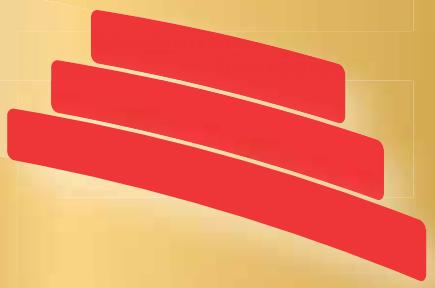


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, we are into another year of Sporting Clays.

The year is starting with 2 very major shoots in the FITASC Grand Prix to be held in Brisbane which by the time you read this will be over. The next is the FITASC Oceania to be held on the Anzac weekend at the Mudgee Club.

The interest these events attracted with the Grand Prix nominations selling out in two and a half days and then the Oceania selling out in basically 4 hours has shown us the growing popularity of the sport and people's willingness to compete at a national level.

This has caused its own set of problems that we are working to sort out, one being the nomination crash that happened when everyone tried to nominate at the same time, then the wait lists which I might add many have been given a berth now so that is good.

You will now know we have had to change the dates of the English Sporting and the Nationals that were to be held in October, due to an unforeseen problem at the Geelong grounds the Nationals will now be held at 2 grounds being Laang and Timboon on the 21st to the 24th of November.

We have tried to be able to accommodate many more shooters from our traditional way of running these events so have gone to 4 days. I hope you can show some patience as we feel our way through the organisation and running of this event, and going forward we can tweak events to cater for more participation from you all.

The English Sporting event will be held on the weekend of the 19th and 20th of October at the Geelong club.

Our event partners are back on board this year with a few new faces which is fantastic, and I thank you all for showing confidence in our sport.

There is a person in the background of this organisation I want to say a massive thank you to and that's John Mackenzie, John to those of you that don't know wrote the LIVE SCORES program and does an amazing amount of work to maintain and improve the program. It has been a learning curve for me to understand that every time we want to change the way and event is run, or how it is nominated for, it requires an extraordinary amount of time for John to make these changes happen in the writing of the program. John, we salute you for your effort.

Until we meet again around the traps, I wish you happy shooting

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

SCA 2024 NATIONALS UPDATE LAANG & TIMBOON – 4 DAYS



The SCA National Championships have traditionally been held over three days. However, this year due to extraordinary circumstances have brought about an unprecedented change.

Originally, the SCA National Championships were allocated to Victorian Sporting Clays Association with the event to be held at Geelong Sporting Clays in October. Due to some unfortunate circumstances pertaining to the club, Geelong made the hard decision to notify the SCA Board that they would no longer be able to hold the event. Following this notification, VSCA sought ideas on ways to retain the event in Victoria.

After many phone calls and meetings, it was agreed to undertake the event across two neighbouring clubs over four days, namely Laang and Timboon. Representatives from both clubs sat down to negotiate the logistics of the unprecedented arrangement. It was not without its challenges, but through compromise and mutual respect, they found common ground on how to make the event work.

Questions have been asked on how will this work. Quite simply, competitors will shoot 50 targets per day, alternating between the two clubs. As an example, even squad numbers will be, day 1 Laang, day 2 Timboon, day 3 Laang, day 4 Timboon. Odd squad numbers will be the opposite.

For competitors travelling together, it will mean that they will be required to notify the event administrator when nominating so that they can be squadded accordingly. Any requests for re-squadding or late changes disrupts the process and should be avoided, as it may lead to disappointment. Buggies and carts will not be allowed at the event. People with mobility issues will be able to use them, but this will need prior approval. Details on seeking this approval or other transport arrangements will be made available in the near future.

The central office will be located at Laang, with a satellite office at Timboon. Vendors will also be located at Laang with a wide range of products and services.

By increasing the number of days, this allows greater numbers of competitors to compete. As seen by the two National events at the start of 2024 where they were fully subscribed, members can now feel confident they won't miss out. If you are thinking of attending, booking accommodation should be on your to do list sooner than later.

Watch this space for further updates as we progress closer to the event.



AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAYS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
LAANG AND TIMBOON
21ST – 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

FITASC AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX 2024

BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS



It's been a few years since the last major SCA Event at Brisbane Sporting Clays & in that short time the Club has shown a few more improvements with an extra Club room overlooking the lower Dam Shooting ground & is growing & going from strength to strength.

The grounds were immaculate & would not be out of place at a well-kept golf course. The welcome signage all the Bow Banners made for a very carnival atmosphere reminiscent of some of the wealthy overseas Clubs. To top it off the weather remained sunny with a few white clouds. We heard the weather in Brisbane since Christmas Eve has been very wet. At least this trend broke for the Competition

The team made sure everything was on course for the practise opening on Thursday for shooting a few clays & even had the Ladies in the canteen supplying food for the needy.

Each layout sported the name (or product name) of one of the event partners that came to offer their assistance in sponsorship for this international FITASC Grand Prix Event.



Event Partners Involved with SCA at the FITASC Australian Grand Prix

- Outdoor Trading Company (OTC) Promatic & GB
- Aussie Enviro
- Outdoor Sporting Agencies (OSA) Miroku
- Gamebore Australia
- FSB Ammunition
- CR Kennedy – Outdoor & Hunting – Pilla

The Shooting Grounds at Brisbane Sporting Clays never disappoint at these events. They have 40 acres to play with but it is 40 acres of the most diverse terrain in a small plot with flat areas, down gully's, up gully's & high mounds to position the shooting points from. Set over 8 separate shooting grounds over the 2-part system gave the variety of targets expected. Each change of shooting position changed the trajectory of the targets making it most enjoyable. Nothing set crazy, but with the aid of the terrain they became technical. A very well thought out set of targets. Some are not a fan of the 2-part system but if it is done right there can be no complaints as we had

eight separate grounds to shoot over which meant you did not return for a re-entry shoot.

Of topic here but the 2-part system gives the target variety if set right on the ground size & with inventory of traps & release gear. It would be great to have eight totally separate shooting grounds but you cannot do this with most shooting grounds in Australia. The Clubs would certainly not have enough Traps & release gear to make it happen if they do have enough ground. The logistics are something to consider if suggestions are to be made. Anyone old enough to remember the way of yesteryear when we shot over 3 grounds & repeated the same spin cycle over 3 days? Anyway, we digress, let's get back on topic.

OTC arranged for Promatic to fly out one of their mechanics for the event. Josh (AKA – Mortein, everyone gets a nickname here), arrived early in the week prior to the Competition & went through all the traps, serviced them & remained for the competition attending to any issues if they came up. Thanks Josh, Promatic & OTC.

A Couple of traps on the first day had the gremlins playing with them (which is not unusual, even a World Championship gets the same Gremlins) but these issues were attended too quickly and avoided any long hold ups. On the second day the traps ran like clockwork.

Special mention to Matthew Munro (AKA Bugs) who came up from Victoria for the week on holiday & gave a hand helping to set up the grounds, well done Bugs.

At the end of the 200 targets all that was left was for a couple of shoot offs & the Presentation of Trophies & Medals. Many success stories were had & the photos of the place getters plays out the final results. Congratulations to Jack Gibbs for taking out the High Gun with a score of 188/200 & took home the Miroku Shotgun provided by Outdoor Sporting Agencies (OSA). The trophy table was well supplied at this event with all the winners well looked after.



High Gun – Jack Gibbs receiving his Miroku from the SCA President Ian Grant – Silver Jeremy Kent - 3rd Nick Guerra – 4th Andrew Bell



Ladies - 1st Charlie Hudson - 2nd Emalene Munro - 3rd Bianca Norris



C Grade - 1st - Phineas McBurnie - 2nd Ashtan Papaluca - 3rd Ryan Scheepers - 4th Kevin Sze



Seniors - 1st Sox Pilipasidis - 2nd Aaron Goodchild - 3rd - John Younger



Juniors - 1st - Nate Palubiski - 2nd - Nick Brightenti - 2rd - Zayne Papaluca



B Grade - 1st - Wade McGirr - 2nd Luke Taylor - 3rd Nicholas Stewart - 4th Tony Dea



Masters - 1st - Ian Waldron - 2nd Darryl Groundwater - 3rd John Torreson



Veterans - 1st - Ron Rhook - 2nd Robert Passarin - 3rd Eddie Magee

**AUSTRALIAN FITASC 22ND GRAND PRIX 2024
BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS - 200 TARGETS**

Open	High Gun	Jack Gibbs	188/200
Open	2nd	Jeremy Kent	185/200
Open	3rd	Nick Guerra	184/200 so 21
Open	4th	Andrew Bell	184/200 so 18
A	1st	Lee Berger	181/200
A	2nd	Steven Payne	171/200
A	3rd	Enzo Gigante	168/200
A	4th	Richard Brennan	164/200
B	1st	Wade McGirr	161/200
B	2nd	Luke Taylor	151/200
B	3rd	Nicholas Stuart	148/200
B	4th	Tony Dea	147/200

C	1st	Phineas McBurnie	127/200
C	2nd	Ashtan Papaluca	125/200
C	3rd	Ryan Scheepers	125/200 so 12
C	4th	Kevin Sze	125/200 so 9
Ladies	1st	Charlie Hudson	158/200 so 16
Ladies	2nd	Emalene Munro	158/200 so 13
Ladies	3rd	Bianca Norris	156/200
Senior	1st	Sox Pilipasidis	182/200
Senior	2nd	Aaron Goodchild	175/200
Senior	3rd	John Younger	171/200 so 18
Veteran	1st	Ron Rhook	170/200
Veteran	2nd	Robert Passarin	166/200
Veteran	3rd	Eddie Magee	157/200
Junior	1st	Nate Palubiski	175/200
Junior	2nd	Nicholas Brighenti	173/200
Junior	3rd	Zayne Papaluca	168/200
Masters	1st	Ian Waldron	154/200
Masters	2nd	Darryl Groundwater	146/200
Masters	3rd	John Torresan	142/200

The FITASC Grand Prix Event at Brisbane was absolutely fantastic, from the very start. The parking directions when you first arrived. The condition of the ground & shooting courses, the Canteen, the scoring always up to date along with the next round of score boards always ready to go, the Competition all set with interesting targets. Well done to the team at Brisbane Sporting Clays an event like this takes teamwork to be successful & BSC has the people to make it happen. SCA extends its thanks to Brisbane Sporting Clays all the hard working members at the event & last but not least all the Competitors for a fantastic two days of Competition which will keep everyone coming back for more, what more can you say?

AUSTRALIAN TEAM 2024

Following the conclusion of both the SCA Sporting Nationals in Gunnedah last year and the 2024 Grand Prix in Brisbane, the time has come to choose the qualifying SCA National team members who will proudly represent Australia at the 2024 Sporting World Championship in Hudson, USA, scheduled for the end of June 2024. We extend our best wishes to the selected team members as they embark on their journey to compete in the United States.

SCA NATIONAL TEAM HUDSON - USA 2024

Open	
Jack	Gibbs
Chris	Brown
Robert	Hall
Adam	Shale
Senior	
Sox	Pilipasidis
John	Younger
Leigh	Dunn
Veterans	
Ron	Rhook
Eddie	Magee
Phil	Stowe
Ladies	
Bianca	Norris
Emalene	Munro
Charlie	Hudson
Juniors	
Benjamine	Studham
Nate	Palubiski
Nicholas	Brighenti











ASC SYDNEY**SCNSW REFEREE PROGRAM NEWS**

The new SCNSW referee examiner Ralph Ali has been a busy man so far in 2024. With the help of SCNSW and both the ASC and Dubbo branches he has managed to put 22 members through the course.

ASC held the first day on Sunday 11th Feb with only six members making it on the day after a few late drop outs. This gave Ralph a easy introduction to his new job.

The following weekend at Dubbo on Saturday the 17th Feb there was sixteen members to get through.

Both days ran like clockwork with everyone enjoying the format and learning a few important rules.

Probably the most common objectives amongst those who attended where as follows.

1. That they could help other shooters learn the rules.
2. Make competitions fairer for all.
3. Reinforce their own knowledge of the rules.

Thanks to the Branches for their facilities and helpers on both days, especially Peter Kay, Stephen Smith, Paul Smidt and Ralph Ali.

Congratulations to all those who attended.

Paul Smidt

ASC President

ASC FEBURARY NEWS

Yes, we are over the Christmas holidays and well and truly back into the working year. The club has held 8 shooting day in the first two months and that doesn't include incorporate days & try shooting events. Even with the ridiculous humidity in Sydney this summer shooters have continued bust clays.

Our attendances have been fantastic so far this year, with many new faces and members. Everyone is doing their bit on the ranges on both practice days and competitions. Let's keep up the good work keeping the range clean by putting those shell in the bins! Those new users of category C forearms make sure you pick up your shells before you leave the stand.

Remember its every members responsibility to look after our ground.

Our first comp for 2024 the English Sporting got everyone back in the swing and the February Hugh Johnston Cup on a stinking hot Sunday set a high standard.

ASC has also had several successful members attend the first SCNSW selection event a Majura Park, congratulations.

Andy Bell	1st	AA Grade
Frank Araco	3rd	A Grade
Alex Chrysostomou	3rd	B Grade after a 3 way shoot off
Jorge Lialiaris	1st	C Grade
Chris Coss	2nd	C Grade
Maurice Gorga	3rd	C Grade

We have also managed to squeeze in a successful SCNSW Referee training course in February.

Content
Phil Moses

Paul Smidt



Great day remembering one of the nicest men we have ever met in sporting clays, Hugh was an institution, a symbol in our club at how great this sport is and the people that love it. He is missed every day.

Tommy set a pretty tough course, his words, and you had to work for every target. The feedback from the members was that the targets were fantastic.

Tommy threw down the challenge, and Andy Bell answered with a brilliant 90/100. Chris Barrowman shot the only 25 on the day.

All scores can be found on SCA Live Scores

BROKEN HILL SPORTING CLAYS
CHRISTMAS SHOOT

On Sunday 3 December the Field and Game Association concluded another year of clay target shooting with our ever popular Christmas Shoot. The shoot was very generously sponsored by the Silver City Workingmen's Club, Silver City Steel and Flat Out Tyres, which provided for an excellent range of prizes.

The weather was warm with a light breeze, just about perfect for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with an excellent turnout of 45 shooters, including visitors from the Milparinka and Sunraysia Clubs, and from the Broken Hill Gun Club.

The range was set by Josh and the usual band of culprits who worked very hard to provide excellent variety in the 60 target competition. The best shooters in each grade shot some very good totals.

The High Gun prize was won by Brian Casey who included a perfect 30/30 in his excellent total of 56 that was comfortably clear of his nearest rival. Other shooters who performed particularly well were Darryn Nicholls, Gary Meehan and Josh Edgecumbe who all won their grades easily with scores above 50.

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



Grade winners of the 60 Target Christmas Shoot, left to right, Darryn Nicholls (AA Grade), Gary Meehan (A Grade), Josh Edgecumbe (B Grade), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Brian Casey (High Gun), Elissa Tweedie (Ladies) and Neil Treganowan (C Grade).

**60 TARGET CHRISTMAS SHOOT
BROKEN HILL - 3 DECEMBER 2023**

High Gun		Brian Casey	56
AA Grade	1st:	Darryn Nicholls	52
	2nd:	Travis Casey	48
	3rd:	Jarrod Leerson	44
A Grade	1st:	Gary Meehan	51
	2nd:	Adrian Locke	47
	3rd:	Peter Rudd	46
B Grade	1st:	Josh Edgecumbe	52
	2nd:	Jeff Glasson	44
	3rd:	Kym Files	44
C Grade	1st:	Neil Treganowan	45
	2nd:	Grant Cox	44
	3rd:	Neville Hill	38
Ladies	1st:	Elissa Tweedie	20
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	45
	2nd:	Calan Lawrence	40
	3rd:	Saxon Locke	31

**50 TARGET SIMULATED FIELD
GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP**

On Sunday 18 February the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 50 target Simulated Field Graded Championship. The shoot was generously sponsored by Bob Tweedie and family. The day was hot with little or no breeze but the shoot was very well run to ensure that the very good attendance of shooters were all finished and back in the club house for lunch.

The range was set by Bob, Tim, Richard, and Grant who did an excellent job to present a good variety of challenging targets that made for very enjoyable shooting. The range was kept short and close to the club house to minimise time spent in the sun.

The best score off the gun was a very good total of 43 that was shot by Gerard Mahoney, a deserving winner of the High Gun Medal. Other shooters who kept their score in the 40's were Travis Casey, Evan Stephenson and Anthony Elliott who all shot 42.

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



Grade winners of the Bob Tweedie 50 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship, (left to right), Richard Murphy (C Grade), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Anthony Elliott (B Grade), Gerard Mahoney (High Gun) and Travis Casey (A Grade).

**BOB TWEEDIE 50 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP
BROKEN HILL - 18 FEBRUARY 2024**

High Gun		Gerard Mahoney	43
A Grade	1st:	Travis Casey	42
	2nd:	Evan Stephenson	42
	3rd:	Rod Weaver	41
B Grade	1st:	Anthony Elliott	42
	2nd:	Josh Edgecumbe	39
	3rd:	Jeff Glasson	39
C Grade	1st:	Richard Murphy	35
	2nd:	Grant Cox	34
	3rd:	Bob Tweedie	30
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	39
	2nd:	Max Day	39
	3rd:	Saxon Locke	30
Ladies	1st:	Elissa Tweedie	20
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	45
	2nd:	Calan Lawrence	40
	3rd:	Saxon Locke	31

NSW COACHING CORNER
COOMA SPORTING CLAYS CLUB COACH AND SHOOTER TRAINING WEEKEND

Sporadic requests in recent times from locals seeking coaching on the finer points of sporting clays was met by the Cooma club with the recent running of a SCNSW Club Coach and Training weekend. It was also extended to Bermagui members as an opportunity for coach development and shooter training while they are getting their own facilities back up and running. On the 10th of February four of the better shooters from Bermi and Cooma with a talent for communicating and a willingness to help their fellow shooters participated in a Club Coach accreditation day where aspects ranging from eye dominance and gun-fit through to the mechanics of shooting and planning the shot were covered in the context of shooting a range set to represent as much as possible the full gamut of sporting target presentations. These new coaches then plied their skills in assisting to deliver the training day to a range of keen shooters the following day. Congratulations to Ian McFarlane and Nev Brady from the Bermagui club and Aaron Mackay and John Sankey from the Cooma club on becoming club coaches.

On Sunday the 11th a broad mix of shooters ranging from rank beginners through to B graders seeking improvement participated in an intensive day of learning theory and practical skills during a series of structured sessions. Shooters learned about how their eye dominance affects their ability to point the gun and all shooters were checked for their eye dominance and gun fit issues addressed with individuals that had particular problems. Correct gun mounting was emphasised and stance and mounting drills were suggested so that skills could be improved at home without even firing a shot. Shooters were taught principles of reading targets and were taken through the process of selecting break point, hold point and where and how to look for the target across a series of common presentations. The beauty of this kind of training day is that difficulties can be properly addressed by being able to shoot repeatedly at specific bugbear targets until a proper move could be made and the target hit convincingly. The ability to move the gun in time with the target to synchronise gun speed with target speed was a cornerstone of this approach in the practical sessions.

In all 6 new shooters were introduced to the sport on the day and a good proportion of these came back to the club for the next club competition with a keenness to become members. Lady shooters were present in force with 6 ladies present with a range of shooting



Abi checking her feet are in the perfect position to smash the next target.



Mick and Henry Durnan enjoying the coaching on offer.



New shooter Amanda about to smash a target with Doug's help.



New club coach Ian giving his group some valuable pointers.



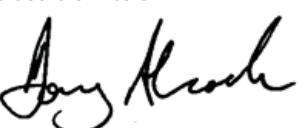
Steve is a picture of concentration.



Just bring your muzzles past the clay, Nev explains to new shooter Madonna.

experience. Juniors were also well represented with 5 juniors present.

Feedback was sought at the end of the day and all those present would recommend others to attend a training day when the opportunity arises. The impact the day had on the participants knowledge, skills and aspirations rated highly with all measures averaging above 4 on a scale of 1 to 5.



COOMA SPORTING CLAYS

LADIES DAY 2024

On the 18th of February 2024 Cooma Sporting Clays hosted the Annual Ladies Day HCP 100 Target Sporting Clays Shoot at its range on Slacks Creek Road.

The Ladies Day is just that a day to showcase the skills of the female members and associated ladies that compete at Cooma Sporting Clays. The Girls are always eager to take up the challenge and work hard to deliver a great event with this year being no exception.

The concept of the annual event is to give back to the Ladies for all that they contribute to the success of the club with everything from Shoot office duties, their tireless work in the kitchen, cleaning, bringing along tasty treats, helping on the ranges, and of course keeping us blokes in line. The ladies shoot free for this event as a reward and in addition any males that are game enough and shoot the entire event in a dress are also eligible for an entry fee waiver. Legend has it that in recent times only one male was game enough to achieve this honor and we all know who that was.

Upon arriving at the club on Sunday morning workers were greeted to an unusual silence with the omission of the usual greeting from the President, Secretary and Vice President. All of which had previous engagements resulting in the ladies truly stepping it up to review the previous day's efforts setting the two ranges with the assistance of regulars Geoff & Craig there to lend a hand.

A few early technical issues and heart palpitations were overcome, with squadding sorted the lead for the shoot was handed to Krista Mower who delivered the game plan rules, range layouts and called the squads to begin the shoot. 52 Shooters competed in the shoot with 11 Ladies in the mix as was expected given the event, a good representation of shooters fresh off the training day nominated eager to put into play the techniques and skills that they had learnt from the coaches and NSW Training Director the previous weekend.



A Grade 1st Ian MacFalane, 2nd Mark Coleman & 3rd Zach Poucher



The HCP High Gun was taken out by Associate Member and longtime supporter of Cooma Sporting Clays Shelly Craig who managed a consistent four rounds and reaping the reward of a custom-made gun slip manufactured by an anonymous Cooma Member. All in all, there were plenty of quality targets that were well received by all grades throughout the day. All the results can be accessed on the SCA live Scores Web Site.

Finally, running these events is not possible without the support of the generous sponsors that support our club. With the Ladies Day being no exception to that rule, this month's main sponsor was Hygge Eco Cabins from Eat Jindabyne. Josh (Cooma Sporting Clays Member) has sponsored this event over several years and was on hand to compete as well as presenting the spoils to all the victors at the presentation. For anyone looking for a relaxing getaway here in the picturesque Snowy Mountains we recommend looking them up on Facebook and the web to find out more.

Once again, a thank-you to Anna Shadrina, Bronzewing Australia in association with Laporte and Nobels Sports for contributing to the prize pool and our sport in general.



George Bigweed



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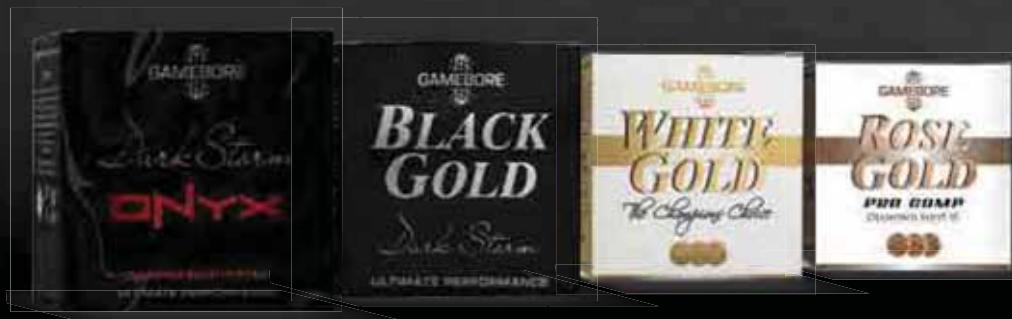
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BOURKE - BLOINK FAMILIES CHRISTMAS SHOOT

Sunday 17th December 2023 saw the first Bourke\Bloink Families Christmas shoot.

Horse & Bloinky along with their elves (some tall elves visit the range) set out a 104 target range suitable to everyone. With a prediction of 100 high gun score, it didn't disappoint.

2 rounds of 52 saw everyone finishing early for a feast of Christmas food set out by the exec committee plus other members.

Targets ranged from easy floppy to mmmm maybe not enough lead.

With the weather set to be a warm one, the club and sponsors set out drinks and snacks throughout the range to keep shooters hydrated!

Those pesky mixo rabbits made an appearance again, how they keep rolling through a shower of pellets is anyone's guess.

The "SIMM Rabbit" competition saw a crowd try their luck to take home the cash, with 3 shooters hitting 12/12 they decided to split it and walk!

Congrats go to Adam Carmichael, Gary Adams & Murray Rees

The big fella in the red suit made an appearance at the presentation, but things must of been tight at the North Pole this year, he kept trying to run off with everyone's prize money

This year the sponsors decided to split the prize winners,

High Gun of \$500 cash went to Stephen Payne with an impressive 101/104.

Those following 9 top scores collected \$100 each

- Rodney Carr 96
- Luke Cross 95
- Gary Adams 95
- Troy Armstrong 95
- Murray Rees 94
- John Collier 93
- Adam Carmichael 93
- Keith Lyne 92
- Hamish Job 92

These guys were eliminated from their grades/categories making way for the next top scores to win the grades and categories.

The club decided to promote pre-nominating by offering prizes if the shooter pre nominated;

Lucky Pre Nom Winners

Alison Kelly took home the \$100

Peter Kay, Jeff Hall, plus 3 others whose names I have forgotten (sorry) took home mystery boxes full of shooting accessories and goodies.

New Event: The Family Shooters Event \$200 Prize

Families could nominate members of their families, their scores plus handicaps were totalled then divided by number shooters nominated.

Winners were Murray & Jack Rees

Shalhoub Encouragement Award - Paula Purvis

Rotary Clubperson award - Adam Carmichael

The club would like to thank the sponsors for their ongoing support.

Thank you to all that helped be it with setting/ packing up range, catering, office, donations, photos.

** 2024 CHRISTMAS SHOOT - BLOINK, BOURKE & REES FAMILIES SHOOT WILL BE A 2 DAY SHOOT - make sure you keep the weekend of 14/15 Dec clear

BOURKE BLOINK FAMILIES CHRISTMAS SHOOT 104T SHOOT

High Gun		Stephen Payne	Dubbo	101
AA Grade	1st:	Tony Corderoy	Dubbo	90
A Grade	1st:	Stephen Cooper		92
	2nd:	Chris Barrowman	Dubbo	90
	3rd:	Ken Purvis	Mudgee	89
B Grade	1st:	Craig Kurtz	Dubbo	89+3
	2nd:	Glen Bloink	Gunnedah	89+2
	3rd:	Darren Guy	Dubbo	89+1
C Grade	1st:	John Bryden	Gunnedah	91
	2nd:	Scott Kelly	Dubbo	82
	3rd:	Grant Berryman	Dubbo	77
Seniors	1st:	Peter Kay	Dubbo	92
	2nd:	Dean Delaney	Dubbo	90
	3rd:	Kevin Haskins	Dubbo	89
Veterans	1st:	Tony Monk	Dubbo	89
	2nd:	Laurie Redfern	Dubbo	86+2
	3rd:	Colin Dorman	Mudgee	86+1
Masters	1st:	Ross Christian		86+2
	2nd:	Ian Stewart	Dubbo	86+1
	3rd:	Denis Coaker	Dubbo	80
Ladies	1st:	Melinda McGrath	Dubbo	84
	2nd:	Paula Purvis	Dubbo	83
	3rd:	Mel Phillips		77
Juniors	1st:	Nicholas Lyne	Gunnedah	86
	2nd:	Aliza Purvis	Dubbo	66
Sub Juniors	1st:	Ryan McPherson	Dubbo	84
	2nd:	Jack Rees	Dubbo	80
	3rd:	Dylen Murray		77



The Fat Fella In Red Visited the Club to present the prizes



Simm Rabbit Comp Winners – Gary Adams, Murray Rees & Adam Carmichael all shot 12/12



Stephen Payne – High Gun along with the next 9 top shots pictured with sponsors Horse, Bloinky & Santa



Santa, AA Grade Winner Tony Corderoy with sponsors Bloinky & Horse



A Grade Winner Stephen Cooper telling Santa his Christmas List! Pretty Sure A New Gun was on it

DICK SMITH TRANSPORT 100T SHOOT

Sunday 21 January saw our first shoot for the year. With our sponsor Dick Smith Transport once again supporting our club with a 100T event.

Smithy and Tony Corderoy set a range that kept everyone thinking, with stands of 7,9,9 targets everyone finished in time to enjoy one of Bloinkys lunches.

Temperature rose to high 30's which got everyone looking for the sunscreen.

We had 2 new shooters come out and have some fun and they are keen to come back – Daniel Curtis, Samantha Kerr.

Mitch Rees has hit 12 and is eager to take on the sub juniors – one to watch!

There were also some new faces out at the club which was great to see.

Thank u to Sharon and Stephen Smith of Dick Smith Transport for their continued support. Thank you also to everyone who helped in the kitchen, office and on the range.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

EVENT NAME DICK SMITH TRANSPORT 100T				
High Gun		Ken Purvis	Dubbo	88
AA Grade	1st:	Murray Rees	Dubbo	74
	2nd:	Tony Corderoy	Dubbo	71
A Grade	1st:	Chris Everett	Dubbo	81
	2nd:	Stephen Cooper	Dubbo	75
	3rd:	Angus Brander	Dubbo	65
B Grade	1st:	Allan Cowin		86
	2nd:	Adam Carmichael	Dubbo	81
	3rd:	Craig McPherson	Dubbo	79
C Grade	1st:	Grant Berryman	Dubbo	61
	2nd:	Lance Murphy	Dubbo	58
	3rd:	Michael O'Dell	Dubbo	51
Seniors	1st:	Dean Delaney	Dubbo	87
	2nd:	Rodney Carr	Dubbo	78
	3rd:	Peter Kay	Dubbo	67
Veterans	1st:	Tony Monk	Dubbo	85
	2nd:	Neil Donaldson	Dubbo	68
Masters	1st:	Denis Coaker	Dubbo	71+1
	2nd:	John Sidoti	Dubbo	71
	3rd:	Keith Lyne	Gunnedah	64
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	Dubbo	77
	2nd:	Samantha Kerr		5
Juniors	1st:	Nicholas Lyne		62
	2nd:	Aliza Purvis	Gunnedah	60
	3rd:	William Cooke		20
Sub Juniors	1st:	Henry Purvis	Dubbo	62
	2nd:	Lilly Delaney	Dubbo	49
	3rd:	Mitchel Rees	Dubbo	40



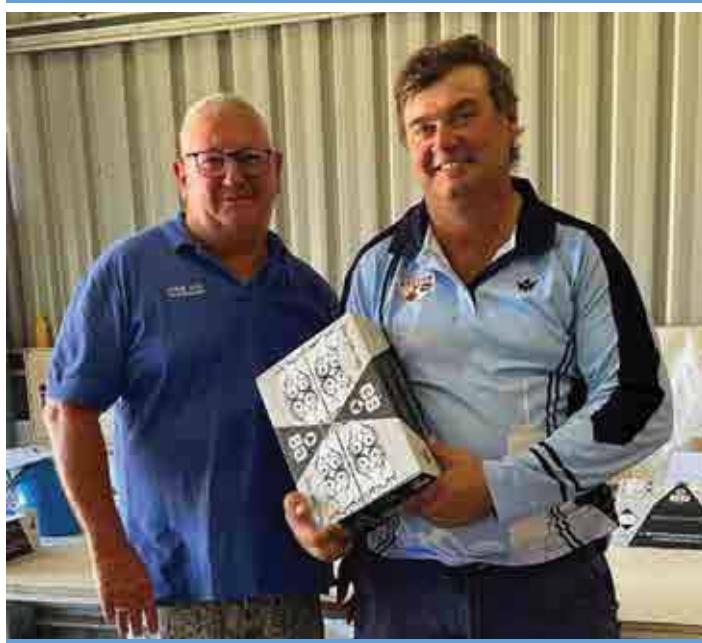
C Grade Winners (L-R) Grant Berryman 1st, Lance Murphy 2nd, Michael O'Dell 3rd with sponsor Smithy



Masters (L-R) Keith Lyne 3rd, Denis Coaker 1st, Smithy, John Sidoti 2nd



Newbie Samantha Kerr under the watchful eye of Grant Berryman



Sponsor Stephen Smith with High Gun Winner Ken Purvis

WYANNA PARTNERSHIP - MCGRATH FOUNDATION ENGLISH SPORTING SHOOT

Sunday 15 October saw a sea of pink at Dubbo Field & Game when Wyanna Partnership held their annual McGrath Foundation shoot. This year was with a twist, they held English Sporting 100T.

The Purvis and Monk families along with their helpers set about setting a range which made quite a few of the shooters think.

With crossers, incomers, high battues and out goers, there was something for everyone. Once again, the secret stand was in play involving 2 stands, both with simm pairs – crazy rabbits and the yellow truck similar to grouse targets (probably why DC enjoyed that one).

Black Duck dam saw flash targets on offer for some lucky shooters. Fundraising was in full swing with raffles, 100 clubs, donation tin and a mighty auction. Brett Hall was unavailable, so we had Auctioneer Extraordinaire Bloinky who stepped out of the kitchen long enough to keep us entertained with his antics. Full video is on our FB page.

The total raised is \$3250 which is brilliant and will go towards assisting the McGrath Foundation find a cure for the horrible disease of breast cancer.

Thank you to all that helped out for the day, helping with the setting the range, packing the range up, donations, kitchen, office, ticket selling and anything else. Thanks again to our sponsors Wyanna Partnership - Ken & Paula Purvis, Tony & Chris Monk.

Best Dressed – Ange & Wazza Thorpe, & Gemma McPherson

100 Club \$5

100 Club \$2

1st Ben Hooper

1st Stephen Smith

2nd Gemma McPherson

2nd Gemma

3rd Ben Hooper

3rd Tim Cheney

Flash Targets: Andrew Tucker, Hugo Graesser x 2, Charlie North, Paul Bell, Jack Rees, Tony Corderoy, Tom Hooper, Melinda McGrath Ken Purvis, Les Townsend, Chris Everett x 2, Stephen Whittaker, Warren Thorpe, Tony Monk

Secret Stand winner was Murray Rees

Auction

Honey – Peter Kay

Rum – Charlie North

Port – Melinda McGrath

Rachet Straps – Mo Ross

Twin Drink Dispenser – Peter Kay

Cheese Board/Lazy Susan – Jeff Hall

Multi Min – Rod Carr

Cheese Board/Mugs – Jeff Hall

Glass Holder, Grinders, Handwash – Rod Carr

Beretta Bag, muffs & Shells – Nick Ridley

Wing glass holder, Car & handwash – Angie Thorpe

Car Wash Bucket – Michael O'Dell

½ Lamb – Paula Purvis

½ Lamb – Tony Monk

Slab of ammo – Rod Carr

**EVENT NAME DICK SMITH TRANSPORT
100T**

High Gun	Charlie North	Mudgee	87+1
AA Grade	1st:	Doug Osbourne	87
A Grade	1st:	Murray Rees	Dubbo
	2nd:	Warren Thorpe	82
	3rd:	Lance North	Mudgee
B Grade	1st:	Nick Ridley	Dubbo
	2nd:	Mick McCahon	79
	3rd:	Sean McCarthy	75
C Grade	1st:	Paul Purvis	Dubbo
	2nd:	Michael O'Dell	Dubbo
	3rd:	Steven Whittaker	54
Seniors	1st:	Peter Kay	Dubbo
	2nd:	Rodney Carr	Dubbo
	3rd:	Dean Delaney	Dubbo
Veterans	1st:	Jake Guzelian	79
	2nd:	John Sidoiti	Dubbo
	3rd:	Lawrence Redfern	Dubbo
Masters	1st	Denis Coaker	Dubbo
	2nd	Anthony Everett	Dubbo
	3rd	Les Townsend	Dubbo
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	Dubbo
	2nd:	Paula Purvis	Dubbo
	3rd:	Melinda McGrath	Dubbo
Juniors	1st:	Kody McGrath	Dubbo
Sub Juniors	1st:	Jack Rees	Dubbo
	2nd:	Dylen Murray	Dubbo
	3rd:	Henry Purvis	40



SECRET STAND WINNER - MURRAY REES



LADIES WINNERS (L-R) MELINDA MCGRATH 3RD, PAULA PURVIS 2ND, MEL PHILLIPS 1ST, KEN PURVIS, MO ROSS 4TH



SUB JUNIOR WINNERS (L-R) THEO CALOCOURAS 4TH, HENRY PURVIS 3RD, JACK REES 1ST, DYLEN MURRAY 2ND



FLASH TARGET WINNERS

MAJURA PARK GUN CLUB

NSW STATE SELECTION #1

Majura Park Gun Club (MPGC) hosted the first round of the 2024 SCA NSW State Selection shoot on the 25th of February with a 100-target event. MPGC put on 2 ranges covering a large variety of targets to challenge competitors at the 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 129 competitors with the best event possible. Weather conditions were clear, still and dry with temperatures reaching 29°C.

MPGC had numerous lucky door prize draws on offer for the shoot with the support of some very generous sponsorship from BLOC Constructions with \$1000 in prizes being given away on the day to all state selection event entrants. Perazzi Australia and Horsley Park Gun Shop also provided prizes for the winners of grades and categories.

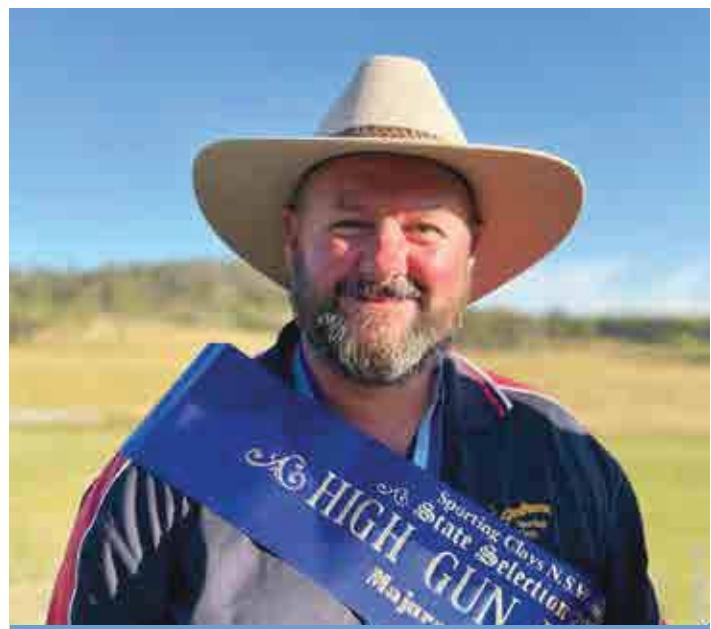
Scores reflected the near perfect conditions for shooting with Steve Atkins and Angelo Salamon both managing the elusive 25's and close scores across all grades and categories. A Grade and B Grade results were decided by shoot off in front of a 100+ strong crowd of onlookers.

The results for the shoot are as follows:

- Steve Atkins (90) took out High Gun but it was close as there were five shooters within 3 targets of the lead.
- AA grade was extremely close with Andrew Bell (89) taking out 1st and Bart Brightenti over Daniel Baskerville both shooting 88. The tie was decided by a coin toss with Bart Brightenti taking 2nd over Daniel Baskerville 3rd.
- 1st in A grade was decided by a shoot off with Warren Thorpe (12/14) defeating Chris Barrowman (10/14) for 1st and 2nd place respectively after both shooting an 87. 3rd place was a tie between Frank Araco and Matt Duncan
- B grade was won by Cameron Hockey (80) with a 3 way tie for 2nd which was decided in a shoot off. Jason McGrath (10/14) claimed 2nd, Alex Chrysostomou (6/14) claimed 3rd with Craig Kurtz unluckily missing out on a podium in B grade.
- C grade won by Jorge Lialiatis (79) with Chris Coss (73) 2nd and Maurice Gorga (72) taking 3rd place.
- Andrew Garvie (88) took out Seniors over Paul Crittenden (85) 2nd and Stephen Payne (84) taking 3rd place.

- Veterans was won by Milton Cartwright (79) with Bob Warran (70) 2nd and Tony Monk (69) taking 3rd place over Brendan Walsh (69) losing by the coin!
- Sid Guglielmino (86) won Masters with Ross Christian (72) and Geoff Smith (71) taking 3rd place.
- Lady's was won by Emalene Munro (80) over Melissa Phillip (78) 2nd and Amy Buys (73) taking 3rd place.
- Junior's was won by Charlie North (87) over Nicholas Brightenti (86) 2nd and Jed Leadbitter (83) taking 3rd place.
- In sub Juniors, Henry Purvis won with a 63

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 Selection shoot and ran with very few breakdowns. MPGC 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 Winner, Steve Atkins



All winners, Steve Atkins, Warren Thorpe, Cameron Hockey, Andrew Garvie, Emalene Munro, Henry Purvis, Charlie North and Milton Cartwright

MUDGEESPORTING CLAYS



Mudgee sporting clays held our annual two Christmas shoot over the weekend of December 9 & 10. The very hot conditions (Saturday approximately 40 degrees & Sunday 35) did not stop the keen shooters from attending. We had 106 competitors on Saturday followed by 107 on Sunday. Two ranges of user friendly targets had been set by the hard working few. Very few trap breakdowns occurred so all results were finalised at an early time. The springing teal challenge provided entertainment on the Saturday evening. Thanks to John Dickey and Horsley

SATURDAY RESULTS			
A Grade	1st:	Chris Barrowman	92
	2nd:	Frank Scambellone	91
	3rd:	Angelo Salamon	91
B Grade	1st:	Dan Stanford	90
	2nd:	Jason Mouheit	83
	3rd:	Robert Edgar	83
C Grade	1st:	John McCallum	90
	2nd:	Fred Hoolihan	85
	3rd:	Deon Scheepers	82
Seniors	1st:	Steve Payne	96
	2nd:	Bill Chapman	90
	3rd:	Ralph Ali	89
Veterans	1st:	John Sidoti	89
	2nd:	Steve Tydd	81
	3rd:	Milton Cartwright	78
S/Veterans	1st:	Ian Stewart	86
	2nd:	Ross Christian	84
	3rd:	Mick Quinlan	83
Ladies	1st:	Janelle Craig	76
	2nd:	Melissa Phillips	72
	3rd:	Zetta Dittori	64
Juniors	1st:	Josh Peckett	78
Sub Juniors	1st:	Christian Raco	81
	2nd:	Scott Stanford	43
	3rd:	Rodney Stanford	36

SUNDAY RESULTS			
AA Grade	1st:	Tom Zorgios	85
	2nd:	Jack Roth	84
A Grade	1st:	Frank Scambellone	95
	2nd:	Steve Cooper	95
	3rd:	Josh Bell	91
B Grade	1st:	Craig Kurtz	85
	2nd:	Chris Donnantuoni	84
	3rd:	Chris Agustin	84
C Grade	1st:	Deon Scheepers	81
	2nd:	John McCallum	79
	3rd:	Martin Borg	78
Seniors	1st:	Steve Payne	95
	2nd:	Ralph Ali	90
	3rd:	Peter Kay	90
Veterans	1st:	Steve Tydd	87
	2nd:	John Sidoti	87
	3rd:	Milton Cartwright	86
S/Veterans	1st:	Ian Stewart	91
	2nd:	Ross Christian	89
	3rd:	Tony Annecchini	80
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	81
	2nd:	Janelle Craig	78
	3rd:	Andrea Barrowman	71
Juniors	1st:	Josh Peckett	82
Sub Juniors	1st:	Christian Raco	70
	2nd:	Dylan Murray	70
	3rd:	Scott Stanford	53

Park gun shop the winners of AA,A,B,C,S/Juniors & Juniors all received gift vouchers for their efforts. As the evening progressed a night shoot had been organised and was enjoyed by all who had a go. Once again the three ladies in the kitchen provided outstanding meals each day. Forty odd flash targets had been placed in the traps for the lucky ones to break them. Many thanks to Steve Tydd who sponsored the ammo that was given out to those lucky flash shooters. The two day high gun was won by Steve Payne with 191/208. His name goes onto the NICK NICHOLLS trophy for 2023.

An entertaining weekend was had by all competitors. Results are as follows.

QUEENSLAND SPORTING CLAYS



News is a little slow as we start back up from Christmas & New Year, but we are into the first quarter of 2024 with one selection Competition under our belt and the second about to come off at Beaudesert in a week.

Everyone is talking about the SCA FITASC Grand Prix just held in Brisbane & congratulations goes out to the team at Brisbane. John English held the fort along with Shannon Palfreeman & Aaron Knowles to produce a memorable event. It was a cast of hundreds to make this event happen & the success that was formulated so forgive me if I cannot name you all.

At this event the final of the Simone & Michael Lucas Junior Bursary was finalized with one lucky Junior being awarded with \$5,000 plus entry fee in to the 2024 FITASC World Sporting Championships being at - Game Unlimited - Hudson - Wisconsin - USA, over the period 20th to 23rd June - 2024.

After the series which consisted of 525 targets, Chris Christensen held off the opposition to take out the prize. Well Done Chris, but also well done to the other Queensland Juniors that supported this series, you are all Champions



Left to Right - Simone Lucas - Chris Christensen - Luke Taylor - Georgia Rogers - Jack Davis

Many thanks Michael & Simone you are Champions!!

The Bursary Series will be repeated in 2024 for the 2025 FITASC World Championships although the venue is to be confirmed (Cyprus anyone? Let's see)




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NEWS FROM THE WILD WEST

Over here in the West we tend not to start our shooting season until Autumn, Summer time is just way too hot to be outside. The start of our season had to begin in February this year so that we could run a referee course and have a target setter workshop prior to the State Qualifiers. WA has been experiencing heat wave conditions with temperatures around 38 to 44 degrees, man that is hot. Even Geraldton was given the title of the hottest place on the planet at 46 degrees. All I can say is we are tough here in the west while the rest of the country is suffering storms and wet weather.

SCA REFEREE COURSE

The reason for the early start was to hold a SCA Referee course, WA has needed more referees for a long time and the Department of Sport and Recreation has supported our Association as part of our annual funding. The course was held on the 3rd February and thank you to the WA Gun Club who let the State use the club rooms to run the course. A huge thank you to our State Coaching Co-ordinator Emelee Peet who put the presentation together and our State Target Director Nick Melanko who was the presenter of the theory part of the course and another thank you must go to our State referee examiner Tony Trainor, it was a very long day outside in the summer heat and Tony assessed 12 members over the day and all passed the course. It was a great day and there were lots of discussions amongst the candidates over interpretations of the rules and it was a great class of 2024. Congratulations to the following members for becoming official SCA Referees in 2024; Alastair Crookes, Mark Hildebrandt, Rob Scari, Emelee Peet, Danish Khan, Shane Hill, Craig Ellis, Patrick Doyle, Luke Hayward, Hasnain Khan, Nadene Smedley and Ollie Hill who we think might be the youngest referee approved as a sub junior! Thank you to everyone who attended the course and volunteered their time to make this event happen. Another great initiative from our State Association for our members.



WORKSHOP TARGET SETTING WITH MATHEW MUNROE AKA BUGGS

SCWA held a workshop for Compak and Sporting clays target setting at the WA Gun Club on Saturday 10th February 2024. Our State Target Director organised for Mathew Munroe AKA Bugs to come over to WA as part of assisting our state course setters to further develop their own craft in target setting and get some idea of Victorian style targets to set! Bugs presentation was very professional, and we had 12 members representing Echidna Park, WA Gun Club, Harvey, Three Springs and Hastings clubs. The course was very interesting and WA course setters seem to be on the right track for understanding how to present great targets that shooters can see regardless of your height. Thank you to Nick Melanko for chaperoning Bugs around during his time in Perth. It was a 43-degree day and we had to make Bugs an honorary west aussie as he survived the heat in the wild west and help the crew set the targets for the State Qualifier the next day. Thank you to all the members who travelled to take part in the workshop.



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SCWA 1ST STATE QUALIFER AT WA GUN CLUB

Our first State Qualifier got underway on Sunday 11th February 2024. Our State Target Director Nick Melanko was well aware that the day was going to be hot, but the show must go on. No fair-weather shooters here in the West. The temperature was slightly cooler at 39 degrees and Nick and Jay Waterhouse made sure that there was plenty of cold water at the layouts and we even had the ISSF layout fully airconditioned for comfort to have a break. We changed the start time to have the first wave on the layout ready to go by 8am to beat the heat. If Nick had of had his way, we would have started at 7am! The earlier start did help, but it was still a hot day. Thank you to Nick and Jay for making sure there was shade and water for the shooters.

We had 85 shooters 15 squads all brave the heat to compete in the 1st State Qualifier at WA Gun Club on Sunday. It was a 75-target event, and we had some serious competition amongst our shooters. This year the Club Delegates voted to have everyone to shoot in grades apart from Sub juniors and Juniors. It was great to see so many families shooting together and another initiative from the State to assist families competing together, the State will pay for the SCA junior nominations and reimburse the host club for the targets.

We had 2 shooters come in with a 25 Break, the first was from Keelan McGrath who had his mum and wife cheering him on and we understand his lucky charm. Not to be out done was our seasoned allrounder Michael McDonald who finished strong and shot a 25 break on his last round and took out the 1st State Qualifier getting the 100 points and the State sash by one target. Congratulations Macca on bringing home the win 69/75 under such gruelling weather conditions. Our runner up was Andrew Beckett with a 68/75. The shooters all enjoyed the day regardless of the heat and even the secretary got some loving from Squad 8. How can you not love this sport.

The other initiative that SCWA has introduced is that the host club can now determine the cost of targets only, whilst non SCA members can shoot targets only, they are not eligible for any prizes. It was great to see so many new shooters experience their first state qualifier. Whilst the shoot finished early which is great for those travellers who have a 7-hour drive to get home others stayed on at the club and sat around the tables enjoying a few beverages from the bar and planning their next shoots. Some new friendships were formed with new shooters attending their first state qualifier and I can tell you all that club rivalry is alive and well here in SCWA. Bring on Harvey.

Full results are also on the SCA live Scores website.

We look forward to having the trend continue at the next state qualifier at Harvey on St Patricks Day 17th March 2024. Nomination will be posted online so please check out the Clay Target West face book page for more information.

A huge thankyou to all the shooters for coming along to compete and to all the volunteers who helped setup on the Saturday and packed away after the event. These events couldn't happen without YOU the volunteers. THANK YOU so much. To everyone at WAGC for the use of the facilities and operating the canteen, I reckon the water sales would have gone through the roof. To all the scorers and referees and anyone who helped during the day, know that you all are greatly appreciated. Also thank you to Echidna Park for the loan of some traps to assist with the event.

EVENT NAME DICK SMITH TRANSPORT 100T

High Gun		Michael McDonald	Harvey	69/75
AA Grade	1st:	Luke Turner	Hastings	65/75
	2nd:	Nick Melanko	WAGC/Hastings	61/75
	3rd:	Danon Randazzo	Hastings	59/75
A Grade	1st:	Andrew Beckett	Hastings	68/75
	2nd:	Keelan McGrath	Hastings	66/75
	3rd:	Clayton Dennis	Echidna Park	64/75
B Grade	1st:	Ian Callan	Hastings	62/75
	2nd:	Ian Grant	Echidna Park	61/75
	3rd:	Jake Luglio	Hastings	59/75
C Grade	1st:	Gary Weir	Perth Metro	54/75
	2nd:	Carrie Kelly	Hastings	53/75
	3rd:	Bill Clarke	Hastings	53/75
Juniors	1st:	Liam Thomas	Harvey	51/75
	2nd:	Joshua Dichiera	WA Gun Club	48/75
Sub-Juniors	1st:	Oliver Hill	Perth Metro	52/75
	2nd:	Mason Dennis	Echidna Park	40/75
	3rd:	Ben Shipp	Harvey	23/75

SCWA AGM 16TH MARCH 2024

Just a reminder that the SCWA Annual General Meeting will be held face to face at the Harvey Club on Saturday 16th March 2024 at 4pm. Seeking nominations for all positions. Overnight camping available and as always great hospitality with a meal on the Saturday night. It will be St Patricks day on Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Article written by Sue Green



Runner up A Grade Andre Beckett and Keelan McGrath



Michael McDonald O/A Champion 1st State Qualifier & State President Ian Grant.



1st Junior Liam Thomas & Ian Grant



Sub Junior & new Referee Ollie Hill with Ian Grant



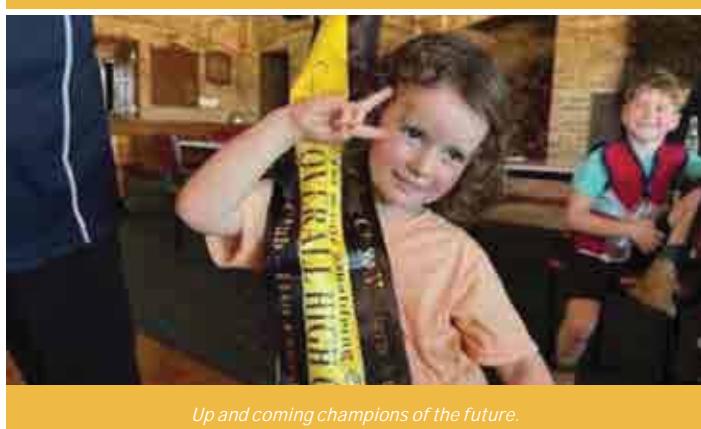
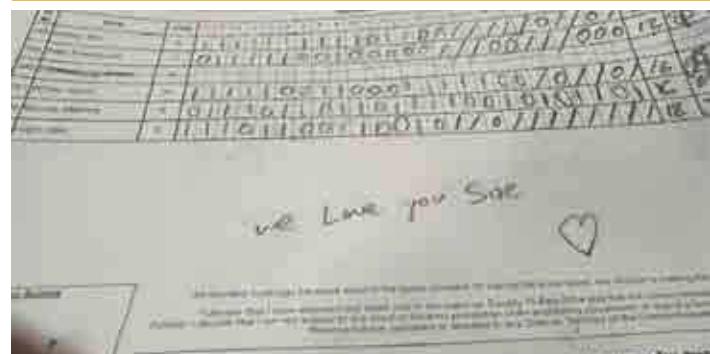
C Grade 1st Gary Weir & 2nd place Carrie Kelly



B Grade 1st In Callan and President Ian Grant



AA Grade 1st Luke Turner and 3rd Danon Randazzo



Up and coming champions of the future.

SCWA STATE QUALIFIERS 2024		
You must shoot 4 State Qualifiers and the State 2 Day Championships to qualify for State Aggregate Championships. 7 th & 8 th September at Echidna Park.		
11 th FEBRUARY	WA GUN CLUB	1 st STATE QUALIFIER 75 Targets 8.30am
17 th MARCH	HARVEY	2 nd STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets 8.30am
19 th MAY	WANNEROO	3 rd STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets 8.30am
2 nd JUNE	ECHIDNA PARK	4 th STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets 8.30am
21 st JULY	HASTINGS	5 th STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets 8.30am
4 th AUGUST	MOORA	6 th STATE QUALIFIER 75 Targets 8.30am
17 th & 18 th AUGUST	THREE SPRINGS	John Page Memorial Shoot Saturday STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS 100 Targets
7 th & 8 th SEPTEMBER	ECHIDNA PARK	STATE 2 DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 200 TARGETS - 8:30am
28 th & 29 th September	WA GUN CLUB	SCA COMPAK NATIONALS

LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

FEBRUARY SHOOT

There were 74 shooters at Lake Bonney Sporting Clays February 75 target Handicap event. The shoot was sponsored by Collins Court Butchers, Bowman's Earthmovers and Landscapes and Millicent Tyre Centre.

The conditions were warm with the wind picking up in the middle of the day, making it necessary for competitors and course setters to make adjustments.

There were four shooters who handled the conditions well, 25/25 were shot by Danny Bellinger, Jeremy Kent, Mark Hogan and Declan Wright.

Declan's perfect round helped him secure the top spot in AA grade, second and third placings were decided by a count back with Mick Banning taking out second and Danny Bellinger third.

Kingston shooter Bruce Parker won A grade just one target ahead of Bill Dyson and local Warren Whitehead third.

B grade was won by Peter Cook with a count back placing Robin Smith second and Michael Gates third.

Zach Oakley took out first in C grade, with another count back needed to place Luke Rainsford second and Rob VanStanten third.

Seniors grade was won by Tony Sellars, ahead of South East Shooter Chris Wright.

The Veterans grade was won by Gary Dangerfield, second went to Graeme James and third was won by Neville Kent.

The Ladies grade was won by Charlotte Devaud, second went to Bec Kober and third Bernie Peters.

Reece Fleming took out the Juniors grade with no competitor.

Sub Juniors was won by Heath Johnston, second went to Ethan Vearing and Jack Dyson third.



AA Grade - Danny Bellinger, Mick Banning, Declan Wright



Juniors - Reece Fleming



AA Grade - Danny Bellinger, Mick Banning, Declan Wright



Sub Juniors - Heath Johnston, Ethan Vearing, Jack Dyson



Seniors - Tony Sellars, Chris Wright



B Grade - Michael Gates, Peter Cook

FEBRUARY SHOOT RESULTS

AA Grade	1st:	Declan Wright	76
	2nd:	Mick Banning	74
	3rd:	Danny Bellinger	74
A Grade	1st:	Bruce Parker	83
	2nd:	Bill Dyson	82
	3rd:	Warren Whitehead	80
B Grade	1st:	Peter Cook	85
	2nd:	Robin Smith	83
	3rd:	Michael Gates	83
C Grade	1st:	Zach Oakley	88
	2nd:	Luke Rainsford	85
	3rd:	Rob VanStanten	85
Seniors	1st:	Tony Sellars	79
	2nd:	Chris Wright	72
Veterans	1	Gary Dangerfield	84
	2	Graeme James	81
	3	Neville Kent	80
Ladies	1st:	Charlotte Devaud	89
	2nd:	Bec Kober	87
	3rd:	Bernie Peters	82
Juniors	1st:	Reece Fleming	81
Sub Juniors	1	Heath Johnston	87
	2	Ethan Vearing	81
	3	Jack Dyson	74



C Grade - Luke Rainsford, Zach Oakley



Veterans - Gary Dangerfield, Neville Kent

JANUARY SHOOT

71 competitors attended Lake Bonney Sporting Clays opening event for 2024. A mixture of new and returning shooters tested their skills against 75 targets sponsored by Peter & Lee Sims, Williams Crane Hire, Dave's Panel & Paint, Mount Gambier Skin Cancer Clinic.

Chris Wright took out the honours of Highgun for the day, with a score of 68/75. A grade was won by Kingston shooter Bruce Parker on 67/75, just one target behind Highgun. Second was won by visiting Ballarat shooter Sam Wilson after a count back with local Tom Weir who claimed third.

Local Warren Whitehead won a count back against Ian Vearing to take first in A grade, and Scott Fleming place third.

Another countback was needed in B grade to decide first and second, Stuart Harris claimed first and Dale Smith second, Steve Goen rounded out the top three.

C grade was won by Rob VanStanten after yet another count back, placing Ray Cadwell second and Trevor Whitehead third.

Greg Kessegian had a commanding win in the Seniors grade ahead of returning shooter Andrew Green.

First in Veterans was won by local shooter Geoff Lowe after a count back with Neville Kent, who took out second place, just one target in front of Greg Todd.

Ladies first went to Tasha Bellinger, second went to Bec Kober and third was claimed by Grace Wilson.

Juniors was won by Heath Johnston with a score of 42/75.

Jack Dyson took out first in the sub juniors grade with a score of 64/75, second went to Vinnie Baker and third to Isla Gordon.

Congratulations goes to all the volunteers, setting up and packing up a successful event to start off 2024.



Ladies - Bec Kober, Charlotte Devaud



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JANUARY SHOOT RESULTS

High Gun		Chris Wright	68/75
AA Grade	1	Bruce Parker	67/75
	2	Sam Wilson	66/75
	3	Tom Weir	66/75
A Grade	1	Warren Whitehead	63/75
	2	Ian Vearing	63/75
	3	Scott Fleming	61/75
B Grade	1	Stuart Harris	62/75
	2	Dale Smith	62/75
	3	Steve Groen	59/75
C Grade	1	Rob VanStanten	50/75
	2	Ray Cadwell	50/75
	3	Trevor Whitehead	49/75
Seniors	1	Greg Kessegian	62/75
	2	Andrew Green	38/75
Veterans	1	Geoff Lowe	66/75
	2	Neville Kent	66/75
	3	Greg Todd	65/75
Ladies	1	Tasha Bellinger	61/75
	2	Bec Kober	57/75
	3	Grace Wilson	55/75
Juniors	1	Heath Johnston	42/75
Sub Juniors	1	Jack Dyson	64/75
	2	Vinnie Baker	45/75
	3	Isla Gordon	12/75



Highgun - Chris Wright Vice President Cliff Lee



AA - Tom Weir, Sam Wilson, Bruce Parker



B - Steve Groen, Dale Smith, Stuart Harris



C - Ray Cadwell, Trevor Whitehead



Ladies - Tasha Bellinger, Bec Kober, Grace Wilson



A - Warren Whitehead, Ian Vearing, Scott Fleming



Veterans - Neville Kent



Sub Juniors - Vinnie Baker, Jack Dyson



Juniors - Heath Johnston

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SHOOT

2023 Champion of Champions shoot off which took place at Burrungule Park.

Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun Winners from the year gathered to shoot 20 Targets Old style sporting clays in front of large crowd.

The targets gradually got tougher, however Jamie Dunn performed impeccably to claim the trophy sponsored by Elders Gambier Farm Supplies shooting 20/20, two targets ahead of Jeremy Kent



Danny Bellinger, Kain Ashby, Dane Hasting (Front), Ron Rhook, Jeremy Kent, Ken Atkin, Greg Kessegian & Jamie Dunn



SEFGA President Scot Fleming with winner Jamie Dunn

AGGREGATE TROPHY

The 2023 Sporting Clays season of South East Field & Game Association Inc. concluded at The Burrungule Park Christmas event with the aggregate trophy awards for all categories



Sub Junior sponsor Peter Klieve with winner Jack Dyson



Seniors sponsor Heath Telford with winner Chris Wright



Veterans winner Neville Kent with sponsor Josh Lamond



Junior Sponsor Cameron Scheidl with winner Declan Wright



Ladies Sponsor Sonia Kent with Winner Tasha Bellinger



Open Category. President ScoN Fleming with winner Danny Bellinger, sponsored by Elders Gambier

CHRISTMAS SPORTING CLAYS 2023

The final event of the year was held on December 17th by South East Field & Game Association Inc at Burrungule Park.

107 sporting clay shooters nominated for the 50 Target event sponsored by Whitty Engineering, South East Vets, South West Freight, Elders Gambier Farm Supplies & Collins Court Butchers.

The summer weather conditions were near perfect for competitors to tackle the course set by Ken Atkin and his hard working crew.

Jacqui Doloughan and her hard working group of Ladies once again put on a magnificent Christmas dinner for the 70 members and their families after presentations.

Danny Bellinger shot 48/50 to claim the Gambier shooting Supplies High Gun and shot one possible round of 25.



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



Veterans Richard Emmerson, Ernie Scheidl & Neville Kent



Seniors Leigh Dunn, Maurice Banning & Chris Wright



A Grade Chris VonStanke Snr, Heath Telford & Romain Devaud



Ladies Nicola Dunn, Tasha Bellinger & Bernie Peters



AA Grade Gavin Dyson, Dane Hasting & Mark Fabris



B Grade Michael Gates & Mick Lamond



C Grade Zach Oakley, Al Scheidl & Charles Wallis



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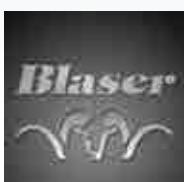
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MARCH SHOOT

There were 47 shooters at Lake Bonney Sporting Clays Fennell Forestry/ Millicent Toyota 75 target event. It was an unusually hot day with the course setters trying to ensure the stands were in the shade without impeding the shot vision.

High gun was won by Danny Bellinger, with a score of 71/75.

AA grade was taken out by Mick Banning, on 70/75 ahead of Tom Weir on 66/75.

Local shooter and Lake Bonney worker Brenton Ferguson took out the top spot with a score of 69/75, second went to Allan Cowin on 66/75 and third Warren Whitehead with 59/75.

B grade was won by Craig Smith on 64/75, Steve Groen took out second on 63/75, and local Steve Bellinger placed third on 61/75.

Luke Rainsford won C grade by 4 targets ahead of Rob VanSanten, Dan Johnston took out third on 55/75.

Tony Sellers took out the Seniors grade with a score of 59/75 and no competition.

The Veterans grade was won by Millicent Toyota sponsor Geoff Lowe with a score of 63/75, just one target ahead of Gary Dangerfield in second, and Graeme James took out third with a score of 60/75.

Local shooter Tasha Bellinger won the Ladies grade with a score of 66/75, Bec Kober took out second scoring 59/75, and Bernie Peters rounded out the top three with a score of 57/75.

Heath Johnston was the only Sub Junior at the event, with a excellent score of 58/75.

It was great to see quite a few new visitors to the gun club including a few from Queensland.

Congratulations to all the volunteers who worked through the heat to run another successful event.



Seniors Tony Sellers



Juniors Heath Johnston with Geoff Lowe



B Craig Smith, Steve Bellinger



Aa Tom Weir, Mick Banning



C Luke Rainsford, Dan Johnston



Highgun Danny Bellinger w Geoff Lowe



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LAANG SPORTING CLAYS

VSCA COMPAK SERIES FINALE

Laang Sporting Clays was the venue be at for the conclusion of the VSCA Compak series.

The series had its challenges over the last calendar year but all was forgotten with the host club combining the finale with the last event of the calendar year.

Four Compak layouts were set up, each with very challenging, but all very shootable.

The VSCA would like to congratulate John Kanellos on being the Compak Series Champion of 2023.

The VSCA would like to congratulate all those winners and thank all those that competed at the series across the year.

The 2024 series will begin mid-year with the finale back at Laang Sporting Clays.

As the old saying goes, you have to be in it, to win it!

Matthew Munroe

VSCA Sporting Clays Association'



VSCA COMPAK FINAL - LAANG DECEMBER 2023

AA Grade	1st:	John Kanellos
	2nd:	Frank Vella
	3rd:	Bill Zogogiannis
A Grade	1st:	Dan Blackley
B Grade	1st:	Matthew Munroe
	2nd:	Paul Studham
C Grade	1st:	Brendan Goodman
Seniors	1st:	Colin Johns
Veterans	1st:	Nigel Montgomery
Ladies	1st:	Michelle Marriot
Juniors	1st:	Ben Studham

GEELONG SPORTING CLAYS

VICTORIAN OLD STYLE FITASC CHAMPIONSHIPS

On January 20th the popular Victorian Old Style FITASC Championships were conducted.

It was 100 targets over four Old Style Parcours Layouts. Six traps were placed on each of the Parcours to give maximum variety.

The two large towers where in play plus our new battery operated 45 foot tower.

The event run exceptionally well with a full field and visitors from both Adelaide and Sydney.

Targets were challenging as is expected at this event and all Grades and Categories shot to their Grade.

The State Champion was Bill Zogogiannis and 2nd and 3rd places was a shoot-off with Frank Vella Colin Johns and John Younger.

John once again showed his skills had not diminished and shot all of the 4 difficult doubles presented, as he could win only one prize he was named as the Senior Champion, Frank was promoted to 2nd and Colin 3rd in the Open classification.

Winners were :-

VICTORIAN OLD STYLE FITASC CHAMPIONSHIPS

AA Grade	1st:	Bill Gogogiannis	89/100
	2nd:	Frank Vella	88/100
	3rd:	Colin Johns	88/100
A Grade	1st:	Brendan Gonzales	84/100
	2nd:	Craig Hobbs	84/100
	3rd:	John Panagiotou	82/100
B Grade	1st:	Nick Verhaar	78/100
	2nd:	Tim Faulkner	77/100
	3rd:	Rod Laidlaw	76/100
C Grade	1st:	Steve Raven	63/100
	2nd:	Paul Smidt	62/100
Seniors	1st:	John Younger	88/100
Veterans	1st:	Eddie Magee	80/100
Ladies	1st:	Nicole Hope	63/100
Juniors	1st:	Nate Palubiski	83/100

VICTORIAN STATE UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2024

Since our last update in December 2023 the calendar has been busy. We have run three State selection shoots so far this year – Laang, Timboon, and Westernport. The VSCA team are bringing the scoring spreadsheets up to date and will circulate progress results very soon.

Participation at the shoots has been a little sporadic – we believe this is largely due to school holiday periods and families taking their end of year breaks. We hope to see increasing numbers of shooters as the year continues.

The Timboon Field and Game club is finalising their application to affiliate with SCA, and we expect to be able to welcome them to the association shortly.

We had previously advised that Victoria would be hosting two National competitions in 2024. The English Sporting Pairs Titles to be held at Laang and the Sporting National Titles to be held at Geelong. Unfortunately, Geelong Sporting Clays has run into problems with the permitting for the property that they rent as shooting ground. After receiving a complaint, the local council has imposed both space and time restrictions on the club. As a result, Geelong Sporting Clays cannot host the Sporting Nationals event.

There is a shortage of clubs available in Victoria capable of running a national event. We have found a solution by using two grounds within 20 minutes driving time of each other. The Sporting Nationals will now be held at Laang and Timboon clubs. The competition will be run over 4 days – 50 targets per day shot in the mornings with shooters to alternate grounds. The dates are 21 – 24th November 2024 inclusive.

The decision to shoot over 4 days was made to allow the maximum number of shooters to participate. As we saw with the recent Grand Prix and Oceania nominations – spaces book out very quickly when only limited numbers are available. We are working to attract as many interstate shooters as we can.

We are still planning the event and are considering a number side events to be conducted in the afternoons. We will advise members as soon as plans are finalised so they can plan their accommodation and so forth. Shooters will have the option of using the afternoons for family activities in the nearby tourist areas or to shoot a side event as they choose.

The 2024 VSCA shoot calendar is being updated currently for these changes. The English Sporting Pairs Nationals will also be relocated as a result. We expect further news on this after the National / State Target Directors Meeting next week.

VSCA is 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.

Best wishes to everyone for the upcoming Easter break.

Nigel Montgomery

President, VSCA

VSCA SHOOT STATISTICS

With the completion of 2023 its timely to have a look at some shoot statistics for last year.

Year	All rounds shot	SCA members only
2022	17260	13051
2023	13288	10191

The overall number of rounds shot in 2023 were slightly down on 2022. The main reasons for this were the loss of Little River SC as a member in 2023 and also the Oceania being in Victoria at Shepparton in 2022

SCA Member Category	2022 Score	2023 Score
Open	19.3	18.8
Sen	18.9	18.5
Vet	18.2	17.6
Master	16.5	16.5
Lady	16.5	16.1
Jun	18.5	18.7
SubJun	15.4	15.1
Overall	18.5	18.1

In relation to the scores shot, results were slightly lower than in 2022.

The only improvement was a small one, in the Jun category.

We will need to do a bit more work to try and understand what is behind this change as ideally, we should be improving. That clearly didn't happen last year.

SCA Member Grade	2022 Score	2023 Score
AA	21.2	21.0
A	19.1	18.8
B	17.2	16.9
C	14.1	13.7
Overall	18.5	18.1



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The picturesque setting provided the backdrop for an action-packed weekend, bringing together five enthusiastic kids, four dedicated parents, and five experienced coaches. As if the excitement of the shooting activities weren't enough, the sizzling summer temperatures turned the event into a unique and unforgettable event.

The main focus of the camp was, of course, the shooting, with DTL, Skeet, Continental, Tower and Sporting Clays on offer, our junior shooters showcased their skills under the guidance of seasoned coaches. The event aimed not only to introduce young participants to the world of clay target shooting, but to also encourage parents to join in and emphasize safety, responsibility, and sportsmanship.

DVFG is known for its commitment to fostering a positive shooting culture, and striving to better shooters within the state., this event allowed participants to try their hand at various shooting disciplines, with a number of different coaches to see that there certainly is more than one way to break a clay!



Adding a unique twist to the weekend, participants and their families camped out on the grounds on Saturday night. To beat the summer heat, a water fight broke out, turning the campsite into a temporary water war ground! It was a welcome relief for everyone.

The involvement of parents and coaches played a crucial role in the success of the Junior Camp. While the young marksmen honed their skills, parents actively participated in various activities and workshops designed to foster a deeper understanding of shooting sports. Coaches, with their wealth of experience, provided valuable



insights and guidance, ensuring a positive and educational experience for all involved.

The Camp was not just about hitting targets. The event aimed to instill important life skills such as discipline, concentration, and teamwork. Oh, and trash talk!

Sunday afternoon saw 'The Challenge' unfold. Boys vs Girls in an all inclusive competition with kids, parents and coaches all getting involved.

After the DTL, Skeet and Tower legs it all came down to the Sporting Clays with either team still in the running for the title.

With the coaches showing that anyone is capable of a bad day out, the boys took the victory!

Once again, our Junior Camp proved to be a resounding success. With the perfect blend of education, fun, and camaraderie.

Derwent Valley Field & Game would like to give special mention to Andrew Wratten, our own club member for taking the time to come along and offer his expertise, and to Amelia Burford and Brady Nash from AnB Ammo who are members of SCA club Northern Midlands, they are always the first to put their hand up to support all that our club does in the attempt to grow our fabulous sport within the state.

Looking forward to seeing this event grow even further in the years to come.

SPORTING CLAYS IN TASMANIA

Sporting clays in Tasmania this year has been quite steady across the three clubs; Derwent Valley Field and Game (DVFG) in the south, Northern Midlands Sporting Clays (NMSC) near Launceston and Penguin Clay Target Club (PCTC) on the North West Coast.

The Tasmanian Field and Game Association (TFGA) managed to send a 7-person state team to the Gunnedah Nationals in September 2023 for first time in several years. The team as a whole certainly didn't disappoint with Amelia Burford and Paul Rigby in respective Ladies and Senior's categories doing well.

Whilst our TFGA numbers are quite small at 192 by comparison to other states, participation is consistently strong each weekend; more so in the north where the bulk of the membership resides. DVFG have been focusing on junior and women recruitment, and ran a specific 'Ladies coaching day', which was well attended. DVFG are certainly having a crack at growing the sport, particularly in the south where numbers are a little thin.

NMSC, which is situated on a working farm now face some challenges with the land owner requesting the use of non-toxic shot around mid-year. In the circumstances the request isn't unreasonable, and the club is most grateful for having had access to such an exceptional sporting clays facility over the past 20 years. However, as most would know, using non-toxic shot in the sporting clays environment at this stage is not preferred and presents both challenges and opportunities as well.

A new NMSC Board comprising Andrew Lockett - President, Jason Towns and Nick Brown - Vice Presidents, Brett Smith - Secretary/Treasurer and Gary Harper and Brendan Hill - Directors, took the reins at the most recent club AGM. They have quite a bumpy road ahead to ensure all of the procedural boxes are ticked in the non-toxic changeover and more importantly, examining options to keep participation rates strong so the club and sporting clays generally in the State can continue to move forward. More to come on that front.

We also have some new faces on the TFGA Board as well. Gary Harper continues on as State President as does Matthew Baldock in the Vice President role. We welcome Ann Hird as our new State Secretary, Mathew Crawford as Coaching Director and Brett Smith as Clay Target Director. One of our stalwarts Graeme Witchard, once again signed up for the Treasurers role.

It's great to see some new faces on respective state and club management teams. Attracting new administrators isn't always easy, yet we are pleased new people were prepared to step up and volunteer their time to support our sport and the membership. There is a particularly strong feel around the clubs with the new appointments and we wish them well going forward.

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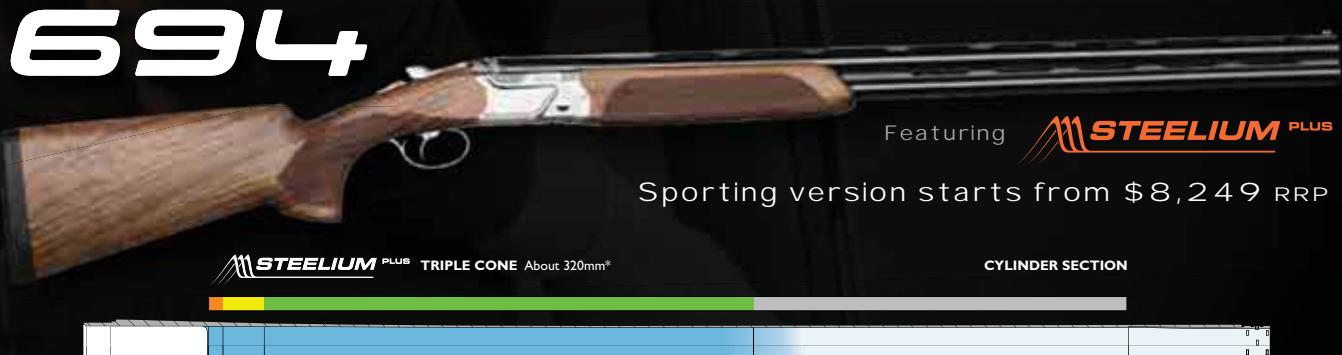
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