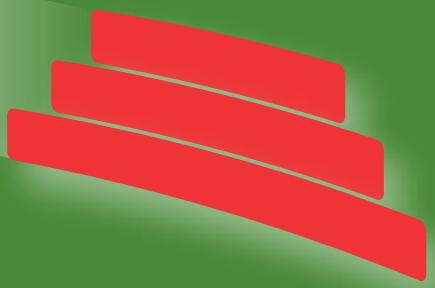


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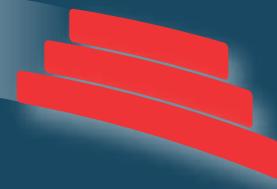


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow where has the year gone.

Here we are going into a new shoot calendar for 2024.

The events in 2023 were very well supported especially the Grand Prix held at Lanng and the Nationals at Gunnedah that attracted record numbers, the English Sporting at Mt Gambier and the Compac at Cooma could have had more nominations. We have some ideas going forward in that vein and have put the English Sporting in the week before the Nationals next year to see if this may work shooters now have the opportunity to take 1 week off work and for one airfare can shoot 400 targets within a few hours travel of each other, so should be interesting.

The Agm has been and gone and I am humbled to be entrusted to be entrusted to continue the work we have started; the executive was all re-elected unopposed.

I would like to reach out and thank the Event Partners for being there for us all this year it has been enjoyable working with you all.

To Danni who is our only employed person so efficiently keeps all the administration ticking along many thanks.

The executive team are an amazing group of guys thanks for all the countless hours spent doing the hard yards you are amazing.

The Board thank you for your support during the year and being challenging when you need to be.

Peter Kay for the thankless task of event administration, Arron Knoles and Adam Mower for coordinating the Magazine and advertising and by no means last Jason Solomons for organising the merchandise for the Nationals.

A huge thanks for the clubs that put their hands up to run all the National events this year, it has been a joy to work closely with you all and I feel we have some strong bonds.

To all the members thanks for your support by being at all these events and making the competition what it has been.

I just wish you all a merry Christmas and New Year with your families and travel safe so we can meet up again next year.

Ian Grant

## SCA 2024 AGM ELECTIONS – 11TH NOVEMBER 2023

### SCA Recently held their Election for Office bearers

President – Ian Grant

Vice President – Gary Harper

Treasurer – Andrew Fairfield-Smith

Secretary – Glen Rider

Target Shooting Director – Steve Chilton

# Sporting Clays Australia Competition dates for 2024

## Here are all our Competition dates for 2024

You'll be able to find out more information and details about our upcoming competitions on our website and Facebook pages.

**FITASC Oceania  
Championships 2024**  
**26 - 28 April**

In association with Mudgee Sporting Clays NSW

**Australian FITASC  
Grand Prix 2024**  
**09 - 10 March**

In association with Brisbane Sporting Clays QLD

**English Sporting  
Nationals 2024**  
**13 - 14 October**

In association with Laang Sporting Clays VIC

**Compak  
Nationals 2024**  
**16 - 17 November**

In association with WA Gun Club WA

**SCA Sporting  
Nationals 2024**  
**18 - 20 October**

In association with Geelong Sporting Clays VIC



## 22ND AUSTRALIAN FITASC GRAND PRIX

# 2024

**09 - 10 March**

at Brisbane Sporting Clays QLD  
296 Mt Petrie Rd Belmont QLD 4153

### COMPETITION ENTRY FEE

Man, Ladies, Seniors, Veterans and Master = \$300 Juniors = \$150



[WWW.FITASC.COM](http://WWW.FITASC.COM)

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## SCA NATIONALS AUSTRALIAN TEAM SELECTION 2024

After the SCA Sporting Clays National Competition held at Gunnedah Sporting Clays on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the SCA team members for the final selection leg are confirmed.

Category	Name	Score
<b>MAN</b>		
	Jeremy Kent	179
	Chris Brown	175
	Jack Gibbs	171
	Robert Hall	171
	Adam Shale	171
	Nick Guerra	170
	Dennis Dinte	168
	Billy Zogogiannis	168
	Bart Brighenti	165
	Xavier Russell	163
	Michael Lucas	160
	Danon Randazzo	160
	Steve Atkins	156
	Andrew Bell	156
	Martin Scott	155

Category	Name	Score
<b>Ladies</b>		
	Bianca Norris	139
	Amelia Burford	136
	Emalene Munro	136
	Charlie Hudson	134
	Janelle Craig	130
	Melissa Phillips	129

Category	Name	Score
<b>Juniors</b>		
	Ben Studham	152
	Jed Leadbitter	150
	Charlie North	148
	Chris Christensen	147
	Nick Brighenti	146
	Nate Palubiski	145

Category	Name	Score
<b>Senior</b>		
	Leigh Dunn	166
	John Younger	164
	Chris Ball	160
	John Leach	157
	Sox Pilipasidis	157
	Terry Preston	154

Category	Name	Score
<b>Veteran</b>		
	Ron Rhook	156
	Phil Stowe	150
	Eddie Magee	148
	Ernie Scheidl	138
	Robin Shawyer	136
	Phil Dumesny	134

The Competition to select the final team members to represent SCA at the World FITASC Championships will be the FITASC Australian Grand Prix being held at Brisbane Sporting Clays 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

FYI the 2024 World FITASC Championship are being held at Game Unlimited – Hudson - Wisconsin – USA, over the period 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024,

The members from the previous listing will be contacted regarding the position option being held for them as a team participant, but please be aware of the following condition.

Should you accept a place at the final selection event (FITASC Australian Grand Prix – Brisbane Sporting Clays 9th – 10th March 2024) it is a condition you will take up the team place if you are successful in making a top team position. That is for – Men – top four - Ladies, Juniors, Senior, Veteran - top three.

Should you not be in the position to be committed to go to the USA next year, do not take up a team selection place at the Grand Prix 2024 in Brisbane.

The reason the process has had to be reviewed is unfortunate, but over the past few years members who make the final team cut to represent us have not been sure if they are going to world championship and therefore are unable to confirm their position at the close of the Grand Prix event.

The problem this creates is for the following replacement members who have to wait until the member confirms their position (if they are going or not). In the meantime, the cost of airfares, accommodation & even car hire goes up in price as we get nearer to the travel time line. Members who want to activate & get the best possible deals for travel can't & that is not fair on those members.

**Therefore, please be aware, if you confirm & take up a SCA National selection position going into the final event at Brisbane in March 2024, you are committed to taking a team place for the World Titles in USA 2024 if you are successful.**

### **SCA NATIONAL TEAM OCEANIA 2024 – MUDGEES SPORTING CLAYS**

The SCA National team for the Oceania FITASC event is taken off the bat from your scores at the 2023 SCA Sporting Nationals just held at Gunnedah Sporting Clays. Those members are shown in the previous team selection charts – Men – top four - Ladies, Juniors, Senior, Veteran - top three.

Before we post the SCA National Team members for the FITASC Oceania being held in Mudgee, the respective competitors will be contacted first to confirm they will be going to the 2024 Oceania event.

### **SCA MASTERS TEAM NATIONAL TEAM**

FITASC have expanded & introduced a team category for a Masters team at the World Titles in the USA. At present the Masters team category is only a trial at the 2024 World Championship event.

Unfortunately for the 2024 World Championships SCA are unable to expand our Team in the USA. At SCA we have a process to follow with our selection series. We must afford everyone a pathway to make a conscious decision to compete for a team place in our National team. The news from FITASC did not arrive with us until a few weeks ago & we have no way of providing a selection process for the Masters team that affords all our members with the opportunity to make a conscious decision to contend for a Masters team place.

Moving into the 2024 Team Selection series, all State bodies agreed to add the selection criteria for a Masters category to their selection series. That way, going forward into 2025 we will have provided all our Masters members with the opportunity to contend for a team place in 2025.

**Please be aware & advised. Although SCA will start providing a process to select qualified Masters members, SCA does not have any control over the final decision should FITASC not continue with the International Masters team Category in 2025.**

# INSURANCE



Word is out on the new Insurance being provided by SCA to you the member, in the way of Firearm Insurance. This Firearm Insurance cover will become active as from 1st November 2023. No matter where you are in your membership cycle (renewal date) whether it has 1 week or 11 months to run, from 1st November 2023 all financial members will receive this cover &, providing you renew your membership when it comes due, it will continue. Please be prudent when renewing. Just like your car insurance, renewing your membership will provide cover from the date/time you renew. Let your membership lapse & you will lose this cover until the time you renew. We have a page on the SCA Website for information & a contact sheet for making a Claim reference in the first instance. Your Initial first point of call is through the SCA Website contact page <https://bit.ly/460TfYf>

## MEMBER'S FIREARMS INSURANCE INFORMATION

### WHAT YOU ARE COVERED FOR:

We will compensate You, up to the \$15,000.00 and on the basis set out in 'Basis for Settlement', for:

- a. Accidental Damage to the Equipment;
- b. Accidental Loss of the Equipment whilst You are in possession of the Equipment and accompanying it;
- c. Theft of the Equipment caused by forcible entry of an Approved Safe or a locked vehicle (but the Equipment must have been transported in accordance with the relevant state legislation). We will also compensate You for:
  - a. Theft or any attempted Theft by a person concealed on the Premises.
  - b. Theft where there has been a threat of immediate violence or violent intimidation.
  - c. Theft of Equipment securely attached to a vehicle through use of locks or padlocks, which results in visible damage to the locks or padlocks.
- d. Loss or damage to the Equipment caused by fire, malicious damage, flood and Specified Events;
- e. Loss or damage to the Equipment arising from a vehicle collision and/or overturning of the vehicle (but the Equipment must have been transported in accordance with the relevant state legislation);
- f. Loss or damage to the Equipment caused by water or other liquid.

**Equipment** means privately owned firearms and accessories which can be fixed to the firearm, specifically limited to scopes, sights, straps, gun bags / cases, magazines, tripods, bipods and trigger rests.

### What is not covered:

Cover will not be available;

1. For theft where the equipment was not stored in an approved gun safe as required by State or Territory authority, other than when the equipment is in use or away from the insured's premises.
2. Where the Insured or any person or entity to whom the

equipment has been entrusted to fails to comply with any law relating to either storage, use or handling of the equipment.

3. This policy does not cover any loss or damage to unaccompanied customers goods.
4. Commercial Transport- whether in the course of or awaiting transit, during loading or unloading, or being held in storage by a commercial carrier.
5. Additional Equipment which means the owners goods, tools, accessories, or equipment associated with using Your firearms (for example ammunition, reloading equipment, storage cases, cartridge bags, ear defenders/ear muffs, gun safes, torches, binoculars).
6. Other exclusions as per the policy wording.

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Are all my registered firearms covered?** - Yes, they are (up to a total combined value of \$15,000)
2. **Am I covered if my gun is being used by someone else?** You are only covered when the firearms are in your possession for example with another member at an event is covered, however if you lend it to someone to go and use on a hunting trip and you are not there it will not be covered.
3. **Am I covered if I travel overseas?** - Yes you are, up to a maximum of 21 days.
4. **Can I extend my cover beyond \$15,000?** Yes you can. If you wish to extend contact SCA Admin.
5. **Am I covered if my family member is using the firearm?** Yes immediate family are covered whilst using your firearm provided that they are using it lawfully and are legally permitted to use the firearm.
6. **How do I make a claim?** Please see the Firearms claims document.
7. **Will accidental damage cover me if I drop my firearms and the stock breaks?** Yes, it will. We will repair or replace depending on the age of the firearm and the availability of replacements.
8. **What if my firearm is old and is not worth as much as the repair costs?** Each claim is assessed on its merits and what is the most sensible thing to do. In some instances, we may pay you for what the item is worth on the market. In others we will pay the repair costs provided that the repair costs don't outweigh the market value of the firearm.
9. **How do we determine what the market cost is?** We have several firearms dealers who can give us recommendations on value and we also do comparisons on usedgunsales.com.au to see what items are being advertised for sale for.
10. **What if my firearm is damaged and needs to be replaced but I want to keep the damaged equipment?** Depending on what the value of the damaged piece is worth, you can keep the damaged equipment however if the item has a reasonable salvage value, we will keep the equipment unless you want to buy it from us.

# SCA SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS 2023 – GUNNEDAH NSW



The Sporting Clays Australia (SCA) Sporting Nationals are done and dusted for 2024.

For the first time the event was set to head to the North West NSW region between Tamworth and Gunnedah, approximately 5 hours N.W of Sydney and 7 hours S.W of Brisbane.

Winding back the clock 12 months, Gunnedah Sporting Clays accepted the challenge to host the 2023 SCA Sporting Clays Nationals, the major SCA sporting clays event for the year.

A relatively new club to hosting National events, the bar had been set high following a very successful Nationals in Geraldton, WA in 2022. Gunnedah Sporting Clays however were prepared to rise to the challenge and committed to making this year's event a success.

Being a new ground that many SCA members had not previously shot before, a sense of anticipation and excitement amongst shooters quickly grew. The opportunity to experience a nationals at a new location saw record numbers of entrants nominating (346) for the event leading up to September. So much so, additional waves had to be created to accommodate those wishing to make the pilgrimage to Gunnedah in the weeks leading up to the event.

Nestled amongst the rolling hills adjacent to Lake Keepit, and boasting sufficient land space to provide 8 Sporting Clays parcours, a variety of undulating terrain and great club facilities, the scene was set for what was shaping to be a great nationals.

Wind the clock forward 12 months, with tireless hours of consultation, planning and preparation the time had arrived. Gunnedah Sporting Clays had ordered spectacular Gunnedah spring weather. The targets were set, ready for the states Clay Target Directors to inspect the grounds. The club committee and members had the grounds looking the best they could be (given the lack of recent rain in the region) and had planned a jammed packed 11-day program ready for shooters to enjoy before and after the nationals weekend for anyone wanting to stay on to shoot Sub Gauge/SxS, English Sporting and even the Eastern States Gumtree the following weekend after the nationals.

Wednesday arrived and the campers were well and truly filling the available camping space quickly. On Thursday the sponsors and vendors arrived and were setting up. Jason Solomons and his wife Jo had set up a stand for competitors to check out and collect their pre ordered SCA Nationals merchandise. Michael Lucas and a small team of helpers had opened up the practise range from 10:00am allowing shooters to put some shells through the barrel for one last practise before it all counted. There was no doubt there was a buzz in the air. The mood around the club and practise range, and the smile on everyone's faces confirmed that the nationals were upon us. The anticipation was building. With competitors catching up with friends they hadn't seen for a while, and people getting familiar with what Gunnedah Sporting Clays had to offer, late afternoon the campers retreated back to their camps for a few cold beers with friends, whilst other travelers headed back to Lake Keepit, Gunnedah, or Tamworth

for a feed, ready to prepare for the commencement of competition from 7:30am the next morning.

**Friday - Day 1 of Competition:** The first few squads headed out, with mini buses ferrying competitors to grounds 1, 3, 4 & 8 and golf carts getting competitors to ground 7, that only left a short walk for those who started on grounds 2,5 & 6 which were located a close proximity from the clubhouse. As the first few squads started to trickle back, some were finding the targets challenging, whilst others were posting some competitive scores. At the end of the day many left vowing that tomorrow would be the day to redeem themselves for the ones that "got away".

**Saturday - Day 2:** Competitors were keen to get back out and make up for the previous day. Many were keeping a close eye on the scoreboard to see how they were situated, whereas others were just content to enjoy the atmosphere and company of fellow shooters, with many tales being told.



**Sunday - Day 3:** Getting down to the business end of the event, the leader board in Categories and Grades was taking shape, with only 50 targets left to shoot. Some shooters were having to maintain a lead, whilst others were in touch with the top and needed to perform well over the last 50 targets to put on a challenge for their grade/category title. Whilst for some it was a case of having to push through the likes of a challenging Ground 1 (Laporte) and Ground 3 (Perazzi) and hope when the shooting was done, they had managed to maintain their position.

Excellent weather over the three days in the mid to high 20s, good visibility and light winds. It was all left up to the competitors to rise to the top and test themselves against 8 parcours that most were describing as very challenging.

When the shooting was done and the dust had settled, the winners had been determined.

Presentation time had arrived. With some banter and light hearted stirring between friends, Perazzi Australia held some random draws for competitors leading into the main presentations. Notwithstanding the excellent random draws held throughout the weekend by Castellani Australia. Many lined up for a ticket in the raffle, a Miroku MK10 Sport Black Edition kindly donated by OSA, with Tony Shorten the lucky winner.

After some outstanding shooting over the three days, Jeremy Kent stood proudly at the top of the podium in taking out the National title for 2023. The High Gun Overall prize was proudly sponsored by Beretta Australia.

In the Team competition Victoria showed their strength defeating South Australia by a margin of 57 targets.

STATE	SCORE
Victoria	1114
South Australia	1057
Queensland	1049
New South Wales	1028
Tasmania	956
Western Australia	901

Grades and Category winners and placegetters

OPEN	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Kent, Jeremy	179		1
Brown, Chris	175		2
Shale, Adam	171	19	3
Hall, Robert	171	18	4
Gibbs, Jack	171	16	5

Ground 1 – Laporte



Ground 2 - Beretta



A GRADE	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Atkins, Steven	156	1	1
Bell, Andrew	156		2
Bilney, Ricky	155		3
Bourke, Christopher	154		4
Duncan, Matt	152		5

Ground 3 – Miroku



B GRADE	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Mcintosh, Mitch	138		1
Zorgios, Tom	136		2
Davies, Clinton	134		3
Hall, Brett	131		4
English, John	130	1	5

Ground 4 - Perazzi



C GRADE	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Palubiski, Simon	128		1
Dickinson, Glendon	117		2
Blackwell, Aaron	116		3
Craig, Adam	114		4
Scheepers, Deon	112		5



SENIORS	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Dunn, Leigh	166		1
Younger, John	164		2
Tobin, Peter	163		3

Ground 5 - Castellani



VETERANS	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Rhook, Ron	156		1
Baum, Grant	155		2
Passarin, Robert	154		3



MASTER	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Christian, Ross	144		1
Torresan, John	134		2
Waldron, Ian	133		3



LADIES	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Norris, Bianca	139		1
Munro, Emalene	136	11	2
Burford, Amelia	136	8	3



JUNIORS	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Studham, Benjamin	152		1
Leadbitter, Jed	150		2
North, Charlie	148		3



SUB JUNIORS	TOTAL	S/O	POSITION
Palubiski, Nate	145		1
Thomas, Liam	125		2
Charlton, Jack	124		3



Once presentations were held, and the winners presented with their trophies and prizes, many people started their journey home. Whilst the committee and the clubs members got straight back to work preparing for the week ahead of shooting and activities for the shooters who were staying back to compete in the following weekend's Eastern States Gumtree.

When the dust had settled and on reflection, Gunnedah Sporting Clays did an excellent job for the first attempt at hosting a Sporting Clays Nationals. There were some learnings from the event, and using this information, the association will move forward in a positive direction for the benefit of all. One comment that kept coming up was the lack of firearms on display. Many may not be aware, but the New South Wales firearms laws prohibits displays at events like this unless there is an Arms Fair Permit, which has some very stringent guidelines to adhere to even though there are 300+ competitors walking around with a firearm. Have to wonder. Hopefully this changes in the future.

Finally, the competitors and Sporting Clays Australia offer their many thanks to the sponsors for their support, as they are the backbone of the sport. We urge all to support these businesses wherever they can.

Beretta Australia  
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Castellani Australia  
Outdoor Sporting Agencies  
Perazzi Australia



Top 4



Ladies



Juniors

## COOMA SPORTING CLAYS HOSTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Winner Overall John Younger



On the 28th and 29th of October 2023 Cooma Sporting Clays hosted the National Compak Sporting Clays Championships at its range on Slacks Creek Road.

The National title is quite a sought-after achievement, and the shoot attracted 113 shooters from multiple states. A number of the nation's best shooters competed including past and present Australian representatives. 200 targets were thrown across 8 separate shooting grounds (compaks) and the targets, which were set by local Cooma club members, were hailed as challenging but fair and many compliments were received for the way the shoot was set up and run. On Sunday afternoon it came down to the final six shooters. John Younger on 189, Thomas Bilney 186, Adam Shale on 184, Stephen Atkins 183, Xavier Russell 183 and Robert Hall 180. These shooters went on to shoot a final round of 25 targets which was added to their event scores to decide the overall winner out of a total of 225 targets. In the end John Younger prevailed, missing only one target in the final to take the National Compak Sporting title with a great score of 213/225. Adam Shale shot a perfect final and overtook Thomas Bilney to take second place leaving Thomas tied with Steve Atkins for third. Third place was decided by way of a miss and out shoot-off with each shooter taking the stand in rotation to shoot until they missed. In the end Thomas held on for third leaving Steve Atkins in fourth place overall.

Cooma Sporting Clays encouraged club members to take part in the event, let's face it is not often that host club members are able to test their skills amongst the country's elite shooting talent. A number of members performed very well with Chris Davis winning the Seniors category, James Byrne getting third in Veterans and Zack Poucher 3rd in Juniors. "Congratulations on your achievements"

It has been said time and time again hosting any state or national event is a huge task for Grass roots clubs and Compak Nationals



Anna Receiving Sponsors Gun Slip



Ladies Winners Charlie Hudson, Bianca Norris, Janette Densley



Overall Winners Presentation



Junior Winners Zane Papalusa, Benjamin Studham, Zach Poucher.



are no different. Cooma Sporting Clays are fortunate to have a membership base that constantly put in and overachieve. The amount of planning, coordination and effort is enormous, below is a list of people and organizations that deserve special mention:

- Cooma Members for their hard work & determination along with donation of practice traps.
- An anonymous member for the fantastic gun slip prizes.
- Majura Park for loaner traps.
- Dubbo for the loan of remotes.
- Darren Sasse for the loan of his personal traps.
- Peter Kay for presiding over the ranges and his effort in shoot admin.
- All of the competitors that made the event a success.

Last but not least a huge thank-you to Anna Shedrina, Bronzewing Australia in association with Laporte and Nobels Sports for the generous support of the Compak Nationals and our sport in general. As we all know without this support clubs would not be able to host such successful events.

Cooma Sporting Clays

# BERMAGUI SPORTING CLAYS

On Tuesday 3 October 2023, the Coolagolite Road bushfire burnt through almost 4000 hectares of property and forest, and our club grounds were in the firing line (pun intended!). The grounds and the majority of our infrastructure were severely damaged. Only the main clubhouse and office were not affected, how, no one knows).

Damage estimates have been calculated at least \$150,000. The Committee made the brave decision to cancel our remaining shoots for the year and are currently working closely with the NSW Firearms Registry, BVSC, Reconstruction NSW, NSW National Parks and NSW RFS in order to get the club to shoot ready again in 2024.



Due to potentially hazardous material from the burnt containers, the caravan and other materials, and a large number of dangerous (and some still burning) trees, the range was declared unsafe and only authorised persons were allowed onsite.



The Club engaged an arborist and heavy plant to clear the unsafe trees and our perimeters so we can resecure the site.

The club lost (destroyed or severely damaged):

- The caravan kitchenette
- Ten auto traps destroyed, 15 others likely to be salvaged with new parts.
- 25 trap remotes and aerials destroyed
- Roofing, wall panelling and guttering for the main shed
- Trap hides and shooting stands are destroyed.
- The water tank and plumbing off the main shed
- The electrical wiring (underground) from the generator to the office/clubhouse
- 25 x 12V and about 10 x 6V batteries
- Four solar panels and the charging setups
- The retaining wall near the clubhouse
- Most of the timber and plastic seating around the ranges
- Three box trailers Perimeter fencing and gates have been badly damaged
- The toilet block roof.
- One x 40ft and two x 20ft steel containers have been damaged beyond repair.
- 20ft fibreglass container was destroyed and is now a molten mass on the ground.
- 4 pallets of clays were destroyed.
- Three quad bikes were damaged but operational.
- The utility was damaged (probably beyond repair)

The club was not insured for fire damage, simply because we couldn't afford it – when we sought cover before the 2019 fires, we





were quoted in excess of \$24,000 per year. With our development approval restricting us to 12 shoot days a year, that premium would have had dire impacts on the clubs finances and the ability to secure the club into the future.

We've sought help through the relevant NSW Government agencies, however, at this stage, all we have been offered is a \$2,000 grant, or a \$12,000 low interest loan (both of which have extensive criteria to qualify).

The Club established a Bush fire Relief Account with our local Horizon Credit Union for anyone who would like to help:

Horizon Credit Union

Bermagui Sporting Clays Bushfire Appeal

B.S.B # 802 124

Acc. # 100107981

To date, we've had donations from members, local businesses, other clubs (locally and afar – Cooma SC, Mallacoota GC, F&G South Australia, and SSAA Act Inc), and Bronzewing Aust. Those donations will help reduce the burden on the club's finances going forward and we cannot thank those people enough for the support and encouragement to continue.

The Club is slowly gaining ground on the damage. The site is now safe, the main shed repaired, waterproof and secure and electrical works are commencing. A local steel recycler is removing the containers, along with any waste or scrap steel.

The club will continue to work towards getting everything ready so members can shoot again the first part of the new year.



## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023 200 TARGET COMPAK NATIONALS

A good contingent of Coffs Harbour Members travelled to **Cooma Sporting Clays** to compete in the 200 Target Compak Nationals. The mornings were quite cool still at -1.0 degrees, up at the Range 26kms from Cooma at a higher elevation the morning breeze made it feel much colder



### Results:

**High Gun went to John Younger 189/200.**

**The Coffs Team shot well with:**

**A Grade:** George Atwal shot a 25 on Ground 2 and finished in 8 th position with a very good score of 172/200.

**B Grade:** Keith Rhoades 142/200 and close behind was Paul Bills with 140/200 and Dean Short 125/200.

**C Grade:** Russell Martin with a 119/200, Russell also fitted in some Trout Fishing before and after the competition and came home with some great pictures of Trout caught and released.

**Veterans:** Frank Maione finished 2nd in Veterans with 145/200.

Congratulations to Cooma Sporting Clays for a well run event with 8 layouts, good terrain and targets.



**Club Executive Meeting**

The Club executive met on Saturday, November 11 at the clubhouse.

The following matters were discussed: Letters and invoices to sponsors; Membership renewals for 2024; maintenance of CHCTC Gmail account; 2023 Christmas Shoot; CHCTC Event and Shoot Calendar. Details of decisions are within this newsletter

**Membership Renewals for 2024.**

The Club Executive has decided on a new membership fee structure for 2024.

The new structure is as follows:

**Adult Membership** **\$150.00**

(4 shoot tokens included)

**Junior Membership -** **\$30.00**

(no shoot tokens included)

**Life Member** **\$00**

Club membership renewals for 2024 are due on 31st December 2023. Membership renewal forms will be available during December. Forms will be emailed out to current members and will also be available from the Club office on shoot days.

Membership fees must be paid by 31st January. After that date, non-payment will result in individuals being removed from the CHCTC membership list.

The club is required by law to inform the NSW Firearms Registry Authority of individuals who are no longer members of CHCTC.

**New Membership Applications**

A new membership form has been developed for new members. It will consist of two parts, the first being an application for membership of CHCTC which require seconders from the club and the completion of the questionnaire required by the NSW Firearms Registry.; the second part being membership details and payment options. Payment of fees is to be made when forms are handed in at the club office. (Refunds will be made if application is unsuccessful).

New members who join CHCTC between October and December, their membership payment will cover the following January to December.

**Christmas Shoot 2023**

This years Christmas Shoot will be held on Saturday, December 9.

There will be a 3 event shoot with prizes for High Gun and 3 grades, morning tea and lunch of roast beef and vegetables, pudding and custard. Cost will be \$60 all inclusive.

Members are asked to indicate whether they are attending or not. This will help greatly with the catering.

More details will be sent out in a flyer over the next fortnight.

**2024 CHCTC Events and Shoot Calendar**

Thanks to Adrian O'Brien, the club event and shoot calendar for 2004 and January 2005 has been finalised. The calendar will be emailed to all members in the coming week. Copies will also be available from the club office.

The published Event and Shoot Calendar is the official calendar of the club and cannot be altered unless done so by a full Executive Committee meeting. Any details of shoots and events published on the Club's web page and Facebook, must be the same as the official calendar.



Club President Frank Maione, presenting Robert Edgar his 25 Break Badge. Robert shot his 25 at Coffs Harbour competing in the NSW State Compak Championship. The presentation took place at the recent Compak Nationals in Cooma.



Frank Maione also presented Paula Purvis with her 25 Break Badge at the Compak Nationals in Cooma. Paula also shot her 25 at Coffs Harbour during the NSW State Compak Championship.

**Club Events for November:**

**18th November** Working Bee – 8.00am to 11.00am- DTL & Skeet

**26th November** Sporting Clays – 9.30am start, + Presentation of last months Event Trophies.

**Early Notice for December:**

**2nd December** DTL Challenge .Sponsored by C & R Project Management - Director Cameron Brooks 25 Target Single Barrel - Off

**9th December** Christmas Shoot

## 2023 SCNSW OLD STYLE CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT



The SCNSW Old Style FITASC was again a great success with the nine squads allocated their times and ready to go. Once again, this event would not be possible without our sponsors SCNSW, RPM and Safari Firearms we had some fantastic prizes for a capped field event. (over \$2,000.00)

We have definitely had a good run this year with the weather at our major shoots and this weekend was again perfect shooting weather with only a slight breeze and clear skies.

We had three layouts with four pads with traps and menus altered for the second day just to keep shooters on their toes.

A range (SCNSW) was on the flat, clear ground to the south of the clubhouse with rabbit, battue, midi and a tower all in play.

B range (RPM) was in front of the clubhouse with three pads up on the high ground and one down in the thick bush, which provided driven birds from all directions and sizes that had many shooters scratching their heads.

C range (Safari Firearms) was not in its previous area, so the new pads and targets not only offered a change of location and plenty of variation. Seems the close rabbit (practise spring) dented a few score cards from both pads. Rabbits are evil and slow ones seem to be just demonic.

The final top 5 shoot off was the best I've seen after 25 birds, the HG was still tied and needed sudden death between Graig Brown & Andrew Bell to decide the winner.

Andrew set a very high bench with a clean stand of birds including a very, very hard simi pair to finish. Craig didn't give up and only faltered on the last pair to hand Andrew the HG.

Both days ran smoothly and on time, we are definitely educating shooters on the importance of being ready and on time for this format.

As always Dana did a fantastic job with the event set up scoring on the day, with a little long-distance help from Peter Kay in Dubbo to iron out a couple of glitches.

Clare & Deborah kept everyone fed and watered all weekend.

Tom and his helpers did a great job on Thursday & Friday setting up, cleaning areas and filling traps. Tom also had the job of getting all the traps and equipment back and ready for the next weekend's ranges.

Special thanks to George Poulakas for staying in the dark on Sunday evening to clear A range.

Regards Paul Smidt

## BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS

On Sunday 5 November the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Championship. The shoot was generously sponsored by Jamie Bolton of Bolton's Precision Engineering. The day was warm with little or no breeze but still pretty good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very happy with the attendance of 40 shooters.

The range was set by Rod, Tim, Richard, Bob and Grant who did an excellent job to present a very good variety of challenging targets that made for very enjoyable shooting. The best shooters recorded some good totals.

The best score off the gun was an excellent total of 62 that was shot by B Grade shooter Tim Millsteed. Tim can be a tad inconsistent at times but held it all together at this shoot and was a deserving

winner of the High Gun Medal and the Ian West Memorial Trophy. Other shooters who kept their score in the 60's were Brian Casey and Jeff Glasson who finished in first place in A Grade and B Grade respectively.

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



Grade winners of Bolton's Precision Engineering 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship. (left to right), Jeff Glasson (B Grade), Tim Millsteed (High Gun) with the Ian West Memorial Trophy, Brian Casey (A Grade) and Ross Howse (C Grade).

## NSW COACHING CORNER STATE COACHING DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT



After accepting the coaching director's role 12 months ago it was clear that the initial push in coaching should be to provide opportunities for the new and lower grade shooters to better understand the fundamentals of the game, to increase their enjoyment by helping them hit more targets and so increase participation rates as well as retaining new memberships. These

outcomes cannot be achieved by acting alone so it was clear that the approach needed to be two fold by first providing opportunities at member clubs for club coach development while at the same time running training days for general membership. I took some time over the 2022-23 Christmas and New Year season to build a framework of what aspects needed to be covered in the training and collecting/developing a series of props and graphics that convey the key skills and knowledge in ways that appealed to different learning styles. This process naturally evolved into writing the new Training Guide so that coaches and shooters had a written resource that they could refer to in the future.

Given the very full schedule of events already underway at clubs around the state there was some delay in getting a date for the first club coach and training day. The first event was held at the Coffs Harbour club in August and I thank Frank and his team for hosting such a great event. Five of their experienced members became club coaches and assisted in delivery of the training day with members the following day. It is intended that these club coaches will continue to hold training days and help their members improve their shooting skills outside the pressure of competition. Feedback from this initial event was very positive and helpful in making improvements to the delivery.

Overall, the delivery of the first event was very close to cost neutral and provided sufficient "local talent" is willing to step up and become coaches at their own club then travel costs should be minimized and the events could continue to be delivered in a cost-effective way. Ardlethan-Beckom have expressed interest in hosting a coach development/training weekend in March and other clubs are welcome to do the same. It would be my hope that we could conduct at least three of these events before the end of the 2024 calendar year.

Regards

Doug Alcock

SC NSW State Coaching Director

# BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS



Brisbane Sporting Clays has had a busy few months. Let's delve into the recent developments at BSC:

## GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

BSC remains steadfast in its commitment to enhancing the shooting experience. We've undertaken earthworks to introduce fresh shooting positions, offering shooters exciting new angles and challenges. Furthermore, we're proud to announce the completion of a multi-purpose storage facility, designed to boost the accessibility of targets and equipment while reducing the workload on our dedicated staff and volunteers.

## MEMORIAL HANDICAP SHOOT

September brought us together for a heartfelt tribute to our past members in a special memorial handicap shoot, generously sponsored by the Mead family. It was a day where the legacy of our past members was well represented, and we celebrated their contributions. Prizes were awarded to our top 10 shooters, with Jason Pole earning the off-the-gun high gun title, and Jason Slatter securing the top spot in the handicap rankings.



High gun Paul Slatter



2nd Anthony Lee



3rd Jack Wang



4th Aaron Blackwell



5th Marianne Gibbons



6th Glen Rider



7th Mark Hughes



Off the gun



8th Hang Wu



10th Kevin Sze

## OKTOBERFEST

Ninety eager shooters joined us to celebrate our version of Oktoberfest. The event was brimming with camaraderie and exceptional shooting. Jason Pole, once again, demonstrated his marksmanship by clinching the high gun title, while other sharpshooters earned well-deserved spots on the leaderboard.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

On 21 October, BSC conducted its Annual General Meeting. We extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing committee members Mike Birgan and Larry Couch for their hard work and unwavering dedication in keeping our club running smoothly. The newly elected 2024 Executive Committee (EXCO) includes John English (President), Aaron Knowles (Vice President), Richard Nutt (Treasurer), Shannon Palfreeman (Secretary), and committee members Kevin Sze, Warren Dennis, and James Christensen.

## LOOKING AHEAD

We have exciting events on the horizon, including a festive Christmas shoot and the eagerly anticipated annual Boxing Day King/Queen of the Quarry. As we prepare for the 2024 Grand Prix, we're also rolling out a comprehensive coaching plan to nurture and support new shooters. Stay tuned for updates and more thrilling events as we continue to fortify and enrich our BSC community.

We recently put out calls for volunteers to help with the 2024 come-and-try program and to assist with the Grand Prix. We continue to get interest but encourage members to consider if they could spare a bit of time to help the club. More hands make light work.

To keep up to date with our news and events follow Brisbane Sporting Clays on Facebook.



9th Enzo Gigante

# QCSA STATE REPORT SUMMER



Well, 2023 is almost over, where did that year go?

This year has been another positive for QSCA & our member Clubs in Queensland. Our membership continues to grow which provides a positive outlook for our Sport. There is safety in numbers, the more that play our sport the better we are placed. Hopefully this continues into 2024 as well.

QSCA has also been successful in the application of State Government funding under the AIBF programme being approved for the next two years. This time the process in allocating the funds is a little different in how the funding is to be applied & acquitted within the QSCA structure. The change in direction is focusing on Compliance, Structure & processing for the Association & our Clubs. The main understanding is for committee members to understand that although we are "Not for Profit" based under the Associations act, members taking on Executive & Committee roles in Clubs are still classed as company directors & have strict compliance regulations to follow in their operation under their roles. It is a mine field for the unwary & our focus next year will be to bring this knowledge to the QSCA & Club Executive/Committee members.

In 2023 we had a full team Selection series completed along with State Titles in English Sporting, Compak & Sporting Clays. The Calendar is full to the brim with events & members have options galore to get involved in the competitive side of the Sport.

This year we finished the competitive year off at the SCA Sporting Nationals in Gunnedah NSW. QSCA had great representation from 37 of our members at the event with successes on the various podiums.

QSCA State Team – 3rd in National Teams

**Dennis Dinte – 7th Overall.**

**Michael Lucas – 11th Overall**

**Martin Scott – 15th Overall**

**Clinton Davies – 3rd B in Grade**

**John English – 4th in B Grade**

**Aaron Blackwell- 3rd in C Grade**

**Peter Tobin – 3rd in Seniors**

**Ian Waldron – 3rd in Masters**

Next year sees the Australian FITASC Grand Prix come to Brisbane Sporting Clays over the weekend 9th & 10th March 2024. This event also forms part of the final leg for SCA Australian team Selection for members to represent us at the FITASC World Championship being held in the USA.

We will have Four of our members in the final run for Australian Team Selection for 2024. Dennis Dinte, Michael Lucas & Martin Scott in the Men's section & Chris Christensen in the Juniors. Well done to those members for getting to the final selection positions. Not an easy task



**Chris Christensen, Shannon Palfreeman, Aaron Knowles, Michael Birgan, Dennis Dinte, Michael Lucas, Dan Davis**

with the depth of shooters we have in Australia.

The Australian Grand Prix event will also for part of the final leg for the Michael & Simone Lucas Bursary for one competitive Junior to be funded with \$5,000 plus Event Entry into the World titles. Good shooting to those members going for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

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

As we head in to the Festive season, we wish all our members & family a safe, happy Christmas & New Year as we race towards the finish line for 2023.

See you all next year.

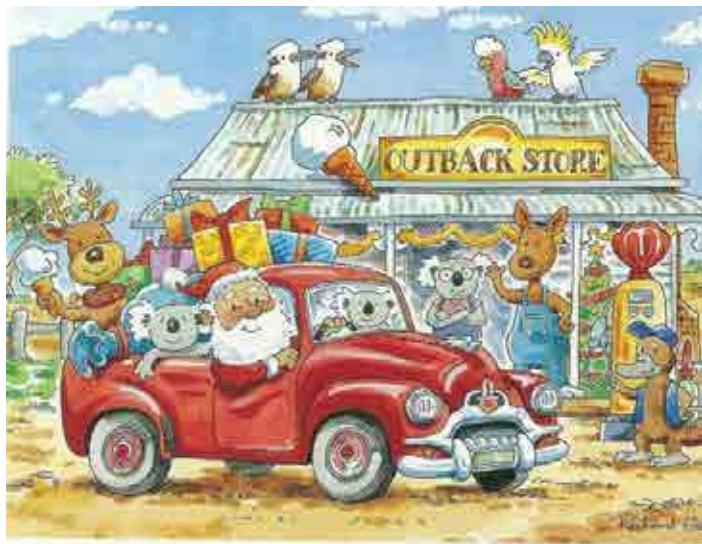
# NEWS FROM WA SPORTING CLAYS



## SPORTING CLAYS

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### Reflecting on 2023: A Year of Success and Unity

I would like to share with you a summary of our journey through 2023. This year has been nothing short of a roller coaster ride, with its ups and downs, challenges, and achievements. The past year has been an incredible journey for our WA Sporting Clays Association Board with some very confronting issues. However, thankfully we've witnessed your dedication, passion, and commitment to the sport, and we're inspired by the camaraderie that unites our members. Together, we've achieved so much and a huge thank you to all those clubs who played a big role in making happen our State Qualifiers and the 2 Day Championships for our Members. We couldn't have done it without you all.

With the New Year just around the corner, and we're excited about what lies ahead. We have exciting plans for 2024, including more events, opportunities for skill development, and even more chances to strengthen our bonds as a community. Listed below is just a sample of what is to come.

### Looking Ahead to 2024

Looking ahead to 2024, we have some exciting news to share. A SCWA grant has been approved to bring Mathew Munroe, affectionately known as "Bugsy" to his mates, over to Western Australia. Bugsy is a highly experienced target setter, especially in the realm of compak targets. His expertise will be invaluable in helping our target setters and assistants develop their craft.

#### Event: Meet Bugsy in February 2024

This free event will be held at the WA Gun Club Saturday 10th February, and we are thrilled to announce that it's open to all SCA members especially club course setters and assistants to develop their craft in setting targets. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from a true expert and improve your skills in target setting and learn what some of the pit falls are when setting targets and to give your members a variety of targets and for all to see and hopefully hit. For more information and to reserve your spot at this exclusive event, please get in touch with our SCWA Target Director, Nick Melanko, or SCWA Secretary. They will provide you with all the details you need to participate in this unique training opportunity.

### Access to Coaching and Referee Training

Our Association has been without a Coaching Co-ordinator for some years and thank you to Emelee Peet who has taken on this role for Sporting Clays WA in 2023. We are now getting programs back on track with come and try sessions and so much more is planned for 2024. SCWA has produced an updated version of our Beginners Handbook for shooters. These booklets are now accessible to all our members, providing valuable guidance and resources to enhance your skills.

Additionally, in early 2024, we will be conducting a referee training course, and these courses are done in 2 parts, the first part is the theory course and then the practical with our SCWA Referee Examiner Tony Trainor. With the growing popularity of our sport, the need for qualified officials has become more crucial than ever. To register your interest contact SCWA Secretary or Emelee Peet for details and to register your expression of interest in the SCA Referee Training Course.

### SCA NATIONAL COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS HERE IN WA 2024

The exciting news continues for SCWA in 2024. SCA has awarded the WA Gun Club the 2024 Compak National Championships. This event will be held at the magnificent grounds of WA Gun Club in November with what will be a great event.

### FIREARM LEGISLATION WA

Thank you to David Hamilton who is doing important work as the Sporting Clays WA Firearm officer. It's crucial to have dedicated individuals like him advocating for the interests of law-abiding citizens in the face of potential Firearm legislative changes. The unity of the working committee WA Firearms Community Alliance in speaking as one voice is a powerful approach. It's not just about the sport but also about ensuring that responsible firearm owners are heard and considered in the decision-making process. There could be some major changes to our WA Firearm laws IN 2024.

### MARK OFF YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2024 STATE QUALIFIERS

After a long absence with no events held during the Covid years we welcome back Three Springs club and we all will be getting around the club to assist in any way. Members have missed travelling to Three Springs over the years. The Club will be hosting the SCWA Compak Championships in August.

At the time of writing this article Perth Metro are considering running a State Qualifier in 2024 which is still TBC, subject to certain conditional changes in SCWA By-laws regarding state events. Which will need to be voted on by Member Club Delegates at an SGM.

### STATE QUALIFIERS 2024

11th FEBRUARY	WA GUN CLUB 1st STATE QUALIFIER 75 Targets
17th MARCH	HARVEY 2nd STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
19th MAY TBC	PERTH METRO WANNEROO 3rd STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
2nd JUNE	ECHIDNA PARK 4th STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
21st JUNE	HASTINGS 5th STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
4th AUGUST	MOORA 6th STATE QUALIFIER 75 Targets



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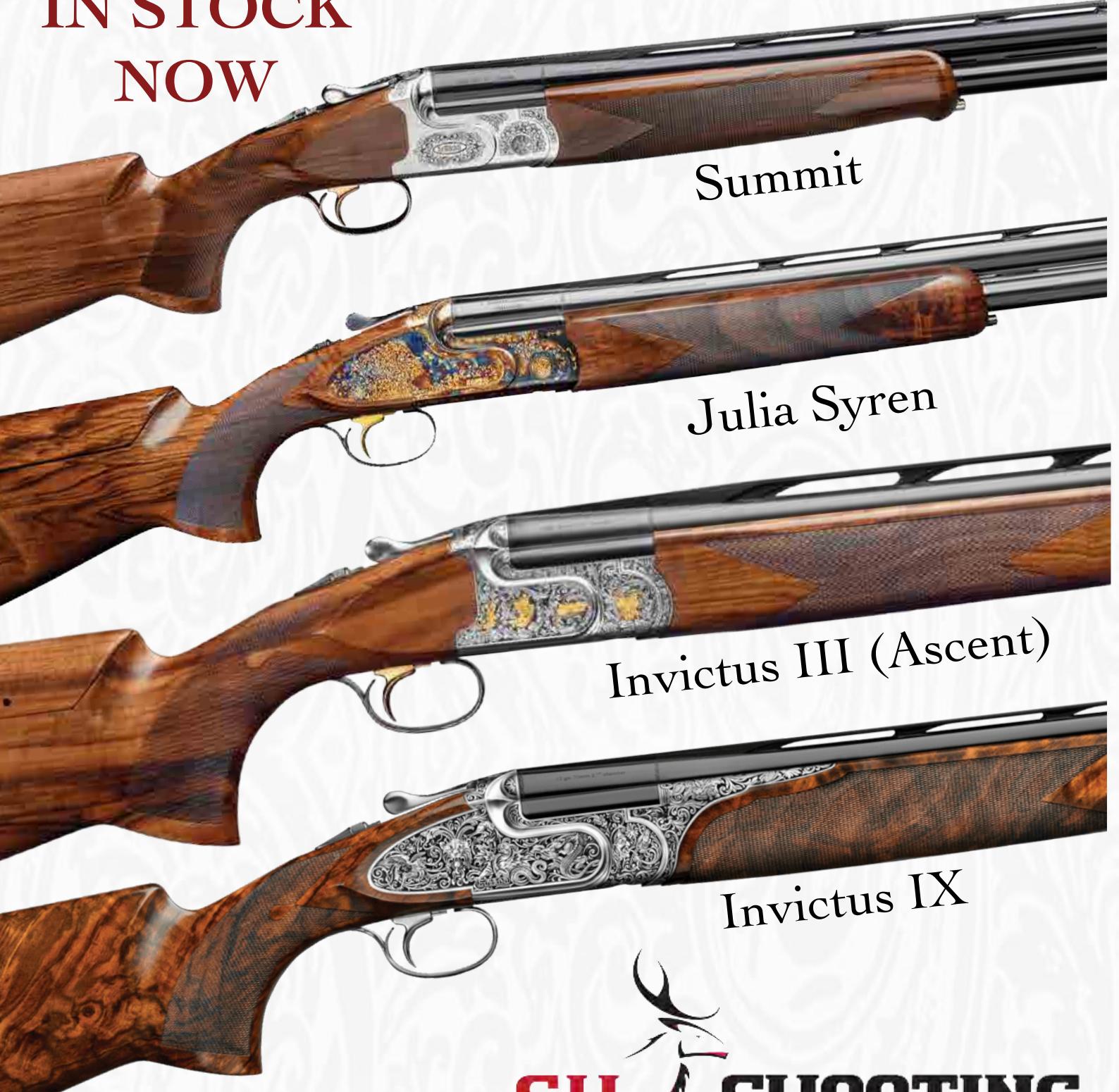
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7th & 8th SEPTEMBER	ECHIDNA PARK STATE 2 DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 200 TARGETS
October Sun 13th Mon 14th	LAANG VICTORIA SCA ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONALS
October 18th 19th & 20th	GEELONG VICTORIA SCA SPORTING NATIONALS

There are so many people to thank individually and to anyone who has contributed during the year, and you all know who you are thank you for your services to our sport which are genuinely appreciated. Thank you once again to all our volunteer families at every club and our members for being part of our incredible association. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you find time to relax, celebrate, and spend quality time with loved ones.

All the best for 2024

SCWA Board Members.

#### IMPERIAL BOVINE LADIES DAY & WARRINE PASTORAL HARVEST 100 – ECHIDNA PARK



This year saw the return of the Imperial Bovine Ladies Day at Echidna Park for its second year, and I can say they really turned it up a notch! Sponsored by the clubs' vice President Billi Marshall, she says "we need to get back to the fun of the sport." With all the major shoots done for the year, the Ladies day is a great way to let the hair down (literally) and have a laugh.

With \$500 cash up for grabs, the priority was not on the shooting, but the fashions on the field. Entrants shot 50 novelty targets on the Saturday afternoon, with the sun out shining, leather was not an ideal outfit choice. Members stayed well hydrated under the clubs' gazebos as they watched on the competition and offered plenty of moral support and banter. The High score for the day was won by Alastair (Ali) Crookes, with a 42/50 and Paul (Pauline) Pitaro was crowned the best dressed Queen. With some great effort put in by our juniors, a best dressed princess was also awarded, with Mason (Maisie) Dennis taking home a nice slice of pocket money. "I hope we can encourage other clubs to get creative, it doesn't have to be every shoot, but at least once a year just do something fun!" – Billi.

Sunday brought the Warrine Pastoral Harvest 100 and our last club shoot for the year. With a warm day ahead, shooters got out early and completed 100 targets before lunch. Thankyou to the club members who worked quickly and effortlessly to change the shooting pads around in between to keep the day flowing. With the temperature setting in at nearly 40 degrees, the members headed to

the clubhouse to rehydrate!

Now all in the cool with a beverage in hand, we started the afternoon with a very special presentation. After 7 years of dedicated service as the club's secretary and treasurer, this year Steve McAllister announced his retirement. Since being with the club since its opening in 2017, Steve has devoted an infinite number of hours to Echidna Park in the office, managing all club events, State Qualifiers and Finals, and the running of 2 SCA Nationals. Pointing out he's "never dropped a target" Steve thanked the club members for their support, and in return on behalf of Echidna Park, Ian Grant presented Steve with the clubs first honorary Life Membership.

As for results, the heat was no barrier for greatness, with Rhys aka "Boodg" Howard shining through with a 92/100, taking home High gun and a 25 break badge off ground 2. It was turning into a successful weekend for Alastair Crookes with the win in A Grade with an 88/100, followed by Glen Ward. B Grade was won by Hendrik Rheeder, and although he shot an impressive 83/100, we think he was still wounded from the day before after being beaten in the best dressed. Second in B Grade went to Ian Callan, and C Grade was won by David Ward followed by Chris Ariti.



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# LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

## LAKE BONNEY SEPTEMBER 150 TARGET CLASSIC

The Lake Bonney Sporting Clays 23rd 150 Target Classic event was held over two days on the 16th and 17th of September. Shooters and their families travelled from across Victoria and Northern South Australia to compete with a good show of local shooters as well. The competition was spread across two grounds. There was a wide variety of target to test the skills of the shooters including a battue skipping off the water.

Only one perfect round of 25/25 was shot the whole weekend, that was achieved by Chris VonStanke Snr.

Highgun was awarded to Danny Bellinger, who outshot the field of 76 competitors with a score of 135/150.

Handicap Highgun was taken by Sub Junior shooter Reece Fleming.

AA grade was won by local sponsor Tom Weir on 130/150, with second going to another local Brenton Ferguson scoring 120/150.

The A grade first was won by Mark Fabris on 130/150, second went to sponsor Doug Longmuir with 128/150 and third was won by Leigh Norton who shot 127/150.

Scott Fleming shot 126/150 to take out first in B grade, ahead of visiting shooter Mark Hogan on 121/150 and third went to Lake Bonney shooter Todd Beighton who shot 102/150.

Burrangle shooter Chris Wright won the Seniors grade with a score of 132/150, Greg Kessegian was second by only one target, scoring 131/150 and third went to Minyup shooter Steve Krause who shot 128/150.

Veterans grade was won by Ernie Scheidl on 128/150 ahead of Chris VonStanke Snr who shot 123/150, Lake Bonney President Wayne Gurney scored 115/150 to claim the third place.

The Ladies grade was won by three Lake Bonney Ladies with Tasha Bellinger first on 127/150, Bec Kober second 107/150 and Charlotte Devaud third 98/150.

There was only one shooter in the Juniors Grade, Toby Finch claimed the grade with a score of 84/150.

Heath Johnstone won Sub Juniors with a score of 114/150, second went to Noah VonStanke 100/150, and third went to local Liam Millard on 82/150.

A massive thank you and congratulations goes to all of the volunteers for the mammoth effort over the last couple of weeks, the event was a huge success, with even the weather co operating.



Highgun - Danny Bellinger w Doug Longmuir, Tom Weir

LAKE BONNEY SEPTEMBER 150 TARGET CLASSIC		
High Gun	Danny Bellinger	135/150
Handicap High Gun	Reece Fleming	186
AA Grade	1st: Tom Weir	130
	2nd: Brenton Ferguson	120
A Grade	1st: Mark Fabris	130
	2nd: Doug Longmuir	128
	3rd: Leigh Norton	127
B Grade	1st: Scott Fleming	126
	2nd: Mark Hogan	121
	3rd: Steve Groen	116
C Grade	1st: Andrew Farr	112
	2nd: Doug Rhode	106
	3rd: Todd Beighton	102
Senior	1st: Chris Wright	132
	2nd: Greg Kessegian	131
	3rd: Steve Krause	128
Veteran	1st: Ernie Scheidl	128
	2nd: Chris VonStanke Snr	123
	3rd: Wayne Gurney	115
Lady	1st: Tasha Bellinger	127
	2nd: Bec Kober	107
	3rd: Charlotte Devaud	98
Juniors	1st: Toby Finch	84
Sub Juniors	1st: Heath Johnston	114
	2nd: Noah VonStanke	100
	3rd: Liam Millard	82



Handicap Highgun - Reece Fleming w Tom Weir



B Scott Fleming, Steve Groen,



Veterans - Ernie Scheidl, Wayne Gurney, Chris VonStanke



Juniors - Toby Finch



Sub Juniors - Heath Johnston, Liam Millard



A - Mark Fabris, Doug Longmuir



Ladies - Bec Kober, tasha Bellinger, Charlotte Devau



C - Doug Rhode, Andrew Farr, Todd Beighton



Seniors - Greg Kessegian, Steve Krause, Chris Wright



AA - Brenton Ferguson, Tom Weir, Doug Longmuir

## LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP OCTOBER

There was a smaller than average field of shooters at the recent Lake Bonney Sporting Clays 2023 club championship sponsored by South West Freight and In 2 Monogramming. Competitors from across South Australia and Victoria were challenged by a wide variety of new targets as well as constantly changing weather conditions. Local shooter Danny Bellinger took out the Highgun prize after a count back with Mark Fabris, both with a score of 67/75, Danny was also the only one to shoot a perfect score of 25/25.

Mark Fabris took out first in AA grade 2 targets in front of Tom Weir on 65/75, Mick Banning rounded out the top 3.

A grade was won by Locky Irons ahead of Ian Vearing in second place and Warren Whitehead third.

Craig Smith won B grade, one target in front of Angus Maddern. Robin Smith took out third.

Matt Collins had a fairly easy win in C grade, 6 targets ahead of second place Peter Bull, third place was decided by a count back with Peter Cook claiming the honours.

Seniors grade was won by local shooter Tony Sellars ahead of Casterton shooter Doug Cowland.

Visitor Eddie Magee won the Veterans grade with Burrangle shooter Chris VonStanke Snr second and Wayne Evans third.

The Ladies grade was won by Tasha Bellinger ahead of Megan Whitehead in second and Georgie Beighton third.

Noah VonStanke had a convincing win in the Sub Junior grade ahead of local Liam Millard.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for braving some tricky conditions to run another successful event.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP OCTOBER

High Gun			
AA Grade	1st:	Danny bellinger	67
	2nd:	Mark fabris	67
	3rd:	Tom Weir	65
A Grade	1st:	Locky Irons	57
	2nd:	Ian vearing	55
	3rd:	Warren Whitehead	53
B Grade	1st:	Craig smith	60
	2nd:	Angus maddern	59
	3rd:	Robin smith	56
C Grade	1st:	Matt Collins	53
	2nd:	Peter bull	47
	3rd:	Peter cook	45
Senior	1st:	Tony sellars	63
	2nd:	Doug Cowland	52
Veteran	1st:	Eddie magee	63
	2nd:	Chris VonStanke snr	63
	3rd:	Wayne Evans	62
Lady	1st:	Tasha Bellinger	64
	2nd:	Megan Whitehead	48
	3rd:	Georgie Beighton	39
Sub Juniors	1st:	Noah VonStanke	56
	2nd:	Liam millard	40



A Locky Irons, Ian Vearing, Warren Whitehead



AA - Tom Weir, Mark Fabris, Mick Banning



B - Craig Smith, Robin Smith



C - Peter Cook, Matt Collins, Peter Bull



Highgun - Danny Bellinger w Steve Bellinger



Ladies - Megan Whitehead, tasha Bellin, Georgie Beighton



Seniors 2nd place Doug Cowland



Sub Juniors - Liam Millard, Noah VonStanke



Vet Chris VonStanke, Eddie Magee, Wayne Evans

## NOVEMBER

There was a slightly larger than average number of shooters at Lake Bonney Sporting Clays on Sunday. 66 shooters attended the Sebastopol Machinery, Java Café, Millicent 4wd Systems, Millicent Industrial 75 target event.

The competitors were presented with a difficult variety of target as there a few new course setters. There were a few 24/25 shot but no perfect scores.

Danny Bellinger took out the Highgun prize with a score of 68/75.

The AGM was held before competition started and the club welcomed Wayne Gurney back as President. The rest of the committee was made up of a mix of new and returning members.

The children present enjoyed the newly completed sand pit area compete with the shade sail.

A couple of shoot offs took place after the main shooting, Graham James and Ernie Schiedl competed for first and second in the Veterans grade with Graham winning the shoot off by one target.

The Lake Bonney Xmas shoot will be held on Saturday 2nd December, there will be a variety of novelty targets, a fund raising auction and a roast tea after the shoot. All shooters and their families are welcome as well as any visitors.

NOVEMBER		
High Gun	Danny Bellinger	68/75
AA Grade	1st: Bruce Parker	64/75
	2nd: Mick Banning	61/75
A Grade	1st: Jeremy Hellyer	64
	2nd: Locky Irons	63
	3rd: Brenton Ferguson	60
B Grade	1st: Robin Smith	59
	2nd: Todd Beighton	58
	3rd: Dale Smith	56
C Grade	1st: Ken Weavers	51
	2nd: Trevor Whitehead	48
	3rd: Norm Smith	46
Senior	1st: Tony Sellars	65
	2nd: Doug Cowland	51
Veteran	1st: Graham James	60
	2nd: Ernie Schiedl	60
Lady	1st: Tasha Bellinger	65
	2nd: Charlotte Devaud	55
	3rd: Megan Whitehead	49
Juniors	Heath Johnston	41
	Toby Finch	40
Sub Juniors	1st: Ethan Vearing	51
	2nd: Noah Vonstanke	50
	3rd: Liam Millard	35



Seniors - Tony Sellars, Doug Cowland



B - Robin Smith, Todd Beighton, Dale Smith



Highgun - Danny Bellinger w Peter Sims



Sub Juniors - Ethan Vearing, Noah VonStanke, Liam Millard



Ladies - Tasha Bellinger, Charlotte Devaud, Megan Whitehead



C - Ken Weavers, Trevor Whitehead, Norm Smith



Veteran - Gary Dangerfield, Graham James, Ernie Scheidl



Juniors - Heath Johnston, Toby Finch



A - Jeremy Hellyer, Locky Irons, Brenton Ferguson



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## ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS

Our Team at Rocky Gully thought we'd do something special for our club championship this year, something rather than the same old same old. Having that in mind we decided to put on another old style FITASC event. Its been many years since we held our last one, so we thought we'd bring what some call 'the purest form of sporting clays'. And so we thought we would offer a two day competition, 150 targets shot over 6 different Old Style courses. There were four courses shot on the Saturday for 100 targets, with the final two on Sunday.

The team put their heads together to plan out 6 courses that would provide good quality, enjoyable targets for our wide range of shooters. Its great to say we have plenty of new members at Rocky Gully, and with C grade our largest in numbers, there had to be plenty of targets for all comers. Its very easy to get course setting wrong, getting a target set incorrectly may mean making it too hard as you move around from shooting pad to shooting pad. Since you may see each target 6 to seven times in your old style layout.....this could lead to returning low scores unnecessarily if the targets from certain stations are not presentable. However, plenty of thought went into the design of this one, so we were crossing our fingers that we'd got the mix right. Time would tell.

Old style also means we could get out to the more remote parts of the ground., the places we don't often get to shoot targets, save for these larger events. Ground four for the event, 'The tyre mound' was used for the first time since the 2021 Grand Prix and the first thing we all noticed was how much the trees had grown! The rain of the last two years had really allowed all the native bushes and trees to put on a lot of growth and were now well above head height. Getting the best out of old style really involves three-dimensional stand moves, so using any terrain height to best advantage is very beneficial. To this end, shooting around 'the tyre' mound' and also at Ground 6 on top of and around our 12m container really changed up the angles on the targets. With the other courses spread out amongst the rest of the grounds, the shooters were ready to test their mettle.

When the weekend of the competition arrived, we were truly blessed with perfect conditions for shooting. With the forecasted wind failing to appear, and only the merest occasional puff of breeze mostly there were clear blue skies. For many of us, this may have been the first warm weather we had seen since winter. It felt like everything was set for a great weekend. To add a bit of variety to the event we had a fantastic local food van come to the grounds. Stella's Tucker from Murray Bridge area served their specialty gourmet hotdogs to shooters all weekend as well as the regular food and drink, keeping everyone happy. Their Armageddon dog with extra hot sauce certainly caught my eye! The lovely family running the van said it was their first time even seeing a sporting clay event, and they were intrigued.

We were very eager to see the scores coming back from the grounds. Although inevitably some grounds are more challenging than others, and were designed that way, it was heartening to see a lot of solid scores coming back across all grades. If you wanted to be competitive, you'd have to knuckle down and let precious few get away this weekend! It was incredibly pleasing to see there were a few 25s shot across the weekend and even better to know that some of these shooters had never shot one previously. There were plenty of high fives and smiles all around.

With the competition tight at the top there were shootoffs in A, B and C grade as well as Juniors. Ground 6 provided a perfect platform to watch shooters under pressure from the top of the container, keeping their cool as the crowd looked on.

Thanks to Bronzewing Australia there was a large prize table on offer, with Temperature controlled ammunition safes, Bronzewing Stealth ammunition and a great other assortment of prizes 1st-4th in Grades and 1st-3rd in Juniors and Sub juniors. With the raffle also providing a cool variety of prizes for those lucky people present, such as Bronzewing range bags and case covers and two slabs of Bronzewing ammunition for the lucky door prizes, there were smiling faces all around at the end of the event. With perfect shooting conditions all weekend, 6 good fun courses and a full field of happy shooters, there were a few people saying that this was their most enjoyable shoot of the year! We take that as high praise indeed, especially after also hosting the SA Sporting Clay State Titles earlier this year.

Pleasing shooters while offering great quality sporting clay targets is what we are all about of Rocky Gully. We hope to cap the year off with our December shoot of 100 targets of American Super Sporting (all pairs from 3 machines a stand). You are probably reading this after the event, but if you were there, we really hope you also enjoyed this fun novelty format to conclude the 2023 season as it was our most asked for shoot this year.

Hope you have fun and we will see you all in 2024. Merry Christmas and a happy new year from Rocky Gully Sporting Clays.

## SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME SEPTEMBER SHOOT

With some competitors away competing in the Sporting Clays Australia National championships at Gunnedah NSW, this gave some opportunity to others to get onto the podium.

56 sporting clay shooters nominated for the 75 target event at Burrungle Park sponsored by Richmond Park White Suffolk & Mulgundawa Poll Dorset Studs along with Stuart Bowd Contracting.

Danny Bellinger shot 67/75 to claim the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun on the course set by Ken Atkin & his hard working crew.

### SEPTEMBER 2023 - 75 TARGET SPORTING CLAYS HIGH GUN EVENT

High Gun	Danny Bellinger	67/75
AA Grade	1st Dougal Simson.	66/75
	2nd Tom Weir.	63/75
	3rd Mark Fabris.	58/75
Senior	1st Bruce Oakley.	63/75
	2nd Christopher Wright.	62/75
	3rd Ken Atkin.	60/75
A Grade	1st Ben Millar.	61/75
	2nd Scott Fleming.	60/75
	3rd Cameron Scheidl.	52/75
Veteran	1st Neville Kent.	62/75
	2nd Brian Shelton.	59/75
	3rd Christopher Von Stanke.	57/75
B Grade	1st Angus Maddern.	57/75
	2nd Michael Lamond.	54/75
	3rd Charles Wallis.	46/75
Lady	1st Tasha Bellinger.	61/75
	2nd Nicola Dunn.	54/75
	3rd Bernie Peters.	43/75
C Grade	1st Douglas Rohde.	51/75
	2nd Al Scheidl.	50/75
	3rd Zack Oakley.	46/75
Junior	1st Declan Wright.	62/75
Sub-Junior	1st Noah Von Stanke.	49/75
	2nd D'Arci.	48/75
	3rd Reece Fleming.	44/75



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Veterans Neville Kent, Brian Shelton, Chris VonStanke Snr with sponsor Stuart Bowd



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Seniors Chris Wright, Bruce Oakley, Ken Atkin & sponsor Stuart Bowd



Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Winner Danny Bellinger along with event sponsor Stuart Bowd



B Grade Charles Wallis with sponsor Stuart Bowd



A Grade Ben Miller, Scott Fleming &amp; sponsor Stuart Bowd



AA Grade Tom Weir, Dougal Simson, &amp; sponsor Stuart Bowd

## OCTOBER SHOOT

76 competitors nominated for the 75 Target sporting Clays competition at Burrungule Park sponsored by Hodge Denture Clinic.

The weather conditions were cold and windy, which made conditions tricky over the course set up by Ken Atkin and his hard working crew.

Jeremy Kent continued his good form to claim the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun with a score of 72/75.

Only shoot off for the day was between Daniel Ashby & Jo Densley with both having shot 68/75. Densley prevailed to claim second place in AA Grade.

## OCT 2023 - 75 TARGET SPORTING CLAYS HIGH GUN EVENT.

High Gun	Jeremy Kent.	72/75
AA Grade	1st	Craig Handreck
	2nd	Joseph Densley
	3rd	Daniel Ashby
Senior	1st	Leigh Dunn
	2nd	Greg Kessegian
	3rd	Bruce Oakley
A Grade	1st	Craig Handreck
	2nd	Jeremy Hellyer
	3rd	Andrew Hoare
Veteran	1st	Robin Shawyer
	2nd	Rolf Bugden
	3rd	Neville Kent
B Grade	1st	Peter Klieve
	2nd	Angus Maddern
	3rd	Brian Smith
Lady	1st	Tasha Bellinger
	2nd	Janette Densley
	3rd	Nicola Dunn
C Grade	1st	Jordan Mervart
	2nd	John McIntyre
	3rd	Al Scheidl
Junior	1st	Declan Wright
	2nd	Jordan Baxter
Sub-Junior	1st	Kain Ashby
	2nd	Jack Dyson
	3rd	Ethan Vearing



A Grade Craig Handreck, Jeremy Hellyer &amp; Andrew Hoare



AA Grade Ron Rhook, Daniel Ashby &amp; Jo Densley



Seniors Bruce Oakley, Leigh Dunn &amp; Greg Kessegian



Sub Junior Kain Ashby & Jack Dyson



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Junior Declan Wright



B Grade Peter Klieve & Brian Smith



Veterans Rob Shawyer, Rolf Bugden & Neville Kent



Ladies Tasha Bellinger, Nicola Dunn & JaneQe Densley



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**NOVEMBER SHOOT**

The 75 Target sporting clays event was sponsored by Exactalign, Fennells Forestry & Green Triangle Forest Products.

Ken Atkin & his hard working crew set the course at Burrungule Park to test the competitors skills.

78 competitors nominated for the event and Jamie Dunn made a welcome return to the winners circle shooting 73/75 to claim the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Ron Rhook needed a shoot off with Daniel Ashby to claim runners up spot in AA Grade after both had shot 70/75 Kain Ashby needed a shoot off with Jack Dyson to decide the winner in Sub juniors after both had shot 55/75 Charles Wallis stood down after 6 years as SEFGA President & Scott Fleming was elected President at the AGM

**SOUTH EAST - NOV 2023 75 TARGET SPORTING CLAYS HIGH GUN EVENT & SAGE/MARTIENSEN 4 PERSON TEAM EVENT**

High Gun		Jamie Dunn	73/75
AA Grade	1st	Jeremy Kent	72/75
	2nd	Ron Rhook	70/75
	3rd	Daniel Ashby	70/75
Senior	1st	Anthony Sellars	67/75
	2nd	Greg Kessegian	62/75
	3rd	Christopher Wright	59/75
A Grade	1st	Dane Hastings	69/75
	2nd	Anrew Hoare	68/75
	3rd	Heath Telford	65/75
Veteran	1st	Ernie Scheidl	67/75
	2nd	Graham Lamond	64/75
	3rd	Christpher Von Stanke	64/75
B Grade	1st	Brian Spring	56/75
	2nd	Phillip Crane	55/75
	3rd	Brian Smith	55/75
Lady	1st	Janette Densley	67/75
	2nd	Tasha Bellinger	63/75
	3rd	Nicola Dunn	51/75
C Grade	1st	Al Scheidl	50/75
	2nd	Cameron Sandercock	45/75
	3rd	Charles Wallis	44/75
Junior	1st	Declan Wright	62/75
	2nd	Shakielle Von Stanke	61/75
	3rd	Kaleb Sneddon	27/75
Sub-Junior	1st	Kain Ashby	55/75
	2nd	Jack Dyson	55/75
	3rd	Noah Von Stanke	52/75



Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Winner Jamie Dunn



SEFGA President Charles Wallis, MGGC President Andrew Hoare with Overall Challenge High Gun Dougal Simson



Handicap Winners Kain Ashby, Jack Dyson, Sponsor Richard Sage, Harry Simson & Zoe Ashby



AA Grade Jeremy Kent, Daniel Ashby & Ron Rhook



OTG Winners Dougal Simson, Daniel Ashby, Sponsor Richard Sage, Graham Lamond & Bill Dyson



Ladies Nicola Dunn, Janette Densley & Tasha Bellinger

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The South Australian Field and Game Association conducted the 2023/24 Annual General Meeting at the Keith Institute, Keith on Saturday 25 November 2023. Representation by all of our four clubs was well received,

Thank you to each and every member of the outgoing board for your tireless efforts this past year.

The new board was elected comprising of a good balance of previously serving board members and new candidates.

Discussion at the meeting identified a number of areas that the new board intends to focus on as priority actions while at the same time continuing the excellent work in hunting and conservation areas.

The ongoing development of a solid shoot program, assisting clubs in training and coaching, and generally looking at ways to support and unite our member clubs to help build infrastructure and membership.

A solid focus this year will also be to foster stronger

relationships between clubs, exchange information and development projects and identify the differences in operation relatives to each clubs demographic.

The Board this year comprises:

President	Peter Ellery
Vice president	Mark Fabris
Secretary	Wendel Litchfield
Treasurer	Mostyn Hudson
Target Director	Chris Ball
Board Members	Charles Wallis, Tim Lloyd

Personally, In the coming months, I am looking forward to attending all clubs to meet members. I would welcome discussion from any member on any ideas that may assist to build a stronger and harmonious Association.

See you in the field,

Peter Ellery  
President.

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# VICTORIAN STATE UPDATE

## DECEMBER 2023

This is the quiet end of the shooting year when the State Selection program and all the major competitions for the year are completed. The regular monthly shoots have nearly all been conducted, and most clubs are working into their Christmas events.

A highlight for the quarter was when our newest VSCA member, Westernport, hosted their first COMPAK Sporting competition. Congratulations to them on running a successful event.

Another highlight was the Juniors and Sub-Juniors Training Day held at the Geelong Club. Chris Brown produced an excellent coaching program tailored for our younger shooters and we are sure that all the participants had good fun while learning some essential competition management skills.

We are very grateful to the respective clubs for their efforts and participation in the 2023 Shoot Calendar. It's their efforts that make our enjoyment of the year's shooting possible at all. Well done and many thanks to all the club committee members and volunteers who dedicate so much of their time for our collective benefit.

The 2024 Shoot Calendar is almost finalised and will be published shortly. Victoria is pleased to be hosting two National competitions in 2024. The English Sporting Pairs Titles will be held at Laang and

the Sporting National Titles will be held at Geelong.

The most significant event since our last update was the 2023 Sporting National Titles held at Gunnedah, NSW. The Victorian Team put in an outstanding performance on a difficult course to take out the Team Competition. In addition, several of the team won their respective categories. Congratulations to all the team on an outstanding result!

The places posted by our Ladies, Juniors, and Sub-juniors team members indicate a very good future for our sport within Victoria. It takes significant commitment and motivation to perform at this level and we are fortunate to have such a depth of talent in the Victorian State Team.

We are still looking to recruit a replacement LiveScores training team. We are also keen to have some new talent join the VSCA Committee. If anyone has an interest, please contact any of the VSCA team.

All that remains is to wish all our members and their families a wonderful and happy holiday period. Please be careful on the roads if you are travelling – we really do want to see you at the January shoots!

Nigel Montgomery

President, VSCA




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