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## PRESIDENTS REPORT JULY 2024

### Presidents Report July 2024

It's been a busy few months.

Firstly, since the last letter we have had a very successful Fitasc Grand Prix held at Brisbane Sporting Clays, a huge thank you to John English and his band of helpers in the background, without these people men and ladies this sport would fold.

Next on the list was the Fitasc Oceania held at Mudgee Sporting Clays and once again Ross Christian and his support crew hosted a fantastic event, and it was pleasing to see some Kiwis come across the trench to compete in this event, could have been more but with the Worlds only a couple of months away numbers were restricted. I acknowledge the targets were on the hard side of the equation, as the statistics have shown and we are very mindful of the fact that we are not only catering for the top shooters, but we need to make it equitable for the A, B and C graders who are paying the lion's share of nominations.

We had a large contingent of Australians who made the trip to The Worlds Championship in America, and they performed admirably. Congratulations to all in the team and thanks for all the other Australians who travelled. Team members looked great this year in new vests provided for in partnership between SCA and our dedicated partner Castellani.

Coming up we have the National Compac Titles to be held at Western Australian Gun Club on the 28th and 29th of September.

The English Sporting is next off the mark to be held at Geelong on the weekend of 19th and 20th of October.

The big one the Nationals is as you are now aware to be held between Laang and Timboon clubs from the 21st to the 24th of November. Because running this event over the 4 days we have the ability to include many more shooters in the event, so no SCA member should miss out if they want to nominate for the event.

The board have agreed that SCA will absorb the Nominations of all Sub Junior SCA members who wish to Nominate for the event.

The Constitution reform committee have with the approval of the board, engaged a company to assist us in rewriting the Associations Constitution and we will have a draft out soon to allow input from the wider membership.

As you can see there is still a huge amount of shooting to be had in the 2nd half of the year so oil the gun and get into it.

See you around the traps.

Ian Grant

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## SCA Insurance Update – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### **Un-Registered Range Vehicle Use**

The SCA Unregistered Vehicle use for our Shooting Ranges has been updated as from 7th July 2024 and were sent out to all State Secretaries with a new sign off form to all members who use Buggies & other Unregistered range Vehicles to get around the Shooting Stands. As a brief history the Unregistered Vehicle use was originally only for range set up vehicles which were usually unregistered & did not go out of the shooting range on to the National Road system where all Vehicles must be registered for use. Gone are the days where members used to walk around the Shooting Grounds, now days we have an ever-expanding range use by the membership to use their own mode of Transport to move around the Shooting Stands. This Insurance cover is only for "Un-Registered" vehicles. If members are using their own Road registered vehicles on the ranges this Insurance will not cover you, you will have to provide your own for this purpose.

The main take out of the Insurance review is this. If any Vehicle is fitted with Seat Belts as part of the Vehicle Approval/Engineering compliance for Australian use, **these seat belts must be worn**. You cannot get away with removing these seat belts as they have been fitted as part of their compliance for use. Most Golf Buggies are not fitted or have any engineering compliance certificates for their use. These vehicles do not require seat belts to be worn.

The easiest way for this is to read your user manual supplied with the Vehicle. If they mention any form of safety gear to use, you must apply their advice & use it. Failure to do this could leave you without Insurance cover in case of an accident. **If SCA members do not like the SCA Vehicle Insurance conditions they are free to take out their own Insurance Cover.**

This Insurance cover is only for SCA Members. If we have Visitors coming to shoot your Competitions they are not covered under our insurance. **This Insurance is only available to SCA MEMBERS. Visitors if they use their vehicles must provide their own Insurance & Clubs must ensure compliance.**

After all, where is the membership benefit. You pay for this service in your capitation. If your visitors complain about this condition, please remind them they are a visitor, membership covers this benefit. If Visitors do not like this, they have 4 options- 1) Become a member. - 2) Walk – 3) Provide their own Insurance. - 4) Do not attend the event.

Make Sure you sign off on the Unregistered Vehicle form at your Club before you go out onto the Range

### **SCA Directors Liability Insurance Addition (State & Club)**

Another benefit of being a member Body & Club of SCA is this additional cover. All SCA State & Club Board/ Committees are now covered under the SCA Directors Insurance. This Insurance cover is for the wellbeing of our volunteers who take on roles in our various positions in the Association & through no fault of their own find themselves being threatened with a legal action. No one who takes on a role in our Association should have to fund something like this themselves & find themselves out of pocket due to this type of action. This cover does not hold for Committees to take out legal action, it is only for defence purposes,

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# HUDSON, WI JUNE 27-30 WORLD SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024



A return to the USA for the 2024 FITASC World Sporting Championships to a new ground - Game Unlimited - Hudson - Wisconsin - USA. The last event in the USA was in November 2020 but unfortunately due to the Covid years no one from Australia could attend due to the lockdowns.

The Club was set on 1000 acres & as usual for the USA the FITASC World Championships were just a part of the other events in play. Everything on offer from various courses of Super Sporting, English Sporting & Compak were being run at the same time. Competitors were able to select afternoon or morning sessions to roll from one event to another.

Top that off with referees at each station (for all events in play) along with the traps & release gear required, you get a feel for the logistics to organise & run the events in the USA. A major task & credit the Game Unlimited team it flowed seamlessly. That is the bonus of running the sport as a business, rather than as volunteers.

The opening Ceremony for the event was held at the Community Park by the Hudson River in Hudson. This year it was not the usual hot & humid affair as previous Championships & it was made more of a social affair as the canapes were made available from 4:30pm when people were assembling rather than after the opening ceremony in previous years.

The opening ceremony was also one of the quickest & we were on our way back to our hotels by 7:00pm after collecting our start times & Bib numbers. This was a great initiative as it was not the usual scrum to get away.



SCA 2024 National Team Flag Bearer – Charlie Hudson.

The traffic also in & back out was very easy & no traffic jams to speak of. Usually, you are fighting your way out at 9:00pm which is not a good start if you are in the first wave out in the first morning of competition. One of the main reasons we put the team into the afternoon session for the first day.

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





**Veterans** – Ron Rhook – Eddie Magee – Phil Stowe, **Senior** – John Younger – Leigh Dunn – Terry Preston, **Juniors** - Benjamin Studham - Nate Palubiski - Nicholas Brighenti, **Ladies** - Bianca Norris - Emalene Munro – Charlie Hudson, **Open** – Jack Gibbs - Chris Brown – Robert Hall - Adam Shale



## DAY ONE

The team on the Afternoon shift for the first day of Competition. The First day is a settle down day although scores need to be up in the 20's to set the bench mark. With the calibre of Competitors these days it is par for the course. The first day of competition was perfect weather for everyone with Sunshine, high fluffy Clouds & a slight breeze. The SCA Team Scores are up on 2023 for all categories. The Competition seems to be a little kinder than Hungary

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY ONE		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	6th	172/200
Juniors	6th	115/150
Ladies	5th	109/150
Seniors	6th	127/150
Veterans	4th	113/150

1ST POSITION TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY ONE		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	SPAIN	184/200
Juniors	FRANCE	138/150
Ladies	USA	128/150
Seniors	ITALY	136/150
Veterans	USA	129/150

## DAY TWO

Teams out in the morning session for day two. Open the curtains for the start of the day & rain Clouds have rolled in. Although come start times the rain stopped but the Grey Clouds remained. The Tracks leading out to the Grounds started to turn into a quagmire of mud & slop with the mount of buggies & Carts rolling up and down the tracks. One poor crew from New Zealand ended up in the lake Weather perfect sunshine with the expected heat & humidity. After a disappointing day One, most of the Teams had a better day. After some TLC by the ground crews the Parcours started to finish earlier although the Krieghoff ground is still having timing issues

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY ONE		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	5th	349/400
Juniors	5th	239/300
Ladies	5th	230/300
Seniors	6th	241/300
Veterans	4TH	219/300

1ST TEAM POSITION TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY TWO		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	USA	370/400
Juniors	FRANCE	276/300
Ladies	USA	259/300
Seniors	ITALY	266/300
Veterans	USA	241/300



# DAY THREE

Teams on for the Afternoon session for day three. The Targets are technical 3D with swirls & curls. Some clever Sim pairs put together making you really concentrate on one target & not allow yourself to get distracted & end up shooting between them.

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY THREE		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	5th	516/600
Juniors	5th	361/450
Ladies	5th	349/450
Seniors	6th	359/450
Veterans	4th	329/450

1ST TEAM POSITION RESULTS AFTER DAY THREE		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	USA	550/600
Juniors	FRANCE	411/450
Ladies	USA	390/450
Seniors	USA	398/450
Veterans	FRANCE	364/450



# DAY FOUR

Final day Four & the Teams are back to a morning rotation for the last final push. The Layouts all varied although the courses set out over crops were flat(ish). Targets just out in the open sky with no trees or landmarks to read distance by, which made it interesting

SCA TEAM RESULTS AFTER DAY FOUR		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	9th	687/800
Juniors	7th	483/600
Ladies	4th	461/600
Seniors	6th	484/600
Veterans	4th	445/600

1ST TEAM POSITION RESULTS AFTER DAY FOUR		
Team	Position	Combined Score
Open	USA	736/800
Juniors	FRANCE	541/600
Ladies	USA	513/600
Seniors	ITALY	529/600
Veterans	FRANCE	488/600

Take away from the Event – How did it compare to last year in Hungary?

Each Shooting ground had it's differences between them. Some under your feet over tree lines. The grounds were set by Jamie Peckham from the UK & the result was a great set of targets. Jamie used the grounds to the best of his ability. Each ground had its "Out there" target (Some had a couple of those) and the most distance target would have to be the Yellow "A" target on peg 3 of Krieghoff.

I only observed one of these "A" targets hit out of 4 squads that went through. They had a fair number of these hard targets in the Doubles as well, which was a drift away from the FITASC recommendations. Still this event was kinder than the grounds in Hungary & the day-by-day Team scores reflect this with the tallies up as the below final day Team scores from Hungary show.





## FINAL WINNING TEAM RESULTS – HUNGARY 2023

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

No SCA Team or Individual medals from the main 2024 FITASC event, Australia did have success in the final of the Beretta World Cup. The totals that make this event up for Australia are – Grand Prix – Oceania – World Championships. This is the same for the rest of the World Although for Europe they would use the European Championships in place of the Oceania event for our region.

The FITASC World Titles in Hudson USA was one of the better events conducted. Traps all ran to time along with shooting stations & rotations. No hold ups, if anything they generally ran ahead of time. Plenty of variation with distance, close, speed angle & the 3D element of swirls & curls.

Someone mentioned the low scores by attending members was down to us not Shooting harder targets? Everyone knows the hard target is the one you miss.

Shooting harder targets is a broad approach & from my observations we have tended to drift away from technical targets (3D) to hard and fast with flat angles (2D, no swirls & curls).

The final Statistics below show the percentages & how many straights recorded from each Parcour.

As usual when we go overseas, we repeat back home what we receive at the world Championships that year. Is that the best way? We are always replicating what we have received but come the next year the goal posts have moved again. In other words, we are in theory a year behind with the rest of the World. What is the answer? Maybe a good mixture of targets rather than the "Harder" option.

With that option considered to be at distance with speed. Ask anyone who shot the event. It was not the distance targets that caused the problem. Maybe its Time to relearn & start leading our own way again instead of following a year behind.

Looking forward, the 2025 FITASC World Title Event next year will be in Cyprus at Kornos Village - 24th July 2025 to 27th July 2025. The FITASC World Titles have been in Cyprus before, back in 2008.

A good ground from memory & worth a visit.

Start planning & saving!



## 2024 STATISTICS FROM THE PARCOURS AT GAME UNLIMITED – HUDSON - USA

Line 1 – BERETTA - Average Score = 17.6 /25 | Average % = 70.6% | Number of 25 straights shot = 2

Line 2 – KRIEGHOFF - Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 68.3% | Number of 25 straights shot = 1

Line 3 - FEDERAL - Average Score = 18.7/25 | Average % = 74.5% | Number of 25 straights shot = 7

Line 4 - PROMATIC - Average Score = 17.5/25 | Average % = 70.2% | Number of 25 straights shot = 5

Line 5 - GAMEBORE - Average Score =18.6/25 | Average % = 74.3% | Number of 25 straights shot = 18

Line 6 - FIOCCHI - Average Score = 18/25 | Average % = 72% | Number of 25 straights shot = 13

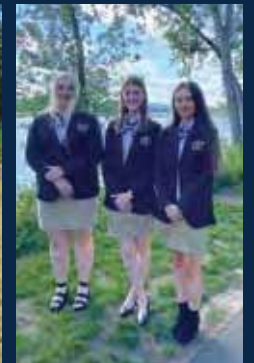
Line 7 – WINCHESTER - Average Score = 17.9/25 | Average % = 71.8% | Number of 25 straights shot = 6

Line 8 – B&P - Average Score = 17/25 | Average % = 69.5% | Number of 25 straights shot = 5













## MICHAEL & SIMONE LUCAS – JUNIOR BURSEY REPORT

### BY CHRIS CHRISTENSEN

What an experience! To be gifted the opportunity to travel overseas to a place like America for the first time in itself was nothing short of amazing. However, to be able to tie it with something I love doing is a whole new level. The first week was spent just out of Chicago, shooting at Northbrook Sports Club for the North American Championships. I was pleasantly surprised with my shooting at this competition. However it was short lived as the following week in Wisconsin for the FITASC Worlds, the targets definitely got the better of me.

The variety and target representation however were awesome. The targets thrown at every pad managed to be easy and hard at the same time, making for a very challenging but enjoyable shoot. Another thing that caught my eye was the carnival like atmosphere of these events. Throughout the entire competition there were side events running, so if you wanted to spice things up, you could go shoot a round of clay pigeon snooker or English sporting and so much more. Definitely something I'd say every shooter back home would enjoy.

I'd like to finish off with a BIG thank you to the 5 people that made the trip of a lifetime possible. Firstly, the two people who have been so giving to not only myself, but everyone else they know, Micheal and Simone Lucas. From my early stage of shooting, they have always been the friendliest pair on the range. Whether it's Micheal letting someone who's never shot a gun before, have a crack with his 1 of 1 Krieghoff 'Terra Australis' or Simone performing thousands of dollars' worth of shoulder and neck adjustments to us

tense shooters... for free! It is really clear how they quickly got the range nicknames "Mum & Dad". And as if all these things they do was not enough, last year "Mum & Dad" announced their "QLD Junior Bursary".

This bursary was a clash for a whopping \$5000 (plus Competition entry) to go towards sending one of Queensland's junior shooters to the worlds. This ran over several competitions all around Queensland taking a lot of us junior shooters to clubs we didn't even know existed. I was lucky enough to be the narrow winner of this competition, and thanks to "Mum & Dad", I packed my things – gun included – and shipped off to 'the land of the free' for 2 weeks to go shooting! I cannot thank them enough. 2 other people I'd like to thank who I probably don't thank enough, are my sponsors, or in other words my parents.

Without aid from the bank of my actual Mum and Dad, it would not have happened. Special credit to my Mum who organised the entire trip from flights down to the firearm permits. I'd lastly like to thank Glen Rider for his help getting our guns overseas, but also for all the work he does for the sport. These people as-well as many others not mentioned made the whole experience one I will never forget.





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# OCEANIA FITASC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

# 2024

## 26 - 28 April at Mudgee Sporting Clays NSW



The 2024 FITASC Oceania championships were held at Mudgee, NSW on the ANZAC long weekend at the end of April. The Mudgee team pulled out all of the stops to put on an excellent 3 day event. It was evident from the outset the club had put in a huge amount of effort to make the weekend a success. The grounds were groomed to perfection and the varied terrain that is on offer at the range was utilised extremely well with some new territory opened up.

The opening ceremony took place on Thursday afternoon with the Australin team lining up with the NEW Zealanders and the New Caledonians. The New Zealanders were well represented and were dressed to impress with the Aussies also looking sharp in their uniforms.

The weather was picture perfect over the 3 days barring a thick fog on Sunday morning which saw the start time delayed by one hour until it cleared, and shooting could get underway.

The targets as should be expected at this level were challenging, but fair, all there to be hit some more elusive than others. This was reflected by the fact that only 2 x possibles were shot over the 3 days. Well done to Danny Randazzo and Jeremy Kent.

At the wrap of the programmed targets, shoot offs were required for second place in open between Adam Green and Jeremy Kent, won by Adam. First pace in Ladies

between Emalene Munro and Bianca Norris, won by Emalene and second place in Masters Gordon MacPhee and Sid Guglielmino which Gordon took out as Sid had left the grounds.

Congratulations to John Younger, showing good form to take out the championship with a well shot 177/200

Individual results – winners.

### Open

1st John Younger	177/200
2nd Adam Green	176/200
3rd Jeremy Kent	176/200 (after shoot-off)
4th Blake Nankervis	174/200
5th Cameron Kivinen	171/200
6th Robert Hall	169/200
7th Peter Goodwin	167/200





<b>Senior</b>	1st Glen Graham	151/200
<b>Veteran</b>	1st Ron Rhook	149/200
<b>Master</b>	1st Darryl Groundwater	142/200
<b>Ladies</b>	1st Emalene Munro	146/200
	2nd Bianca Norris	146/200 (after shoot-off)
<b>Juniors</b>	1st Nate Palubiski	160/200
<b>A Grade</b>	1st Troy Passarin	160/200
<b>B Grade</b>	1st Aaron Brooks	148/200
<b>C Grade</b>	1st Giovanni Araco	102/200

<b>Australia Open</b>	665
<b>N.Z. Seniors</b>	490
<b>Australian Seniors</b>	446
<b>Australian Ladies</b>	430
<b>Australian veterans</b>	413
<b>N.Z. Veterans</b>	370
<b>Australian Juniors</b>	411
<b>N.Z. Juniors</b>	334





# BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS

## BY "SHELLSHOCKED"

On Sunday 5 May the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Handicap Championship shoot. The shoot was generously sponsored by the Sitting Ducks, a generous group of local members. The weather was cool and mostly overcast, which made it difficult to see some targets, but was otherwise good for shooting. Organisers were pleased with a very good attendance of 30 shooters, including welcome support from the Sunraysia club.

The range was set by Josh and his team of hard workers who did an excellent job to present a good selection of targets that made for interesting and enjoyable shooting. Some of the targets were quite challenging but the overall degree of difficulty was just about right with good scores shot in all grades.

The best score off the gun was an excellent total of 67 that was shot by Travis Casey who won the High Gun Medal with a comfortable lead at the finish. Other shooters who shot well were Adrian Locke and Brett Howe who both shot a handicap total of 80, the highest handicap total for the shoot, to win 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 the Sitting Ducks 75 Target Simulated Field Handicap Championship, (left to right), Brett Howe (B Grade), Travis Casey (High Gun), Adrian Locke (A Grade), Saxon Locke (Juniors) and Glenn Kester (C Grade).



RESULTS			
High Gun		Travis Casey	67
A Grade	1st:	Adrian Locke	80
	2nd:	Leigh Norton	76
	3rd:	Rod Weaver	74
B Grade	1st:	Brett Howe	80
	2nd:	Malcolm McEvoy	77
	3rd:	Kym Files	75
C Grade	1st:	Glenn Kester	79
	2nd:	Jason Butcher	79
	3rd:	Grant Boylen	78
Juniors	1st:	Saxon Locke	72
	2nd:	Lincoln Casey	64

On Saturday 1 June, the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted the Lawrence Family 75 Target Side by Side Handicap Championship shoot. This very popular annual event allows the old double barrel guns out of the gun safe for a run around the range. The shoot is generously sponsored by club members Steve, Craig and Calan Lawrence.

The day was clear and cool and very good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with the attendance of 38 shooters which included much appreciated support from the Sunraysia and Milparinka clubs.

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

The best off gun score for the event was a very good total of 67/75 that was shot by Sunraysia visitor Bill Chapman who finished just far enough ahead of his rivals to win a well deserved High Gun Sash. David Edwards shot an excellent handicap score of 89 which was good enough to win the Handicap High Gun sash.

### RESULTS

High Gun		Bill Chapman	67
Hcap High Gun	1st:	David Edwards	89
	2nd:	Calan Lawrence	86
	3rd:	Peter Hoare	85
	4th:	Kellie Richardson	85
	5th:	Mark Phillips	82
	6th:	Murray Barker	80



High Gun winners of the Lawrence Family 75 Target Side by Side Handicap Championship, (left to right), Craig Lawrence (Sponsor), Bill Chapman (High Gun), David Edwards (Handicap High Gun) and Calan Lawrence (Sponsor).





On Sunday 2 June, the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Championship shoot. The shoot was held in celebration of the 50 year anniversary of the Field and Game in Broken Hill, 50 successful and enjoyable years and not finished yet.

The shoot was sponsored by club members Bernard Clogg and Brian Hoare. The day was cool and clear and conditions were good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with the attendance of 45 shooters which included much appreciated support from the Sunraysia and Milparinka clubs.

The range was set by our visiting Sunraysia shooters and offered some different, some longer and some difficult, but always enjoyable targets. The degree of difficulty was just about spot on and the best shooters in all grades recorded some very good totals.

The best off gun score for the shoot was a very good total of 67/75 that was shot by Sunraysia shooter Leigh Norton, a regular visitor to, and member at Broken Hill. Leigh finished just that one vital shot ahead of the field to win the High Gun medal.

Grade winners of the 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship, (left to right), Kellie Richardson (Ladies), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Jarrod Leerson (A Grade), George Harrison (C Grade), Mark Phillips (B Grade), Leigh Norton (High Gun) and Brian McGaffin (AA grade).

On Saturday 6 July the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 100 target Compak clay target championship shoot. The shoot was generously sponsored by Cilla Mahoney, a valued member and contributor at the club. The weather was very cold and windy, but also clear and sunny and not too bad for shooting clay targets. Given that the shoot was rescheduled at short notice to avoid the heavy rain forecast for Sunday organisers were pleased with an attendance of about 20 shooters.

This was the club's first attempt at a Compak shoot and a cast of thousands came to the fore and set two excellent ranges that provided great variety and a bucket load of fun for the shooters. The targets were closer and the degree of difficulty a tad easier than at a regular sporting clays shoot and good scores were recorded in all grades. Gerard Mahoney, Travis Casey and Rodney Hastwell all shot a perfect 25/25 in one of their four rounds of shooting.

The best score off the gun was a very good total of 93 that was shot by Gerard Mahoney who won the High Gun Medal and first place in AA grade, by just a single shot at the finish.

Grade winners of the 100 target Cilla Mahoney Compak Championship, (left to right), Lincoln Casey (Juniors), Gerard Mahoney (High Gun and AA Grade) and Clay Johnston (A Grade).



## RESULTS

High Gun		Leigh Norton	67
AA Grade	1st:	Brian McGaffin	66
	2nd:	Greg McSwain	66
	3rd:	Craig Scheele	65
A Grade	1st:	Jarrod Leerson	61
	2nd:	Brian Casey	60
	3rd:	Gerard Mahoney	59
B Grade	1st:	Mark Phillips	57
	2nd:	Allan Cowin	53
	3rd:	Josh Edgecumbe	52
C Grade	1st:	George Harrison	48
	2nd:	David Edwards	40
	3rd:	Jason Butcher	38
Ladies	1st:	Kellie Richardson	43
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	58
	2nd:	Saxon Locke	34

## RESULTS

High Gun		Gerard Mahoney	93
AA Grade	1st:	Gerard Mahoney	93
	2nd:	Travis Casey	92
A Grade	1st:	Clay Johnston	86
	2nd:	Greg McSwain	86
	3rd:	Brian Casey	85
B Grade	1st:	Ian Featherston	76
	2nd:	Peter Hoare	73
	3rd:	Josh Edgecumbe	71
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	84



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Saturday 8th of June Coffs Harbour hosted the State Selection Shoot No. 5. Unusually for Coffs Harbour, competitors were greeted with clear sunny skies in lieu of gumboots.

57 Competitors took up the challenge. The targets set by Dean Short, and his team were rated - testing. Warren Thorpe showed composure to put together a good score of 86/100 to take out High Gun followed by Jed Leadbitter, Matt Duncan, and Charlie North.

Thanks to Outdoor Trading Company for their continued support.

On Sunday the 9th of June competitors accepted the B.N.A. Buses sponsored Sporting Challenge.

When business got underway it was the lovable larrikin Frank Araco who held his nerve to finish High Gun with a credible 64/75, followed closely by Angelo Salamon 2 targets behind, Charlie North, Jason Solomons and Warren Thorpe all 3 targets behind.

Our club thanks B.N.A. Buses for their continued support of our club events.

Overall, the weekend event ran particularly smoothly with competitor feedback positive.

The negative being competitor numbers were down on previous years with six competitors withdrawing on the Thursday creating more work for the Office Staff with re-squadding and refunds.

**Frank Maione**

President



Warren Thorpe & Vice President Dean Short.

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# COOMA SPORTING CLAYS

## WINTER AT AUSTRALIA'S HIGHEST ALTITUDE SPORTING CLAYS RANGE.

### McMahons Dirty 100 (100t Sporting)

#### Sponsored by McMahons Earthmoving

We were blessed with some glorious late Autumn weather for our May Sporting Clays shoot today. Adam and Andrew set a good mix of targets across a range of distance and technical difficulty. Everyone enjoyed the challenge and some good scores were shot. It was great to see a good contingent from Bermagui who got a great warm up for their first competition back after the bushfire.

A highlight of the day was the performance of Jake Blyth who having only just turned 12 shot an awesome 54/100 at his first competition.

RESULTS			
High Gun		Doug Alcock	83
A Grade	1st	Rob Shaw	77
	2nd	Craig Field	76
	3rd	Jacob Wade	76
B Grade	1st	John Sankey	74
	2nd	Geoff Taylor	72
	3rd	Steve McIntyre	71
C Grade	1st	Adam Mower	79
	2nd	Andrew Fairfield-Smith	73
	3rd	Geoff Ingram	60
Ladies	1st	Jan Redman	63
	2nd	Penny Irvin	52
	3rd	Robin Perkins	48
Juniors	1st	Montana Schofield	62
	2nd	Jake Blyth	54



### Cooma Sporting Clays Winter Cup (100t Handicap)

The CSC Winter Cup proved to be aptly named with a blast of frosty air delivered fresh from Antarctica. Flurries of tiny snow flakes greeted the range setters as they uncovered traps in preparation for the days shooting. And 28 hardy souls braved the conditions. A range of tricky targets tested the competitors and along with fickle winds this saw the average score for the day slightly sub par at 95. At the end of the day club President Andrew Fairfield-Smith, AKA "The Sheriff", took off his badge and turned outlaw to burgle the big prize by taking out the high gun for the day on a score of 111. Well shot under trying conditions. Top scores in the grades were Doug Alcock in A grade (101), Charles Fairfield-Smith in B Grade (106) and Shaun Rowling in C grade (109). Lady winner was Jan Redman from Bermagui (97) and the top Junior was Montana Schofield (95).



RESULTS			
High Gun		Andrew Fairfield-Smith	111
A Grade	1st	Doug Alcock	101
	2nd	Mark Gshwend	98
	3rd	Rob Shaw	97
B Grade	1st	Charles Fairfield Smith	106
	2nd	John Sankey	105
	3rd	Russel Rowling	98
C Grade	1st	Shaun Rowling	109
	2nd	Adam Mower	106
	3rd	Geoff Ingram	104
Ladies	1st	Jan Redman	97
	2nd	Jesse Kelly	93
Juniors	1st	Montana Schofield	95
	2nd	Jake Povey	88





Tweed Cup (100t English Sporting)  
Sponsored by Wild Brumby Schnapps Distillery

After awful weather involving driven snow during the set up, the Gods decided to smile and gave us a bluebird day with boasting a gentle zephyr compared with the force 10 gale on Saturday.

The threat of bad weather kept numbers down but 33 shooters still made the effort. As has become the custom to run the "Tweed Cup" as a 100t English Sporting and some great scores were shot and the competition was hot. Winners took home some great prizes courtesy of our generous sponsors Wild Brumby Schnapps Distillery.

Congratulations to Darren Redman taking out the Cup with a well composed 89 and his partner in crime Jan Redman taking out the ladies in a clean sweep for Bermagui Sporting Clays. Top Junior for the day was Zach Poucher who shot beautifully all day.

In the grades first in C was Glen Schofield while Sam Tomasi took out B and Ian MacFarlane 1st in A.

As is the custom for the Tweed Cup shooters are encouraged to "tweed up" in the best traditions of the sport and a tippie was awarded for best dressed Gentleman and Lady which went to Corina Rowling and Doug Alcock.

RESULTS			
High Gun		Darren Redman	879
A Grade	1st	Ian MacFarlane	82
	2nd	Craig Field	77
	3rd	Charlie Kimber	75
B Grade	1st	Sam Tomasi	85
	2nd	Adam Mower	84
	3rd	Russel Rowling	84
C Grade	1st	Glen Schofield	73
	2nd	Glen Weston	69
	3rd	Andrew F-S	63
Ladies	1st	Jan Redman	75
	2nd	Penny Irvin	64
	3rd	Corina Rowling	58
Juniors	1st	Zach Poucher	85
	2nd	Montana Schofield	77
	3rd	Janke Povey	61



## BERMAGUI SPORTING CLAYS

After 8 months of blood sweat and tears, we are finally up and running again.

Thanks to MANY local and interstate businesses, a host of wonderful people from all over Australia, a few SCA, SSAA, FGA, and ACTA clubs we now find ourselves in a very positive position moving forward.

ALL of these LEGENDS will be recognised on a plaque, within our club rooms once we have compiled a COMPLETE list of donors.

Some of the tasks undertaken thus far by the club include making our boundary fencing and security and signage firearms registry compliant, replacing all of our 12 Volt batteries, remotes and receivers, installation of new storage containers, fit out of one container into a first class solar powered charging station, repairs of shed (side panelling and roofing), a new BSC welcome sign, clean up and removal of dangerous trees and burnt out logs around our boundary, excavation and grass seeding of a large portion of our land, a brand new shooting range, a new TV screen and sound system for our office block, the resurrection of some of our fire ravaged traps and associated wiring plus a host of other odd jobs.

We are also now the proud owners of a Polaris SxS , and several new La Porte traps. Thanks once again to EVERYONE , who has supported us through this terrible time.

Our AGM will take place after our July shoot (sponsored by Territory Firearms), on the 28-7-24. After our July shoot the rest of our calendar year will be as per what is written in the Shoot Calendar booklet.

Unfortunately after cooking up a storm for the last 25 years the lovely Shirl has decided to hang up her "Golden Tongs" and have a well earned spell from catering duties .

During her time as "chiefcookandbottlewasher" Shirl has been directly responsible for every mouthful of tucker that has been devoured by the thousands of people who have visited our range.

Shirl will still be a regular at the club but in a lot less official capacity.....so on behalf of every person who has ever thrown a shadow over our driveway I say thank you.



**THANK YOU SWEETHEART,  
FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR  
COTTON PICKIN SOCKS**

The departure of Shirl means that after 25 years we will NO LONGER be having our famous FREE LUNCHEONS. Tea, Coffee and biscuits , will still be supplied FREE of charge however members, guests and visiting shooters are asked to bring their own lunches.

Till next time. Shoot Straight and Often.

**Nev Brady**

President

Bermagui Sporting Clays



New shooting Ground



Fire damaged traps



New growth on the range



## ASC NEWS

### SYDNEY

Yes, it's now the second half of 2024, OMG it's definitely gone fast.

After the hot start to the year Sydney has had plenty of H2O since April the ground is just full of springs. The Polaris buggy is even having trouble getting around. Thankfully our volunteers have persisted with the mud and kept the range running.

We have had some great shoots with fantastic attendances through the wet & cold months.

We are continuing to update our traps and facilities for our members and visitors. We now have a dedicated Compak layout and try shooting area.

By the time you read this we will have held the last SCNSW selection for 2024 and will be preparing for the SCNSW Old Style Championship.

Unfortunately, we have also had some sad news recently with the loss of ASC & SCNSW members.

Keith Croft or Crofty to most of us. Keith was a great clubman he always stepped up when required and his dry wit was often missed! Keith was long time member he enjoyed shooting and traveling (Australia) Apparently, he never left the island because he reckoned, I'll never see all this country in my time. Well, he had a red hot go and travelled well beyond the black stump. According to his son he did his part in feral pest control on the trips and the boys learnt how to prepare and cook as a bonus.

Ken Moore remembers asking Keith for help with the ceilings at the new ASC clubhouse in the 90's Keith replied no worries. Ken organised a working bee for the weekend only trouble was when they arrived the ceiling was finished and ready for painting, Crofty had done it during the week no charge no fuss. That was Keith a master tradesman and top bloke.



Cooms easter shoot



We also lost ASC member Andreas Zorgios father of Tom Zorgios.

Andreas would attend the Artimis days and enjoy the comradery of his fellow shooters. It's great to see that the passion for our sport is passed down to the next generation.

We would also like to thank both Phil Moses and Tom Zorgios for the dedication and commitment to our club and sport over the last few years. Both Tom & Phil have decided to step down from their roles at ASC and pursue other interests. We wish them all the best appreciate their contributions to ASC.

Our lease is nearing its end at our present location and we have been lobbying all levels of government for the past 10 years now. (It's like ground hog day) As with all government bodies in Australia they want to leave it to the next incumbent. We are hopeful that our current landlords will support our claims for the future.

Unfortunately, this seems to be a pressing issue for all shooting sports in Australia as very few grounds are freehold or guaranteed for the next generation of shooters.

As we all know opening new shooting venues is almost impossible with the current approval processes! And it's only going to get worse.

As a sport we have definitely failed in this area so far.

Regards

Paul Smidt

ASC President

# Dealership Announcement

**OUTDOOR TRADING COMPANY** announce the arrival of a new **PROMATIC Trap, the ORION 400.**



*A huge shipment of the World's best traps arrived in Australia earlier this year, including Promatic's new Orion 400. Also included in the shipment are Ranger Chondel's, Falcon's, Kodiak's, Pro DTL/ABT, Signature Double's, Signature Skeet and many more.*

*This bulk purchase will allow Outdoor Trading Company Aus. to offer clubs and individuals across Australia wonderful deals on all variants of the Promatic Trap range.*

*The new Orion 400 Trap is a superb addition to the Promatic family, it is designed with a 10-stack 400 carousel (lower profile) reducing the load on the trap when being moved or set. To assist with keeping the price down, the base is now fixed. The trap also features a powder coated carousel keeping the Orion 400 to \$3900 Inc. The Orion 400 comes in a Midi 70mm, Midi 90mm, Battue & Standard L/H & R/H versions. This trap will throw targets past 90 metres and it has*

*a tilt base. The clay feed type is knife edge and it features a stainless steel throwing plate and alloy and corrosion protected parts for long lasting rust protection. The steel mainframe has a hard blue polyester finish, the aluminium throwing arm includes a polyurethane strip and the set up and throwing height adjustment are simple to use. The trap comes with a 50m command cable and it has a 3-year parts warranty.*

*Also available to the Australian market is the Promatic Ranger Chondel 400. The Ranger Chondel can throw conventional clays at all angles, whether it is just above the ground or as a looper (up to 70°) or rabbits. To change the target from a standard target to a rabbit and vice versa couldn't be easier. A simple change to the pressure plate to accommodate for standards or rabbits and a minor splitter adjustment is all that's required. The Chondel has a turn/tilt base and the machine re-cocking time is only 1.8 seconds. It comes with a heavy duty electrical box with thermal overload trip and toggle on/off de-cock and fire button. The new Ranger Chondel now comes in a 400-carousel machine for the same price as a 300 machine and is now in stock, priced at \$4900. For more information contact Outdoor Trading Company on Ph: 0433 070 938 or Email: [lee.berger@outdoortradingco.com.au](mailto:lee.berger@outdoortradingco.com.au)*







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# MUDGEESPORTINGCLAYS

## MAY SHOOT

Over the weekend of May 25 & 26 our club held a two day event. Saturday was the Atkins, Clarkson, Taylor memorial event which was over 100 targets. Col Atkins, Peter Clarkson & Jim Taylor were the founding members of our club. All three had family members attend and participate in the event. Trophies were on offer for first, second & third placings in all grades. The new memorial trophy will have the intermediate high gun winners' names engraved as time goes on. First name to be engraved is Kimberley Askew who by coincidence is Col's granddaughter. The shield for club person of the year will have the name Tony Addley engraved on it. Not only does Tony fix all those things that we the members break but also finds the time to maintain everything mechanical that goes with running a club. Mudgee club does not often give out 25 break badges but Steve Payne & Jason Solomons both shot one on Saturday. Frank Scambellone shot one on Sunday.

Sunday's 100 target event was sponsored by the HORSLEY PARK GUN SHOP. Many thanks for the continued support by HP gun shop and the help provided by John Dickey.

All who shot both days went into a lucky draw for a gun which was kindly provided by HP gun shop. Congratulations to Ian Stewart the lucky winner.

Those members who made the effort to help in setting targets once again did a great job. A great mix of targets were available for competitors to enjoy on a golf course ground. The ladies in the kitchen excelled with the food that was available.

Thanks to Tarnia North for her help in the office. Our club had been running a raffle with some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including a gun which was so kindly donated. What a great gesture. Results of the raffle are on our facebook page, along with many photos of the event.

RESULTS SATURDAY			
High Gun		Steve Payne	93
AA Grade	1st:	Steve Atkins	91
A Grade	1st:	Jason Solomons	89
	2nd:	Chris Barrowman	89
	3rd:	Rami Teffaha	87
B Grade	1st:	Craig Kurtz	82
	2nd:	Tony Burgess	79
	3rd:	Jason Mouheit	77
C Grade	1st:	Tony Pasek	72
	2nd:	Scott King	70
	3rd:	Chris Donnantuoni	67
Seniors	1st:	Paul Crittenden	88
	2nd:	Lance North	82
	3rd:	John Koolbanis	78
Veterans	1st:	Steve Tydd	86
	2nd:	Mauro Conti	68
	3rd:	Max Holland	63
S/Veterans	1st:	Ross Christian	87
	2nd:	Ian Stewart	77
	3rd:	Mick Quinlan	72
Ladies	1st:	Kimberley Askew	84
	2nd:	Mel Phillips	78
	3rd:	Janelle Craig	77
Juniors	1st:	Jack Atkins	73
	2nd:	Christian Raco	62
Sub Juniors	1st:	Scott Stanford	54

RESULTS SUNDAY			
High Gun		Steve Payne	94
AA Grade	1st:	Steve Atkins	92
A Grade	1st:	Frank Scambellone	89
	2nd:	Chris Barrowman	88
	3rd:	Jason Solomons	84
B Grade	1st:	Jason Mouheit	81
	2nd:	Reno Morganti	76
	3rd:	Mario Musicki	75
C Grade	1st:	Peter Selimiotis	81
	2nd:	Chris Donnantuoni	77
	3rd:	Tony Pasek	75
Seniors	1st:	Paul Crittenden	89
	2nd:	Lance North	86
	3rd:	John Koolbanis	84
Veterans	1st:	Steve Tydd	82
	2nd:	Max Holland	77
	3rd:	Mauro Conto	75
S/Veterans	1st:	Ross Christian	86
	2nd:	Ian Stewart	72
	3rd:	Mick Quinlan	67
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	82
	2nd:	Janelle Craig	74
	3rd:	Andrea Barrowman	72
Juniors	1st:	Jack Atkins	69
	2nd:	Christian Raco	51
Sub Juniors	1st:	Scott Stanford	55



# MUDGEESPORTING CLAYS

## FIOCCHI CHALLENGE

Mudgee sporting Clays held our annual two day FIOCCHI CHALLENGE over the weekend of July 13 & 14. The event was sponsored by TSA Australia along with the HORSLEY PARK GUN SHOP. The targets that had been set were a great mix to suit all competitors from a newcomer to the more experienced. The high gun scores each day reflected this.

Ladies in the kitchen once again did a great job keeping all those in attendance full of beef and lamb rolls followed by rocky road for desert.

Numbers were slightly back this year but was expected due to the amount of shooting available nearly every weekend. Three clear rounds of 25 were shot over the weekend. Rami Teffaha, Warren Thorpe & Steve Payne all collected a patch from the locked cabinet. Mudgee does not hand many of these out!!

RESULTS SATURDAY			
High Gun		Steve Payne	88
AA Grade	1st:	Chris Barrowman	80
A Grade	1st:	Charlie North	87
	2nd:	Angelo Salamon	87
	3rd:	Warren Thorpe	86
B Grade	1st:	Jay Crittenden	83
	2nd:	Paul Leonard	75
	3rd:	Snow Burgess	74
C Grade	1st:	Scott King	81
	2nd:	Chris Donnantuoni	76
	3rd:	Jeff Fuller	73
Seniors	1st:	John Collier	82
	2nd:	Paul Crittenden	82
	3rd:	Leo Pezzano	82
Veterans	1st:	Steve Tydd	77
	2nd:	Bob Warren	70
	3rd:	Jake Guzelian	69
S/Veterans	1st:	Ross Christian	79
	2nd:	Mick Quinlan	67
	3rd:	Tony Anecchini	62
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	73
	2nd:	Janelle Craig	71
	3rd:	Lindi Scheepers	48
Juniors	1st:	Jed Leadbitter	87
	2nd:	Josh Peckett	73
Sub Juniors	1st:	Rodney Stanford	46

RESULTS SUNDAY			
High Gun		Steve Payne	91
AA Grade	1st:	Chris Barrowman	89
A Grade	1st:	Jason Solomons	88
	2nd:	Rami Teffaha	87
	3rd:	Craig Kurtz	85
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S/Veterans	1st:	Ross Christian	90
	2nd:	Mick Quinlan	80
	3rd:	Peter Hayman	60
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	72
	2nd:	Janelle Craig	69
	3rd:	Lindi Scheepers	55
Juniors	1st:	Jed Leadbitter	85
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## LAKE BONNEY MARCH

### FENNELL FORESTRY/ MILLICENT TOYOTA 75 TARGET

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



High Gun

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.

## LAKE BONNEY APRIL

### JOHN HILL MEMORIAL 80 TARGET SHOOT

There was 58 shooters in attendance at the 80 target John Hill Memorial shoot. The targets were set in the English Sporting style(all pairs). The shoot was sponsored by Tim Lloyd, Limestone Coast Rewinds, Lobster Pot Beachport and Lake Bonney Life members.

The Handicap Memorial winner was Allan Cowin, after a countback with Luke Rainsford, Allan was presented with his prize by Travis Hill, as well as other members of the Hill Family who travelled from as far as Perth to attend the Memorial event.

AA grade was won by Mick Banning, after a countback that placed Tom Weir in second. Mark Fabris took out third in the grade.

Local shooter Warren Whitehead won A grade ahead of Kingston's Rohan Parker, with Glen Crowe-Owen claiming third.

Steve Groen won B grade, second went to Richard Try and third Cliff Lee.

Luke Rainsford won C grade, just one target ahead of Grant Cox and Quentin Parker, a countback was needed to separate second and third with Grant Cox ending up second.

Mick Brennan had no competition to take out the Seniors grade.

The Veterans grade was won by Wayne Evans, with Ernie Schiedl second and Geoff Lowe third.

Tasha Bellinger won the Ladies grade by one target, with a countback needed to place Kingston shooter Jen Norman second and Laetitia Vearing third.

Sub juniors was won by Heath Johnston, Ethan Vearing took second.

Congratulations goes to all the volunteers for a well run event in tribute to a very dedicated shooter.



AA Grade



## LAKE BONNEY MAY

### GOODNWINDI CHAROLAIS 75 TARGET

There were 76 shooters at the Goodnwindi Charolais 75 target event. It was also a state team qualifying round which saw shooters from across the state to compete. Jeremy Kent took out High gun with a score of 70/75, on some very challenging targets. First in AA grade went to local shooter Danny Bellinger, ahead of Joe Densley in second and Daniel Torresan third.

A grade was won by visiting shooter Aiden Keipha, second Mick Banning and third, Bill Dyson. Lake Bonney shooter Allan Cowin won B grade ahead of Cliff Lee in second and Robin Smith third. Sam Chapman had a comfortable win in C grade, with Charles Wallis taking second and Guy Stratford third.

The Seniors grade was won by Craig Steele, just 2 targets ahead of second place Tony Sellars, Chris Wright was a close third. Ernie Schiedl won the Veterans grade with a score of 63/75, Chris VonStanke claimed second place and Wayne Evans third.

The Ladies grade was won by Tasha Bellinger with a score of 57/75, second went to Bec Kober and third Kellie Roos. Zac Button from Southern Gun Club won the juniors grade, Sebastian Angus second and Nick Boliagiannis third. Sub juniors was taken out by Jack Dyson with a 5 target lead over second place Noah VonStanke, Isla Gordon claimed third.

The event was also the first half of the Lake Bonney Sporting clays vs South East field and game challenge, at the end of the day Lake Bonney in the lead by 32 targets.

Congratulations to all volunteers on a successful shoot.



Ladies



A Grade



AA Grade



C Grade



B Grade



Seniors



Veterans



## LAKE BONNEY JULY

### COLIN WHITEHEAD 50 TARGET

There was a lower than average number of shooters at the Colin Whitehead 50 target handicap event. Just 28 shooters braved what looked to be a cold and wet day, but by the time the competition started the sun appeared and the rain held off until the shooting was finished.

Mick Banning took out first in AA grade. First in A grade went to Ian Vearing with Warren Whitehead second and Mick Brennan third.

Steve Groen won B grade ahead of Sam Chapman.

Michael Gates won C grade with no competition.

Latitca Vearing won the Ladies grade, Bec Kober placed second and Megan Whitehead third.

Shak VonStanke placed first in Juniors. Liam Millard won Sub juniors.

A second competition was run over the same course, for who ever wanted to use a Side by Side shotgun, this was a 'off the gun', ungraded competition.

Tasha Bellinger took out first with a score of 44/50, Robin Smith second on 42/50 and Danny Bellinger third with 38/50.

Thank you to the volunteers and sponsors and to the members of the Whitehead family who travelled from Western Australia.



A Grade



AA Grade



B Grade



Ladies



Veterans



SS Winners



Handicap High Gun



Juniors



C Grade





## AROUND THE GROUNDS ROCKY GULLY

The year is half gone and it has been a busy time at Rocky Gully, our monthly competition shoots have been well attended, the online nominations program now works seamlessly with 98% of our nominations paid through this process.

This is a great benefit to office staff on shoot day and to the competitors attending as we all know what time and what squad we are shooting in 3 days before the event, no more pressure and stress on shoot morning. Scores and winners for our events are available to view at SCA Live Scores, go to events clubs, South Australia and then Rocky Gully all the information on winners and scores for all events in 2024 are there to view.

Our practice layout is running on the second Saturday of every month with several of our members managing the day. This has been greatly appreciated by the club committee and the members, they are doing a fantastic job.

The targets/traps are being altered each couple of months to keep everyone on their toes and add variety, we have had a steady follow of new member applications after attending practice day.

Club president Wendel has been running pou1 training sessions for new members which allows them to complete the updated firearms licence requirement for club use. Coaching for members one on one is available on a regular basis for members who request some assistance on a target or gun fit, this is done through Wendel in the first instance and has been very well received.

Members who are attending the coaching sessions have shown a steady improvement in their scores in competition.

Corporate days continue to generate good income for the club, these are being run by a dedicated team of committee members headed by Peter Hicks and Wendel, bookings are steady until December this year.

We have had some members come and help on setup day this has been very well received by all and greatly helps the committee members present, just one day in 12 months from the members helping around the grounds can make a big difference.

Cheers for now we look forward to catching up at our shoots over the coming months.



## BURRUNGULE PARK STATE ELIMINATION

23 June 2024, saw 74 shooters attend the 3rd State Elimination competition at Burrungule Park, sponsored by Southeast Marine, Galpins Accountant, Spot on Fishing & Tackle, Kain Transport, Green Triangle Forest Products, and High Gun Sponsor Dunn's School of Shooting.

Competitors came from other clubs as far away as Murray Bridge and Mount Pleasant in the hope to gain a position to represent South Australia at the Nationals in October.





# SPORTING CLAYS 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 focussing 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.

# A HOT BLAST OF FUN: JUNIOR SHOOT CAMP HEATS UP

## DERWENT VALLEY FIELD AND GAME

### Young Shooters, Parents, and Coaches Unite for an Unforgettable Experience

In the heart of the summer school holidays, Derwent Valley Field and Game (DVFG), played host to our annual Junior Camp, leaving participants with lasting memories.

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 instil 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.





# THRILLING TWO-DAY ENGLISH SPORTING EVENT

## DERWENT VALLEY FIELD & GAME

Derwent Valley Field & Game (DVFG) sits on the banks of the Derwent River, just outside of the township of New Norfolk. The club played host to an exhilarating two-day English Sporting event on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of May. Despite the chilly start, with a frost glazing the traps on Saturday morning, competitors were treated to a display of remarkably set targets that had been approved by Range officer Ellie.

We kicked off bright and early on Saturday with participants braving the biting cold to take their shots. The frosty conditions added an extra layer of challenge, with shooters needing to account for the brisk air and cold fingers. However, as the sun rose higher, the frost melted away, giving way to a more temperate afternoon that saw scores improve as competitors settled into their rhythm.

Sunday brought a continuation of the fierce competition, with weather conditions much improved, allowing for optimal shooting conditions. As the day progressed, it became clear that this year's event would be a tightly contested battle for the top spot.

Emerging victorious from the weekend was Adam Crick, who demonstrated exceptional accuracy and consistency. Adam finished with an impressive score of 150 out of 180, securing his victory by a narrow 3-points. His performance was a testament not only to his skill but also to his ability to maintain focus under varying conditions and pressure.

Shooters enjoyed the strategic setups and the dramatic showdowns that played out across the weekend. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and mutual respect, with participants sharing tips and stories between rounds, whilst enjoying great food from the food van of Fried and Loaded, who we cannot thank enough for braving the conditions.

As the event ended on Sunday, participants gathered for presentations. Alongside Adam Crick's well-deserved High Gun, we had the following winners.

### RESULTS

AA Grade	1st	Nick Brown	147
A Grade	1st	Andrew Wratten	142
	2nd	Steve Crawford	134
	3rd	Rohan Stebbings	133
B Grade	1st	Malcolm Little	120
	2nd	Jack Choraziak	118
	3rd	Brendan Bowerman	109
C Grade	1st	Steve Pike	111
	2nd	Sam Minty	111
	3rd	Tony Blyth	105

Overall, the two-day English Sporting event at DVFG was a resounding success, showcasing not only the talents of the competitors but also the vibrant and supportive community that surrounds this challenging and rewarding sport. As the sun set over the valley, plans are already being discussed for next year's event, promising even more excitement and competition.

DVFG would like to thank our major sponsors, AnB Ammo, Brendan Bowerman for the donation of sides of lamb and Mathew Crawford for donating slabs of ammo for our lucky door prize.

For experienced and newcomers alike, this weekend was a reminder of why English Sporting remains one of the most beloved disciplines in clay shooting. Here's to another year of great shooting and even greater sportsmanship at Derwent Valley!



# NORTHERN MIDLANDS SPORTING CLAYS

## ON THE MOVE

NMSC has embarked on an exciting opportunity to secure its future and grow our sport in Tasmania's Central North.

The Club recently voted on two motions that significantly improve the likelihood of the Club's survival. The first in March 24 was to allow the Board to investigate suitable sites for relocation. The second in May 24 was to allow the Board to progress a move to an identified new site.

The initiation of our decision to move has been a result of ongoing amicable and respectful discussions between the Club and the Owners of our current location. The Owners, rightly so, are focused on the sustainability and growth of their agricultural interests and similarly the Club is focused on the sustainability and growth of Sporting Clays.

The new site is situated 15Km (aprox.) Northeast of Launceston on a property of around 930 acres. The location has several attractive attributes that will support the long-term operation and future success of our club.

The Board estimate we are 2-3 months away from establishing our regular 4th Sunday of the month shoots at the new site. In the meantime, we will continue these shoots at our current range.

Significant progress has already been made on the new site, with the development of ranges and the relocation of equipment well under way. On Saturday the 13/7/24 members attended a 50-target practice day and BBQ to experience the new location. This was an opportunity for members to provide feedback on improvements and to iron out potential issues we might experience on competition days. Similar days will be scheduled before we commence competition at the new site.



The key high-level activities being undertaken are:

1. Development and commissioning of the new site;
2. Investment, divestment and transport of assets and equipment; and
3. Decommissioning and clean-up of the old site.

The Board are mindful that there is still a lot to do. For the move to successfully occur we need the ongoing support and contribution from across our Club. Thanks to all members and supporters that have contributed so far.

**Andrew Lockett**

President

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# QSCA 2024 COMPAK STATE TITLES

## GOLD COAST CLAY TARGET CLUB

The 2024 QSCA Compak State Titles were held on 1st June 2024 at the Gold Coast Clay Target Club.

The Competition set up was for 75 targets each day to be thrown & set up across 3 layouts for both Saturday & Sunday. The targets were changed between each day making the layouts different for both days & not just a rehash between each day.

The event performed flawlessly & we were finished on each day by early afternoon making it an easy weekend to get on the road before dark for all local & travelling competitors.

QSCA would like to thank our Event Sponsors for supplying the trophies for both days. Without your support the trophy table for the competitors would be bare.

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The Club did a great job of setting up this year's QSCA 2024 State Compak event. It was a credit to the Club for their first major State FITASC Compak even, with the GCCTC team learning from this for future events. QSCA extends its thanks to Gold Coast Clay Target Club & their hard-working members for putting on a memorable event which will keep us coming back for more.

### QSCA 2024 COMPAK STATE TITLES

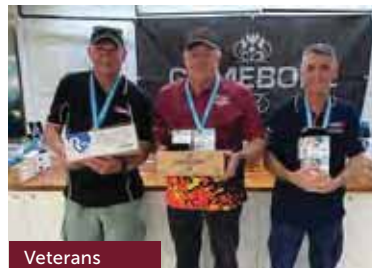
High Gun		Michael Lucas	146/150
AA Grade	1st:	Dan Davis	143/150
	2nd:	Aaron Knowles	138/150
A Grade	1st:	Barden Bronson	140/150
	2nd:	Marty Scott	137/150
	3rd:	Andy Cassidy	136/150
B Grade	1st:	Anthony Sheridan	130/150
	2nd:	Bin Xu	126/150
	3rd:	Anthony Lee	118/150
C Grade	1st:	Kent Gould	123/150
	2nd:	Kris Parker	110/150
	3rd:	Trevor Laird	107/150
Ladies	1st:	Georgia Rogers	134/150
	2nd:	Missy Mckerrow	119/150
	3rd:	Shannon Palfreeman	118/150
Seniors	1st:	Peter Tobin	145/150
	2nd:	Glen Graham	143/150
Veterans	1st:	Glen Rider	142/150
	2nd:	Darryl Groundwater	139/150
	3rd:	Ian Waldron	128/150
Masters	1st:	Aaron Goodchild	128/150
	2nd:	Robert Davis	139/200
	3rd:	Kris Dowie	125/150
Juniors	1st:	Peter Shuttlewood	121/150
	2nd:	Luke Taylor	137/150
	3rd:	Nick Stewart	130/150
Sub Juniors	1st:	Jack Davis	144/150



High Gun



AA Grade



Veterans



B Grade



A Grade



Masters



Ladies



C Grade



Sub Juniors



Juniors



Seniors

# QSCA 2024 SELECTION EVENTS 3 & 4

## CHILDERS SPORTING CLAYS

The 3RD & 4TH QSCA State Selection events for 2024 were held at Childers Sporting Clays on 8th & 9th June 2024. Weather was perfect for Queensland at this time of year with sunny days & cool evenings. Although Saturday evening was damn cold by all accounts (reported from those camping).

Thanks again to our Event Sponsors for supplying the trophies for both days – FSB on Saturday & OTC/QSCA on Sunday. Remember support those companies that support you in your shooting.

FSB Ammunition

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Childers Club received a Qld Government grant this year to carry out works at the Club. They certainly put the grant to good use with the assistance of the local shire council & have improved the grounds to perfection. Nice job Childers Sporting Clays.

This two day event is shared between the two Northern Clubs - Childers Sporting Clays & Fraser Coast Sporting Clays. This year it was the turn of Childers to run the grounds for both days. Saturdays Targets were set up by Childers & for Sunday Fraser Coast took charge to set the course.

### QSCA 3RD SELECTION SHOOT (SATURDAY)

High Gun		Peter Tobin	67/75
AA Grade	1st:	Dan Davis	64/75
	2nd:	Marty Scott	62/75
A Grade	1st:	Andy Cassidy	62/75
	2nd:	Dennis Dinte	62/75
	3rd:	Olindo Mazzarotto	60/75
B Grade	1st:	Anthony Sheridan	58/75
	2nd:	Jason Pollock	56/75
	3rd:	Clinton Davis	55/75
C Grade	1st:	Kevin Sze	53/75
	2nd:	Jason Smith	44/75
	3rd:	Joshua Davis	42/75
Ladies	1st:	Shannon Palfreeman	56/75
	2nd:	Georgia Rogers	54/75
	3rd:	Lyndall Groundwater	51/75
Seniors	1st:	Aaron Goodchild	66/75
	2nd:	Steve Blake	63/75
	1st:	Glen Graham	62/75
Veterans	2nd:	Ian Grant (Qld)	58/75
	3rd:	Bruce Wilson	52/75
	1st:	Leo Cao	50/75
Masters	2nd:	Darryl Groundwater	61/75
	3rd:	Colin Barker	49/75
	1st:	Geoff Irvine	47/75
Juniors	2nd:	Nick Stewart	44/75
	3rd:	Charlie Gayton	42/75
	1st:	Luke Taylor	37/75
Sub Juniors		Jack Davis	61/75



High Gun



A Grade



AA Grade



B Grade



Ladies



Juniors



C Grade



Masters



Veterans



Seniors



Simon Patterson from Fraser Coast Sporting Clays went around with his crew to change the course for Sunday's event. Set to a good standard the festivities commenced early on Sunday morning to allow travelling members time to get away in daylight to head home.

Thanks again Childers Sporting Clays & Fraser Coast Sporting Clays for presenting the competitors with a good selection of competitive targets for both days. There was something there for everyone.

The next QSCA Event will be the State Titles at Brisbane Sporting Clays on 10th & 11th August 2024.

### QSCA 4TH SELECTION SHOOT (SATURDAY)

High Gun		Aaron Goodchild	73/75
AA Grade	1st:	Marty Scott	71/75
	2nd:	Dan Davis	66/75
A Grade	1st:	Bin Xu	66/75
	2nd:	Dennis Dinte	62/75
	3rd:	Michael Lucas	62/75
B Grade	1st:	Anthony Sheridan	60/75
	2nd:	Clinton Davis	54/75
	3rd:	Goesta Harms	47/75
C Grade	1st:	Kevin Sze	47/75
	2nd:	Jason Smith	38/75
	3rd:	Owen McHugh	35/75
Ladies	1st:	Georgia Rogers	60/75
	2nd:	Shannon Palfreeman	57/75
	3rd:	Lyndall Groundwater	41/75
Seniors	1st:	Peter Tobin	66/75
	2nd:	Michael Birgan	65/75
	1st:	Glen Graham	64/75
Veterans	2nd:	Glen Rider	59/75
	3rd:	Bruce Wilson	58/75
	1st:	Leo Cao	55/75
Masters	2nd:	Darryl Groundwater	62/75
	3rd:	Geoff Irvine	49/75
	1st:	Colin Barker	44/75
Juniors	2nd:	Nick Stewart	59/75
	3rd:	Charlie Gayton	41/75
	1st:	Luke Taylor	40/75
Sub Juniors		Luca Goodchild	51/75



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## SPORTING CLAYS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Lots of things happening over here in the wild wild west since our last newsletter. Our State held the AGM at the Harvey Clubhouse in March. A reasonable attendance as the SCWA constitution is set up for any financial member to nominate for any position prior to the AGM. That way every club gets to know at least 2 weeks beforehand who their members would like their club delegates to vote for. A very open and transparent system.

Our State President Ian Grant decided not to stand for his position to make way for the next generation of shooters. Having said that, we all are aware just how challenging it is, finding members who are willing to put up their hands to volunteer for any committee let alone, a State Position. It isn't an easy task these days. Also, our Association is given a sporting grant yearly and the amount of funding is now conditional of having 50% of women on the Board. This year we finally achieved that magic number, and our funding will double in 2025 and SCWA will receive \$20k in funding. A huge achievement for our Association.

Our new Board President is Julian Gardiner, Vice President Coral Callan, Treasurer Craig Ellis, Secretary Sue Green and 3 board members Vern Godfrey, Patrick Doyle and Kirsty-Lee McPherson. Our committee is Jay Waterhouse State Target Director, Ian Callan State Firearm and Range officer. Ian is also a WA Police approved range assessor. Emelee Peet Coaching Director, Ken Green State Handicapper and SCA Live Scores trainer for WA.

Julian acknowledged the incredible effort that Ian had given whilst in the role as President for SCWA over the years. Ian has always encouraged respectful and robust debate at times, and we thank Ian very much for his contribution to our Association. Ian will continue to remain involved in Sporting clays at Echidna Park Club and is currently the SCA National President.

Other big news happening in WA is the State Labor Government changing the legislation on the Firearms laws making them the toughest in Australia will come into effect February 2025. Sadly, there has been little consultation, and this labor government has a mandate to rule and has rushed legislation through. A huge thank you must be extended to those members working hard behind the scenes to get the government to listen and understand the needs of the licenced responsible law-abiding firearms owners in WA.

Range Approvals – SCWA is very fortunate to have Ian Callan as our State Firearms officer and also a range assessor who has worked tirelessly helping any clubs that needs guidance through these regulations. We have also been assisting some clubs who are affiliated with the ACTA, as we are a very small community in WA and helping our fellow clubs is important for the survival of our sport regardless of if SCA, ACTA or SSAA.

The WA Police are auditing every gun range in WA and every club must be compliant and this includes the multi affiliated clubs with SCA, ACTA and SSAA. The Police are working in with clubs to assist them to get the required documentations. Currently our only club that has been temporarily closed is the privately owned club of Three Springs, who is multi affiliated with ACTA, SSAA and SCA.



Three Springs club was looking forward to a come back into the shooting calendar since covid and hold the State Compak Championships but sadly, will not be complaint in time, so the event is now moved to the Moora Club 18th August.

2024 changes to State Qualifiers – Our club Delegates voted to trial everyone to shoot in grades at our State Qualifiers only. Except for sub juniors and juniors, they could choose. This will be reviewed and feedback from members will be encouraged. This meant that only prizes for High Gun, all grades and sub juniors and juniors were awarded. The other change that the Club Delegates voted on was to allow the host club to decide what the nomination fee for a Target only shooter would be. Also, our Board decided to give Sub Juniors and Juniors free nominations for the State Qualifiers and reimburse the clubs for the targets.

<b>SCWA STATE QUALIFIERS 2024</b>		
You must shoot 4 State Qualifiers and the State 2 Day Championships to qualify for State Aggregate Championships. 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> September at Echidna Park.		
11 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	WA GUN CLUB	1 <sup>st</sup> STATE QUALIFIER 75 Targets
17 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	HARVEY	2 <sup>nd</sup> STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
19 <sup>th</sup> MAY	WANNEROO	3 <sup>rd</sup> STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
2 <sup>nd</sup> JUNE	ECHIDNA PARK	4 <sup>th</sup> STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
21 <sup>st</sup> JULY	HASTINGS	5 <sup>th</sup> STATE QUALIFIER 100 Targets
4 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	MOORA	6 <sup>th</sup> STATE QUALIFIER 75 Targets 8.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	MOORA <i>New venue due to Three Springs Club temporary closed.</i>	STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS 75 Targets 8.30am
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	ECHIDNA PARK	STATE 2 DAY SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS, STATE AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 200 TARGETS - 8.30am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	PERTH METRO	Compak Practice day 10am-2pm.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	PERTH METRO WANNEROO	Compak Shoot 9.30am start.
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> September	WA GUN CLUB Whiteman Park Complex	SCA COMPAK NATIONALS 200 TARGETS

SCA National Compak Championships - The WA Gun Club situated at the Whiteman Park International Shooting Compak will become the host club for the SCA Compak Nationals to held 28th and 29th September 2024. This club house has the reputation of the being the best in Australia. WA Gun Club is an ACTA ground and in recent years become affiliated with SCA and SCWA. We are looking forward to SCA members coming across to Perth for the Compak Nationals and as always, our State Secretary Sue Green will arrange all the travelling shooters your temporary firearm permit whilst in WA. Looking forward to seeing you all here in Perth.

Compak practice and events prior to the Compak Nationals - Also, we must give a huge shout out to the Perth Metro Sporting Club situated in Pinjar Road Wanneroo who will run a practice day on Thursday and a warmup event prior to the Compak National on the Friday 27th September 100 Compak. These targets will be set by Peter Grayer from the Perth Metro Club, and he has an excellent record for target setting and setting entertaining targets. No pressure Pete! SCWA and WA Gun Club President Nick Melanko would like to sincerely thank Tracey Grayer President of the Perth Metro Club for organising these events and opening the club house prior to the SCA Compak Nationals. As always with any major event we are all looking for local volunteers to assist in so many ways, if you feel you can spare some time before, during and after these events would you please make contact with WAGC Nick Melanko 0450 781 990, SCWA Jay Waterhouse State Target Director 0407 383 545 and Perth Metro President Tracey Grayer 0432 931 095 with the practice events.

## Congratulations to all our 2023 State Team.

### State Representative Sports Award

Sporting Clays WA would like to acknowledge the Department of Sport and Recreation for awarding our State travelling team to the Gunnedah Nationals in 2023 with a certificate and badge.

Our Minister of Sport in WA rewards every individual athlete who represents the State of WA at a Nationals event a Certificate of congratulations and a badge as a memento of their individual success.



Our State Team in 2023 was Luke Turner, Andrew Beckett, Alastair Crooks, Clayton Dennis, Sharon Merritt, Mick Thomas and Liam Thomas.

## RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA HARVEY SPORTING CLAYS STATE QUALIFIER 2 17TH MARCH 2024

High Gun		Luke Turner	89/100
	1st:	Luke Turner	86/100
AA Grade	1st:	Michael McDonald	80/100
	2nd:	Danon Randazzo	79/100
	3rd:	Elie Lahoud	84/100
A Grade	1st:	Peter Grayer	83/100
	2nd:	Alastair Crookes	82/100
	3rd:	Ken Green	79/100
B Grade	1st:	Mat Shipp	78/100
	2nd:	Mick Thomas	77/100
	3rd:	Ian Callan	76/100
C Grade	1st:	Emelee Peet	75/100
	2nd:	Luke Taaffe	71/100
	3rd:	Gary Weir	78/100
Juniors	1st:	Liam Thomas	67/100
	2nd:	Joshua Dichiera	77/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Oliver Hill	60/100
	2nd:	Cian Doyle	41/100
	3rd:	Ben Shipp	

## RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA WA GUN CLUB STATE QUALIFIER 1 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

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



High Gun Luke Turner





Julian Gardiner &amp; Michael McDonald



Julian Gardiner &amp; Danon Randazzo

### RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA ECHIDNA PARK SPORTING CLAYS STATE QUALIFIER 4 2ND JUNE 2024

High Gun		Danon Randazzo	95/100
AA Grade	1st:	Luke Turner	95/100
	2nd:	Paul McGowan	88/100
	3rd:	Michael McDonald	87/100
A Grade	1st:	Clayton Dennis	87/100
	2nd:	Andrew Beckett	85/100
	3rd:	Ken Green	85/100
B Grade	1st:	Shaun Mountford	82/100
	2nd:	Jay Waterhouse	82/100
	3rd:	Laura Melanko	81/100
C Grade	1st:	Bill Clarke	73/100
	2nd:	Sharon Merritt	71/100
	3rd:	Andrew Buzzcott	66/100
Juniors	1st:	Liam Thomas	86/100
	2nd:	Tristan Noble	73/100
	3rd:	Jaxson Noble	66/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Oliver Hill	86/100
	2nd:	Cian Doyle	62/100
	3rd:	Mason Dennis	54/100

80 competitors took part with some incredible scores at these magnificent grounds. It was a fierce day of shooting with Luke Turner and Danon Randazzo were neck and neck (literally) both took out 25 break badges and both finished on 95/100 and the shoot off decided the highgun winner. Congratulations to Danon Randazzo and runner up Luke Turner



Julian Gardiner & runner up Luke Turner with 3rd AA Michael McDonald. HG Champ Danon Randazzo was MIA, Sharon Merritt 2nd C Grade and State 2023 Lady Champ, Julian Gardiner with Olympian & Commonwealth Games Gold medallist Laura Melanko giving Sporting a try, Super Mum Tania Hughs-Noble accepting son Tristans award. Tania is a great volunteer at the Club and our sport, State President Julian Gardiner with our future champions Mason Dennis, Oliver Hill and Liam Thomas

### RESULTS SPORTING CLAYS WA PERTH METRO SPORTING CLAYS STATE QUALIFIER 3 19TH MAY 2024

High Gun		Luke Turner	88/100
AA Grade	1st:	Danon Randazzo	87/100
	2nd:	Michael McDonald	76/100
A Grade	1st:	Andrew Beckett	88/100
	2nd:	Clayton Dennis	86/100
	3rd:	Jake Mammoliti	86/100
B Grade	1st:	Chris O'Riordan	79/100
	2nd:	Mat Shipp	79/100
	3rd:	Andrew Smedley	75/100
C Grade	1st:	Bill Clarke	67/100
	2nd:	Garry O'Reilly	66/100
	3rd:	Partrick Doyle	65/100
Juniors	1st:	Liam Thomas	86/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Oliver Hill	82/100
	2nd:	Ben Shipp	51/100
	3rd:	Cian Doyle	43/100



High Gun



AA Grade



Sub Juniors



B Grade

# VSCA REPORT

Both the Laang and Timboon Clubs are busy preparing for the 2024 Nationals in Sporting. It is the first time that the event is being held over two different clubs and provides the possibility of more variation than ever seen in target presentation, the ability to provide for all who wish to attend.

It promises to be a fantastic event and one you should not miss.

The Victorian Championships are being conducted by Daylesford Branch and will be held at the Clunes range. Clunes provides great terrain and allows for very varied target presentation. The event is fully prescribed with a waiting list. This also promises to be a great event.

Membership is steady at 500 members and we have welcomed new clubs into or midst with more interest from other potential member clubs.

The 2024 Compak Sporting series is growing from strength to strength with a major sponsor expressing interest in further promoting the discipline into the future.

VSCA members performed quiet well at the recent World Championships at Game Unlimited in Hudson. The trio of Robert Hall 181/200, Cameron Kivinen and Xavier Russell both 180/200 were the top performers for Australia all needing to add only one target per round against the fantastic winning score of 189/200 by Zack Kienbaum. To show the depth of competition Robert was 32nd overall and Cam and Xavier finished tied in 36th place. John Younger 172/200 finished in 14th place in the Seniors, Charlie Hudson 156/200 16th place in Ladies and Ben Studman 173/200 Junior finished in 9th place in the Juniors.



To show how the rest of the world have taken a step forward is illustrated by the three American ladies who tied on 182/200 and had to shoot off for gold, silver and bronze. Their score was superior to any of our Australian members and the targets in the shoot off were tougher than any I have seen before but Karen miles was able to score 20/25 to take out the title. This showed what a accomplished performer she was as Matarese and Digweed in the same shoot off both scored 21/25.

Jamie Peckham the FITASC range designer provided a great range of targets that were all very visible and provided a tough test for all competitors.

What do we do to retain our place in World Sporting Clays, my opinion is that we need to get back to setting our ranges with more variety in target trajectories and increasing the difficulty in some of the C category targets that are thrown at club events.

Compared to the rest of the world we are amateurs competing against professionals, many of the American shooters are shooting in excess of 50 to 60 thousand shotshells per year, this we cannot match in Australia due to density of population and the opportunity to shoot seven days per week as they do. I am still proud of our achievements and consider that we are the best amateurs in the world

Great to see Ron Rhook Gold Medallist in the Veteran World Cup, John Younger Silver in the Seniors and Robert Passarin Bronze in the Veterans.

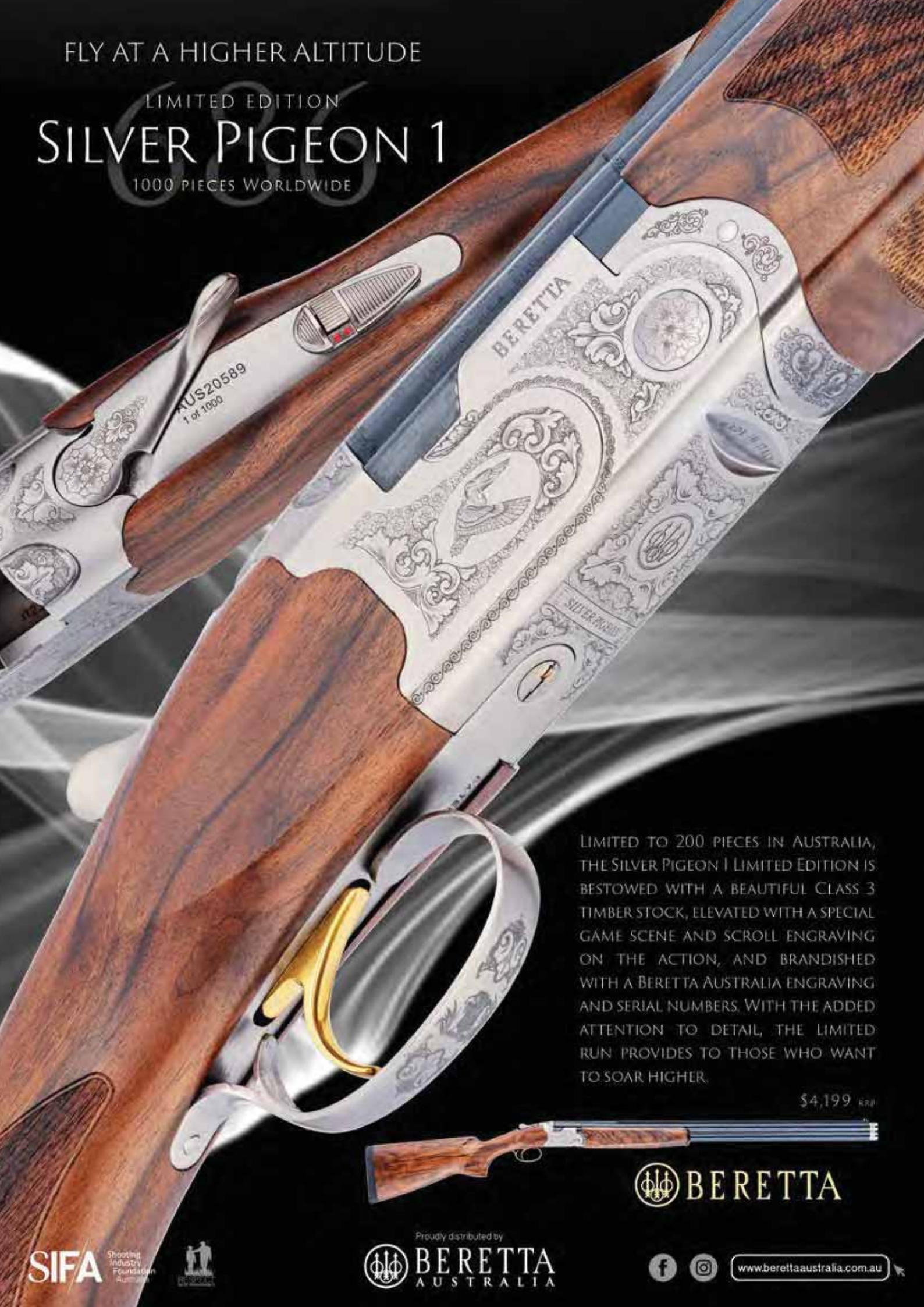


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