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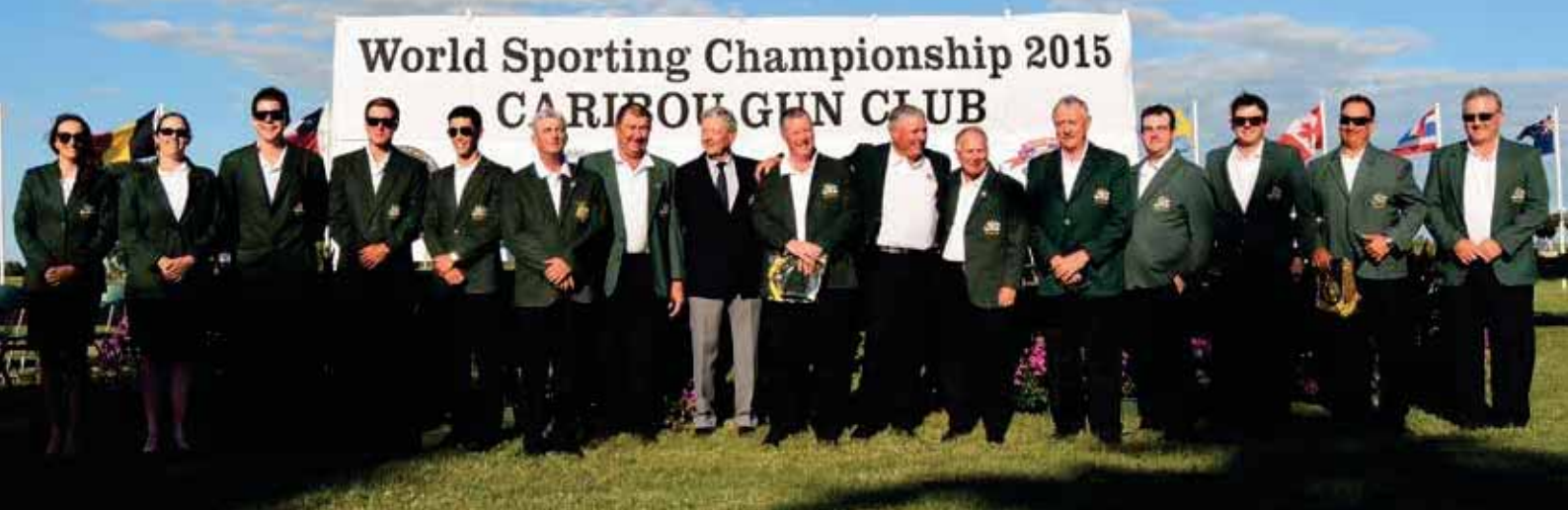
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2015 Universal Trench  
World Championships  
Granada Spain.  
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**Damien Birgan 2015  
Silver World Champion**



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## NATIONALS GEELONG 16th-18th OCTOBER

The Nationals will be held at the Geelong Sporting Clays Range. Sponsorship to the event continues to grow each year and we wish to thank our Major Sponsors for their support.

Outdoor Sporting Agencies, GB/Corsivia, Beretta Australia, Winchester Australia, Perazzi and The Outdoor Sportsman.

All winners in both the Categories and Grades will receive a firearm as a commemoration of their achievement. In the Open Section not only the National Champion will receive a firearm but also 2nd and 3rd places.

Danny Galea of the Outdoor Sporting Agencies has certainly come to the party and will provide a Miroku Grade 5 to the Open Champion, Miroku Grade 3 to second and a Miroku Model 10 to

## NATIONAL PRESIDENTS REPORT

So far it has been a very busy year with domestic and International Competitions in Compak Sporting, Sporting and English Sporting, add to this the Ladies and Junior Training Camp at Geelong to which all Australian Team Members were also invited.

This schedule of high quality competitive events certainly stood us in good stead at the FITASC World Championships.

The first event was the North American FITASC Grand Prix where Chris Brown was the Gold winner with John Younger Silver, this was a very difficult competition and the scores shot by Chris and John were world class, who would have expected that result in the USA.

Then came the World Championships with former World Champion Damien Birgan having the tables reversed by the mighty George Digweed by one target and then taking out the Silver Medal after a brilliant shoot-off against young Italian Michael Spada.

In other years that would have been enough to celebrate, but wait the team events brought more medals in Seniors, Veterans, Super Veterans and Juniors.

Was that the end, of course not, we still had the World Cup results to come, Damien Gold, John Silver in the Open. John Torresan and Jeremy Paglia both Gold in the Super Veterans and Juniors and not to be left from the celebrations, Brittany Cole Bronze in the Ladies.

What brilliant results and a great boost for our sport in the future, what a time to be a Board Member of FITASC and have the honour of welcoming our victorious teams to the podium.

Also a very big thank you to "Steven and Jacinta Paglia" who have been of great assistance in ensuring our best Teams are able to represent Australia at these major events.

A very proud  
FGFA President

**Ray McFarlane**

## MAJOR SPORTING COMPETITIONS 2016

NZ FITASC Grand Prix, Rotorua	16-17 February
NZ North Island Championships Waikato	19 February
NZ Sporting Championships Waikato	20-21 February
Aust FITASC Grand Prix Geelong	26-28 March
FITASC Oceania Championships Rocky Gully	23-25 April
FITASC World Championships Italy	14-17 July
Queensland State Championships	10-11 September
Australian Nationals Brisbane	14-16 October

the third placed competitor. They are also providing Webley Scott shotguns to the winners of Junior and Sub-Junior Categories.

Bruce Burns of GB/Corsivia who will be supplying the Corsivia targets used for the event, as usual, will also be providing many thousand of GB shotshells as prizes.

If you are a Beretta or Perazzi owner they as well as providing valuable firearms as trophies, will be there with their Gunsmiths to provide you with an on the spot service for your shotgun.

Winchester Australia are also providing two shotguns for prizes as well as the trophies for the winning State Team. ■

## PROMATIC NEWS

Promatic now have a Masterclass video on their website, it shows all the adjustments that are necessary to continuously throw consistent targets. It can be viewed on [www.promatic.co.uk](http://www.promatic.co.uk)

Another useful tip that will prolong the life of a traps gearbox. When doing yearly maintenance you should loosen the block on top of the gearbox shaft and nudge it to a new position on the shaft. As the trap cocks with a full 360 degree rotation it always uses the same tooth on the gearbox to start the cocking process, by moving the position slightly each year it will engage with a different tooth. ■



## SEPTEMBER 2015 CLAY TARGET NEWS

Congratulations to all the Australians who competed in this year's World Championships which were held at the Caribou Gun club in the USA.

Some outstanding results were achieved with

Damian Birgan 2nd in the Open section ,

Adam Shale 6th in Juniors ,

Renae Birgan 11th Ladies,

Ron Rhook 9th in Veterans' and

John Torresan 10th in the Super-vets being the highest performing in their respective grades .

In the teams we did really well collecting the Silver medal in the open section, also 2nd in Super-vets, 3rd in the Juniors, 3rd in the Veterans as well and the Ladies came 5th in their section, overall a tremendous result.

Australian Shooters also did extremely well in the Beretta World cup with Damian Birgan winning the gold and John Younger silver in the open. In the Juniors, Jeremy Paglia got the gold medal with Super-vet John Torresan also collecting the gold medal, Brittany Cole was the best of the Ladies winning a bronze Medal.

As well as the World Championships, the USA Grand Prix was held at the Caribou Gun Club as a lead up event. With excellent results also, Chris Brown was open champion, John Younger runner-up and Renae Birgan 3rd in the Ladies .

Overall everyone should be extremely proud of their achievements at these events.

The 2015 Nationals are to be held at the Geelong Sporting Clays Range situated on Morton's Road, East Balliang, which is approx 40km north of Geelong.

I am sure once again this will be an excellent Nationals, with great targets to be enjoyed by all who attend this prestigious event

So now it is time to get your nominations in to support the host club who puts in a huge amount of time and effort to put these events on.

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So now it's time to get your Nominations in to be part of the 39th Australian Sporting Clays Nationals.

The month of September is also State Championships held in all states so get along and support the clubs who are running these events and remember get your noms in early, it helps the bloke who is trying to draw up the squads.

**Stephen Chilton** *NTDS*



## HUNTING & HABITAT

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## NO REPORT PROVIDED

## ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONALS 2015

Federation have revived the English Sporting Nationals and the 2015 National Championships were held at the Geelong Sporting Clays Range on 8th August.

Because of restrictions on the number of Sundays the range could operate the event was cut to 160 targets in one day.

Two 11 Stand Layouts were conducted and 80 targets were to be shot on each layout using a mix of 4 doubles and 3 doubles per stand. this meant a total of 44 traps were in use.

Adam DuRose was the leader after the first 80 targets with 78/80.

The 24 target final was conducted over 3 Stands with 4 doubles per stand. The tone was set with the Boom Tower set at around 75ft with 2 Super Sporters throwing an extremely difficult Simultaneous Double, scoring was not easy, each time and they were few a pair was shot, a ripple of applause went through the spectators. Stand 2 was not any easier with a long teal and a long right to left crosser. The 3rd Stand was a little easier with a very shootable target off the fork lift but a very long chondel off the big chondel trap completed the story. It was a very difficult final and it meant that the placings were changing all the time.

The finalists were Adam DuRose, Chris Brown, Cameron Kivenen, Matt Libbis and Jack Gibbs.

ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONALS 2015 RESULTS			
Open	1st	Chris Brown	145 +16
	2nd	Matt Libbis	144 + 10
	3rd	Cameron Kivenen	145 + 8
	4th:	Adam DuRose	147 + 6
A Grade	1st:	Bill Fraser	122
	2nd:	Russell Lochiel	
	3rd:	Daniel Lillis	
B Grade	1st:	Lee Sobina	122
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C Grade	1st:	Lyndall McNeill	119
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Ladies	1st:	Renae Birgan	129
Juniors	1st:	Cameron Kivenen	145
S/Juniors	1st:	Mark Du Rose	133



## COACHING

We are pleased to say that another state has now got 5 new Competition coaches

congratulations to Western Australia; we also had a special guest Commonwealth Gold Medallist, Laura Coles who kindly came in to speak about her journey to the gold medal, WA would like to thank her for helping us out on this course.

Not a lot is happening around Australia at the moment regarding coaching, which is a shame as our sporting clays is highly regarded throughout the shooting community, we are well respected for the champions that we have, but unless we move forward with the coaching side we could be left behind, I would like to see all states working towards at least one coaching course next year, either club or competition coach courses. Let's work together and push forward in 2015/16

**Tracey Gray** *National Coaching Director*

# 2015 UNIVERSAL TRENCH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - GRANADA SPAIN

On the weekend of the 15th of August a large contingent of Aussies made their way to Granada, Spain to compete in the 33rd World Universal Trench Championships held at the Las Gabias Shooting Range August 21-23.

Making the long trek was our senior team of Nathan Cassells, Steve Trembath & Craig Henwood, our ladies team of Anna Shedrina & Amanda Holt and our junior team of Adam Shale (with his sister Demi), Brody Walters (and mum Mikala) and Jackson Willmann (with parents Scott & Sonia and brother Bryce). Also travelling with the team were the following shooters competing as individuals: Ross Liersch, Marcus Cassells, Vinnie Mollica (with father Vince Snr) & Lachlan Holdsworth (with mum Jenny). This ensured a big crew and a large Australian presence felt at the championships.

Travel to Granada was reasonably smooth, although things were pretty slow in Madrid. Customs officials took their time and often gave us the wrong information, however despite the lack of urgency most of us made our way on time... apart from Adam Shale! After receiving the wrong information from officials, he missed his connecting flight and had to catch another plane the next day from Madrid to Granada.

Upon arrival, we checked into Hotel Carmen, our team hotel. It was clean and comfortable and had some amazing views, complete with a small pool and bar on the roof - both of which got plenty of use over our weeks stay! A bus complete with driver was hired for the whole Aussie team, and this came in very handy. The bus picked us up each morning from the hotel and returned us in the evening from the range.

The range at Granada is a fantastic example which houses 6 Universal Trench Layouts (5 are ISSF layouts and 1 is a purpose built UT layout), with an excellent background and great visibility - due to its location high up on a hill. Corsivia enviro clays were used throughout the competition, and these smoked up very nicely. Our crew took over a couple of tables under the veranda and set up camp with the Aussie flag flying proudly.

Days 1 & 2 of practice went well with everyone eager to shoot, and to try out our ammunition. This had been organised free of charge for all official team members courtesy of Mr John Gilopidis from Spartan Global. John was kind enough to source Armusa ammunition for the team and after one day of practice everyone agreed that the "Gold Serial" shells were a wonderful load - nice and fast with low recoil, which were already producing some great scores. Our team also looked amazing in their K98 shooting vests supplied by Bronze Wing Ammunition and designed by Anna Shedrina. Thanks Anna!!

Wednesday night we held our official Aussie Dinner. A lovely restaurant was sought in 'La Botilleria' which was just a short walk of our hotel in a quiet back street. What a feast!!! On arrival we were greeted by the manager who took us to the back room and told us we would be in his capable hands for the evening. Everyone was to choose their own main and he would bring out a "few" tapas plates as entrees. Amazing! After about the 8th plate even the biggest eaters of the team were yelling out "STOP!! No more!!!" The mains came out and from a table of 19 there was not one complaint about the food, service or price. A great night was had by all with plenty of laughs and great memories. Our flag bearer for the opening ceremony the following day was announced and awarded to the youngest team member in our crew; Brody Walters.

The opening ceremony was held on the Thursday night, and as the countries marched out in alphabetical order, this meant Australia was first. The organisers were keen for everything to run smoothly, so they spent a good 20 minutes with Brody



*The awesome range at Granada*

(our flag bearer) and Jackson (who was to hold the Australia sign) to ensure they knew their duties of where to march to and where to stop as all of the other countries behind us would be following their lead. No pressure lads! Everything ran according to plan and the Aussie team dressed out in their uniforms supplied by Shane Pinner of Pinner's Refrigeration & Air Conditioning looked the part. Thanks Shane!!! We were also treated to some great Spanish singing and Flamenco dancing by a very young, talented singer with a strong, powerful voice who had the whole crowd enthralled. Some local foods and wine were then shared and we were back on the bus by 8:30pm for an early night in bed ready for competition the next day.

Everyone was up bright and early on Friday morning - competition days were going to be a long, drawn out affair. 360 shooters had entered the event (the maximum allowed) and we had shooters in the first and last waves of competition. Competition started at 8:30am, so that saw us arriving each morning by 7:45am. As it was a 25 min drive to the range, usually we were leaving the hotel in darkness (first light was usually 7:30am) and returning to the hotel around 8:30pm. The days were very hot averaging about 36 degrees and very, very windy. Despite the gusty conditions the targets still flew reasonably true however there was always going to be the odd tricky bird to bring you undone!

Friday the 21st was Day 1 of Competition and saw some good scores by the Aussies - in particular our junior team of Brody, Adam & Jackson who found themselves in 2nd place in the teams event and only 1 target behind our senior team! Jackson shot a fantastic 73/75, Brody 68/75 & Adam 70/75. The senior team saw Craig on 73, Steve on 68 & Nathan on 71. In the ladies team, Amanda shot her first ever 25/25 in competition to be on 70 and Anna, battling a sore wrist ended on 68. The individual shooters also displayed some great shooting by Marcus, Ross & Vinnie to all be on 72, and Lachlan on 67. Marcus was unlucky shooting 24 straight in his first 2 rounds only to miss his 25th target both times. Everyone was fairly exhausted; a quick dinner and early night was on the cards as we had another big day coming up.

Saturday the 22nd was again an early start and a late finish. Conditions today were as per Friday, nice and calm in the morning with the wind becoming stronger as the day went on. At one stage the shoot was put on hold due to gusts being so intense. A "willy willy" went right through the shooting grounds causing all of the shade cloth on the veranda to be torn apart, as well as the green mats at the front of the trench lips (to aid target visibility) were all blown away. Anna Shedrina and Nathan Cassells were both unfortunate to be shooting when this occurred and each was unlucky to receive a target that was virtually unshootable. Despite the conditions, some more good scores came in, however all eyes were now on young Jackson Willmann who had stormed towards the top of the table in the juniors to be in outright 2nd position with only 2 rounds to go. Brody & Lachlan also had much better days, each shooting 71's.



- In the Opens, Vinnie and Steve both shot great 74's, Ross a 73 and Craig and Nathan both had bad rounds to record 69 & 70 respectively. Our junior team were still hanging on to equal 3rd place in the teams and our senior team was in 4th. Both of our girls also shot very well on day 2. Anna shot a nice 71/75 and Amanda continued her form shooting another 25 to end on 69. Both girls were positioned in the top 10 and a chance for a medal with a big last day.

Sunday the 23rd was the last day of competition and a few tired faces were starting to emerge for the final 50 targets. Jackson was up nice and early and a good round was needed to try and bridge the gap of the 1 target lead from the Spanish shooter Ricardo Labrador. A few pre round nerves were showing with the early morning sun being an issue for Jackson. This is where the Aussie team showed solidarity, and a mad run around began trying to organise some blinkers for his right side to try and eliminate this problem. Ross & Marcus worked frantically to try and build one out of an empty shell packet but were having trouble getting them to fit Jackson's glasses. It was Jackson's dad Scott who had the brains to walk over to the accessories stall and was given a handful free of charge... Crisis averted! Jackson then went on to punch a great 25 straight with only a couple of good second barrels. Labrador was also up to the task shooting a 25 as well to hold his 1 target lead into the last round. Jackson however was 3 targets clear of 3rd place!

For his last round, a large crowd had gathered to watch Jackson shoot. The local Spanish crowd all watched with interest to see how much pressure our boy could put on Labrador, who was in a later squad. The Aussie contingency was all watching and hoping (although mum Sonia spent most of the round with her eyes closed) that Jacko could do his best and finish on the podium. We all shot each target along with Jackson and after a shaky start; he came home strong to shoot a 23, finishing on 194/200. As he had a 3 target lead from 3rd place Jackson had assured himself a silver medal with this round. The wait was then on to see how Labrador from Spain would finish. A 22 and a shoot off would occur, a 21 would see Jackson crowned World Champion. The wind had again picked up but Labrador was cool under pressure and ran the last 50 to be the victor on a great 197/200, a fantastic effort from the Spanish shooter. 3rd place after a shoot off went to Aitor Carmona from Spain on 191 + 25 + 3.

This was such an amazing achievement from Jackson to win the silver medal. This wonderful effort was made even more special by not only having his Mum, Dad and younger brother there to witness it, but he also won using the Browning shotgun his recently deceased grandfather had given him. A very special moment and one I am sure the Willmann family will never forget.

The other juniors in the team also shot really well - Brody Walters shooting 183/200 to finishing in 15th place and Lachlan Holdsworth finished on 181/200 for 18th place. Adam Shale posted a respectable 174/200 to end in 22nd place. Overall, a stellar effort from the junior team, who just missed out on the bronze medal position to finish in 4th place.

Amanda and Anna in the ladies also had a great finish. Anna came home with a 48/50 on day 3, shot a PB of 186/200 and end in 8th place. Amanda also shot a PB of 185 to finish in 10th position. For both girls to have a top 10 finish is a wonderful achievement and we were unlucky we didn't have a 3rd lady to field a team and bring home a possible team medal. (Hint hint ladies - what are you waiting for next year??) The ladies gold was won by the very popular Italian shooter Bianca Revello on an amazing score of 193/200. Silver was Beatrice Martinez from Spain on 191 & bronze to French shooter Aude Lacomte on 189.

In the open section Vinnie finished as our top Aussie with a 196/200 and finish in equal 14th position, Ross shot 194 to finish 26th, Steve a 191 to finish 58th, Craig a 188 to finish 101st,

Nathan shot 187 to finish 120th, and Marcus a 182 to finish in 194th place.

The open winners required a 3 way shoot off on 198/200 for the medals between Jack Wilkinson of Great Britain, Mario Fuentes Lopez of Spain and his personal coach Alberto Fernandez also of Spain. After one additional round, all of the medals were sorted. Fuentes Lopes on top with 25, Fernandez silver with 24 and Wilkinson the Bronze with a 23. Our senior team finished the team's event in 5th place.

The awards ceremony was held, and it was awesome to see Jackson standing on the dais with his silver medal. This followed on from our great result with James Willett last year winning bronze in the junior section in Lonato. There was plenty of talk around the traps about how well our Aussie junior shooters are competing in UT with very little experience in the discipline... we have assured them next year we will be back chasing gold!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in not only sponsoring our Universal Trench Series but also those who helped sponsoring our team and helping with fundraisers etc. Everyone who travelled to Spain all had a great time. It was a fantastic team to be a part of and the experience gained by all shooters, particularly the juniors, is invaluable and we look forward to watching their shooting careers grow over the coming years.

Next year's Universal Trench series plans to be a big one and organisation is already underway. Please put these events in your shooting diaries - Cecil Park CTC February 13 & 14, Frankston Australia CTC March 12 & 13, International CTC - April 23 & 24, Melbourne Gun Club May 14 & 15

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Dinner



Jackson Willmann collecting his silver medal at presentations





Aussie team on the last night with new friends from USA, Great Britain, France & Italy



Team Australia



Jackson Willmann with his silver medal and proud parents Scott & Sonia and brother Bryce



Brody Walters carries the flag with pride in the opening ceremony



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# 37TH WORLD FITASC CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Caribou Gun Club - Leseuer – Minnesota – USA 23rd - 26th July 2015

This year the 37th World FITASC Championships returned back to Minnesota in the USA. This year the Caribou Gun Club hosted this event positioned in the green farmland of this area. The club was established in 1953 & has over 1000 acres available to set shooting stations over. This makes any thing we have available in Australia seem small by comparison.

The last time the World Championships were stationed in this State was back in 2006 at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club, about a one hour drive from this location. The shooting grounds themselves varied in contours & elevation allowing for a variety of target styles & trajectories to be thrown. There was a good mix of exotic clays spread around the layouts, with many midi's thrown into the equation on each Parcours. The course setters made use of the cover available to hide the traps which made the memory bank useful in remembering the entry points of the clays into the field of vision. Top that off with many clays falling into cover at the end of their flight & you had a difficult time discerning if the target was a midi or a standard. This was more evident when the targets were thrown over the crops of corn or Canola. A sea of the same structure made the estimation of target distance & type (standard or midi in particular) difficult with hidden traps & with the targets falling into these covered areas.

As usual with the Competition's held in the USA, Australia turns up in force & this proved to be fact again this year with our Federation members totalling 64 at this event. The number of countries attending the event this year was down on previous years, with a total of 24 appearing (38 countries in Portugal the previous year).

The weekend prior to the main World Championship event the USA held its FITASC Grand Prix. Many of our members took the opportunity to shoot this event & pick up a few extra points for the Berretta World Cup. The competition was well received by the Australian's who entered especially with Chris Brown who went one better & took out the High Gun trophy (Gold) with 185/200 closely followed by John Younger in Silver position on 183/200 & Sox Pilipasidis in 9th position O/A on 178/200. Renae Birgan shone in Ladies with Bronze position – 163/200. The scores reflected the difficulty of the targets thrown for this event with members commenting they had to work for every one, nothing was guaranteed in the bag.

At any Major Clay target event held in the USA it is the custom to turn the event into a marathon of shooting competitions, with everything from FITASC , English Sporting & Super Sporting events running during the week leading

up to the main World FITASC event & also at the same time during the main event. Some of the American Competitors came for the preliminary competitions & did not shoot the FITASC World Championships. You certainly had enough choice to fix any clay addiction you may suffer with.

The concern members had was with the Grand Prix targets being used for the main World event. This was soon answered with a "No" with each ground being reset by the Clay Target setters & 90% of the Parcours set on new shooting areas.

During the side events Brisbane sporting Clays had one of their members achieve a podium finish in the Super Sporting Prelim prior to the World FITASC – Mark Cain taking out the honours in B Grade. Well done Mark, not that we heard much about that all week??

The new faces to the Australian team for USA 2015 – Daniel Johnson in Open - Felicity Paglia (New to a World Team) in Ladies - John Monaghan in Super Vets

### Day 1 – Getting Started –

Damien Birgan came out of the stocks blazing & shot a brilliant 50 straight & nailed his colours to the post making many sit up & take notice & lead the championship on day 1. A great start from our 2009 World Champion. It is hard enough to straight a single Parcours in normal competition, let alone two together at a World Championship.

The top Australians in the pack at the first quarter, Blake Nankervis 48/50 3rd O/A Also shooting a straight round on Caribou - Sox Pilipasidis 47/50 5th O/A – Chris Brown, 46/50 11th O/A

**Open** - The Australian open team 1st position on 182/200. 2nd position -France 176/200 – 3rd USA 171/200

**Ladies** - The leader was Diane Sorantino from USA on 45/50. The top Australian lady Gaye Shale 42/50 - Renae Birgan 37/50 - Brittany Cole on 36/50, Felicity Paglia – 36/50, The Australian Lady team in 5th - 109/150. The Lady team in Gold position England 123/150

**Juniors** - The junior leader Tom Seay - USA 45/50 with the top Australian Adam Shale 42/50 in 42nd O/A -Cameron Kivenen 39/50 on 211th O/A - Jeremy Paglia 38/25 on 226th O/A –. The Australian Junior team in 4th position – 119/150. The Junior team in Gold position - USA on 128/150

**Veterans** - The Veteran leader was Richard Nemitz – USA 47/50, the top Australian, Craig Hobbs & Ronnie Rhook, 41/50, John Leach 34/50. The Vet team in 4th position 116/150. The Veteran team in Gold position - USA on 126/150



*Top 15 worlds Damien Birgan - John Younger - Brian Mortesen*



**Super Veterans** - The leader was Jack Concannon USA 45/50, the top Australian, John Torresen 42/50 Warwick Cumberland & John Monaghan 31/50

The Sup/ Vet team in 3rd position 104/150. The Veteran team in Gold position - USA 128/150

## Day 2 – The Halfway mark –

Day two – George Digweed pushed his way to the top of the board with a 49/50 to lead the Championship on 97/100 Damien 45/50 put him in Silver position on 95/100. The top Australians in the pack at the half way mark - John Younger - 90/100 joint 18th, Sox Pilipasidis, 88/100 joint 38th position. Brian Mortensen 87/100 - Blake Nankervis 86/100 Chris Brown 85/100 in 72nd position, Daniel Johnson 84/100 93rd position,

**Open** -The Australian open team Bronze position 347/400. The Open team in Gold position - France on 353/400

**Ladies** - The leader was Cheryl Hall from England on 90/100. The top Australians Renae Birgan & Shaye Gaye on 80/100 8th position, Brittany Cole on 70/100, 29th position, Felicity Paglia 69/100 30th position.

The Australia Lady team in 5th position 219/300. The Lady team in Gold position - USA on 245/300

**Juniors** - The Junior leader Will Hinton 91/100 with the top Australian – Adam Shale 84/100 13th position, Daniel Pannuzzo 80/100 23rd position – Cameron Kivenen 78/100 34th position - Jeremy Paglia 77/100 36th position closely followed by Mitch & Reece Cain 76/100 joint 39th position,

The Australian Junior team in Bronze position on 239/300 The Junior team in Gold position - USA on 266/300

**Veterans** - The leader was Steve Korin – USA 90/100. The top Australian, Craig Hobbs & Ron Rhook, Ed Treadwell 80/100 24th position, John Leach 72/100 93rd position.

The Australian Veteran team in Bronze position 232/300. The Veteran team in Gold position – USA 255/300

**Super Veterans** - The Super Veteran leader – Larry Corbett USA - 89/100. The top Australian, John Torresan 80/100 – Joint 13th position, Colin Barker 74/100 29th position - Ray McFarlane 72/100 40th position - Warwick Cumberland 70/100 50th position - John Monaghan 69/100 57th position.

The Australian Sup/Vet team in Bronze position 219/300. The Sup/Veteran team in Gold position – USA 258/300

## Day 3 - Into the serious period -

The score board starts to get serious with the competitors starting to register scores on the same Parcour The leader on Day 3 – George Digweed – England - 144/150 – Who dragged another target away from Damien Birgan in Silver on 142/150. The top spots are starting to tighten up as we move into the final run. John Younger is the next Australian sitting on 137/150 in 10th spot closely followed by Sox Pilipasidis on 136/150 in 14th position. The other Australian team members at the three quarter mark is Chris Brown 130/150 – 52nd spot – Daniel Johnson 129/150 - 61st position

**Open** -The Australian Open team in 2nd position on 532/600. The Open team in Gold position – France 537/600

**Ladies** - The leader was Cheryl Hall - England - 137/150, Australian Ladies – Renae Birgan - 123/150 -7th position – Brittany Cole – 112/150 - 20th position - Felicity Paglia - 104/150 - 30th position. Other Ladies to mention Gaye Shale – 117/150 14th spot & Anna Hirschfield - 112/150 joining Brittany in 20th position

The Australian Lady team - 4th position - 339/450. The Lady team in Gold position – England - 368/450

**Juniors** - Gold position Will Hinton - USA - 136/150 - The top

Australian Adam Shale 126/150 - 13th position - Jeremy Paglia - 122/150 Joint 25th position – Cameron Kivenen 113/150 45th position. Other Australian Juniors to mention – Reece Cain 119/150 31st spot Bryce Paglia 113/150 45th position & Mitchell Cain 111/150 48th spot.

The Australian Junior team – 361/450 - 4th position. The Junior team in Gold position – USA - 395/450

**Veterans** - The leader was Nadim Nasir Jnr from USA- 135/150, the top Australian, , Ronald Rhook - 126/150 11th position, Craig Hobbs – 120/150 – 26th position - John Leach - 110/150 – 83rd position – Other Australian Veterans to mention - Ed Treadwell - 120/150 – 26th position – Robert Sturzacker - 115/150 - 59th Spot

The Veteran team – Bronze position 356/450. The Veteran team in Gold position – USA - 393/450

**Super Veterans** - The leader in Gold position Larry Corbett- USA - 132/150 - The leading Australian, John Torresan - 119/150 - 12th position - Warwick Cumberland - 106/150 – 50th spot - John Monaghan – 104/150 56th position. Other Australian Super Vets to mention - Colin Barker – 117/150 19th spot – Ray McFarlane 109/150 – 41st position

The Australian Sup/ Vet team Bronze position 329/450. The Veteran team in Gold position - USA on 383/450

## Day 4 - The Run Home -

The final day, 50 targets for the final run home to the end of the 37th World FITASC Championships. The Competition is still open. George Digweed has a 2 target lead on Damien Birgan. Two mistakes from George & Damien could be in the frame for the second time in his career. Damien was so close he pulled one target back on George but the big fella held of the charge to retain the World Championship again. This man is a legend with his consistent performance yet again. George Digweed a worthy World champion with a final score 190/200 Damien Birgan (so close) 189/200 for Silver after a tense shoot off with Michael Spada of Italy. Damien (22/25) showed himself to be the stronger of the two easily pinning the Italian Michael Spada (18/25) back to the Bronze position

The top Australians on the final day - John Younger & Brian Mortensen - 182/200 - 14th position overall, Sox Pilipasidis – 180/200 – 22nd O/A – Blake Nankervis & Adam Shale – 173/200 – 51st spot – Daniel Johnson - 173/200 – 51st position – Chris Brown - 172/200 - 60th position – Jeremy Kent – 170/200 75th spot.

**Open** -The Australian Open team Silver - 707/800. The Open team in Gold position – USA – 709/800

**Ladies** – Gold – Cheryl Hall - England - 182/200, - Silver – Beartriz Laparra Cuenca – Spain 171/200 – Bronze – Diane Sorantino – USA – 170/200

The top Australians – Renae Birgan - 159/200 - 11th position – Gaye Shale – 152/200 18th spot - Brittany Cole – 150/200, joint 19th position - Anna Hirschfield – 146/200 24th spot - Felicity Paglia - 142/200 - 29th position.

The Australian Lady team - 5th position - 451/600. The Lady team in Gold position – England - 493/600

**Juniors** - Gold Medal – Will Hinton - USA - 184/200 – Silver – William Baughan – England 179/200 - Bronze - Jake Moore – England – 176/200 (shoot off +20). The top Australian Juniors - Adam Shale 173/200 Joint 6th position - Jeremy Paglia - 166/200 - 18th position – Reece Cain - 154/200 41st spot – Bryce Paglia – 153/200 43rd spot – Daniel Panuzzo & Mitch Cain – 148/200 – 46th position – Cameron Kivenen – 146/200 – 51st spot.

The Australian Junior team Bronze – 485/600 - The Junior team in Gold position – USA - 527/600

**Veterans** – Gold Medal- Nadim Nasir Jr – USA - 177/200 - Silver – Steve Korin – USA (+18 shoot off) Bronze – Richard Nemitz – 176/200 (+16 shoot off) The top Australian Veterans – Ron Rhook – 169/200 9th spot - Ed Treadwell – 160/200 – 35th position – Craig Hobbs – 158/200 – 46th position – Robert Sturzacker – 157/200 – 50th position – Ernie Schidl – 152/200 65th spot - John Leach – 146/200 – 89th spot

The Australian Veteran team Bronze – 473/600 – The Veteran team in Gold position – USA - 515/600.

**Super Veterans** The Gold medal – Larry Corbett – USA - 173/200 – Silver – Jack Concannon - USA -168/200 (+19 Shoot Off) – Bronze – Bob Davis - USA 168/200 (+ 17 Shoot Off)

The top Australian - John Torresan - 164/200 – 10th position - Colin Barker - 152/200 - 23rd position

Warwick Cumberland - 146/150 – 41st spot - Ray McFarlane & John Monaghan – 141/150 – 51st position.

The Australian Sup/ Veteran team Silver – 451/600. The Veteran team in Gold position – USA - 508/600.

Statistics from the Parours this year at Caribou Gun Club - USA - 2015.	
Line 1 = RIO -	19/25 - Average – 74.31% - number of 25 straights shot - 7
Line 2 = Blaser -	18/25 - Average – 71.78% - number of 25 straights shot - 6
Line 3 = Polaris -	18/25 - Average – 71.08% - number of 25 straights shot - 4
Line 4 = Krieghoff -	18/25 - Average – 72.44% - number of 25 straights shot - 3
Line 5 = Beretta -	18/25 - Average – 71.17% - number of 25 straights shot – 2
Line 6 = Promatic -	19/25 - Average – 74.48% - number of 25 straights shot - 14
Line 7 = Gus -	19/25 - Average – 74.25% - number of 25 straights shot - 8
Line 8 = Caribou -	19/25 - Average – 72.44% - number of 25 straights shot - 6

#### Members from Australia that acheived a 25/25 clean round

Damien Birgan – Gus & Caribou - John Younger - Rio - Sox Pilipasidis – Gus – Blake Nankervis – Caribou – Chris Brown - Caribou

Statistics from the Parours the previous year at Vale de Padras Portugal 2014.	
Line 1 = BROWNING -	19/25 - Average – 75.14% - number of 25 straights shot - 16
Line 2 = KREIGHOFF -	19/25 - Average – 74.51% - number of 25 straights shot - 14
Line 3 = BERETTA -	18/25 - Average – 70.91% - number of 25 straights shot - 2
Line 4 = BLASER -	18/25 - Average – 72.80% - number of 25 straights shot - 6
Line 5 = ZOLI -	18/25 - Average – 73.83% - number of 25 straights shot – 7
Line 6 = RF MALTA -	19/25 - Average – 74.51% - number of 25 straights shot - 5
Line 7 = HULL -	19/25 - Average – 77.09% - number of 25 straights shot - 11
Line 8 = PROMATIC -	19/25 - Average – 74.68% - number of 25 straights shot - 8

The event this year only attracted 681 Competitors in total for the World FITASC Championships. This number is down on previous years but slightly above the numbers that competed the last time this event was held in Minnesota. The percentage of scores are reflected down on previous years also, the quantity of clean rounds of 25 straight that were shot here compared with Portugal last year & Spain the year previous to that. The team winning scores & Individual scores in general were down. The reason was not necessarily the target difficulty but rather the mix of targets with some of the more difficult target brought into the doubles may have accounted for this. The other reason could have been the targets with different speeds & height levels of both targets & shooting stands stopping competitors getting into a rhythm. It was refreshing to shoot targets under your feet that had been set on a couple of the Parours (Caribou comes to mind). This Championship set a standard to be followed hopefully onto Italy next year.

Australian National Team – USA - 2015	
<b>Seniors-</b>	<b>Chris Brown – Daniel Johnson – John Younger – Sox Pilipasidis</b>
<b>Ladies-</b>	<b>Brittany Cole – Renae Birgan – Felicity Paglia</b>
<b>Juniors -</b>	<b>Adam Shale - Cameron Kivenen - Jeremy Paglia</b>
<b>Veterans -</b>	<b>Craig Hobbs – John Leach – Ron Rhook</b>
<b>Super Veterans -</b>	<b>John Torresan – John Monaghan – Warwick Cumberland.</b>

**The Medal tally for Australia at the World Championship this year was outstanding, Open Team Silver – Junior Team Bronze – Veteran Team – Bronze – Super Veteran team - Silver**

**At the World Cup - Damien Birgan Gold Open – John Younger Silver – Open - John Torresen – Gold Super Veterans – Jeremy Paglia Gold Juniors – Brittany Cole Ladies – Bronze**

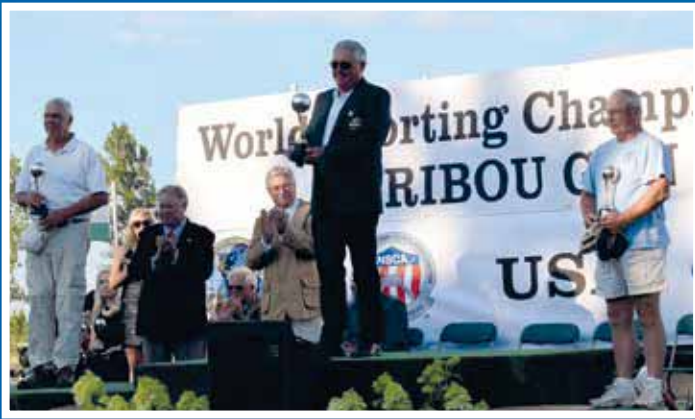
The Australian team & Individuals performance excelled this year. If someone told us we were going to take half of the final medal tally we would have taken those odds. Damien Birgan's 50 straight on the first day & his continued fight at the top level throughout the competition to secure Silver O/A. The Super Veterans who secured their first medal outside of Australia & gave an extra push on the last to take the Silver . The Open team taking Silver. The Junior team Bronze & finally the Veteran team taking Bronze. We still had the Beretta World Cup to finalise.

George Digweed gave a good speech at the closing ceremony when he summed up the event indicating that a World Championship should take people out of their comfort zone & make you work for each target, enough said.

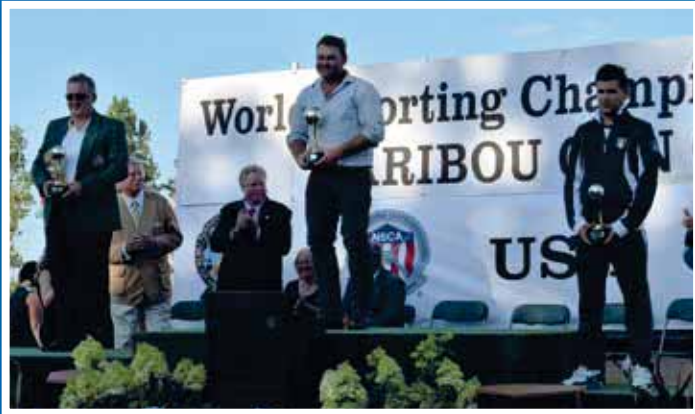
Next year the 38th World Championships will be back in Italy – Piancardato - Perugia– 14th to 17th July 2016 The ground North of Rome by approximately one & half hours. The 8 Parours are there to see on video taken by a drone flying over the individual areas. The grounds look Interesting & should provide plenty of variation to keep things interesting. Entries for the event on the FITASC Website will be open in early January 2016.

**Glen Rider Team Manager 2015** ■





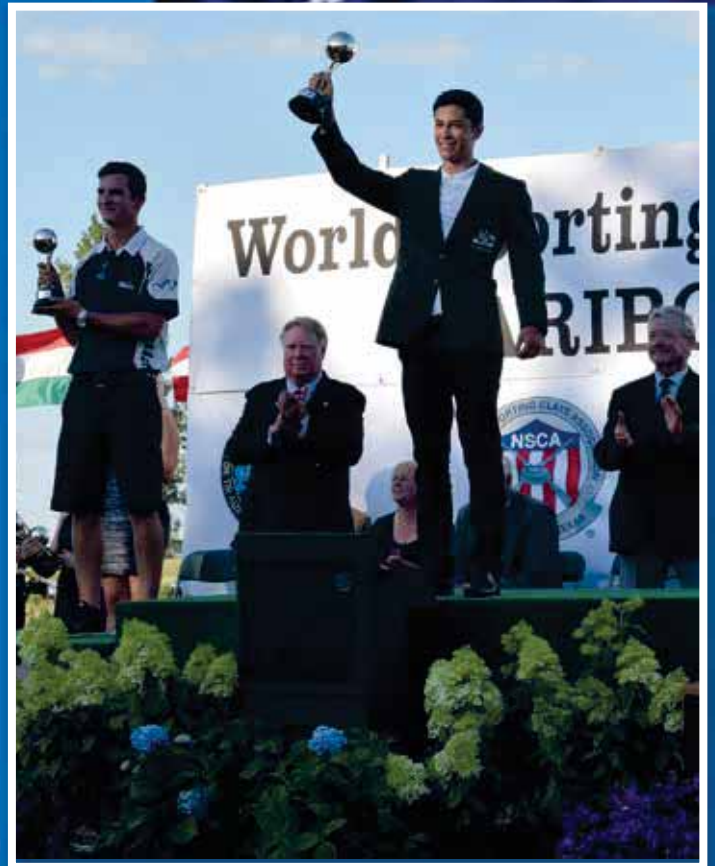
*John Torresen Beretta World Cup Sup Vet Gold*



*Damien Birgan Gold John Younger Silver Beretta World Cup*



*Brittany Cole Beretta World Cup Lady Bronze*



*Jeremy Paglia World Cup Junior Gold*



*Adam Shale 6th OA Juniors 2015 World Champion*



*The very brave deer that visited the shooting range!*



# The ATA 686S Camo

by John McDougall



John McDougall takes the ATA 686S through its paces at a local gun club to ascertain its feel, balance and point of aim.



The ATA Arms 686S Camo comes packaged in a plastic ABS moulded case with gun socks, an instruction booklet plus all accessories.

There is no doubt that the home of shotgun manufacturing is Europe. Yet, while we have many great names from England, Italy, Spain, Germany and others, there is little consideration given to Turkey - a nation which, due to its gunmaking skills, now finds big-name English makers outsourcing or making their products in that country.

The ATA Arms company was seeded in the mid-20th century when a young man, Celal Yollu, began repairing shotguns that were seemingly irreparable. This interest blossomed and in 2000, a pump-action shotgun was released with a patented design by its Turkish manufacturer. This progressed to the release of a self-loading shotgun in 2004 and later saw the development of over-and-under shotguns using the latest computer numerical controlled machine technology as found

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in Europe's finest gunmaking premises. Presently, with a 24 per cent increase in production annually, ATA Arms turns out 60,000 units per year and exports 90 per cent of its merchandise into 60 countries.

While a relatively new shotgun manufacturing company when compared to those steeped in history from countries such as England and Italy, the emerging ATA Arms seems to be grabbing a lion's share of the market with its moderately priced shotguns. This is largely due to the economies of scale in Turkey and the manner in which they are produced. That has led to at least one big-name English firm relocating its shotgun manufacturing equipment to Turkey to take advantage of cheaper costs along with support from the Turkish government. This review will look at one of ATA's over-and-under shotguns, the 686S Camo model, which is distributed in Australia by Nioa.

### The barrels

Measuring 760mm and weighing in at 1.5kg, the barrels on the ATA 686S Camo seemed to be created without any visible faults before being coated with camouflage covering. The muzzle was topped with a fluoro filament front-sight, which was perfect for collecting light and indicating the muzzle's position in relation to the location of a clay target for practice or a duck in the field.

Interchangeable choke tubes were fitted at the muzzle for shooter selection, depending on whether shooting over decoys with more open chokes or for pass shooting with slightly tighter chokes. The improved modified and full choke tubes are not recommended for steel shot and the modified and tighter chokes are not suitable for solid projectiles (slugs). So it is necessary to read



Five internal, interchangeable choke tubes were supplied with the gun, along with a plastic holder for the spare chokes and a flat spanner as a choke tube key. Note the fluoro filament front-sight.



John recommends the combination of Eley Alphamax shotshells and the ATA 686S for shooting ducks over the rice fields in NSW.

### Specifications

**Manufacturer:** ATA Arms, Turkey

**Model:** 686S Camo

**Action:** Boxlock, bifurcated jointing, single selective ejector system, mechanical trigger system

**Calibre:** 12-gauge, 3" chambered with lengthened forcing cones, suited to steel shot with a choke constriction not greater than modified, and single 'slug' projectiles with less than modified

**Barrel Length:** 760mm (30")

**Barrel Weight:** 1.50kg

**Overall Length:** 1207mm (47½")

**Overall Weight:** 3.14kg (7lb 8oz)

**Chokes:** Five interchangeable choke tubes supplied from cylinder to full choke

**Stock:** Basic walnut wood coated with a camouflaged pattern, chequering around 18 lines per inch, length of pull 360mm (14¼"), drop at comb 40mm (1 5/8"), drop at heel 60mm (2 3/8")

**Distributor:** Nioa

**RRP:** \$1295 with five-year warranty and fitted ABS case

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An overall view of the camo-coated ATA Arms 686S Camo from Turkey.

the instruction booklet supplied before venturing out for a shot.

Despite the matte finish of the camo coating, the rib was still file-cut with a non-reflective surface. The side ribs were solid and did not run the full length of the barrels. This would enable the gun to be balanced for a great feel when mounting and swinging it.

The monobloc end of the gun was chambered for use with 3" (76mm) ammunition. There was a caution in the instruction booklet that the gun should not be used with 3½" Super Magnum shells. The forcing cones were longer than the traditional 3/8" found on many older guns. This lengthening of the forcing cones is credited with improved patterns and reduced perceived recoil and has been adopted nowadays by most gun manufacturers. At 0.723", the barrel bores were a little tighter and I could not move away from the thought that this gun has copied the characteristics of a popular and

well-made Italian gun. I believe the Turks are good at replicating designs and reproducing them accurately. Whether it is as serviceable as its original Italian design remains to be seen, but with a five-year warranty, Nioa has certainly put its faith in its distribution of ATA products.

Jewel polishing about the receiver was well completed and again copied from what can be found from Italian models. The ejectors were single piece and sturdily constructed. They were well timed and threw cartridges way clear of the breech, should fast reloading be required.

The 686S Camo featured bifurcated jointing, which gave the gun a lower receiver profile and centre of gravity to provide a deal of balance and liveliness. This type of jointing is evident in other European guns, as the trunnions in the receiver on which the barrels are seated can be replaced, should the gun fire 'loose' due to years of service and require retightening. The shoulders on the

barrel were not replaceable.

The coating on the barrels was well finished and applied without fault. While many jokes may be directed at placing the gun on the ground to ascertain its 'camouflage-ability' (don't, you will find it hard to spot), the camo coating is excellent for a field gun. It requires little maintenance and the coating is so well camouflaged that its matte finish also prevents glare. A simple wipe with an oiled rag or a quick touch with a water displacement spray is all that is needed for the outside. This type of finish is especially well suited where brackish waters with high salt content are experienced. The coating offers superior protection to standard blueing and should provide around 10 years of service, depending on use and treatment, before showing signs of wear.

### The receiver

The aesthetics of the ATA 686S Camo are similar to a popular Italian shotgun, but the internal mechanism is a different matter, with the review model featuring mechanical triggers and a bifurcated jointing system. The conical extensions protruding from the standing breechface which lock the gun, and the shape of the receiver with its raised side profile, are slim lines; however, once again they are Italian-influenced in their design. The coating was perfect and the gun looked more expensive than its recommended retail price tag of \$1295.



The camo coating on the stock was perfect and finished the gun off well. The gun was fitted with a decent recoil pad.

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The top lever was well designed, with a curved, hatched surface to facilitate opening, especially in wet weather or when using leather gloves. A tang-mounted safety catch cum barrel selector worked well, with a red dot designating when the safety was off, being the 'safe' setting. A single notch to the left of the safety catch signified that the bottom barrel would fire initially, with the two notches exposed on the opposite side of the catch indicating the upper barrel was fired first. Unfortunately, these were not clearly visible and I would have preferred it if some enamelling of these dots had been completed to identify the firing order more clearly.

The design and shape of the triggerguard was acceptable in size for comfort, while the triggerfoot itself was basic but practical. The mechanical trigger system of the gun released well, at around 4lb, and without a great deal of slackness. I found the gun tight to open from new, but this would wear-in over time and make it a little more user-friendly. Overall, the receiver was well designed, with all attachments working as to be expected.

### The stock and fore-end

The stock and fore-end were coated in the camouflage pattern and were



A small plastic catch protruding from the end of the fore-end releases the grip from the barrels.

well-prepared and -dimensioned for a hunting gun. I found the gun easy to mount to my shoulder, with my eye looking straight down the ventilated top rib. There was a slight palmswell in the pistol grip for a right-handed shooter, while the chequering was completed at around 18 lines per inch. The camo coating covered all, including the chequering, which enclosed the pistol grip of the stock and the fore-end generously.

I was pleased to see that ATA had included a recoil pad on this gun. This is designed with a slippery surface on the upper leading edge to avoid clothing gathering when shooters simply drag the gun to their shoulder, instead of lifting it out, up and then pulling the gun snugly



The triggerguard was generous and the triggerfoot simply designed with practicality in mind.

into the shoulder. The pad's rubber compound seemed quite soft and provided for a consistent and firm shoulder mount. I was impressed - for an entry-level gun, a great deal of thought had gone into the design and finish.

The fore-end, judging from the inner coloring of the woodwork, was quite plain walnut. I suppose using high-quality walnut and then coating it with a camo pattern would be a waste of expensive wood. ATA seems to have adopted the practice of using wood of a basic but serviceable quality and all seemed well with the finished product and price.

I was intrigued by the plastic fore-end catch placed at the front. The use of plastic is unusual, though there is no reason why a plastic catch should not remain serviceable for many years, provided nothing is accidentally dropped on the gun causing the plastic activator to be smashed. I also accept that a gun is made for a price, and the 686S Camo is well constructed and available for a reasonable price.

### In the field

I took the 686S Camo to my local Sporting Clays ground for a workout, to establish where it was shooting,



The pistol grip was quite raked, providing an excellent hold and good control of the gun. Chequering was completed around 18 lines per inch.

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how it handled and balanced, and to see what I could expect while hunting. I have to admit that it took me some time to become used to the gun, but by the third round of a 75-target event, I started to post respectable scores. The trigger mechanism was a little different from what I am accustomed to, but I was reviewing a field-grade gun and not a competition sporter after all.

For hunting ducks, rabbit, quail and foxes, I don't think you could go wrong with the 686S Camo. Although the choke tubes beyond modified are not recommended for steel shot, a good array of hunting situations are still available, including shooting over dams and decoys with ducks, or over the rice fields using lead shot. Indeed, I took a number of ducks over the New South Wales rice fields using Eley Alphamax shotshells. Long-distance pass shooting with steel shot might be an issue and being restricted to modified choke as the tightest available with steel shot



ATA Arms fitted a slip-pad to the stock to provide comfort from recoil and good gun mount. The leading plastic edge of the pad 'slips' over clothing for shooters who drag the gun to their shoulder.



The protruding conical lugs from the top lock the gun and the barrels rotate on rounded replaceable trunnions located in the receiver walls, giving a low profile and nice balance.

was a limitation, but if you choose other forms of lead-alternative shot, such as bismuth, you will be able to use the full selection of choke tubes for every duck hunting situation.

### Summary

Nioa, the Australian ATA distributor, has done a great job in promoting ATA shotguns in Australia and the 686S Camo model, which retails for around \$1295, represents good value, especially with its complete camouflaged coating. The gun itself comes supplied with all accessories and instruction booklet in an ABS case with a five-year warranty. All things considered, if anything is to go wrong with an entry-level gun, then it will most often happen within the first five years of use. However, according to Nioa, its faith in the Turkish ATA guns is well merited, with few, out of hundreds sold, ever returned.

To the new buyer the ATA 686S Camo is a well-priced hunting gun to start with, and for those experienced hunters who like a gun they can really get out into the field with, the 686S Camo might just be what they need.

For more information, ask your local gunshop or visit [nioa.com.au](http://nioa.com.au) ●



Jewel polishing about the monobloc was appreciated for retaining lubricants and the whole barrel jointing resembled a respected Italian make.

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# NSW F&GA WELCOMES A NEW CLUB TO THE ASSOCIATION - BOGGABRI GUNNEDAH GUN CLUB

The Boggabri Gunnedah Gun Club, now called Gunnedah Sporting Clays, has recently joined the fold of Field & Game Federation Australia. The club has a rich history of shooting over 50 years. We are well known for our Annual 2 day Gumtree Shoot (held on the October long weekend), which was the first sporting shoot on the East Coast. The club is located between Gunnedah and Tamworth near Lake Keepit on 100 acres which the club owns. Led by our enthusiastic Committee, our club and membership continues to grow.

The club is solely focussed on Sporting Clays with the grounds varying from open flat country, scrub hills to creek beds, allowing us to throw a large variety of targets. Our monthly shoots see a huge mixture of English Sporting,



Big Target Days, Handicap Shoots and traditional Field & Game style targets. We shoot on the first Sunday of every month and have several courses, some of which are fully gravelled making them accessible in all weather conditions. This enables shooters requiring mobility assistance (scooters and the like) to easily traverse the grounds. We have a large well-appointed clubhouse surrounded by grass and garden areas. Catering is available at all of our shoots.

We also have ample camping with good amenities that include hot showers and flushing toilets. We have recently purchased 25 new traps along with 15 remotes to compliment our existing 28 traps in order to facilitate the growth and expansion of the club.

For more info visit our Facebook page Boggabri Gunnedah Gun Club - <https://www.facebook.com/bggc2380> or Website - <http://boggabrigunnedahgunclub.weebly.com>

## BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

### Sunday 28th June 2015

It was perfect weather for the club's June shoot which was a 100 target handicap event generously sponsored by Scott and Lisa Bradley of Bermagui Bait and Tackle. Mick Diss and his team were complimented on the two very well designed courses that they had set with a good variety of challenging targets. Most scores were close to handicap with a few shooters excelling on the day to take out the prizes. A count back was required in C Grade to determine the three place getters when four shooters came in with scores of 112. Other notable results were obtained in B Grade with Adam Shiels on 114.

respected by shooters throughout the region. Sadly, Mark passed away in May. Chris Raabe was on hand to receive the award with Jan and to acknowledge his parents contribution to the club.



Jan and Chris Raabe receiving the club award for 2015



Presidents Mario Marin and Nev Brady with Pat Jubb, Adam Shiels and Brian Hudson

An award was made to club persons for 2015 following the presentation of prizes. This years award was made to esteemed member Mark Raabe and his wife Jan for their joint contribution to the wellbeing of the club. Mark and Jan were tireless supporters and workers for the club and were well known and

Barry Dunn was unable to shoot the required targets to win the \$300 jackpot in the shoot-off after drawing the shoot raffle and was consoled by receipt of the meat tray generously donated by Maddie and Rory from Bennys Butchery in Cobargo.

**Next shoot:** 10am Sunday 26th July 2015  
75 tgt OTG Neil Rouse Memorial, sponsored by Pat and Tatia Jubb; followed by the club's AGM

**Set up crew:** Pat and Ethan Jubb, John Hine, Dave Scott, Craig Hurst and Willy White

### BERMAGUI F&G JUNE 2015 RESULTS

A Grade	1st	Mark Gschwend	108
	2nd	Richard Seears	100
	3rd	Gavin Moulding	99
B Grade	1st	Adam Shiels	114
	2nd	Brian Hudson	106
	3rd	Pat Jubb	104
C Grade	1st	Jimmy Drakos	112
	2nd	Pat Tennant	112
	3rd	Warren Marshall	112
Ladies	1st	Barbie Magrin	105
	2nd	Marg Warriner	101

### Sunday 26th July 2015

The July monthly shoot at Bermagui Field and Game's range was the annual Neil Rouse Memorial 75 target OTG event generously sponsored by Pat and Talia Jubb. As in previous years, relatives Michael and Helen Rouse from Tumut and Bruce and Mat Wilesmith from Temora attended to commemorate this well remembered foundation member of our club. Local shooters were joined by visitors from Mallacoota, Bombala and Cooma.

Sunday was also the second of the club's new shooter and novice training days and it was good to see four new shooters attend. The club is indebted to A Grade shooters Mark Gschwend and Gavin Moulding for giving up their days recreation in order to provide instruction to the new shooters. A special thanks also to Gary Martin who trapped for the competition; quite a commitment to shooting after having participated in his preferred skeet discipline in Cooma on the previous day.

- The stand out score on the day was achieved by Bruce Wilesmith in A Grade with 91 percent of targets shot and there were consistent scores across most grades including C Grade.



C Grade winners Willie White, Roger Budd and Michael Rouse with event sponsor Pat Jubb

Michael and Helen Rouse presented club persons from previous years with very attractive engraved glassware for their part promoting the club and perpetuating the legacy of Neil Rouse. Shirl Brady was the first club person to be recognised for her significant contribution to the club during 2011.



Shirl Brady with Helen and Michael Rouse

Meat trays kindly donated by Maddie and Rory from Bennys Butchery of Cobargo were given to Pat and Talia Jubb for their event sponsorship and to Jimmy Drakos who was unsuccessful in realising the \$350 cash prize from the club shoot raffle.

BERMAGUI F&G JULY 2015 RESULTS			
A Grade	1st	Bruce Wilesmith	68/75
	2nd	Richard Seears	63/75
	3rd	Barry Dunn	61/75
B Grade	1st	Craig Field	61/75
	2nd	Ron Manly	60/75
	3rd	Mario Magrin	53/75
C Grade	1st	Willie White	53/75
	2nd	Roger Budd	49/75
	3rd	Michael Rouse	46/75
Ladies	1st	Robin Perkins	53/75
	2nd	Helen Rouse	37/75
	3rd	Barbie Magrin	36/75
Juniors	1st	Mathew Wilesmith	57/75
	2nd	Grace Gschwend	42/75
	3rd	Holly Gschwend	

### Next shoot:

10am Sunday 23rd August 2015  
100 tgt HCP Cheryl Brady Memorial Shoot sponsored by Nev and Shirl Brady of Bermagui Welding

**Set up crew:** Nev Brady, Gav Moulding, Brett Wills, Dave Moore, Elspeth and Barry Dunn

## MUDGEESPORTINGCLAYS

### Two Day Shoot 9th & 10th May 2015

On Saturday the 9th of May our branch held the annual Jim Taylor Memorial over 100 targets. Sundays event would be a NSW state selection event which was moved from Sydney. Many shooters would remember Jim from when our club was first formed and members shot at the old Buckaroo range just out of Mudgee. Jim's family were in attendance to help present some of the trophies to those lucky winners. Sixty five shooters had nominated to shoot the event in perfect autumn weather. Two ranges had been set by our members which consisted of fifteen traps on each layout. Each station had three auto traps, this meant no trapping duties. At the end of the day it was local member Steve Atkins who won the event with a very respectable 92/100. Old Jim would be proud to see young Stevo win this event as he had a lot to do with Steve when he first started shooting. Lady shooter Amy Buys went on to win the Jim Taylor Handicap Trophy. Her name will be engraved on the trophy which remains in our clubhouse. Well shot Amy. The Taylor family trophy is presented to a Mudgee club member who helps in the smooth running of our club. This year that trophy was presented to our current club president Craig Kurtz. It is certainly well deserved as Craig helps in all capacities, from office duties to fixing traps, electrical problems to plumbing etc. The list goes on. Craig's father actually shot with Jim many years ago at down the line events. Results from Saturday are listed.

TWO DAY SHOOT RESULTS			
High Gun		Steve Atkins	92
AA Grade	1st:	Bart Brighenti	89
	2nd:	Peter Kay	84
	3rd:	Rod McCloy	84
A Grade	1st:	Sam Sweeny	86
	2nd:	P Crittenden	84
	3rd:	Andy Garvie	83
B Grade	1st:	J Koolbanis	82
	2nd:	John Dickey	75
	3rd:	Scott King	71

C Grade	1st:	Brett Cummings	63
	2nd:	Tony Shorten	62
	3rd:	George Roth	61
Seniors	1st:	Ross Christian	81
	2nd:	Jake Guzelian	72
S/Veterans	1st:	Alec Ceccato	69
	2nd:	Mick Quinlan	68
	3rd:	Doug Brenton	66
Ladies	1st:	Amy Buys	68
	2nd:	Emma Munro	68
	3rd:	Judy T/Merritt	62
Juniors	1st:	Mark Wildman	76
	2nd:	Jay Crittenden	55
Sub Juniors	1st:	Matt Wildman	80
	2nd:	Tom McGrath	65
	3rd:	Jack Roth	55

### NSW State Selection

Sundays event was a NSW state selection which attracted seventy five shooters. Competitors from Dubbo, Sydney, Temora, Ardlathan, Quirindi, Cessnock, Newcastle and the central coast attended. This event was originally scheduled for Sydney branch to hold but due to circumstances out of their control it was moved to Mudgee. Sydney will be up and running again very shortly. In contrast to the previous days weather Sundays was atrocious. High winds had been forecasted by the bureau and they were spot on. The inclement weather made it very hard work on the range for all concerned. Our local members had changed traps or shooting stands from the previous days competition which may have stiffened the targets slightly. Griffith hot shot Bart Brighenti showed that he can shoot in all weather conditions by taking out the high gun. Results are listed. The Adrian Hayes Memorial trophy was contested between Temora, Dubbo, Sydney and Mudgee. Mudgee members Steve Atkins, Ralph Ali, Scott King and Ross Christian got the points. The winner of the rifle which was a lucky door prize for all who had nominated for both days went to Sam Sweeny. Many thanks to Horsley Park Gun Shop. Mudgee members would like to acknowledge the help and sponsorship provided by the Horsley Park Gun Shop, Firearms Safety and Training, John Dickey and Peter Bones and Co. who volunteered to help the club with catering. The 100 club winner was Peter Bones.

NSW STATE SELECTION RESULTS			
High Gun		Bart Brighenti	88
AA Grade	1st:	Peter Kay	85
	2nd:	Reno Marganti	84
	3rd:	Andrew Sinclair	78
A Grade	1st:	Luke Criss Cross	73
	2nd:	Ralph Ali	73
	3rd:	Jason Solomons	71
B Grade	1st:	Scott King	66



	2nd:	Craig Kurtz	65
	3rd:	Brett Hall	63
C Grade	1st:	Bill Weber	60
	2nd:	Tony Shorten	53
	3rd:	Dick Nicholls	52
Seniors	1st:	Ross Christian	71
	2nd:	Bruiser Wilesmith	68
	3rd:	Jake Guzelian	54
S/Veterans	1st:	Alec Ceccato	68
	2nd:	Doug Brenton	63
	3rd:	Peter Clarkson	57
Ladies	1st:	Amy Buys	69
	2nd:	Em Munro	68
	3rd:	Kath Sadler	59

## RIO Shoot 2015

Over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of June our branch hosted the annual two day RIO shoot. This event was kindly sponsored by the Horsley Park Gun Shop, John Dickey and of course RIO shells. We were lucky to have great weather for the weekend because as I write this report it is absolutely pouring. Two ranges, each consisting of 26 targets had been set for competitors to enjoy. Rabbits, battues, springers, midis, incomers and crossers were all included on each layout. Our local caterers once again did a great job to feed all those hungry mouths. A special thank you must go to Nathan Masey who put his hand up to run the office for the first time. Many thanks Nathan.

RIO SATURDAY RESULTS			
AA Grade	1st:	Steve Payne	92
	2nd:	Ian Stewart	92
	3rd:	Peter Kay	90
A Grade	1st:	Andrew Garvie	97
	2nd:	Matt Duncan	95
	3rd:	Jason Solomons	93
B Grade	1st:	Ant Williams	91
	2nd:	Nuz Ali	81
	3rd:	Captain Craig Kurtz	79
C Grade	1st:	George Roth	91
	2nd:	A Ismail	81
	3rd:	Arkie Dovitas	72
Seniors	1st:	Ross Christian	90
	2nd:	Max Holland	85
	3rd:	Jake Guzelian	85
S/Veterans	1st:	Doug Brenton	80
	2nd:	Mick Quinlan	80
	3rd:	Peter Clarkson	69
Ladies	1st:	Helen Overton	67
	2nd:	Amy Buys	63
	3rd:	Amanda Twomey	62
Sub Juniors	1st:	Jack Roth	76
	2nd:	Chris Koolbanis	70
	3rd:	Talor Roth	50

A slab of RIO shells was the lucky door prize and was won by Sam Sweeny. First squad was called out on time to start shooting at about 9am Sunday

morning. The ranges had been checked so it was all go. When the final scores came in it was local shooter Steve Payne who won by shooting 101/104. Results are as follows;

RIO SUNDAY RESULTS			
AA Grade	1st:	Steve Payne	101
	2nd:	Andrew Bell	93
	3rd:	Ian Stewart	91
A Grade	1st:	Andrew Garvie	100
	2nd:	Matt Duncan	97
	3rd:	Jason Solomons	93
B Grade	1st:	Ant Williams	92
	2nd:	Rob Murray	91
	3rd:	John Dickey	88
C Grade	1st:	A Ismail	92
	2nd:	Arkie Dovitas	80
	3rd:	George Roth	80
Seniors	1st:	Ross Christian	95
	2nd:	Jake Guzelian	94
	3rd:	Max Holland	89
S/Veterans	1st:	Doug Brenton	80
	2nd:	Dave Brenton	80
	3rd:	Mick Quinlan	77
Ladies	1st:	Amy Buys	76
	2nd:	Helen Overton	74
	3rd:	Michelle Hooper	60
Sub Juniors	1st:	Jack Roth	89
	2nd:	Chris Koolbanis	78
	3rd:	Bailey McMurtrie	64

Sundays lucky door prize which was a slab of RIO shells was won by local member Phil Headley. The 100 club draw winner was Dubbo's Luke Criss Cross.

Mudgee members would like to thank all who travelled. We had shooters from Quirindi, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Newcastle, Sydney, Dubbo, Central Coast, Cessnock etc

Hopefully simulated field shooters in NSW will soon have another branch who's members are keen to run state selection events etc. Further information will soon be released.

Once again many thanks to Horsley Park Gun Shop & Jonathon Dickey.

## Big Bird Shoot August 2015

Last Sunday the 23rd August members held what was called a big bird 100 target event. A good number of shooters attended considering the adverse weather conditions on the day. Wet, wet, wet. Such an event saw the clay targets set at a maximum distance for what a twelve gauge shotgun was designed for. The range had been set by Scott King and Co. who had done a tremendous job in the arranging of a complete new range. Five different stations with three automatic traps on each equated to fifteen traps that had to be positioned around the course for the competitors enjoyment. Next year no doubt our branch will be slotting another such shoot into the calendar.

## MUDGEESPORTING CLAYS

On a sad note members report the passing of a club life member COL ATKINS. It was Col, Peter Clarkson and the late Jim Taylor who saw the potential for a local Field and Game branch. Originally all were "down the line"shooters but would like to compete in field events when the occasion arose. They had heard about the Guns Gully simulated field event which was held at Hawksbury and the Gumtree Shoot which was held at a small place called Boggabri in NSW. This would have been about the mid seventies. After attending these events a plan was hatched to form a local branch which would shoot on Jim's property at Buckaroo. A committee was formed and the branch affiliated with Field and Game in 1981. Col was the original secretary while Jim was the President.

Over the years Col attended many simulated field events across the state. He would have attended most clubs at one time or another in particular Dubbo and Sydney when it was located near Penrith. Col worked for many years as a leading hand slaughterman at the now defunct Mudgee abattoir before retiring. Early in his life he spent time in the Australian Navy. Col and his wife Elsie had a family of four daughters and one son. One daughter Jackie and son Stevo carry on the tradition of clay target shooting. In fact Steve has gone on to win many events in NSW and is well known in the shooting fraternity. I used to always rib Col after Steve had won some event by stating "Col, we can tell you never taught him to shoot". The answer is of course unprintable.

Our condolences go to his wife Elsie, daughters Caroline, Kelly, Jackie and Sharon along with their partners and son Steve and his partner. ■

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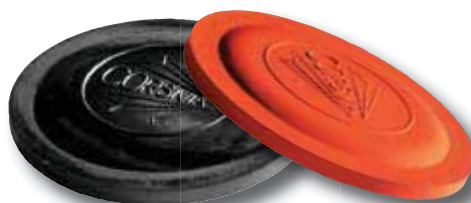
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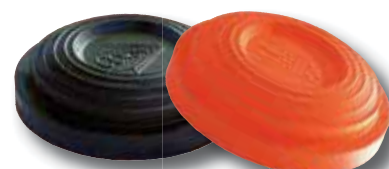
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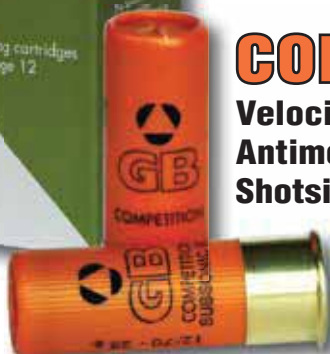
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Antimony – 5%  
Shotsize – 7, 7½, 8, 9



## 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  
Antimony – 5%  
Shotsize – 7½, 8



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Velocity – 1220 FPS  
Antimony – 4%  
Shotsize – 7½, 8, 9



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## BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS

Hello Everyone.

Well what another busy year I can't believe time goes so quick, the BSC AGM will be upon us again in September and everything being equal I would like to give the president's position another go for one more year.

I would like to see the present committee remain for one more year as well, we have all worked very well together and achieved so much as a group, we are nearly there with what we set out to achieve for the club and its members.

The Club is still growing with membership at around 440 members for Brisbane club presently, when we started there was 130 members let's make this number even better.

I understand that Victoria as a state does not have these numbers.

We believe in a philosophy to give people what they want & what they want is to shoot clay targets more than once a month. Well we have supplied the facilities & have given people the game to play and let them enjoy it.

Maybe there is a comparison to golf with sporting clays, but it is working well at Brisbane.

Brisbane's corporate shooting has been going great, in the financial year we had over 1000 corporate visitors which is fantastic and I would like to personally thank the volunteers and Ian Collison

that introduce these groups to Sporting Clays & the Brisbane club. This market fast tracks a lot of the purchases and infrastructure improvements at the club aiding all members. As a member this is your club & thanks go out to everyone involved.

The 2016 Nationals are getting closer all the time, a little over 12 months to go. With the Nationals approaching we are making improvements to the grounds all the time with some amazing preparation going into this. With the help and Assistance of Aussie Enviro to enhance the shooting zones this has been a very special project. These areas will be used for the Nationals and then retained for the future use of the Brisbane Club members.

The club house is still very much on the agenda for Brisbane, the wheels of progress do not always go as fast as I would like it but that's life, we are moving forward with this project and it will happen.

Let's get to the shooting, the world FITASC Titles were held in The USA this year at the "Caribou Gun Club" Minnesota. From what I have been told it was well attended by Australian shooters this year. The Club is very proud of the achievement of one of our members, Damien Birgan. His huge effort had him this year being runner up to the big man George Digweed, there was only one target in it. Damien is the only Australian



Mark Cain B Grade  
World Super Sporting Prelim

to win the overall event in 2009 and returns this year to the runners up position in 2015, congratulations Damo, well done mate.

There was another achievement for a Brisbane member or maybe an act of God, Mark Cain took out "B" grade at one of the Super Sporting sub events held prior to the World Titles.

The Achievements of the Australian team at the worlds was remarkable with some great scores coming in. Congratulations to everyone involved in the Australian team, well done guys and ladies.

I would like to thank our sponsors who continually contribute to Brisbane sporting clays to make our great club even greater.

Thank you everyone.

**Loz. ■**

## QUEENSLAND SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION INC.

### QSCA:

QSCA has seen continued growth in members and participation within the Queensland Sporting Clays Association Inc. (QSCA) branches.

QSCA membership has increased to 556 financial members, and this is an increase of approximately twenty six (26) percent over the 441 members that the association had in 2014. The majority of these new members have joined Brisbane Sporting Clays (BSC) whose membership now stands at 443.

The growth in QSCA members has only been achieved by the hard work at branches to support existing members, and to try and gain new members through come and try events and corporate bookings.

Each club has a small group of dedicated volunteers who work hard to develop their clubs and promote sporting clays -

without these people - our sport would fold. Each branch is always looking for volunteers and sponsors, so please make the effort to get involved.

**Reminder - 2015 State Titles to be shot at Childers Sporting Clays 12th & 13th September - be there!**

### QSCA Committee:

The QSCA committee is continuing to work to support member branches. QSCA is also in the process of rolling out a new website - please visit us at: [www.qldsportingclays.org.au](http://www.qldsportingclays.org.au). Thanks to [www.elysiumstudios.com](http://www.elysiumstudios.com) for their assistance in making it happen.

QSCA also recently sponsored a ladies' coaching clinic which was run by Renae Birgan at BSC in June. The event was well received and participants learnt a great deal from this talented shooter. QSCA extends its thanks to Renae for her time to conduct this coaching clinic and to

BSC - for setting up and supporting the event.

In regards to recent notifications from FGFA regarding Third Party Insurance available to members who are going hunting, QSCA has established an email address for notifications to be lodged. Simply email [huntingnotification@qldsportingclays.com.au](mailto:huntingnotification@qldsportingclays.com.au) and providing details of the QSCA member(s) going hunting, and the area in which they will be hunting to ensure that you are covered.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on getting involved - please contact your local club or the QSCA Secretary at [sec@qldsportingclays.org.au](mailto:sec@qldsportingclays.org.au).

**Ashley Mead**

QSCA Secretary - August 2015



### QSCA 3rd State Team Qualifying Event Fraser Coast Sporting Clays – 7th June

39 Shooters travelled to Fraser Coast Sporting Clays for this event which was a little disappointing as the targets presented were excellent. Congratulations to Dennis Dinte who took out High Gun with a score of 68/75. For a full list of results – check out the QSCA website – [www.qldsportingclays.org.au](http://www.qldsportingclays.org.au)

Thanks to all the workers that helped out. Leo Cao and Glen Rider did a great job with the targets and the Fraser Coast weather was at its normal (a little bit damp but we didn't really get wet).

Thanks to the sponsors GB / Corsivia, QSCA and Fraser Coast Sporting Clays - a total of 2750 rounds of ammunition were on the trophy table!

### QSCA 4th State Team Qualifying Event

Beaudesert Sporting Clays hosted the event on Sunday 23rd August with 43 shooters competing over challenging

targets. This was the first time Beaudesert have put their hand up for a selection shoot. They share the shooting range with a Rifle Club & with this sharing came a couple of restrictions & restraints previous to this regarding the ground to shoot over & timing of their shoot days allowed. The members negotiated to use of the ground at the rifle range butts area & beyond which is perfect undulating ground for Sporting Clays.

The club is doing a great job in making use of the available ground they have & over time with a little more work the ground should prove productive.

The weather on the day was perfect and the conditions great for this event.

We thank Kathy Cain for running the scores and a special thanks to the Beaudesert crew - great job by all.

The event was sponsored by GB/Corsivia, QSCA and Beaudesert Sporting Clays, with 2500 rounds of GB ammunition presented as trophies.

RESULTS			
High Gun		Damien Birgan	67
AA Grade	1st:	Peter Tobin	66
	2nd:	James McIver	65
	3rd:	Denis Dinte	63
A Grade	1st:	David Evans	60
	2nd:	Glen Rider	55
	3rd:	Enzo Gigante	52
B Grade	1st:	Brett Chambellant	66
	2nd:	Steve Blake	58
	3rd:	Bill Philo	55
C Grade	1st:	Mark Cain	46
	2nd:	Peter Roots	45
	3rd:	Nick Todd	44
Veterans	1st:	Ian Grant	58
Super Veterans	1st:	Vern Porter	50
Ladies	1st:	Maree Birgan	60
	2nd:	Karen Rider	47
Juniors	1st:	Mitch Cain	66
	2nd:	Reece Cain	55
Sub Juniors	1st:	Billy Cain	

## SAFGA PRESIDENTS REPORT

### September 2015

At last: Good news from South Australia, we are moving forward, the current Executive, that came to power in a landslide in 2014, have managed through hard work and determination to have significant changes made to the SAFGA constitution. Firstly by bringing in postal voting on constitutional changes for members, this was the first step in giving all members a say in how they could have input to changes to the constitution.

The next big win was a call for a Special General Meeting to implement a change that allowed all clubs to own their own land or assets if they so desire. 249 of 482 members cast a vote on the 3 motions as put forward, the highest vote by members of this association on a matter of such importance, clearly they wanted their collective voices heard. The motion was voted up by 78% of the members who voted, this will be a significant improvement over the past constitution that allowed the State Body to own and control all club assets. Mount Gambier branch of the association are "over the moon" with the decision as they have been saving their pennies for the chance to purchase their own property, that dream is a major step forward for them, well deserved for the team at Mount Gambier and Lake Bonney who rallied their members to have a say in their future.

SAFGA have had the national "code of conduct" added to our constitution, by

94% of votes cast, this will allow future State Councils to discipline members that act in an inappropriate manner. The final motion to remove the voting power of the elected state executive members was voted down by a significant majority.

While we have had success in growing the number of members of the State Association after two clubs left, there is still a level of unhappiness between some clubs and unfortunately some anonymous complainers are causing some minor problems for the executive and some clubs. However we the executives feel that with the sound foundations that have been laid in governance changes SAFGA now has a strong vibrant future, we have the finances under control and this year without an unforeseen unbudgeted expense the state body will not incur a loss for the first time in 5 years. An example being the State Championship shot at the Rocky Gully range on the 5th 6th August, this event received high praise from the competitors that came from the state's clubs and also from interstate. Shot over 150 targets 100 on the Saturday in almost perfect conditions, the course received high praise for the quality and variety of targets set by the team at Rocky Gully, the 50 on Sunday in a 70km wind not so good but no one can control unforeseen conditions, the kitchen also received high praise for the food presented for the attendees.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

One highlight of the weekend was the shoot off for the shotgun presented by Tim Steer from Winchester, a different approach was adopted for this in that all winners from the various grades and categories shot off including their handicap for the chance to win. This was a most interesting method as it broadened the opportunity for eight finalist to have a chance, being a shoot off in extremely bad weather conditions it came right down to the last stand for a winner to emerge that being Ron Rhook on 26, with 3 other competitors 1 target behind on 25, and 2 more a further 2 targets behind on 24.

As always, we and I'm sure all other clubs are indebted to GB Corsiva and Winchester along with all the other sponsors that generously support and donate product for these major and not so major events, the prize tables would look very barren if not for them, we as shooters need to remember who support us when it comes time to buy guns, shells or the other toys that we enjoy.

The other exciting part of the year was the success that SAFGA members had at the FITASC world championship in the US we have some very proud winners with a team silver medal in Super/Vets to John Torresan, John Monaghan from SA and Warwick Cumberland from Victoria. With John Torresan picking up the Super/Vets world cup gold medal. We are proud of them, and we are proud of our Association.

**Bryan Stokes** SAFGA President

# SOUTH EAST BRANCH

## Results of June Shoot

The Landmark Tonkin George & Kain Transport 50 target handicapped shoot was held Sunday 28th June.

Another good turn out of shooters vying for terrific prizes.

With plenty of quality targets many high scores were achieved. Jeremy Kent took out "off the gun" "Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun" event with scores of 49/50 which included a perfect round of 25/25. Danny Bellinger also finished with a perfect score of 25/25 finishing first in the AA event. He just took the honours from Ron Rhook 47/50 and Ken Atkin 46/50.

Stand out for the weekend was subjunior Declan Wright who romped home to take out the overall handicapped event. Great things to come from this young shooter.

A grade saw Ernie Scheidl shoot off with Phil Begelhole, Ern eventually taking first, Phil having to settle for second and Tom Brennan finishing third

After recovering from eye surgery Veteran Chris Von Stanke Snr showed it really does help when you can see the targets, outclassing the field, he finished ahead of Neville Kent who is never far from the prizes and Wayne Gurney took third.

On the social side of the shoot the "Team Caskey" was finally able to overcome "Team Klieve", possibly thanks to a higher handicap, but am sure he will take it!

### GAMBIER SHOOTING SUPPLIES RESULTS

High gun Winner	Jeremy Kent	49/50
Handicapped Winner	Declan Wright	
AA Grade	1st Danny Bellinger	48/50
	2nd Ron Rhook	47/50
	3rd Ken Atkin	46/50
A Grade	1st Ernie Scheidl	44/50
	2nd Phil Begelhole	44/50
	3rd Tom Brennan	43/50
B Grade	1st Brian Smith	44/50
	2nd Garry Talbot	44/50
	3rd Darren Murrell	35/50
C Grade	1st Rikki Kelly	42/50
	2nd Jordan Cox	43/50
	3rd Matthew Crowe	37/50
Veterans	1st Chris Von Stanke	42/50
	2nd Neville Kent	46/50
	3rd Wayne Gurney	41/50
SuperVets	1st Peter Caskey	36/50
	2nd Frank Kentish	36/50
	3rd Ernie Allen	37/50
Ladies	1st Vicki Fabris	26/50
	2nd Tasha Bellinger	38/50
	3rd Kellie Peterson	32/50
Juniors	1st Campbell Serle	40/50
	2nd Dylan Edwards	41/50
	3rd Dylan Scheidl	26/50
Sub Juniors	1st Declan Wright	35/50

## Results of July Shoot

The Russell Industries & Pick Avenue Deli & Bakery 50 target shoot was held 26/7/2015

Shoot was also the second round of the Lake Bonney/Burrungule Park Challenge. The previous week Lake Bonney took a handy 20 target lead and with a number of high profile shooters competing in the USA Burrungule could not peg back that lead. Lake Bonney Club finished 13 targets clear to take bragging honours for the next 12 months.

Another weekend where the weather was unkind saw lower than usual scorers and shoot offs were the order of the day. Jamie Dunn took out the "Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun" event. He tied with Malcolm Whitehead both with 42/50, Mal having to settle for first in the AA. A grade had 3 shooters all finishing on 39/50. Eventually Phil Begelhole to the honours ahead of Leigh Dunn and Geoff Lowe.

With son Jeremy in the US Neville Kent stepped up to fly the family colours to take out the Veterans ahead of Wayne Evans and Chris Von Stanke.

The C Grade was a tight tussle, Gary Clifford ahead of Englishman Charles Wallis & Michael Evans.

On the social side of the shoot the "Team Caskey" could not handle the pressure of winning 2 in a row and and once again succumbed to "Team Klieve".

### GAMBIER SHOOTING SUPPLIES RESULTS

High gun Winner	Jamie Dunn 42/50	
AA Grade	1st Malcolm Whitehead	42/50
	2nd Ken Atkin	41/50
	3rd Danny Bellinger	41/50
A Grade	1st Phil Begelhole	39/50
	2nd Leigh Dunn	39/50
	3rd Geoff Lowe	39/50
B Grade	1st Jordan Cox	31/50
	2nd Herb Whitehead	31/50
	3rd Al Scheidl	30/50
C Grade	1st Gary Clifford	30/50
	2nd Charles Wallis	26/50
	3rd Michael Edwards	24/50
Veterans	1st Neville Kent	40/50
	2nd Wayne Evans	37/50
	3rd Chris Von Stanke	35/50
SuperVets	1st Kevin Dyson	40/50
	2nd Gregg Todd	38/50
	3rd Barry Hill	36/50
Ladies	1st Vicki Fabris	
Juniors	1st Campbell Serle	430/50
	2nd Dylan Edwards	27/50
Sub Juniors	1st Liam Lewis	24/50



Peter Caskey takes some advice from Chris Von Stanke

## Results of August Shoot

The Mt Gambier Rural Supplies & Commercial Hotel 50 Target shoot was held 23/8/2015. Conditions were perfect and there was another good turn out of shooters vying for terrific prizes.

In the Gambier Shooting Supplies high gun event a perfect first round by Jeremy Kent held in good stead finishing equally with Gavin Dyson. Both shooters have recently returned from the US shooting together. Both finished with 48/50. Kent overcoming Dyson in the shoot off to take high gun. Dyson had to be content with first in the AA, 2nd and 3rd had to be decided by yet another shoot off. Malcolm Whitehead hanging around long enough to overcome Ron Rhook.

A grade saw a tight tussle with Lake Bonney shooter Tony Sellars taking the event ahead of Damian Earl and Phil Begelhole.

The ladies event was well represented Tasha Bellinger finishing ahead of Vicki Fabris and Kellie Peterson.

In the C grade Ben Verbena ran away with the event ahead of Chris Chant and Englishman Charles Wallis.

In the teams event neither Team Klieve or Team Caskey were good enough to find a prize.

### GAMBIER SHOOTING SUPPLIES RESULTS

High gun Winner	Jeremy Kent	48/50
AA Grade	1st Gavin Dyson	48/50
	2nd Malcolm Whitehead	46/50
	3rd Ron Rhook	46/50
A Grade	1st Tony Sellars	44/50
	2nd Damien Earl	43/50
	3rd Phil Begehole	42/50
B Grade	1st Allan Cowin	41/50
	2nd Jeremy Hellyer	38/50
	3rd Jordan Cox	35/50
C Grade	1st Ben Verbena	36/50/
	2nd Chris Chant	32/50
	3rd Charles Wallis	30/50
Veterans	1st Wayne Evans	42/50
	2nd Wayne Gurney	41/50
	3rd Darry Small	39/50
SuperVets	1st Kevin Dyson	41/50
	2nd Gregg Todd	40/50
	3rd Barry Hill	39/50
Ladies	1st Tasha Bellinger	41/50
	2nd Vicki Fabris	31/50
	3rd Kellie Peterson	26/50
Juniors	1st Campbell Serle	32/50
Sub Juniors	1st Declan Wright	18/50
	2nd Ethan Hellyer	7/50



# ROCKY GULLY SPORTING CLAYS

As this report is being written Rocky Gully is in the final stage of preparing for the 2015 SAFGA State Sporting Championship. The full results will be up on the website from this coming Monday long before Federation members will be reading this report. With numbers a few less than we would like we are all working to make it the best shoot possible. Do check out website for reports on our shoots and news about coming events. Visitors from interstate are always welcome and plenty of camping space is available.

## Safety Issues

Before reporting on our recent shoots we need to report an event that will have wide ranging implications for clubs in South Australia and possibly across the country. An anonymous report has been made about our club to Safe Work SA. This anonymous complaint touches on many issues and will lead to a safety inspection of our ground. The Committee of Rocky Gully is not overly concerned as we welcome such an inspection as being able to highlight for us areas in which we need to improve. The majority if not all of the complaints are ill founded and based on either no or incomplete knowledge of actual events. Readers will draw their own conclusions on the motivation of the people behind this report.

However clubs need to realise that what has been opened may prove to be a 'Pandora's Box'. All clubs need to be checking that all their safety paper work, planning approvals etc. are in place. Some important questions that all clubs need to be asking of themselves are:

- Do we have planning approval for all our works and buildings?
- Are all of our structures and vehicles safe?
- Are all safety guards on traps in place?
- Do we have safe operating procedures in place for all of our equipment?
- Do we have a training programme in place for all aspects of work e.g. working with traps and lifting equipment?
- Do we have records of safety training that is done?
- Have we taken steps to manage any dangerous materials on site?
- And the list goes on and on.

We will keep our State body and Federation informed of developments in relation to this matter. In the mean time we all need to be looking at our clubs and how we work. The days of "I just want to go and shoot" are over.

Our shoot grounds are places of work (volunteers are treated as employees for the purposes of Work Place Safety) and must be safe.

## Membership

We continue to experience solid growth of membership. Because of the large number of new members that we attract each year through our Corporate Days and Practise Days. We find at the end of each year that we have a number of members who do not renew in the coming year, however new members each year are more than replacing those that leave. Membership is currently running around the 125 mark. We are hoping that by the end of 2016 we will be getting close to the 200 mark; we'll see, it would be nice.

In talking to new members the two biggest factors that attract them are, obviously having plenty of opportunities to shoot but number one is friendly, helpful people. Coaching is a very important part of the experience for new shooters and ensures they feel welcome. We have a cadre of people to welcome new people and to provide coaching but we keep talking about this to all of our members and encourage them to look after the new members.

So welcome to all those new members (about 27 to date in 2015) and thank you to all of our members who have gone out of their way to welcome and help the new people. Keep it up guys it really works.

## Changes to the SAFGA Constitution

It is good to be able to report that in the past month the first postal ballot of all SAFGA members was held to consider three changes to the SAFGA Constitution. Earlier in the year the constitution was changed to allow postal votes on changes to the constitution. About 50% of members took the opportunity to express their views on these latest proposed changes. The hurdle that has to be jumped to change the SAFGA Constitution is a high one. For a vote to change the constitution to succeed, 75% of all votes cast must be FOR the change.

The first proposal to take votes away from Association office holders at State Council was rejected. The second proposal to enable Branches of SAFGA to own and control assets they have paid for (currently this power resides with the Association) was approved. The third proposal was to include in the SAFGA Constitution the Federation Code of Conduct. This proposal was also approved with over 94% of votes cast supporting the change.



*Mat, Harry and Jim enjoying some great targets and friendship.*

## Shoot Reports

Numbers at our Club shoots are holding up with around the 45 – 50 shooters turning up most months. We continue to use the shotgun start with 8 stands being set to provide 2 grounds of 4 stands each. No matter on which ground shooters commence 4 stands shot in sequence provides 25 targets with the 25th target being the last target shot on their 4th stand. Where count back is used (as it was on the August shoot) a stand is selected (before the shoot) and then the scores of the tied shooters are compared on that stand. It's actually quite simple once you see it done. The only down side to setting 8 stands approach is that there is a lot of work for the target setters; 24 traps each month to be put out. This is great for the shooters but it is becoming very tiring for the target setters and our crew is looking for some new faces to assist and learn how to set good targets. While there are usually a good number of people to help pack up we need more people on the Saturday before the shoot to help with setting up. We will be approaching our members in the coming months. Training and support will of course be provided to the new people. If you would like to learn how to set great targets call the Secretary.

## July shoot 50 or 100 targets sporting

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RESULTS JULY 100 TARGETS			
AA Grade	1st	Rob Cross	73
A Grade	1st	Greg Dawes	87
	2nd	Emilio Calicchio	79
	3rd	Phil Rowe	74
B Grade	1st	Nick Nunn	72
	2nd	Phil Trigg	65
C Grade	1st	Jeff Both	74
	2nd	Royce Wood	68
	3rd	Trevor Forgan	64
Super Vets	1st	Colin Smith	65
	2nd	Peter Perry	60
Ladies	1st	Jill Marden	60
	2nd	Marlene Pohl	50
Sub Junior	1st	Daniel Falco	67

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RESULTS AUGUST 100 TARGETS			
AA Grade	1st	Chris Ball	91
A Grade	1st	James Bologiannis	81/6
	2nd	Robby Marconi	81/5
	3rd	Aaron Went	78
B Grade	1st	Matthew Jansen	84
	2nd	Wendel Litchfield	81
	3rd	Rod Saligari	75
C Grade	1st	Trevor Forgan	64
	2nd	Carlo Malatesta	62/6
	3rd	Glen Benham	62/3
Veterans	1st	Greg Dawes	80
Super Vets	1st	Richard Dean	85
	2nd	John Monaghan	78
	3rd	Bryan Stokes	72
Ladies	1st	Marlene Pohl	51
	2nd	Michelle McNeil	14/50
Juniors	1st	James McNeil	16/50
Sun Junior	1st	Daniel Falco	79
	2nd	Jeremy Miller	30



*Shooters at the August shoot about to enjoy some high birds*



*The happy winners after the August shoot sponsored by Fisher Firearms*

That's all for now from Rocky Gully. We look forward to seeing you soon at our range.

**Peter Perry** Publicity Officer

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# LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

## July Report

On Sunday July 19th 81 shooters ventured out to the Millicent Toyota, Therapy For Life and Landmark 50 Target event. After a couple of weeks of wet and windy weather we were lucky enough to have a sunny day and course setter Meagan Millard utilised the change in weather to set a range of targets that had the potential to be deceiving. Many compliments for Meagan's efforts were expressed throughout the day, the high scores achieved across the grades a good indicator that competitors had an enjoyable day.

Congratulations to Damien Earl, Malcolm Whitehead and Mark Fabris for achieving a perfect score 25/25.

This month's shoot was the beginning of the inter club challenge between Lake Bonney and Burrungle, each year club members from both clubs compete for the Inter Club Challenge trophy. A tally of the top 2 shooters in AA, A, B and C grades saw Lake Bonney in front this round with 306 targets to Burrungle's 283 targets. The committee would like to encourage all club members to come along to the next Burrungle shoot on Sunday July 26th for the second round of the competition to give Lake Bonney a fighting chance to take home the trophy.

On behalf of the club, President Mark Fabris presented a \$300 cheque to committee member Ian Lister (Squeak)

as a donation towards his Variety Club Bash Car's fundraising efforts. Ian along with his mate and fellow club member Reg Hamilton head off in August for this year's Bash, we wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their adventure on their return.

Shoot offs were needed to decide the winners in AA, A and B grade, Mark Fabris took out High Gun from Leigh Peterson, Tom Brennan out shot Gary Banning for first in A Grade and Plum Werchon secured third in B grade from Trevor Whitehead. Tom Brennan also managed to win the money in the flash five.



C Grade



Ian Lister



## JULY RESULTS

High Gun		Mark Fabris	47
AA Grade	1st	Leigh Peterson	47
	2nd	Malcolm Whitehead	47
	3rd	Aaron Leopold	45
A Grade	1st	Tom Brennan	46
	2nd	Gary Banning	46
	3rd	Jamo	45
B Grade	1st	Jeremy Helliier	46
	2nd	Allan Cowin	46
	3rd	Plum Werchon	44
C Grade	1st	Peter Bull	43
	2nd	Jordan Cox	39
	3rd	Colin Murray	38
Veterans	1st	Chris Von Stanke	46
	2nd	Neville Kent	46
	3rd	Peter Hales	45
Super Vets	1st	Bob Hammatt	
	2nd	Kevin Dyson	
	3rd	Peter Klieve	
Ladies	1st	Maddie Redman	41
	2nd	Vicki Fabris	35
	3rd	Meagan Millard	26
Juniors	1st	Sav Palma	41
Sun Junior	1st	Ralph Palma	35
	2nd	Jack Johnstone	32
	3rd	Liam Lewis	30

# 2015 SAFGA STATE SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2015 SAFGA State Sporting Clays Championship was held on the weekend of the 5th and 6th of September at the Rocky Gully Range Monarto. The range is always lush and green at this time of the year and the workers at Rocky Gully had gone to some length to have the grounds looking their best.



The comments in the Club house at the end of day one indicated clearly that the hard work put in by the two target setting teams had produced two really great courses. Only minor

changes were made at the inspection on Friday by the State Target Shooting Director John Torresan. Praise for target setters is fairly rare at any time but this time there was plenty and it came from very experienced shooters who have been around for quite a while. The only slight draw back being the weather for about an hour on Sunday; unfortunate but unavoidable. Apart from that the consensus was that it was a terrific and highly entertaining shoot.

Originally the plan was for this to be a 200 target event shot over four courses. After representation from those who need to travel long distances the programme was reduced to 150 to give this group of loyal shooters time to be on the road before dark. This change turned out to be a very good one as it allowed plenty of time for the Handicap Shoot Off for a gun provided by Winchester Australia. As this shoot off had nine shooters the extra time was definitely needed.

Two courses were set; the Winchester Fisher Firearms course was shot over open rolling ground before diving off into thick scrub for the final stand; the GB Corsivia Adelaide Gun Shop ground to the west made particular use of big trees and vegetation, lifting devices and the big tower. Both courses produced a very wide range of trajectories which tested shooters and required them to really think about how and where they were going to break targets. Needless to say the target setters did their best to force shooters to choose break points that made life difficult for them. The targets provided a wide range of technical challenges including shooting below the feet, high long crossing birds, shooting downhill, and targets appearing out of bunkers and targets that disappeared and then reappeared behind earth banks, trees, and scrub. There was also a good mix of distances from very close to further out.

- There was a smaller crowd this year with two super shoots in Victoria and with the Sunday being father's day keeping some away. Despite this the organisers were well pleased with the event as the event was highly entertaining to shoot and well organised. There are always a few glitches along the way but all in all the shoot went off very well. Greater support from some SAFGA Branches would have been appreciated as the State Championship is for everyone and is the grand finale of our SAFGA Clay Target Shooting season. Those that decided not to attend missed out on a really great shoot and the opportunity to be considered for the State Team to go to the Nationals.

This year, thanks to Winchester Australia, there was a CZ Red Head Grade 3 on offer as the prize for a handicap shoot off Sunday afternoon. The winners of all grades and categories shot off for the gun. Each shooter started with their handicap and then added to it as they hit targets. If the handicap system and the target setters got it right then all the shooters should have ended with a total score of 25. In fact only one shooter shot a score higher than 25 and that was Ron Rhook who shot a total of 26; this was enough for him to take home the gun. Two shooters had totals of 25 and three totalled 24. Only two totalled less than 20. Clearly the target setters got it pretty right in setting the two mini grounds for the shoot off. The spectators really enjoyed the shoot off and were able to follow the scores which were displayed on a white board behind the referee and scorer.



Winchester Rep Tim Steer present the CZ Red Head to winner Ron Rhook

There was also a handicap event run on the first day and again the target setters got the overall degree of difficulty pretty right. The total scores shot (handicap plus OTG) indicating that the course was probably 1 to 2 targets too soft. One would think this is about right for day one of a championship. That combined with the perfect weather ensured everyone had a great day. It is very unusual to hear so many positive

comments about the targets at an event as were heard after day 1.

Day two was to say the least different. The weather forecast was for rising winds to 20kph from the south east with a couple of showers. The last part of the forecast was correct, there were a few showers, rather heavy at times, but unfortunately the wind forecast turned out to be not quite correct. The State Target Director and a Club representative inspected the ground early and adjusted targets to allow for the forecast winds from the south east. The wind started out as predicted but unfortunately a storm cell developed and the winds changed direction by 180° and increased to around 80kph. Fortunately this lasted for only about an hour or so but for some shooters the damage had been done. Actually it was rather like shooting at Lang on one of those days when the wind and rain comes straight off the southern ocean. The target setters had allowed for some wind but for the short period some targets became more difficult. We need to remember at times like this that everyone is shooting in the same conditions unless of course you're lucky enough to be in the club house at that precise moment when the weather strikes. Some shooters powered through the conditions while others dropped targets. Looking down the score sheet this trend in scores stands out clearly.

There was only one shoot off to decide positions with Richard Dean and Barry Jane shooting off for 1st and 2nd in Super Vets. Richard was successful and then moved into the Handicap Shoot Off for the CZ Red Head.

A really big crowd moved to the shoot off stands for The Handicap Shoot Off which went very much according to plan as reported earlier. The scores got closer and closer after each stand was shot. In the end Ron Rhook came out on top and was the only shooter to shoot more than his handicap and then only by 1 target. Had Sub Junior Daniel Falco shot his last pair he would have tied on 26 with Ron. That shoot off would have been something to see. Progressive scores were displayed on a white board allowing the many spectators to track how their favourite was progressing. The gun was presented to Ron by the well-known Winchester Representative Tim Steer. Without great sponsors like Winchester prizes like this would not be possible. So a big "thank you" must go to Winchester and the other sponsors.

At the presentations John Torresan and SAFGA President Bryan Stokes thanked the Southern Branch for running an excellent event that was greatly enjoyed by all shooters. They also thanked

the generous sponsors GB Corsivia, Winchester Australia, Torresan Contract Bottling, Ink On Paper, Adelaide Gun Shop, Fisher Firearms and Coopers Brewery.



Over Winner & High Gun Sox Pilipasidis

A large group of shooters stayed for the presentations and joined in thanking the Committee and workers at Rocky Gully for all their hard work. All agreed that the shoot had been a great success. The association would again like to thank everyone at Rocky Gully for a terrific shoot.

Finally the State Team for 2015 was announced and brought forward to be introduced to the audience. Top qualifier was Jeremy Kent. The other members of the team are Ken Atkins, Rob Shawyer, Richard Dean, John Torresan, Tash Bellinger and Daniel Falco with Chris Ball being named the reserve.

RESULTS 2015 SAFGA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EX 150			
High Gun		Sox Pilipasidis	134
AA Grade	1st:	Jeremy Kent	129
	2nd:	Anthony Panetta	128
	3rd:	Chris Ball	126
A Grade	1st:	James Bologiannis	121
	2nd:	Tim Widdison	120
	3rd:	Alex Button	116
B Grade	1st:	Jason Hefford	105
	2nd:	Adam Brewer	91
	3rd:	Al Scheidel	90
C Grade	1st:	Glen Benham	91
	2nd:	Ben Verbena	87
	3rd:	Mark Pohl	85
Veterans	1st:	Ron Rhook	130
	2nd:	Robert Passarin	124
	3rd:	Rob Shawyer	123
S/Veterans	1st:	Richard Dean	123/10
	2nd:	Barry Jane	123/8
	3rd:	John Torresan	121
Ladies	1st:	Tash Bellinger	101
	2nd:	Jill Marden	78
	3rd:	Sarah Harris	77
Juniors	1st:	James McNeil	49
Sub Jun	1st:	Daniel Falco	115





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## VICTORIAN SEPTEMBER REPORT

I was about a third of the way through writing a report, I had written something about the Leach memorial, Ladies and junior training camp and the English sporting Nationals. Then thought to myself, I wonder what Ray had written about, quick phone call and lo and behold the first three things he had wrote about were the same as I had written, so highlight- then hit the delete button, gone.

What to write about, I could talk about the antics of certain people whilst I was in WA last weekend to shoot Wannamals two dayer should I, no - thinking thinking can't think of anything, stuff it I will, first up - I missed my flight, I told people the reason was I was running late, but to be honest I didn't miss my flight, Qantas bumped me to the next flight as there wasn't enough food on the plane for Robbie Hall and myself.

Second - Robbie has a new friend, HULK a 1200 kg Speckle Park bull (ask Rob about this one) it must of shook him up a bit because when TT and I got back to the Ute Rob had sculled all the beer. Third - Set up on the Friday, its pissing down rain, TT and I yelling at each other deciding on target presentation when Kym Halbert says to Tony "I feel crook I'm going back to the clubrooms" - Tony - "no you're not! Last time you did that you drank all the beer." (NZ revisited). Fourth, Wannamal members have purchased a dozen 'Dongas' (huts joined in rows of six) and some certain person we won't mention names kept everybody awake with his snoring both nights - how dare you Bill. Fifth - pig on a spit on Saturday night, yeah baby - "Do you want a beer TT?" yep! So I go to the esky- none there "those filthy Mexicans drinking all the beer", thanks Brownie, Robbie, Johnnie and Kelly- you beer

thieves. All in all I think the Vic's enjoyed the atmosphere and hospitality of their hosts and the sand groopers enjoyed the company / ability of the Mexicans. Check out Wannamals FB page if you like **Website/ Facebook**

The VSCA website that was supposed to be up and running by now has been put on the permanent backburner, the National Webpage will be updated to each state having a page on the National site and probably a central membership for the whole association. So with this happening VSCA have their own Facebook page now to keep people up to date with things, like most things just remember to keep things nice and respectful and remember the code of conduct. Check out the different state clubs with their own FB page as well, Geelong, Mornington and Little River.

**Phil Rendell ■**

## GEELONG SPORTING CLAYS

The inaugural Leach Memorial event in honour of Joyce and Fred Leach was conducted at the Geelong Sporting Clays Range.

It honours over 40 years that the Leach Family and Joyce's parents Ivy and Ed Morgan have allowed Sporting Clay events to be conducted on their property at Mughebuloc.

146 competitors entered and it was especially pleasing to see 16 Ladies and 16 Juniors taking part.

The event was over 100 targets with 50 targets being shot in the one visit. Two 8 Stand Ranges were used with a total of 48 traps.

The A Range was set by Wayne and Blake Nankervis with the B Range set by Phil Rendell.

Both ranges provided a great variety of sporting targets that were very testing but extremely pleasing to shoot. The scores achieved were remarkable considering the target difficulty, while there were many difficult targets, they

were presented as being very visible and true in flight.

I shot in the same squad as Matt Libbis and John Leach, Matt had a great day and finished with 93/100 which I considered a winning score, imagine my surprise when getting back to the clubhouse to see James Clancy come in with 98/100, a remarkable performance three possibles and a 23/25.

Scores in all the categories were also high and bodes well with the World Championships coming up in late July.

The following day we conducted the National Ladies and Juniors Training Camp. This was funded partly out of the proceeds of the Australian Grand Prix courtesy Warrnambool SSAA and also by the Geelong Sporting Clays Club at no cost to FGFA. Participants were from Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and Victoria.

State Coaching Director Renae Birgan had a complement of Australia's best Coaches available and all participants were elated at the success of the day.

### GELLONG RESULTS

AA Grade	1st:	James Clancy	98/100
	2nd:	Chris Brown	93/100
	3rd:	Sox Pilipasidis	93/100
A Grade	1st:	Andrew Hobbs	91/100
	2nd:	Scott O'Brien	85/100
	3rd:	Andrew Fiek	83/100
B Grade	1st:	Don Sgarbossa	84/100
	2nd:	Neville Foot	78/100
	3rd:	Phil Dumesny	77/100
C Grade	1st:	James Palfreeman	70/100
	2nd:	J. McGrath	62/100
	3rd:	M Donaahue	58/100
Veterans	1st:	John Leach	88/100
	2nd:	Bob Brown	82/100
	3rd:	Colin MacPherson	81/100
S/Veterans	1st:	Rex Barber	78/100
	2nd:	Warwick Cumberland	77/100
	3rd:	Jake Johns	75/100
Ladies	1st:	Renae Birgan	86/100
	2nd:	Felicity Paglia	83/100
	3rd:	Anna Hirschfield	78/100
Juniors	1st:	Jeremy Paglia	87/100
	2nd:	Alex Towns	83/100
	3rd:	Adam Shale	81/100
Sub Juniors	1st:	Mark Durose	85/100
	2nd:	Bryce Paglia	81/100
	3rd:	B Morey	65/100

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# PERTH METRO FIELD & GAME WANNEROO SPORTING CLAYS

Welcome to the new members  
**Christopher F, Owen T and Keiton P**

A well attended rifle shoot was held on July 26. It is great to see some young guys joining in and doing quite well for their grades. Also some visitors hope you enjoyed and will come back and join our club.

JULY RIFLE SHOT RESULTS			
High Gun		Andrew Peters	560/600
Open	1st	Keiton Puzey (Visitor) 485	485/600
	2nd	Andre du Toit	400/600
	3rd	Stuart Wynn	400/600
Veterans	1st	Leon Shroy	325/600
	2nd	Tony Smith	250/600
	3rd	John Schnell	240/600
Juniors	1st	Jack Barclay (Visitor)	340/600
	2nd	Jack Dutton	190/600
	3rd	Cooper Dutton	95/600

Wanneroo hosted another of its signature shoots on August 9, being the Enhanced Landscapes 100. This shoot is sponsored by Perth member Mike Hudspith, Director of Enhanced Landscapes. Mike has sponsored this shoot for several years. Along with his wife Leanne, daughter Danielle, son-in-law Tim and their daughter Michaela,

son Zac and his girlfriend Sam took on the role of catering for the day. The whole Hudspith family has our upmost appreciation.

After quite a wet setup day on Saturday the weather proved to be quite good on the Sunday. We had 40 plus shooters coming along and all had a great day. Shoot offs for 2 & 3rd in A grade and for 3rd in C grade. It was also good to see sub junior, Byron getting amongst it; using his new gun for only the second time and doing very well indeed. Also, congratulations to M McDonald on a 92/100.

ENHANCED LANDSCAPE 100 RESULTS			
High Gun		M McDonald	92/100
A Grade	1st	P Grayer	85/100
	2nd	J Yozi	84/100
	3rd	K Green	70/100
B Grade	1st	N Cobb	72/100
	2nd	C Pethrick	70/100
C Grade	1st	N Melanko	74/100
	2nd	N Jeary	73/100
	3rd	Jason	59/100
Ladies	1st	T Grayer	69/100
Veterans	1st	D Knight	81/100
	2nd	Roger	74/100
Juniors	1st	M Robins	54/100
Sub Juniors	1st	B Plaisted - Jones	48/100

## WHAT’S COMING UP AT WANNEROO?

- A tray back ute to get around the grounds and make life a little easier for all who give up their time to set up & pull down the shoots.
- The State Team Challenge on Sunday the 27th of September. This is great day where teams are pitched against each other so come along and join in the fun.
- A 100 bird English sporting shoot on November 8.

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

Rifle had their last qualifier for the 2015 Championship on Sunday 23 August.

It was a very nice day for shooting, but only 10 shooters and 1 visitor attended. He might join, as he asked for a membership application form.

AUGUST RIFLE SHOT RESULTS			
High Gun		JP de Beer	480/600
Open	1st	Andrew Peters	470/600
	2nd	Mark Williams	390/600
	3rd	SFrancois du Plessis	285/600
Veterans	1st	Hendrik de Beer	450/600
	2nd	Tony Smith	335/600
	3rd	Leon Shroy	290/600
Juniors	1st	Boyd Peters	341/600

## WANNAMAL SPORTING CLAYS

### 2-Day Classic

On the 22nd and 23rd of August Wannamal hosted it's third 2 Day Classic.

This year we had managed to secure some great sponsors in GB Corsiva and Beretta Australia, which guaranteed interest from all the clubs and as hoped would attract some of the boys and girls from the east coast.

Well the Friday came and the Wannamal faithful took to the grounds led by Tony Trainor and the Can-am brigade to set up. Unfortunately it seemed like we had received our annual rainfall on the day the boys did a great job setting a challenging course in torrential weather, the place had soon turned into a mud bowl and the whispers were a plenty that rain will keep them away!

Friday night the hoards were treated to good old Wannamal hospitality with our master of the kitchen "Coops" dishing up enough spag bol to feed a small African Nation.

Saturday morning and we awoke to perfect conditions, clear sky's ready for a great days shooting. Our sponsor for

the day was Force Equipment who had put up some fantastic prizes for our first day of competition. The boys sat patiently at the NOMS bench wondering if they'd come and come they did with 80 shooters fronting up for the first day.

As the scores came in there were early signs that the competition was on, Chris Brown had dropped a few closely followed by Colin George and Michael McDonald hot on his heels after the first 50. Back out for the afternoon rounds and Chris Brown showed he was the one to beat for the weekend posting 96/100 to win the first day. Colin George kept up the pace putting a respectable 89 on the board. One of the highlights was sub junior Danon Randazzo who was just warming up putting a 79 on the board at the end of day one.

Saturday night rolled round and as I looked across the camping ground it was a sea of caravans, camper trailers and tents which only meant one thing, a big night in the Wannamal club house. Coops had his work cut out with more than 50 for dinner. As usual he took it in his stride and with his kitchen harem

the masses were treated to a feast that Ramsey would be proud of finishing with ice cream for dessert. The night grew long and loud I'm pretty sure our set up crew had a plan to over indulge Robbie Hall with an array of interesting concoctions and I'm sure a contract was written up in the wee hours to make Robbie a Wannamal member but some how this has come at a cost to me.

Day two and it was our 5th State Selection Shoot. Again the numbers rolled to the NOMS bench with another 80 shooters ready for more of the previous days competition. After the first fifty it was clear that some of the boys had not quite recovered and others had hit the ground running. John Younger was starting to close the gap on Chris Brown, whilst Robbie Hall showed the boys it would take more than a couple of drinks to put him off his game with a respectable 46/50 in the morning round.

Our local contingent didn't let the side down with Rhys "Booge" Howard putting a 25 on the board to keep up with boys from the east.

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► As the afternoon rounds rolled in it was tight at the top with only a few targets separating the first few places. John Younger stood out from the rest posting 92/100 to take the day from Robbie Hall 88/100 and as mentioned above our 16yo sub junior Danon showed all the grades he is poised to be a future champion coming with 83/100 well done Danon.

Our major sponsor for the weekend was Bruce Burns from GB Corsiva. As we all know Bruce is a big supporter of our sport and we were thrilled when he agreed to come to WA and sponsor our shoot, not only putting up countless slabs of ammo for grade prizes but also \$2450 in cash for one lucky shooter in the "Lucky Drawn Score" shoot off.

The score was drawn from the hat and 111 was the lucky number, the four closest scores to this number were finalized and the 5 hopefuls including Bruce himself headed for the shoot off. With over \$2K up for grabs nerves were a plenty, sweaty palms and shaking hands trying to drop in the shells as the shooting began. There were a few tense moments and as the scores were tallied it was Brian Backhouse who came out on top from Craig Ellis by one target. Well done Brian and thank you Bruce, this is fantastic concept where every shooter has the chance to win big not just the boys at the top end.

As weekend drew to a close and the scores were finalized Chris Brown was crowned High Gun for the weekend taking home a new Silver Pigeon shotgun proudly supplied by Beretta Australia.

Congratulations to all the winners for both Saturday and Sunday.

WEEKEND OVERALL RESULTS		
High Gun	Chris Brown	184
AA	John Younger	179
A	Colin George	165
B	Steve Tunnicliffe	154
C	Nick "Bomber" Malenko	145
Vets	Dave Knight	155
Ladies	Kelly Norris	165
Juniors	Danon Randazzo	162

Last but not least, this weekend would not be possible without our devoted members

Although I can't name everyone there are a few that need special mention. Our set up crew led by Tony Trainor, boys you know who you are every shoot come rain hail or shine you're out setting the course. Bill Clarke and Phil Rendell thanks for your hours of prep making sure the traps were in top shape before the shoot.



Kelly Norris -  
Wannamal

John Younger,  
Rob Hall AA Grade

State Winner

Our Kitchen ladies led by Helen Cooper, Leanne Hudspith, Gay Shipp and Sue Ellis, ladies you deserve a medal. Coops what can we say, you don't stop from dawn to dusk. Not only organizing all the supplies for the weekend, cooking up a storm each night, but also tending to any problem that arises, support second to none.

Colin, Nick, Matt, Sue and Carrie the job nobody likes the NOMS office, thanks to you all it has never run so smooth.

Thank you to all that travelled to the event, the ladies and gents that travelled from the east thank you for your support, bring more people next year!

Finally too our sponsors for the weekend. Bruce Burns from GB Corsiva, Beretta Australia, Force Equipment and BCF Balcatta. Thank you for supporting our 2-Day Classic, sponsors are hard to come by and we appreciate all your efforts in making the weekend a success.

### Glenn Povey

President - Wannamal Sporting Clays

WANNAMAL CLASSIC DAY 1 RESULTS SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST			
O/A		Chris Brown	96/100
AA Grade	1st	John Younger	87/100
AA Grade	2nd	Tony Trainor	86/100
A Grade	1st	Colin George	89/100
	2nd	Ken Green	83/100
	3rd	Jason Yozzi	82/100
B Grade	1st	Aidan Cooper	78/100
	2nd	Alastair Crookes	73/100
	3rd	Steve Tunnicliffe	72/100
C Grade	1st	Nick Melanko	76/100
	2nd	Neil Jeary	66/100
	3rd	Alan Curtin	64/100
Ladies	1st	Kelly Norris	69/100
	2nd	Tracey Grayer	69/100
Veterans	1st	David Knight	81/100
	2nd	Steve Bastow	79/100
	3rd	Roger Kerslake	77/100
Juniors	1st	Morgan Robins	69/100
	2nd	Sam Sloan	39/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Danon Randazzo	79/100
	2nd	Willian Freni-Lizzi	48/100

WANNAMAL 5TH STATE QUALIFIER RESULTS SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST			
High Gun		John Younger	92/100
AA Grade	1st	Robert Hall	89/100
AA Grade	2nd	Chris Brown	88/100
A Grade	1st	Doug Coleman	84/100
	2nd	Phil Rendell	82/100
	3rd	Rhys Howard	81/100
B Grade	1st	Steve Tunnicliffe	75/100
	2nd	Glenn Jones	74/100
	3rd	Ian Range	72/100
C Grade	1st	Ben Royer	68/100
	2nd	Andrew Charleson	67/100
	3rd	Fred Carnaby	65/100
Ladies	1st	Kelly Norris	74/100
Veterans	1st	Dave Knight	83/100
	2nd	Bob Brown	82/100
	3rd	Bill Clarke	78/100
Juniors	1st	Morgan Robbins	58/100
	2nd	Sam Sloan	54/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Danon Randazzo	83/100
	2nd	Willian Freni-Lizzi	55/100

WANNAMAL CLASSIC 2 DAY RESULTS O/A 22ND & 23RD AUGUST			
High Gun		Chris Brown	184/200
AA Grade	1st	John Younger	179/200
AA Grade	2nd	Robert Hall	172/200
A Grade	1st	Colin George	165/200
	2nd	Doug Coleman	164/200
	3rd	Ken Green	162/200
B Grade	1st	Steve Tunnicliffe	147/200
	2nd	Aidan Cooper	147/200
	3rd	Alastair Crookes	144/200
C Grade	1st	Nick Melanko	146/200
	2nd	Matt Shipp	126/200
	3rd	Ben Royer	125/200
Ladies	1st	Kelly Norris	145/200
	2nd	Tracey Grayer	133/200
Veterans	1st	Dave Knight	164/200
	2nd	Bobby Brown	158/200
	3rd	Steve Bastow	154/200
Juniors	1st	Danon Randazzo	162/200
	2nd	Morgan Robbins	127/200
	3rd	Willian Freni-Lizzi	103/200
	4th	Sam Sloan	93/200

CORSIVA GB AMMO DRAWN SCORE RESULTS			
WINNER	1st	Brian Backhouse	\$2,450

# THREE SPRINGS SPORTING CLAYS

## John Page Memorial Shoot

Three Springs Sporting Clays held the annual "John Page Memorial" and this was a great day with a good range of targets.

The John Page Memorial is run under the shooters book handicap with 42 shooters in attendance. It was a very close race with the winner being Wannamal member Nick Melanko High gun with a 58.

Special thanks to all the sponsors for the shoot especially Clayton Dennis who put up a .22 rifle and scope and Winchester Australia for Ammo gun bags and Knives.

## WA 4th State Qualifier Three Springs

The 4th State qualifying was held on Sunday the 2nd of August with 52 shooters, it was a good turn out and the targets were fantastic. We would like to thank Kevin Dodd, Bill Clarke, Vern Godfrey, Mick Thomas, Chris Burke, Peter Sonneman, Bill Truscott for setting the two courses we would also like to thank Tony Trainor for the final set up and presentation of the targets I believe the targets at all state qualifying have been of a high standard.

We would also like to thank all kitchen helpers Penny Dodd, Kristy Vantrien, and

Lorraine Sonneman, Ellie Jones, Anne Thomas, Terry Truscott, Wally and Sue Kendrick that prepare the most incredible meals over the weekend that most restaurants would be jealous of, our sincerest appreciation.

I would also like to thank the Three Springs team Neil and Linda Hebiton, Harvey and Lisa Turner, Leanne Spencer, Stuart Johnston, Terry Marsden, Clayton Dennis, Roy Crisp, Simon McKay, Glenn Jones for all the work on the day and throughout the year

Congratulations to all the winners for the State Qualifier

**Gary Turley**

*Three Springs Sporting Clays*



THREE SPRINGS 4TH STATE QUALIFIER SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST			
O/A		Tony Trainor	83/100
A Grade	1st	Clayton Dennis	82/100
	2nd	Ross Bryant	81/100
	3rd	Ben Sgro	79/100
B Grade	1st	Glenn Povey	81/100
	2nd	Peter Grayer	77/100
	3rd	Rohan Shawcross	73/100
C Grade	1st	Alastair Crookes	72/100
	2nd	Nick Melanko	71/100
	3rd	Neil Hebiton	60/100
Veterans	1st	Grant Cooper	76/100
	2nd	David Knight	74/100
	3rd	Bill Clarke	70/100
Ladies	1st	Jackie Shawcross	32/100
Juniors	1st	Gary Shawcross	50/100
Sub Junior	1st	Danon Randazzo	62/100



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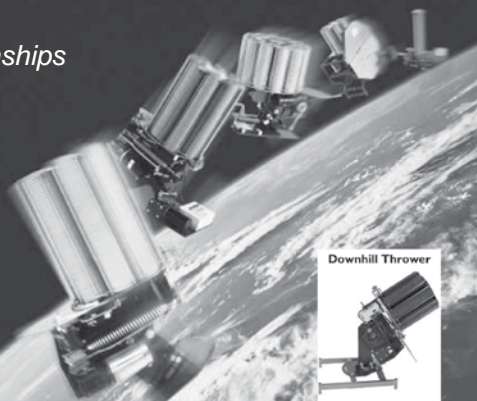
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| <b>5. National Junior Championships</b>          | <b>1st-3rd</b> |
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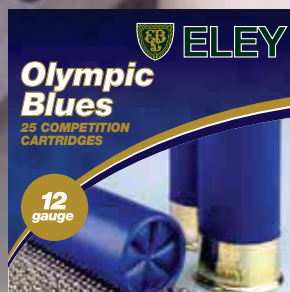






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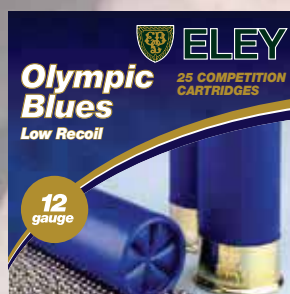


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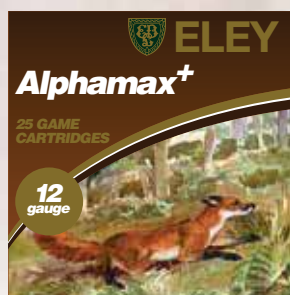
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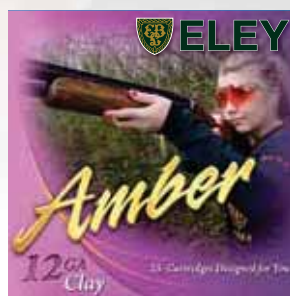
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