and an amazing group of helpers from the club and surrounds you did yourselves proud in every aspect of the organisation of the event including the grounds/ targets, Kitchen and picking the weather. It is so pleasing to see the Clubs working closely with the National Board to stage these events.

When we talk of event partners, we would not hold any competition without the good will of partners like Laporte, Bronzewing, NSI and Torresan Estate. To Anna Shadrina and John Torreson, we thank you both.

We now need to think of how we can grow these numbers to make the event more viable for all concerned, maybe hold it in conjunction with another major National event? We would welcome any ideas members may have to progress this.

The next important event will be held in Hungary where our national team will compete with the best in the world and make Australia proud. Congratulations to all the members that made the team, and we wish you every success in your endeavours.

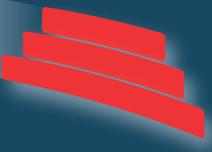
The Sporting Clays Nationals will be held in Gunnedah 22/23/24 of September with the week after full of shooting. Check out the details in this magazine.

See you around the grounds.

Ian Grant
SCA President



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2023 SPORTING CLAYS AUSTRALIA NATIONALS

Nearly 100 Sporting Clay Shooters travelled to Burrungule Park to compete in the 20th Sporting Clays Australia English Sporting Nationals over the last weekend of May. This was the first National event at the range in over three decades.

Competitors from South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania nominated for the 200 target event hosted by South East Field & Game Association. Sponsors for the event were LaPorte Australia, Bronzewing Australia, Nobel Sport Italia Australia and Torresan Estate. Ken Atkin & his hard working crew of volunteers set two grounds, each comprising of 50 targets all shot single barrel in pairs to test the shooter's skills and concentration.

Day 1 saw competitors shooting in calm mostly dry weather conditions and the scoreboard at the halfway point had Jeremy Kent tied with the experienced John Younger both having shot 97/100. Heavy rain dampened the spirits of the early squads on Sunday morning of day 2 however once the skies cleared the Sun came out to create near perfect conditions.

Jeremy Kent hit the accelerator early on to grab an early lead which he never gave up. Kent finished up on 193/200, this being a personal best score, and claimed the overall High Gun to win the Australian English Sporting Clays Championship.

Three Victorian shooters Xavier Russell, Robert Hall & Chris Brown



2023 National Champion Jeremy Kent

all finished on 186/200. Seven targets behind Kent and needing a shoot off to determine the podium positions in the Open category, the highly talented Russell prevailed over his more experienced Fellow Australian team sporting clay shooters.

John Younger claimed the Senior's Title with 187/200, this being 6 targets behind Kent and second highest score of the weekend, Runner up in Seniors was John Leach & local Bruce Oakley from Dartmoor finished in third position.

South East Member Ron Rhook shot 178/200 to take out the Veterans category from Rob Shawyer and Eddy Magee. The Masters Category was won by the experienced John Torresan with 156/200, runners up were Pros Van Der Zalm and Daryl Mawson.

Ben Hastings is a third generation shooter from South East Field & Game and used his pedigree to score 159/200 and claim the Junior Championship from promising young Adelaide shooter Jimmy Papaioannou and Tyler Brown in third.

Renae Birgan, the 2018 Ladies FITASC world champion, shot 172/200 to claim the Ladies title over Bianca Norris & Janette Densley. The well-travelled Birgan commented after the event that "The event at Burrungule Park was as close you can get to shooting English Sporting in England!" In thanking the host club Birgan said "It was



Jeremy Kent in action

a flawlessly run event from the office, target presentations and canteen, by a group of dedicated volunteers. You Guys nailed it and should be really proud of the event you created."

A Grade was claimed by Max Colenso scoring 159/200 from Daniel Torresan & South East local Tim Lloyd. Malcolm Price took out the B Grade with 162/200 from Rohann Stebbings from Tasmania & Jody Wallace back in third.

20TH ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONALS 2023

2023 National	Champion		
Open	2nd	Xavier Russell	186/200
Open	3rd	Roberet Hall	186/200
Open	4th	Chris Brown	186/200
A	1st	Max Colenso	168/200
A	2nd	Daniel Torrensan	166/200
A	3rd	Timothy Lloyd	166/200
B	1st	Malcolm Price	162/200
B	2nd	Rohan Stebbings	160/200
B	3rd	Jody Wallace	155/200
C	1st	Kyle Dodman	143/200
C	2nd	Jordan Mervart	132/200
C	3rd	Nicole Hope	127/200
Junior	1st	Ben Hastings	159/200
Junior	2nd	Jimmy Papaioannou	150/200
Junior	3rd	Tyler Brown	116/200
Senior	1st	John Younger	187/200
Senior	2nd	John Leach	179/200
Senior	3rd	Bruce Oakley	174/200
Veteran	1st	Ron Rhook	178/200
Veteran	2nd	Robin Shawyer	170/200
Veteran	3rd	Eddy Magee	160/200
Masters	1st	John Torresan	156/200
Masters	2nd	Prosper Van Der Zalm	138/200
Masters	3rd	Daryl Mawson	123/200
Ladies	1st	Renae Birgan	160/200
Ladies	2nd	Bianca Norris	156/200
Ladies	3rd	Janette Densley	155/200



Ladies Winners



B Grade Winners



Masters



Juniors



A Grade Winners



Open Winners



C Grade Winners



Seniors



Veteran

SPORTING CLAYS AUSTRALIA SHOOTER PROFILE INTERVIEW

Name - Robert Hall

Age - 33

Marital Status? - Married Darcii

Occupation? - Concrete Consultant.

Lives? - Melbourne.

Family consists of? - New addition on its way.

And 2 Sisters, Father, Mother

Shooters in the family? Peter Hall - Father

Grew up? - Melton (next to the Marsh) Breading ground for great Australian shooters

First introduction to shooting? - 12 Years of age, Dunolly Field and Game. With a father like Peter he was most certainly going to shoot clays.

First Gun? - Browning B2G

What's your current shotgun? - Miroku Deluxe

What is your favourite ammo and shot size? - NSI Quattro FLUO 8s

Who was the biggest influence in shooting? - Peter Hall and Ed Treadwell - Ed assisting with getting Robbie to shoots when Peter couldn't go.

Did you receive coaching and guidance through your rise? - More mentoring and guidance from the surrounding shooting community

How often were you shooting over your years? - twice a week.

Do you shoot practice? - Only leading up to a Major shoot. Then it is at least once a week.

Major Achievements to date?

- 5th Overall Dubai 2023
- 2 Oceania's
- 2 Asian Championships
- 1 Field and Game Nationals
- 1 ACTA Sporting National Championship
- 1 SCA Compak National Championship
- 1 NZ Compak National Championship
- FITASC World Number 1 Ranking
- 3 Victorian State Titles
- 5th in the FITASC 2022 World Cup.

Do you have any regrets? - Not stepping away from Australia and moving to the UK to work on a shooting ground and shoot for 12 months

What is the best ground in Australia? Brisbane Sporting Clays - Queensland

What is the best ground you have visited overseas? - For terrain - Rotorua New Zealand

For Facilities - EJ Churchill Shooting Grounds UK

Who do you think the current best shooter in the world is? Charles Bardou - France

What is your favourite style of target to shoot? - Full Spring upside down battues 60 Metres.

What advise would you give to young shooters? - It doesn't happen over night.

What would you like to see happen to improve the sport? - The Creation of a semi pro league.

What is your favourite pastime outside of shooting? - AFL Games - North Melbourne Demons Fan and dining out in restaurants.

What's next on you agender/ Bucket list? - Win a Fitasc World Championship.



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BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME

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75 TARGET SIMULATED FIELD GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

On Sunday 2 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 33 shooters.

The range was set by Josh and Bob and a cast of thousands who did an excellent job to present a very good variety of targets. The five station range 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.

Brian McGaffin travelled up from Mildura for the shoot and made the drive worthwhile with an excellent score of 66. This was enough, by just a single shot at the finish, to win the High Gun Medal and first place in AA Grade.

Gerard Mahoney finished just a point behind the high gun and an excellent score of 65 was comfortably good enough for first place in A Grade. Tim Millsteed had a blinder in B Grade and shot 56 for an easy win which may have the handicapper sharpening his knife. Milparinka shooter Lachlan Day shot very consistently in C Grade for a score of 53 that was good enough for the first place prize. It is always rewarding to see a good roll up of Juniors at the range. Lincoln Casey continued a good run of first place finishes and he won the Junior Grade with a very good score of 48.

Information for any event at Broken Hill is available from Association President Rod Weaver on 0407187498, and Secretary Cassie Hibberd on 0437 237 955.



Grade winners of the Neil Treganowan 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship, (left to right), Brian McGaffin (AA Grade and High Gun), Tim Millsteed (B Grade), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Lachlan Day (C Grade) and Gerard Mahoney and Poppy (A Grade).

75 TARGET SIMULATED FIELD GRADED HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

On Sunday 7 May the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Handicap Championship shoot. The shoot was sponsored by Cilla Mahoney who very generously provided an excellent range of prizes for the winning shooters. The day was clear, breezy and very cold but conditions were still pretty good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were happy with the attendance of 28 shooters which included much appreciated support from Milparinka, Loxton and Renmark.

The range was set by Josh and Bob and the usual crew of volunteers who, as usual, did an excellent job to present a very good range with a good variety of targets. The targets were a bit easier than average and were great fun to shoot. The shooters certainly made the best of the opportunity and some excellent scores were recorded.

The best score off the gun was shot by A Grade shooter Travis Casey who recorded an excellent total of 68 which was comfortably good enough to win the High Gun prize and medal. Travis has enjoyed a good run of top place finishes this year, maybe time for the other top shots in the club to step up to the challenge.

The grades were determined on handicap totals and Adrian Locke shot consistently for a very good handicap total of 82 for first place in A Grade. Anthony Elliott seems to do his finest work in B Grade, he shot a good score of 80 and despite finishing in a four way tie he still managed to get the nod from the scorer on count back to win the first place prize. Jason Butcher celebrated his birthday at the shoot with an excellent score of 90 which was easily good enough for first place in C Grade, and also for the Handicap High Gun medal. A well earned birthday present for Butch, and a birthday cake still to come at home. Julie Gillespie travelled up from Loxton for the shoot and was well rewarded with a very good score of 77 and the first place prize in the Ladies Grade. Lincoln Casey continued a good run of first place finishes and he won the Junior Grade with a very good score of 82.

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Grade winners of the Cilla Mahoney 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Handicap Championship, (left to right), Travis Casey (High Gun), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Julie Gillespie (Ladies), Anthony Elliott (B Grade) and Adrian Locke (A Grade).

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STEVE LAWRENCE 75 TARGET SIDE BY SIDE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

On Saturday 3 June, the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted the Steve Lawrence 75 Target Side by Side Handicap Championship shoot. This very popular annual event allows the old double barrel guns out of the gun safe for a run around the range. The shoot is sponsored by Steve, Craig and Calan Lawrence who very generously provided an excellent range of sashes and prizes for the winning shooters.

The day was clear, calm, sunny and unseasonably warm for the time of year, perfect conditions for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with the attendance of 28 shooters which included much appreciated support from the Sunraysia and Milparinka clubs.

The range was set by Steve, Richard and Josh and the usual band of volunteers. The targets provided very good variety, and were just a tad easier than average which made for very enjoyable shooting.

The best off gun score for the event was a very good total of 67/75 that was shot by Sunraysia visitor Brian McGaffin. Brian had to work hard to stay ahead of the competition but managed to hang on for a well deserved High Gun Sash. Fellow Sunraysia shooter Lachlan Simpson shot an excellent handicap score of 84 which was easily good enough to win the Handicap High Gun sash.

The Steve Lawrence shoot was very successful and enjoyable day, and ran very smoothly thanks to the efforts of our hard working range crew and office staff. And a special vote of thanks to Vicki and Rod for cooking a fabulous lunch of curried snags and stew. It must have been good, not a scrap left in the pots at days end.

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.



High Gun and Handicap winners of the Steve Lawrence 75 Target Side by Side Handicap Championship, (left to right), Lachlan Simpson (Handicap High Gun), and Brian McGaffin (High Gun).

75 TARGET SIMULATED FIELD GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

On Sunday 4 June, the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Championship shoot. The shoot was sponsored by the club and a good range of prizes was provided for the winning shooters. The day was overcast, cool and a bit breezy, but early rain cleared away and the conditions were good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with the attendance of 33 shooters which included much appreciated support from the Sunraysia and Milparinka clubs.

The range was set by our visiting Sunraysia shooters and was approached with some trepidation by locals accustomed to the longer and more difficult targets often thrown at Mildura. Some of the targets were a fair way out but the degree of difficulty was just about spot on and the targets were good fun to shoot. The best shooters recorded some very good totals.

The best off gun score for the shoot was a very good total of 66/75 that was shared by Broken Hill's Travis Casey and Sunraysia shooter Bill Chapman. In the deciding shoot off Travis held on by that one vital shot to win the High Gun Medal and first place in AA Grade.

Sunraysia shooter Leigh Norton, a regular visitor to Broken Hill, shot very consistently for a total of 63 and he was a comfortable winner in A Grade. Hayden Beven had to work hard to stay ahead of the opposition in B Grade but managed a good score of 56 to win the first place prize with a spare shot up his sleeve at the finish. Glenn Kester was the lone ranger in C Grade, not always a bad place to be, and he shot 32 and deserved his first place prize. Milparinka shooter Max Day shot consistently for a good score of 49 and a very narrow win in the Junior Grade.

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 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship, (left to right), Leigh Norton (A Grade), Travis Casey (High Gun and AA Grade), Max Day (Juniors), and Hayden Beven (B Grade).

STEVE LAWRENCE 75 TARGET SXS HANDICAP BROKEN HILL - 3 JUNE 2023

STEVE LAWRENCE 75 TARGET SXS HANDICAP BROKEN HILL - 3 JUNE 2023			
	Name	Home Club	Score
High Gun	Brian McGaffin	Sunraysia	67
Hcap High Gun	1st: Lachlan Simpson	Sunraysia	84
	2nd: Calan Lawrence	Broken Hill	81
	3rd: Peter Hoare	Broken Hill	80
	4th: Bill Chapman	Sunraysia	79
	5th: Dennis Bailey	Milparinka	79
	6th: David Trickey	Sunraysia	79

		Name	Home Club	Score
High Gun		Travis Casey	Broken Hill	66
AA Grade	1st:	Travis Casey	Broken Hill	66
	2nd:	Bill Chapman	Sunraysia	66
	3rd:	Craig Scheele	Sunraysia	63
A Grade	1st:	Leigh Norton	Sunraysia	63
	2nd:	Tim Chapman	Sunraysia	60
	3rd:	Tony Monk	Dubbo	53
B Grade	1st:	Hayden Beven	Broken Hill	56
	2nd:	Tim Millsteed	Broken Hill	55
	3rd:	Richard Murphy	Broken Hill	53
C Grade	1st:	Glenn Kester	Broken Hill	32
Juniors	1st:	Max Day	Milparinka	49
	2nd:	Thomas Norton	Sunraysia	48
	3rd:	Lincoln Casey	Broken Hill	44

COOMA SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

40TH EASTER CLASSIC SHOOT REPORT

The 2023 Easter long weekend saw Cooma Sporting Clays host its 40th Cooma Easter Classic. Anyone who has been involved in running multi-day event understands it is an onerous undertaking, while doing it for forty years should be regarded as an enormous achievement.

The Classic has earned a reputation as a premier sporting clays event that comprises of 10 events held over 4 days. The shoot attracts shooters from novice through to expert, young to older all with the excitement to compete for the spoils right here in breathtaking Snowy Mountains.

The bureau of meteorology weather forecasts of "Armageddon" for the weekend had many of the organisers and helpers scrambling for the weather radars on an hourly basis. Fortunately, we scraped through with a cold but survivable weekend.

The Four-day competition kicked off Friday with a 75 Target Sub-Gauge Championship Sponsored by **Perazzi Australia**, 146 shooters competed in the event with the overall winner being **Scott Halsey** with a well shot 69 out of 75 targets.

Saturday continued with a 100 target State Selection event Sponsored by **Sporting Clays NSW**, this event attracted 173 shooters with the overall winner for the event being **Christopher Bourke** with an impressive 86 out of 100 targets.

Easter Sunday saw the culmination of our Easter Classic event sponsored by **Safari Firearms & Cooma Ex-Services Club**, the event attracted 178 shooters competing in a 200-target event, the event comprises the total from Saturday added to the result of Sunday's event with the overall winner being **Christopher Bourke** with a well shoot 173 out of 200 targets.

Shooters not taking a well-deserved break for the public holiday, continued into Monday's side by side competition sponsored by **Territory Firearms**, with **Andrew Reading** taking out the side-by-side championship with 65 out of 75 targets. In conjunction with this event, we also hold a springing teal event which saw **Rob Passarin** coming out on top.

In addition to the many events ran over the four days, we run a competition for shooters 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 while **Christopher Bourke** featured yet again to take home the Off the Gun Champion Sash.

For all the results please follow the link: <https://scalivescores.com.au/>

Once again, our extensive prize pool would not be possible without the ongoing generosity of our amazing sponsors:

Sub Gauge Event - **Perazzi Australia**

State Selection - **Sporting Clays NSW**

Easter Classic - **Safari Firearms & Cooma Ex Services Club**

Side by Side Event - **Territory Firearms**

In addition to four days of great targets good food and healthy competition CSC ran a major raffle with the winner receiving a Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon Sporter Shotgun, with this year's winner **Christopher Bourke** adding to his Prize Haul.

A second raffle was on offer for a chance to take home a 3-lens cased set of Pilla Outlaw Shooting Glasses, the draw saw long-time supporter **Rob Shaw** victorious and one very happy shooter.

CSC are fortunate to have a proactive membership where the adage "many hands make light work" comes to mind, the event could not be run so smoothly without the enormous efforts of our members. The club would like to thank all our helpers for the weeks of hard work leading up to the event and for giving 100% over the Easter weekend to make the event as successful as it was.

Special mention goes out to the following:

- **Andrew Fairfield - Smith** (CSC President) for his ongoing efforts and guiding the ship.
- **Adam Mower** (CSC Secretary) for his tireless effort in pulling the event together.
- **Peter Kay** for his wisdom of all things target related and his vast knowledge & input in the office.
- **Bermagui Sporting Clays & Majura Park** for the loan of traps for the event.
- The **Range Marshall's** that kept the events flowing.
- **Krista & Alison** in the Office for their hard work.
- **Mark** & his band of merry helpers in the kitchen for ensuring that everyone was well catered.
- **Pete** and the many members & Associates that groomed the ranges ready for competition.
- **Ang Thorpe** for capturing all the action and allowing us to use her terrific photos. Anyone wishing to look at the thousands of images taken should look them up on face book @ <https://www.facebook.com/AngiesClayBustingPhotos> and don't forget to check out 60 seconds with Ang for an insight into what makes competitors tick.

And finally, the competitors for attending the event and continuing to make the Easter Classic the success that it is.

Until Next Year May You Shoot Often and Straight

Cooma Sporting Clays



Adam Mower CSC Secretary & CSC Life Member Richard Sears tending the ranges.



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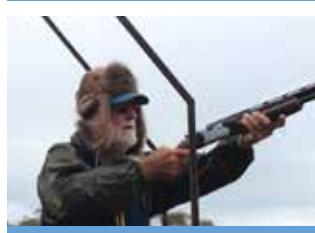
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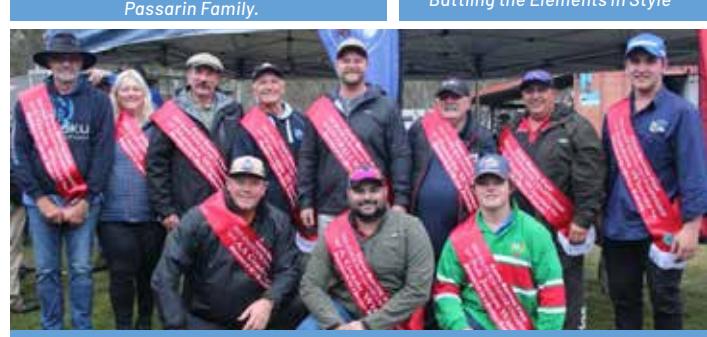
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MUDGEES SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

FIOCCHI CHALLENGE SHOOT REPORT

Over the weekend of May 27 & 28 our club held the annual two day FIOCCHI CHALLENGE on the Windamere range. Shooting conditions were what you would describe as being cold, at least it did not rain. Two ranges of 25 targets with 5 stations each had been set to make up the 100 targets which were on offer each day. Springers, rabbits, midis & frogs were all on the menu for the enjoyment of competitors. Congratulations to Steve Atkins and Jason Solomons who both shot a clean 25 round. A great effort indeed. With 75 shooters nominating, each day's proceedings were done and dusted early. Due to the sponsorship of TSA & the HORSLEY PK GUN SHOP the trophies on offer were exceptional. First, second & third in all grades were paid and if you left early before presentations (as sometimes you need to) you still received your trophy. Many thanks to Chris Robson who was representing TSA for presenting the trophies. Thanks to John Dickey from HP GUN SHOP for his continued support in helping organise this event.

In particular club members would like to thank TONY BURGESS who operated his bobcat for three days leading up to the event clearing some timber etc. so as we can extend and set new ranges in the future. Many thanks Tony.

Members must also thank the ladies in the kitchen (our Presidents better half Ann, along with her friends Jackie & Sam) who do a fantastic job of organising the food.

Members are indebted to Tarnia North who does a wonderful job in the office with a little help from her son Charlie. Charlie is a wiz on that computer although he may not admit it.

Results for Saturday are as follows

DAY 1 RESULTS		
High Gun	Bart Brightenti	92
AA Grade	1st: Doug Osborne	90
	2nd: Steve Atkins	84
	3rd: Chris Bourke	84
A Grade	1st: Frank Scambellone	90
	2nd: Lance North	84
	3rd: John Koolbanis	83
B Grade	1st: Deon Stevenson	80
	2nd: Peter Craig	78
	3rd: Chris Agustin	77
C Grade	1st: Adam Craig	77
	2nd: Frank Bodnar	70
	3rd: Dion Driman	65
Seniors	1st: Ralph Ali	85
	2nd: Stephen Payne	84
	3rd: Tony Shorten	83
Veterans	1st: Max Holland	82
	2nd: Steve Tydd	77
	3rd: Jake Guzelian	73
S/Veterans	1st: Alec Ceccato	83
	2nd: Clem Cox	73
	3rd: Sven Krollpfeiffer	72
Ladies	1st: Janelle Craig	71
	2nd: Mel Phillips	69
	3rd: Andrea Barrowman	65
Juniors	1st: Nick Brightenti	89
	2nd: Charlie (West) North	84
	3rd: Jack Atkins	76
Sub Juniors	1st: Christian Raco	61

DAY 2 RESULTS		
High Gun	Charlie North	92
AA Grade	1st: Doug Osborne	91
	2nd: Bart Brightenti	86
	3rd: Steve Atkins	85
A Grade	1st: Lance North	90
	2nd: Chris Barrowman	85
	3rd: Frank Scambellone	85
B Grade	1st: Peter Craig	89
	2nd: George Roth	83
	3rd: Craig McPherson	79
C Grade	1st: Adam Craig	70
	2nd: Dion Driman	69
	3rd: Snow Burgess	67
Seniors	1st: Steve Payne	86
	2nd: Grant Woods	79
	3rd: Kev Haskins	75
Veterans	1st: Steve Tydd	85
	2nd: Neil Donaldson	81
	3rd: Max Holland	75
S/Veterans	1st: Ross Christian	87
	2nd: Doug Franklin	86
	3rd: Alec Ceccato	83
Ladies	1st: Mel Phillips	74
	2nd: Janelle Craig	72
	3rd: Andrea Barrowman	59
Juniors	1st: Nick Brightenti	82
	2nd: Jack Atkins	80
	3rd: Giovanni Araco	67
Sub Juniors	1st: Christian Raco	55

SYDNEY SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

OTC GB SHOTSHIELDS



(left to right), Tom Zorgios, Andrew Bell, Dana

The second event of the weekend was the **OTC GB Shotshells 120 target ENGLISH SPORTING** event. Once again, we had unbelievable winter weather a slight westerly wind and sunny clear skies all day.

We had near 70 shooters battling out the 60 pairs and all we could see was smiles all day. Thanks to you to our sponsor **Lee and the team at OTC and GB Shotshells**.

ANDREW BELL TOOK OUT HIGH GUN,

With a focused display of shooting 60/60 straight in the first range and managing to get to over 75 till a simple incomer got the better of him. Andy only let 7 others slip by on the second range, to finish with a score of 112, you would think he would be a clear winner but Bart Brightenti was on his tail all day, eventually only falling one target short.

RESULTS		
High Gun	Andrew Bell	112
AA Grade	1st: Bart Brightenti	91
	2nd: Bryon Boon	86
	3rd: John Koolbanis	85
A Grade	1st: Andrew Meade	90
	2nd: Alan Forbes	85
	3rd: Chris Barrowman	85
B Grade	1st: Andy Vaccaro	89
	2nd: Michael Peckett	83
	3rd: Dennis Walsh	79
C Grade	1st: Michael Vella	70
	2nd: Antonino Binaggia	69
	3rd: Michael Salakas	67
Veterans	1st: Alec Ceccato	85
	2nd: Nasseem Malouf	81
	3rd: Mauro Conti	75
Ladies	1st: Melissa Phillips	74
	2nd: Pauls Purvis	72
	3rd: Kerry Donald	59
Juniors	1st: Hayden McGrath	82
	2nd: Nicholas Brightenti	80
	3rd: Luke Pellow	67

Dana was in the office again today to ensure we ran on time all day with Carla in the kitchen feeding all the hungry shooters, thank you both.

Special thanks you to everyone in the club who helped at the working bee, the range setters etc for making this weekend a great success.

NSW STATE SELECTION SHOOT #5



What a great day we had at the range today for the Sporting Clays , sponsored by SAFARI FIREARMS at Bexley & SCNSW. G

With almost perfect summer weather predicted for Saturday high 20s (sorry it is Winter in Sydney) and only a slight breeze, not to mention cloudless skies plus a full field of over 110 shooters pre-nominated, we had no excuses!

Thanks to all those who embraced the pre-nominations only for this event and the SCA members only conditions.

Our range setters did a superb job to present a very fair course for all and ensure that the day ran like clockwork. Big thanks to Dana in the office, this event would have ground to a halt without her, and Carla and Monique in the canteen keeping us so well fed.

I asked Paul on Friday what he expected High Gun to be, his answer was 90, pretty good guess with two members shooting 89 and so Peter Cassar and Angelo Salamon shot off for this honour.

Congratulations to Angelo Salamon 10/10 for achieving HIGH GUN

RESULTS		
AA Grade	1st: Peter Cassar 9/10	
	2nd: Bart Brightenti	
	3rd: Warren Thorpe	
A Grade	1st: Chris Barrowman	
	2nd: Craig Brown	
	3rd: Scott Halsey	
B Grade	1st: Deon Stevenson	
	2nd: Peter Selimiots	
	3rd: Mario Musicki	
C Grade	1st: Deon Scheepers	
	2nd: Glen Thomas	
	3rd: Mario Vella	
Seniors	1st: Peter Kay	
	2nd: Kevin Haskins	
	3rd: Bill Lialiatis	
Veterans	1st: Stephen Newcombe	
	2nd: Jake Guzelian	
	3rd: Bill Tagaropoulos	
Masters	1st: Ross Christian	
	2nd: Nasseem Malouf	
	3rd: Alec Ceccato	
Ladies	1st: Amy Buys	
	2nd: Janelle Craig	
	3rd: Mel Phillips	
Juniors	1st: Nick Brightenti	
	2nd: Charlie North	
	3rd: Hayden McGrath	
Sub Juniors	1st: Adam Mahfouz	
	2nd: Christian Raco	
	3rd: Henry Purvis	

All the scores can be found at this site

<https://scalivescores.com.au/Home/EventResults/2512/-1/2>

The Adrian Hayes Trophy was won by Sydney today, the team was Peter Cassar, Craig Brown, Frank Sgambellone and Deon Stevenson, well done guys.

One 25 badge today to Nick Brightenti.

Jason Solomons, on behalf of SCNSW, did a presentation of a \$1500 cheque for Nick Brightenti who has been selected to represent Australia in the upcoming

World Championships in Hungary. Good luck Nick, our best wishes are with you.

Text and Photos Phil Moses

DUBBO FIELD & GAME

STATE SELECTION #2 18TH MARCH 23

On Saturday 18th March the State Selection #2 for 2023 was held. Dubbo definitely turned the weather on - for those wanting a suntan! The sun shined brightly all day! Pretty sure all shooters had their recommended 2L of water and plus some!

Even had a couple of the boys going for a swim in the dam after presentation just to cool off!

Rotary Club of Narromine once again came out and kept us all fed with their burgers, chips and Dagwood dogs (which I think are a favourite). They even got the slushie machine going for us which was fantastic!

Peter Kay presented 2 awesome ranges, with targets he's been thinking about for a little while!

Shooters were treated to a large variety of targets with varying levels of difficulty. Teals, crossers, battles, rabbits, incomers, outgoers, high, low and super small!

The range stretched out across the clubs land, giving plenty of room between stands and along with allocated squads times, the day progressed smoothly and shooting finished early afternoon.

Thanks goes to Denis Coaker and Tony Everett for running around the range keeping things going, Tony Monk for driving the bus delivering us to stand one. Also to Chris and Smithy for running the office.

Adrian Hayes team event went to Mudgee 4.High Gun with an 87 went to Junior shooter - Charlie North

RESULTS		
High Gun	Charlie North	87
AA Grade	1st: Gary Adams	86
	2nd: Bart Brightenti	85+12
	3rd: Warren Thorpe	85+10
A Grade	1st: Frank Sgambellone	86
	2nd: Andrew Sinclair	84
	3rd: Lance North	83
B Grade	1st: Paul Leonard	80
	2nd: Brett Hall	74
	3rd: Jason McGrath	72
C Grade	1st: Michael Peckett	62
	2nd: Brent Coulthard	60+1
	3rd: Frank Araco	60
Seniors	1st: Stephen Payne	84
	2nd: John Collier	78
	3rd: Michael Munro	77
Veterans	1st: Milton Cartwright	77
	2nd: Stephen Tydd	67+13
	3rd: Jake Guzelian	67+9
Masters	1st: Maxwell Kavanagh	76
	2nd: Alec Ceccato	72
	3rd: Ross Christian	71
Ladies	1st: Janelle Craig	77
	2nd: Amy Buys	75
	3rd: Paula Purvis	74
Juniors	1st: Hayden McGrath	82
	2nd: Joshua Peckett	70
	3rd: Aliza Purvis	61
Sub Juniors	1st: Dylen Murray	67
	2nd: Christian Raco	62
	3rd: Henry Purvis	49+6



B Grade Winner Paul Leonard, 2nd Brett Hall 3rd Jason McGrath with Peter Kay



High Gun Winner Charlie North pictured with Peter Kay



Junior Winner Hayden McGrath, 2nd Joshua Peckett, 3rd Aliza Purvis pictured with Peter Kay



Sub Junior Winner Dylen Murray, 3rd Henry Purvis, 4th Jack Rees with Clays Director PK (absent 2nd Christian Raco)



2023 State Selection #2 Sash Winners



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SUNDAY 19TH MARCH PETER KAY GUNSMITH / GUNS N GAME MAGAZINE 100 SHOOT

Following the state selection shoot PK went out and tweaked a few traps, moved a few things and set another awesome range.

Those who stayed around for this shoot were treated to brilliant targets, great lunch and a sun tan that you wouldn't get in the Bahamas! Yes it was hot!

That didn't stop some great scores!

Thanks to all those involved with the running of the shoot. A large thank you goes to the sponsors Peter Kay Gun Smith and Guns n Game Magazine for their continuing support of Dubbo Field & Game

Congrats to High Gun winner Bart Brightenti on a fabulous score of 89!

Winners are Grinners

RESULTS

High Gun		Bart Brightenti	89
AA Grade	1st:	Warren Thorpe	87
	2nd:	Ken Purvis	81
	3rd:	Christopher Bourke	78+9
A Grade	1st:	Charlie North	80
	2nd:	Michael Lucas	78
	3rd:	Stephen Cooper	77
B Grade	1st:	Christopher Coss	73
	2nd:	Glen Bloink	72
	3rd:	Paul Leonard	71+1
C Grade	1st:	Christian Leadbitter	59+1
	2nd:	Russell Martin	59
	3rd:	Hamish Job	58
Seniors	1st:	Kevin Haskins	78
	2nd:	Robert Delaney	72
	3rd:	Peter Rea	59
Veterans	1st:	Stephen Tydd	80
	2nd:	Jake Guzelian	74
	3rd:	Laurie Redfern	66
Masters	1st:	Maxwell Kavanagh	77
	2nd:	Ronald Duncan	72
	3rd:	Alec Ceccato	64
Ladies	1st:	Paula Purvis	70
	2nd:	Janelle Craig	68
	3rd:	Mel Phillips	62
Juniors	1st:	Hayden McGrath	79
	2nd:	Jed Leadbitter	65
	3rd:	Ryan Scheepers	59
Sub Juniors	1st:	Henry Purvis	62
	2nd:	Dylen Murray	57
	3rd:	Jack Rees	43



A Grade place winners - 2nd Michael Lucas, 3rd Stephen Cooper pictured with sponsor PK



High Gun Winner Bart Brightenti with PK



New to the sport Shooter Abigail Davidson Morris under the watchful eye of AA Grade shooter Scott Halsey



Senior winners - 1st Kevin Haskins, 2nd Dean Delaney 3rd Peter Ree with sponsor PK



Shooter Tony Corderoy meditating in between stands

GUNNEADAH SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

STATE SELECTION NO.4 - 13TH MAY 2023 - SHOOT REPORT

Pre nominations closed on Thursday the 11th for the event with 85 shooters. The actual number on the day was down 2 as both were from WA and did not realise what they had nominated for. Many travelled from afar to attend which was pleasing to see. Some had not shot at the grounds before but used the opportunity to see what the clubs' facilities and grounds were like before attending the Nationals later this year.

Peter Kay, Clay Target Director NSW, inspected the ranges first thing on Saturday morning to establish correct menus, exotics, etc. The ranges consisted of 5 pads with 3 machines per pad to deliver a total of 25 targets per range. Once the inspection was complete the first squads were called out in ten-minute slots to allow the day to progress smoothly after a briefing on safety and rules.

Peter and Andrew were present on the first pad of each range to ensure competitors were abiding by the line rule and provide any assistance with rules understanding that may have been required.

Squads rotated through the courses at their own pace once the first wave had been sent to allow them to take a break or push on.

On completion of the shooting competition there were 3 shoot offs to establish places required. Peter and Andrew oversaw the shoot offs for which we are grateful.

The presentation table was dressed and Andrew kindly presented the prizes in all grades and categories. Competitors received prizes as follows: 3rd place received the SCNSW Medal and 4 boxes of shotgun ammunition. 2nd place received the medal and 6 boxes of ammunition. 1st place received a slab of ammunition, medal and

sash. High gun received 2 slabs of ammunition, medal, sash and a 2012 Presentation bottle of Reserve Wine with engraved glasses.

Total value of ammunition handed out was \$2,750 (22 slabs) and the Presentation Wine boxed set has a market value of \$180 providing Warren Thorpe, High Gun Winner, with a total prize pool of \$430 plus medal and Sash values.

On completion of the presentation Jason Solomons, Team Manager, was called on to announce Mudgee winners of the Adrian Hayes Team event.

While the targets were purposefully on the stout side as this was a State Selection the shooters we took time to engage with enjoyed the challenge and particularly shooting at targets below their feet for the first time.

We thank the State for their sponsorship in running the event.

Rodney Hotham

President



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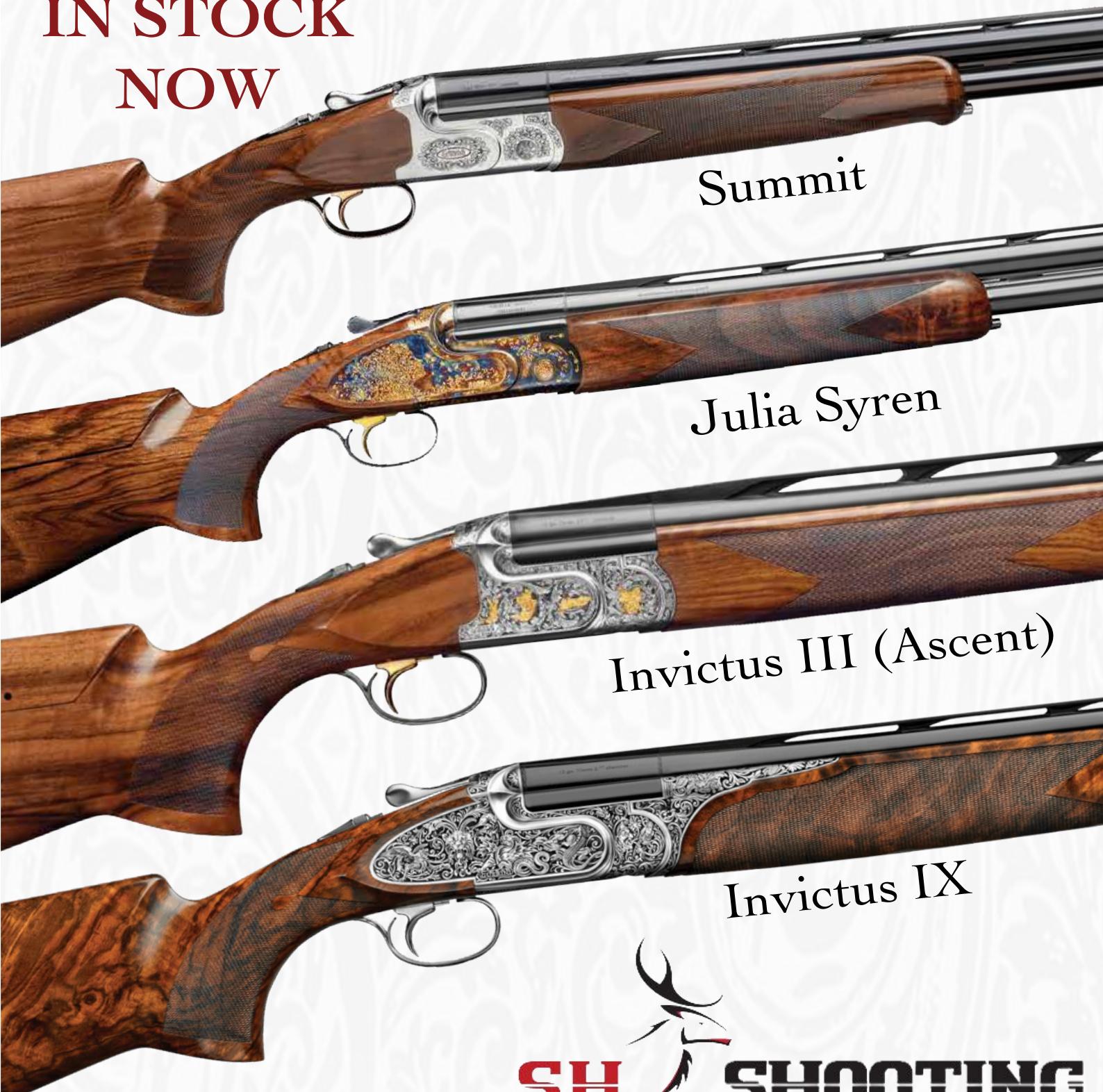
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BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS

In May, OTC again showed commitment to the sport through their generous sponsorship of what has become BSC's annual OTC Classic. 150 targets were thrown over two days, using 48 traps with maximum use of BSC's beautiful terrain. The shoot was well attended, with the highlight being our visitors from interstate. Notwithstanding the NSW state selection shoot in Gunnedah on the same weekend, we had a good turnout. It was a pleasure to host the interstate shooters who made the journey including our regulars, the Coffs boys, along with a huge effort from our Victorian visitors. Congratulations to Robert Hall for his High Gun win.

Along with our standard monthly shoots that take place on the second Sunday of each month, Brisbane is looking forward to the 2-day State Title carnival on 12 and 13 August.

Around the club: Watch out for exciting developments with plans well underway for a new multi-purpose storage facility.

Demand remains strong for our come-and-try sessions with Saturdays consistently booking out and were pleased to host both the Brisbane Tattersalls Club ladies and the Brisbane Ferrari Club recently. We are very lucky to have a small band of wonderful volunteers who often step up at the last moment to help keep up with demand.



John English - BSC President & Lee Berger - OTC



A Grade = George Atwal - Denis Dinte - Michael Lucas



B Grade = Kent Gould - Wayne Gatt - Olindo Mazarotto



Senior = Steven Norris - Aaron Goodchild - Michael Birgan



C Grade = Anders Pedersen - Qianhan Zhu - Yong Jun Liao



Master = Lyell Pettman - Peter Shuttlewood



Juniors = Bailey Gatt - Chris Christensen

CHILDER'S SPORTING CLAYS



Veteran - Bruce Wilson - Frank Malone



Sub Juniors = Luca Goodchild - Georgina Rogers



AA Grade = Jason Pole - Xavier Russell - Lee Berger



Robert Hall - High Gun



Ladies = Shannon Palfreeman - Bianca Norris - Maree Birgan

In May, OTC again showed commCSC was successful in securing a Qld Govt grant of 100k to complete the roads and ground works.

Pictures include recently completed earthworks at Childers,

- Entry into our club, includes a new entry road separate from the other disciplines
- Dam has been excavated, walls lifted and a new concrete spillway installed behind the dam has been cleared to improve target vision.
- New clubhouse building with awning attached
- A large hardstand car park area large enough for the increasing presence of Buggies to be unloaded/loaded safely.
- A new cleared shooting area that once the grass takes off will offer better vision of targets

This action would not have been possible but for the hard work and dedication of our committee members who spent many hours getting this together.

There are still some jobs to be finished of like tree planting and sowing grass seed.



Only one part of the workload - Now for a little greenery & planting



QUEENSLAND SPORTING CLAYS



Well, it's all go in Queensland.

We have reached the half way point for 2023 & are running into the last half for the remainder of the year. The Final State Selection Events to go which selects the QSCA Team for the Nationals at Gunnedah Sporting Clays in NSW. The QSCA Selection Competitions have been well attended so far & this interest does not seem to be declining. Keep attending people, the Clubs need your patronage to keep the sport growing.

Another good news moment, Membership is still growing in the QSCA. Which is good news for the future of our sport & to all our Clubs who continue producing results in this area, even in these tough times. Membership growth keeps us operational.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

On another note. The generosity of some of our fold is very humbling sometimes. A proposal was made to QSCA from two of our forward-looking members to assist a QSCA Junior member in reaching the Competitive heights & attend the FITASC World Sporting Championship in the USA in 2024.



Michael & Simone Lucas have generously donated \$5,000 (Yes, this is not a mistake, that's Five Thousand Dollars) + nomination entry through a QSCA Junior selection series to help fund one successful Junior to get to the 2024 World FITASC Championship event.

The selection process will be made from a league competition table & open to any financial QSCA Junior member living in our State to be eligible. Certain Qualifying events have been selected for our Juniors to attend to be in the running for this "winner takes all" Burser package.

Qualifying Shoots:

3/9/23 – Gold Coast FITASC Ironman (75 Targets)

28/10/23 – Beaudesert English Sporting State Championships (100 Targets)

19/11/23 – Gympie Sporting Club Shoot (75 Targets)

3/12/23 – Fraser Coast SC Christmas Shoot (75 Targets)

9 & 10/3/24 – Brisbane Sporting Clays Grand Prix of Australia (200 Targets) – winner announced here.

The best score over these 525 targets will receive \$5,000 + Competition Entry fee to attend the FITASC World Sporting shoot in the USA in 2024.

Please note - To participate, all eligible QSCA Juniors must be financial QSCA Members for the competition period & continue this membership into the following year. Also, you cannot have previously attended a World FITASC Sporting Championship Event.

Many thanks Michael & Simone you are Champions!!

FYI - Next year the World FITASC Championships are in the USA at - Game Unlimited – Hudson – Wisconsin – USA, over the period 20th to 23rd June – 2024. (PS- This Club is not far from Minnesota International airport).

As we mentioned this Sponsorship has only just been proposed & we will refine the full conditions in the next few weeks. So, keep your eyes open for further updates & start planning young shots, this is your chance to shine.

FRASER COAST SPORTING CLAYS



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.



A raft of New Traps to help us in the presentation of every type of Clay Target. Variation is the name of the game in Sporting Clays

DERWENT VALLEY

To say that Derwent Valley Field & Game (DVFG) have been busy just wouldn't cut it!

DVFG is the longest running SCA club within Tasmania being a part of the shooting fraternity for 50 plus years, and has re-invigorated itself trying new things to bring our club back to the family and community club of old.

The past few months have seen some great initiatives around our grounds to support this.

The 20th of May saw our club hold our inaugural 'No Boys Allowed' day.

We had 11 ladies turn up to our grounds with varying degrees of exposure to shooting and some amazing ladies that have been apart of the shooting community for many years there to support the event crossing over associations.

We are happy to report that the day was a huge success and one that will continue to be on our calendar in the years ahead.

DVFG would like to thank the ladies that supported the event and a special shoutout to Northern Midlands member Amelia Burford, ACTA members Nanette McCallum and Chery Arnol for crossing codes, and the most amazing lunch co-ordinator Robyn Manton for making the day a pleasure to attend.



Family is the heart of DVFG and including the small community living close to our range is important to us.

What better way to collide the two, cracker night!

We sent out invitations to our 50 closest neighbours and their families, and to all our members to enjoy a free fireworks display and sausage sizzle.

The night was amazing and wonderful to see so many ankle biters enjoy being at the club, along with our families and neighbours.



DVFG held The State Championship for last year and had fantastic support from our sponsors.

We will be celebrating these sponsors and their staff at a free event at the club on 17th of June, who knows we may even get a few addicted to the sport!

Can't wait to report on our next quarter.

Happy shooting.

TASMANIA SPORTING CLAYS

For those thinking about a trip to Tassie, maybe think about bringing your gun and gear and heading out to one of our three SCA clubs. The Tasmanian Field and Game Association (TFGA) is the affiliated SCA state association for Tasmania. There are three TFGA/ SCA clubs; one south, one north and one north west and all within 'Tassie' distance (which isn't very far) from the major airports and the Spirit of Tasmania in Devonport.

The Penguin Clay Target Club is set amongst the picturesque Dial Range on the North West Coast, which is 20 minutes from both Devonport and Burnie Airports respectively. The club shoots on the second Sunday of the month from 9.30am with the regular 100 target sim field event. The two ranges provide plenty of variation in terrain; either 'around the hill' or down in the gully on the 'bottom range'. Even if you are off your clays game, it's a great place to at least get some exercise. The mountain bike track is next door!

Providing a different and more open backdrop, Northern Midlands Sporting Clays (NMSC) is located near Longford in the north; 20 minutes from Launceston and about an hour from Devonport. Set on a working farm, with plenty of wide open spaces and virtually unlimited range options, NMSC is the ideal range for those who enjoy the challenges of longer targets against varying scrub backdrops. It's a flat range with easy walking and plenty of space. Similar to Penguin, the club offers the usual 100 target sim field on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Derwent Valley Field and Game (DVFG) is situated in the foothills of the Derwent River about 30 minutes north of Hobart. The location and backdrop is spectacular; probably too good for a shooting range but you can say that about many areas of our state. It's perhaps our longest running sporting clays club and over the years has developed quite a variety of range options and platforms, all within a well structured and compact layout. You get a bit of everything at DVFG and the club shoots the usual 100 target sim field on the third Sunday of the month. The club also has a regular practice day on the first Sunday of the month.

So, it doesn't matter which part of the Tassie you are visiting, we have a sporting clays option each and every weekend. The TFGA is currently developing a website. In the meantime, the TFGA and all our clubs regularly post on Facebook so any additional information needed can be found there. Just search for the club you want or the TFGA Facebook site. Alternatively, an email to secretarytfga@hotmail.com will get a quick response to any enquiry you might have.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our clubs when you next visit the lovely Apple Isle.



Penguin Clay Target Club



Northern Midlands Sporting Clays

NEWS FROM WA SPORTING CLAYS

WRITTEN BY SUE GREEN STATE SECRETARY

**SPORTING CLAYS**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Last newsletter I was explaining how here in the West due to fire bans and the hot weather we don't start our shooting calendar off until autumn, unlike our fellow eastern staters who shoot way more than WA. We certainly have started our shooting season off with a huge bang! More on that later! We held the SCWA AGM the day before the 1st State Qualifier at Harvey with some fresh faces elected on the Board and a Coaching Coordinator Emelee Peet elected, who has already run a successful coaching workshop at WA Gun Club with more to come. As per normal not many people put their hands up to nominate for positions these days, but it was great to see some more females throw their hats into the ring! Here in the West our government funding is tied into the numbers of females on the board.

HARVEY CLUB RENEWAL OF LEASE ISSUES

The Harvey Club has been under a serious dark cloud from the local Shire about renewing their lease. The Club had to get special permission from the Harvey Shire Council to hold this State event, which was granted, and State is very grateful for this to happen.

However, until conditions were met, and that decision would be decided later at the end of May if their lease would be renewed. So, you can only imagine the angst and uncertainty for members, but every effort was made to rally around and do what was needed to get the lease renewed. To cut a very long story short the result is that the Harvey Club is back in business with some conditions, and the lease was renewed. A huge relief for one our oldest and friendliest Clubs in WA. Looking forward to many more great events to be held at Harvey. The Club now can accept the funding from SCWA for the loan/grant applied for months ago for machinery etc. That was approved by the SCWA Board which was then suspended until the outcome of the renewal of the lease. Massive thank you to those people who were instrumental in being part of this process to achieve the renewal of the lease.

1ST STATE QUALIFER HARVEY

Now back to the 1st State Qualifier at Harvey, it was a huge success with 103 shooters attending and it truly was a great weekend as per usual in Harvey style. Without the competitors all the hard work done by volunteers is in vain, so thank you to every who attended. As we all know only too well how hard it can be to find volunteers these days. A heartfelt thank you to all those folks from all clubs who helped the Harvey crew set up the grounds in the days prior to the event and packed away at the end. To the canteen super women for feeding us all over the weekend and what a meal we all had on the Saturday night plenty to go around and finally the awesome Barista's, always well received especially from me. Thank to everyone at Harvey who helped in any way. Such a relief to have you back.

CANCELLATIONS OF STATE EVENTS BY 2 CLUBS - NEW UPDATED SCWA CALENDAR

Now back to our state bombshell going off which we never saw coming, just when you thought you had the State program all sorted for the year and members can plan their holidays and work rosters around the State Series events, we had 2 clubs Three Springs and Perth Metro Wanneroo informed the Board that they will not be holding their club state qualifiers nor the State 2-day sporting and aggregate championships. This all happened about a week after the AGM, both these clubs had their own reasons why they did what they did and sadly were not changing their minds.

So, in times like this all the Board could do is use the mantra "it's not about problems, it's about finding solutions." So, with the help of our

previous State Targets Directors Clayton and Ryan, newly elected State target Director Nick Melanko and the Board we all swung into action to find solutions. Whilst the decisions by the 2 clubs to cancel was disappointing but it was more disconcerting for all the members who it directly impacted, these people had already planned holidays, work rosters from the dates given back in January and were annoyed, that was the worst part to deal with for our members and for that we are truly sorry for the inconvenience. A huge thank you to Moora, WA Gun Club and Hastings Clubs for taking on these events so the State Series can continue in full swing.

Our updated version 4 of our State Calendar for the State series is listed below. The State uses the SCA database to email out to all our SCWA individual members to ensure they are all kept informed.

**UPDATED STATE QUALIFIERS 2023**

SQ1	HARVEY	26 MARCH
SQ2	MOORA	30 APRIL
SQ4	ECHIDNA PARK	4 JUNE
SQ3	WA GUN CLUB	9 JULY
SQ5	HASTINGS	30 JULY
STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS MOORA 13 AUGUST		
STATE 2 DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIPS		
HASTINGS CLUB 26 & 27 AUGUST		
SCA NATIONALS - GUNNEDAH NSW 22-24 SEPTEMBER		

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HARVEY SQ1 26 MARCH 2023

**RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA
HARVEY CLUB STATE QUALIFIER 1
26TH MARCH 2023**

High Gun		Michael McDonald	91/100
AA Grade	1st:	Luke Turner	90/100
	2nd:	Rhys Howard	88/100
	3rd:	Elie Lahoud	84/100
A Grade	1st:	Angus Grant	84/100
	2nd:	David Hamilton	83/100
	3rd:	Craig Ellis	80/100
B Grade	1st:	Keelan McGrath	74/100
	2nd:	Ian Grant	73/100
	3rd:	Terry Gregory	76/100
C Grade	1st:	Emelee Peet	64/100
	2nd:	Donough Doyle	57/100
	3rd:	Garry O'Reilly	57/100
Seniors	1st:	David Knight	84/100
	2nd:	Mick Thomas	81/100
	3rd:	Glenn O'Brien	80/100
Ladies	1st:	Sharon Merritt	50/100
	2nd:	Billi Marshall	48/100
	3rd:	Nadene Smedley	42/100
Juniors	1st:	Tristan Noble	68/100
	2nd:	Joshua Dichiera	66/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Jackson Butcher	69/100
	2nd	Oliver Hill	66/100
	3rd	Liam Thomas	70/100



Jay Waterhouse presenting sash to Michael McDonald
Overall Harvey SQ1 Champion 2023

SHOOTING FAMILY 3 GENERATIONS

Not sure how many people can say that they have 3 generations of shooters within Sporting Clays. The Harvey Club have 4 members within the Thomas family, Mick Thomas, his son Mick Thomas jnr. And sons Brayden and Liam Thomas who is an up-and-coming sub junior rising star.

The history of being involved with shooting sports started with Mick Thomas who was involved with SSAA around the Kwinana area and a committee member who dedicated a lot of years to the sport and awarded a life membership for his contributions to the sport within SSAA, some 54 years in fact.

There is nothing pretentious about the Thomas family, what you see is what you get. They all wear the symbolic cowboy hats, and Micks son was asked why he wears the same type of hat, his answer was, he was born with it! All their jackets are similar in style and have stood the test of time and you must look at all the medals of honour

displayed on Micks jacket to see his history. They only use Beretta 692 shotguns and sub junior Liam is using a 686-silver pigeon, and they all have the winning touch. A family of champions runs deep in the family with Mick Jnr being a state champion following in his dads' footsteps and now we have Liam coming up through the ranks who came 3rd in sub juniors at the 2022 SCA Nationals and just recently came 3rd overall at the Moora State Qualifier where he received his 25 break badge, so now he is up there with his dad and grandad who all have 25 breaks in sporting. Liam says he likes to be coached by his Grandad and listens to what he says, and his Grandad has always instilled good values into his boys to always be a good sportsman, a good loser, know the rules and abide by the referee decision.

These days Mick just loves to shoot competing alongside with his son and grandsons which gives him so much pleasure as he is so proud of all their achievements and how they behave in competition. You often see all the Thomas family on the podium at shoots. Nothing better than travelling around WA in the caravan with his wife Anne who is the "team manager" and gets them all organised. Mick and Anne have been childhood sweethearts and have been together for more than 50 years, setting up camp with all the family and of course with all the extended shooting families. One of the best parts of our sport is travelling to other clubs meeting up with mates and the friendships formed are for life amongst our shooting families. You will always find Mick and the boys on the field shooting competitions and Anne helping at every club in the canteen. A great achievement having 3 generations of shooters travelling to events and thank you to the Thomas family for your contributions to our shooting sports over the years, a much loved and respected family and we are looking forward to welcoming the 4th generation in the future.



Mick Thomas Sr shooting jacket
and medals over 54 years



Brayden, Liam, Mick Jnr and
Mick Thomas Sr. 3 Generations

SCWA STATE QUALIFIERS 2023

State Qualifier 2- Moora

After the last-minute cancellation of the second WA State Qualifier round scheduled to take place in April, it didn't take long for regional club Moora Sporting Clays to step up to the plate and offer to host the event in Three Springs' place. Rallying the troops, shooters and volunteers flocked to Moora to see the event come to life and offer assistance in any way they could. Through the generosity of other clubs, Moora was able to source enough traps to set two complete grounds, but due to space and time limitations, the nominations had to be capped at 72 shooters, to help the day to run smoothly. Come the 30th of April, all 72 places were filled, a massive increase from 60 shooters at the last Qualifier Moora held in 2021, which was great to see. Moora Sporting Clays President, Julian Gardiner said "It was fantastic to see the SCWA community come together at short notice to keep our State rounds on track. The leadership shown by Ryan Mcpherson and Clayton Dennis plus others, to pull together a State Qualifier at short notice proved what we can achieve when we put our sport first."

Many competitors camped out the Saturday night, enjoying the banter and laughs around the fire, feasting on the delicious meals

prepared by club members, with everyone contributing a meal to the menu. This friendly, good-time morale continued well into the next day shooting. "The camaraderie and fellowship around the traps over the weekend was elite" Julian said.

Although there were plenty of laughs to be had, there was still a title at stake, and after a tremendous day shooting, the winner for the second WA State Qualifier was Danon Randazzo with a score of 94/100. Highly commended must go to one of our Junior members, Liam Thomas for showing us how it's done with a remarkable 90/100 and claiming his first 25 break badge, along with Rhys Howard also taking home a 25 break. Although they weren't 25's, in the ladies' section Billi Marshall and Kirsty-Lee Mcpherson set themselves new PB scores for the day, and our newest SCA member, Mason Dennis competed in his first competition, attempting all 100 targets throughout the day.

Following presentations, the State Association also took the opportunity to acknowledge the 2022 SCWA Club Member of the Year, being dually awarded to Ryan Mcpherson and Clayton Dennis for their relentless efforts contributed to the WA Shooting scene as State Target Directors, in particular, the countless hours they invested into the 2022 SCA Nationals held at Echidna Park, which has been recognised as one of the best National events Sporting Clays Australia has ever seen.

**RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA
SCWA 2ND STATE QUALIFIER
MOORA – 30TH APRIL 2023**

High Gun		Danon Randazzo	94/100
AA Grade	1st:	Nick Melanko	92/100
	2nd:	Michael McDonald	89/100
	3rd:	Rhys Howard	89/100
A Grade	1st:	Ryan Mcpherson	88/100
	2nd:	Alastair Crookes	88/100
	3rd:	Ken Green	86/100
B Grade	1st:	Andrew Smedley	89/100
	2nd:	Keelan McGrath	83/100
	3rd:	Shaun Mountford	80/100
C Grade	1st:	Patrick Doyle	68/100
	2nd:	Donough Doyle	66/100
	3rd:	Emelee Peet	65/100
Seniors	1st:	Glenn O'Brien	88/100
	2nd:	Kim Halbert	86/100
	3rd:	David Knight	84/100
Ladies	1st:	Stacey Bell	73/100
	2nd:	Billi Marshall	63/100
	3rd:	Kirsty-Lee Mcpherson	52/100
Juniors	1st:	Joshua Dichiera	77/100
	2nd:	Tristan Noble	69/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Liam Thomas	90/100
	2nd:	Oliver Hill	73/100
	3rd:	Cian Doyle	69/100



Delta 100 & State Qualifier 3- Echidna Park

Sticking with tradition, the WA long weekend on the 3rd and 4th of June saw Echidna Park Sporting Clays deliver their 200-target weekend, hosting the Delta 100 and the 3rd WA State Qualifier.

Although nominations were slightly down compared to last year's event, the competition in the field was fierce with 72 shooters stepping into the hoops to test their skills and face the challenging targets Echidna Park is renowned for. With the home ground advantage, Angus Grant shot consistently all day with technique and tact to claim the High Gun victory for the Delta 100 on Saturday with a score of 89/100; stealing the win over Clayton Dennis who scored an 88/100 and Danon Randazzo and Michael McDonald closely following on 86/100. Although he missed the win, Danon was the only competitor to claim a 25 break for the weekend.

Competitors enjoyed the Echidna Park hospitality with home cooked roast and veggies for dinner Saturday night, followed by Tania's scrumptious sticky date pudding, before sitting back and enjoying the night with friends around the fire pits. A good night's sleep and everyone was ready to go again for day two, vying for the title of High Gun in the SCWA 3rd State Qualifier. To no surprise, Clayton Dennis delivered an impeccable performance in the field and stole the podium with a winning score of 89/100. Impressive scores were seen across the board, including Andrew Beckett with an 87/100, winner of AA Grade, Keelan McGrath 85/100, A Grade, Liam Thomas 81/100, B Grade, and Ian Callan securing the win for C Grade with a 74/100.

The next State Qualifier round is to be held at the States newest Affiliate club, the WA Gun Club on the 9th of July.



RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA SCWA 3RD STATE QUALIFIER ECHIDNA PARK – 4TH JUNE 2023			
High Gun		Clayton Dennis	89/100
AA Grade	1st:	Andrew Beckett	87/100
	2nd:	Michael McDonald	86/100
	3rd:	Rhys Howard	86/100
A Grade	1st:	Keelan McGrath	85/100
	2nd:	Angus Grant	84/100
	3rd:	Mark Hildebrandt	82/100
B Grade	1st:	Liam Thomas	81/100
	2nd:	Tom Stoney	78/100
	3rd:	James McBain	78/100
C Grade	1st:	Ian Callan	74/100
	2nd:	Thomas Brayden	73/100
	3rd:	Simon Ryder	72/100
Seniors	1st:	David Knight	84/100
	2nd:	Mick Thomas	81/100
	3rd:	Kim Halbert	77/100
Ladies	1st:	Sharon Merritt	62/100
	2nd:	Billi Marshall	60/100
	3rd:	Kylie Dennis	55/100
Juniors	1st:	Tristan Noble	80/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Oliver Hill	68/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Liam Thomas	90/100
	2nd:	Oliver Hill	73/100
	3rd:	Cian Doyle	69/100

LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

There was 66 competitors at the Goodnwindi Charolais 75 target event. A mix of new and regular shooters were challenged by some tough targets as well as cool breezy conditions.

Local shooter Danny Bellinger took out Highgun with a score of 68/75. AA grade was won by Jeremy Kent with brenton Ferguson taking second and Mark fabris third.

A grade was won by Locky Irons in his first shoot back after a break, second went to Mick Banning just one target off the pace and Tim widdison in third.

Top place in B grade was won by Ken Weavers, with a count back needed to separate second and third, after the countback, Kingston shooter Rob Summers took second an Bill Agnew third.

New Lake Bonney shooter Kyle Dodman took out C grade, 2 targets ahead of Perry Gurney and Matt Jones respectively.

The seniors grade was won by Tony seller's just one target ahead of Greg Kessegian.

Veterans was also a close scoring grade with just one target separating first second and third, Ernie Schiedl took out first, Geoff Lowe second and Graham James third.

Ladies was won by tasha bellinger, second going to Charlotte devaud and third to Sonya Vanderhorst.

Toby finch claimed first in juniors with no competition.

In the Sub juniors grade a count back was needed to place Ethan vearing first ahead of heath Johnston, isla Gordon claimed third.

Sundays competition was also the second and final leg of the Lake Bonney vs Burrangle challenge with was held over two events. The final result was a Burrangle win by 12 targets.

Lake Bonney Sporting Clays also played host to a CHASA committee meeting and as a result president Wayne gurney presented a donation to CHASA to help aid them in their conservation efforts.



A - Locky Irons, Tim Widdison, Mick Banning



C - Perry Gurney, Kyle Dodman



AA - Mark Fabris, Brenton Ferguson



B Ken Weavers, Bill Agnew



High Gun - Danny Bellinger with Pete Sims



Junior - Toby Finch



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Veterans - Ernie Scheidl, Geoff Lowe, Graham James



Ladies - Charlotte Devaud W Claire, Tasha Bellinger



Seniors - Tony sellars



Lb president Wayne w CHASA PRES Graham stropp



Sub Juniors - Heath Johnston, Ethan Vearing

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME

92 competitors nominated for the second South Australian Field & Game state team qualification of the 2023 season. Sponsors for the day included O.G. Roberts & Co, Millicent Tyre Centre & Cocky's AutoPro.

Ken Atkin & his hard working crew set some challenging targets to test the shooter's skills at Burrungule Park in perfect Autumnal weather conditions.

Jacqui Doloughan and her hard working crew kept all competitors well fed serving delicious home cooked fare.

Jeremy Kent shot 71/75 to claim the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun and continue his rich vein of form.

Jamie Dunn claimed honours in AA Grade after a shoot off with Danny Bellinger with both having shot 70/75. Tony Sellars also shot 70/75 to win the Seniors category.

APRIL - 75 TARGET SPORTING CLAYS EVENT (STATE QUALIFYING SHOOT) 23-APR-23

High Gun	Charlie North	87
AA Grade	1st: Jamie Dunn	70/75
	2nd: Danny Belinger	70/75
	3rd: Gavin Dyson	70/75
A Grade	1st: Christopher Von Stanke	62/75
	2nd: Romain Devaud	61/75
	3rd: Angus Madden	61/75
B Grade	1st: Peter Klieve	54/75
	2nd: Frank Kentish	53/75
	3rd: Doug Cowland	50/75
C Grade	1st: Kyle Dodman	50/75
	2nd: Edwin Edge	39/75
	3rd: Michael Gates	38/75

Sub-Junior	1st:	Kain Ashby	53/75
	2nd:	Jack Dyson	52/75
	3rd:	Reece Fleming	41/75
Senior	1st:	Anthony Sellars	70/75
	2nd:	Leigh Dunn	68/75
	3rd:	Ken Atkin	63/75
Veteran	1st:	Ernie Scheidl	66/75
	2nd:	Neville Kent	59/75
	3rd:	Graeme James	58/75
Lady	1st:	Tasha Bellinger	63/75
	2nd:	Janette Densley	57/75
	3rd:	Jo Backhouse	55/75
Junior	1st:	Jimmy Papaionnou	64/75
	2nd:	Zakary Button	64/75
	3rd:	Nicholas Bologiannis	64/75



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ROCKY GULLY

When June rolled around it was Rocky Gully's turn to host the 4th SA State Qualification shoot. As anyone would know, conditions in the middle of winter could vary greatly. However, on this occasion although the forecast was for less-than-ideal weather, come shoot day even though the temperature was somewhat fresh, we saw blue skies and a distinct lack of rain. Eager shooters took to the course, happy to rug up in the brisk conditions when they were guaranteed to stay dry. We had a packed field of contenders eager to tackle the course set by our target director, Jim Bologiannis. To challenge shooters of all grades from C to the top of AA is always a delicate balancing act, but Jim had set out an excellent selection of targets; close range and fast birds to longer targets with 'big air' across the sky. Add into that mix a few challenging sim pairs and we had the recipe for a challenging shoot. Well done to Jim and the team! From the feedback I received from shooters across the grades, I think the target mix hit the spot and got people fired up for the upcoming SA State Sporting Clays Championship due to be held at Rocky Gully on August 19th & 20th.

ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS - JUN 2023 75-TARGET SPORTING CLAYS EVENT			
RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 18-JUNE-2023 PAGE 1 (SUBJECT TO TIE RESOLUTION)			
AA Grade	1st:	Kent, Jeremy	71/75
	2nd:	Ball, Chris	67/75
	3rd:	Scheele, Craig	66/75
A Grade	1st:	Calicchio, Emilio	61/75
	2nd:	Scheidl, Ernie	60/75
	3rd:	McKinnon, Michael	58/75
B Grade	1st:	Angus, Todd	59/75
	2nd:	Lloyd, Timothy	53/75
	3rd:	Monaghan, John	53/75
C Grade	1st:	Mullins, Daniel	54/75
	2nd:	Gates, Michael	51/75
	3rd:	Kennedy, Brandon	48/75
Sub Junior	1st:	Angus, Sebastian	30/75

Speaking about preparation for the upcoming SA State Sporting Championship, we have ordered 8 pallets of targets ready to be thrown at the event. Our target shed is full to brim and our team is pondering best places to throw them. We always relish these larger shoots which give us an opportunity to set shooting stands in less frequently used places compared with our monthly club events. If you want to be challenged over 150 targets of top notch sporting clays, then consider entering. Nominations are now open through SCA Livescores. There will be a great assortment of prizes for 1st to 3rd places in categories and grades worth over a total of \$5,000. There will also be a handicap prize for 1st place in each grade over the two days, so everyone has a chance of winning something. Not only that, but there are also two lucky door prizes to be drawn at random for any shooter to win (must be present at the presentations to be eligible). This will be a first class event, so we hope to see you there!

We continue to have constant requests for practice days at Rocky Gully Sporting Clays. Although it creates a demand on our teams'

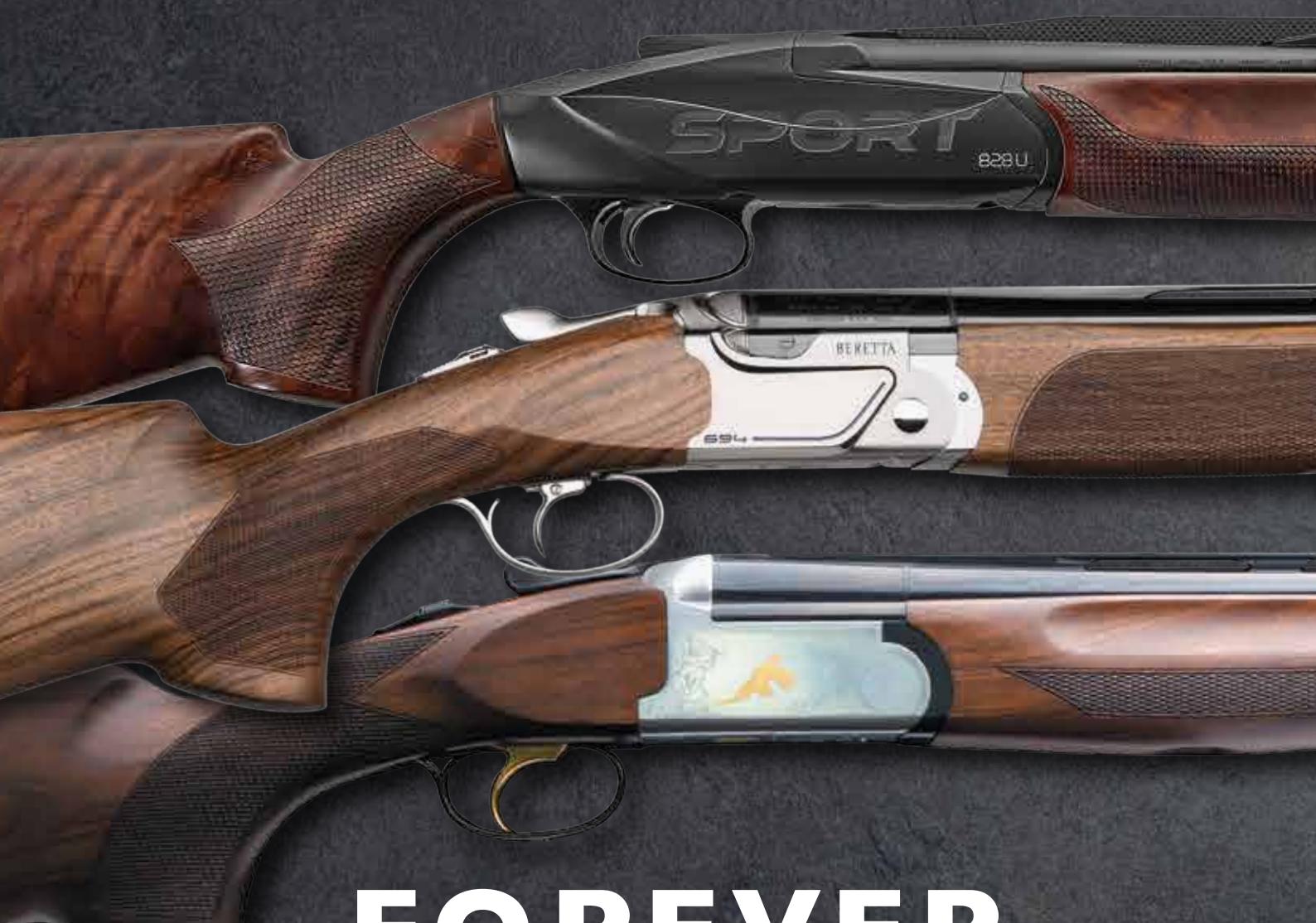
time in order to come out and run sessions, we are always happy to see shooters of all grades wanting to improve their skills. The demand for places has been so high there has been queues of people wanting to shoot on our dedicated practice layout, from beginners to masters and some Australian team members also wanting to practice those few extra troubling targets, we hope we cater for it all. We understand people's time is precious and all of us hate waiting around when they would rather be shooting. So to help solve this issue, our resident computer guru, John McKenzie has heard the call from shooters wanting to practice but also conserve their precious time (who amongst us has time to waste these days?) and he has created a practice booking system that can run through SCA livescores. Now all clubs are able to create a simple booking system for practice sessions that members can use, just put down your name in the time slots you'd like and then turn up on the day. This was something that our shooters had asked for, and I'm happy to say we have again been able to provide. We hope this makes shooters' lives easier and we have definitely heard excellent feedback from our members. If you run practices at your club, perhaps think about trying out this new feature?

With more new members joining the club we have been proactive in running A1 licence training and testing sessions so people can be fully endorsed for all of their shooting activities. It is very important for all shooters to be fully across all of the rules that they may encounter at any range they may visit as well as their responsibilities under the firearms act. Last week, Rocky Gully was able to train another 6 members who all passed their tests with flying colours. The studying looks like it paid off, excellent work everyone!

ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS - MAY 2023 75-TARGET SPORTING CLAYS EVENT			
FINAL RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 21-MAY-2023			
AA Grade	1st:	Hicks, Peter John	66/75
	2nd:	Densley, Joseph	66/75
	3rd:	Terry, Shane	62/75
A Grade	1st:	Gill, Michael	71/75
	2nd:	Shawyer, Robin	70/75
	3rd:	Bologiannis, James	70/75
B Grade	1st:	Dawes, Gregory	64/75
	2nd:	Bruce, Jonathan	64/75
	3rd:	Van der Zalm, Prosper	63/75
C Grade	1st:	Hegarty, Ben	58/75
	2nd:	Backhouse, Jo	53/75
	3rd:	Kennedy, Brandon	50/75
Sub Junior	1st:	Angus, Sebastian	67/75
		Angus, Flynn	38/75

ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS - APRIL 2023 75-TARGET SPORTING CLAYS EVENT			
FINAL RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 16-APRIL-2023			
AA Grade	1st:	Densley, Joseph	72/75
	2nd:	Terry, Shane	68/75
	3rd:	Button, Alex	63/75
A Grade	1st:	Monaghan, John	66/75
	2nd:	Shawyer, Robin	66/75
	3rd:	Ellis, David	65/75
B Grade	1st:	Saligari, Rod	64/75
	2nd:	Button, Zakary	63/75
	3rd:	Dawes, Gregory	62/75
C Grade	1st:	Cross, Rob	58/75
	2nd:	Ayres, Paul	54/75
	3rd:	Hall, Belinda	52/75

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