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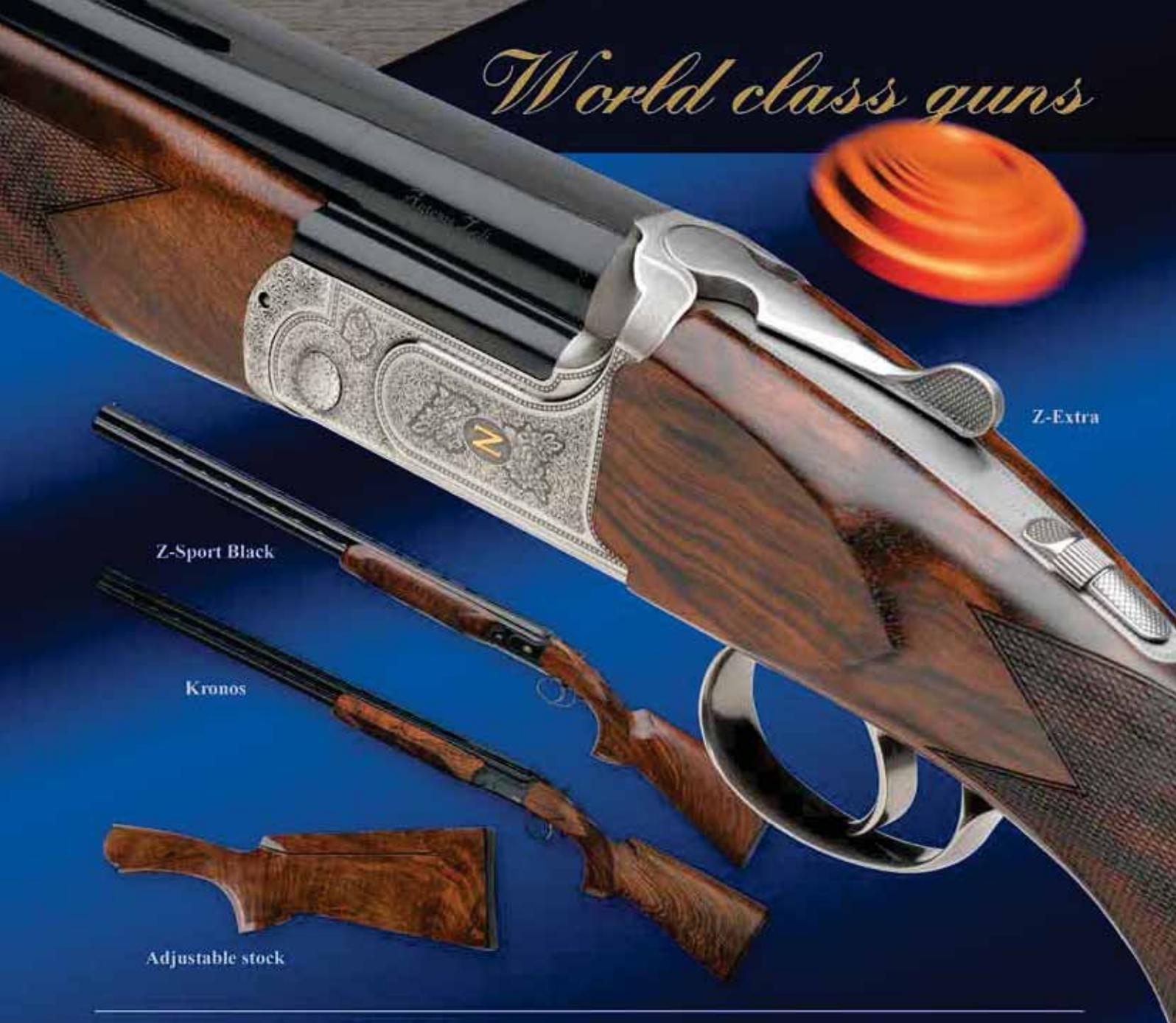
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## FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

2015 promises to be a very good year for Federation, entries for the Australian Grand Prix are heading towards a maximum entry.

The duck seasons in Tasmania, SA and Victoria are all set to start, SA and Vic shooters may find limited resources due to the dry season and not a lot of water in the popular hunting areas.

Good luck to all hunters but remember the etiquettes of responsible safe hunting are essential to retain this part of our sport.

## CORRECTION RE FITASC CATEGORIES

I was mistaken when I informed Federation that FITASC had changed the naming of the categories for Seniors, Veterans and Super Veterans.

While the FITASC Board had passed the changes, the decision was not forwarded for ratification by the General Assembly of all member countries at the AGM in Portugal last year.

What this means is that we revert back to the original Categories of:

Federation has a new insurance broker, one of the areas of concern to members is the safety requirements insisted on by the underwriters for vehicle use on ranges.

Our insurance covers users of unregistered vehicles. Vehicles that are registered are covered by their State Vehicle Registration bodies.

1. Quad bikes and motorcycle operators must wear a Australian Standard approved helmet when operating the machine around the shooting range.
2. Only the operator is allowed on quads or motorcycles no matter if seating is provided for pillion passengers
3. Any vehicle must not exceed a speed of 15 km per hour within the club confines
4. Persons may not ride on the back of trucks or trailers
5. To operate a vehicle around the actual Shooting Range, it is mandatory the form supplied to clubs by Federation is completed and signed, this signified that the operator is conversant with the requirements of Federation re use of vehicle on Ranges.
6. It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure these regulations are carried out, if a club turns a blind eye to the flouting of these regulations, they can be deemed wholly or partly responsible in the case of an accident.

For the hunters they are also covered but they must inform their club as to where and when they hunt to take advantage of the coverage. Insurance companies nowadays are not prepared to take the risk on unsupervised activities, unless you can prove you were taking part in a insured activity, it could be more

difficult if you wish to make a claim. Target shooters by virtue of entering competitions and having their presence recorded are automatically covered .

There has been a lot of misinformation circulating re insurance and the cover provided for hunters.

Simply hunters who are financial members are covered, the only requirement is that they inform their club and provide the information required by our insurers.

On a brighter note Federation will now be able to provide Travel Insurance to members travelling overseas to attend competitions at much reduced rate. Members requiring travel insurance should contact Glen Rider to see what a great deal they can get. It also has a \$20,000-00 cover for loss of your firearm and baggage.

Treasurer Kathy and Secretary Glen are currently working on a new Federation website.

Our aim is to provide a forum that will give Member States the ability to contact and contribute to get their message across to their members, to be able to enter and pay for competitions online, perhaps in the future provide centralised membership facilities.

Hopefully this may be available in the coming months.

The newsletter is now being printed in South Australia from the subject matter provided by the Federation Secretary, the December issue was the first production, it looked great but remember it is only as good as the material supplied by States and Clubs.

**Ray McFarlane** *President FGFA* ■

Seniors	Veterans	Super Veterans	Juniors	Ladies
21-55 years	55-65 Years	65 years and over	U/21	

I apologise for the my mistake and the confusion it has caused, I am sure that it will be revisited in the 2015 AGM in Minnesota.

**Ray McFarlane** *Vice President FITASC* ■

## 2015 FITASC Australian Grand Prix- Laang Sporting Clays Range

I arrived at the Laang Range around 1pm on the Friday to inspect the layouts that had been prepared for the competition.

When I arrived practice was in full swing and Steve Chilton the Laang SSAA President and also FGFA National Target Shooting Director was waiting to take me around the various layouts.

Due to the number of competitors we had to use the "Hybrid 1/2 Old Style FITASC System" that was used so successfully at Geelong for last years Grand Prix. This system has been adopted by Federation for the 2015 Nationals at Geelong. There were 8 separate layouts of 25 targets for the 200 target competition. This meant that when you shot a round of 25 targets that was it, you did not go back there for the rest of the event. It provides great variety and is a pleasure to shoot.

Well when Steve showed me around I thought what a tasty array of targets, he had it all covered, targets curling in, quartering, long range crossers, under your feet, they were all there.

I had no hesitation in congratulating him and his helpers on a great job and approving the ranges without alteration for the competition. It was decided for expediency that the targets were to be shot in runs of 50 targets. The reason was because this is such a quick system the 3 rotations would not allow time for returning after each 25 targets and then going out again. This was especially so as the layouts were spread over a large area. This allowed the suspension of shooting for 1 hour for lunch and for the ground crew to refill the traps. It worked a treat but put the pressure on Anita and the ladies when over 160 shooters plus families besieged the canteen. The hard working girls performed miracles and all were fed and ready to go again on time. Of course I expected this as it was Laang, where the difficult is done straight away, the impossible just takes a little longer.

After Pip had served all breakfast the shooting was away at 9am, at the completion of the Saturdays 100 targets Chris Brown had put a good gap in the field with a marvellous 94/100, Craig MacPherson 91/100, Jacob MacKenzie 90/100, Jarryd Passarin 8/100 and Damien Birgan, Adam DuRose and John Younger 87/100.

### Ladies

Renaë Birgan 79/100 from Brittany Cole 76/100 and Felicity Paglia 74/100.

### Juniors

Adam Shale and Jeremy Paglia 86/100, Cameron Kivenen 80/100, Mark DuRose 78/100 and Mitchell Cain 74/100.

### Veterans

John Leach 84/100, Ron Rhook 83/100, Eddie Magee 80/100 and Craig Hobbs 74/100.

### Super Veterans

Warwick Cumberland 81/100, Colin Barker 78/100, Barry Jane 75/100. The leading Saturday scores over all of the Categories was excellent considering the difficulty of the targets.

Sunday bit chilly but after another good breakfast it was off again for the last 100 targets. The pressure was starting to mount and Chris put in a 19/25 on the tricky layout 5 and gave a sniff to the following pack, he then steadied to shoot 68/75 for the rest of the day and pipped the fast finishing Damien 93/100 by one target, a shoot-off between Adam and Daniel decided 4th and 5th places.

Ladies and Renaë with a great 83/100 total 164/200 won from Brittany 159/200 and Felicity 147/200

Juniors Adam Shale 164/200 one target ahead of Jeremy Paglia 163/200, the fast finishing Mitchell Cain was third.

Veterans and again Ron Rhook was successful from Ed Magee and John Leach.

Super Veterans Warwick Cumberland well clear of Barry Jane and Colin Barker.

The shoot-offs were held on Layout 8 and Steve and the boys had been out and altered a few targets. Adam DuRose and Daniel Johnson were fighting for third in the open, Craig Hobbs and John Leach for third in the Veterans and also Craig Smith and Felicity Paglia for third in B Grade. Adam with some great shooting got home from Daniel while John Leach beat fellow Australian Team Member Craig Hobbs.

The highlight of course was seeing Craig Smith do battle with Felicity, burly Craig and the attractive young lady, who do you think was the crowd favourite. If Craig won he would be regarded as a selfish brute and if per chance he lost, forever would be reminded that he was beaten by a sheila. Conducted over 13 targets Craig took the lead on the first stand and Felicity fought back on stand two to tie the scores and send it into "sudden death". Craig being a gentleman shot first and recorded a kill on the A target, the B target was a mean crossing battue driven down at a fair distance and most probably the hardest target presented during the weekend, well Craig missed and then had to contend with the C target a difficult angled going away teal that was not coming back, two barrels lost again. Well Felicity stood up and single barrelled the A target, then faced up to the monster B and with one shot dismantled it, game over. (apologies to Craig)

A fantastic weekend, it was great at a major event to start at 9am, have a hour for lunch and have the shooting over each day before 4pm, very civilised and relaxing, thanks to all at Laang for once again conducting a flawless international event with a record number of participants. Also many thanks to our Sponsor GB/Corsivia, Bruce Burns does a magnificent job for Federation and is always there to assist when required, which I may add is often.

Thanks also to Warrnambool Field and Game and Geelong Sporting Clays for the loan of your equipment, all traps worked flawlessly for the weekend and this also added to the enjoyment for all.

Results			
Open	1st	Chris Brown	181-200
	2nd	Damien Birgan	180/200
	3rd	Adam DuRose	178/200 + 21
	4th	Daniel Johnson	178/200 + 19
Ladies	1st	Renaë Birgan	164/200
	2nd	Brittany Cole	159/200
	3rd	Felicity Paglia	147/200
Juniors	1st	Adam Shale	164/200
	2nd	Jeremy Paglia	163/200
	3rd	Mitchell Cain	160/200
Vets	1st	Ron Rhook	172/200
	2nd	Ed Magee	164/200
	3rd	John Leach	160/200 + 18
S/Vets	1st	Warwick Cumberland	157/200
	2nd	Barry Jane	150/200
	3rd	Colin Barker	147/200

Grades			
A	1st	Brendan Gonzales	168/200
	2nd	Alan White	167/200
	3rd	Stephen Sambell	165/200
B	1st	Andrew Blandthorn	150/200
	2nd	Michael Scriva	148/200
	3rd	Felicity Paglia	147/200 8 + 2
C	1st	Damien Porta	120/200
	2nd	Damon Bennett	1101/200
	3rd	Ben Muxlow	99/100

**Ray McFarlane** Vice President FITASC

# AUSTRALIAN TEAMS

## Open

Chris Brown, Daniel Johnson, John Younger, Socrates Pilipasidis, Reserve Bart Brighenti

## Ladies

Renaë Birgan, Brittany Cole, Kelly Norris, Reserve Felicity Padlia

## Juniors

Adam Shale, Jeremy Paglia, Cameron Kivenen, Reserve Alex Towns

## Vets

Ron Rhook, Craig Hobbs, John Leach, Reserve Neil Peart

## S/vets

Warwick Cumberland, Barry Jane, Ken Triffitt, Reserve John Torresan

## NEW ZEALAND FITASC GRAND PRIX

46 Australians ventured across to Wanaka for the New Zealand Sporting Nationals and the FITASC Grand Prix.

It was five days of shooting 500 targets over a six day period. This was an exhausting week for the organisers and the competitors.

The main problem was it was all conducted over the same area with minimal movement of traps between each day of each event and also between the Nationals and Grand Prix.

On such a large property to compact the Shooting Stands so close was a error by the organisers.

In many places there was interference with targets from one stand crossing in front of the shooter on the next Stand. With this compaction it did not allow for the full variety of target trajectories expected at a FITASC Grand Prix. The property on which the event was held provided excellent terrain and the owner must be congratulated for allowing the event on his property.

A one day break between the Nationals and Grand Prix is not enough to adequately change the target trajectories and trap positions.

Brian Deadman the New Zealand hot shot dominated the two events and put in some fantastic scores in both events.

On the 1st day of the Grand Prix Australian Veteran Neil Peart was outstanding with a 95/100 to lead the field by 4 targets from Deadman. On day two Deadman with 49/50 and 47/50 made the event his own with a total of 187/200. Neil Peart was 2nd Overall and won the veterans by a massive 11 targets. John

Younger 3rd after a shoot-off with Jack Gibbs 4th and Junior Jeremy Paglia 5th.

The shoot-off was a magnificent sight to see, Younger and Gibbs for 3rd & 4th Overall, Harry Denton NZ and Mark DuRose GB fighting for 1st & 2nd in Juniors.

Younger with 23/25 was the victor in Open, while 16 year old Denton with 22/25 just nudged out 12 year old DuRose 21/22 for the Juniors. It was breath taking to see these two younguns breaking the most difficult of the targets presented.

The event was exceedingly well run and we were finished and away in good time for a well earned meal.

Results				
Open	1st	Brian Deadman	NZ	187/200
	2nd	Neil Peart	Aust	181/200
	3rd	John Younger	Aust	180/200 + 23
	4th	Jack Gibbs	Aust	180/200 + 19
	5th	Jeremy Paglia	Aust	179/200
Juniors	1st	Harry Denton	NZ	169/200 + 22
	2nd	Mark DuRose	GB	169/200 + 21
	3rd	Bryce Paglia	Aust	157/200
Ladies	1st	Karen Scully	NZ	157/200
	2nd	Felicity Paglia	Aust	149/200
	3rd	Vicki Johnstone	Aust	147/200
Seniors	1st	Neil Peart	Aust	181/200
	2nd	Terry Lalich	NZ	170/200
	3rd	Rod Bryant	NZ	169/200
Veterans	1st	Ken Triffitt	Aust	169/200
	2nd	Gordon MacPhee	NZ	165/200
	3rd	Colin Barker	Aust	163/200

## COACHING

I thought of doing something different with the magazine this year, I have had many questions asked about the coaching and its courses so I thought I would answer some of the most asked questions, I hope this help with your understanding of what is involved within coaching.

### Q: Who is Shooting Australia and why are they mentioned a lot with Coaching.

Shooting Australia (formerly known as Australian International Shooting Ltd) is recognised by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) as the peak body for the shooting sports in Australia. FGFA are one of 5 Member bodies, who all come together to get their accreditation for Coaching courses. Shooting Australia's Coaching Courses have been accredited by the ASC and are part of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS). The Courses are in line with other sports from the ASC and cover General Principles as well as discipline specific Shooting information which we at FGFA develop. This is great news for us to have a nationally recognized course and members can go anywhere in Australia within FGFA to coach, as we have all got the same accreditation.

It is also worth noting that if you are a member of FGFA and another member of Shooting Australia, then your coach

accreditation can be recognised by that Association too – but only after you have completed the discipline specific course work for that discipline.

### Q Why do I have to re-accredit every 4 years?

This is a requirement of the National Coach Accreditation Scheme to ensure that all coaches remain active and up to date with their knowledge. This is part of the accountability of being a coach.

### Q How do I re-accredit as a coach?

To re-accredit as a coach, you need to demonstrate that you are still able to meet the competencies of a coach of your level. You do this by being observe and assess in action coaching at the range by your State SA assessor, if you don't know who they are contact your State Coaching Director. You also need to re-read the Coaches Code of Conduct and sign that you agree to it.

SA objectives are to promote and coordinate responsible shooting sports, both competitive and recreational, within Australia; and to promote and coordinate participation in and organisation of international competitions.  
<http://www.ausshooting.org/>

You can contact me at [traceyyg@live.com](mailto:traceyyg@live.com) and I can point you in the right direction of who is able to assess you. ■

# HUNTING AND HABITAT

## Hunting, Fishing, Conservation & Research



No doubt shooters out in the waters of the South Australian duck opening experienced rather warm conditions with an uncomfortable overnight camp out. Feedback from around the traps ducks were where you found them, but overall, bag numbers were well down on last year's opening. However a couple of groups did quite well. State Branch reports may have more opening info .

(One shooters comment, it was so hot highflyers flyers were cooked before they hit the water).

The October Waterfowl and Wetlands Spring land and aerial survey indicated plenty of birds. however, weather conditions changed into an extended dry period with many birds exiting to northern pastoral zones where heavy rains fell leaving many hunters with low bag numbers. (seems to happen nearly every January) The influx of Victorian shooters is yet to be assessed where it may prove necessary to try and bring both states openings more in line; good luck to the start of the Victorian duck season on the 21st March and Tasmanian season on 7th March.

NSW DPI Game Licensing Unit; Feedback from Dr Graham Hall's game bird science three year grant core project study the current NSW duck, quail and pigeon populations, is progressing well with timely on field information capturing the present inclement seasonal conditions and bird movements across the basin states and waterways.

Reports indicate success with the trial use with drones in conjunction with a Wetland Imaging Program for more accuracy of where birds actually are and movement on water bodies. Trials are also being done with harnesses for satellite-based tracking tags to monitor individual-level movements of duck species. Further updates and progress will be available in a couple of months. There's a lot of exiting new developments in fishery and waterfowl habitat research and onground action by government agencies happening across the basin states that has taken up a lot of networking time behind the scenes which is difficult to put into reports.

The Duck Wise CD's have been an instant success released by the Victorian Game Management Authority with cooperative financial and technological input from the three states, hunters now feel they are now part of a modern restructured co management model. .It's time in now that SA to seriously consider setting up at a Game Council model similar to Victoria.

### **Murray Darling Basin Plan meeting;**

As the Federation delegate I was fortunate to be invited to meet with Senator Anne Ruston and the Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Bob Baldwin MP and the newly appointed chair of the Murray Darling Basin Authority the Hon Neil Andrew recently in part of their tour of the Murray over three states..In discussions I raised the importance of the Basin's wetlands for waterbirds and fish habitat that's been a causality from catchment developments that over time has impacted on the ecosystems and waterways and this be prioritized in the implementation of new MDB Plan to 2019. With his responsibility for water reform across Basin, it was encouraging to see a particular focus on the lower lakes and Coorong

### **South Australia to stock Murray Cod:**

Following the SA Ministers recent announcement on Murray Cod there's been a seven member ministerial Murray Cod Stock Enhancement Program Working Group set up. Back in 2001- concerns were raised when on the Murray Cod Task Force that there were serious issues with Murray Cod stocks in SA and in recent times with the Murray Darling Basin Murray Cod Management Group regarding the poor recruitment phases in the SA section of the Murray and that an urgent stocking program be introduced. This will now happen under the \$1.3m four year program. ▶



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We are a long way behind the successful interstate stocking programs.

All Field and Game members are urged to look at what's going on in their neck of the woods with NRM Boards, local government and other wetland groups starting up and consider participating with these groups that gets F&G profile through representation onto relevant committees, we are not just duck shooters, we are competent wetland managers and conservationists. Let's have a few photos with members participating with wetland rehab projects.

#### **Snippets:**

Hunters welcome Norwegian politicians' decision to repeal the country's lead shot ban outside of wetland areas

The Norwegian parliament today (3 February) resolved by 79 votes to 16 to reintroduce lead shot for live quarry hunting outside wetlands. The decision follows a lengthy campaign by BASC's sister organisation in Norway the Norwegian Association of Hunters and Anglers –the Jegernes Interesseorganisasjon (JI).

Read more at [http://www.shootinguk.co.uk/news/lead\\_shot\\_ban\\_vote\\_norway-42462#av45rCsvc6FY5ksl.99](http://www.shootinguk.co.uk/news/lead_shot_ban_vote_norway-42462#av45rCsvc6FY5ksl.99)

#### **Do Aussie hunters value their hunting?**

From the Preliminary Report - US Fish & Wildlife 2011 National Survey Overview

In 2011 90.1 million Americans, 38% of the U.S. population 16 years old and older, enjoyed some form of fishing, hunting or

wildlife-associated recreation. Outdoor recreation is a huge contributor to that nation's economy. Expenditures by hunters, anglers and wildlife-recreationists were \$145.0 billion. This equates to 1% of gross domestic product; meaning one out of every one hundred dollars of all goods and services produced in the U.S. is due to wildlife-related recreation. Almost 37.4 million Americans participated in fishing, hunting or both sports in 2011. These sportsmen and women spent \$43.2 billion on equipment, \$32.2 billion on trips, and \$14.6 billion on licenses and fees, membership dues and contributions, land leasing and ownership, and plantings for hunting. On average, each sports person spent \$2,407 in 2011.

#### **Europe's largest hunting exhibition:**

Europe's largest hunting exhibition broke all records in 2014: As an international meeting place for hunters, dog friends and nature lovers from around the world, JAGD & HUND attracted more than 80,000 people to the Messe Westfalenhallen Dortmund. About 750 exhibitors from 36 nations set a new record. The premiere of FISCH & ANGEL, which presented the angling sport for the first time as a separate fair topic, set an important new course for the future.

The successful trade show duo now enters the next round: A new addition to the program is TREND LICHTUNG, an exclusive meeting point for furriers, fashion labels and product designers. (Courtesy [info@face.eu](mailto:info@face.eu)). ■

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## **INSURANCE REGISTRATION DETAILS**

### **For hunting activities**

The process for hunting as an Individual outside of registered events will require the following to be observed to provide you with Third Party Liability Insurance cover on the day of your hunt.

Any member Hunting outside of Club registered activities will be required to register their Hunting activity via Email or SMS informing the post address of their Name(s) – Area they are going to & duration of the activity. This registration can be made either by Computer or Mobile phone. The message will be received at the designated address for the registration process & a copy saved on your own device. This registration can be made at any time prior to you setting foot on the property.

Please contact your  
State Body or Club Officials for  
the contact number required.

This is a simple affair. By registering your hunt to the contact details supplied by your Club or State Association there will be a record on your device (Computer or phone) & at the registration device for the Club or State. You will have proof of the message being sent on your device. This will be sufficient to cover your Insurance requirements & that care has been taken by you to record your hunt for Insurance purposes. All communication records with this process will be dated & cannot be refuted.

There is a very good reason for this process & the benefits to our members are obvious.

When our members sign on at a shooting ground this process automatically registers you for Insurance cover. In signing on for the day in the range attendance book you have proof that



you were there at the shooting range on a specific day & this confirms you were there on this day should you be unfortunate in having an accident.

When a Club or State organises a Hunting event, a sign on process is followed & proof exists that you have been in attendance on that day. You are covered for Insurance. The old ways are changing & we have to change as well. Unfortunately for us the system we had previous has been tested & this has required a rethink in our processes to show proof that members were at a specific area on a specific day.

This lack of accountability is a concern to the Insurance provider who is expected to provide the necessary cover. Previously there has been no official way of registering your activity & no proof to accompany a claim being made. There is no record that a person was actually out hunting on a particular day. In the case of an accident we would not be able to provide the necessary proof that our member was out hunting on that day. ►

- This is exposing our members out hunting on their own to a grey area of accountability outside of the Club activities. We have a Duty of Care to our members to provide a system that addresses this concern.

The simplest & easily registered proof that removes the inconvenient phone calls to your already overworked Executives is to register this by Electronic format. Most members have access to a computer (Not all I know) & everyone these days seem to have a mobile phone a simple process will register your activity & give you peace of mind recording your hunting trip for the Insurance provision..

This is the Hunting equivalent to a Range Register at the shooting range.

There are benefits to be made from this process for both the members & Club/State.

- Greater contact between the two parties. Some hunters do not visit their club or have any other contact with them throughout their membership.
- The Club or State has the ability offer these members important Email contact, informing members of any changes to seasons or developments in other areas of hunting.
- Information available to the Hunting & Habitat committee on actual hunting days carried out. This would benefit the H&H Committee with statistics when they talk to the Government bodies.

Regards  
**F&GFA National Office**

## **FEDERATION INSURANCE**

### **Members Corporate Travel Insurance**

New Insurance option available to all our members – We have received questions from our members recently in regards to travel Insurance when they go overseas to compete at Clay Target events. This year Federation has made inroads into this Insurance availability. Federation has negotiated Corporate Travel Insurance for our members & their spouses, travelling outside of Australia competing at registered Clay Target Competitions. Cover is available to any Federation member who is under 85 years of age

Travel Insurance has become an expensive option when travelling on holiday let alone a Clay Target event with our members taking the equipment & guns that we require to compete in Clay Target Competitions.

Add to any policy the cost of covering a valued shotgun & the premiums start getting very expensive.

A few of the benefits available on the policy

- Personal Luggage cover (Including firearms) - up to \$20,000
- Rental Vehicle Excess – up to \$5,000
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- Weekly Sickness Benefit
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## BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

Sunday 4th January 2015

Six squads of shooters attended Bermagui Field and Game Club's new year shoot on Sunday 4 January with visiting shooters and their families from Canberra, Temora, Melbourne and Illawarra. The shoot was generously sponsored by the Bermagui Country Club.

Two ranges had been set up, each with five shooting stations. Scores were generally down across the board in all grades, however Gavin Moulding and Darren Redman in A Grade were able to demonstrate their prowess and came in with respectable scores.



Grade winners Aden Coleman, Jonathon Whyte and William Oliver

Other shooters to excel on the day were visiting juniors Aden Coleman from Canberra and William Oliver from Temora who were able to displace more senior shooters in C Grade.

James Drakos breezed through his eight targets in the shoot off to claim the jackpot money from the shoot raffle and as a consequence the usual consolation prize of a meat tray donated by Maddie and Rory from Bennys Butchery in Cobargo went to lucky shooter on the day, Darren Redman.



Grade winners, Darren Redman, Gavin Moulding and Mark Gschwend

Results			
A Grade	1st:	Gavin Moulding	81
	2nd:	Darren Redman	78
	3rd:	Mark Gschwend	67
B Grade	1st:	Adam Shiels	58
	2nd:	Graham Peterson	58
	3rd:	Jimmy Drakos	53
C Grade	1st:	Jonathon Whyte	46
	2nd:	Aden Coleman	41
	3rd:	William Oliver	38
Ladies	1st:	Jan Redman	56
	2nd:	Grace Gschwend	48
	3rd:	Holly Gschwend	44

### Next shoot:

10am Sunday 25th January 2015 - 100 target Handicap Event

- Side by Side Bush Challenge event sponsored by Phil & Shelley Craig

- O/U event sponsored by Bruce Arthurson

### Setup crew:

Phil and Shelley Craig, Darryl Newman, Mick Diss, Bruce Arthurson and Dale White.

## BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

Sunday 25th January 2015

Bermagui Gun Club's monthly shoot was a 100 target handicap side by side event sponsored by Michelle and Philip Craig run in conjunction with an over and under event sponsored by Bruce Arthurson. Numbers were a little down on previous shoots however there was a good contingent of shooters from Cooma and others from Canberra.

Michelle and Philip had set a very interesting program with a good variety of targets over eight shooting stations in one layout. Scores were a little down on those expected from a handicap event and reinforces the club's aim of including training days in its program so that new and novice shooters can better handle the target variability that sporting clay targets present.

Prizes for the main side by side event were very generous meat trays prepared by Bennys Butchery with prizes going down to ninth place across all grades. Pat Jubb came out on top of the side by side event this year after knocking on the door in last year's event.

The over and under event was shot across A, B and C grades with the handicapping system favouring lower grades where John Gray from C grade posted the highest score. Gavin

Moulding in A grade had a near perfect score of 24 in one round to come in with a lower overall handicap score.

Darren Redman had to settle for the meat tray that was very generously donated by Maddie and Rory from Bennys Butchery in Cobargo after failing in the shoot off to win the shoot raffle jackpot.

Results			
Side by Side Bush Challenge Handicap Event			
Side by Side Champion	Pat Jubb		97
	2nd	Roger Sands	96
	3rd	Phillip Craig	90
	4th	Bruce Arthurson	86
	5th	Barbie Magrin	85
	6th	Eddie Tierney	84
	7th	Craig Field	83
	8th	Darren Redman	81
	9th	Nev Brady	77
Over and Under Handicap Event			
A Grade	1nd	Chris Robinson	86
	2nd	Gavin Moulding	82
	3rd	Holly Gschwend	
B Grade	1st	Barry Dunn	96
	2nd	Mark Lazzaro	92
	3rd	Chris Raabe	88
C Grade	1st	John Gray	98
	2nd	Brett Wills	92
	3rd	Mick Diss	86



Phil Craig presenting Pat Jubb with his champions sash



Mick Diss, Brett Wills and John Gray with sponsor Bruce Arthurson

**Shoot raffle:** Darren Redman

**Next shoot:** 10am Sunday 22nd February 2015 100tgt OTG Safari Firearms Springing Teal - sponsored by Gary Georgio

**Set up crew:** Darren and Jan Redman, James and Jim Drakos, Jarrod Ringland and Jamie Negus.

## BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

Sunday 24th February 2015

Bermagui Field and Game Club's February shoot was the 100 target OTG Springing Teal event sponsored by Gary Georgio of Safari Firearms which is located in Belmore. Gary has been sponsoring this event for a number of years and is also a very generous contributor to many of the other gun clubs in NSW. Visiting shooters attended from Illawarra, Canberra, Bombala and Cooma.

Darren and Jan Redman had set two courses of 25 target, each course with five stations and each station having a pair of springing teal targets. The high gun prize for the day was based on the highest score of the 40 springing teal targets.

Results			
Springing Teal High Gun		Phillip Craig (34/40 Springing Teal)	81
AA Grade	1st	Gavin Moulding	87
	2nd	Darren Redman	85
	3rd	Mark Gschwend	78
A Grade	1st	Nev Brady	77
	2nd	Craig Field	73
	3rd	Adam Shiels	73
B Grade	1st	Tony Crome	72
	2nd	Mark Raabe	70
	3rd	Barry Dunn	69
C Grade	1st	Brett Wills	68
	2nd	Pat Tennant	61
	3rd	Mick Diss	51
Ladies	1st	Robin Perkins	57
	2nd	Jan Redman	55
	3rd	Michelle Craig	46
Juniors	1st	Oscar Mower	71
	2nd	Grace Gschwend	69
	3rd	Holly Gschwend	68

Oscar Mower from Cooma was in fine form to take out the Juniors first prize over sisters Grace and Holly Gschwend who also shot well and usually dominate their grade.

The other stand out shooter in their grade was Brett Wills in C Grade. Phil Craig shot the highest score of the springing teal type targets to win high gun. Phil also won the shoot raffle, however he was unable to shoot the required eight targets to win the jackpot prize and had to settle for the meat tray that was very generously donated by Maddie and Rory from Bennys Butchery

in Cobargo. A special thanks also to local skeet shooter Gary Martin who gave up his Sunday to trap on one of the springing teal stations.

**Shoot raffle** Phil Craig

**Next shoot**

10am Sunday 22nd March 2015  
100tgt Handicap Grumpy's Challenge sponsored by Grumpy

**Set up crew**

Mark Gschwend, Adam Shiels, Ron Manly, Justin Mann, Grace and Holly Gschwend. ■



Junior Winners - Oscar Mower, Grace and Holly Gschwend



Mudgee Sporting Club NSW

## MUDGEE SPORTING CLAYS

Sunday the 25th January saw our branch hold our first 100 target handicap event for 2015. We have had some good rain lately so mowers and slashers were working flat out the day before. Scott King had volunteered to set the range as the designated members were unavailable. Set the range he did. Fourteen automatic traps had been positioned over five stations so as to give the competitors a tremendous variety of targets. There was no shortage of exotics. It is obvious that Scott has been taking close notice of the various targets that he encounters in his travels around our state.

**Off the gun scores were as follows**

A Webb 80/100, J Merrick 79, R Christian 74, J Collier 73, R Ali 72, S King 72, C Kurtz 71, P James 68, R Hjorth 56, D McMurtrie 55, B McMurtrie 48, R Cotsios 44, Mr T 42, N Malanos 41, J Dinty 26.

**Scores for those who shot two rounds were**

J McCallum 34, M Holland 31, L Eastham 24, D O'Hare 21, N McCallum 12, L Ford 10.

When handicaps were added J Merrick went to first position followed by D McMurtrie and A Webb. ■

# MUDGEE SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

Last Sunday on the Windamere range approximately thirty members attended to participate in a 100 target handicap event. Weather was quiet pleasant with temperature reaching about 30 degrees. Conditions are very dry and hopefully by the time this goes to press the heavens may have opened. The event was kindly sponsored by the LODGE MOTEL in Mudgee so if any shotgun shooters are in the area you know where to stay. Three of our experienced members (Bob Hollow, Peter Clarkson and Colin Stubbs) were the range captains for the day. It was their duty to set the targets and listening to the comments by those in attendance their efforts were most appreciated. None of the three would admit to setting the last

station though. If you had a clean slate before reaching here you were now in for a shock! It was a range set for shotgunners not rifle shooters.

## Off the gun scores were as follows

I Stewart 83/100, J Merrick 78, B McCallum 74, R Hjorth 69, C Stubbs 68, L Eastham 66, P Clarkson 66, W Wright 65, C Tilney 59, D Clarkson 59, (Won't be long Dylan before you will be beating your pop) P Bones 56, N Macey 54, B McMurtrie 53, B Burns 33, R Lear 33, E Burns 32, D Kabbere 24.

## Some of the shooters chose to only shoot two rounds and scores are as follows

S Payne 47/50, M Holland 43, J McCallum 39, R Christian 38, P Harvey 37, B Hollow 35, M Quinlan 33, M Ager 32, D McMurtrie 31, B Williams 28.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

On Sunday 21st December, we had 80 shooters compete at the Cooma Field & Game Christmas clay target shoot at the Middlingbank range. This annual shoot consists of numerous events that are included in the 75 targets.

The Christmas event is the last for the year and our Club Champions are awarded at this time.



Bill Warriner



Mark Corbett

Bill Warriner was awarded Cooma Club Champion for 2014. The Side by Side Club Champion for 2014 was Mark Corbett.



Trevor Heise

The shoot also includes a trophy and sash for the winner of the side by side "Springing Teal" section. The "Springing Teal" is a target that is sent almost vertically into the air and the shooter who hits the most of these during the shoot is declared the "Springing Teal" Champion.

## COOMA FIELD & GAME

Christmas 2014

This year, the event was won by Trevor Heise with a score of 27/27.



Krista Mower and Phil Craig

A novelty "Turner Teams" tower shoot is conducted at the conclusion of the shoot day and this was won by Krista Mower and Phil Craig scoring 19/20.



Glen Simmons & Richard Mould

This year we recognised the hard work done by our former club Presidents, Richard Mould and Richard Seears. Glen Simmons was awarded the club person of the year.

A special thanks to the Nassar family, who Cooked Christmas lunch and to the members who provided the salads and desserts for the day and a special thanks to Robin Perkins and Rhonda White for running the office throughout the year. It was also an opportunity to show off the improvements and works done to the facilities at the club throughout the year by the new committee.

We also held a brief silence to mark the passing of David Cook, a Bermagui member and valued supporter of the Cooma club, he will be missed.

We had shooters attend from Canberra, Victoria, Bermagui and Sydney as well as the locals.

Side by Side Competition			
High Gun		Mark Corbett	63/75
A grade	1st	Geoff Bullock	58/75
	2nd	Phil Craig	53/75
	3rd	Mark Raabe	52/75
B grade	1st	Ben Rowbotham	53/75
	2nd	Pat Jubb	45/75
C grade	3rd	Josh Pederson	43/75
	1st	Trevor Heise	62/75
	2nd	Richard Warner	50/75
	3rd	Rodger Sands	40/75
Ladies	1st	Michelle Craig	33/75
Juniors	1st	Jozeph Nassar	36/75
Vets	1st	Toby Edwards	51/75
	2nd	Col O'Brien	43/75

Under /Over Competition			
High Gun		Darren Redman	66/75
A grade	1st	Geoff Taylor	61/75
	2nd	James Jonklaas	60/75
	3rd	Richard Mould	60/75*
B grade	1st	Chris Robinson	61/75
	2nd	Barry Dunn	50/75
	3rd	Adam Shiels	57/75
C grade	1st	Craig Bottom	51/75
	2nd	Roger Budd	46/75
	3rd	Michael Diss	44/75
Ladies	1st	Robin Perkins	51/75
	2nd	Jan Redman	48/75
	3rd	Rhonda White	47/75
Juniors	1st	Holly Gschwend	53/75
	2nd	Oscar Mower	53/75
	3rd	Grace Gschwend	41/75
Vets	1st	Bill Warriner	65/75
	2nd	Hugh Fairfield Smith	50/75
	3rd	Doug Blewitt	46/75

\*after a shoot off

## LADIES DAY

January 2015 - Sponsored by Buckley's Rural Services

The start to the 2015 season saw a good turnout of 44 shooters on a delightful day at our Middling bank range.

The theme for January was Ladies Day, where the girls shoot for free. Marion (Mario) Margin must have had a tough Christmas as he endeavoured to have his nominations waived by wearing a dress. The dress was a nice floral frock but the lipstick was possibly a step too far.

The event was sponsored by Buckley's Rural Services and well attended by the Buckley family. Many thanks to Jim, Clare and the two boys for supporting the club and shooting some clays.

Thanks also need to go to Steve Blyth of Jindabyne Joinery who kindly donated new white boards to replace the scoring blackboards, really seems to brighten the place up.

Chris Robinson and Kris Jones set a short course that had a good variation



Lady Shooters and Sponsors L-R Carol Cook, Krista Mower, Marion (Mario) Magrin, Jan Redman, Barbie Magrin, Jim Buckley, Michelle Craig, Lachy Buckley, Casey Buckley, Clare Buckley.

of targets. I think it offered all grades opportunities to hit some and miss some.

General Meeting held after the shoot went well. New traps are to be ordered. Some older traps are to be sold. Money has been approved for more upgrades to the clubhouse. We will be providing eftpos facilities at shoots and arrangements for Easter are progressing well. Nomination forms are available from our web site. [www.coomafieldandgame.org](http://www.coomafieldandgame.org)

Shoot results			
High Gun		Darren Redman	90/100
AA grade	1st	Bill Warriner	81/100
	2nd	Mark Corbett	76/100
A grade	1st	Kris Jones	85/100
	2nd	Chris Robinson	81/100
B grade	3rd	Adam Mower	81/100
	1st	Jimmy Drakos	80/100
	2nd	Col O'Brien	75/100
C grade	3rd	Stephen McIntyre	75/100
	1st	Richard Warner	78/100
	2nd	Steve Blyth	60/100
Ladies	3rd	Rodger Sands	55/100
	1st	Barbie Magrin	62/100
	2nd	Michelle Craig	60/100
Juniors	3rd	Jan Redman	60/100
	1st	Oscar Mower	74/100
	2nd	Jack Fairfield-Smith	55/100
	3rd	Lachy Buckley	19/100
	3rd	Doug Blewitt	46/75

## TOWER SHOOT

15th February 2015. Sponsored by Mark Corbett and Snowy River Tyre Power Jindabyne.

After a fairly mediocre week of weather on the Monaro we were blessed with a beautiful day on Sunday. Mark Corbett set up a great course.

The club acquired 1 new tower and with the elevated work platform donated for the day by Fairidge. "Corbo" was able to set up 4 towers incorporating 44 tower targets for the day.

The tower targets mixed with a combination of other targets, including a very close rabbit provided a good humored, competitive day.

Strangely enough "Corbo" was the winner for the day taking out over all high gun and the tower shoot high gun.

Other notable results over the 100 targets were John Starr with an impressive round of 24 to take out AA. And C Grade Rodger Sands after a 3 way shoot with Josh Pederson and Brett Wills. Ladies was once again won by Robin Perkins. Juniors Oscar Mower.



L-R Jack Fairfield-Smith, Mark Corbett, Terry Thistleton

Ian Arnold, Snowy River Tyre Power Jindabyne, joined us for a couple of rounds and thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Thanks go to the girls in the office and Brennie Reeve for her great work in the Kitchen and everybody who helped set up and pack up.

We have a busy couple of months ahead of us.

The 32nd Easter Classic is shaping up to be the best one yet. The club has put in a huge effort over the last 12 months to ensure that this event lives up to its great reputation.

A new event will be held on 17th May "The Perazzi Young Guns Challenge" to encourage young shooters with some great prize pools on offer for all grades.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Easter.

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Results			
High Gun		Mark Corbett	82/100
AA grade	1st	John Starr	81/100
	2nd	Darren Redman	80/100
A grade	3rd	Bill Warriner	76/100
	1st	Phil Craig	78/100
	2nd	Terry Thistleton	77/100
B grade	3rd	Mick Hedger	75/100
	1st	Barry Dunn	79/100
	2nd	Richard Mould	71/100
C grade	3rd	Ron Manly	68/100
	1st	Rodger Sands	53/100
	2nd	Brett Wills	53/100
Ladies	3rd	Josh Pederson	53/100
	1st	Robin Perkins	60/100
	2nd	Jan Redman	60/100
Juniors	3rd	Marg Warriner	74/100
	1st	Oscar Mower	55/100
	2nd	Brody Walters	19/100
	3rd	Jack Fairfield-Smith	46/75

### Tower Shoot winners

High Gun	Mark Corbett
A grade	Terry Thistleton
B grade	Steve Mc Intyre
C grade	Jack Fairfield-Smith.

On Sunday 1 February the Broken Hill Field and Game Association commenced the 2015 shooting year with the Murray and Michael Barker 50 Target Championship. The shoot was conducted in unseasonably mild and sunny conditions that were ideal for shooting clay targets, and organisers were rewarded with an excellent turn out of 33 keen shooters, which included some new and potentially new members.

Range marshal Brian, and his boys, did a good job with the range which was very well set out for the conditions, not far to walk and very little trapping to do. The targets were not all that difficult and were good fun for shooters in all grades. Nevertheless the shooters still managed to miss more than they would have liked and the scores were surprisingly lower than expected.

The best off gun total for the shoot was an excellent 44 shot by Wayne Haskard. This was Wayne's first shoot for a number of months and he certainly returned with a vengeance, his score was well clear of the next best shooters. If it wasn't for those five and a half foot tall trees between Wayne and the targets one can only imagine how good his score might have been.

Josh Holmes shot well to win A Grade very comfortably with a solid score of 39, well clear of his nearest rivals. Craig Lawrence shot the same score to win B Grade but had a tougher time with a couple of other B Graders snapping at his heels. Peter Hoare shot a good 37 with a new side by side to win C Grade with a couple of spare targets up his sleeve. Cassie McEvoy won the Ladies Grade with a good total of 30 and gave some of the grade shooters a bit of a hurry up. ■



Grade winners of the Murray and Michael Barker 50 Target Championship, left to right, Josh Holmes (A Grade), Wayne Haskard (High Gun), Cassie McEvoy (Ladies), Craig Lawrence (B Grade) and peter Hoare (C Grade).

## THE GRADE RESULTS FOR ALL SHOOTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

### High Gun

Wayne Haskard; 23, 21 - 44

### A Grade

Josh Holmes; 18, 21 - 39  
Colin DeGoumois; 16, 16 - 32  
Richard Murphy; 18, 14 - 32

### B Grade

Craig Lawrence; 21, 18 - 39  
Jeff Glasson; 17, 20 - 37  
Brian Hoare; 20, 17 - 37  
Murray Barker; 19, 17 - 36  
Steve mahoney; 19, 16 - 35  
Anthony Elliott; 16, 19 - 35  
Barry Foley; 19, 16 - 35  
Ben DeGoumois; 16, 17 - 33  
Bernard Clogg; 14, 16 - 30  
Kym Files; 12, 16 - 28

### C Grade

Peter Hoare; 21, 16 - 37

Brian Casey; 20, 15 - 35  
Bob Tweedie; 18, 16 - 34  
Neville Hill; 16, 18 - 34  
Ross Howse; 16, 17 - 33  
Grant Boylan; 20, 13 - 33  
Vic Galea; 17, 15 - 32  
Neil Treganowan; 15, 15 - 30  
Les Birrell; 13, 16 - 29  
Steve Lawrence; 14, 12 - 26  
Brian Ashwood; 10, 15 - 25

### Ladies

Cassie McEvoy; 15, 15 - 30  
Elissa Tweedie; 11, 7 - 18

### Targets Only

Ray Johnston; 17, 17 - 34  
Trent Clare; 16, 12 - 28  
Jarrad Zammit; 13, 13 - 26  
Matthew Gillespie; 15, 11 - 26  
Evan Boylan; 6, 6 - 12  
Ben Matthias; 7 - 7

## 2015 CALENDER

### ASC Sydney Club Infrastructure Upgrades

We have a State Selection on May 17th and State Old Style FITASC on November 14/15th.

The 2015 calendar has a major change with Saturday shoot dates designated club shoots and Sunday shoot dates completion (all shooters are welcome, on completion days, however target only shooters may be squadded separately from completion shooters)

### Traps

We have ordered 4 new traps for 2015 including one dedicated rabbit trap, two

super sporters and a TT400 which can throw below horizontal. This will help replace some of the original Promatic traps we purchased 15 years ago.

### Remotes

We have purchased 7 systems from Kiv Tronics (Victoria) to add to our existing remotes developed by club member Arthur Conomos. So over the Christmas break Alan, Hue and John worked off some of their Christmas pudding rewiring all our traps and testing systems. As with all our equipment if there is a problem please report it to the office.

### Bathrooms

Prior to Christmas new push button taps were installed in the bathrooms along with other plumbing maintenance. We

intend to install hand dryers ASAP in the new year.

### Kitchen

A new oven and range hood were purchased with the oven installed prior to the Christmas shoot. The old one was well and truly past retirement. The range hood will also be installed in the new year.

### Ground

We have ordered another 20" shipping container to go below the five stand area to fill the gap in our range supply and make life easier for the ground crew. Inquiries have also started into the erection of a covered area for the five stand, this may depend on our other discussions with council. ■



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Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September

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### Rocky Gully Club Championship

Sunday 11th October

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# INTRODUCING THE NEW 486 BY MARC NEWSON

What happens when the oldest firearms company in the world offers the design of the most traditional and elegant shotgun – the side by side – to Marc Newson? A masterpiece is created.

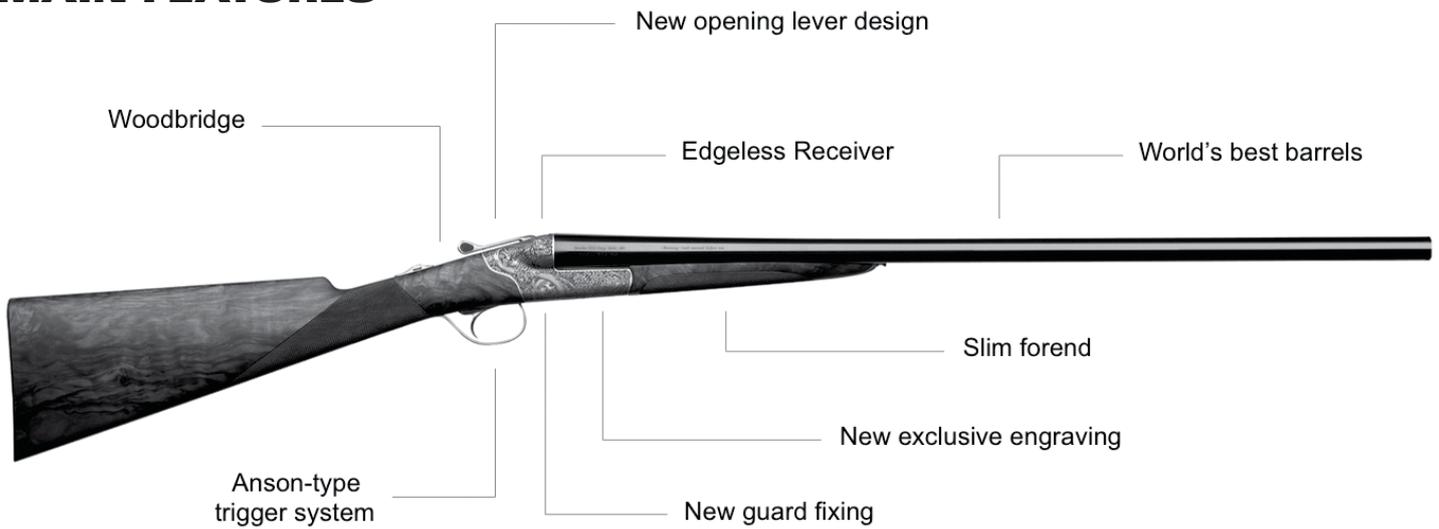
The new 486 by Marc Newson is a respectful re-interpretation of the traditional side by side with an innovative technological solution: the wood-bridge. Thanks to this original design, the safety catch is no longer a remote mechanism on the end of the receiver, but is now seamlessly set into the high-grade walnut, almost like a bridge, creating a beautiful element of distinction.

The time honoured concept of the “rounded action” is perfectly expressed in the edgeless receiver, while the statement top lever has a unique identity created by its bold design. The engraving, made through a special

high-technology laser, is a homage to Asia: the homeland of the world’s most traditional game bird, the pheasant. The 486 by Marc Newson embodies the essential characteristics of a luxury Beretta shotgun: the constant pursuit of innovation combined with five hundred years of manufacturing excellence.

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## MAIN FEATURES



### Woodbridge

The traditional tail of the receiver has been lowered allowing the wood to separate the receiver and the safety/selector like a wooden bridge over the steel. This unique design makes the 486 by Marc Newson extremely elegant and instantly recognizable.



### Edgeless receiver

The traditional design of side by side shotguns has always been very simple and elegant. Over the years, the “round body” design has been introduced to emphasize the slimness and lightness of the gun. Marc Newson has used the characteristics of steel and modern machining to elevate the concept of the “round body”, bringing it to a new level. The receiver is edgeless and the lines flow through the entire surface of the shotgun with no sharp edges or breaks.



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► **Engraving**



The engraving is a clear homage to Asia as the homeland of the pheasant. This unique design is made possible by the high-tech laser technology used in the manufacturing process. This ensures the best texture wrap over the entire surface of the receiver and also allows for a deep contrast and sharp resolution in all the details of the engraving.

**New guard fixing**



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*"My initial source of inspiration came from the idea that pheasants originate and are native to Asia, before being widely introduced elsewhere as a game bird. For me it was important to somehow pay homage to this and incorporate a subtle Asian influence into the design. Of any country that I have visited (and lived in) Japan still holds the most interest for me. I am fascinated by Japanese culture and in particular the different comprehension of scale and detail. With this in mind I started to look at Japanese tattoos and the craftsmanship involved in creating complex engravings as a means to compliment the surfacing of the action."*

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**486** *by Marc Newson* **Table of Specifications**

SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
Gauge	12
Chamber	76 mm (3")
Barrels	66 cm (26") - OCHP
	66 cm (26") - Fixed (****/**)
	71 cm (28") - OCHP
	71 cm (28") - Fixed (***/* or ****/**)
	76 cm (30") - Fixed (****/**)
Lylium	Yes (OCHP version)
Rib 1	0 x 5.5 mm
Stock	English
Fore End	Splinter
Recoil Pad	Wood
Trigger	Single Selective
Weight	3.200 g (unloaded)

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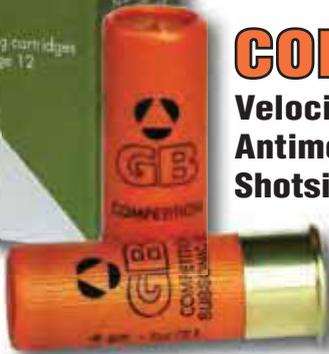


# Competition Shotshells



## COMPETITION

Velocity – 1320 FPS  
Antimony – 5%  
Shotsize – 7, 7½, 8, 9



## COMPETITION LIGHT

Velocity – 1140 FPS  
Antimony – 5%  
Shotsize – 7½

## PRIUS

Velocity – 1300 FPS  
Antimony – 6%  
Shotsize – 7, 7½, 8



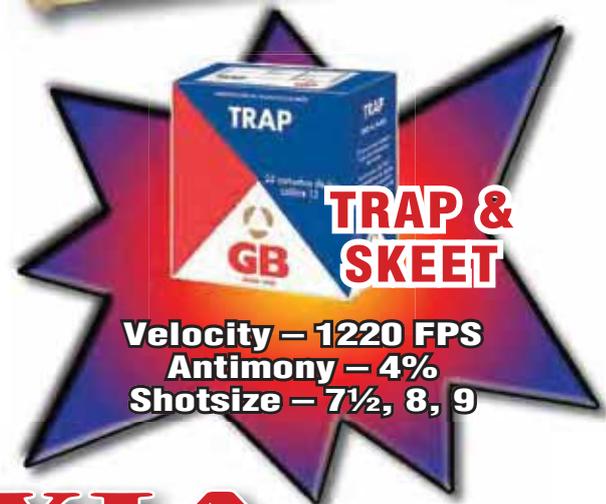
## CLUB SPORTING

Velocity – 1300 FPS  
Antimony – 4%  
Shotsize – 7, 7½, 8



## SPORTING PLUS

Velocity – 1340 FPS  
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## TRAP & SKEET

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# NEW SOUTH WALES

# STATE SELECTION SHOOT

hosted by Temora Field and Game

On Saturday the 14th Feb (yes Valentines Day!!) Temora Field and Game hosted the first Selection shoot for those shooters trying to represent NSW Field and Game Assoc. The shoot is contested over 2 ranges of 25 targets with each range being attempted twice for a total of 100 targets.

The range was very well set by Temora's Bruce and Mathew Wilesmith, with the targets testing some of the best shooters in the state. The variation required was well shown and the different stands used the available terrain very well. Shooters were tested with rabbits along the top of a small bank, a target driven down into a quarry and long looping targets that kept going

until they landed 70 – 80 metres away. The weather certainly played its part in making the day a bit more difficult with passing showers, varying light and changeable winds that never seemed to bring the targets closer.

A strong field of 72 shooters attended the event, showing that the cooperation of Temora and Ardlethan/Beckhom clubs in holding selection shoots on consecutive days was a great success. Shooters could get more bang for their travelling buck by attending both 100 target selection shoots in one weekend and with state selection taking your best 3 scores of the 6 selection shoots you could get your bid for a state jacket off to a very good start.

The results for the shoot got many Temora shooters off to that good start. Last year's state champion, Andrew Sinclair, got off to the best start possible by taking out the High Gun prize for the event and earning a maximum 100 points. Andrew shot a very good 81/100 for the day and was 6 targets clear of his nearest rivals.

At the end of the day several shootoffs were required to separate some of the shooters. The shoot offs were held between Peter Kay and Steve Aitkens (AA Grade), Mark Wilesmith and Jay Crittendon (Juniors), Rebecca Wilesmith and Kathryn Sadler (Ladies).

Other grade results for the day were:

Name	Surname	Grade	A	B	A	B	/100	
Andrew	Sinclair	A	20	22	18	21	81	High Gun
Peter	Kay	AA	20	19	20	16	75	1
Steve	Aitkens	AA	17	16	20	22	75	2
Barti	Breggenti	AA	17	17	18	17	69	3
Harry	Kassianou	A	15	20	18	20	73	1
Andrew	Garvie	A	16	17	19	19	71	2
Mick	Munro	A	13	21	19	17	70	3
Rodney	Carr	B	19	16	21	15	71	1
Sam	Sweeney	B	16	18	16	20	70	2
Robert	Baslas	B	15	21	13	18	67	3
Colin	Dorman	C	16	15	20	14	65	1
Brett	Cummings	C	16	12	20	12	60	2
Dooly	Graham	C	14	15	11	19	59	3
Jay	Crittendon	J	18	13	20	14	65	1
Mark	Wilesmith	J	17	21	15	12	65	1
Mathew	Wilesmith	JS	21	12	18	17	68	1
Tom	McGrath	JS	13	15	11	19	58	2
Curtis	Kassianou	JS	10	12	11	18	51	3
Kathryn	Sadler	L	7	16	8	18	49	1
Bec	Wilesmith	L	17	10	13	9	49	1
Michelle	Hooper	L	12	10	6	14	42	3
Bruce	Wilesmith	V	22	16	18	19	75	1
Ross	Christian	V	15	15	20	17	67	2
Max	Holland	V	14	14	16	18	62	3
Errol	Foster	VS	15	17	16	18	66	1
Victor	Bowman	VS	12	17	14	19	62	2
Dennis	Coaker	VS	10	17	17	17	61	3



**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015**

**President:** Mark Farrow  
**Vice-President:** Leo Cao  
**Secretary:** Ashley Mead  
**Treasurer:** Sue Farrow

QSCA Membership fees for 2016 will increase by \$10.00 over all categories.

The tabled audited report showed the total income was \$73,989.29 and the total expenses were \$63,158.38 highlighting a profit of \$10,800.91 for the year.

The registered rules changes were approved by the members and will be submitted to the Department of Fair Trading for acceptance.

QSCA Life Membership nomination

I Max Whiting would like to nominate Glen Rider for a life membership to Queensland Sporting Clays for his outstanding commitment and dedication to the sport, both at state and club level.

I have known Glen for over 20 years and have watched his love and passion for the sport grow to an elite level that we see and enjoy today.

Behind the scenes he also attends state and executive meetings around Australia, giving up his personal time to assist in getting jobs done and ensuring

that the Sport is conducted at the highest etiquette possible.

I believe the fact that because Glen has contributed heavily in setting up quality targets for all State Selection Shoots and State Titles for the past 15 plus years is testament enough of this man's character and dedication he has for the sport of Sporting Clays.

Seconded by Mark Farrow, Ray Whitehead, Mark Weston and Leo Cao

The members at the AGM awarded Life Membership to Glen Rider. – Congratulations and well deserved. ■

**2014 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The past year has been a busy, productive and rewarding one with most of the work done behind the scenes.

Each of the qualifying shoots were well attended, Brisbane, Gympie, Fraser Coast, Childers Club did a fantastic job in running the events and showing great hospitality to the visiting members. The final event the State Titles were held in Brisbane in September ending the State Team selection for 2014. The event was once again presented with the highest standard of targets, which is why the QSC State Titles is the premium Sporting Clay event in the state. I must thank Glen Rider, Leo Cao, Max Whiting and the crew of members that presented great targets at all these events. Once again it's the dedication to the sport that only a few have, that will see the sport continue along a great path in Queensland.

Congratulations to Dale Whiting – A Grade National Champion and to Mark Cain taking out third place in B Grade and to Reece Cain for taken out third in the Sub Juniors. Mitchell Cain was place 4th in the Juniors and Maree Birgan also placed 4th in the Ladies. Well done to you all.

Peter Tobin shot a remarkable three 25s to end up with 200/225 only 9 targets behind the National Champion Jeremy Kent 209/225

The 2014 team of Peter Tobin, James McIver, Mike Birgan, Dennis Dinte, Maree

Birgan, Denis Bullimore and junior Reece Cain were placed Second to Victoria once again. Third place were South Australia. Well done team.

The first year of a three year Qld Government funding agreement was received in January. This funding was used across all branches of the association to help achieve better management and profile, growth and coaching. Site n Scope Training delivered a Club Coach Courses in Fraser Coast in June creating 4 new club coaches. The Childers Club Coach course was postponed and will be delivered in the first half of 2015. The funding was also used by the committee in the areas of growth, junior support, training and management of QSC. We thank Qld Government for their support.

The new membership card system is working really well. I must thank Ashley Mead for the time and effort he has put into managing the membership database.

There has been good membership growth over the past 12 months increasing again by 10% to 438 last year 419 and the year before that 378. Over the past 5 years our membership has increased by over 100 members. All I can say is well done to you all.

All branches have had a fairly good year with consistence numbers with Brisbane leading the way with a healthy increase

in participation across all their events.

As reported last year the Federation has allotted Queensland the 2016 Sporting Clays Nationals. The venue will be Brisbane Sporting Clays and the date most likely to be in October. This will give Queensland members a chance to compete at the highest level of competition without traveling long distances.

On a personnel level I would like to thank the association for the support in my attending the International Grand Prix for Disabled Shotgun Shooting in Italy in past years. I'm happy to announce that the development has gone into the next stage which will see the inclusion of Clay Target Shooting into the Paralympic in the future. It was truly a humbling experience to be part of this development.

I must thank the members and branches for their support. The committee meetings were well attended and are very constructive this allows the association to run smoothly with not many hiccups. I thank the committee and the workers, with a special thanks to Glen Rider for your outstanding commitment to the State and sport of Sporting Clays.

Unfortunately I cannot be at this AGM as I have had death in my family and I must go out of town.

I thank you all

**Mark Farrow** *QSCA President* ■



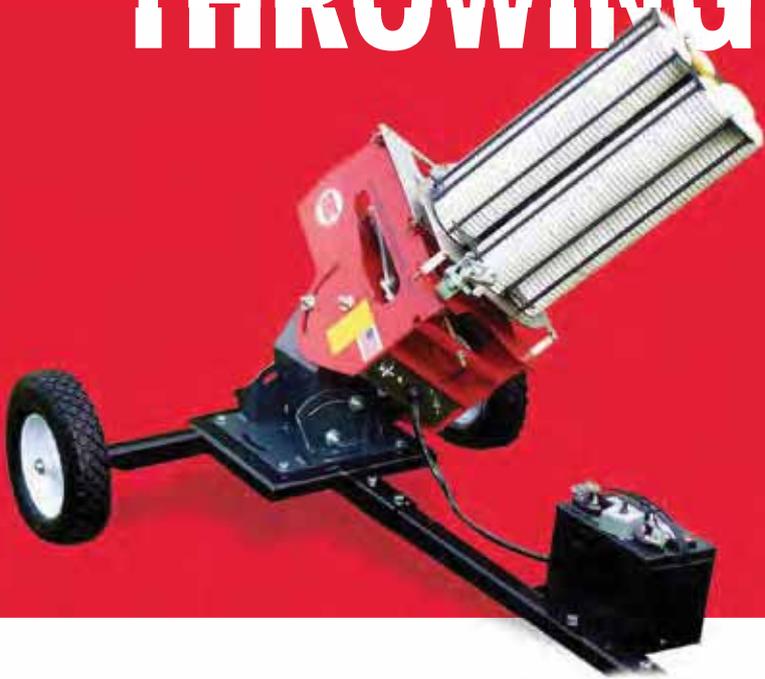
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- 9 gram 410 GAUGE 2" - 4 & 6
- 28 gram 20 GAUGE - BB, 4, 7.5, 8, 9
- 15 gram 28 GAUGE - 5 & 8
- 28 gram 16 GAUGE - 5



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Brisbane	8th February	1st Qualifying Shoot	
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Beaudesert	28th March	Grand Opening	Sporting Range
Brisbane	29th March	State Titles	Old Style FITASC
Brisbane	11-12th April	GB/Corsivia Classic 150	
Gympie	19th April	2nd Qualifying Shoot	
Brisbane	10th May	State Titles	Compak
Fraser Coast	7th June	3rd Qualifying Shoot	
Beaudesert	23rd August	4th Qualifying Shoot	
Childers	12-13th September	State Titles	Sporting
Brisbane	8th November	Eley 5000 Handicap	
Brisbane	29th November	State Titles	English Sporting

## STATE TEAM QUALIFYING SERIES

For 2015 is 5 (five) QSCA Qualifying shoots including the State Titles

Competitors to compete in the following 5 (five) events. Date and venue maybe changed by the QSCA Committee. Changes will be shown on the QSCA website.

**QSCA Qualifying Shoots: Nominations \$50, Juniors/Pensioners \$40**

1. Brisbane - 8th February
2. Gympie - 19th April
3. Fraser Coast - 7th June
4. Beaudesert - 23rd August

Only 3 (three) of the above Qualifying Shoot scores will be used as a qualifying score for these events as the lowest/worst score will be automatically excluded.

*Can change under exemption*

**QSCA Qualifying Shoot - State Titles: Nominations \$100, Juniors/Pen \$80**

5. Childers - 12th - 13th September

The score from the QSCA State Titles will be added to the remaining 3 (three) Qualifying Shoot scores.

The final score will be used to rank the competitor as follows - 100 percent will be awarded for the highest score, all other scores will receive percentage of the highest score. The awarded percentage along with the shooters final score will be transposed to the Ladies, Seniors/Veterans and Junior categories.  
*Can change under exemption*

### State Team Qualifying Series

exclusions are not allowed without authorisation for substitution by the QSCA Committee. See reference below.

Exemption from attending/competing in any of the above **State Team Qualifying Series** may be sought under the following conditions.

- (a) Notice to the QSCA committee prior to the event in writing, if the shooter is unable to compete at one or more of the series events due to;
- (b) Competitive commitments at an equal or greater Sporting Clay event, either within Australia or overseas. The event must be approved by the committee.
- (c) Illness or physical incapacity to shoot due to unforeseen circumstances . Doctor's certificate to be provided. ■

## THE QSCA STATE TEAM SELECTION

Team of 7 – 4 open, 1 lady, 1 veteran, 1 junior

The method of selection and the composition of QSCA Team, shall be determined by the QSCA Committee, upon receipt of recommendations from the QSCA Clay Target Director.

(a) Selection will be based not only on proven ability and availability, but will

also take into consideration the potential team compatibility and the suitability of an individual as an ambassador for Queensland and the QSCA.

(b) Any individual rejected from selection in an QSCA Team shall have the right to request the reasons

The QSCA committee ruling shall be final

The QSCA Committee shall be the management committee of the Queensland Sporting Clays Association Inc. ■



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**HELLO EVERYONE**

It has been awhile since my last report but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy, Brisbane Sporting Clays is growing at incredible rate.

Membership is still steadily growing again this year and already we are nearly touching on 400 members which is awesome.

It is good to see our corporate visitors coming to the range and enjoying their day out, many of which have become members, obtaining their firearms license thus making this a win-win for the club and the sport.

Brisbane now has a firearms safety course provider available at the range, "Site and Scope training" - Contact Mark Farrow - 0404024220 - for more information or to book a course

To go to the range on Saturday's and to see new faces everywhere, more juniors and ladies shooting now, sometimes you think you are on a golf course with all the activity that is going on.

It is a good feeling that the club as a whole is starting to expand through the combined hard work of the volunteers and the committee members. It is heartening to see the members putting in a lot of their own time, working together, to fulfill a dream of making Brisbane Sporting Clays one of the best Sporting Clay venues in Australia. Thanks Ladies and Gents.

As our members are aware, Ian Collison has been a great asset to the club. As the unofficial club Caretaker and on-site security officer, he spends more time than anyone at the range and required more than most to undertake additional tasks. Volunteering many hours of his own time beyond the call of duty of what is recognized as a volunteer and quite frankly without his efforts over recent years, the club wouldn't be where it is today.

The expansion that is happening at the club is gaining momentum, with all of the open days we have and the work required around the place this has required the committee to review the way we operate. We rely on volunteers to operate like many other clubs around Australia. With the expansion that is happening, the club can no longer operate as a solely volunteer based Association. The amount of days we are open and the future expansion coming at the club we can no longer carry out ground maintenance and operate the facilities at the same time without

overloading our already over worked volunteers. Ian will be remunerated for his efforts at the club during the week to prepare the grounds for the members/visitors enjoyment at the weekends, with the view to expand our corporate profile during the week. This should project the club forward to bigger and better things. Onwards & upwards!!!

The Promatic Wi-card system which was implemented on the 1st March 2014, has been a great investment for the club. The system has an auditing program built in to every unit and counts every target thrown. Twelve months on, 358,000 targets have been registered for our practice days. At present this does not include our competition days which are on a different system.

We will be adding more units to the Promatic Wi-card very soon to incorporate competitions for the auditing purpose. If any other clubs are interested in one of these systems, or want to ask any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

The new clubhouse building is still on the agenda and gaining momentum, we are in the early stages so far going through the design processes for approval.

We would like as a club to be able to draw from our well of members through trade services, consulting, buying opportunities. If any of members are able to offer assistance in this area we would like to hear from you. The club house will be a great investment for the future of all our members, old & new. We will keep you informed as we progress.

The competition scene has been great, the Boxing Day shoot was as great as ever, big targets off big cliffs, little bit hot, but that is Boxing Day, its either stinking hot or raining.

We had 103 shooters which was great we had a bus ferrying shooters around.

Paul Adams won the event it was good to see him up at Brisbane again .we all wish Paul well in his Commonwealth and Olympic campaign.

There was a few Victorians came up for the shoot, good to see Reece Turner at Brisbane.

Brisbane hosted the first of the State Selection Series in February, it was a good roll out again with strong numbers attending on the day, good targets from Glen Rider, it was a good day, thanks everyone that was involved. Mark Farrow will put the winning scores in his report.

We just had the first " Brookman cup" handicap event which was well attended. John Brookman was a member of Brisbane for 20 plus years, he was diagnosed with a terminal illness and passed away sadly last year .

His final wish was to hold a handicap shoot every year at the Club... it was good to see Mrs Brookman at the club at presentation it was a very humbling experience.

I would like to thank the Brookman family, Steve Blake, John Flocqart, Shannon and James Palfreeman for their involvement with this shoot .

Damien Birgan took out high Gun for the Competition event.

Warren Dennis won the Brookman Cup for the separate handicap event of the shoot.

Hope to see you all there again next year.

The next big shoot will be the GB 150 held over 2 days .

A great shoot, a shotgun up for grabs, cash prizes, plus plenty of ammo. Come along and experience a great weekend.

Only one whinge from me. ☹ We are seeing more and more semi Autos at the club.

My understanding is that you need to have a medical condition to obtain this category of firearm. Please consider your empties that are spread all over the country side when they eject. If you do not pick them up, someone else has to, and then they end up with the medical condition. Please be considerate to the Club grounds and the volunteers, there are magnetic devices available to collect shells if you cannot bend over ....if you can't pick your shells up, please leave the SEMI AUTO at home..... Rant over....

The comments received by the committee from the members is they are very happy where the club is at the moment and where it's heading.

The Future is looking really good for Brisbane Sporting Clays.....

Thanks everyone.....

**Laurie Stubbs** *BSC President* ■

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2015 has got off to a very hot start in this part of the world. This has caused several events to be cancelled including the February shoot. This was a real shame as we had a great prize pool organised thanks to one of our most generous sponsors Joel O'Brien of O'Brien Pipeline Solutions. Despite this minor setback we are looking forward to a great year.

### EASTER SHOOT

Hopefully this newsletter will reach you before our second Easter Shoot has been run and won. It is shaping up to be a great shoot with a much bigger prize pool than last year thanks to our great sponsors Bruce Burns of GB Corsivia, Joel O'Brien of O'Brien Pipeline Solutions, Bryan and Vicki Stokes and John Torresan of Torresan Estates.

With \$11,400 in prizes including \$1000 cash for the overall winner and a gun for the winner of the Drawn Score Final this is going to be a shoot not to miss. We have strong entries from our Victorian cousins and we are looking forward to renewing old friendships. The six shooters whose total score for the two days is closest to the drawn score will shoot off for a Miroku supplied by Bruce Burns.

### LOCAL BOYS MAKES GOOD IN NZ

Two of our Committee members attended the recent NZ Championships on the South Island and both came home with medals and prizes from the National Sporting Clays competition. Wendel Litchfield took out second in C Grade and John Monaghan was crowned the NZ Sporting Clays National Veteran Champion. Well done guys you both did us proud.

For anyone out there who is maybe new to our great sport and has yet to cross

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the ditch for this great annual series of shoots I urge you to go. The NZ guys are highly organised and they run a series of events back to back which gives the keen shooter a week of the best shooting you could imagine.

### TROUBLE DOWN SOUTH

As many of you will know there has been a long running and very acrimonious conflict within SAFGA. Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter this unfortunate and unnecessary situation will have been resolved one way or another at the AGM on the 28th of February. This Club is committed to continuing as part of SAFGA and Federation and will continue to work to restore SAFGA and to run great shoots for our members and visitors.

### TRAP COVERS

Thanks to the generous response of Club members and sponsors the Club is able to purchase 20 custom made water proof covers for those of our traps which are left outside for extended periods. With midweek shooting, corporate days and coaching we need to be able to leave traps out to ease the workload on the people running these activities. The covers will also provide extra protection for traps that live outside on our various pieces of lifting equipment and towers.

### COACHING

Two of our Club Coaches, Peter Perry and John Monaghan, are currently working toward upgrading their accreditation to State and National level via the Competition Coach training programme run by Shooting Australia. So far they have completed another three days of training with Shooting Australia and are developing a Competition Coaching programme. Once this is done they will

both be eligible to advance to the next level. This has been a lot of work but has been very enjoyable and instructive. It has become clear that organised coaching has been one of the main reasons that our increase in membership as it provides new shooters with the opportunity to get comfortable before they begin their competitive career.

### SHOOT RESULTS

And now the results of the January shoot. 42 shooters enjoyed some beautiful summer weather between burst of very hot weather and came out to play.

#### 100 TARGETS SPORTING – SHOTGUN START SPONSORED BY ADELAIDE GUN SHOP

Prize Winners			
AA	1st	Chris Ball	93
A	1st	Eddy Benc	89
	2nd	Jim Bologiannis	87
	3rd	Allan Marden	79
B	1st	Phil Rowe	86
	2nd	Trevor Forgan	80
	3rd	Panteli Pyromallis	77
C	1st	John Hayward	70
	2nd	Glenn Benham	69
	3rd	Steve Spelman	67
Seniors	1st	Rob Shawyer	86
	2nd	John Monaghan	79
Veterans	1st	Richard Dean	91
Ladies	1st	Jill Marden	64
Sub Juniors	1st	Daniel Falco	76

Full results for all shooters can be found on our website [rockygullysportingclays.org](http://rockygullysportingclays.org)

Happy Shooting and see you soon at Rocky Gully

**Peter Perry** *Publicity Officer* ■

## VICTORIA

I am sorry that I missed the last issue of the magazine it was due to deadline issues, I was sent an email advising of the deadline 24 hours prior and being on nightshift for both those nights it never got done, but then I should have done it earlier. I got some of the State titles report done and never finished it, come now I can't even remember who won, can you remember who won Robert Hall. Anyway let's move on

I've just got back from over the ditch shooting the NZ Nationals and Grand Prix, what a week putting up with obnoxious West Australians who between the five of them their tallies of guns taken was none compared to chilly bins - one, so you could see what the outcome was going to be by weeks end. I was roomed with one West Aussie, we won't mention any names Bill, but god he puts John Lamb to shame on the snoring stakes. Then there was the tag team Iceman and Goose, better known as Mr. and Mrs. Smith who consume every amount of alcohol in the place,

## VICTORIAN MARCH REPORT

but then Mr. Smith did slave over a hot stove for the week that is where the thirst came from I suppose. Then there was one who said he was crook to get out of helping the others that helped the Kiwis setting up and filling traps for the next day whilst consuming all the cold beer back at the apartment. Then last but not least the most annoying one, we were staying in a two story apartment, he had the entire bottom floor to himself as we knew he wouldn't venture to the second story to torment the rest of us, then there was me, I didn't step a foot wrong all week. Congratulations to the aussies that had a win during the week, especially the ex AFL footballer Neil Peart who finished second overall in the GP, imagine if he didn't play for Collingwood he probably would've won.

By time you read this Victoria will have already run four of the State Selection shoots ( possibly even six might've been shot if publication is late ), the first took place on the first weekend of ▶

► January at Laang, then the following weekend the Daylesford 'old style' was held and was won by Daniel Johnson. (Col Johns should have a separate report). The first of the English Sporting shoots was then held at Geelong on the third Saturday, which was won by Jeremy Paglia, I had great pleasure handing over the winnings to his father ( Steve paid the noms on the day ), whilst Jeremy watched on in despair. End of January, Mornington ran their two day shoot ( Bugs should have a separate article). Little River changed a few of their dates around to suit committee members travelling overseas, so their first selection shoot was on the second Sunday of February. Then the NZ nationals were well attended by around 55 Aussies whilst a few flew to Abu Dubai for the sporting event over there. Next major event is the Australian Grand Prix which will be run at Laang, 100 targets per day being shot exactly the same as last year and this will be the format that will be used at the Nationals this year, shooting 75 targets for the first two days and finishing with 50 on the last day, hoping an early finish.

**Geelong**

About to start planning and implementing ground works needed for the upcoming Nationals, a heap of dirt / fill has to

be carted in to make tracks ect, build up existing roads and car parking. The 100 foot tower is starting to be used to its full potential, 106 foot to be exact and it throws awesome targets (two traps on there)

**Rules,**

I refereed over in NZ and the thing that peeved me off was people not having a line on their jacket or it was wrong height, when you confront these people they get angry at me, hey sweet heart it's not my job to look after your line, so in future if someone fronts up without a line they'll get their first warning and then it will be lost targets from then on.

Another problem is the new insurance policy regarding wearing of helmets, people are whining about it, hey I live on a farm I have to wear one, it is what the manufacturer states on their operating procedures. In 2013, 20 people were killed in ATV accidents with only one wearing a helmet, 2014- 15 killed one wearing a helmet and so far this year three killed and from these years there has been a passenger killed each year. So it is pretty simple either wear a helmet, get a UTV or friggin walk.

**Phil Rendell** ■

**TASMANIA**

A new year has begun and our first shoot for 2015 will be the first state team qualifying 100 targets. We look forward to another good year with our club hosting the state championships on 27 September and our usual 2 day classic in November. This year will be one of consolidating our financial position after a few expenses last year. We had problems with our generator at the end of the year and hope these are now fixed as we would not like to have the expense of a new one at this stage.

For our Christmas Shoot last year Northern Midlands was sponsored by Bertocchi hams and smallgoods. This was a great arrangement kindly organised for us by Zane Shearing the Managing Director of Tasfresh (Cash and Carry). Zane has been a clay target shooter for many years but due to time commitments these days he does not get much chance to shoot. However when we approached him early in the year regarding sponsorship for our Christmas event he was only too happy to assist and took our request to the Bertocchi owners. As a result of their generosity we were able to hand out a large leg ham for high gun and half legs for 1st place in each grade – Zane attended on the day to give out the prizes and give the members a short history of the family owned Australian company. See attached photo of the very happy recipients.

We are extremely grateful to receive such generous sponsorship and look forward to a continued relationship in 2015. We are very keen to support those who support us and especially when it is Australian owned so members don't forget Bertocchi when considering hams for Easter and Christmas this year.

As usual we finished the day with a family barbeque and small gifts all round. A big thank you to the shooters and family members who provided such a great spread. We look forward to seeing you at the range in 2015.

**NORTHERN MIDLANDS**

Best wishes to all shooters for 2015 and good luck to those representing Australia at Oceania and the Worlds this year. ■

Results for the Christmas 50 target event		
High Gun		Adam Bull
AA grade	1st	Ken Triffitt
	2nd	Anthony Sherriff
	3rd	Paul Rigby
A grade	1st	Richard Triffitt
	2nd	Ray Groves
	3rd	Rolf Bugden
B grade	1st	Sally Ridgway
	2nd	Jason Towns
	3rd	Ron Baker
C grade	1st	Ted Grodski
	2nd	Marcus Trotter
	3rd	Andrew Lockett



**WELCOME  
TO THE NEW MEMBERS**

Mark Williams, Iain Range, Chris Spielvogel,  
Brett Jones, Niamh Goldstraw, Sam Treasure,  
Jeremy Pavlovich and Jason Gardiner.

First shoot for 2015 was a Practise day held on 25 January.  
12 Shooters on a windy day, which reflects in the scores.

Results			
High Gun		Mark Robins	470 out of 600
	2nd	Andrew Peters	440
	3rd	Clyde Swartz	325
Vets winner		Hendrik de Beer	350
	2nd	Leon	275
	3rd	Tony Smith	240

On a very nice, slightly windy day, it was disappointing to see only 9 shooters turn up at our second qualifier. There were some good results though.

High Gun to a new member Mark Williams with 540 out of 600

Results			
High Gun		Mark Williams	570 out of 600
	2nd	Andrew Peters	457
	3rd	JP de Beer	270
Vets winner		Hendrik de Beer	460
	2nd	Paul Sinderbury	315
Junior winner		Matt de Beer	190

A little quiet on the shotgun side with no shoots held so far this year.

**What's coming up at Wanneroo?**

- The Corsivia 100 will be held at Wanneroo on March the 8th. This shoot is sponsored by GB Corsivia in conjunction with Tony Trainor.
- A 6x6 metre storage shed is well under way and should be ready for use very soon.

For those of you have not done so yet please visit the Perth Metro Field & Game web site at [www.pmf.org.au](http://www.pmf.org.au)



**2015 UNIVERSAL TRENCH SERIES**



The purpose of this series is to select a team to attend the 2015 FITASC World Championships for Universal Trench in Granada, Spain August 21-23, 2015

**STATE TITLES – Best 2 scores based on points to count for team selection**

- March 7 & 8 – CECIL PARK CTC (NSW) – **NSW State Championship**
- April 11 & 12 – MELBOURNE GUN CLUB (VIC) – **VIC State Championship**
- May 2 & 3 – INTERNATIONAL GUN CLUB (SA) – **SA State Championship**

**“PERAZZI” NATIONAL TITLE – Compulsory score to count for team selection**

- May 23 & 24 – MELBOURNE GUN CLUB (VIC) – **AUS National Championship**

**ALL EVENTS: 200 Targets (100T each day) 28 Gram loads allowed – Graded OA.AA.A.B.C.Jnr.Ldy.**

Vet ISSF Trap or Ball Trap gradings to apply (whichever grade is higher), if shooter has neither of these grades then they will be graded after first 100T. Excellent prizes up for grabs at all events!!!! **Entry Fee for all categories: \$150** (payable on day, no pre nom, \$80 per entry to go to Team Fund) **NOMS CLOSE AT ALL EVENTS AT 9:00AM SHARP FOR A 9:30AM START**

**TEAM SELECTIONS:**

Teams to be selected using a “reverse points” system. The top scorer or scorers at each event will be awarded ZERO points. All other competitors will be awarded 1 point for every target they are away from the winning score. The 3 shooters with the lowest cumulative points recorded over the series will qualify for the team. Please note that a shooters worst performance at the State Title events will be dropped and not counted towards team selection. Scores recorded at the National Title are compulsory for Team selection. All ties determined by Universal Trench shoot off rules.

Funding will be on a semi funded basis to the TOP 3 shooters (irrespective of which category they have entered). Funding will be made up of all profits from the series and will be distributed evenly to the top 3 overall shooters. Distribution to be at organisers discretion.

Juniors, Ladies & Veterans teams may be selected providing sufficient entries recorded at all events. Should these teams be selected, some funding may be provided if available. All Team members must be members of Field and Game Federation of Australia (FGFA) who are the Australian affiliate to FITASC to compete at the World Championships. To join FGFA visit [www.sportingclays.com.au](http://www.sportingclays.com.au). **The more entrants we have enter, the more funding available to our team members.**

**TOP SHOT AWARD: Prize to the top shooter over the series who did not compete in the 2014 series (providing they do not finish top 3 overall in which the next shooter in line to be awarded). Sponsored by Top Shot Industries.**

For upto date information check out our facebook page “Universal Trench Australia” or contact:  
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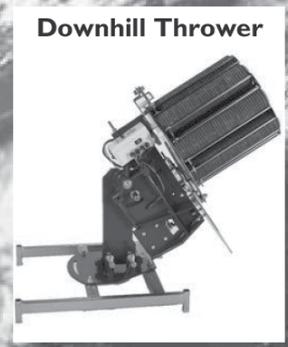
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**FIELD AND GAME  
FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA  
PRESENT THE 21ST FITASC  
COMPAK NATIONALS**



**Southern Region SAFGA - Rocky Gully Range  
23rd - 24th May 2015**

The Championship will be conducted over 200 Targets on Four Compak Layouts in the following Categories

**Open 1st - 4th**  
**Ladies 1st**  
**Seniors 1st**  
**Veterans 1st**  
**Juniors 1st**  
**A Grade 1st - 3rd**  
**B Grade 1st - 3rd**  
**C Grade 1st - 3rd**

All the above place getters will receive engraved plaques appropriate to their positions

The top five competitors overall will contest a 25 target final to decide the National Champion and placings

**Prizes**

All competitors including Ladies, Seniors, Veterans, Juniors will be placed in their Grades for the awarding of prizes and they will be distributed as above.

Each Grade or Category must have the following number of competitors for distribution of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places:

3 Entries 1st only, 4 Entries 1st and 2nd, 6 Entries 1st-3rd

**Program**

Saturday 100 targets over 4 Layouts

Sunday 100 targets over 4 Layouts plus Top Four Final

Postal Entries only Closing date 1st May 2015

Squad lists and shooting times will be displayed on the Federation website [www.sportingclays.org.au](http://www.sportingclays.org.au)

Maximum load permitted is 28 grams

Enquiries: National Office (Ray McFarlane) Ph: 03 5250 2327 or  
Fax: 03 5250 2173 Email: [raymcf@pipeline.com.au](mailto:raymcf@pipeline.com.au)



# NOMINATION FORM

## 21ST FITASC COMPAK NATIONALS



**Venue: Southern Branch SAFGA  
Rocky Gully Range Monarto**

**Date: 23rd - 24th May 2015**

Name .....

Address.....

..... P/C .....

Branch.....

Phone No.....

Please tick as applicable

Open    Grade    Seniors    Veterans    Ladies   \$165

Juniors   \$90

Date of Birth..... /..... /.....

**Ages for FITASC Categories**

Juniors   Born between 1/1/1995 & 31/12/2000

Seniors   Born between 1/1/1950 and 31/12/1958

Veterans   Born before 1/1/1950

Cheques payable to: **Field and Game Federation of Australia**  
**2 Rolfe Court Leopold Victoria 3224**

**To be acceptable entries must be filled out completely  
and be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.**



# FIELD AND GAME FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA



**ON OCTOBER 16TH - 18TH - 2015  
A 3 DAY SPORTING CLAY CARNIVAL**

## **The 39th Australian Sporting Clay Nationals Over 200 Targets Venue: Geelong Sporting Clays Range Moretons Rd East Balliang**

**The Carnival is a Overall High Gun Event, conducted  
over the following Categories and Grades**

<b>1. National Open Championships</b>	<b>1st-5th</b>
<b>2. National Ladies Championships</b>	<b>1st-3rd</b>
<b>3. National Seniors Championships</b>	<b>1st-3rd</b>
<b>4. National Veterans Championships</b>	<b>1st-3rd</b>
<b>5. National Junior Championships</b>	<b>1st-3rd</b>
<b>6. National Sub Junior Championships</b>	<b>1st-3rd</b>
<b>7. Graded A, B, C, High Gun Championships</b>	<b>1st-4th</b>

### **State Team Championships: 1,400 Targets x 7 person State Teams - 1st - 3rd**

- 1. Only Postal Entries, complete with the Correct Entry Fee for the National Championships will be accepted.**
- 2. Cheques to be made payable to:  
Field and Game Federation of Australia,  
2 Rolfe Court Leopold VIC 3224  
Bank Account Details: Bank Commonwealth  
Branch: 83 Moorabool St Geelong  
BSB: 063512  
Account No.: 0090 8163  
Use your name as reference to payment  
Closing Date for entries 1st October 2015.**
- 3. All Squad lists and Shooting Times will be posted on the Federation Website  
[www.sportingclays.org.au](http://www.sportingclays.org.au) All competitors require the mandatory line on their vest as per Rule 3.1**
4. Competitors will be drawn at random into Squads. Sub/Juniors are required to compete with a guardian. Guardians to be notified on Nomination Form.
5. If you are unable to attend the Nationals, nominations will be returned only on receipt of a reasonable written excuse.
6. Handicap Book must be produced correctly filled in, with all relevant scores, prior to commencing competition or you compete with a zero handicap.
7. All prize winners H/Cap Books will be checked to verify that they are in correct grade. Any found to be incorrect will result in the competitor being disqualified.
8. If unable to present a correctly filled in handicap book you will compete with a zero handicap.
9. It is the shooters responsibility to ensure that their correct category or Grade is displayed on the "Official Score Board" by the end of shooting on day one.
10. Proof of current financial membership is required when handing in Handicap Booklet.
11. Shotshells: Maximum load 28 grams. Shot size: 2mm-2.5mm (7-9 Australian).



# NOMINATION FORM

## NATIONAL 3 DAY CARNIVAL 2015



Name .....

Address.....

..... P/C .....

Club..... Current Grade.....

Date of Birth..... Phone No. ....

**Indicate whether you wish to enter a Category or Grade  
by circling the appropriate area.**

16th – 18th October: 39th

200 Target Australian Sporting Clay National Championship

Open	\$240 GST Included	Juniors	\$160
Veterans	\$240	Sub-Juniors	\$160
S/Veterans	\$240	Pensioners	\$160
Ladies	\$240		

*Cheques to be made payable to:*

**Field and Game Federation of Australia, 2 Rolfe Court, Leopold Vic. 3224**

*For bank transfer use the following account details, your name must be used as reference:*

**Bank: Commonwealth Branch: 83 Moorabool St Geelong 3220 BSB: 063512,  
Account Number: 00908163 Use your name as reference to payment**

*Enquires to:*

**Ray McFarlane, Ph. 03-52502327, Fax 03-52502173, Email: raymcf@pipeline.com.au**

*Notes:*

- Veterans must have turned 55 years before 1-1-2015
- Super Veterans must have turned 65 years before 1-1-2015
- Juniors and Sub-Juniors must be U/21 or U/17 years on the 1-1-2015
- By entering this competition competitors agree to abide by Rules of the Federation.
  - If claiming Pensioner rate a photocopy of Pension Card is required

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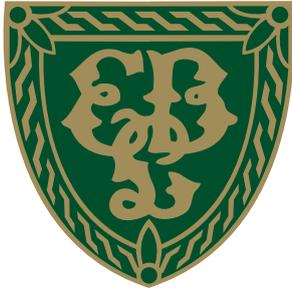
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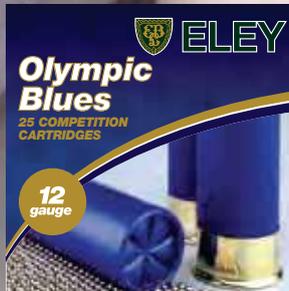


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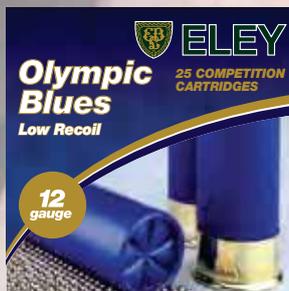


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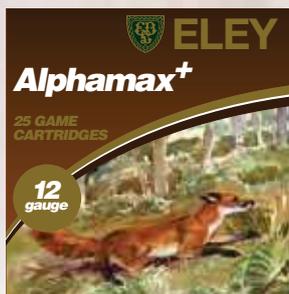
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- Low Recoil



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- Extra Hard Shot (5% antimony)



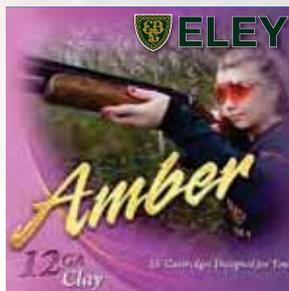
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