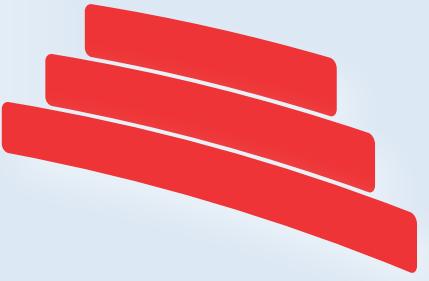


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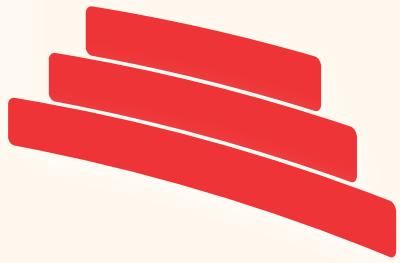
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SPORTING CLAYS AUSTRALIA AGM

14TH DECEMBER 2024

SCA held their AGM on 13th December 2024. This was later than usual but delayed due to the 2024 Nationals held in November at Timboon & Laang.

Those members elected to the SCA Executive for 2024/2025.

National President – Ian Grant

Vice President – Gary Harper

Treasurer – Andrew Fairfield -Smith

Secretary – Glen Rider

National Targe Director – Steve Chilton.

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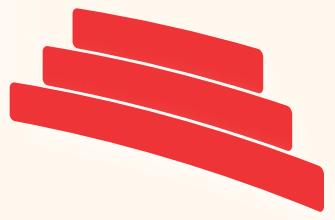
2025 FITASC Grand Prix to be held in March at Rocky Gully Sporting Clays with the support of Centrals and South East branch South Australia Field and Game.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

DECEMBER 2024



Recently the Compak Nationals were held at the Western Australian Gun Club and whilst numbers were down to 61 competitors this unfortunately clashed with Grand finals and weddings. A huge thanks go out to Nik Melanko and Jay Waterhouse for the organisation of this event and the people that did attend including a few from the East Thank you. A special thanks to Sue and Ken Green for manning the office and running the Live Scores program.

Geelong was the next event who held the National English Sporting titles. This was particularly disappointing as being in the centre of Sporting clays shooting in Victoria, we could only manage 62 odd shooters. A huge thanks to Ray and Nicole for the running of the event.

We will be looking hard at these minor National Events at the AGM as to whether they are viable to run on a National Stage, economically and from a resources point of view and participation.

The Nationals have come and gone, and it proved to be a big success form all reports. The targets were first class with some demanding stands to be sure. Its difficult to set targets to be shot over 4 days and allow for all conditions to be experienced in those next 4 days. I commend the Target setters on your effort.

The 2 different venues have its challenges but was well received. The effort put in from Laang's Steve Chilton and crew and the new boys on the block Ben Gaut and his dedicated crew from Timboon was of the highest level, the grounds looked magnificent. I have heard nothing but praise for how the event was run.

A special thanks to Lee Berger and Promatic for bringing Josh Vickers out from the UK to help with the trap setups.

We will be doing a survey with the Nationals feedback and later will run a survey as to whether the 3-day format of the new 4-day format is better in allowing more to participate the Nationals. In saying that I fully realise the numbers were not attracted this year but there are a variety of reasons for that including the change of date, following closely behind the Field and Game Nationals and the general state of the economy, especially with the increased cost of living nowadays.

As you are aware, the Association has received a response from FITASC regarding the future direction of Compak. They have much to our disgust have decided to change the rules on us and award the license to the ACTA to be run over trap and Skeet layouts. Our discussions with them were to no avail. We are currently looking at options going forward and will pass on the deliberations when a path forward is reached.

Now we are in the New Year, I wish to acknowledge some key players in our organisation them being and not restricted to John McKenzie in Live Scores, Peter Kay who along with John does all the nominations and admin behind the scenes a thankless task done with no fuss. Danielle in the office, we salute your dedication. Aaron Knowles and Adam Mower who collate the magazine and source advertising revenue thanks guys. Steve Chilton and the State target directors for the input and dedication you show in running these events.

To all the Event Partners I say a special thank you, without your support we would be left up the creek and we are fully aware every organisation wants their part of your limited resources.

The Clubs and States that have put your hands up to host the National events in the past year many thanks we can not operate without you.

Lastly but not by any way the least a huge thanks for the members of the Executive team for all the effort and advice you bring to the positions. You guys take most of the flack and bounce back a huge thank you.

Members thanks for your participation and just remember, we are all ears if you have any ideas to improve our sport, just put them in writing and send to the secretary or bring them to the board though your State Delegates.

See you around the traps.

Ian Grant



UNIVERSAL TRENCH AUSTRALIA

We at Universal Trench Australia are absolutely delighted to announce our official affiliation with Sporting Clays Australia.

This partnership marks a significant milestone in our journey, and we are excited about the opportunities it brings for all of us in the shooting community. Our story began back in 2014, fuelled by a small, passionate group of shooters who were determined to promote the discipline of Universal Trench.

At our first events, we welcomed around 30 shooters, and from those humble beginnings, we were able to assemble a talented team to represent Australia at the World Championships in Lonato, Italy. It was there that a young James Willett made history, bringing home Australia's first UT medal in many years—a bronze in the juniors. As the years progressed, our dedication and hard work paid off.

We celebrated another junior medal in silver, this time with Jackson Willman in Spain. But it was in 2016 that Universal Trench Australia truly cemented its place on the world stage. At the World Championships held in Morocco, our Australian team returned victorious, bringing home three individual gold medals—two by Mitch Iles, one for Anna Shadrina in the ladies' category—along with two team golds in junior and ladies' divisions, and a silver for our men's team. This remarkable success ignited a surge of interest in the discipline back home, causing participation numbers to soar in 2017.

However, as we all know, the onset of the Covid pandemic in 2020 paused our plans to form our own association. It hindered our growth and affected attendance at selection events, as many were understandably cautious about international travel. We took a step back, waiting patiently for the world to recover. With Ash Hawker & Gabe Sensi becoming Men's & Junior World Champions in 2022 and with the thrilling announcement of Melbourne hosting the 2026 World Championships, we find ourselves in an exciting resurgence.

In just a decade, including the two-year Covid gap, we have grown from gatherings of just 35 shooters to a record-breaking 137 entries at our most recent selection event at the Melbourne Gun Club. And we expect these numbers to continue to rise as we approach 2026.

Currently, we are proud to have a dedicated stand-in committee, led by President Craig Henwood, Vice President Jeffrey Tonna, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Coleman, and committee members Kate Puhar and Kadesha Comensoli. We are looking forward to our first Annual General Meeting in mid-February, where we will elect a full committee to propel us forward towards 2026.

We firmly believe that our collaboration with Sporting Clays Australia will be a tremendous asset to both organizations. We are eager to welcome new members and further promote the discipline of Universal Trench shooting. The road to get here has not always been easy, but it has been paved with support and encouragement from SCA from the beginning and the wider clay target shooting community.

Thank you all for being a part of this incredible journey. Together, let us aim high and shoot for success!



Jeffrey Tonna



Craig Henwood



Mark Coleman



SCA Sporting Nationals 2024

21 - 24 November

in association with Laang Range VIC and
Timboon Field and Game VIC

This year's SCA National Championships at Laang and Timboon, Victoria is done and dusted. The model of using two venues was essentially brought about by the need to find solutions to unplanned venue restrictions, increasing competitor numbers & changes. It was also an opportunity to see how the model would work conducted over 4 days and potentially provide more spots available and increase our competition capacity.

Changing the event to 4 days had its challenges which were overcome with planning & foresight by the admin team, with Peter Kay leading the charge, to iron out any foreseeable problems before they occurred. The scoring programme worked well with very few issues arising, which is a credit to those involved.

Unfortunately, in these changing times, ground availability and supporting infrastructure to hold large events are not as freely available as they once were. SCA need to keep pace with the times and changing community demands and expectations, and look for new ways to hold large events, whilst at the same time maintain our capacity with shooter numbers. It's a complex mix of problems and quite challenging for those volunteering to steer the SCA ship. What we all need to recognise is that nothing will be perfect nor will it suit everyone. Nothing in life ever is and often compromises need to be made for the greater good of the sport. It will be ongoing 'work in progress' for the foreseeable future, regardless of who has the SCA Board reins.

The Clays thrown at each ground presented very well & allowed a sequence of targets which were fair to everyone that took part. The other advantage was the topography from Timboon & Laang being very different & added to the target variety. Each Club had its members presenting the targets which again allowed for a varied selection of targets from each venue. The weather also helped with only one day where the wind came in to play & kicked the

targets around a little, but did not blow them out over the horizon. The target setters need to be congratulated by taking this into consideration. Local knowledge is a great thing when planning the grounds

SCA also have a very proud group of sponsors that came to the call when it was time to put the trophy table forward & a very special mention must go out to our Event Partners. Without their support we would not be able to present the prizes to the winners

Beretta presented two other options to the Juniors & Sub Juniors with a Slab of Trust Ammunition made available to those who entered the event. Beretta also provided a Beretta Silver Pigeon for a Handicap event & this also went to one lucky Junior (Brody Leigh) who took out that part of the event. He was one very happy young man & has provided an article for his win later in this magazine. He is a left hander & Beretta were only too happy to provide a suitable Left-Handed stock as well. Many Thanks Beretta for this thought.



OSA for providing the Miroku shotgun for O/A High Gun.



OTC for providing the Promatic Trap mechanic & the mountain of shotshells for prizes.



Beretta Australia Handicap Silver Pigeon & shotshells.



Bronzewing Australia for shotgun shells for prizes.



Perazzi Australia for shotshell prizes.

Castallani for random draw prizes during the event.

As always remember those who support you at our SCA National events & also at your State & Club events.

SCA have distributed a survey to those attending to gauge viewpoints on the two-venue model. Of course, the major difference and perhaps anecdotally, the most common talking point was the extra day/50 targets per day model as opposed to the three day, 75/75/50 model. What is important is for those attending the Nationals to complete the survey so we can have something to work with in planning future activities moving forward.

Outdoor Trading Company provided assistance with the help from Promatic UK who sent out one of their Factory mechanics (Josh, this is not his first trip to Australia) to service all the traps on the grounds prior to the Competition & on the ground during the event to provide any tweaking, which ensured the throwers were playing to their optimum performance with reduced breakages. This is always appreciated by the Competitors as the event run to time. Many thanks to Lee Berger from OTC for making this happen.

Once the final shot was fired the Admin team tallied the scores & sorted out any shoot offs to have the event completed & members on their way home in plenty of time before dark.

Congratulations to Blake Nankervis who managed to hold everyone off to be crowned the SCA 2024 Sporting Champion. It's been a few years since Blake's last Sporting Nationals O/A High Gun, but he is a worthy competitor & a true gentleman in our sport who is always smiling & takes the time to talk to anyone. Well done, Blake.

One important statistic some might find interesting is that for the nearly 300 competitors, SCA were able to offer around \$31,000 in total prize value and with 40 individual competitors taking away a prize from the table. This includes both grade and category winners and not to mention the give-away draws from Castellani and Perazzi. We think this compares quite well to other similar events around the country.

Should anyone need to make a comparison on events a little budget forecasting to consider. Those who travel to a World FITASC Sporting event go at a cost of roughly \$800 (upwards) per day for a 10-day trip with a \$550 Entry fee for 200 targets. If you should get on the FITASC podium, you receive a medal & a trophy.....nothing else. Events in Australia are well supported by SCA & our Event partners.

We also recognise the hard-working volunteers and supporters for both clubs as well as those SCA members who volunteered their time (and at their own personal expense) to organise the event, run it and then pack it all away. We cannot thank these people enough for their time and effort in making it all happen.

The Sporting Nationals in 2025 will be at Brisbane Sporting Clays.

Down to the event and Laang in it's position as a range that never fails to offer competitors a challenge once again lived up to its reputation.

Ground 1 (PERAZZI) started out on stand 1 that led shooters into a false sense of thinking, "these targets aren't that hard". Low curling targets that followed the contour were deceptive, especially the early waves that also had some shadows to contend with at the same time. Throughout the four days there were many people reflecting back on this pad, hindsight is a wonderful thing. Perhaps the vintage machinery was a good excuse, as many were observed admiring what was parked in the sheds. Moving on to stand 2, it was time to reset. The rabbit bought some undone, especially when it ran flat along the ground causing shooters to rush their shots. Competitors were now starting to get into a rhythm, or so they thought. Stand 3, a couple of high crossers and a springing teal. What could go wrong. In one-word HEAPS. Many a shooter didn't take into account the slight curl of the springer shooting up the side of it. The crossers off the towers looked like straight forward targets, but many continued on to live another day. Moving on to stand 4, with many needing a good result here to finish the round with a respectable score. With some concentration, competitors redeemed themselves, but the targets also caught some out once they stepped into the ring. Especially if you didn't study each target as all were doing something slightly different, curling, dropping and waving goodbye.

Ground 2 (OTC) had shooters keen to post a decent score. Stand 1 was crossers and an incomer looking across the slope of the hill. Quite a few walked off here thinking "we're back". Onto stand 2, which all of a sudden deflated many. A slight change in terrain caught people out. Many that have shot Laang previously had shot from the other side of the gully. Moving to a new position puts a different perspective on the targets. Stand 3 continued the soul searching for some. Many shooters made comments that "I have never shot targets like this". Watching the top shooters, they had plenty of time, but for the average shooter it seemed that in the blink of an eye the targets were gone once called for. Onto stand 4. Here competitors were starting to get used to targets below your feet and finished the round with some dignity remaining.

Ground 3 (BERETTA), commencing at stand 1 beside the dam. Some interesting targets where most competitors started out well. Slightly deceiving but most shooters were happy with their scores. Hi ho hi ho, off to stand 2 we go. Well, did the wind come out of many shooters sails here. A long battue and long crosser were part of the targets on the stand. The targets were very deceiving, especially as there was a gully where the targets' line followed. The deception here fooled a lot of shooters. A stand like this can make or break a shooter. Top shooters either cleared the stand or came off 1 target down. Most were happy if they hit half of them. Stand 3, where quite a few had gravel rash on their bottom lip walking from stand 2. Everyone was keen to make up from the last stand and focused on what was presented. Quartering away and incoming targets welcomed shooters. Most were comfortable with their scores off this stand and moved on feeling good with themselves. Stand 4 with targets out in the open. Crossing and quartering, time to finish on a high. Well, that worked for some, but others had trouble reading the lines

of the targets, especially on the side of the hill. Overall, competitors were happy with their scores, although as always, they could have been better.

Ground 4 (BRONZEWING), stand 1 on the hill had some great targets. Don't hesitate or doubt yourself or you were off to a bad start. Moving on to stand 2 most competitors were holding their own. The targets under your feet tested some competitors, especially ones that didn't get the opportunity to shoot these style of targets at home clubs. Many a murmur was heard about having to set some similar targets back home. Stand 3 and 4 were also interesting targets. Reading flight lines was the order of the day here. Some struggled to come to grips and walked away vowing to put this range behind them and focus on what remained of the weekend.

Timboon was a ground that many hadn't been to or competed at. For anyone that hadn't been here before, it was certainly an eye opener, even before stepping on the range.

Ground 1 (GB, PROMATIC) was a buggy ride to the top of the hill to commence. Many stood and admired the scenery as it was something to behold. Before you there was a vista that would be the envy of many clubs. Hills, or as some called them cliffs gave the club a vast range of terrain to throw targets. Onto stand 1, which looked relatively easy until you stood in the ring where everything changed. The undulating terrain teased many shooters with some looking mesmerised on how they had missed "that" target. Off down the track to stand 2. Target diversity was great with some above, below, and all around keep everyone focused. Stand 3 was very similar, don't relax or all of a sudden there were some crosses on the score sheet. Finishing on stand 4 many were singing the praises of Timboon, and we still had more to come.

Ground 2 (BENELLI) was an eye opener for many. Working around the side of a ridge with targets up in front of you was something different. Most held their own on the first 3 stands. Each one had some interesting and challenging targets. Just understanding how to set yourself for some of the targets presented caught both experienced and inexperienced shooters out. Stand 4 was the one that tested many, with targets out in the open but curling and following the contours to maximum effect. Sever good scores became average scores after this pad. Oh well, back to the clubhouse for some light refreshments.

Ground 3 (OSA). Here competitors were out in the open on some flat terrain. Even though the open area seemed to be easier after grounds 1 and 2, scores remained steady throughout. By utilising the flight lines of the targets, the range setters had done some excellent work making competitors work for each target. Even though the targets seemed easier only one 25 break was achieved here.

Ground 4 (CASTELLANI) was a great way to finish off at Timboon. Targets that challenged everyone and for competitors the opportunity to finish on a high. Great variety of targets around the gully with some light hearted banter along the way. This is how events need to be with competitors sitting around afterwards reminiscing about the one that got away.

Timboon's first National and they turned it on. A massive thanks and congratulations to the committee and workers stepping into something new. It was great to see the support that Timboon had with assistance from the local

school and businesses. Also, a massive thank you to the two landowners that allow Timboon to use their properties to conduct events, for without people like these the sport would be worse off.

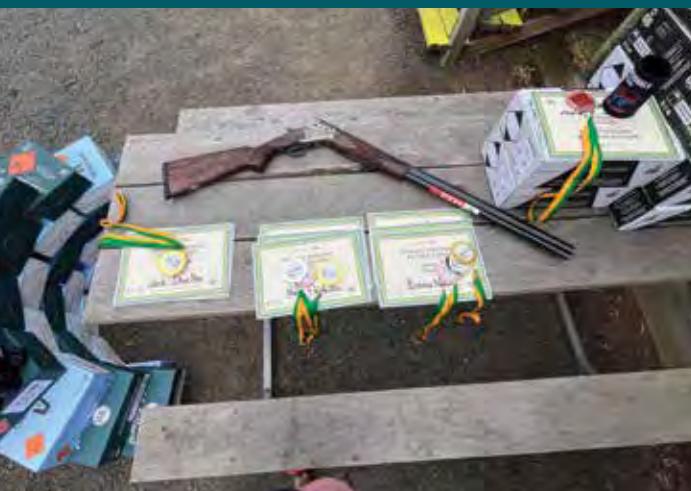
SCA TEAM RESULTS

Team	Score
Victoria	1242
New South Wales	1097
South Australia	1078
Queensland	1077
Western Australia	1029
Tasmania	996

RESULTS

Open	1st	Blake Nankervis	188
	2nd	Jeremy Kent	186
	3rd	Robert Hall	186
	4th	Chris Brown	183
	5th	Michael Baldwin	182
A Grade	1st	Tom Bilney	175
	2nd	Alistair Kirby	174
	3rd	Greg Parry	169
	4th	Daniel Torresan	169
	5th	Frank Papaluca	167
B Grade	1st	Darren Guy	149
	2nd	Chris Cefai	144
	3rd	Jason Charlton	141
	4th	Paul Leonard	140
	5th	Bretton Smith	138
C Grade	1st	Adam Russell	136
	2nd	Christian Leadbitter	132
	3rd	Sharon Merritt	122
	4th	Paul Studham	119
	5th	Brendan Goodman	118
Seniors	1st	John Younger	180
	2nd	Socrates Pilipasidis	176
	3rd	Martin Seymour	168
Veterans	1st	Neil Peart	171
	2nd	Robert Passarin	162
	3rd	Robin Shawyer	156
Masters	1st	Gordon MacPhee	153
	2nd	Ian Waldron	150
	3rd	John Torresan	142
Ladies	1st	Bianca Norris	171
	2nd	Renae Birgan	169
	3rd	Brittany Melbourne	169
Juniors	1st	Benjamin Studham	175
	2nd	Nate Palubiski	168
	3rd	Jed Leadbitter	166
Sub Juniors	1st	Ashtan Papaluca	158
	2nd	Phineas McBurnie	155
	3rd	Jack Charlton	152
Handicap Highgun	1st	Brody Leigh	241







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SCA NATIONALS LETTER

BY EBONY

Hi, my names Ebony and I began shooting 3 years ago, this November I went to my first SCA Nationals held at Laang and Timboon. The shoot consisted of 50 targets per day and swapping between the two shooting grounds. I found doing this was a great experience as it meant I got to shoot at two different grounds and have plenty of time in the afternoon to talk to others, meet new people and expanding my knowledge and skills. I had an absolute blast at this event getting to go out and do one of my favourite things, there was a wide variety of different target presentations across the terrain. This national's shoot helped me to see that I can keep up an average score over the span of four days.

I came into this shoot not knowing very many people and I am happy to say that there are so many new faces that I will now know including my squad, the people that I got to shoot with all weekends were just so amazing and supportive and have all taught me something new over this weekend.

Thank you to Beretta Australia and Sporting Clays Australia for their generous support of all junior shooters.



SCA NATIONALS LETTER

BY BRODY

I would like to give a big thanks to Sporting Clays Australia, for giving Sub-Juniors free nominations. This made it easier for us as a family to attend the Sporting Clays Nationals.

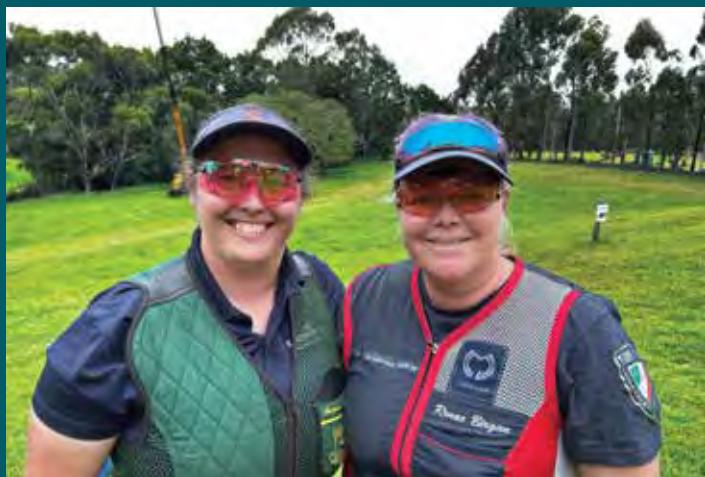
Also, a big credit to Timboon and Laang gun clubs for putting on such a great event. Targets were awesome, and I never heard one complaint all weekend.

Finally, I must give a massive shoutout to Beretta Australia for being involved. All Sub-Juniors and Juniors got a free slab of shells, which was awesome. As a bonus, I was lucky enough to take out the Handicap High Gun. I really appreciate Beretta Australia for putting up such an awesome prize that I had the opportunity to win.

Thanks again to everyone who made it such a fun event.

Brody Leigh





ASC NEWS

The 2024 season is nearly over as I write this. We have had another prosperous year with steady membership and consistent attendances to all events. Try shooting and corporate events are back running after a short break.

We have managed to continue to improve our range with new traps, equipment and the help of our volunteer members who attended the working bees. Big thanks to the committee for their time and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Shoot reports

The 6th SCNSW selection on the 10th August ran like clockwork. Shooters had perfect weather and some challenging targets. HG Andrew Bell could only manage 85 on the day with the next 5 shooters only 1 or 2 targets behind. It was definitely close at the top and throughout the grades as well.

The teams event was also a nail biter with ASC creeping past Shoalhaven by 1 target, 317 to 316. As always, thanks to our sponsors SCNSW and Gary at Safari Firearms.

Our second day of the weekend was the OTC English sporting. Thanks to Lee Berger and OTC. We had a very impressive prize pool up for grabs. The numbers were a little disappointing for some reason? Most travellers elected to head home after Saturday! and missed a great shoot. Once again, the range workers did their magic and rejigged the targets to suit English Sporting.

HG Angelo Salamon shot an impressive 89/100, just 2 ahead of young junior Joshua Peckett.

Our final major competition for 2024 was the SCNSW Old Style FITASC 150. Again, we had perfect weather for both days and enjoyed sponsorship from SCNSW and Hosley Park Gun Shop with John Dickey's help.

We didn't quite manage to fill the event, however those who did enter had a great two days of challenging targets. We had three layouts which were changed for the second day. Most squads got to grips with shooting the singles first then rotating to shoot the pairs.

Once again, the scores were very close across the grades. There were plenty of 24/25, however only 3 shooters managed the perfect round. Peter Cassar, Andrew Bell and Anthony Woo.

The top 5 super final on the Sunday had some very tough targets requiring the finalist to really buckle down to ensure they finished well. Congratulations to Peter Cassar who held his nerve and maintained his lead over the field.

On behalf of the ASC committee, I wish all SCA members a merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year. Next year allready looks like it is jampacked with top events.

Regards

Paul Smidt ASC President



Peter Cassar High Gun

COFFS HARBOUR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Coffs Sporting Clays held events on the 25th of August and the 29th of September 2024.

Both events saw enthusiastic number of competitors. The 25th of August saw Matthew Palmer shine from B Grade with an impressive 65 / 75 to take out High Gun. On the 29th of September, the ever-improving Paul Bills and Glen Thomas battled it out for High Gun, both finishing on 65 / 75.

Coffs Harbour Sporting members put plenty of effort in travelling to other clubs seeking experience with different terrain and target presentation. This no doubt has improved their competitiveness.

Coffs members in the last months have visited clubs at Broken Hill, Dubbo, Warwick, Brisbane, Gunnedah, Geelong, Kariong, Cooma and Tenterfield. We also have four members who are travelling for the Nationals at Laang-Timboon which is a significant effort for a regional club.

Referees:

Our club has eight participants wanting to become an accredited referee. This is thanks to the incentive by Sporting Clays N.S.W. offering the referees course. We look forward to the course date.

Our club acknowledges the tireless efforts of the target setters and the workers at the end of the day, picking up clays and packing up traps.

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS AUGUST

BY "SHELLSHOCKED"

On Saturday 31 August the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 100 target Compak clay target championship shoot. The shoot was generously sponsored by Top Gear Engineering, a valued and regular supporter of our club. The weather was mild and sunny, and a bit windy, but not too bad for shooting clay targets. Given that the shoot was rescheduled to avoid Fathers Day, organisers were pleased with an attendance of about 25 shooters.

The range was set by Grant, Tim, Gerard and Clay who did a great job to set targets that were interesting and challenging and great fun to shoot. The targets were more difficult than our previous Compak shoot but good scores were still recorded in all grades.

The best score off the gun was a very good total of 84 that was shot by Gerard Mahoney who won the High Gun Medal by just a single shot at the finish.

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.

RESULTS

High Gun		Gerard Mahoney	84
A Grade	1st:	Brian Casey	83
	2nd:	Travis Casey	82
	3rd:	Clay Johnston	80
B Grade	1st:	Andrew Ashwood	77
	2nd:	Gary Meehan	72
	3rd:	Adrian Locke	71
C Grade	1st:	Malcolm McEvoy	56
	2nd:	Grant Boylan	54
	3rd:	Glenn Kester	49
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	63
	2nd:	Saxon Locke	59

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BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS OCTOBER

BY "SHELLSHOCKED"

On 12 and 13 October the Broken Hill Field and Game Association hosted its premier simulated field clay target shoot for the year, the 39th annual 150 target Silver City Championships. The weather was warm, overcast and breezy but not too bad for shooting clay targets. Organisers were delighted with the attendance of 82 shooters.

The shooters competed for an excellent range of sashes and trophies thanks to the generosity of our sponsors; Ricky Jones of Buckalow Station, Sumtin Electrical, Boltons Precision Engineering, Range and Field, Silver City Guns and Ammo, the Claypan Penguins, John Redway, Hayden Beven and Tim Millsteed.

Range marshal Josh Edgecumbe, with plenty of assistance, worked very hard to set an inviting range layout that provided plenty of variety, and he included some more difficult targets, which made for very enjoyable and challenging shooting.

The best overall score for the shoot was an excellent total of 134 recorded by AA Grade shooter Greg "Mocka" McSwain from the Sunraysia club. Mocka is a regular, successful and popular visitor to Broken Hill and he won the Silver City Shield High Gun trophy and sash with a few shots up his sleeve at the finish.

The best Broken Hill shooters were Travis Casey who shot 130 for equal second place overall, Colby Ellis and Rod Weaver who finished in first and second place respectively in B Grade, Cassie Hibberd shot 92 for second place in the Ladies Grade, and Lincoln Casey continued his good form to claim first place in the Juniors Grade.

The Claypan Penguins handicap team championship was won by the "Boom" team comprising Colby Ellis, Matt Barton, Nicholas Tzonos and Jamie Di Cerbo, who shot a score of 610 to finish comfortably clear of their nearest rival.

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.

RESULTS

High Gun		Greg McSwain	134
AA Grade	1st:	Brad Harris	130
	2nd:	Travis Casey	130
	3rd:	Brian McGaffin	127
A Grade	1st:	Colin Nunn	122
	2nd:	Brad Gillespie	117
	3rd:	Wayne McCarthy	116
B Grade	1st:	Colby Ellis	116
	2nd:	Rod Weaver	108
	3rd:	Matt Barton	107
C Grade	1st:	Tim Broad	91
	2nd:	Stuart Eggart	89
	3rd:	Daniel Evans	87
Veterans	1st:	Rob Shawyer	115
	2nd:	Brian Casey	114
	3rd:	Roger Kerslake	110
Ladies	1st:	Julie Gillespie	96
	2nd:	Cassie Hibberd	92
	3rd:	Delilah Rybak	87
Juniors	1st:	Lincoln Casey	113
	2nd:	Will Tyson	67
	3rd:	Saxon Locke	62



Silver City Championship High Gun and Grade Champions



Claypan Penguin Handicap Team Championship winners

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS NOVEMBER

BY "SHELLSHOCKED"

On Sunday 3 November the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Championship. The shoot was generously sponsored by Mick Walden of Flat Out Tyres. The day was overcast and hot with a strong wind, challenging conditions for shooting clay targets. Organisers were pleased with the attendance of 18 shooters.

The range was set by Kym and Anthony with a good crew of offsiders, and they did an excellent job to present a very good variety of targets that stood up well in the windy conditions and made for very enjoyable shooting. The best shooters handled the conditions well and recorded some good totals.

The best score off the gun was an excellent total of 65 that was shot by B Grade shooter Gary Meehan. Gary finished comfortably clear of his nearest rival and was a deserving winner of the High Gun Medal and the Ian West Memorial Trophy. Craig Lawrence won A Grade with a very good score of 62, and Bob Tweedie snuck home to win C Grade with a score of 52.

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RESULTS

High Gun		Gary Meehan	65
A Grade	1st:	Craig Lawrence	62
	2nd:	Ian Featherstone	58
	3rd:	Brian Casey	56
B Grade	1st:	Gary Meehan	65
	2nd:	Kym Files	61
	3rd:	Anthony Elliott	60
C Grade	1st:	Bob Tweedie	52
	2nd:	Jason Butcher	49
	3rd:	Glenn Kester	48



Grade winners

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS DECEMBER

BY "SHELLSHOCKED"

On Sunday 1 December, at the Broken Hill Field and Game Association Christmas Shoot, Club President Rod Weaver presented the Association's perpetual awards for the 2024 shooting year.

The winner of the Rex and Sidney Carroll Club Championship Cup for 2024 is Travis Casey. This makes two in a row for Travis who, once again, was easily our best shooter all year and he finished the year with more than double the points scored by the next best shooter. Travis has certainly set a high bar for the championship next year.

Perpetual trophies were also awarded to the most successful shooters for 2024 in each Grade. The trophies were presented to Brian Casey and Brian McGaffin who tied with equal points in A Grade, Kym Files for B Grade, and Jason Butcher for C Grade. Lincoln Casey was the winner of the best Junior shooter, and he received the perpetual shield donated by the Rawson family. Julie Gillespie was our best Lady shooter.

Rod also presented the President's Shield that is awarded to members who make an outstanding contribution to the Association during the year. For 2024 the Shield was presented jointly to Gary Meehan and Tim Millsteed. Gary and Tim are both committee members who contribute accordingly, are always at

the range for working bees and to set the targets for shoot days, and can be relied upon to be available when help is needed and to get the job done properly. A well deserved award for a job well done.



Club Champions 2024

DUBBO FIELD & GAME NO LONGER

July 2024 brought around a few changes to our little club.

We farewelled our president Smithy on July 10th who passed away unexpectedly.

We still expect him to waltz into the clubhouse being heard before seen and wonder what antics he is going to get up to.

The committee have made our January 2025 shoot to be “The Stephen Smith Memorial Shoot” so we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Also in July, Dubbo Field & Game became no longer when we made the switch to “Narromine Sporting Clays” (NSC). The decision to change our name was made after discussions with members and committee during a special meeting held.

We plan to move forward bigger and better so stay tuned.



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NARROMINE JULY

DEVILS HOLLOW BREWERY & COUNTRYWIDE INDUSTRIES 100T SHOOT

Sunday 21st July 2024 100T shoot was a special day in 2 ways. It was our first shoot under the new banner of Narromine Sporting Clays but it was also our first shoot without Smithy.

Shooters donned black arm bands in memory of our friend, colleague & mate.

Being a typical July day, there was a chill factor in the air but it didn't stop over 45 shooters taking to the range and attempting to hit the targets set out by the range setters.

There were 2 x 25 Break badges on the day given out to Ken Purvis & Hugo Graesser which were well deserved.

A shoot off for High Gun between Lance North & Tony Monk which ended with only 1 difference along with shoot off for 3rd in B Grade between Rob Murray (+14), Craig McPherson (+11) and Brett Hooper (+8).

Stephanie Neeves was drawn out for the jackpot but unfortunately didn't qualify to take the cash. Lucky door prize of 1/2 slab went to Andrew McInnes.

As we say Winners are Grinners.

RESULTS

High Gun		Lance North	88+12
AA Grade	1st:	Chris Everett	79
	2nd:	Anthony Corderoy	76
A Grade	1st:	Murray Rees	81
	2nd:	Ken Purvis	78
	3rd:	Anthony Cahill	73
B Grade	1st:	Jason McGrath	74
	2nd:	Grant Berryman	72
	3rd:	Rob Murray	71+14
C Grade	1st:	Michael Kovac	76
	2nd:	Caleb Rutherford	70
	3rd:	Greg Drabsch	59
Seniors	1st:	Dean Delaney	80
	2nd:	Jeff Hall	77
	3rd:	Hugo Graesser	71
Veterans	1st:	Tony Monk	88
	2nd:	Jake Guzelian	78
	3rd:	Neil Donaldson	75+1
Masters	1st:	Les Townsend	66+1
	2nd:	Kevin Heywood	66
	3rd:	Denis Coaker	62
Ladies	1st:	Paula Purvis	79
	2nd:	Mel Phillips	70
	3rd:	Melinda McGrath	65
Sub Juniors	1st:	Henry Purvis	66
	2nd:	Mitchel Rees	57
	3rd:	Daniel Briggs	43



B Grade Winners, Jason McGrath, Grant Berryman, Rob Murray



C Grade Winners, Mick Kovac, Caleb Rutherford, Greg Drabsch & Grant Berryman



The start of Narromine Sporting Clays first official shoot (what a mob!)

NARROMINE AUGUST

COAKER EVERETT MEMORIAL SHOOT

Another year another awesome shoot. This time it was a bit wet under foot but that didn't deter 60 odd shooters coming out for 2 days of brilliant shooting.

Switching it around again this year, we held the sporting on Saturday and the timed events on Sunday.

Evo went about setting targets for everyone and made sure you worked for the memorial trophies. The targets looked "easy" but once in the stands it all changed. Rabbits across the creek ducking behind trees, birds flying from all directions.

DC and Corderoy put their heads together and masterminded another timed station. With six stations this year, shooters were treated to High Pheasants, Rabbits, Grouse, Quails, Crows and a new one – Springing Teals!

The pheasants got a change up instead of coming over your head, one went high and across while the other one lower incoming. Didn't that mess people's minds!

Young sub junior Brock on the rabbit stand was making all the seasoned shooters pull their socks up, I think he showed them a thing or two.

This is a shoot not to miss, so make sure you put it on your calendar for 2025 as I've been told its going to be bigger and better.

During presentation, DC spoke about his grandson Angus Brander who is one of our shooting family members being diagnosed with Glioblastoma (Brain Cancer).

Being the club we are, we look after our own, jumping straight in, shooters donated their prizes back to be auctioned off at the end of presentation. We sent Angus over \$4100 to help out with medical and travel costs.

Winners Are Grinners

Stuart Coaker Grouse Memorial – John Koolbanis

Dick Coaker High Pheasant Memorial – Tony Monk

Tom Everett Black Duck Memorial – Jeff Hall

Les Clarke Rabbit Memorial – Murray Rees

Bernie Rawson Memorial – Lance North

Side x Side Winner – Ken Purvis

Pheasant Gun Winner – Samuel Brander

RESULTS

High Gun		Lance North	224
AA Grade	1st:	Stephen Cooper	197
	2nd:	Chris Barrowman	190
	3rd:	Shane Summers	188
A Grade	1st:	John Koolbanis	218
	2nd:	Murray Rees	201
	3rd:	Andrew Sinclair	183
B Grade	1st:	Troy Armstrong	209
	2nd:	Phillip Sattler	197
	3rd:	Thomas Lyne	194
C Grade	1st:	Henk Van Den Heuval	132
	2nd:	Craig Ridley	127
	3rd:	Andrew Tucker	109
Seniors	1st:	Peter Kay	193
	2nd:	Jeff Hall	191
	3rd:	Paul Lyne	145
Veterans	1st:	Stephen Tydd	208
	2nd:	Tony Monk	203
	3rd:	Wal Friend	146
Masters	1st:	Keith Lyne	165
	2nd:	Denis Coaker	149
	3rd:	Tony Annecchini	136
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	175
	2nd:	Paula Purvis	173
	3rd:	Melinda McGrath	151
Juniors	1st:	Dylen Murray	184
	2nd:	Nicholas Lyne	149
	3rd:	Nicholas Brighenti	137
Sub Juniors	1st:	Henry Purvis	173
	2nd:	Blake Kelly	141
	3rd:	Mitchel Rees	136



Tony Monk



Ken Purvis



Jeff Hall

NARROMINE OCTOBER GUNPRO 100T SHOOT

Sunday 20 October 2024 brought around the GunPro 100t Event. Beautiful weather along with awesome targets.

Grant and his merry helpers went about setting some brilliant targets to keep all levels of shooters happy along with scratching their heads!

With just under 40 shooters going head to head to win the prizes

Bloinky didnt disappoint in the kitchen keeping us all fed with his culinary delights.

Winners are grinners



High Gun

RESULTS

High Gun		Lance North	91
A Grade	1st:	Chris Everett	78
	2nd:	Murray Rees	74+1
	3rd:	Daniel Horder	74
B Grade	1st:	Craig McPherson	79
	2nd:	Brett Hall	77+14
	3rd:	Adam Carmichael	77+11
C Grade	1st:	Craig Ridley	60+1
	2nd:	Ben Smith	60
	3rd:	Michael O'Dell	57
Seniors	1st:	Kevin Haskins	86
	2nd:	Peter Kay	83
	3rd:	Dean Delaney	82
Veterans	1st:	Ian Piddington	70
	2nd:	Jake Guzelian	69
Masters	1st:	Phillip Craig	79
	2nd:	Laurie Redfern	69
	3rd:	Les Townsend	57
Ladies	1st:	Mel Phillips	68
	2nd:	Michelle Craig	59
Sub Juniors	1st:	Jack Rees	62
	2nd:	Michel Rees	42



Seniors



B Grade

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NARROMINE SPORTING CLAYS

Narromine Sporting Clays held the NSW State Championships September 14-15th 2024 with a mixture of targets and weather. One day we are in t shirts, the next everyone seemed to find a jumper but the rain held off and for once the wind played nicely.

Peter Kay and his range setters threw all the balls in the air – well clays anyway and stretched the ranges from one end to the next. A couple of spots never having targets thrown across them.

He had crossers, loopers, battues, rabbits, incomers, outgoers and those bloody trucks. Didn't hear many complaints but if you missed them then it was the nut at the end of the butt that was at fault.

With 90 shooters all competing for one of those pretty blue sashes and for 6 shooters a spot on the NSW team.

Thanks must go to Tarnia North & Lawana Risteska for taking control of the office and ensuring it ran smoothly with scores going in quickly to enable the shooters to view where they were sitting on the leaderboard and having squad sheets ready to go for the next rounds.

Thanks to Narromine Sporting Clays President Rob Murray keeping all the squads moving out to the ranges and being on call for anything needed. To Ken Purvis, Paul Purvis, Grant Berryman, Paul Bell for running around the ranges keeping traps full and fixing any issues. Michael O'Dell for helping Rotary and being an all rounder.

We farewelled the Rotary Club as they have retired their van and no longer catering. So no more Dagwood dogs which was the biggest crowd pleaser. They did mention Jason "Lebo" Mouheit as their best customer and his record of dogs eaten will stay with them always.

Big Thank You to Ange at Clay Busting Photos for all her snaps around the range and presentation so make sure you check out her page for more, you just might find yourself!

Congrats to John Younger taking out High Gun with 175/200.

NSW State Team was announced at the end of the weekend, they will now go on to representing NSW at the Nationals to be held down in Victoria in November.

Congratulations to

Open: Bart Brightenti, Andrew Bell, Warren Thorpe, Chris Barrowman

Senior: Andrew Garvie

Ladies: Melissa Phillips

Juniors: Jed Leadbitter

Adrian Hayes Trophy which is now named "NSW State Teams Event" went to Sydney

RESULTS			
High Gun		John Younger	175
AA Grade	1st:	Bart Brightenti	170
	2nd:	Stephen Cooper	167+11
	3rd:	Dennis Dinte	167+10
A Grade	1st:	Andrew Sinclair	161
	2nd:	Frank Sgambellone	156
	3rd:	Frank Araco	154
B Grade	1st:	Ken Flemming	149
	2nd:	George Atwal	146
	3rd:	Jason Mouheit	139
C Grade	1st:	Russell Martin	106
	2nd:	David Milczarek	104
	3rd:	Henk Van den Heuvel	100
Seniors	1st:	Andrew Garvie	157
	2nd:	Paul Crittenden	156+1
	3rd:	Stephen Payne	156
Veterans	1st:	Jake Guzelian	140
	2nd:	Milton Cartwright	133+10
	3rd:	Max Holland	133+1
Masters	1st:	Ross Christian	147
	2nd:	Sid Guglielmino	135
	3rd:	Maxwell Kavanagh	132
Ladies	1st:	Emalene Munro	147
	2nd:	Kimberly Askew	140
	3rd:	Mel Phillips	136
Juniors	1st:	Nicholas Brightenti	164
	2nd:	Jed Leadbitter	162
	3rd:	Charlie North	152
Sub Juniors	1st:	Henry Purvis	109
	2nd:	Lincoln Casey	96



C Grade



PRESS RELEASE

Dealership Announcement

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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.

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LAKE BONNEY AUGUST

ELECTRICAL OYSTERS/ BOC GAS 75 TARGET EVENT

There were 62 shooters at the Electrical Oysters/ BOC Gas 75 target event at Lake Bonney Sporting Clays. A challenging course was set with a few new targets.

Steve Groen won Highgun by one target ahead of Danny Bellinger who took out first in AA grade. Event sponsor Mick Banning took second in AA grade, just one target behind long time rival Danny, third went to Mark Fabris.

There was a three way tie in A grade, Warren Whitehead won first, Brenton Ferguson second and Jeremy Hellyer third.

Sam Chapman took out first in B grade, with a tie for second and third resulting in Bill Agnew second and Herb Whitehead third.

C grade was won by Dan Johnston, second went to Charles Wallis and third Ian Lister.

Tony Sellars won the Seniors grade with a comfortable lead ahead of second place Mick Brennan and third place Ian Vearing.

Veterans was taken out by Wayne Evans, just one target ahead of Geoff Lowe, Graham James rounded out the top three.

Tasha Bellinger won the ladies grade ahead of Sam Freeman in second and Bernie Peters in third.

The Juniors grade was won by Toby Finch, second went to Heath Johnston and third Charlie Sims.

Val and Lorraine Hunt from the Royal Flying Doctors Service Support Group paid a visit to the club to be presented with the clubs donation.

Thank you to all shooters who travelled and to all the volunteers who make the day a successful event.



RESULTS

High Gun		Steve Groen	67
AA Grade	1st	Danny Bellinger	66
	2nd	Mick Banning	65
	3rd	Mark Fabris	60
A Grade	1st	Warren Whitehead	63
	2nd	Brenton Ferguson	63
	3rd	Jeremy Hellyer	63
B Grade	1st	Sam Chapman	57
	2nd	Bill Agnew	55
	3rd	Herb Whitehead	55
C Grade	1st	Dan Johnston	57
	2nd	Charles Wallis	53
	3rd	Ian Lister	47
Seniors	1st	Tony Sellars	65
	2nd	Mick Brennan	58
	3rd	Ian Vearing	52
Veterans	1st	Wayne Evans	57
	2nd	Geoff Lowe	56
	3rd	Graham James	54
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	59
	2nd	Sam Freeman	54
	3rd	Bernie Peters	48
Juniors	1st	Toby Finch	55
	2nd	Heath Johnston	49
	3rd	Charlie Sims	46



LAKE BONNEY SEPTEMBER

24 ANNUAL LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS 150 CLASSIC

A large number of travelling shooters attended the 24th Annual Lake Bonney Sporting Clays 150 Classic, competitors travelled from as far as Swan Hill, Ararat and Andamooka to compete against local shooters.

Highgun for the two day event went to local shooter Jeremy Kent with a score of 141/150, Jeremy also shot two perfect round of 25/25 to secure the top spot.

AA grade was won by Lake Bonney shooter Danny Bellinger, Declan Wright placed second, Brenton Ferguson took out third place, Mick Banning secured fourth and Mark Fabris rounded out the top five.

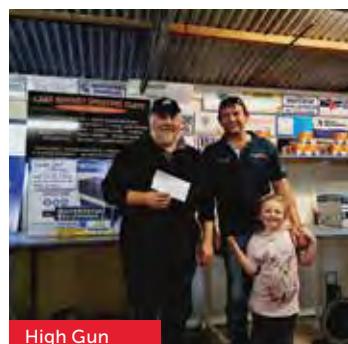
A Grade was won by South East shooter Matt Jones with a lead of two targets in front of second placed John Maher, third went to visiting shooter Sam Wilson, fourth was won by Scott Fleming, Clayton Faggofer from Andamooka took out fifth place, and Kingston shooter Bruce Parker rounded out the top six.

Mark Hoggan from Clunes took out the top spot in B grade just one target in from of Gary Cummin, third went to local Herb Whitehead, Paul Dunn won fourth place, fifth went to Sam Chapman and sixth Craig Smith.

The top place in C grade was won by visiting shooter Pinky Kemp, second place was won by Luke Rainsford, third went to Memphis Benton and fourth Ray Caldwell.

Chris Wright took out the Seniors grade with a score of 130/150, second was Tony Sellars just two targets ahead of third placed Steve Krause.

Coleraine shooter Steve Crawford placed first in the Veterans grade ahead of second placed Neville Kent, third went to local shooter and sponsor Geoff Lowe, Chris VonStanke Snr claimed fourth place, fifth went to Wayne Evans and after a shoot off with visiting shooter Basil Wagg, Gary Dangerfield won sixth.



High Gun



Ladies



Sub Juniors



AA Grade

The Ladies grade was won by local Tasha Bellinger with second going to another local lady Bec Kober, third went to visiting shooter Grace Wilson, fourth to Brenda Murphy from Swan Hill, fifth went to Kellie Roos and Laetitia Vearing rounded out the top six.

South East Junior Reece Fleming won his grade ahead of Kingston junior Toby Finch.

Visiting Sub Junior Wyatt Hoggan had a clean run in his grade with no competition.

Over the weekend a few perfect rounds were shot, on Saturday Gary Crimmin, and Jeremy Kent both shot a 25/25 and Jason Caldow shooting two 25/25.

On Sunday Glenn Crow-Owen, Matt Jones and once again Jeremy Kent all achieved 25/25.

There was a 'Lucky shooter' prize drawn Sunday for all competitors who shot both days, a 45L car fridge from Watertech Solutions was won by Chris Wright.

A massive congratulations and thankyou to all who travelled, volunteered and sponsored to make the shoot a success.

RESULTS

High Gun		Jeremy Kent	141
AA Grade	1st	Danny Bellinger	137
	2nd	Declan Wright	134
	3rd	Brenton Ferguson	128
A Grade	1st	Matt Johns	135
	2nd	John Maher	133
	3rd	Sam Wilson	132
B Grade	1st	Mark Hoggan	127
	2nd	Garry Cummin	126
	3rd	Herb Whitehead	120
C Grade	1st	Pinky Kemp	116
	2nd	Luke Rainsford	111
	3rd	Memphis Benton	101
Seniors	1st	Chris Wright	120
	2nd	Tony Sellars	125
	3rd	Steve Krause	123
Veterans	1st	Steve Crawford	128
	2nd	Neville Kent	124
	3rd	Geoff Lowe	117
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	123
	2nd	Bec Kober	99
	3rd	Grace Wilson	96
Juniors	1st	Reece Fleming	100
	2nd	Toby Finch	89
Sub Juniors	1st	Wyatt Hoggan	55

LAKE BONNEY OCTOBER

SOUTH WEST FREIGHT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

It was a fine day for the Lake Bonney Sporting Clays 2024 South West Freight Club Championship event. 48 shooter from across the state and over the Vic border tested their skills on a wide variety of targets set by a few new course setters.

Danny Bellinger took out Highgun honours with a score of 70/75, just one target ahead of Tom Weir.

Joe Densley from Kingston took first place in AA grade, second went to Daniel Torrenson and third was local shooter Brenton Ferguson.

A grade was won by Tom Weir on 69/75, a count back was needed to place Mark Fabris second and Tony Sellars third.

Lake bonney shooter Craig Smith won B grade two targets ahead of Sam Chapman, Ken Weavers rounded out the top 3.

A count back was once again needed in C grade to separate the top three shooters, Trevor Whitehead took out first, Ray Cadwell second and Todd Beighton third.

The Veterans grade was won by Chris VonStanke ahead of Ernie Schiedl in second and Wayne Gurney third.

Tasha Bellinger won the Ladies grade, Bec Kober took out second and Letitia Vearing third.

Two 25/25 were shot on the day, those were awarded to Tom Weir and Tasha Bellinger.

Congratulations to all the volunteers for their work to make the day a successful event.

The 2024 AGM will be held in the morning before the next shoot

RESULTS

High Gun		Danny Bellinger	70
AA Grade	1st	Joe Densley	67
	2nd	Daniel Torrenson	64
	3rd	Brenton Ferguson	62
A Grade	1st	Tom Weir	69
	2nd	Mark fabris	67
	3rd	Tony Sellars	67
B Grade	1st	Craig Smith	62
	2nd	Sam Chapman	60
	3rd	Ken Weavers	56
C Grade	1st	Trevor Whitehead	54
	2nd	Ray Cadwell	54
	3rd	Todd Beighton	54
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	68
	2nd	Bec Kober	52
	3rd	Letitia Vearing	42
Veterans	1st	Chris VonStanke	67
	2nd	Ernie Schiedl	63
	3rd	Wayne Gurney	61



A Grade



B Grade



C Grade



High Gun



Veterans



Ladies



A Grade

LAKE BONNEY NOVEMBER

75 TARGET SPORTING CLAYS

It was a warm and windy day for the 54 shooters who competed in the 75 target event sponsored by Sebastopol Machinery Services, Java Cafe, Bristol Plumbing and Millicent Industrial services.

At the end of competition a shoot off was needed to decide the Highgun honours, local shooters Danny Bellinger and Craig Smith shot at another 10 targets resulting in Danny taking the top spot.

AA grade was won by Jeremy Kent two targets in front of Brenton Ferguson and third was taken by Matt Jones.

A grade first went to Russell Hart, Kinngston shooter Bruce Parker took second and Romain Devaud third.

Craig Smith took out B grade after his shoot off for Highgun, Simon Withers claimed second and Brian Smith rounded out the top three.

Guy Stratford won C grade with a lead of two targets ahead of second placed Trevor Whitehead and Michael Gates took third.

Veterans was won by Neville Kent, second went to Wayne Evans and Chris VonStanke third.

The ladies grade was won by Alex Lucas's, second went to Tasha Bellinger and third Darcy Kuhl.

Toby Finch took out the Juniors grade with no competition. Noah VonStanke won Sub Juniors with a score of 59/75.

Congratulations to all the volunteers who endure very hot and windy conditions to set the targets.



High Gun



A Grade



AA Grade



Veterans



Juniors



B Grade



C Grade



Sub Juniors



Ladies

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LAKE BONNEY CHRISTMAS NOVELTY SHOOT

Lake Bonney Sporting Clays Christmas novelty shoot was attended by 91 shooters. A wide range of novelty targets were set for the event sponsored by Wild Game Wines and the Canteen Ladies of Lake Bonney. Highgun went to Danny Bellinger with a score of 57/60.

Aa grade was won by Mick Banning after a count back with Jeremy Kent who placed second, Chris Wright claimed third place, fourth went to Natimuk shooter Richard Emmerson, fifth went to Tony Sellars and Steven Scheidl took sixth.

First in A grade went to Robin Smith, second was local Mark Fabris, third went to Tim Widdison, fourth was taken by Romain Devaud, fifth was Mick Brennan and sixth Ian Emmerson.

B grade was won by Allan Jones just one target in front of second placed Sam Chapman, third was Ian Vearing, fourth went to Steve Bellinger, fifth went to Luke Rainsford, and Tim Lloyd took sixth.

C grade was won by sponsor Guy Stratford, after a count back Michael Gates claimed second, third was Peter Cook fourth was Liam Johnston, fifth went to Norm Smith and sixth Colin Murray.

The Veterans grade was won by Neville Kent, second went to Chris VonStanke, Ernie Scheidl claimed third place, fourth went to Goeff Lowe, fifth was taken by Wayne Gurney and sixth went to Rolf Bugden.

Ladies was won by Alex Lucas, second went to Tori Cuming, a count back placed Tasha Bellinger third and Charlie Whalley fourth, fifth went to Latitca Vearing and sixth Darcie Kuhl.

Heath Johnston won Juniors and second went to Shak VonStanke.

Noah VonStanke won Sub Juniors.

The end of year aggregates were presented after the shoot, Danny Bellinger took out 'off the gun' Highgun, Craig Smith won Handicap Highgun, Seniors Highgun went to Tony Sellars, Kellie Roos won the Ladies Handicap High Gun, Junior Highgun was Heath Johnston and Sub Junior Highgun went to Noah VonStanke.

A Life membership was presented to Geoff Lowe for his years of dedicated volunteer work for the club.

After the shoot finished a 'Chapmion of Champions' shoot off was held with Mick Banning, Chris Wright, Danny Bellinger and Jeremy Kent all competing in front of a crowd to claim the top honours. Jeremy Kent took out the round in a very close competition.

Thankyou to all our volunteers, sponsors and shooters for the year, we hope to see you all next year.

From Lake Bonney sporting clays Merry Christmas everyone.



Junior Heath Johnston with Guy Stratford

SAFGA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

BURRUNGULE PARK- 21-22 SEPTEMBER 2024

124 sporting clays competitors nominated for the event held over the weekend of 21st & 22nd September at the picturesque range of Burrungule Park. Sponsors for the 150 target event were; LaPorte Australia, Bronzewing Australia, Nobel Sport Italia, DeLaRo Australia. Wintery weather conditions prevailed over the entire weekend.

Prizes were on offer after the first 100 targets on Day one courtesy of sponsors Blackbird Industries & Vickery Bros. Overnight leaders on 97/100 at the conclusion of Day 1 were Anthony Panetta and John Younger, snapping on their heels on 95/100 was Chris Wright, Jeremy Kent and Mathew Libbs. Callum Meade on 93/100 led A Grade and Nick Bologiannis comfortably led the Junior category with 93/100. Sunday morning dawned cold and damp and competitors needing to shoot 50 targets set by Ken Atkin and his hard working crew. Jeremy Kent had hauled his way back in contention to finish on 144/150 and tied with John Younger who shot 75 targets straight.

Younger has previously won 13 South Australian state championships with his first in 1984 (40 Years Ago) and he needed all his experience to win the 25 target shoot off with Kent to claim another title. Anthony Panetta placed 2nd in AA Grade with 142/150 and a shoot off was required to determine 3rd & 4th with Matt Libbs prevailing over Josh Vickery. Other notable results were; Nick Bologiannis 136/150 to claim the highly competitive Junior championship by 6 targets. Deanna Gibbison 125/15 taking out the Ladies title by 9 targets, Veterans champion was Ron Rhook 133/150 by 4 targets and Chris Wright 136/150 narrowly claiming the seniors championship. Promising Junior Jack Dyson shot 119/150 to claim the Sub-Junior championship by 11 targets.

Written by Charles Wallis



RESULTS

State Champ	John Younger	144
AA Grade	Jeremy Kent	144
	Anthony Panetta	142
	Matthew Libbs	140
	Josh Vickery	140
A Grade	Jason Caldow	137
	Callum Meade	136
	Darren Hannah	132
	Leigh Lupton	131
B Grade	Geoff Leigh	129
	Paul Dunn	127
	Mark Moss	123
	Peter Rugless	113
C Grade	Rhys Ferrari	109
	Joshua Woods	102
	Frank Kentish	96
	Michael Gates	95
Seniors	Chris Wright	136
	Michael McKinnon	135
	Terry Preston	135
	Ken Atkin	134
Veterans	Ron Rhook	133
	Robin Shawyer	129
	Chris Von Stanke	126
	Ernie Scheidl	126
Masters	John Monaghan	124
	Wayne Evans	121
	John Torresan	118
	Bob Jones	107
Ladies	Deanna Gibbison	125
	Janette Densley	116
	Vicki Johnstone	112
	Belinda Hall	104
Juniors	Nicholas Bologiannis	136
	Declan Wright	130
	Zakary Button	130
	Jimmy Papaioannou	129
Sub Juniors	Jack Dyson	119
	Noah Von Stanke-Dowie	108
	Harry Simson	107



BURRUNGULE OCTOBER

75 TARGET SPORTING CLAYS

Perfect weather conditions greeted the competitors that nominated for the October 75 target Sporting clays shoot sponsored by Hodge Denture Clinic and Mount Gambier Skin Cancer Clinic. Ken Atkin and his hard working crew set some tough targets for the event which also doubled as the first leg of the Mount Gambier Gun Club/Burrungule Challenge, which is led by SEFGA with 605 targets to 562 of the MGGC. (Top 10 of each) The return leg of the challenge will take place at Mt Gambier GC on Saturday November 9th, Jamie Dunn 66/75 took out the Dunn's School of Shooting High Gun. Next Event; Sunday November 24th 75 Target Sage/Martiensen Memorial Team Shoot Followed by SEFGA AGM.



RESULTS

AA Grade	1st	Ron Rhook	63
	2nd	Mathew Jones	60
	3rd	Danny Bellinger	59
A Grade	1st	Scott Fleming	62
	2nd	Tom Weir	62
	3rd	Mark Fabris	60
B Grade	1st	Will Vickery	49
	2nd	Brian Smith	46
	3rd	Brian Spring	44
C Grade	1st	Frank Kentish	53
	2nd	John McIntyre	49
	3rd	Charles Wallis	44
Seniors	1st	Leigh Dunn	65
	2nd	Christopher Wright	63
	3rd	Ken Atkin	62
Veterans	1st	Wayne Evans	59
	2nd	Neville Kent	58
	3rd	Bob Jones	57
Ladies	1st	Nicola Dunn	56
	2nd	Darcie Kuhl	44
Juniors	1st	Reece Fleming	46
Sub Juniors	1st	Noah Von Stanke-Dowie	60
	2nd	Jack Dyson	54
	3rd	Ayden Nolte	53



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

CHRISTMAS SHOOT AT BURRUNGULE PARK

The Monthly High Gun winners from the 2024 Sporting Clays season at South East Field & Game Association gathered at the Christmas shoot at Burrungule Park to contend the Champion of Champions Shoot off.

With Jamie Dunn and John Younger unavailable, competitors included Declan Wright, Jeremy Kent, Ken Atkin, Danny Bellinger and were joined by the wildcard competitor in Junior, Reece Fleming. 20 Targets shot in the Old style format presented competitors with a tough challenge.

Kent and Atkin tied on 19/20 and needed a sudden death shoot out to determine a winner, Kent duly prevailed on the simultaneous pairs that were presented to claim the Champion Of Champions.

Charles Wallis
President
South Australian Field & Game Association Inc.



Jeremy Kent



From the Left: Declan Wright, Jeremy Kent, Ken Atkin, Danny Bellinger and Wild Card Reece Fleming.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTING CLAYS 2024

A TEST OF SKILL AND RESILIENCE AT DERWENT VALLEY

Nestled in the scenic splendour of Tasmania's Derwent Valley, the Tasmanian State Championships were held over the weekend of August 17th and 18th at Derwent Valley Field and Game and solidified its reputation as one of the premier shooting events of the year. The picturesque grounds, framed by rolling hills and lush landscapes, provided an ideal backdrop for the event, showcasing Tasmania's natural beauty as well as the skill of its top shooters.

As 48 shooters from across the state gathered for this year's competition, it was clear that the event was not just about precision shooting, but a grand celebration of community, skill, and tradition.

Originally slated for Northern Midlands, this year's championship found a new home due to the Northern Midlands relocation to new grounds—a thrilling development for the sport but a change that added its own set of dynamics to the event.

From the outset, the weather proved to be a formidable opponent. Overcast skies and sporadic rain showers greeted competitors as they navigated 100 targets on the first day, followed by 50 on the second. Despite the adverse conditions, shooters demonstrated remarkable perseverance and skill, proving that the true essence of sporting clays lies not just in technique, but also in adaptability. The fire pots burning, and quick shades scattered around the ground were a welcomed sight.

Amidst the challenging weather, the standout performance of the weekend came from Anthony Sherriff with his exceptional marksmanship being evident as he achieved an impressive score of 135 out of a possible 150. His performance included three of the five 24s shot during the event—a testament to his precision and consistency. Anthony's outstanding result earned him the title of Highgun Overall Winner for The Championship, a well-deserved accolade in a field of skilled competitors.

The event saw a total of five scores of 24, and a perfect round of 25 achieved by Nick Brown. Each round presented its own set of difficulties, but the resilience and expertise displayed by the shooters were truly commendable. The conditions may not have been ideal, but the spirit of the competition and the dedication of the participants shone brightly.

The move to Derwent Valley provided its own unique backdrop for the event, and while the weather may have been less than cooperative, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm and sportsmanship seen throughout the weekend.



As the event drew to a close, it was clear that the 2024 State Championship Sporting Clays had been a memorable one. Despite the weather's best efforts to challenge the participants, the skill, determination, and camaraderie of the shooters made for a remarkable weekend. Congratulations to Anthony Sherriff and all competitors for their exceptional performances. We look forward to seeing what next year's championship will bring, and look forward to the new grounds of Northern Midlands continuing the tradition of excellence in the sport.

RESULTS

AA Grade	1st	Nick Brown	132
	2nd	Richard Triffitt	127
	3rd	Adam Crick	115
A Grade	1st	Mathew Crawford	126
	2nd	Brady Nash	123
	3rd	Gareth Davey	122
B Grade	1st	Gavin Lewis	122
	2nd	Rohan Stebbings	120
	3rd	Bryce Coletti	118
C Grade	1st	Jason McSherry	107
	2nd	Dirk Webb	106
	3rd	Sam Minty	100
Seniors	1st	Michael Spaulding	129
	2nd	Paul Rigby	126
	3rd	Michael Blackwell	119
Veterans	1st	Jack Choraziak	113
	2nd	Monty Grima	111
	3rd	Raymond Groves	110
Masters	1st	Barry Bone	91
	2nd	Keith Howells	87
	3rd	Roger Manton	82
Ladies	1st	Amelia Burford	113
	2nd	Melissa Wheatley	87
	3rd	Denise Foggo	82
Sub Juniors	1st	Lachlan Fox	78
	2nd	Alex Clark	69





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Well, 2024 is almost over.

First off, the QSCA Executive wish all our members & their family a Very Merry Christmas with a Happy & Safe New Year. This is a special time of year to enjoy Family & Friends and take the time to reflect on the year just past & look forward to 2025.

This year has been another positive for QSCA & our member Clubs in Queensland. Our membership continued to grow again in Queensland, which is great to see Sporting Clays become a passion for new members to our sport. This takes a lot of effort by the QSCA Clubs in working hard to make the sport grow. There is safety in numbers, the more that play our sport the better we are placed. Hopefully the Economic landscape settles down in 2025 & we can continue with our membership growth.

In 2024 we had a full team Selection series completed along with State Titles in English Sporting, Compak & Sporting Clays. We also had the FITASC Grand Prix at Brisbane Sporting Clays & the event sold out in record time (48 Hours). Our Calendar is full to the brim with events & practice which provides all our members with a myriad of options to get out of the house & pull the trigger.

This year we finished the competitive year off at the SCA Sporting Nationals at Laang/Timboon. A totally new concept to have the National Sporting Event spread over two separate venues. I know this brought a complexity to the operation but the National Office & the Clubs performed faultlessly, Well done to all involved.

QSCA Supported our State team to the event along with A Event Polo Shirt & Castellani Shooting jacket when we secured part sponsorship from FSB Ammunition & Castellani Australia. It never ceases to amaze with the generosity from people associated in our Sport. A big shout out to you all.

QSCA State Team – 4th in National Team placings

QSCA State Team 2024 -

Open

Michael Lucas - Marty Scott - Peter Tobin - Dan Davis -

Senior - Glen Graham – Lady - Georgia Rogers – Junior - Jack Davies

Well done team, the future looks good for next year

Michael & Simone Lucas Bursary will be repeated this year with the prize on offer for one competitive Junior to be funded with \$5,000 plus Event Entry into the World titles being held in Cyprus in July 2025. One of the rules laid out is that anyone who has received the Bursary previously cannot win again. This fares well for the remaining competitive Junior members. Good shooting to those members going for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Stay Safe everyone over the holiday period & we look forward to doing it all again next year.



SPORTING CLAYS

30TH COMPAK NATIONALS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

What a year SCA have had with all the Nationals events is an understatement. My motto is its all about solutions not problems! Kudos to all involved to make this happen having to find new venues and dates for the National events, Sporting, Compak and English Sporting. WA Gun Club put up their hand to take on the Compak Nationals to be held in Perth for November which had to be later changed to end of September, same weekend as the AFL Grand Final which you will not hear anything about that event from me. WA promoted this event helping interstate shooters coming over to WA for the Compak Nationals with Sue Green applying for their temporary permits from the WA Firearms to make the journey easier. We all know that the numbers were low, and we couldn't put our finger on the exact reason why. Not sure if it was the date change may have made a difference but more importantly the show must go on. It is worth mentioning that one of our favourite sons and member of Hastings Club held his wedding on that date and that took out about 2 squads. Can you imagine how some members were trying to find a way to do both, but they made the right decision in the end and attended their mate's wedding! A huge congratulations to James and Candice McBain and we all wish you both every happiness.

With the low numbers for the 30th SCA Compak Nationals it is more important to acknowledge all the folks who attended, some travelled from the regions and others from interstate but without you all attending, there would be no event, so it goes without saying a huge thank you to everyone who attend and supported our Compak Nationals and to those folks who didn't join in you missed out on a great event.

SCA secured some incredible sponsors, and we can't thank them enough. Thank you to Nadene and Andrew Smedley who donated some great prizes and custom-made shooting hats embroidered with SCA Compak Nationals 2024 for all winners. Most shooters are aware of Dene and Smeds, as they do so much in sponsorship towards our sport all over Australia and are considered a WA family to most shooters with their ongoing support, hospitality and friendships. Even Smeds helped sort out a Perazzi owner who shall remain nameless but was uncontactable due to "hunting buffalo in the NT" as WA Police required a serial number for her permit. Thanks, Smeds for going above and beyond the call of duty.



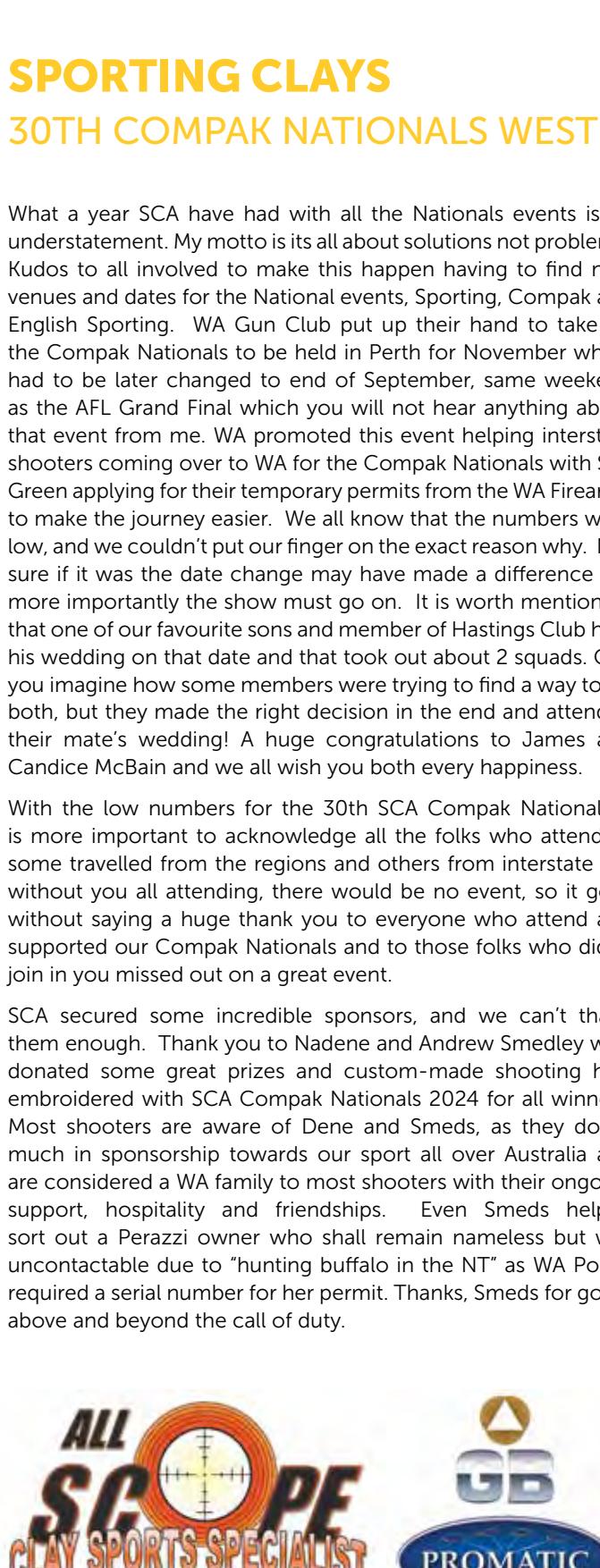
Thank you to the \$1,000 cash donation from the Echidna Park Sporting Clays Club Geraldton, and those members who have been fortunate enough to attend 2 SCA Nationals and other major events held at this world class ground know just how fantastic the club members and the grounds are. On another note, WA Gun Club were extremely grateful for the loan of so many traps from the Echidna Park Club to run the event. A lot of clubs here in WA rely on other clubs who have an abundance of machinery to loan traps in times of need.

Another great sponsor of our sport is GB Promatic. A huge thank you to Tony Trainor for all his ongoing support over many, many years. The ammo of champions and I do wonder if that was the reason for so many break badges. SCA greatly appreciates the ongoing support from GB Ammo and Promatic.

These Compak Nationals were run like a well-oiled machine, everything ran like clockwork from the machinery to the admin. Credit to all the volunteers preparing for the event. The work that goes into these events beforehand is so vital and to the handful of volunteers who set up the layouts thank you is just not enough, that is a lot of hard physical work but please know Jake Lugio, Ryan and Riley McPherson, Patrick Doyle, Nick Melanko and to any other wonderful volunteers that helped out we all are extremely grateful to you all and appreciate all the hard work you all did to put the Nationals together.

Also a huge thank you to Mathew Munroe AKA Bugs our "Aussie Compak Guru" for his immense knowledge on running compak events, Bugs all your assistance behind the scenes and from afar was appreciated. We all know how passionate Bugs is about Compak and he is always only too willing to share his knowledge and assist where he can. It was great to see some states have started having their own compak state teams lets hope it starts to catch on more.

A late change was made to how the event was to be run due to the low numbers. It was decided that it would be run with squads of five and the squad rotation will be done anticlockwise. The reason why, was because this will save the shooter in stand 5 rushing to stand 1 at the change of stands. It is also fairer for the shooter who gets to view the targets close by. Also allows the shooter some time to settle and makes the day go faster.



This way of running Compak was a return to how compak was run in the past. Was a little controversial to start with some as it was new to them and other shooters who have been shooting compak for a long time were very much aware of this process and in favour. For those shooters not familiar with this way it didn't take long to embrace this procedure and we all couldn't believe how fast and smoother the event ran.

The weather was perfect for the 2 days of 200 compak targets. The feedback from the shooters with the change was very positive. We had finished by 12.30pm and more time was spent celebrating at the bar and talking about the one target that got away and for those travellers who needed to get home the early finish was appreciated.



OA Winner - Ben Studham

Come the Sunday we got to see some great scores and 25 breaks come in and it was rather convincing that there was a clear winner at the top of the leaderboard, and nobody was going to take the high-gun honour from him. It was wonderful to see such a crowd favourite to take out the National title and crowned the SCA 30th Compak Champion for 2024 was Junior shooter from Victoria Ben Studham with a score of 191/200.

Ben is a keen compak shooter, winning the Junior title the previous year at Cooma Compak Nationals with a score of 170, this year he has excelled taking out the overall high gun at WA Gun Club with an outright score of 191/200. Ben is still a junior and is already shaping up to be a wonderful ambassador for our sport and a worthy winner. He is a great role model for juniors throughout Australia and is a credit to his very proud family and his club, congratulations Ben on this outstanding win and taking home \$1,000 cash proudly donated by Echidna Park Sporting Clays Club.

I must also mention these Compak Nationals saw break badges a plenty with 15 shooters winning 23 badges. The live scores screen was covered in yellow 25 breaks. Since SCA don't award break badges at National the WA State Association was very honoured to reward these shooters break badges. There were so many on the day we ran out of badges and had to order more. A special badge had to be made for the 75-break achieved by Joe Densley from South Australia, that was so exciting and a test of mental toughness and concentration, a bit like superman having nerves of steel what a huge accomplishment. Congratulations Joe well done. These badges will be posted to the winners as soon as they arrive from the printers.

Other worthy winners were the runner up Andrew Garvie from NSW, who like all the others, there was no way anyone was going to catch out National champ Ben. Andrew shot 188/200



AA Grade

to secure runner up. Our local WA favourite Luke Turner came in 3rd position with a score of 186/200. Then the shoot off began between South Australian Joe Densley who was on fire after shoot a 75 break and final score 185/200 who had to shoot off with Victorian Ryan Leman both AA grade compak shooters. The shoot off finally came to an end with Joe taking out the win for 4th position, congratulations to both these gentlemen who certainly were determined, a great shoot-off to watch.

Other grade winner's 1st A grade WA Hastings Club member Andrew Beckett 182/200, 2nd place WA Gun Club President Nick Melanko and 3rd place went to Paul McGowan 178/200 who travelled from WA Port Hedland just a 17 hour drive to Perth to shoot the Compak Nationals, now that is one very dedicated shooter.

B Grade winners were 1st Shaun Mountford 177/200 after a shoot off, 2nd place went to Mark Hilderbradt both from WA and Brisbane shooter Peter Mitchell won 3rd place with 174/200

C Grade winners from NSW Christian Leadbitter 168/200, followed by one very proud Victorian Paul Studham 143/200 and 3rd place went to our Western Australian Luke Hayward 141/200. Another thank you to Nadene Smedley from All Scope clay sports specialist and Castenlani for sponsoring and presenting all the prizes for the grade winners. If you were lucky enough to win a shooting cap on the day wear it with pride as the embroidery on the back of the cap is a collector's item. Thank you, Nadene and also Andrew Smeds, for all your support you both give back to our sporting clays shooting sport.

The category champions were sponsored by GB Ammo and Promatic and a lot of slabs of ammo were presented to the winners. The ammo was well received with no shortage of WA shooters wanting to purchase their prizes since you can't take it



Andrew Beckett

back on the flight home. GB ammo was certainly a valued choice of ammo. Congratulations to all the winners.

Senior overall champion went to WA Harvey member Craig Ellis who had to fight for his win in a shoot-off with a score of 178/200.

Veteran champion was our SCA President and Echidna Park member Ian Grant who was rather shocked he made the veteran category with a score of 161/200.

The Masters category winner was certainly a WA favourite, and a very competitive shooter is David Knight with a score of 166/200.

The winner of the Ladies category was a crowd favourite from South Australia Janette Densley who along with hubby Joe both secured a spot in the SA state compak team and had the most amazing holiday in the lead up to Compak Nationals with an epic adventure of hunting Buffalo in the NT.

The Junior Champion was Jed Leadbitter from NSW with an impressive score of 181/200 including a 25 break. Congratulations Jed.

The Sub Junior Champion was awarded to local WA shooter 15-year-old Oliver Hill with a score of 171/200.

I must leave the final outstanding champions of the 30th Compak Nationals to last. The winners of the 2 random lucky door prizes sponsored by GB Ammo were proudly presented to Mat Shipp and Rob Scari both from WA. These 2 shooters are both actively involved in shooting, avid supporters of Junior development and all clubs in WA. What an outstanding win for these 2 very happy winners and certainly no pressure for these 2 champions and great sportsman. Congratulations Mat and Rob on this outstanding win!



B Grade



C Grade



A Grade



Ladies



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SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY 2

30TH COMPACK NATIONALS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The SCWA finale of the state qualifiers held during the 2024 season came to a close with the State 2 Day Championships held at the magnificent grounds of Echidna Park Geraldton. Over the 2 days we had 200 targets to decide who is going to be our WA Sporting Clays Champion for 2024 plus all our Aggregate Champions from the State Qualifiers will be as well. We then select the Top 10 best shooters for WA and our State Team is selected to round off the series.

It has been an excellent 2024 series, and the Board was given the opportunity to run 6 state qualifiers thanks to the support of the clubs who took part. The Board would like to sincerely thank WA Gun Club, Harvey Sporting Clays, Perth Metro Sporting Clays Wanneroo, Echidna Park Sporting Clays, Hastings Sporting Clays and Moora Sporting Clays for all holding state qualifier events during the year. Having a choice of 6 state qualifiers in total was fantastic for the members, which allowed members to drop 2 events. As we all are aware just how vast our clubs are spread out over regional WA. Thanks to everyone for making the effort to support the 6 clubs.

Without all the volunteers at every club and those members who helped at other clubs to put together a great series we say thank you, couldn't have happened without you all, it is a massive job for volunteers to set up and then pack away. To all our WA Club course setters and of course our State Target Director Jay Waterhouse and Nick Melanko for his back up in Jays absence we can't thank you enough for all you do for the sport week after week. It was just great to have all our clubs set different courses throughout the series and what a difference it does make when we all work together for the betterment of the sport. Thank you to everyone involved.

WA is a vast State logically and the Echidna Park Club is a 6-hour drive for most from Perth and 8-10 hours from the other regions, but well worth the journey with top hospitality, camping facilities, amenities, best barista coffees and friendship to boot. Some folks preferred to fly as the airport is not far away from the club. We had one of our top juniors Liam Thomas who had to attend his school graduation ball and wasn't going to miss the state championships for nobody, thanks to his awesome parents and having the heads up we were able to squad him later along with the others on the same flight. Even Luke Turner chooses to fly into Geraldton for the 2-day due to work commitments. There was a special someone who did miss their flight home, but you will understand why later.

A huge thank you must go to Ian Grant (he will not like his name mentioned!) who again collated all the sponsorship for the State 2 Day. All cash prizes totaled \$8,500 and well worth making the journey to test your skills. You only had to qualify to win prizes in the State Aggregate Championships and that included state team selection. Any member could shoot the State Sporting Championships.

A cheque for \$8,500 was presented to the WA State President Julian Gardiner and was accepted on behalf of the members and was greatly appreciated and all put towards prize money for the 2-day Sporting clays championships and the State Aggregate championships for 2024.



Sometimes just saying thank you feels so inadequate, and we are extremely grateful to the members and friends of Echidna Park Club for putting together a fabulous 2 day and especially a huge thank you to all our sponsors, that is a lot of cash sponsorship, the most ever received for the State 2-day championships in cash prizes. Plus, all the work that goes into putting on a great event needs competitors, thank you to the 72 members and family who all travelled to Geraldton, Echidna Park Club to support the State 2-day Championships, we really appreciate your support. Lesley & Glenn O'Brien.

We got the Day 1 of the state sporting clays event underway and thanks to our State SCA Live score trainer, State Handicapper and general dogs body Ken Green he had the Victorian State Championships held at Daylesford scrolling through the live scores throughout the day on another screen, so we could see the scores of those Victorians. We had one of our WA favourites competing in the Victorian event. Not sure if Jake appreciated all the support, he was receiving via text messages over the weekend.

I did make the comment to some of our shooters that Victoria have heaps of 25 breaks on the board and WA needs to improve as we had none. Well, the challenge was set and only one 25 break came in and it turned out to be the most critical memorable 25 break ever shot by Luke Turner.

You see Danon and Luke were neck and neck during the day and most of us thought that the winner was decided when Danon came in with his final score, however, in true sporting fashion you can still be in the competition provided you never give up. Luke had to shoot a 25 in the last round just to tie with Danon Randazzo. That was a huge ask considering nobody had shot a 25 break over the 2 days. A lot was at stake for Luke who is extremely competitive as is Danon. Sporting clays can be brutal at times and there are no guarantees you have the win in the bag until all the final scores come in. With Luke shooting a 25 break that was just enough to tie with Danon and thanks to Nick Melanko who put the shoot off together we proceeded to the final shoot off between these two mates and shooting rivalries.

If you were present at Echidna Park to witness the state sporting clays championship final shoot off, it will go down in the SCWA history books and talked about for years to come as a spectacular ending to our 2-day state championships.

We also had other shoot offs to contend with, the A Grade, B Grade and sub junior shoot off to complete. So, the crowd assembled at the shoot off ground for one memorable event. Congratulations to Ryan McPherson and Eamon McCabe winning their shoot off. This was to be a 25 target shoot off and an incredible experience to see our 2 young sub juniors Mason Dennis and Ben Shipp compete in a shoot off alongside experienced AA graders Luke Turner and Danon Randazzo.

Can you imagine the nervous energy and pressure in that shoot off with the crowd watching and all the cheering. The way 11 year old Mason Dennis and 14 year old Ben Shipp handled the pressure was a credit to them both. I can tell you there were some mighty proud parents watching on along with our shooting families. Our State is currently showing some serious young talent in our junior's division.

Our sub juniors handled the pressure like champions but not sure the same could be said about others! There was a lot of nervous energy in the air and those who know Luke are aware how he feels the pressure in shoots but always manages to hold it together to pull through. It was a credit to both Luke and Danon who dealt with the pressure of this important shoot off and the crowd. A lot was at stake. Luke certainly entertained the crowd and some of the shenanigans he got up to during and after the event left the crowd in fits of laughter which just added to a memorable shoot-off. Which brings to mind the saying "what happens at band camp stays at band camp!" Some things we just can't publish!!!

Both these competitive mates were still tied after 25 targets with no sign of either one giving up, so in order to get a result the shoot off entered a sudden death, first one who misses a target



High Gun



Winners



Sub Juniors



Juniors



is out. The end results finally saw Danon drop one target which gave Luke the win and the State Title for the third consecutive year the title by 1 target in a nail biter shoot off. The comradery between these "two brothers" was commendable to watch and Danon pushed Luke all the way and if Luke wanted to pull off a hat trick to win the State Sporting Championships 3 years in a row, Danon wasn't giving up without a fight, he had to work for the win. Congratulations Luke on the win and congrats to Danon for pushing him all the way and thank you both for the great display of mateship and a memorable shoot off. Also, I need to add that Luke had a plane to catch back to Perth but the shoot off took a lot longer than expected just to add more pressure. In the end he made the decision to cancel the flight and thanks to Nick Melanko who drove him home that night.

As for Luke winning the 2024 State Sporting Clays Championship title proudly sponsored by Kimberley Quarries for the third year in a row topped off a great year of shooting as he also took out back-to-back wins being crowned the State Aggregate Champion once again proudly sponsored by FUELEX for 2024 with a perfect score of 500. Not seen a score like that before in WA. Our runner up Andrew Beckett followed by Danon Randazzo.

To round up the year our Top Ten State Champions for 2024 proudly sponsored by The Macar Group Matt and Carrie Kelly. The top 10 order were Luke Turner, Andrew Beckett, Danon Randazzo, Clayton Dennis, Alastair Crookes, Nick Melanko, Oliver Hill, Liam Thomas, Ryan McPherson and our number 10 for 4 years in a row was Ken Green.

Our state team was finally decided as some members were not able to travel so they forfeited their team position for Open and Seniors. As mentioned earlier WA has some junior talent coming through and never before have we had 2 of our juniors Oliver Hill and Liam Thomas finish in the top 10.

The final State team to represent WA at the Timboon & Laang SCA Nationals are as follows: Open team Luke Turner Capt, Andrew Beckett, Danon Randazzo, Liam Thomas. Categories



B Grade



Ladies



AA Grade



C Grade

Lady – Tracey Grayer, Seniors – Peter Grayer, Junior – Sub Junior Oliver Hill.

We certainly wish all our members the very best of luck competing at the Nationals.

Highlights from the presentations for the 2-day State Carnival and a huge thank you to Emily Trainor for all these wonderful photos. All scores can be viewed on the SCA Live Scores web site.

Thanks to our photographer Em, she even captured a B grade winner celebrating his sash win in true Daniel Ricciardo style doing a shoeey, that was a first for WA State championship! Just imagine if the day comes when he wins the overall, Congratulations Cheyne Hill, he was one very excited winner.

Sub Juniors Oliver Hill 1st place, Cian Doyle 2nd place Mason Dennis 3rd after a shoot-off with Ben Shipp.

Sub Junior Mason Dennis with Luke Turner and Nick Melanko both huge supporters and always encouraging our junior talent.

Competitive Brothers Patrick and Don Doyle

Lady Division 2nd place Stacey Bell, Tracey Grayer 1st place & Emily Trainor 3rd place

AA Grade Aggregate Champion Danon Randazzo & 2nd place Nick Melanko.

C Grade Sporting Championship O/A William Gow, 2nd Place Vern Godfrey & 3rd place Don Doyle.

A Grade Sporting Championship O/A Andrew Beckett, 2nd place Ryan McPherson 3rd place Rob Copeta

B Grade Aggregate Champion Chris O'Riordan, 2nd Cheyne Hill & 3rd place Eamon McCabe.

Well, that was a wrap for the 2024 State Championships for SCWA, thanks to everyone who helped in any way and this will go down in the history books as an amazing memorable year. Now to get ready for the 2025 season.



In closing I must say thank you to Mathew Munroe aka Bugs who donated a slab of ammo to the State for a raffle to thank SCWA for allowing him to come over to WA to run a Compak training session earlier in the year. The winner was Mike Hudspith who brought the winning ticket from Ken Green!

On behalf of our SCWA President Julian Gardiner and all the Board and Committee we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a very happy new year. Take care on the roads, travel safe and we look forward to seeing you all next year. Lets hope for a great shooting year and bring on the 2025 season



VSCA PRESIDENTS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2024

2024 has been a hard year as far as attendances at events are concerned.

The economy of Victoria is the main problem, with cost of living across all areas, especially interest rates for mortgage holders having a large effect on people's disposable income.

This year the Victorian Championships were hosted by our Daylesford Branch who now conduct all of their events at the Clunes Field and Game Range, while the entries this year were lower it was a great success and we thank the Clunes Members for their help and support.

The Compak Sporting Series ably conducted by Bugs the Vic. Target Shooting Director was again a popular event, unfortunately numbers were also down over the series but we battled on and provided access to Compak Sporting events around the State.

This was especially so at our Branches that only have Trap and Skeet facilities who have converted to conducting Compak Sporting Events on a regular basis.

VSCA Members once again provided the bulk of the Australian Teams that competed in International FITASC Sporting competitions at the Oceania Championships in Mudgee and the World Championships held in Hudson Wisconsin.

The 2024 English Sporting Nationals had a very disappointing entry, the main problem was the timing of the event which coincided with a plethora of major two-day events in the month prior and month following. Shooters especially in the current financial times do not have unlimited finances and have to make choices on where they will spend their limited finances. Unfortunately English Sporting is not the most popular discipline and the event suffered. I especially want to thank our generous sponsors Anna Shadrina from Bronze Wing and our great friend Fellipo from Perazzi for their generous support, the trophy table did more than justice to the numbers at the event.

The next major event is the 2024 SCA National Sporting Championships. This year is a first with the event being conducted over two Sporting Ranges ie, Laang and Timboon. This will provide a much greater variation in target trajectories and will be unique for our sport in Australia. It will also offer varying terrain over the two venues.

Geelong Sporting Clays are providing 26 Promatic Trap Machines and 12 volt Batteries as well as the required Kivtronic Radio release Systems to the Timboon venue to ensure the success of the event.

Ray McFarlane
VSCA President



SOUTHWEST - 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

WARRNAMBOOL - COLERAINE - TIMBOON - LAANG

The Southwest Victoria championship series will consist of 4 individual rounds of 100 target events, At 4 different clubs in the southwest. Scores will be taken from your best three events with a minimum of three events to qualify for prizes.

The series will be run on FGA grading but is open to everyone.

\$2000 Cash High Gun

Plus, all cash prizes 1st-5th across AA/A/B/C

& 1st -3rd in Ladies/Vets/Juniors

The series will be held at the following clubs on these dates.

Timboon FGA Sunday 19th January 9am 100tgt

Warrnambool FGA Sunday 9th February 9am 100tgt

Coleraine FGA Sunday 27th April 9am 100tgt

Laang SSAA Sunday 4th May 9am 100tgt

Nominations for the event are via

Timboons My club my score in the app & are open from 1/11/24 until 19/1/25. Or at all involved clubs prior to the start of the series. The entry fee is \$50 with 100% of entry fees going into the graded cash prize pool. With the prize pool starting at \$1000 generously sponsored by Nutrien. For the grades payouts every entry fee will be added onto the prize pool total so the more entries the bigger the payouts! Note on the day club nomination fees will also still apply.



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Timboon FGA and Laang are again running the SouthWest Championship series in 2025.

The Event comprises 4 individual 100tgt events at 4 different clubs.

Results are based on your best 3 events with a minimum of 3 events to qualify for prizes.

All shooters can attend.

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