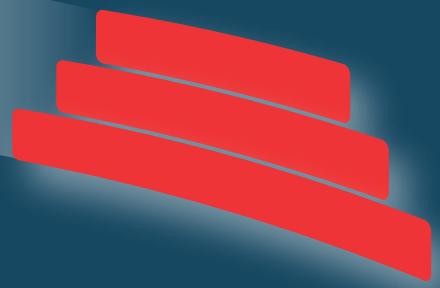
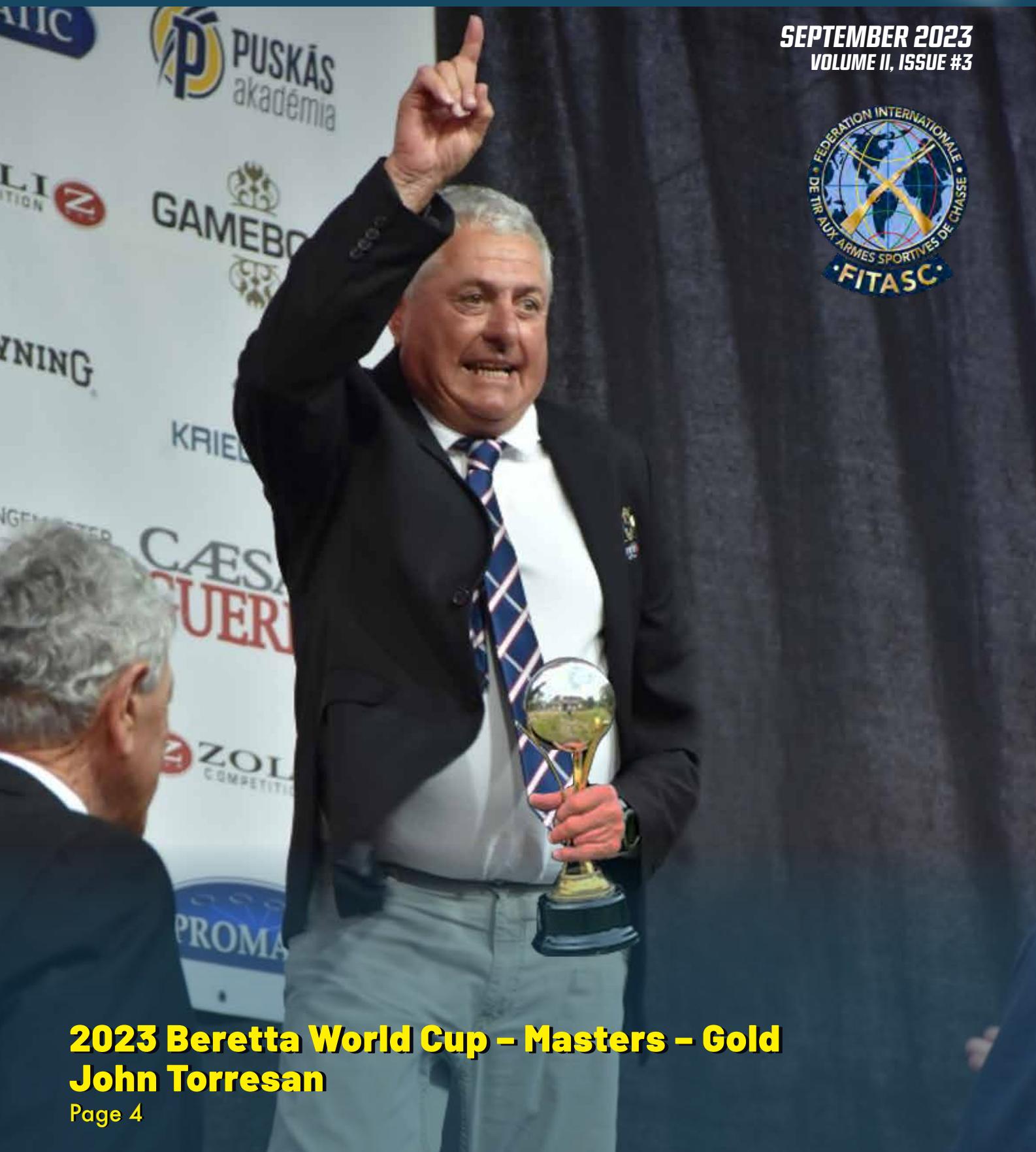


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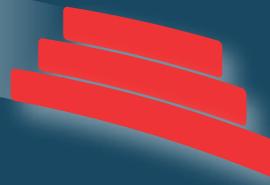


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi to all members of Sporting Clays Australia,

A short update for this magazine.

Well since the last magazine the Australian team has returned from the World Championships in Hungary.

Whilst the targets were deemed to be on the difficult side our team did us proud with many outstanding individual scores, I congratulate you all for firstly representing your country and secondly for the way you presented and upheld the Australian reputation.

All the State championships will have been held by the time you read this, and we look forward to seeing the teams perform at the Nationals at Gunnedah.

The Nationals to be held later this month at Gunnedah will have the largest number of competitors we have ever had. Its great to see the numbers supporting this event and to run the event smoothly we with the crew at Gunnedah have put on an 8th wave so will necessitate an early start at 7.30 am.

Also, very proud to have new and existing event partners on board it should be a great weekend and week of events to follow.

We will have a lot to talk about the next issue, until then see you around the grounds.

Ian Grant

SCA President



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45TH FITASC WORLD SPORTING CLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

GANT - HUNGARY - 13 TO 16 JULY 2023



The long awaited FITASC World Title event to Gant in Hungary finally happened. The last time Australians managed to visit Hungary was back in 2017 where the event took place at Galgamácsa. The Gant Venue was supposed to have happened back in July 2021 but two things put the hand brake on this for all of us . One - Covid was still in play & we were all locked up at home & Two - The event at Gant was cancelled & moved back to Galgamácsa.

Come 2023 & the event was rescheduled for Gant, this time everything went to plan. The Gant site was a Green Field site. No shooting Club exists here. All material for the Village with refreshments/Food, Toilets & Vendors tents was all brought in & set up in a field close to the Shooting grounds. A mammoth tactical & logistic operation. The cost must have been prohibitive. With this scenario you could understand why the cost of practice, cartridges were on the upper scale of expensive. FYI Cartridge's at the Ground costing \$320 for a slab..... The food & drinks not quite as bad. Still, it is what it is & if we expect this type of event to be conducted on Green Field sites with no infrastructure at all, it all comes at a cost & it ends up being the user pays. When Australians consider the cost of getting there it really pales into just another additional minor expense. Such is life. The property is owned by the Vétes State Forestry Commission & the Hungarian Federation were given permission to host the event on the property. Part of the area was an old Bauxite mine. Plenty of terrain to play with for the Course designers. The ground was unique this was a once off final hurrah to use this patch of Hungarian real estate as it will now be turned over to forest regrowth & a National Park.

The opening Ceremony for the event was held at the Local Football

Stadium. Although the Stadium protected everyone from direct sunlight it stopped any breeze coming through. The heat & humidity made it very uncomfortable as we waited for the speeches to subside. This time round the speeches seemed to go on forever causing everyone to start fidgeting as we waited. When the speeches finally finished everyone headed to the Tents that were set up to collect our bags with our shoot numbers & start times. This rolled very well & we were on our way home to get ready for the next day. Parking was easy & moved well, going in to park & returning out. Usually, the roads get jammed up with traffic both in & out but for some reason this usual wall to wall parking lot was missing & we were heading home in record time.

The SCA Team presented themselves well at the opening ceremony & should be congratulated for their Dress code, all looking sharp & professional with the same colour uniform.





Veterans - Russell Pigdon - Robin Shawyer - Ernie Scheidl, Senior - Tim Widdison - Chris Ball - Michael Birgan (Chris Ball missing)
 Juniors - Benjamine Studham - Nate Palubiski - Nicholas Brighenti, Ladies - Bianca Norris - Emalene Munro - Gaye Shale, Open - Nicholas Guerra - Chris Brown - Xavier Russell - Adam Shale



SCA Team Flag Bearer - Nate Palubiski with Support from Bianca Norris and Nick Brighenti

Day One - Kicked off with a heavy storm at 7:00am Blowing the banners at the village out of their stumps & taking them up the paddock. Good news though come dead on 8:00am the clouds parted; the wind disappeared & the sun came out & set the tone for the remaining days. Although the rain disappeared, with the Sun came the heat. The event heat carried on as per the first few days with 32 to 35 degree C & humidity. Still no rain or wind to cause trouble. No rain problems for our teams as they were on the Afternoon shift on the first day. Most grounds struggled with times & Finishing by their estimate time frames, the Kreighoff ground really dragged its heels with the last squad not back in until 8:00pm. A long day for the tail end with maybe an early start for the following day.

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY ONE

Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	8th	168/200
Juniors	7th	102/150
Ladies	9th	94/150
Seniors	10th	106/150
Veterans	6th	110/150

Day Two - Teams out in the morning session for day two. Weather perfect sunshine with the expected heat & humidity. After a disappointing day One, most of the Teams had a better day Two. After some TLC by the ground crews the Parcours started to finish earlier although the Krieghoff ground is still having timing issues

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY TWO

Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	5th	343/400
Juniors	7th	218/300
Ladies	4th	202/300
Seniors	11th	209/300
Veterans	5th	224/300

Day Three - Teams rotated again for an Afternoon session. The Targets are proving tricky & hard to read with the background. Some grounds are shooting harder than others.

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY THREE

Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	8th	495/600
Juniors	7th	333/450
Ladies	4th	301/450
Seniors	12th	320/450
Veterans	4th	335/450

Day Four - Teams back to a morning rotation for the last final push. Its been a tough 4 days. The ground setters made full use of the terrain. High Cliff Faces to many of the grounds with high crossers off the top ledges. Downward Plonger targets, Chondels, and the expected fare of targets made for an Interesting Competition.

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY FOUR

Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	9th	652/800
Juniors	7th	447/600
Ladies	4th	397/600
Seniors	11th	432/600
Veterans	4th	451/600

WINNING TEAM SCORES FOR FIRST PLACE

FINAL WINNING TEAM RESULTS

Country	Team	Position	Combined Score
USA	Open	1st	706/800
USA	Juniors	1st	524/600
USA	Ladies	1st	479/600
Italy	Seniors	1st	518/600
England	Veterans	1st	483/600

Take away from the Event – Was it Hard? Well, there are a myriad of discussions around hard Targets. Everyone has a different take on what they Class as a Hard Target. In 99% of the targets at this year's World FITASC, you could say that they were presented well from a visual aspect. The only one I would question was the Double Barrel Battue on the last peg of Gamebore. That target was driven crossing the quartering away off the top off a Cliff, going like a cut snake. It did not open-up to show face (Credit Card in the Sky) and would have been 70 to 80mtrs away at its closest point. From the squads (3) I reviewed not one person connected with it. This was not a presented target & one I would question as a lucky dip if you hit it. The rest, although testing, were presented & capable of being hit. Distance of target was another point. Maybe 30% within 30mtrs the rest (70%) 50 Mtrs plus. A few repeat trajectories. The Crossing Targets off the top of the Cliffs generally at the same distance speed & trajectory. The Targets that came down from top to bottom, Plonger (French) style was repeated on half the Parcours. Also looping Chondels on many grounds were a repeat trajectory, distance & speed. That said it was still worth the effort to travel & compete as this was a one-off World Championship & it would be difficult, if not impossible, to repeat the topography we shot over, anywhere in the World.

Any way the Statistics below show the difficulty of the event & when it is won with a 186/200 at the top end of town it is going to influence the scores of most competitors who are there to take part. When you review the quantity of 25 Straights shot it is an indicator this is all that could be managed when you consider the best in the World was there.

The heat and humidity would also have played a part & would have taken its toll. Once you got into the Cauldrons of the Quarries with their high walls there was little if any breeze & the heat was multiplied. We were like Lizards in the sand sweating ourselves out. The only Australian member to shoot a 25 straight, was Mike Birgan, on the B&P Ground (That is from all the Australians that attended).

2023 STATISTICS FROM THE PARCOURS AT GANT, HUNGARY

Line 1 - B&P- Average Score = 19/25 | Average % = 77.3% | Number of 25 straights shot = 18

Line 2 - Blaser - Average Score = 16/25 | Average % = 66.4% | Number of 25 straights shot = 1

Line 3 - Promatic - Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 68.9% | Number of 25 straights shot = 1

Line 4 - Puskas - Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 72.4.04% | Number of 25 straights shot = 3

Line 5 - Kreighoff - Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 68.3% | Number of 25 straights shot = 4

Line 6 - Rangemaster - Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 70.7% | Number of 25 straights shot = 1

Line 7 - Gamebore - Average Score = 16/25 | Average % = 64.5% | Number of 25 straights shot = 1

Line 8 - Browning - Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 69.5% | Number of 25 straights shot = 1

Although the Teams Did not come away with any medals this year from the main event, Australia did have success from the final count of the Beretta World Cup. The totals that make this event up for Australia are – Grand Prix – Oceania – World Championships. This is the same for the rest of the World Although for Europe they would use the European Championships in place of the Oceania event for our region



Beretta World Cup - Juniors - Silver Benjamine Studham - Bronze Nate Palubiski



Beretta World Cup - Masters - Gold
John Torresan



Beretta World Cup - Veteran - Bronze
Russell Pigdon

Anyway, that is the wrap up for the 2023 World FITASC Championships in Gant Hungary. This is one World Title that will be talked about for many years.

The 2024 FITASC World Title Event next year will return to the USA at Game Unlimited – Hudson – Wisconsin. The Closest International Airport appears to be Minneapolis St Paul which is in Minnesota about 1 Hour from Hudson in Wisconsin. Good Shooting Everyone.....Until Next Year.







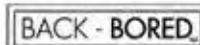
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2023 WORLD UNIVERSAL TRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Aussie team at Opening ceremony (minus Eric)

The team this year all met in Madrid at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel on Sunday 30th of July where a bus was organized for a 12 noon pick up to take us all to Avila approx. 130kms out of Madrid where the 41st World Championships for Universal Trench were to be held. This allowed for team members and their families to arrive anytime they wished as some flew in via Italy after competing in events held there while others did the tourist thing prior to the event. Checking thru Madrid airport was hit and miss with some having no issues at all, while others had a long wait with a couple having to come back the next day etc. A big thank you to Dave DePedro who speaks fluent Spanish in his help with all of this.

A team of 15 was selected this year with one last minute change needed in Martin Collumb having to withdraw due to an eye injury and Greg Hunt who had already decided to attend the event as an individual getting the late call up. Thanks Greg and our thoughts are with Martin hoping for a full recovery.

Shooters travelling were

Men's – Mitch Iles, Gabe Sensi, Craig Henwood

Ladies – Kiara Dean, Anna Shedrina & Georgia Pistone

Juniors – Marco Corbo, Ben de Pedro & Lucas Furlan

Seniors – Mark Coleman, Paul Santarossa & Greg Hunt

Veterans – John Maxwell, Eric Bullmore & Craig Bentley

Individuals – Mel Treller, Luca Grapiglia & Catherine Skinner

After a 90 mins bus ride we found ourselves in the beautiful medieval town of Avila where the main landmark in the city is the imposing Walls of Ávila which has been constructed completely around the town to protect it during these barbaric times. Construction of the wall begun in 1090. The enclosed area is 77 acres with a perimeter of 2,516 metres and comprises of 88 blocks of semicircular towers, curtain walls 3 metres thick, and with an average height of 12 metres high and 9 gates makes for a very impressive sight specially at night time when all lit up.

Here is where the fun began!! Buses of course cannot get into the main town centre so we were dropped off outside the wall with a VERY steep walk uphill to get to our hotel complete with suitcases, guns and bags. Thankfully we only had to do this trip with our luggage once with everyone exhausted on reaching the hotel for check in! The hotel we were staying at was as equally spectacular as the wall itself being originally a Palace built in the 14th Century as

the house of Gonzalo Davila. The outsides of the Palace still original the inside was reconstructed to a hotel becoming Hotel de Valderrábanos. A beautiful hotel with 80 rooms and very welcoming to our team. The hotel was located 15 metres from the main cathedral of Avila which was even more spectacular.



The team marching at opening ceremony led by Gabe Sensi flag bearer

We all checked into our rooms and made ourselves at home, as it was siesta time in town finding something open to eat and drink became a mission but did give us a chance to explore the amazing city while trying to find some lunch.

Monday dawned and after a great breakfast at the hotel the bus was arranged to take us out to the range at Campo de Tiro El Fresnillo located a short 15 minutes' drive from the city of Avila. Our first impressions of the range were great and that high scores would be needed. The range comprised of 5 layouts (one which has only recently been constructed) and all 5 having differing backdrops that ranged from a dirt fishbowl, to flat to a drop off on trap 1. Practice tickets were purchased and ammo sorted our guys and girls hit the layouts. We must take this chance to thank Bronzewing Australia and Nobel Sport Italia for arranging ammunition for our team members who wish to use NSI loads it was greatly appreciated by all who took up the offer.

Everyone had a few rounds except poor Georgia Pistone who had some issues with her gun. A local gunsmith was found who rectified the problem being a broken spring which was repaired and would see Georgia right to go from Tuesday. The team all trained well over the next 2 days with everyone feeling confident leading up to competition. Tuesday night we held our famous "Aussie Team Dinner" where all Aussies at the event are invited to join included families and friends seeing 35 of us at Restaurante Siglo Doce, a beautiful Steak & Seafood restaurant located 100m from our hotel. A great feed, a few drinks and a lot of laughs were had by all and Gabe Sensi named to be our flag bearer for the opening ceremony. Congrats Gabe!!!

Wednesday was the last day of training and also the opening ceremony which was to be held at the golf club just down the road from the shooting range later that evening. Eric had woken up Wednesday not feeling well and had decided to remain in bed for the day to rest. On return to the hotel to check on him it was evident that he wasn't in the best of health so an ambulance was called by the hotel and Eric taken to the nearby hospital to sort treatment. He was diagnosed with a bad lung infection and spent the next 8hrs in hospital missing the opening ceremony and us not being sure if he would compete the next day.

The opening ceremony got underway around 9pm (it doesn't get dark in Avila until after 10pm) and all Aussies looking smart in their uniforms thanks to Martin from Collumbo Shooting!! We were the first team to march out as always and really looked the part with Gabe leading us out. After all teams had marched some local Spanish dancers did a performance and the event was declared open. Some finger food and drinks were also offered and we all made our way back to the hotel to get some rest. Thankfully we were in the afternoon session

for day 1 which started at 2:30pm. Eric woke up feeling much better and to his credit decided he would give it a go to shoot and see how he felt. After struggling thru day 1 he was improving all the time and slugged it out to shoot the 4 days. A great effort.

Perfect weather greeted us for the 4 days of competition, not too hot with cool mornings and mid 20's but it did heat up for the final day. Strong breezes did pick up on the first couple of days but not enough to effect the scores too much. Day 1 saw one layout fall behind with Gabe completing his round at 9:20pm!!! The mornings were very tricky to see with the first couple of waves having to look right into the sun, so a bit of luck was needed on where and when you were drawn to shoot. 50 targets were shot each day over 4 days. A field of 430 were competing from 15 countries.

On the last day we had a few shooters right in the hunt for individual medals. Marco & Lucas were right up there in the juniors with Ben not far behind. All 3 having the chance to bring home an individual medal and also having a strong lead in the team's event. Catherine & Anna in the ladies also were in a strong position with Kiara not far behind, and John Maxwell in the Veterans also looked to be in a good position but need a strong day 4. The Veterans team also were looking good for a medal as were the Men's team and the Women's team.

Day 4 we were all to shoot in the morning session, good in that it allowed us to put the scores on the board and the rest would have to catch us, bad because it meant we did have shooters having to look right into the early sun!!!

Marco and Lucas went out to shoot their last rounds both at the same time. The equation for them was simple, Marco needed a 25 to tie for the gold medal, and Lucas needed a 24 to at least win bronze, talk about pressure!!! Marco powered thru the first 23 targets with ease and we were all confident he would force a shoot off for the gold with Italian Adrea Diana who had finished on 194. Unfortunately Marco let target 24 land to finish one target short with a brilliant 193 to take silver with Lucas also shooting a brilliant 24 his last round to end on 192 and the Bronze Medal. Joined with Ben who shot a great 185 to finish in 7th place of the Juniors our boys took home the gold medal in the teams with a 7 target lead from 2nd place. Well done lads

John had punched the first 25 in the morning and needed another 25 in his last round to secure the bronze medal in the Veterans. Again John showing what he is made of putting the 50 straight for the day together to come in with a 190/200 to take home the bronze!!! Combined with Craig Bentley 181 (14th place) and Eric Bullmore 174 (24th place) our Veterans team took out the Gold in the teams match as well by 6 targets over the Italian team. Our boys were 10 targets behind going into day 4 for the team's gold and did a great job to make this up and more in the last 50 targets!!!! The first medals Australia has ever won in the Veterans category at the World Champs!! The veteran's winner was Manuel Gonzalez Perez from Spain with 195 + 24 + 5

The ladies all had bad luck!!! Catherine shot a great 49/50 on day 4 for a 185 and for a while it had looked like it might be enough for a bronze medal. The last lady in the last squad in Beatriz Martinez (better known as the wife of Alberto Fernandez) came in with a 186 to relegate Catherine to 4th place. A great effort regardless as it was the very first UT event Catherine had ever competed in!!!! Anna finishing on 179 (12th place), Kiara 178 (14th place) and Georgia 164 (26th place). The girls were tied for the Bronze medal in the teams but unfortunately lost it on countback!!! Bad luck girls. The ladies winner was Caroline Arnaudeix from France with 189/200.

In the Seniors Mark Coleman put a great 25 to kick off day 4 and finished on a 186 (28th place), Paul on 181 (51st place) and Greg 174 (77th place) saw the boys finish in 5th place in the teams. The Seniors title was taken out by Pietro Zecchi from Italy with 196/200.

The Men's team all had a reasonably strong day 4 with the team

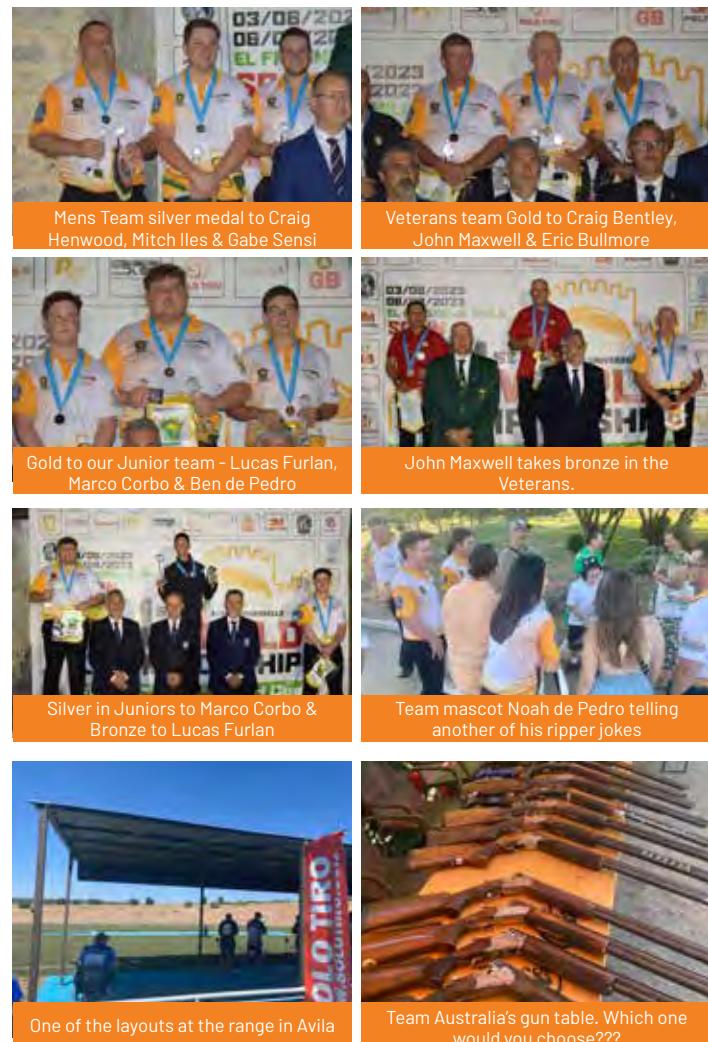
collectively shooting 320 out of the last 325 targets to move up the ranks very fast. Gabe and Craig finishing on 193 (28th place) and Mitch on 190 (69th place) saw the Men's team finish just 2 points behind the victorious South African team settling for Silver!!! Well shot guys!!! The Open winner went to Luca Peacock of South Africa with a 198/200 + 24 + 1 great shooting.

2 Golds, 2 Silvers and 2 Bronze medals for Team Australia!!! It was great to hear the Aussie anthem played twice at the awards ceremony that night again held late at the golf club down the road from the range with the team not getting home until just before midnight seeing Burger King be the popular choice for dinner being the only place still open. An early morning start saw us all on the bus at 10am to head back to Madrid where some flew out on Monday and others flying out Tuesday and a group taking advantage to head to Ibiza to party!!

So concluded another successful World Championships for team Australia. All shooters are to be congratulated not only for their efforts but their sportsmanship and comradery with everyone supporting each other where they could and being a great bunch to be around. We are the envy of the rest of the UT countries who all make comment of how the Aussie team are always happy and enjoying themselves and all bond as a team and support each other, so well done all!!

Again a big thanks must go to all our sponsors for UT during the year and to everyone who supports the UT Series. Without the support of all involved it just would not be possible to make this happen.

Next year's World UT Championships are believed to be held in Ychoux, France and our Aussie team will be there to hopefully bring home the bling again!!!



SPORTING CLAYS AUSTRALIA SHOOTER PROFILE INTERVIEW

Name - Chris Brown

Age - 38

Occupation - Process Operator

Where do you live - Geelong

Family - Daughter 5 Years old

Grew up - Around Geelong

How got started in shooting sporting clays, age you started and location - With both parents shooting sporting clay the natural progression flowed in to being taken around to most shoots. Started shooting around 12 Years of age.

First gun - Beretta 862

What gun do you shoot now - Perazzi High Tech

What ammunition/shot size is your favourite - GB Extreme 8s

Who was you biggest influence in shooting - Robert Brown (Father)

Did you receive coaching and guidance if so by who - Robert was primarily the person involved in coaching and guiding the whole shooting process.

How often were you shooting over these times growing up? -

Shooting every weekend all year

How often do you shoot/practice - Shoot comp most weekend and practice about twice a month

Major Achievements to Date - 2022 National Sporting

Championship, 2015 US FITASC Grand Prix, Consistency of making the national team

Most memorable moment - Watching Nick Guerra at the 2019 English sporting World Champs Ireland shooting off for overall.

Biggest regret - Worrying about performance instead of letting it happen naturally.

Best shooting ground having shot at in Australia - Laang Victoria.

Best shooting ground having shot at overseas - Piancardato Italy - 2016 World Championships

Who do you think is the best shooter in the sport - Richard Faulds International - Nick Guerra Australia

What is your favourite style of target to shoot - Looper Chondel.

Advice for new shooters - Stick to the fundamentals, do it well.

What would you like to see happen to improve the sport - More Efficiency in running of the events.

Favourite pastime outside of shooting - Family - Daughter

What's next on your agenda - Travel more around Australia shooting.





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BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME

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On the weekend of 12 and 13 August the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 150 Target Simulated Field Championship shoot. The shoot was very generously sponsored by Ricky Jones of Buckalow Station, Garry McInnes of Silver City Guns and Ammo, Southstate Industrial Supplies, Shannon Electrics, John Redway, Greg McSwain, Tim Millsteed and Hayden Beven. The weather was excellent for shooting clay targets with mostly mild to warm temperatures, clear skies and gentle breezes. Organisers were delighted with an attendance of more than 80 shooters from across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

The range was set by Josh, with great support from the usual culprits, and was once again a very good range and testament to some very hard work. The degree of difficulty was a tad easier than average which was reflected on the scoreboard and was well received by the shooters. Perfect scores of 25/25 were recorded by Sunraysia shooter Brian McGaffin, Broken Hill shooter Gerard Mahoney and Tasha Bellinger from Lake Bonney.

A 75 target Graded Championship was conducted on Saturday. Best score off the gun was 67 and was shared by four shooters. AA Grade shooters Brian McGaffin from Sunraysia and Brett Jory from Benalla tied for first place with Brian getting the nod on countback. Luke Stoeckel from Renmark won A Grade and Tasha Bellinger from Lake Bonney was an easy winner in the Ladies Grade. Broken Hill was well represented by Brian Casey and grandson Lincoln Casey who took first place in the Seniors and Juniors respectively.

A 75 target Graded Handicap Championship was conducted on Sunday. The best handicap total for the event was 86 shot by Karen Miller from Renmark who won C Grade. A number of Broken Hill shooters featured in the in the results, Cassie McEvoy tied for first place in the Ladies Grade and Lincoln Casey won the Juniors Grade.

The 150 target Graded Championship was conducted over both days of competition and produced high scores and close results.

Brett Jory from Benalla won this event last year and made it 2 for 2 with very consistent shooting and an excellent total of 136 which was good enough for the High Gun sash by just that one vital target at the finish. Danny Bellinger from Lake Bonney is also a past champion at Broken Hill and his score of 135 while not quite good enough for the high gun was comfortably good enough for first place in AA grade.

In the remaining grades the scores were very close with just a single target deciding the winner. Renmark shooter Luke Stoeckel shot 129 for first place in A Grade, and Neil Campbell from Wangaratta shot 119 for first place in B Grade. Karen Miller from Renmark made a smart decision to shoot in C Grade and she shot 102 to win the first place medal.

Brian Casey is Broken Hill's best senior shooter and his score of 126 was easily good enough for first place in the Seniors Grade. Tasha Bellinger from Lake Bonney, an Australian representative shooter, shot 133 for an easy first place in the Ladies Grade and for an excellent third place off the gun. Broken Hill junior shooter Lincoln Casey shot 116 to tie for first place in the Juniors Grade but won the shoot off to record another first place for his home club.

At the conclusion of shooting Club President Rod Weaver extended a vote of thanks to all of the visiting shooters for their attendance and to all of the local members who had contributed to the organisation and running of the event. Particularly the nominations office staff; Brian, Cassie, Elissa and Cil, and the catering staff; Chef Mal, Vicki, Steve and Jeff, for the great lunches and a wonderful dinner on Saturday night.

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 150 target Championship (left to right), Neil Campbell (B Grade), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Brian Casey (Seniors), Brett Jory (High Gun), Karen Miller (C Grade), Tasha Bellinger (Ladies), Luke Stoeckel (A Grade) and Danny Bellinger (AA Grade).

75 TARGET HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP BROKEN HILL - 13 AUGUST 2023

AA Grade	1st:	Kevin Jacobs	75
	2nd:	Danny Bellinger	73
	3rd:	Rodney Ahrens	73
A Grade	1st:	David Lemmich	83
	2nd:	Evan Stephenson	80
	3rd:	Stephen Barnes	79
B Grade	1st:	Neil Campbell	85
	2nd:	Ross Howse	84
	3rd:	Colby Ellis	82
C Grade	1st:	Karen Miller	86
	2nd:	Kellie Richardson	85
	3rd:	Denim Pay	84
Seniors	1st:	Ian Chapman	85
	2nd:	Tony McGauchie	85
	3rd:	Peter Rudd	82
Ladies	1st:	Julie Gillespie	80
	2nd:	Cassie Hibberd	80
	3rd:	Tasha Bellinger	78
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	80
	2nd:	Saxon Locke	79
	3rd:	Julian Lieshout	74

150 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP BROKEN HILL - 12 & 13 AUGUST 2023

High Gun		Brett Jory	136
AA Grade	1st:	Danny Bellinger	135
	2nd:	Kevin Jacobs	132
	3rd:	Brian McGaffin	131
A Grade	1st:	Luke Stoeckel	129
	2nd:	Jarrod Leerson	128
	3rd:	Gerard Mahoney	122
B Grade	1st:	Neil Campbell	119
	2nd:	Colby Ellis	118
	3rd:	Andrew Ashwood	117
C Grade	1st:	Karen Miller	102
	2nd:	Tony Pollard	101
	3rd:	Ivan Perry	98
Seniors	1st:	Brian Casey	126
	2nd:	Peter Rudd	118
	3rd:	Cameron Miller	111
Ladies	1st:	Tasha Bellinger	133
	2nd:	Julie Gillespie	111
	3rd:	Brenda Murphy	110
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	116
	2nd:	Julian Lieshout	116
	3rd:	Saxon Locke	72



A shotgun programmed for success

During a competition the Blaser F3 shows off the full strength of its technical innovations, while on the hunt it inspires with its timeless elegance and comfortable handling: ergonomically and technically designed for intuitive shooting, the F3 is programmed for success in any terrain.

John Bidwell, Andras Szerdahelyi, Georgia Moule, Bill McGuire, Maxime Morin – the list of champions who have successfully shot with a Blaser F3 is long. The F3 also took part in the Olympic Games in Tokyo. This development is all the more remarkable because the F3 – being Blaser's first shotgun – has been developed from scratch. Previously, the hunting rifle manufacturer was primarily known for its precise and reliable bolt-action rifles. The know-how acquired in the process naturally also flowed into the development of the F3. Here, too, a modular design, cutting-edge technology and an uncompromising commitment to quality are evident. In 2004, the year of its introduction, the British shooter John Bidwell became FITASC World Champion Sporting with the F3 at the first attempt.

The F3 success factors include, among others:

The innovative ejector system EBS® which activates the ejectors when the shot is fired and cocks them when opening the shotgun. As a result, resistance when closing the shotgun is always kept to a minimum, whether the ejectors were previously activated or not. Another plus: The ejector springs are always decocked when the shotgun is stored in order to prevent spring fatigue

The F3 trigger transforms your thought impulse into ignition within a fraction of a second. But why is this lock time so critical in shooting? The shorter the lock time, the more accurate the shot will be. Along with the fast locking you must have optimal trigger control. The F3 trigger breaks as crisp as glass at 1,400 grams with an extremely short length of travel. This ideal combination allows the shooter to realize his full potential without any delay in firing the shot. The barrel selector is conveniently located in front of the trigger and is marked for identification. The purely mechanical selective trigger operates independent of recoil. The trigger blade can be adjusted for a customized length of pull to ensure ideal finger placement.

The balancer system allows the F3 to be flexibly adapted to any shooter and any shooting style: swing-through, pull-away, maintained-lead or move-mount-shoot. The Blaser balancing system consists of two components. It comprises a stock balancer and a barrel balancer. The stock balancer is a threaded rod that can be fitted with one or four moveable weight cylinders. The barrel balancer allows you to additionally add up to 170 g to the shotgun.

As an anti-doubling system, the Blaser Inertial Block System (IBS®) reliably prevents manual fan firing or doubling, i.e. the unintentional firing of a second shot. Many conventional single trigger systems use solutions that are detrimental to the ideal trigger-pull weight or trigger characteristics. Thanks to the IBS®, the F3 trigger combines the highest possible level of safety with first-class trigger characteristics.

Helped by the extremely soft barrel closure, the shooters can keep their concentration exclusively focused on the target before taking the shot. And the linear guidance of the striker and firing pin allows for the best possible transfer of kinetic energy and a thus lightning fast ignition. However, the successful development of the F3 is by no means the end of the shotgun chapter at Blaser.

Firstly, during the following years new models have been added to the Blaser shotgun family. With the F3 Supertrap model, demanding trap shooters can use the F3 to its full potential and individually adjust the shot placement by raising and lowering the rail according to their individual requirements. The F3 Vantage, with its significantly higher rib in combination with a perfectly coordinated stock, offers faster target acquisition and noticeably less neck and shoulder strain. The flat ramp angle additionally extends peripheral vision, regardless of the height of the clay and the angle to the target.

In 2016, a dynamic all-round talent was presented: the F16. Perfectly balanced and equipped with a first-class trigger characteristic, the new shotgun presents itself with the lowest profile receiver in its class, therefore providing an exceptionally low center of gravity. Besides the outstanding balance the latter one also leads to less felt recoil at the same time. The F16 offers the same innovative ejector system EBS® as well as the anti-doubling system IBS®. The dynamic receiver design with its innovative monocoque construction underlines the shotgun's elegance.

Just one year later, Blaser introduced a shotgun model, using the F16 as the base, for women with a stock specially adapted to the female anatomy. A newly designed Monte Carlo shape provides the huntress with optimal target acquisition. With a stock length of 350 mm, it ensures the perfect fit from the first shot. The benefits to the huntress are clear: she can comfortably rest her face against the stock to get into the optimal shooting position. Due to the shorter stock, the distance between the butt plate and trigger is reduced. The pistol grip now boasts finer features to easily accommodate a smaller hand and hence, reducing the risk of flinching.

In the end, of course, it is up to the shooter to decide which shotgun fits him best and is the perfect match for his shooting or hunting activities. However, if he opts for a Blaser shotgun, he knows one thing: the chances for successfully hitting a clay or hunting successfully just got better!

75 TARGET HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP BROKEN HILL - 13 AUGUST 2023

AA Grade	1st:	Kevin Jacobs	75
	2nd:	Danny Bellinger	73
	3rd:	Rodney Ahrens	73
A Grade	1st:	David Lemmich	83
	2nd:	Evan Stephenson	80
	3rd:	Stephen Barnes	79
B Grade	1st:	Neil Campbell	85
	2nd:	Ross Howse	84
	3rd:	Colby Ellis	82
C Grade	1st:	Karen Miller	86
	2nd:	Kellie Richardson	85
	3rd:	Denim Pay	84
Seniors	1st:	Ian Chapman	85
	2nd:	Tony McGauchie	85
	3rd:	Peter Rudd	82
Ladies	1st:	Julie Gillespie	80
	2nd:	Cassie Hibberd	80
	3rd:	Tasha Bellinger	78
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	80
	2nd:	Saxon Locke	79
	3rd:	Julian Lieshout	74

BERMAGUI SPORTING CLAYS

Things have been rolling along nicely at Bermagui Sporting Clays in the first half of 2023.

We are still getting numbers between 35 and 55 shooters. Our FREE lunches remain a major draw card on shoot days, thanks in no small way, to our magnificent Ladies Committee.

At our recent AGM a new committee was elected and comprises:-

President.....Nev Brady

Vice President.....Rob Shaw

Secretary.....Matt Richardson

Treasurer.....Patrick Jubb

Committee.....Chris O'Dea, Dave Bedingfield, Ian McFarlane

Junior Liaison Officer.....Ewan Forsythe

Publicity Officer.....Patrick Thompson

In order to try to boost junior shooter numbers, the club is happy to announce that a new position has been formed this year, that of Junior Liaison Officer.

The position has been taken up by promising BSC junior, Ewan Forsythe, and although he will have no voting rights, Ewan will be able to sit in on our monthly committee meetings and report on anything to do with juniors, so if you are a junior shooter, or want to have a go at clay target shooting but feel a bit overawed talking to a senior official, please get in touch with Ewan and he will be more than happy to have a yarn with you and get you started.

A BIG thank you to our outgoing Secretary, Barry Dunn, for his much valued years of service to the club.

To our Sponsors who never cease to amaze, a huge thank you once again to:-

Scott & Lisa Bradley at Bermagui Bait & Tackle

Gary Georgiou at Safari Firearms

Ken Buckley at South Durras Caravan Park

Bruce Arthurson at Classic Racing & Performance Engineering

Bermagui Country Club

Our Old Mate Grumpy

Family & Friends of Mark Raabe and Dave Cook

Swan Plumbing Narooma and Rob Shaw

Nev & Shirl Brady at Bermagui Welding

Jimmy & Rhonda Drakos at Drakos Bros Construction

Phil & Shelley Craig

And of course, Mr & Mrs Claus

The club also wishes to acknowledge our outgoing sponsors, Patrick & Tatia Jubb, for their many years of support. Thanks gang.

In Patrick & Tatia absence, we welcome Andy & Mandy Armstrong of Territory Firearms, who are situated at 19 Alyxia Court Virginia, on the outskirts of Darwin NT.

If any of our members are planning a hunting trip to the top end, please give Andy a call on 0438 153 022, and he will gladly help you out in any way possible to help fulfil that dream of a lifetime.

By the time you read this the "Coomagui Cup" should be back at its spiritual home in Bermagui. First round of the event will be at Cooma on the 17th of September, while the second round will be held at Bermagui a week later, on the 24th of September.

Our Gala Presentation night will once again be held on the eve of our Christmas shoot, which will be, Saturday night, the 25th of November.

A great night is assured for all those who attend.

This is a semi formal affair, where the boys can get dressed up, and our stunning partners can shine and sparkle on the red carpet.

Our Committeeman and Grants officer, Chris O'Dea, has been super busy this year, and hours and hours of pain staking work, (still ongoing), has been successful in gaining the club a \$50,000 grant from The Office of Sport, which has enabled us to purchase a brand new 4 seater Polaris 4X4 buggy, as well as

5 new Laporte Traps.

On behalf of the Committee and all Members, well done Chris, a magnificent achievement.

As many of our Members are avid duck hunters, and we live in close proximity to the Victorian border, we are closely watching proceedings down there in regards to the ruling Labor Party wanting to ban the Duck season as we know it, make no mistake, this present Green/Labor movement want to ban any outdoor activity that involves the harvesting of food. Be careful who you vote for come election time.

Our Christmas shoot, on Sunday 26th November, promises to be bigger and better than ever, so put it on your bucket list, along with our Presentation Night on the preceding evening.

Good luck to all our members who are attending the Nationals.

COFFS HARBOUR CLAY TARGET CLUB INC.

August 5th & 6th was the 2 Day Inaugural Coaching Clinic for Club Coaching aspirants on the 5th and Coaching Clinic for Members on the 6th. The clinic was put together by NSW Sporting Clays Coaching Director Doug Alcock.

Doug's presentation was superb with the classroom sessions keeping all participants engaged. The club now has five coaches who completed the Australian Sports Commission Community Coaching - Essential Skills Course as well as the Sporting Clay NSW Training Guide. The Training guide is an essential tool in communicating relevant and correct information to any new or existing shooter wanting to improve their scores.

Twenty members completed the coaching clinic on the Sunday, where topics covered equipment required, gun fit basics, vision - seeing vs looking, fundamentals of form, lead: reading targets and methods of lead, shot planning, mind games, training vs practice.

On the range six layouts were set to replicate targets that are thrown at Sporting Ranges. The morning session saw participants squad with the newly accredited coaches, the coaches were tasked with correction and encouraging participants with all aspects of target acquisition.

After a tasty lunch another classroom session, then back to the range to work on report pairs and where to "see" the second target. The day finished with recording and evaluating performances.

Credit to Doug Alcock for the fantastic presentation and Sporting Clays NSW for their initiatives, every club should book their clinic, I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Some comments from the clinic:

"I wish I had this clinic 10 years ago",

"We appreciate our club holding this clinic,"

"Great event for new and experienced competitors"

Regards,



Frank Maione - President



COOMA SPORTING CLAYS NEWS.

We had 3 shoots through the months of July and August and were lucky enough to escape the bad weather that we have had in past years.

16TH JULY TWEED CUP

The Gentleman Shooter's Cup Hugh Fairfield-Smith Memorial Shoot. What looked like it was going to be a foggy start to our day turned out to be a perfect start with blue skies and sunshine. Today's shoot was for The Gentleman Shooter's Cup Hugh Fairfield-Smith Memorial. It consisted of 100 targets of English Sporting Pairs sponsored by Wild Brumby Distillery and was a handicap event. A big thank you as always to the setup crew. It was an outstanding range. AA and High Gun winner and winner of The Gentleman Shooter's Cup Hugh Fairfield-Smith Memorial Shoot was Darren Redman.

High Gun		Darren Redman	88
A Grade	1st	John Sankey	84
	2nd	Robert Shaw	81
	3rd	Terry Thistleton	76
B Grade	1st	Adam Mower	81
	2nd	Russell Rowling	76
	3rd	Ian MacFarlane	76
C Grade	1st	Glenn Schofield	69
	2nd	James Povey	63
	3rd	Glen Weston	63
Ladies	1st	Robin Perkins	69
	2nd	Wendy Crouch	63
	3rd	Krista Mower	61
Juniors	1st	Zack Poucher	79
	2nd	Jake Povey	64
	3rd	Montana Schofield	59



Doug Alcock, Darren Redman, Adam Mower and Andrew Fairfield-Smith.



Doug Alcock, Zack Poucher, Jake Povey and Montana Schofield

30TH JULY - BUSH SKEET

Our second shoot for the month was held on the 5th Sunday of July which means it was Bush Skeet time at Cooma Sporting Clays. We shot 100 targets American Skeet in a sub-alpine bush setting. The weather was a bit up and down with a cool wind and the day stretched out into the late afternoon. There was good roll-up with 5 squads shooting. A big thank you to all the workers for your time and effort setting the range, working in the kitchen, and in the office. Also, thanks to J B Canvas Queanbeyan for your sponsorship.

High Gun		Doug Alcock	
A Grade	1st	Mark Corbett	
	2nd	Darren Redman	
	3rd	Terry Thistleton	
B Grade	1st	Stephen McIntyre	
	2nd	Ben Rowbotham	
	3rd	Mark Coleman	
C Grade	1st	Shaun Rowling	
	2nd	James Povey	
	3rd	Jack Fairfield-Smith	
Ladies	1st	Robin Perkins	
	2nd	Wendy Crouch	
	3rd	Penny Irvin	
Juniors	1st	Jake Povey	
	2nd	Maxx Povey	
	3rd	Montana Schofield	



Steve McIntyre, Ben Rowbotham, Mark Coleman and Andrew Fairfield-Smith.



Robin Perkins, Wendy Crouch, Penny White and Andrew Fairfield-Smith.

20TH AUGUST - HIGH BIRD CHALLENGE

What a beautiful sunshiny day we had today at our monthly shoot at Cooma Sporting Clays. As always a great team set up a course which offered a mix of challenging targets. It was great to see the day go off without a hiccup in the absence of our 2 fearless leaders Andrew and Adam.

High Gun		Doug Alcock	87
A Grade	1st	Richard Seears	84
	2nd	Darren Redman	78
	3rd	Terry Thistleton	77
B Grade	1st	James Byrnes	86
	2nd	Neville Brady	82
	3rd	Mark Coleman	79

C Grade	1st	Geoff Ingram	71
	2nd	Glenn Schofield	63
	3rd	Shaun Rowling	62
	4th	James Povey	61
	5th	Bryce Kelland	60
Ladies	1st	Jan Redman	73
	2nd	Penny Irvin	64
	3rd	Wendy Crouch	62
Juniors	1st	Zack Poucher	78
	2nd	Jake Poucher	73
	3rd	Maxx Povey	59



Richard Seears, James Byrnes, Nev Brady and Mark Coleman.



Richard Seears, Geoff Ingram, Glenn Schofield, Shaun Rowling, James Povey and Bryce Kelland.



Young Rodger at the age of 87 still enjoys his day out on the range with friends and mates.



Sarah Davis enjoying her day on the range.

DUBBO FIELD & GAME 2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 18th June saw the Dubbo Field & Game 2023 Club Championships sponsored by Kevin & Ruth Haskins and Gary & Mel Adams.

A chilly breeze helped all the shooters keep their cool while they tackled the ranges set by the duo of Gary and Hasko. With the sun playing havoc with the targets, the range was flipped and we started from the other end. The course ran from the top corner diagonally across the clubs grounds bringing shooters to end with a short walk (some dragging their feet and maybe their bottom lips) to the club house where they enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the one and only Min (chef Bloinkys better half)

A large variety of targets were on offer some a little more difficult but they were all there to be shot! Congratulations goes to the range setting duo and their helpers on the targets, they kept us on our toes and had our minds thinking (some working overtime)

So what you want to know!

After a shoot off for high gun between Doug Osbourne and Gary Adams with the top score of 81 - Doug came out as High Gun for the day with 81+9

Being that Doug isn't a member of the club - Gary Adams has continued his reign and was awarded 2023 Club Champion. This is his fourth year of taking the honours - well done Gary

As a special treat there was a lucky door prize with Neil Donaldson winning

Thank you to our sponsors Kevin and Gary and their families for their continued support of our club.

Thanks to all that helped set up, pack up, in the office and kitchen

Grade & Position		Shooter	Score
High Gun		Doug Osbourne	81+9
Overall Club Champion		Gary Adams	81
AA Grade	1st	Chris Barrowman	74
	2nd	Warren Thorpe	71
A Grade 1st Champion	1st	Gary Adams	81
	2nd	Chris Everett	80
	3rd	Anthony Cahill	73
B Grade 1st	1st	Glen Bloink	72
	2nd	Craig McPherson	70
	3rd	Rob Murray	59

C Grade	1st	Ben Smith	64
	2nd	Cameron Smith	54
	3rd	Paul Purvis	51
Senior	1st	Kevin Haskins	77
	2nd	Peter Kay	71
	3rd	Dean Delaney	68
Veteran	1st	Milton Cartwright	74
	2nd	Laurie Redfern	71
	3rd	Jake Guzelian	69
Masters	1st	Les Townsend	52+1
	2nd	Denis Coaker	52
	3rd	Keith Lyne	51
Ladies	1st	Mel Phillips	73
	2nd	Melinda McGrath	54
	3rd	Mo Ross	41
Juniors	1st	Jennifer Corderoy	32
Sub Juniors	1st	Dylen Murray	65
	2nd	Henry Purvis	59



Kevin C Grade Champion Ben Smith along with Gary



Sponsors Gary Adams & Kevin Haskins with Sub Juniors Champion Dylen Murray, Henry Purvis 2nd



Juniors Champion Jennifer Corderoy with Gary & Kevin



Kevin, Melinda McGrath 2nd, Mo Ross 3rd, Ladies Champion Mel Phillips, and Gary



Seniors Champion Kevin Haskin, Peter Kay 2nd, Dean Delaney 3rd with sponsor Gary Adams



Kevin with B Grade Champion Glen Bloink, 2nd Craig McPherson, 3rd Rob Murray with Gary Adams



Kevin, Masters Champion Les Townsend, Keith Lyne 3rd, Denis Coaker 2nd, and Gary



Kevin with Laurie Redfern 2nd, Veteran Champion Milton Cartwright, 3rd Jake Guzelian with Gary

Kevin Haskins with Chris Everett 2nd, A Grade Champion Gary Adams

COAKER EVERETT MEMORIAL SHOOT 2023

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July saw the Coaker Everett Memorial shoot celebrate 22 years of awesomeness. This year DC & Tony decided to try something different. They came up with the idea of hosting the Everett Memorial Sporting 100 targets on Saturday and the Coaker Memorial Timed Stations on Sunday.

Now anyone who hasn't been and shot the Coaker Everett then they really should! It's a fun filled jam packed weekend of shooting. The sporting 100T go in your books so they are fair dinkum targets and there is always an array of different ones thrown just to keep you on your toes. The timed stations cause loads of laughs, hair pulling, random noises, dropped shells (which get picked up), sledging from teammates. Plans and formulas are created before stepping into the cage when they are quickly thrown out the window after your first double barrel pulled.

Also on Sunday included is a Side x Side and Classic Pheasant (auto safety, double triggers & fixed chokes) gun competition for Sunday. Rob Murray decided to bring out a Hollis with hammers no ejectors just to give himself a winning chance! Yes his thumbs got a definite work out.

It was fantastic to see a few C&E newbies come and have a go at our shoot and its even greater to hear they had a blast and will be back with friends! We had 65 shooters on Saturday and 73 on Sunday which was brilliant!

For Saturday Tony & Chris Everett along with their band of helpers set out a 100T range including the Black Duck Memorial Station and Bernie Rawson memorial Station. With the stations starting up in the far-left corner working their way over the creek to finish with a short walk back to the club house. They had all types of targets for all strengths of shooters. Aways, high loopers, sneaky low ones, rabbits and a feral sim pair across the dam.

On Sunday Denis aka DC with his number one remote man Tony Corderoy went about creating a range with loads of fun. Each station had 7 pairs. Throwing in a new station called Quails at the beginning which were sim pair of low going away targets 8 seconds apart, next the Dick Coaker High Pheasant alternate pairs 6 seconds apart, the Crow station made an appearance sim pair featuring an away target and a floppy short looper, DC felt bad and gave you 9 seconds between each pair. Next along the range was the Les Clarke Rabbit Station with alternate rabbits coming from left then 5 seconds - yep 5, the next one from the right. To finish up the range Start Coaker Grouse Butt Station sim pairs 8 seconds apart with a short window otherwise you waved them goodbye past a haystack!

Some of these timed stations had a delay after the start button was pushed, which everyone was warned about at briefing but someone (no names mentioned Kooley) mustn't have gotten the memo and lost a target cause he lowered his gun!



Les Clarke Shoot Off
Adam & Denis Coaker



Bernie Rawson Shoot Off Ken
Purvis & Darren Guy

Winners are Grinners.

\$1000 Ammo went to Les Townsend

MEMORIAL TROPHIES		
Stuart Coaker Grouse Butt	Warren "Wazza" Thorpe	26/28
Les Clarke Rabbit	Adam Carmichael	28/28 + 14 s/o with Denis Coaker
Dick Coaker High Pheasant	Phillip Sattler	28/28
Tom Everett Old Black Duck	Glen "Bloinky" Bloink	10/14
Bernie Rawson Sporting	Ken Purvis	10/10 + 4 s/s with Darren Guy
Classic Pheasant	Peter "PK" Kay	113/140
Side X Side	Ken Purvis	101/140

SATURDAY 100T SPORTING EVERETT MEMORIAL SHOOT

Grade & Place	Shooter	Score
AA Grade 1st	Doug Osbourne	80
AA 2nd	John Koolbanis	70
A Grade 1st	Stephen Cooper	82
A 2nd	Lance North	81
A 3rd	Ken Purvis	77
B Grade 1st	Craig McPherson (Dubbo)	75
2nd	Ross Tourgelis	74
3rd	Darren Guy	72 + 5
C Grade 1st	Robert Murray	70
2nd	Anthony Burgess	67
3rd	James Anderson	66
Senior 1st	Stephen Payne	83
2nd	Peter Kay	78
3rd	Rodney Carr	77
Veterans 1st	Stephen Tydd	81
2nd	Tony Monk	70
3rd	Colin Dorman	67 + 1
Masters 1st	Denis Coaker	62
2nd	Sven Krollpfeiffer	55
3rd	Les Townsend	44
Ladies 1st	Mel Phillips	76
2nd	Paula Purvis	64
3rd	Melinda McGrath	55
Juniors 1st	Charlie North	78
Sub Juniors 1st	Henry Purvis	71
2nd	Dylen Murray	69
3rd	Ryan McPherson (Dubbo)	54

COAKER MEMORIAL TIMED STATIONS 140 TARGETS SUNDAY 23RD

Grade & Place	Shooter	Score
AA Grade 1st	Doug Osbourne	123
2nd	John Koolbanis	110
A Grade 1st	Adam Carmichael	122
2nd	Murray Rees	121
3rd	Christopher Bourke	117
B Grade 1st	Craig McPherson (Dubbo)	110
2nd	Darren Guy	101
3rd	Dan Stanford	99
C Grade 1st	Phillip Sattler	105
2nd	Blake Osbourne	96
3rd	Dominic Lebnan	92
Senior 1st	Peter Kay	113
2nd	Stephen Payne	112
3rd	Robert (Dean) Delaney	111

Veteran 1st	Tony Monk	113
2nd	Stephen Tydd	111
3rd	Max Holland	107
Masters 1st	Denis Coaker	106
2nd	Sven Krollpfeiffer	90
3rd	Les Townsend	63
Ladies 1st	Mel Phillips	95
2nd	Paula Purvis	87
3rd	Melinda McGrath	73
Juniors 1st	Charlie North	113
2nd	Jake McPherson	92
3rd	Riley Day	83
Sub Juniors 1st	Ryan McPherson (Dubbo)	98
2nd	Jack Rees	97
3rd	Dylen Murray	74



DC was lucky to have so many family members come to the shoot. He Shot Sundays range with his sister Christabelle who used her fathers 20g gun



Tony, Winner of the \$1000 ammo Les Townsend and Denis



Denis Coaker Tony Everett with Les Clarke Rabbit Station Winner Adam Carmichael



Sunday Ladies Winners Tony, Paula Purvis 2nd, Melinda McGrath 3rd, Denis and Mel Phillips 1st



Tony Everett with John Koolbanis 2nd AA Grade Saturday - he stole Doug's hat



Denis Coaker Tony Everett with Bernie Rawson Memorial Stand winner Ken Purvis



Denis and Tony with Dick Coaker High Pheasant Memorial Winner Phillip Sattler



Denis and Tony with Side X Side Gun Winner Ken Purvis



Denis and Tony Stuart Coaker Grouse Butt Memorial Winner Warren Thorpe



Denis and Tony with Classic Pheasant Peter Kay

MUDGEE SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

Over the weekend of July 29 & 30 Mudgee branch hosted the NSW English Sporting State Championship at the Windamere range. Two rounds of 50 targets made up the 100 targets each day. Eighty odd competitors had nominated to shoot the competition each day.

Saturday morning saw the first squad breaking clays by 9am. As they were all pairs most shooters were finished very early, approximately 1pm. Being a 200 target competition so no presentations on Saturday gave our workers plenty of time to fill traps etc ready for an early start Sunday morning. A quick look at the scores Saturday showed a few shooters after that top position. Scott Halsey 89, Steve Atkins 88, Craig Kurtz 86, Grant Barton 86 & Jed Leadbitter 86 were all up for the challenge. A special mention to new club member Tekimiti Gilbert for winning C grade over the weekend.

The club would like to thank BRONZEWING AUSTRALIA and NSW SPORTING CLAYS for sponsorship over the weekend. Once again the ladies in the kitchen did a fabulous job.

Final scores are as follows



Denis Coaker Tony Everett with Tom Everett Black Duck Memorial Winner Glen Bloink



Saturday C Grade winners Rob Murray 1st Tony Burgess 2nd James Anderson 3rd



Overall High Gun Winner Doug Osbourne with Tony & Denis

RESULTS			
High Gun		Steve Atkins	177
AA Grade	1st:	Andrew Bell	164
	2nd:	John Koolbanis	164
	3rd:	Issi Walid	160
A Grade	1st:	Scott Halsey	174
	2nd:	Andrew Garvie	170
	3rd:	Craig Kurtz	170
B Grade	1st:	Scott King	150
	2nd:	Craig McPherson	150
	3rd:	Matt Hutton	148
C Grade	1st:	Tekimiti Gilbert	138
	2nd:	Henk Van Den Heuvel	131
	3rd:	Glen Thomas	124
Seniors	1st:	Rod Carr	168
	2nd:	Billy Smith (Vass Laliaris)	167
	3rd:	Wombat Haskins	167
Veterans	1st:	Steve Tydd	155
	2nd:	Tony Monk	136
S/Veterans	1st:	Ross Christian	169
	2nd:	Mick Quinlan	142
	3rd:	Sven Krollpfeiffer	123
Ladies	1st:	Paula Purvis	150
	2nd:	Janelle Craig	145
	3rd:	Mel Phillips	140
Juniors	1st:	Charles North	175
	2nd:	Jed Leadbitter	164
	3rd:	Ryan Scheepers	143
Sub Juniors	1st:	Dylen Murray	136
	2nd:	Henry Purvis	123



A Grade



B Grade



C Grade



AA Grade



Veteran



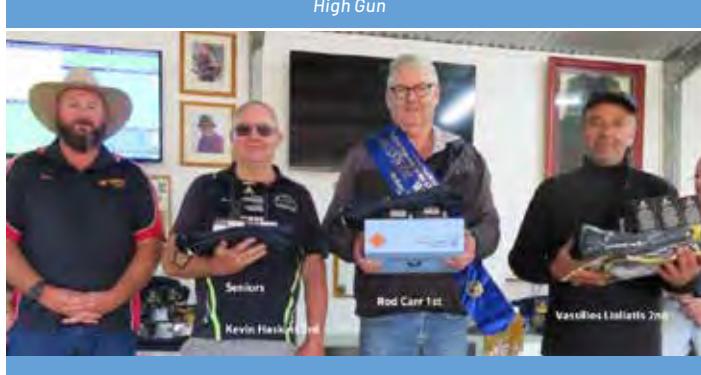
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High Gun



Ladies



Seniors



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COFFS HARBOUR HOSTS SHOOTER TRAINING WEEKEND



On the 5th and 6th of August Coffs Harbour Sporting Clays hosted the first club coach and shooter training days in the new format. On the Saturday I spent an enjoyable day with members wishing to be club coaches going through the new coaching materials and exercises with practical sessions on techniques for a broad range of sporting clays target presentations. Special emphasis was placed on reading gun movement of the shooter to help diagnose problems with visual focus and connection to the target. Emphasis was also placed on the fundamentals of stance, gun mount and shot planning to ensure the highest probability of making a successful shot. All the participants indicated that they would recommend the training day to anyone interested in helping to coach shooters at a club level.

On the Sunday the 5 volunteer coaches assisted me in delivering a training day for 20 local shooters. The day was a mixture of theory and practical application and having 5 able assistants meant that coaching could be quite individualised in the practical shooting sessions. Even though we ran a little overtime almost everyone stayed to the end and remained keen. Experiences from this training day will be used to make improvements for the next one but the feedback from the participants was very positive with participants indicating improvements in knowledge, confidence and skills as well as aspiring to take advantage of planned training activities at the club as well as the intent to use the home based drills they were shown to improve their gun mount. All of the participants indicated that they would recommend other NSW Sporting Clays members to attend future training days in their area. Coffs Harbour SC plan to do more training days in the coming 12 months to give more opportunity for their members to hone their skills with the help of the new club coaches.

Overall I was very pleased with the way this training weekend turned out which made the countless hours spent in preparing the new training manual and presentation resources all worthwhile. I would like to encourage other clubs in NSW to make contact if they would like to schedule a training weekend and some mentoring for members who would like to be club level coaches.

Wishing you all lots of 25's

SPORTING CLAYS NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Bart Brightenti, Warren Thorpe, Gary Adams, Stephen Payne, Janella Craig, Charlie North and Steve Atkins

Majura Park Gun Club (MPGC) was lucky enough to be selected to host the 2023 SCA NSW State Titles over the weekend of the 19th-20th of August with a 200 target 2 day event. The ground setting crew at MPGC put on a spectacular demonstration of range setting with 2 ranges covering a large variety of targets to challenge competitors at a state level event. MPGC club members, committee and sponsors went to exceptional lengths to ensure the grounds, the targets, the equipment, the support crews and the event ran as seamlessly as possible to provide our 120 competitors with the best event possible.

Day 1 scores reflected the level of difficulty on offer with Canberra winter conditions proving difficult for both targets and shooters. Canberra put on a fairly typical August Saturday with heavily overcast conditions and daytime temperatures reaching a blistering 12 °C with wind gusts topping out at 52 km/h. With the weather presenting some unfamiliar conditions for those attending from much warmer parts of the state, the wind ensured targets were variable at best and outright difficult at worst. Competitors were left trying to keep out of a very testing Canberra North Westerly, coming straight off the snowy mountains, and finding somewhere to hide from the cold was proving difficult. Adam Shale managed the conditions exceptionally well, putting on a master class by destroying big wind affected targets throughout the day finishing with an unassailable lead at the end of day 1.

MPGC had numerous prize draws on offer for the weekend with the support of some very generous sponsors with competitions ranging from lucky prize draws to elimination style random draws and a couple of well contested guess the number competitions. With over \$2000 in prizes being given away over the weekend with free entry for all state title event entrants.

Day 2 saw Canberra provide some unseasonal weather, with the daytime top reaching a glorious 17°C and the wind dropping off considerably allowing the range setters to provide some exceptional target presentations for the second day of shooting. Scores reflected the conditions and competitors were putting some very good scores in the book with Andrew Sinclair and Stephen Cooper managing 25's. The improved conditions saw a tightening of the field across both A grade and Ladies with the results being decided by shoot off in front of a 100+ strong crowd of onlookers. North Lance (11) def Angelo Salamon (10) for 2nd and 3rd place respectively in A grade and Janella Craig (15) def Paula Purvis (13) for 1st and 2nd respectively in Ladies.

There was no stopping Adam Shale (179) from taking High Gun with a resounding 10 target lead from Frank Vella (169).

1st in AA grade from Nate Palubiski (168) in a very close finish for 2nd and Michael Lucas (166) closing out 3rd.

A grade was won by Craig Brown (161) from Lance North (156) in 2nd after shoot off with Angelo Salaman (156) in 3rd.

B Grade was obliterated by Reno Morganti (152), 13 targets clear of Cameron Hockey (139) in 2nd and Steve Di Cicco (135) in 3rd.

C grade was won by Deon Scheepers (125) from Bob Warran (118) in 2nd and Matthew Wundy (111) in 3rd.

Seniors was very well represented with 11 competitors carding some very strong scores and Kevin Haskins (156) took the win from Stephen Payne (152) with John Pannuzzo (147) coming in 3rd.

Veterans' legend Sid Guglielmino (128) took his first win at MPGCL after a lengthy battle with Stephen Newcombe (123) in 2nd, and Milton Cartwright (118) in 3rd.

Ross Christian (154) left no doubt about winning Masters, crushing the field by 15 targets, Max Kavanagh (139) in 2nd with Victor Bowman (119) in 3rd.

This weekend also saw an impressive field of 12 Ladies being decided by Shoot Off with Janella Craig (141) closing out Paula Purvis (141) in 2nd and Amy Buys (136) in 3rd.

So exciting to see the Juniors' carding some extremely competitive scores with Nick Brighenti (158) edging out Charlie North (157) in 2nd and Jed Leadbitter (150) in 3rd.

Sub junior Nate Palubiski (168) placed 3rd overall for the weekend and congratulations on an outstanding shoot, totally outclassing sub juniors with Christian Raco (114) in 2nd and Dylen Murray (100) in 3rd.

The NSW state team was announced after the shoot, Pictured are Bart Brighenti, Warren Thorpe, Gary Adams, Stephen Payne, Janella Craig, Charlie North and Steve Atkins (State champion)

MPGC was happy to be able to provide SCA with an event that ran to time, provided the requisite level of challenge for a State Titles and ran with little to no breakdowns. We were happy to provide participants with the opportunity to take home some of the exceptional prizes on offer for both competitive and novelty events being run over the weekend. MPGCL would like to thank the range setters and event support teams who graciously provided their time and effort to keep everything running smoothly and acknowledge the effort of our hardworking volunteers. Thanks are extended to our sponsors who went above and beyond to ensure we had the opportunity to provide entrants with great prizes and a fabulous experience and also to Ange from Clay Busting Photos for providing the photos.



High Gun, Adam Shale

BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS



Brisbane Sporting Clays proudly hosted the 2023 Queensland Sporting Clays Championship on 12-13 August. The effort by our setters in range preparation was evident, resulting in a diverse selection of engaging targets that fully used the range's potential - leaving no room for complacency.

The event not only showcased spirited competition but also brought together regional and interstate visitors for a thrilling two-day carnival. Congratulations go to Aaron Knowles for earning the title of 2023 State Champion. Our other place getters include:

- AA grade: 1st Dan Davis, 2nd Michael Lucas, 3rd Dennis Dinte
- A grade: 1st Bronson Barden, 2nd Mark Fanning, 3rd Glen Graham
- B grade: 1st Chris Chapman, 2nd Lance Marshall, 3rd Anthony Sheridan
- C grade: 1st Kevy Sze, 2nd Max Irsic, 3rd Gordon Beeby
- Senior: 1st Michael Birgan, 2nd Aaron Goodchild, 3rd Enzo Gigante
- Veteran: 1st Kris Dowie, 2nd Glen Rider, 3rd Tom Andries
- Master: 1st Ian Waldron, 2nd Carl Law, 3rd Peter Jackson
- Junior: 1st Chris Christensen, 2nd Luke Taylor, 3rd Nicholas Stewart
- Sub-junior: 1st Jack Davis, 2nd Georgia Rogers
- Ladies: 1st Shannon Palfreeman, 2nd Simone Lucas, 3rd Teneille Groves

We are excited that 5 of our members (Aaron Knowles, Dennis Dinte, Michael Lucas, Michael Birgan and Shannon Palfreeman) will represent Queensland at the SCA Nationals in September, and wish them all the best.

In line with our commitment to continual improvement, we are currently working on new earthworks to reduce sound and create additional beginner layouts. These improvements will provide an even broader range of shooting positions and targets, catering to all, but particularly our new and come-and-try shooters.

The Tattersalls, Brisbane and Queensland Clubs hosted their interstate affiliates for an annual national competition, attracting over 80 visitors for practice on Friday and competition on Sunday. The positive feedback we received underscores the quality of our facilities and grounds.

Looking ahead, our September event holds special significance as we honour our past members through the Ashley Mead legacy memorial shoot, generously sponsored by the Mead family. We hope to see a good rollout for this event in honour of our lost friends.



Veteran



A Grade



AA Grade



B Grade



Senior



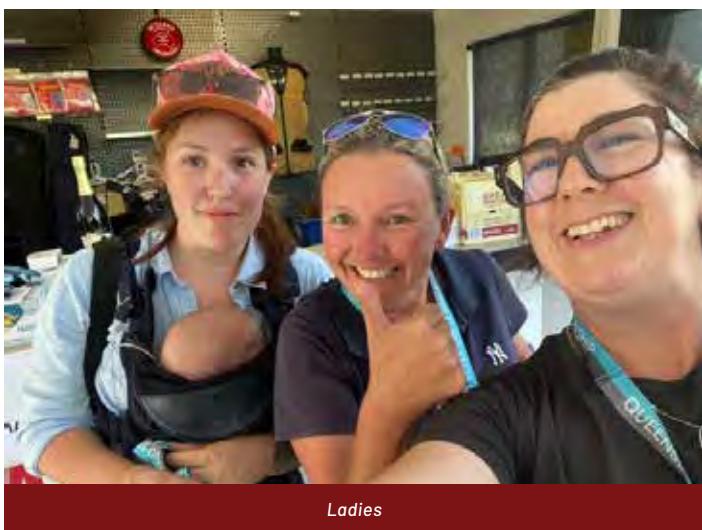
Junior



High Gun



Sub Junior



Ladies



C Grade



Masters

SOUTHERN DOWNS SPORTING CLAYS



Southern Downs Sporting Clays have enjoyed a great first half of 2023, with fantastic facilities and great weather for our shoots.

Our monthly shoots, held on the 4th Sunday of every month, have had solid attendance and we thank everyone who makes the effort to shoot with us, especially given the current economic climate, and the distance. We are very grateful for your presence and support. We also now hold practice sessions on the 4th Saturday of every month, prior to the monthly shoot, so why not bring the family and make a weekend of it. Free camping and great facilities as well as a great selection of motels in Warwick.

Our annual May 3 Day Novelty Sporting Clays event was once again a huge success, and despite the chilly mornings, we had 220 shooters along with spectators and their families, join us for the event. Our great facilities and beautiful pocket of land only minutes from Warwick town centre makes for a great place to camp, and many of our shooters make a holiday of it and come out from Thursday onwards!

We are looking forward to our next big 2 day event, the 200 Target Novelty Sporting Clays Event held on the 21st and 22nd of October 2023. Nomination forms are available via our Facebook Page and Website, and we invite you to come out and enjoy a wonderful weekend of shooting and socialising, in what is always a popular weekend. We are running a 50 target Grouse shoot on Friday for those that want to make a long weekend of it!

Special thanks goes to our sponsors, for these events: Outdoor Sporting Agency, Warwick Outdoor & Sports, Outdoor Trading Company, FSB Ammunition, Forbes Batteries, Betty Fawcett and the Darwin Crew, who year after year sponsor our junior trophies and subsidise the junior nominations, Bartranz Petroleum, Max Barton & Keith Murphy, The Scope Store and AK Dig. Their generous support makes these events what they are.

For updates, upcoming events and more please make sure to head over to our Facebook page and give us a follow. You can also find out what's happening on our website www.southerndownssportingclays.com and we always welcome new members!



LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

ELECTRICAL OYSTERS SHOOT

There were 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 High gun 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 and 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.

RESULTS

High Gun		Danny Bellinger	69/75
AA Grade	1	Tom Weir	68/75
	2	Brenton Ferguson	65/75
	3	Dan Banning	64/75
A Grade	1	Mark Fabris	61/75
	2	Lochie Irons	61/75
	3	Mick Banning	61/75
B Grade	1	Kevin Mules	59/75
	2	Cliff Lee	59/75
	3	Ian Vearing	58/75
C Grade	1	Peter Cook	54/75
	2	Rob Marcato	49/75
	3	Michael Smith	46/75
Seniors	1	Tony Sellars	60/75
Veterans	1	Brian Smith	55/75
	2	Wayne Gurney	55/75
	3	Wayne Evans	53/75
Ladies	1	Tasha Bellinger	66/75
	2	Meagan Whitehead	56/75
	3	Bec Kober	52/75
Juniors	1	Charlie Sims	42/75
Sub Juniors	1	Heath Johnston	44/75
	2	Liam Millard	35/75



A. Lochie Irons, Mick Banning, Mark Fabris



Vets. Brian Smith, Wayne Evans, Wayne Gurney



Subjun. Liam Millard, Heath Johnston



Aa. Tom Weir, Brenton Ferguson, Dan Banning



Seniors Tony Sellars



Jun Charlie Sims



HG Danny Bellinger w sponsors Tom Weir & Mick Banning



C. Michael Smith, Rob Marcato, Peter Cook



B. Cliff Lee, Kevin Mules, Ian Vearing

LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

COLIN WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL 50 TARGET HANDICAP EVENT

On Sunday (16th) Lake Bonney Sporting Clays held the Colin Whitehead memorial 50 target handicap event. There were 58 competitors braving chilly conditions against a wide variety of targets with the last stand bringing quite a few shooters undone.

Sub juniors was won by Heath Johnston with Harry Smith taking second.

First in the juniors grade was won by Charlie Sims ahead of Toby Finch.

The Ladies grade was won by Bec Kober, with Kellie Roos in second and Tasha Bellinger in third.

Veterans was won by Robert Simpson in front of Lake Bonney shooter Gary Dangerfield, and Geoff Lowe in third.

C grade was won by local Reg Hamilton, with Luke Rainsford in second and Matt Collins taking third.

Rob VanStanten took out the top spot in B grade with Brian Smith taking second ahead of Darren Beyer after a count back.

A grade was won by Locky Irons, Mick Banning took out second, and Robin Smith third.

There were only two shooters competing in AA grade, the result was Dougal Simpson first and Tony Sellars second.

The highest Handicap score went to Robert Maccato, so he is the first shooter to get his name engraved in the new Colin Whitehead memorial trophy.

Thank you to the Whitehead Family, our sponsors and all our volunteers for their outstanding support of our club.





SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME SPORTING CLAYS EVENT AT BURRUNGULE PARK

61 competitors nominated for the 75 target event sponsored by Pomanda White Suffolks & Ile De France, Russell Industries & Mount Gambier Rural Supplies.

Weather conditions were near perfect for sporting clay shooters to tackle the course set by Ken Atkin & his crew.

Integrated into the event was the annual 2 person family team shoot sponsored by the Wright Family. Off The Gun (OTG) winners were Chris & Declan Wright whilst the Handicap team event was won by Scott & Reece Fleming.

Unusually 3 competitors; Dane Hastings, Ron Rhook & Leigh Dunn shot 50 targets straight.

Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun was won by Ron Rhook after a shoot off with sponsor Dane Hastings, after both had shot 74/75 Shoot offs were also required to determine a winner in Sub Juniors with Reece Fleming prevailing over Ethan Vearing and Kevin Dyson also needed to shootoff against John VanDoren to finish second in Veterans

RESULTS			
High Gun		Ron Rhook	74/75
AA Grade	1st	Dane Hastings	74/75
	2nd	Danny Bellinger	73/75
	3rd	Jason Caldow	70/75
A Grade	1st	Maurice Banning	68/75
	2nd	Romain Devaud	67/75
	3rd	Mark Fabris	66/75
B Grade	1st	Scott Fleming	63/75
	2nd	Phillip Johnstone	59/75
	3rd	Peter Klieve	55/75
C Grade	1st	Douglas Rhode	60/75
	2nd	Todd Beighton	54/75
	3rd	Michael Gates	52/75
Sub-Junior	1st	Reece Fleming	50/75
	2nd	Ethan Vearing	50/75
	3rd	Noah Von Stanke-Dowie	47/75
Senior	1st	Leigh Dunn	72/75
	2nd	Christopher Wright	69/75
	3rd	Phillip Begelhole	69/75
Veteran	1st	Christopher Von Stanke	68/75
	2nd	Kevin Dyson	63/75
	3rd	John Vandooren	63/75
Lady	1st	Nicola Dunn	55/75
	2nd	Charlotte Devaud	53/75
	3rd	Rachael Withers	43/75
Junior	1st	Declan Wright	67/75

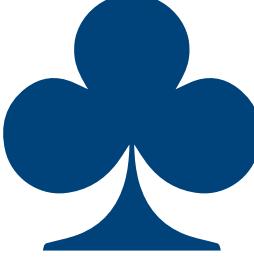




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SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME

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78 shooters braved the dull conditions to shoot 2 rounds of fifty targets or 25 pairs a round, sponsored by Collin's Court Butchers, Beljon Pastoral, Pick Avenue Bakery and Deli and Gambier Shooting Supplies. Jeremy Kent yet again came out on top as the High Gun Winner with a score of 92/100. It was an enjoyable day had by all despite the weather and low temperature.

RESULTS			
High Gun		Jeremy Kent	92/100
AA Grade	1st	Gavin Dyson	90/100
	2nd	Ron Rhook	88/100
	3rd	Tomothy Widdison	87/100
A Grade	1st	Christopher Von Stanke	76/100
	2nd	Robert Buckley	73/100
	3rd	Cameron Scheidl	72/100
B Grade	1st	Geoffrey McLean	75/100
	2nd	Jeremy Hellyer	68/100
	3rd	Jeffrey Martin	66/100
C Grade	1st	Jordon Mervart	70/100
	2nd	Zack Oakley	55/100
	3rd	Douglas Rohde	50/100
Sub-Junior	1st	Jack Dyson	68/100
	2nd	Noah Von Stanke	44/100
	3rd	Reece Fleming	42/100
Senior	1st	Leigh Dunn	84/100
	2nd	Dane Hastings	81/100
	3rd	Christopher Wright	79/100
Veteran	1st	Neville Kent	74/100
	2nd	Christopher Von Stanke	69/100
	3rd	Kevin Dyson	64/100

Lady	1st	Janette Densley	80/75
	2nd	Tasha Bellinger	72/80
	3rd	Nocola Dunn	59/100
Junior	1st	Declan Wright	85/100
	2nd	Shakielle Von Stanke	63/100



From the left – AA Grade – Gavin Dyson, Tim Widdison, Ron Rhook.



From the left – C grade – Sponsor Darren Murrell, Jordon Mervart, Zack Oakley and Doug Rohde.

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Ladies - From the left - Janette Densley, Tasha Bellinger and Nicola Dunn.



Sub Junior - From the left - Our Sponsor Darren Murrel, Jack Dyson and Reece Fleming.



Veteran - Our Sponsor Darren Murrel and Neville Kent.



Junior - Declan Wright and our Sponsor Darren Murrel.



Senior Category - Leigh Dunn.



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ROCKY GULLY

Rocky Gully Sporting Clays has had the pleasure of hosting the 2023 State Sporting Clays Championship. These events always require a great deal of input to organise and set up as well as run over the shoot weekend, so it was great to see our entire team turn out over the two weekends to help set up the course and get the grounds into shape for the event. Not only a full weekend setting up machines and stacking many boxes of clays but mowing grass and preparing the ropes across the course loop.

The target setting crew, under the direction of RGSC Target director Jim Bologiannis, had a nice 8 stand, 2km course planned out for the event. We always love it when we can go further afield to shoot in some less often used locations and provide different challenges to our regular monthly shoots, so we were very excited to see what Jim had in mind. I think everyone who shot the event would have been pleased with the mix of targets, with some technical presentations that required thought before you called "pull" as well as some challenging simultaneous pairs. The feedback was definitely very positive from everyone that spoke to me.

We had our new practice ground in operation on the Friday before the big weekend. Being a weekday, you never know how many people might turn out. So, it was great to see people come out to shoot some rounds of practice right from the opening and throughout the entire day. It was a pity we had to call a close to practice to alter the machines for the course and shootoffs. Maybe some practice paid off for we saw some attendees in the shootoffs on the Sunday.

You never really know what kind of weather you're going to get in August, and conditions in Adelaide had been simply horrible, wet and windy all week. But when the shoot weekend rolled around, although things were rainy in Adelaide, by the time anyone drove past Mount Barker conditions cleared wonderfully. 88 Shooters would take to the 8 stand, 50 target course in overcast but warm conditions. All the jumpers were off in the afternoon and conditions cleared and the competitors did a second pass for their 100 targets. Sunday was a beautiful early spring day with virtually no wind and short sleeves were out in force. It made for really great clay shooting conditions running into the last 50 targets.

The First day's shooting was tight across all grades and categories, I good sign that the target setting crew hit the mark, but at the top in AA grade it was Jeremy Kent on 95/100 leading with Gavin Dyson nipping at his heels on 92. Jim Bologiannis led the way in A grade on 81, Damien Torresan and Daniel Mullins were tied in B Grade on 76. In C Grade, Michael Gates was a daylight first with 74. There were several 25s shot, mostly on day 1 with Jeremy Kent, Gavin Dyson, Peter Hicks, Craig Scheel, Leigh Dunn, Ron Rhook and Declan Wright all achieving a possible. Declan was also the only shooter to come in with 25 on Day 2. Well done, Declan!

At the end of Day 1, Jim and his target setting crew went out to change the machines around the course for the second day and the final 50 targets and provide some different challenges for shooters with different angles and distances.

With day 2's excellent shooting conditions, it was anyone's game. At the end of the Day, Gavin Dyson was able to make up his 3 target deficit to finish on 139, over Jeremy Kent on 137. Well done Gavin, that was consistently excellent shooting over the entire weekend to come out on top. Congratulations Gavin on becoming the 2023 Sporting Clays Champion. It was a tight race also in other grades, with a few shootoffs at the end of the final 150. In the lower Grades there were shootoffs in A grade for 3rd (Wendel Litchfield and Robby Marcoionni) and in B Grade there were shootoffs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd (Damien Torresan, Daniel Mullins, Lee Wilkinson and Ben Hegarty). In Veterans, Philip Dumesny and Ernie Scheidl were shooting off for 3rd place. For the shootoffs, the practice field machines had been altered and some different places set and the shooters experienced some suitably challenging targets, with a long distance battue on stand 2 proving testing for many.

As well as the off the gun scores, there was a handicap competition run across the grades for the entire event. Handicap events highlight those who are shooting well above their averages and the results are a testimony to those shooters who were on a hot streak. Gavin Dyson took out AA (157), with Declan Wright winning A grade (160), Philip Dumesny in B grade (164) and Mike Gates having an absolute blinder to win C grade on 165. They took away some nice quality Beretta range bags and other accessories, all donated by Rocky Gully.

Well done to all who attended the event, we hope you enjoyed the targets and the weekend in general, especially those who travelled from Interstate. Thanks to all the Rocky Gully team who worked behind the scenes to make the event happen, especially those who chose not to shoot in order to make sure things ran smoothly. Special thanks to Greg Dawes and Emilio Callichio who acted as ground staff and kept all our machines running smoothly and stocked with target. Both guys pounced on any issues to fix them quickly, so there were few mechanical issues. Also special thanks to Phil Pappaioannou was in charge of everything in the kitchen and kept everyone fed and happy inside with a great range of food over the weekend.

We hope to see you all for our club championship in November where we will have 150 targets shot over 6 old style FITASC courses, November 18th & 19th. We don't shoot old style FITASC events much any more, so this will be another flagship shoot at Rocky Gully with a great range of prizes. Hope to see you there!



State Team Members



High Gun- Gavin Dyson



A Grade - 2nd - Adam Brewer, 1st - James Bologiannis, 3rd - Wendel Litchfield



Masters - 2nd - Peter Klieve, 1st - John Monaghan, 3rd - Prosper Van der Zalm



Sub Juniors - 3rd - Noah Von Stanke-Dowie, 2nd - Jack Dyson, 1st - Sebastian Angus



Ladies - 1st - Janette Densley, 2nd - Delilah Rybak, 3rd - Belinda Hall



Juniors - 1st - Declan Wright, 2nd - Nicolas Bologiannis, 3rd - Zakary Button



B Grade - 3rd - Lee Wilkinson, 1st - Damian Torresan, 2nd - Daniel Mullins



AA - 2nd - Peter Hicks, 1st - Jeremy Kent, 3rd - Daniel Torresan



C Grade - 3rd - Mark Holbrook, 1st - Michael Gates, 2nd - Mark Bracken



Seniors - 3rd - Chris Wright, 1st - Craig Scheele, 2nd - Leigh Dunn



Veterans - 3rd - Philip Dumesny, 1st - Ron Rhook, 2nd - Robin Shawyer

DERWENT VALLEY

It has been a mega month of shooting here in Tassie, with the last of our elimination shoots held at Derwent Valley Field & Game (DVFG) and State Championship on the picturesque grounds of Penguin.

DVFG took a small team away to Penguin with some members walking away with placings.

The highlight of the month and weekend of The Championship had to be attending an ACTA night shoot at Burnie Gun Club on the Saturday.

It was a rather fresh night, with the grounds shooting over the water of the coastal town in the Northwest of Tasmania.

With 6 of our SCA members squadded together for 50 targets Continental, and the poor referee/scorer being a dual member of SCA and ACTA, it didn't take long for said referee to realise the issues that sporting clays shooters have when crossing over to shoot our cousins discipline.... that's it discipline!

It is fair to say that the sporting shooter is at best able to concentrate for a maximum of 5 or 6 targets, hence why we shoot a few targets then let someone else have a turn, this lot proved the theory.

All of 10 targets in and it was 'LET THE GAMES BEGIN'!

The voice activation system proved too much for our SCA members to resist, it started off with one SCA member amusing themselves by calling for a target for another shooter, not to be deterred, the target presented was shot at with a score recorded.

It certainly didn't take long before all of the squad entered into the shenanigans and targets presented even before guns were closed. Some even went so far as to shooting at the target presented with their first barrel then calling for another to shoot again.

The ref/scorer even got involved by awarding points for trying!

A special thank you to Ammoink for providing prizes not only for the ACTA event but also visitor prizes for our SCA members.

We would also like to thank Burnie Clay Target Club for hosting a great night and allowing us to join in the fun.

DVFG are looking forward to moving into the warmer months and have an action-packed calendar ahead.

Happy shooting.



2023 TASMANIAN FIELD & GAME 150 TARGETS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



It was a big month for Penguin Club hoisting the state championship in August 2023, it has been three years since the last championship was held at Tasmania northern club Penguin on its unique undulating ranges shooting high targets in the quarry and then moving down the range and shooting below your feet to low targets in the valleys and having a crack at a tricky rabbit along the back of the dam.

The weather leading up to the event was looking like rain but thankfully the rain held off to light sprinkle late at night, which made the bush cutting and range prep work a little bit more enjoyable. Big thanks to Harold Deverell and Chris Jordan for the range prep work through the week and Adam Harper and Matthew Baldock setting out the traps. The range set up for the first day consisted of two ranges with four stations on each range allowing the shooters to shoot 100 targets in two rounds, then drive back to the club house where the ladies in the canteen had some great food for all to enjoy, a big thanks to Carissa Jenkins for her work behind the scenes and Ann in the noms office.



Day one started with four-wheel drives only heading down the slippery hill to range one thanks to a bit of rain the night before and those wanting some exercise walked the course and challenged them self-walking up the steep hill at the end of range two.

Range one started tough with a high Chondel from off the top of the quarry moving quickly that was a bit wind affected but still made a good target, then onto a nice crosser and a Battue at station one, then the high targets keep coming through the first three stations. Range two was set up with low targets coming from all directions with some nice incoming targets coming down the valleys and a couple tough crossers at station two, station three on range two had us shooting for the Rabbit along the back of the dam then a nice low outgoing target over the dam. The score board from day one showed some mixed results, but it was Nicholas Brown in AA grade leading the way forward followed by Adam Harper and Adan Crick in A grade, Gavin Lewis in C grade managed to pull off a 24/25 in first 25. Ladies' competition was close with three ladies shooting well but it was Sally Ridgway leading on day one. Our two sub-Juniors shot well, and their scores gave the A grade shooters a run for their money. Day two brought the sun out ready for a quick round of 50-Targets,

then back to the club house for presentation. PCTC wishes to thank all their sponsors for their generosity and everyone else that helped throughout the weekend and made the weekend posable.



RESULTS

Open	High Gun	Nicholas Brown	128/150
AA	1st	Andrew Wratten	116/150
A	1st	Adam Harper	127/150
A	2nd	Adam Crick	124/150
A	3rd	Richard Triffitt	116/150
B	1st	Darren Quin	113/150
B	2nd	Matthew Baldock	112/150
B	3rd	Mathew Crawford	111/150

C	1st	Gavin Lewis	98/150
C	2nd	Ben Evans	94/150
C	3rd	Shane Crawford	90/150
Senior	1st	Tony Morosini	125/150
Senior	2nd	Paul Rigby	124/150
Senior	3rd	Gary Post	120/150
Veteran	1st	Raymond Groves	117/150
Veteran	2nd	Jak Choraziak	104/150
Veteran	3rd	Harold Deverell	103/150
Lady	1st	Sally Ridgway	109/150
Lady	2nd	Amelia Burford	102/150
Lady	3rd	Melissa Wheatley	83/150
juniors	1st	Caleb Evans	59/150
Sub-Juniors	1st	Lachlan Simpson	116/150
Sub-Juniors	2nd	Harrison Simpson	103/150
Masters	1st	Ken Triffitt	113/150
Masters	2nd	Barry Bone	84/150
Masters	3rd	Rodger Manton	77/150
	2nd	Shakielle Von Stanke	63/100



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Hungary did a fantastic job with the organising and running of the World Sporting Championships in Gant. It was a greenfield site with the food and refreshment area situated about 8 klm from the Shooting Ranges. The Ranges were situated in a old bauxite mine, the terrain was fantastic for our type of shooting with targets coming off very high cliffs and also under your feet along gullies.

The Shooting stands were set well apart and meant an long walk up and down steep hills on 6 of the layouts, where the hills were too steep they put in staircases. All the walking areas were covered with woodchips.

The targets were very tough and a number were much longer than what we shoot in Australia and were a real culture shock. Scores were much lower than previous years, but I did enjoy shooting at the very well presented targets, as the winner George Digweed 186/200 said it was an "Old School Course". I take my hat off to George the G.O.A.T. as he had to walk the full distance same as all other shooters you could say we will never see another Sporting Shooter who has won multiple world titles in all of the Sporting Disciplines of FITASC and English Sporting, it is now a total of 11 at FITASC Sporting.

What can go wrong on a European trip.

After attending 30 World Championships you would think that I had it all

First always read your departure time closely, not always do they put the departure time in the 24 hour clock format. I made the mistake of thinking that 9.15 was a morning departure. When clearing Border Force for my firearm they said your early, your flight is 21.15 hours tonight not 9.15 this morning. Well this started off a series of problems throughout our trip. At the appropriate time in the evening I was joined by my travelling companions Ernie and Lynece and at around 21.15 we were boarding the big A380 for the start of our journey. After sitting in the aircraft for a couple of hours we were informed that one of the engines would not start and we would be offloaded and have to return for a 6.30 departure the next day. With Ernie's quick thinking we had Motel accommodation secured for the night before we were off the plane. Another long day and we were back at the airport. Again had to clear Border force for the firearms and on to the Emirates flight to Dubai.

Of course with the 6.30 departure this meant 6 hours in the Dubai Airport. Well on to the Emirates flight to Budapest and we were delayed another two hours on the tarmac due to sandstorms, finally we arrive in Budapest. Get the car from Europcar and when we get to the parking lot we find that they do not have a USB port for our GPS, what do we do, back to Europcar, they are gone for the night, we head off with the TomTom hoping the battery will get us to our hotel, no 2 klm from the hotel it dies, with no map, batteries flat on phones, no choice but to pull up a taxi and with Ernie and Lynece in the taxi and me following behind we finally arrive.

On arrival we meet up with another 3 South Australians, Tim, Jeremy and Robin, tell them of our troubles and Tim advised that his wife Carolyn had packed a battery pack that we could use to get to the shooting range. Good on you Caro, all goes well on the trip to the opening ceremony, GPS works well, next day though after storing the GPS in the glovebox the 40 degree heat cooks it and the message was again flat battery, a quick call to Tim and he led us back into Budapest. When the GPS cooled down it was not a flat battery at all

just too hot.

When you talk about hot we wondered how Robin was able to stay cool, calm and collected, he has such a large amount of body hair that it provided fantastic insulation and also saved his skin from the sunburn that the rest of us suffered. He earnt the nickname of the PELT.

Well you would think that that would be the end of our problems, but no, when putting his hand luggage through the x-ray at Budapest Airport Ernie's passport disappeared, airport staff insisted that he must have put it in his pocket or in his bag, they inspected the rollers that it travelled along with no joy, they checked the CCTV and informed him that only his boarding pass was visible and no passport to be seen, Ernie informed them that his boarding pass was also missing and this sent them on another search inside the x-ray facility, what joy when a young lady appeared with the passport and boarding pass in hand. That was all of 40 minutes of much stress for Ernie and his wife. That was the end of the real problems until we got to Melbourne Airport where Border Force queried Robin on bringing a undeclared Pelt into Australia.

I know it is hard to believe but those 5 Croweaters were fantastic company and the whole trip was a laugh a minute.

Well home two days and I need a trip to the doctor who informs me that I have a irregular heart beat, after 4 days of testing they find a leaking valve and a blocked artery, so am now waiting for open heart surgery. Sure puts the belief from many to say that I am heartless.

VICTORIAN STATE UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023

The last 3 months of this year has been reasonably busy across the state.

In addition to the usual club events, we have had three State Team Selection shoots hosted. Two shoots were held at the Geelong SCA club and one at Traralgon Field & Game. The Shepparton club hosted a round of the COMPAK Sporting series.

On Sunday 18th June the Geelong SCA club hosted the traditional Ladies & Juniors Training Camp in the lead up for the national teams heading to Hungary for the World Championships.

The Geelong SCA club also hosted the State Sporting Championships over the weekend of 05th/06th August. The team there presented an excellent event with something on offer for all standards of shooter.

These events were all well attended, and our members reported favourably on their enjoyment of the events. We are very grateful to the respective clubs for their efforts and participation in the 2023 event calendar.

One of our highlights was to welcome a new member into the Victorian State Association. The Westernport Field & Game club elected to affiliate with the VSCA and were officially inducted in July 2023. We look forward to long relationship with our newest member.

Our long standing "LiveScores" state training team of Bob and Maggie Hutton have advised us that they will be standing down. Health issues and other commitments mean they can no longer devote the time to the task.

Bob and Maggie have been managing the training role since the very start of the LiveScores roll-out. They have trained numerous club officials in the platform over the past few years and managed the nominations office and event scoring for the Oceania Championships in 2022; only a short period after Bob had undergone major surgery.

Their sterling work has been greatly appreciated by the VSCA executive and everyone else that has benefited from their assistance. Congratulations to them and our best wishes for the future.

Of course, this means we are looking for a replacement training team. If anyone has an interest, please contact any of the VSCA team.

In July SCA rolled out a new event management platform called "LiveScores Minimal". This is a much more simplified version of the platform. It will allow the smaller clubs that do not use "LiveScores" to manage their nominations to upload their scores to the systems for handicapping purposes after the event. It should take less than an hour to upload scores once the event is completed.

There is a handbook available and once we have a new training team, we will roll out training to any club that requires it.

Nigel Montgomery
President, VSCA

GEELONG SPORTING CLAYS

It has been a very busy couple of Months at the Geelong Range. In June we conducted a Junior and Ladies Training Camp that attracted a number of Victorian Juniors and Ladies but also five from New South Wales. The weekend was very successful and all participants were overjoyed at the coaching they got from a number of our top shooters. All of the Coaches attending have in the past gone through this program that has been conducted by GSCA since 1998. I wish to thank them for their effort in putting back into our sport and developing future talent for our Australian Teams.

In August the Victorian State Championships were also held at the Geelong Range, this was a fantastic event put together by Ross Matthews and Barry Wentworth and a wide range of helpers that kept the event flowing smoothly, there was a huge range of varied high level targets that challenged all competitors. Robert Hall was the Open Champion who fought back from a first round 19/25 to post a final score of 189/200.

Thanks also to Arthur Rawlinson who took over the computer duties for the day, great dedication from Arthur as his sister passed away the day prior to the event. Arthur please accept the condolences of all at GSCA on the sad passing of your sister.

Regards
Ray McFarlane
President GSCA

HOW TYPICAL A SHOOTER AM I?

Ever wondered how much we shoot, if you shoot more or less than others and are you better than average? Well now that we have all our scores recorded electronically there is a lot we can report on.

VSCA has had a look at its shoot data from 2022 till end of July this year.

Here are some things you might find interesting.

67% of VSCA members have shot at least 1 competitive Sporting Clays round in 2023. That means though that 33%, or one third of our members, haven't shot at all competitively. That's a lot of members who are missing out on what our competitions can offer. If you know one of them, how about bringing them along next time.

So how much shooting are those members currently doing. In fact, it's not as much as you might think, and certainly somewhat less than in 2022. In 2022 the largest number of rounds shot by an individual was 142. Looking at the 20 shooters that competed the most, combined they shot 2142 rounds for an average of approximately 107 rounds per shooter. Seems a lot but given a mixture of 3 and 4 round events its typically between 2 and 3 events per month. So far for 2023, the most rounds shot is 62 (till end of July) and the 20 shooters that competed most shot 1035 rounds for an average of approx. 50 rounds. Thats probably closer to 2 events per month. And no, those twenty do not reflect just AA shooters. A good cross section comprising Grade and Category shooter are seen across both years.

So how well are VSCA members shooting? This is bit trickier to report on, as grades in particular, can change throughout the year. Categories are a bit more consistent. Taking shooters grades and categories as they were at the end of July 2023 this is what we get.

So now you know. Will you be shooting more and getting better by the end of December? Guess that's up to you

RESULTS	
Grade or Category	VSCA Average score
AA	21.5
A	19.1
B	17
C	13.5
Open	19.3
Sen	18.6
Vet	18
Master	16.4
Jun	18.9
SJun	15.2
Ladies	16.2
Overall	18.3

2023 VSCA SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The team at Geelong Sporting Clays took on the task of hosting this year's VSCA State Sporting Championships. A field of 124 shooters participated including several interstate visitors, some coming as far as Western Australia.

The Geelong team set a great course with targets to suit all grades. Everyone commented favorably on the targets. They also arranged for several trade displays and an impressive fundraising table. Most importantly they generated a terrific atmosphere for people to simply enjoy their time at the event. Well done to all the Geelong SCA Club volunteers for making the Championships a success. The club will be well served by the new team in place.

Robert Hall won his fourth State Championship with some new faces making the podium for the first time. A shoot off for Junior's title saw the crowd treated to a display of talent that bodes well for the future of the sport in Victoria.

RESULTS			
Open	1st	Robert Hall HOA	185/200
	2nd	Matt Hall	180/200
	3rd	Adam Shale	179/200
A Grade	1st	Frank Papaluka	174/200
	2nd	Keith Ferguson	166/200
	3rd	Craig Ralston	161/200
B Grade	1st	Bobby Jacobsen	162/200
	2nd	Steven Puopolo	147/200
	3rd	Jason Charlton	143/200
C Grade:	1st	Cameron Borg	131/200
	2nd	Daniel Airo	126/200
	3rd	Andre Axiak	121/200
Seniors:	1st	John Younger	179/200
	2nd	Socrates Pilipasidis	177/200
	3rd	Colin Johns	167/200
Veterans:	1st	Robert Passarin	161/200
	2nd	Robert Brown	155/200
	3rd	Phil Stowe	143/200
Masters:	1st	Bryan Rafferty	146/200
	2nd	Rex Barber	137/200
	3rd	Max Kavanagh	132/200
Ladies:	1st	Emalene Munro	156/200
	2nd	Lyndall McNeil	153/200
	3rd	Charlie Hudson	143/200
Juniors:	1st	Zayne Papaluka	160/200
	2nd	Bailey Gatt	160/200
	3rd	Brendan O'Brien	158/200
Sub Juniors:	1st	Nate Palubiski	168/200
	2nd	Jack Charlton	143/200
	3rd	Benjamin Harbour	125/200

At the presentations we announced that the top three Junior and sub-Junior shooters would be awarded places at a coaching clinic to be run by Brown's Shooting academy at Geelong club on the 14th October 2023. The Clinic has been funded by VSCA and a generous donation from Craig & Lyndall McNeil of McNeil Builders. We thank Craig and Lyndall for their support of the States young talent.

The team selection for the State at the 2023 Sporting Clay National Championships in Gunnedah will be:

OPEN TEAM: Adam Shale, Robert Hall, Chris Brown and Matt

Hall. Reserve Jack Gibbs.

SENIOR: John Younger

LADY: Emalene Munro

JUNIOR: Nate Palubiski.

Finally we need to mention our top fifteen, Open Seniors, Veterans, Ladies and Juniors who are now eligible for National Team selection. We wish them all the best of luck at the National Championships.

Congratulations to -

Open: Adam Shale, Robert Hall, Chris Brown, Matt Hall, Jack Gibbs, Xavier Russell, Nick Guerra, Frank Vella, Bill Zogogiannis, Frank Papaluka, Craig Ralston, Craig McNeil, Callum Meade, Tom Bilney and Andrew Leech.

Seniors: John Younger, Socrates Pilipasidis, Colin Johns, Craig Hobbs, Terry Preston, Joe Tombolato, Chris Nickson, John Pannuzzo, Robert Tombolato and Glen Pitcher.

Veterans: Robert Brown, Philip Dumesny, Philip Stowe, Ed Treadwell, Edward Magee, Robert Matuch, Rex Barber, Rodney Evans, Daryl Mawson and Dominic Azzopardi.

Ladies: Emalene Munro, Bianca Norris, Lyndall McNeil, Charlie Hudson, Nicole Hope, Gaye Shale and Tess James.

Juniors: Nate Palubiski, Ben Studham, Zayne Papaluka, Bailey Gatt, Will Witkowski and Phineas McBurnie



2023 VSCA State Team.



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WA COMPAK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023



SPORTING CLAYS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Moora Sporting Clays opened their gates to 50 shooters on the 13th of August 2023 hosting the WA Compak State Championships. With the assistance of other clubs, Moora was able to source enough traps to set 2 challenging grounds with a great variety of targets. As always, the night before welcomed a great turnout of campers for the annual "Smoke-off" competition where we see some of the States best shooters turn from marksmen to master chef. After an impressive meal and social night around the fire competitors headed off to bed only to wake the next morning to the grounds blanketed with thick fog. Causing quite the delay to the start time, shooters waited out the morning hoping the fog would clear. Eager to get the barrels firing, after an unsuccessful 45 minute wait the Club and State decided to kick off the competition, with a little added difficulty. The shooters loved the challenge of shooting in the fog and kept a great pace to not let the day drag out.

The battle for High Gun was tight all day, with some very consistent scores across the board, but it was Moora's own, Rhys Howard who stole the show with an 89/100. Hot on his heels



was Keelan McGrath and Nicko Melanko with scores of 88/100. Nicko took out the AA Grade top spot while Keelan won A Grade. Craig Ellis won B Grade with 85/100 and Patrick Doyle secured the sash for C Grade with 80/100. Seniors' winner was Glenn O'Brien, while Sharon Meritt took out the Ladies, Joshua Dichiera Juniors, and Oliver Hill Sub-juniors.

Although Moora doesn't hold a great deal of shoots throughout the year, everyone would agree it is always a fun and enjoyable weekend. We would like to thank all the Club members and volunteers for a fantastic weekend, along with the clubs who donated traps, State Association organisers and of course our SCA members for supporting the event.

RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA WA COMPAK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 13TH AUGUST 2023

High Gun		Rhys Howard	89/100
AA Grade	1st:	Nicko Melanko	88/100
	2nd:	Danon Randazzo	78/100
A Grade	1st:	Keelan McGrath	88/100
	2nd:	Jake Luglio (S/O)	87/100
	3rd:	Clayton Dennis	87/100
B Grade	1st:	Craig Ellis	85/100
	2nd:	Ross Bryant	82/100
	3rd:	Ken Green	79/100
C Grade	1st:	Patrick Doyle	80/100
	2nd:	Luke Hayward	76/100
	3rd:	James McBain	72/100
Seniors	1st:	Glenn O'Brien	84/100
	2nd:	David Knight	82/100
	3rd:	Bill Clarke	80/100
Ladies	1st:	Sharon Merritt	71/100
	2nd:	Stacey Bell	62/100
	3rd:	Kirsty-Lee McPherson	58/100
Juniors	1st:	Joshua Dichiera	74/100
	2nd:	Jaxson Bryant	67/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Oliver Hill	81/100
	2nd	Cian Doyle	63/100

2023 WA SPORTING CLAYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND STATE AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

After the disappointing start to the year with 2 clubs cancelling their commitment to host the 2023 WA State Championships, Hastings Sporting Clays was quick to support the State and put their hand up to host the State Titles. The crews began compiling on the grounds on Friday the 25th of August in preparation for the 200-target weekend. The weather gods smiled upon us all as the days were warm and sunny, no rain. Competitor numbers were slightly down from last year, with only 62 shooters turning out for the State Championships, and 51 qualifying for the State Aggregate (64 qualified in 2022). State Target Director Nicko Melanko worked with club target directors to ensure the grounds were set to the appropriate standard, with some great technically challenging targets on offer. These targets were to be the deciding factor of who would walk away with the title of State Sporting Clays Championship High Gun and State Aggregate Champion for 2023.

Scores were neck and neck after the first day with only one target splitting Luke Turner and Nicko for High gun. Rhys Howard and Craig Ellis set the bar claiming 25 break badges, while Danon Randazzo, Michael McDonald and Alastair Crookes fought for their spot at the top.

On the Sunday the targets were tweaked, the challenge grew tougher, and competition grew fiercer. With the State title on his shoulders Luke was the first in bed on Saturday night, making sure he got his beauty sleep and mentally prepared himself for a big day of smashing clays on Sunday. It must've done the trick because he tore away with the lead for the State Championship High Gun sponsored by Kimberley Quarries and Warrine Pastoral, winning with a score of 180/200. This made back-to-back wins for Luke, having won the Championship in Harvey in 2022. Nicko won AA Grade with his score of 175/200, while Alastair Crookes dominated A Grade and placed

second overall for the weekend with a 178/200. As Luke donned his sash, he expressed his gratitude to the WA clubs who held State events throughout the year and passed on an encouraging message to our juniors to keep working at it. A humble message and relevant to all of our sports participants "gun up or go home."

Congratulations to Danon Randazzo who has recently been sponsored by Beretta Australia for a strong weekend of shooting and doing a great job of promoting the sport. Danon placed second in AA Grade with 175/200 after shooting consistently all weekend.

As scores were added to the final tallies, it was time to uncover our State team, Top 10 and Aggregate winner for 2023. After an undeniable performance over the weekend, and having won two of the five State Qualifiers, Luke Turner had made up the percentage needed to get him over the line to claim the title over Michael McDonald for 2023 WA Sporting Clays State Champion, sponsored by FUELeX. AA Grade was won by Michael McDonald, A Grade Alastair Crookes, B Grade Keelan McGrath, C Grade James McBain, Seniors David Knight, Ladies Sharon Merritt and Sub Junior Liam Thomas. Liam has had a brilliant year of shooting only missing out of the States top 10 by less than 1%. Liam will represent WA at the Nationals in Gunnedah NSW later this year as our Junior and his Grandad Mick Thomas will represent our State in the Seniors, with 3 generations of the Thomas family competing across 3 divisions



The States Top 10 for 2023 sponsored by Baileys Painting are Luke Turner, Michael McDonald, Rhys Howard, Nicko Malenko, Andrew Beckett, Clayton Dennis, Alastair Crookes, David Knight, Ryan McPherson and Ken Green. The State team representing WA at the SCA Nationals in September this year will be Luke Turner, Andrew Beckett, Clayton Dennis, Alastair Crookes, Sharon Merritt, Mick Thomas, and Liam Thomas.

Thank you to Stacey Bell who has donated her time and expertise in developing the SCWA Leaderboard program to run the State Aggregate scoreboard, which now downloads all state qualifier results direct from the SCA Live scores web site, so no more manual entry is required. The program was put through its pace on Sunday and passed the big test. Our sport is so fortunate to have these volunteers who make a huge difference for the betterment of our sport.

The stars of the weekend aren't always those in the hoop, with Riley McPherson being recognised for his outstanding efforts helping repair and fill traps all weekend. At the top age of 10 Riley has had some great practice in the field after assisting his dad with the setting of Nationals last year at Echidna Park and it is fantastic to

see our junior members wanting to learn the in's and out's of the sport, not just shooting.



The State also hired Starlink Red Dirt for the first time to allow score uploads to take place at Hastings Club grounds, which is usually completely off the grid. This was available to everyone at the grounds and was a great success. Some could even download movies over the weekend, and we still had excellent service at the club. We would definitely recommend the system to any clubs that struggle with internet and phone service.

Thank you again to all the volunteers who have made our state shoots possible. From ground setters, office staff, kitchen crew and most of these wonderful ladies help out at other clubs, cleanup crew and day-to-day helpers, every contribution helps our sport continue.

A huge thank you to all our State sponsors Kimberley Quarries, FUELeX, Warrine Pastoral and our anonymous sponsor, your financial support has been greatly appreciated and this is the first time our State 2 day was fully sponsored. Thank you Hastings Club for making this State 2 day happen, we couldn't have done it without your support.



State Aggregate Championship High gun Luke Turner



**RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA
WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
26TH- 27TH AUGUST 2023**

High Gun		Luke Turner	180/200
AA Grade	1st:	Nick Melanko	175/200
	2nd:	Danon Randazzo	172/200
	3rd:	Michael McDonald	171/200
A Grade	1st:	Alastair Crookes	178/200
	2nd:	Jake Luglio	156/200
	3rd:	Craig Ellis	150/200
B Grade	1st:	Ian Grant	159/200
	2nd:	Shaun Mountford	151/200
	3rd:	Luke Hayward	142/200
C Grade	1st:	Patrick Doyle	120/200
	2nd:	Emelee Peet	108/200
	3rd:	Donough Doyle	87/200
Seniors	1st:	Tony Trainor	160/200
	2nd:	Kim Halbert	156/200
	3rd:	David Knight (S/O)	153/200
Ladies	1st:	Sharon Merritt	133/200
	2nd:	Billi Marshall	113/200
	3rd:	Stacey Bell	102/200
Sub Juniors	1st:	Liam Thomas	155/200
	2nd:	Oliver Hill	142/200
	3rd:	Cian Doyle	110/200

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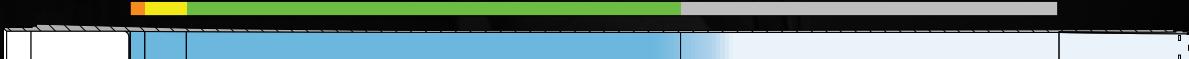
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