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SCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well here we are and it's nearly Christmas. This year has really flown by.

We just had the SCA Annual General Meeting in early November. I'm proud to say that I'll be President for another year. In other key positions carrying over for 2018 we'll have Ralph Ali as Vice President, Glen Rider as Secretary, Kathy Cain as Treasurer and Ray McFarlane as Executive Advisor. A new face on board is Wendel Litchfield who will step in as Director of Coaching. I thank Anthony Panetta for his dedication to the role in 2017.

Moving forward, we have set our competition calendar for the next two years. This will give the members that want to shoot these shoots plenty of time to organise holidays and accommodation. It will also enable SCA staff to advertise and promote these events. You may have already seen that nominations are open for the 2018 season on the SCA website. Details can also be found in this edition of the magazine. We'll release information about competitions for 2019 in the coming months.

I'd like to thank all our sponsors who make these events possible. You only have to look at the prize table at all of our major competitions to see what sponsors do for our sport. Their contribution at all levels is outstanding. Please look after the sponsors that look after us when buying products to shoot.

Thank you to our major sponsors this year: Beretta, Clay and Hunt, GB Corsiva (now Outdoor Trading Company), Perazzi, OSA, Winchester

I would also like to acknowledge the Club, State and National committee members and volunteers who enable us to enjoy our sport and make everything happen. Having meetings, running competitions, working in the kitchen, setting up and maintaining the grounds, welcoming new members etc. all gets done in what might be referred to as their "free time", but the value of what they do is absolute gold. To all those people – thank you!

Finally, to the members of Sporting Clays Australia. It's been a fantastic season and I'd like to thank you for your ongoing support and passion. I'm looking forward to another successful year and hope you are too. Take care over the holidays and we'll see you in the New Year.

Yours in Shooting,

Tony Trainor
SCA President

2017 AGM NOTICE

We wish to advise of the following change to the Sporting Clays Australia Executive Team (Office Bearers) after the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was held on 11 November 2017.

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR FROM Anthony Panetta TO Wendel Litchfield.

More about Wendel Litchfield on next page.

FAST X FIVE

with SCA Treasurer Kathy Cain

The person who introduced me to shooting was my grandfather. He used to take us roo shooting as kids, I always loved it.

I got involved at Brisbane Sporting Clays and Sporting Clays Australia when all three kids took up shooting. It was either go shopping or get involved. I decided the latter was a cheaper option.

When I'm not at work or the range I like to... It's not very often that I haven't been at work or the range over the last couple of years.

The best range I've visited overseas is Coyote Valley Sporting Clays. They were really organised. Sign on at the range was a computer touchscreen induction and we got around on golf buggies.

If I could have a superpower it would be supersonic speed so I could multitask faster.

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR



To be honest, I was a little surprised when I was approached about taking on the role of National Coaching Director. Not having the many years of shooting experience that others have had in the sport, the offer came out of left field. As I'm not one to be a passenger in a sport I love, I decided to step up and do the best job I can.

Firstly, I would like to thank Anthony Panetta for all the hard work he has put into the job to date. I know he has a great deal of passion for coaching and for shooting in general and the

information he has passed onto me will be invaluable in the coming year. I look forward to building on the foundations that Anthony has laid out and no doubt I will be picking his brain for information from time to time.

My background in coaching didn't begin with shooting, it began with team sports. I have played lacrosse in South Australia for almost 40 years at various levels, from club to state level, and have been involved with coaching my Club's men's State League side for almost 10 years and have obtained coaching accreditation through that system. Although the specifics of the sports may be vastly different, the importance of generating and running structured coaching programs remains of high importance for the future of new shooters of all ages.

With more and more people picking up shooting sports for the first time as adults, rather than children, having a solid coaching program for clubs to help these people start in the sport is a prime goal.

A key goal for this role is to make the process of becoming a basic club coach simplified, to allow more people to undertake the course and be able to help out with new shooters at their local level, often where they are needed the most. I also hope to get some more well-accredited coaches established in some of the states where they have been scarce. I realise it will be a long process and finding willing people to take on those jobs is often the hardest part of the task. I look forward to the year ahead. I know it will be challenging but no doubt, rewarding as well.

Sincerely,

Wendel Litchfield
National Director - Coaching

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HUNTING AND HABITAT UPDATE

- by Howard Barks

OUTBACK SURVIVAL – W.A.F.G.A. MEMBERS SAVE FAMILY

I'm writing about a very different topic for this edition focusing on a real life event from which we can all learn.

In September, one of our W.A.F.G.A. teams was carrying out voluntary feral animal control activities on pastoral properties in a remote area of Upper Gascoyne region. They came across a family with a disabled vehicle on a little-used road over 1,200km from Perth. They had not seen a vehicle since early the previous day when found.

The circumstances: school holidays, 4WD towing a camper trailer, family of four (parents and two boys), punctured tyre, spare wheel was fitted, the family drove on and a few kilometres further down the road they had another puncture. No second spare, no tyre repair gear, no satellite phone, no emergency beacon. Result? The family was stranded over 80km from nearest cattle station where help may be available.

Our guys were on their way from base camp to another cattle station when they encountered the stranded family and stopped to render assistance. They quickly found out the wife was about to attempt to walk for help which would have resulted in a certain fatality. An attempt by our guys to repair the tyres was not successful so two of our members drove to the closest "station" with the two wheels, arranged to get the tyres repaired and returned to get the family moving again. This was a round trip of 160km taking over four hours.

Needless to say, the family was very grateful and now have a different and very positive outlook to unshaven men with firearms!

Lessons for all of us:

- Always have two complete spare wheels when going off the bitumen.
- Have a satellite phone or at least an emergency beacon.
- Install a UHF radio. Even though they only transmit over relatively short distance it could be a life saver.
- Have tyre repair gear and know how to use it. At minimum, carry a tyre plug kit and air compressor.
- Set up a system so people know to raise the alarm if you don't reach a destination by an agreed timetable.
- Carry food and water sufficient for several days (this was the only thing the family had, which could have been their lifesaver).
- Never leave the vehicle. In this instance there would have almost certainly been a fatality.
- Carry a decent First Aid kit.

I'm not sure what systems other SCA States have in place, but W.A.F.G.A. H&H have set protocols to cover these circumstances, which includes the use of a handbook called "Aids To Survival" produced by WA Police. It's available in electronic format and if anyone would like a copy, send me an email at hbsm7@bigpond.com and I'll email it to you.

On a happier note trust you have had a productive and safe year out and about hunting, with many more hunts to come.

Best wishes for Christmas & the New Year

Congratulations GLEN RIDER

Sporting Clays Australia Secretary, Glen Rider, has been awarded Life Membership at the SCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November.

Glen has been on the Association's Executive Team since the year 2000, first as the National Coaching Director before moving to the position of Secretary in 2002. He was also the National Team Manager for 13 years (2003-2016).

SCA President, Tony Trainor, presented Glen with a plaque and badge at the AGM and thanked him for his dedication to the Sporting Clays Australia community. Glen volunteers countless hours of time to the sport at all levels, fulfilling the role of State Target Director for Queensland and also Secretary duties for Brisbane Sporting Clays.

Congratulations Glen!



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Christopher Mennes, 17, Brisbane Sporting Clays



Mathew Wilesmith, 18, Bermagui F & G
Bryce Paglia, 18, Mornington F & G and Luke Willemsen, 17, Geelong F & G



Tristan Noble, 13, Echidna Park Sporting Clays



Nick Brighenti, 13, Ardlethan Beckom Sporting Clays



Maxine Campbell, 15, Daylesford F & G



Connor de Klerk, 15, Brisbane Sporting Clays



Brendan O'Brien, 14, Daylesford F & G



Xavier Russell, 15, Bendigo F & G



Jack Roth, 16, Mudgee Sporting Clays



Kate Cooper, 14, Echidna Park Sporting Clays



Mason Bowles, 11, Harvey Sporting Clays



Rebekah Wright, 17, Beaudesert Sporting Clays



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Taylah Roth, 14, Mudgee Sporting Clays



Reece Cain, 19, Brisbane Sporting Clays



Billy Cain, 17, Brisbane Sporting Clays



Brodie VonStanke, 13, South East F & G



Shakielle VonStanke, 12, South East F & G



Declan Wright, 12, South East F & G

2017 SNAPSHOT

FEBRUARY

Some keen shooters headed across the ditch before the Sporting Clays Australia (SCA) competition calendar kicked off and came home with a medal or two.

February was a big month on the New Zealand Sporting Clays calendar with the 2017 New Zealand FITASC Grand Prix, 2017 North Island Sporting Clay Championship and 2017 New Zealand Sporting Championship taking place within days of each other.

John Younger took top honours at the Grand Prix and the Sporting Championship, claiming victory in shoot-offs at both events. Adam Hirschfield was the overall winner at the North Island Championship after fending off New Zealander Adam Green for 1st place. Felicity Richardson (nee Paglia) made it a clean sweep in the Ladies and brother, Bryce, also shot consistently for a 2nd, 1st, 1st finish across the competitions. Katrina Clancy was another familiar face on the podium, bringing home 3rd, 2nd and 2nd in C Grade.

Images below are courtesy of Hutt Valley Clay Target Club.



Chris Ziesler (Beretta NZ) with NZ Sporting Championship winner John Younger



Adam Hirschfield with his North Island Sporting Clay Championship sash



North Island Sporting Clay Championship winners Felicity Richardson (Ladies), Bryce Paglia (Juniors) & Ken Triffit (Super Vets)

MARCH

The SCA competition season got underway with the 15th FITASC Australian Grand Prix. Over 200 competitors headed to Warrnambool, Victoria to see who'd take out the first major of the year.

Perfect rounds were few and far between and although there was something for everyone, challenging targets had been set to test the skill of the top shooters. There was plenty of talent on the range though, particularly in the Open category with four shooters ending up on 186 at the end of Day Two, resulting in a shoot-off to finalise the placings. Chris Brown shot 190/200, making him the outright winner and 2017 Grand Prix Champion. Brittany Cole laid down the challenge from the get-go to claim the Ladies from fellow National teammates Felicity Richardson and Renae Birgan, bringing Renae's magnificent run of seven Australian Grand Prix titles to an end. Ross Clancy's victory in the Veterans came after scoring three 25 Straights over the weekend and beating Colin Johns in a shoot-off. Meanwhile Bryce Paglia continued his top form, shooting an impressive 180/200 to take out the Junior category.

Unfortunately, Chris Brown had to rush off straight after the shoot so wasn't there for the presentations, leaving Clay & Hunt sponsor/3rd placegetter Socrates "Sox" Pilipasidis holding the prize.



Bruce Burns (GB/Corsivia) with Open category placegetters Damien Birgan (4th), Brian Mortensen (2nd) and Sox Pilipasidis (3rd)

2017 SNAPSHOT

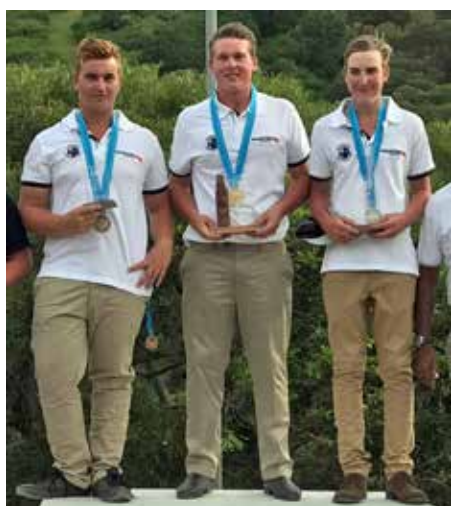
APRIL

Club de Tir Calédonien in Paita, New Caledonia hosted this year's FITASC Oceania Championships and word from the 40 Australian shooters who made the trip was that the venue was spectacular.

Aussie competitors took out podium positions in all categories and proved to be a dominant force throughout the three days of competition. Queenslander Damien Birgan came away with the overall Championship win, one target ahead of New Zealander Adam Green and five ahead of 3rd placegetter Yann Blanquet from New Caledonia. Other highlights from the competition included Mathew Wilesmith, Luke Willemsen and Billy Cain standing 1, 2, 3 on the podium in the Juniors and Australia winning all of the Team events.



Damien Birgan (centre) with Yann Blanquet (left) & Adam Green (right)



Billy Cain, Mathew Wilesmith & Luke Willemsen

MAY

It was back to Warrnambool for the 2017 Compak Nationals. Shooters took on 200 targets across four FITASC Compak layouts, with the top six going into the Super Final to decide the overall winner.

The weather may have been a bit wild but that didn't stop the highly competitive field from taking out the clays. Sox Pilipasidis was outstanding with four 25 Straights, two 24s, a 23 and a 21 to go into the final with 192/200. He maintained his top form to break 24/25 and was named the 2017 Compak National Champion. Scores were tight among the five remaining finalists (Chris Brown, Jacks Gibbs, Brenton Irons, Brian Mortensen and Adam DuRose). Brenton secured 2nd with 21/25. 3rd and 4th place went to Jack and Brian after an additional shoot-off.



Sox Pilipasidis, Brenton Irons, Jack Gibbs & Brian Mortensen

The Veteran and Super Veteran titles went to Ron Rhook (Vets) and Colin Barker (Super Vets) who claimed 1st on the podium by just one target in their shoot-offs. Renae Birgan scored the only 25 Straight amongst the Ladies and managed to win the category with a convincing 174/200. April Thompson and Anna Hirschfield made it a battle for 2nd and 3rd, finishing up on 149 and 148 out of 200 respectively. Mark DuRose put in a standout performance to clock up 182/200 and take home the win in the Juniors ahead of Queensland brothers Billy and Reece Cain.



Mark DuRose

2017 SNAPSHOT

JUNE

The English Sporting Nationals was the first SCA competition held outside of Victoria for the year. Brisbane Sporting Clays rolled out the big tower and set up some serious targets for competitors.

Queenslanders made up the bulk of attendees but there was a good turnout from New South Wales and Victoria as well.

Smashing pairs is the name of the game when it comes to English Sporting and even with near-perfect weather, the concept certainly tested a number of shooters (Anthony Panetta was the only person who managed a 25 Straight over the weekend). The winners of the A-C Grades and Ladies, Juniors, Veterans and Super Vets were cleanly decided, while the six-man Super Final would determine the 2017 Australian English Sporting National High Gun.

Four Queenslanders and two Victorians took on the final 25 targets: Billy Cain (QLD 182/200), Peter Tobin (QLD 179/200), Damien Birgan (QLD 177/200), Chris Brown (VIC 177/200), Jason Pole (QLD 174/200) and Jamie Dunn (173/200). Spectators were treated to a gripping finale with only one bird separating 1st to 4th place once all the scores were tallied. Chris Brown drew on the championship skill that saw him win the Grand Prix to secure his second title for the year on 196/225 with Peter Tobin in 2nd (195/225), Billy Cain in 3rd (194/225) and Damien Birgan in 4th (193/225).



Chris Brown, Damien Birgan, Billy Cain & Peter Tobin

JULY

With half the year done and dusted, it was off to Hungary for the 39th World FITASC Sporting Championship with a new-look SCA National Team suiting up to take on the world's best.

It was a tough course for our shooters. National Team Manager, Ralph Ali, summed it up by saying "WE DO NOT SHOOT TARGETS LIKE THIS". The terrain and trajectories of the layouts were unlike anything we could easily replicate in Australia; competitors from the USA and Europe surely had an advantage there. There were still some outstanding performances from the 49 Australian shooters who made the journey to Galgamácsa however, especially when you consider that there were around 1000 competitors at the event.

- The Ladies Team of Renae Birgan, Brittany Cole and Felicity Richardson are to be congratulated on their 3rd place win, finishing 7th, 10th and 25th respectively in the Ladies category.
- 19 people from the SCA fold placed in the Top 50 for their categories, including seven Juniors.
- John Younger and Damien Birgan managed a 25 Straight each (only 82 were recorded from the entire field) AND scored 23/25 (Younger) and 20/25 (Birgan) on Line Beretta, a fantastic achievement with the average sitting at 14/25.



3rd in the World! Renae Birgan, Felicity Richardson & Brittany Cole



2017 SNAPSHOT



SEPTEMBER

The Australian Sporting Clay Nationals is the biggest event on the SCA calendar and it just keeps getting better and better! Being treated to the 2017 OSA 'Champion of Champions' Series final was icing on the cake.

Echidna Park Sporting Clays pulled out all the stops for this year's Nationals. Forget the red carpet - they rolled out the green carpet for this one.



If someone said there was going to be 250 competitors at the event before it started, most people probably would have told them "you're dreaming". But with the prospect of shooting at a virtually new Club with 12,000 acres of spectacular grounds and a seafood buffet on the cards, the magic number was surpassed. 268 shooters - as well as spectators, event partners and vendors - made their way to Geraldton for three days of world-class action.

In the end there was only one target between the top five podium finishers, with New Zealander Brian Deadman clawing his way into 1st with a pair of 24/25s on the final day to snag the Aussie championship ahead of Damien Birgan, John Younger (there's that name again), Cameron Kivinen and Chris Brown. Cameron Kivinen showed everyone what's in store when he hits the Open division after finishing equal 1st with John Younger on Day One, eventually taking out the Junior title along with 4th place overall.

Brittany Cole won her second championship for the year and was joined on the podium once again by Felicity Richardson and Renae Birgan.

The Veterans category was decided with not one, but two shoot-offs. Chris Ball and John Leach on 177/200 battled it out for 1st and 2nd, with Chris edging out John with 22/25 versus 19/25 to get the top spot. Colin Johns's superb 24/25 earned him 3rd place over Chris Charleson (22/25) and Mark Gibbs (19/25).

Not to be outdone, the Super Vets went into a shoot-off with a three-way tie between John Torresan, Ross Christian and Alec Ceccato. The competition finished with John (18/25) ahead of Alec (17/25) with Ross in 3rd (16/25).

The Top Six shooters in attendance who qualified from the season's series of events battled it out for the trophy. Chris Brown, Damien Birgan, Billy Cain, Jeremy Kent, Socrates Pilipasidis and Brian Mortensen were the participants.

The OSA 'Champion of Champions' final was the second big drawcard on the program for the weekend, featuring the Top Six qualifying shooters from this season's series of events: Chris Brown, Damien Birgan, Billy Cain, Jeremy Kent, Sox Pilipasidis and Brian Mortensen. It was a tough slog, but it certainly showed the talent we have here in Australia.

It was game over for Billy (19/25), Brian (19/25) and Chris (22/25) after the initial three stands, with Damien, Jeremy and Sox tied and going into Sudden Death.

The 2017 Champion was to be decided with two targets: the C Teal and the Crosser D. Damien was first up and missed both, then Sox went 0/1. It all came down to Jeremy... who absolutely smashed the clays to become the OSA "Champion of Champions" series winner for 2017. It was a gutsy performance and a real spectacle for the crowd.





2017 SCA AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAY NATIONALS



IAN GRANT

SCA EXECUTIVE TEAM AND EVENT PARTNERS



SCA Q&A

with Ray McFarlane

Some refer to him as The Clayfather. Many consider him to be the patriarch of Sporting Clays in Australia. Read on and see how one of our sport's most respected characters takes on the SCA Q&A.

How did you get into shooting?

My father was a keen duck and rabbit shooter and from age nine I went hunting with him, my elder brother Charlie, and our cocker spaniel Whisky. My first shotgun was a Browning A5 Semi Automatic.

Was it something you were immediately hooked on, or did it take some time to get in competitor mode?

I loved hunting with my family as a youngster and then with my great friends Barry Cooper and John Lamb as I got older. It was very competitive. Simulated Field was a later addition at around 35 years of age.

What is the most challenging thing about sporting clays?

I love competition and in sporting clays you get this in spades. The challenging targets, competing against yourself to do the best you can. If that means you're a winner, great, but the main thing is to go home satisfied that you've had another great day's enjoyment doing what you love in the company of good friends.



Colin Johns with Ray at the 1990 Australian Sporting Clay Nationals

Ray tucking into a lobster before the 1992 World FITASC Sporting Championships in Okemo, USA



How has the sport changed over the years?

When I started in 1974 I joined Geelong Field and Game. They shot twice a month and the targets and shooting positions were exactly the same from shoot to shoot and year to year. The big change came in 1982 after the then Federation sent the first Australian Team to France to compete in the FITASC World Championships. On their return, we started the long road to becoming competitive on the world scene. In those days traps were all hand cocked and operated by shooters (or in the case at Geelong, by local Scout Groups).

Do you have any favourite venues?

In Australia I'd have to say Laang, Brisbane, Mudgee and just recently I fell in love with Echidna Park. My top overseas picks would be Wynyard Park (UK), Piancardato (Italy), Le Rabot (France) and Rotorua (New Zealand).

What's kept you so involved in the sport?

Sporting Clays is the pinnacle of the shotgun sports; it is never boring or dull, each time you go out the target types and trajectories are changed and you have to think your way around the various shooting stands. I also appreciate the great people you meet, watching Junior competitors from when they start and seeing what those who persevere become. It is all very rewarding; if I had my time over I would not change a thing.

Tell us about one key event that changed your life in a positive or negative way.

May 28 1956, the day I met my wife and she agreed to let me walk her home. Prior to this I was a reasonably wild child, a good fight was better than a good feed. Jean taught me a new way and led me along a new path.

What are some of the greatest achievements you've witnessed in the sport?

Seeing the Senior Team win gold at the 2000 World FITASC Sporting Championships – at last it was not a dream, but a reality.

Damien Birgan becoming World Champion in 2009.

Renae Birgan's silver medal at the 2012 World FITASC Sporting Championship and her two English Sporting World Champion wins.

Our wonderfully successful Ladies Teams and all the team and individual medals that we have achieved in World Championships. We Australians punch well above our weight.

You have a fair few titles to your name. What's your most memorable win?

All are special but to stand on the podium at a World Championship is special as it is not only for you, but also for Australia.

FITASC awarded you an honorary medal in 1988 for your contribution to the sport. How long have you been a member of the FITASC Committee?

I was first appointed to the FITASC Sporting Technical Commission in 1987, which came as a surprise as it was due to the resignation of Peter Morgan as the National Director Target Shooting for the Federation. That threw me in at the deep end to oversee the 10th World FITASC Sporting Championships at Geelong in 1988. It was very daunting as I had to travel to the Le Rabot club in France in 1987 to demonstrate my new system of shooting for FITASC Sporting. This was accepted by FITASC and after debuting at the World Championships in Geelong, it was adopted by FITASC and has been the system in use since. It allowed FITASC to go from hosting a maximum field of 288 competitors to being able to handle fields in excess of 1300.

I have been a FITASC Board Member since 1991 and a FITASC Vice President for the last 14 odd years.

Do you have any advice for someone wanting to get into shooting?

First, get some good advice in regards to buying your first shotgun. Getting it fitted to you is very important. Secondly, enquire at your local club as to what coaching or advice is available; the best and cheapest way to learn is to observe our top shooters and seek advice from them.

What do you say to people who are against shooting sports or are worried about their children participating?

I talk to them about how safe our sport is, what hoops we have to jump through to get a firearms licence and safe gun storage, etc. As far as children participating, I refer them to the Juniors who have come into our sport and what fine examples of lawful, respectable citizens of Australia they have become. I can go back to the Younger, Seymour and Gawley days on to Panetta, Johnson, Guerra, Irons, Brown, Nankervis and the Birgans and now to the likes of the Paglias, Wilesmith, etc. who are all Juniors through the ranks, all representatives in Australian teams, and not a dud among them.

Considering the enormous contribution you've made to the sport, what would you like your legacy to be?

I have no ambition to leave a legacy; our sport is in good hands and will prosper into the future. The best way to make sure we are always going forward is, if you see a job or task that needs doing – offer to help.

What I would like to do is thank the Sporting Clays Australia members for allowing me to serve them and in my own way, try to grow our wonderful sport. It's been a great ride and I have had a great time.

- by Erin Webb

RAY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

2x FITASC Sporting World Cup (Super Veterans Silver 2008 and Bronze 2009)

3x Gold FITASC Oceania Cup (Super Veterans 2009, 2010, 2011)

4x Gold FITASC Oceania Championships (Super Veterans 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015)

6x Australian Compak Nationals Titles (Veterans 1994 and 1996, Super Veterans 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015)

2x Australian Sporting Clay Nationals Titles (Super Veterans 2009 and 2011)

3x Australian Grand Prix Titles (Super Veterans 2009, 2010, 2011)

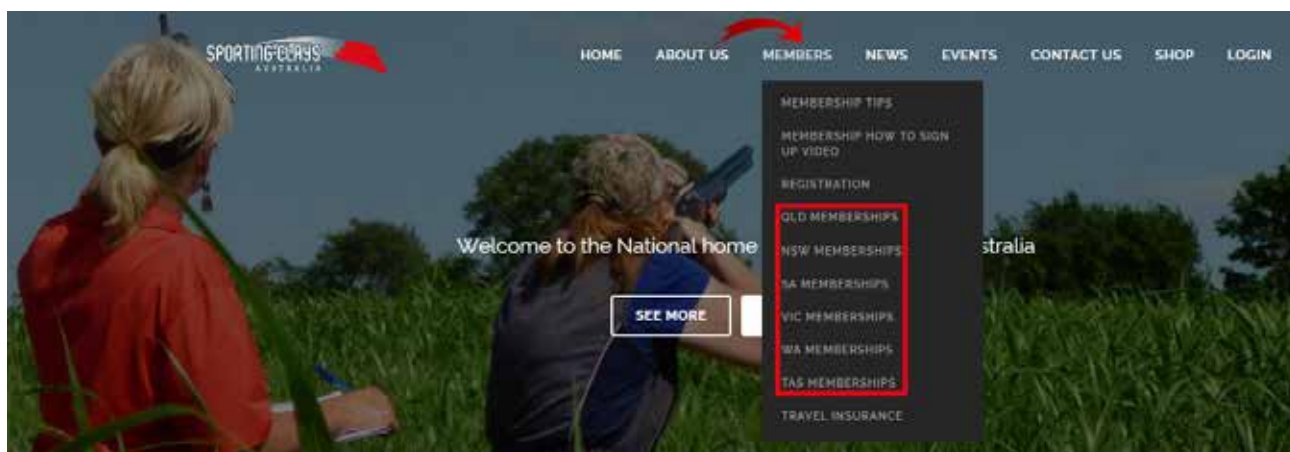


MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND COMPETITIONS

Things are wrapping up for 2017, which means many members will need to renew their membership and start planning for the 2018 competition season. Here's a quick reminder of what you need to do to make sure your membership's up to date and you've secured your spot at next year's national comps. **You'll also receive a reminder email 28 days, 14 days and 1 day prior to your membership expiring with instructions on how to renew (provided you're opted in to receive email notifications from us).**

PURCHASING/RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

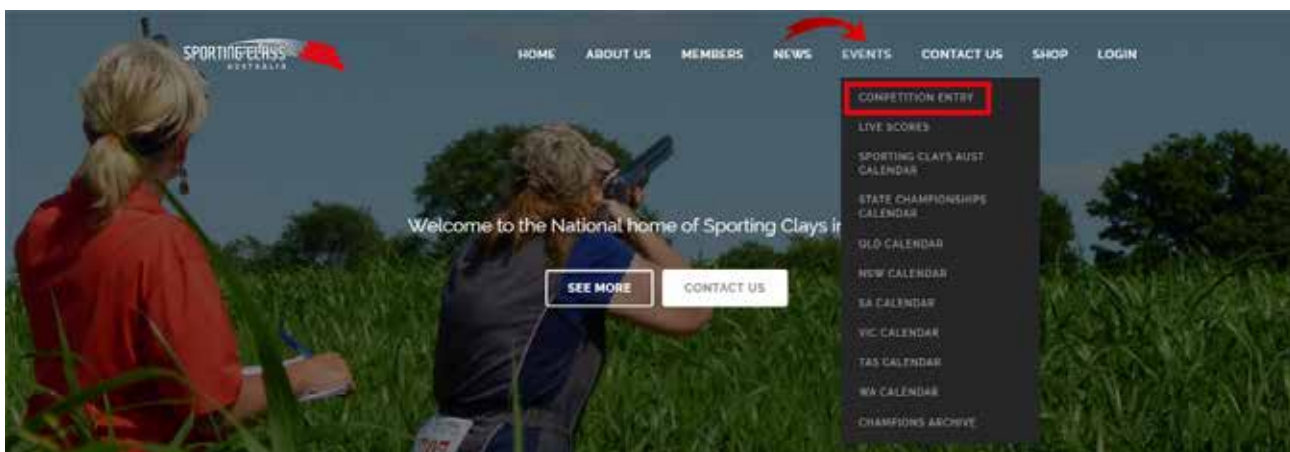
1. Go to the SCA website (sportingclaysaustralia.com.au/) > MEMBERS > choose your State.



2. Scroll down and select your Club from the options available.
3. On the following page, select the membership option you'd like to purchase.
4. Review your selection, then click the CHECK OUT button.
5. Log in to your account if prompted to do so.
6. Confirm your payment details, then click the PLACE ORDER button to complete your purchase.

ENTERING COMPETITIONS

1. Go to the SCA website (sportingclaysaustralia.com.au/) > EVENTS > COMPETITION ENTRY.



2. Scroll down and select the Competition you want to enter.
3. On the following page, find the category you want to compete in at the Competition and click the Sign Up Now! button.
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4. On the next page, check that the category and competition details are correct then click the Enroll button.
5. Review your selection, then click the CHECK OUT button.
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FACEBOOK AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA

It's almost impossible to get by these days without being online in one form or another. Section 3 of the SCA Code of Conduct includes information relating to Cyber Bullying & Social Media. This section of our rules was introduced to recognise the problems associated with these mediums and to help assist the Association and its members with a pathway in resolving differences. The first point of call in airing any issue should be through mediation, although this requires both parties to be receptive in sorting out any differences.

Any time you post a comment on these mediums the words are there for the world to see, not just the person you are communicating with. Written posts can also be taken out of context and an innocent play on humour can have a devastating ripple effect on all parties.

Unfortunately a minor disagreement at a club event in South Australia back in 2012 escalated from words through to expression on Facebook and social media pages. The escalation from this incident and the fallout is a prime example of the negative impact social media can have on lives. This situation drew many other members into its vortex (not by choice). The matter has been ongoing since then and one part of this incident has recently been resolved through the Supreme Court of South Australia. The outcome was very serious for one of the parties with two counts being applied and a sum of \$90,000 damages awarded to the other party. We understand court costs are still to be applied to this as well.

This is a timely reminder for all our members to be careful how you respond when you have a difference of opinion with anyone. More so, if you choose to communicate this on Facebook, other social media platforms and blogs.

Consider the following

- You have usually known each other for a number of years and shared each other's company.
- Check yourself before you hit "Post".
- Ask yourself, "Would I say this to the person's face if they were standing in front of me?".
- Sit down or call the other person and discuss any problems you may have.
- Accept people can have – and are entitled to – a difference of opinion to yours.
- You can always agree to disagree.
- After the heat of the moment has subsided ask yourself, "Is it really that serious?".
- Once a situation escalates it is sometimes impossible to get the genie back in the bottle.

The Sporting Clays Australia Code of Conduct can be found on the Association's website: sportingclaysaustralia.com.au > ABOUT US > CONSTITUTION & CODE OF CONDUCT

- by Glen Rider



35th year!

The Cooma Easter Classic



NSW Field & Game Association, Cooma Branch Incorporated, invites you to
Four days of Sporting Clays Shooting 30 March – 2 April 2018

Event 1
Easter Friday
30 March 2018

State 20 Gauge
Championship
Sponsored by
Perazzi Australia
75 targets

Event 2[†]
Saturday
31 March 2018

NSW State Selection
and Adrian Hayes
Memorial Teams Shoot
Sponsored by NSW
Field and Game Inc
100 targets

[†]Held in conjunction with Event 3

Event 3
Sat 31 March –
Sun 1 April 2018

Cooma Easter Classic
Sponsored by Cooma
Ex-Services Club and
Safari Firearms
200 Targets

Event 4
Monday
2 April 2018

State Side by Side
Championship
Sponsored by
Territory Firearms
75 Targets

Local competitors, male and female, up against the best clay target shooters in NSW and Australia. A great family sports event – carried out under tightest safety conditions. Food and drink available.



**Win a Miroku MK70
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All entrants and visitors are eligible to purchase a \$20 ticket in the raffle for a Miroku MK70 Sporter 12 gauge firearm sponsored by Safari Firearms Sydney. The ticket will be drawn at the Sunday night presentation.

Event 1

10.00 am Friday 30 March 2018

20 Gauge State Championship

Sponsored by Perazzi Australia

75 targets. Sashes for H/G & 1st in all grades and categories. Plus 12 gauge graded AA, A, B, C only. Nominations: 20 Gauge \$55, 12 Gauge \$50.



Event 2 †

9.00 am Saturday 31 March 2018

NSW State Selection and Adrian Hayes Memorial Teams Shoot

Sponsored by NSW Field and Game Inc

100 Target Sporting Clay Shoot. Run in conjunction with Event 3 and includes the Adrian Hayes Memorial Teams Shoot. Sashes for H/G & 1st all grades & categories. Nomination fees are covered by fees for Event 3, or \$60 for all grades and \$50 for juniors who enter Event 2 only.

† Held in conjunction with Event 3

Event 3

9.00 am Saturday 31 March & Sunday 1 April 2018

Cooma Easter Classic

Sponsored by Cooma Ex-Services Club and Safari Firearms

200 Targets – 100 targets per day.

Sashes for H/G & 1st all grades & categories. Nominations (includes commemorative badge): Open Grades \$140, Vets and Ladies \$130, Juniors and Sub-juniors \$100. (Fees also cover entry in the State Selection Shoot on Saturday.)



Event 4

9.00 am Monday 2 April 2018

State Side by Side Championship

Sponsored by Territory Firearms

75 targets. Sashes for H/G & 1st all grades & categories. In conjunction with this event the Cooma Springing Teal Challenge Trophy will be awarded for SxS entrants only. Plus Under/Over graded AA, A, B, C only. Nominations: SxS \$55, U/O \$50.

NSW Field & Game Association, Cooma Branch Inc, reserves the right to alter this program without prior notice.

NSW Tri Gun State Championship

Based on accumulated scores of the three disciplines (20g, O/U and SxS) on the Friday, Saturday and Monday.



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Early nominations discount

Pre-nominations received 30 days prior to Easter are eligible for discount on nominations. See website for details and forms, www.coomafieldandgame.org

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2018 COMPETITIONS

Start planning for next year



The SCA Shoot Calendar for 2018 has been released and nominations are now open for next year's events.

Enter online for competitions hosted by Sporting Clays Australia at
sportingclaysaustralia.com.au/events/competition-entry/

Please note that you must be a current financial Member of a Club/State body affiliated with Sporting Clays Australia (SCA) or an international affiliate of FITASC to nominate.

Visit the FITASC website for information about the 30th FITASC Oceania Championship in New Zealand **fitasc.com**.

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Sydney, NSW | 5 - 6 May 2018

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Brisbane, QLD | 9 - 10 June 2018

2018 Australian Sporting Clay Nationals

hosted by

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Laang, VIC | 16 - 18 November 2018

IMPORTANT UPDATE

New categories/age groups will be introduced for 2018. FITASC has reviewed their competition categories and from 1 January 2018, the following categories will be applicable at all FITASC international events and SCA National competitions:

Junior up to and including the age of 20 (you cannot shoot in the Junior category in the calendar year you turn 21 years old)

Man in the year of their 21st birthday to 55 years

Senior in the year of their 56th birthday to 65 years

Veteran in the year of their 66th birthday to 73 years

Master in the year of their 74th birthday and above.

RULES CORNER

The SCA AGM was conducted in November and as a result, there have been a few minor changes to our rules that keep our processes in line with FITASC and also fine-tune some of our own. The main changes which are outlined below **come into effect from 1st January 2018**. Please take the time to review the rules and become familiar with them. The full rules are available on the SCA website at sportingclaysaustralia.com.au/about-us/rules/.

Handicaps and Grading

The rules for calculating handicaps have been reviewed to help simplify the maths for everyone. The Target Shooting Sub Committee realised that last year's decision to change the way a shooter's handicap was calculated may have been too difficult. We listened to the comments raised and have made the following changes.

- The number of targets required for each revision of the shooter's handicap has been adjusted to 300 targets up and 300 targets to go back down i.e. 12 rounds of 25 targets.
- This will apply whether your handicap increases or decreases, so each time you complete a sequence of 300 targets you calculate what the percentage is to your performance.
- The actual handicap percentage applied at present does not change and will still be calculated as per the percentages in the ready reckoner (see below) at the back of your handicap book. The change is to the quantity of targets before the calculation is made.
- Should your performance diminish over the 300 target sequence, your handicap may decrease by a maximum of one handicap point at each revision. You cannot reduce down any more than one handicap point at each revision, even if your score reflects differently.
- Over the 12 month period January to December your grading can jump two grades up if your scores are good enough

(e.g. C grade to A Grade), but you can only go back one grade at a time in each calendar year (e.g. A Grade may only go to B Grade, B Grade to C Grade, etc.). You cannot go from AA Grade to B Grade or from A Grade to C Grade.

Handicap Events

There has always been a sense of inequality with the handicap grading system and we have looked at many ways to create a fairer system for all competitors. After discussion, it was decided to revise the rule regarding how the event is to be broken up in terms of the allocation of the handicap and in turn the event prizes.

- It was decided to remove the Overall High Gun position from handicap Events. An event will no longer be run with a single "High Gun" generated over the complete field of competitors in their various Grades.
- Handicap events are to be run on a Grade for Grade basis i.e. all Grades – AA, A, B, C – will compete in their grade class with their respective handicap score from the ready reckoner applied to their final scores. In other words, Grades will compete within their actual grade. This forms the competition into a 4-division split with a high gun in each grade, not as previous with all competitors placed into a single table as a collective group.
- The shooter's score will be calculated in their specific Grade with their competition target score added to their respective handicap score from the ready reckoner.

RULES CORNER

The person with the highest score is then declared the winner in each grade. Ties can be broken either by a count-back or a shoot-off as members are now competing equally within their grade as competitors.

READY RECKONER

To calculate your current percentage, total your last 12 x 25 target scores and divide by three. Then calculate your Grade for 3 or 4 Grade events and your Handicap from the table below.

If your % is equal to or greater than	And your % is less than	4 Grade Event your Grade is:	3 Grade Event your Grade is:	Handicap Event your Handicap is:
92	100	AA	A	0
89	92	AA	A	1
86	89	AA	A	2
83	86	AA	A	3
80	83	A	A	4
77	80	A	A	5
74	77	A	A	6
71	74	B	B	7
67	71	B	B	8
63	67	B	B	9
60	63	C	C	10
56	60	C	C	11
52	56	C	C	12
48	52	C	C	13
0	48	C	C	14

Menus - Displaying Exotic Targets

The question was raised as to whether we should show what types of exotic targets are being thrown on Target Menus, as has been done in the past. After much discussion, it was decided to stay with the present FITASC ruling (and present Australian system) and not mark the menus with exotic target types. This will help to avoid any confusion when members go from Australian to International competitions.

Categories

FITASC has reviewed the number of competitors attending their events across the categories and have introduced a new **Master** category into the system. This has led to a revision of all other category names, which will be applicable at all FITASC international events and SCA competitions from 2018 with the following references:

- **Junior** in the year of their 13th birthday to 20 years
- **Lady** in the year of their 13th birthday and above
- **Man** in the year of their 21st birthday to 55 years
- **Senior** in the year of their 56th birthday to 65 years
- **Veteran** in the year of their 66th birthday to 73 years
- **Master** in the year of their 74th birthday and above.

The **Master** category will be available to shooters who are 74 years of age on the 1st of January in the year of the competition. There will be no team events in the Master category at FITASC events, only individuals.

- It is not compulsory for the Master category to be included at SCA Club events.
- SCA will still recognise the Sub Junior category for our events. There will be no change from the present standard.
- The following indicates how many competitors are required for places to be paid out for prizes in any Grade or Category.

For 3 places – Gold – Silver – Bronze – 7 competitors minimum

For 2 places – Gold – Silver – 5 competitors minimum

For 1 place – Gold – 3 competitors minimum

RULES CORNER

Gun Ready Position

SCA has confirmed that the Gun Ready Position below the line will be retained. It is important that this is enforced by our members at all levels of competition. This should not be difficult. If all competitors embrace the spirit of the rule and refrain from starting with their gun too high or mounting the gun prior to the target release from the trap – it will be easy. As with all rules, this policy is there to ensure an even playing field in the competition. There is little difference between a shooter adopting an incorrect Gun Ready Position and another who tries to claim a target that they have not hit; both occurrences are a form of cheating and should be recognised as such.

One of the beauties of our sport is the ability of shooters to start with the gun in the correct Ready Position with the stock below the line, touching the body, which then makes the competitor lift the gun into the shoulder before firing. This rule forms part of the spirit of FITASC Sporting; it would be a sad day if we lose this aspect of the sport through our members not following the "Gun Down" spirit of the rules.

New Rules from FITASC

SCA has adopted new rules for Sporting by FITASC.

- **Time period preparing for a shot once in the shooting frame** The time allowed between a shooter stepping into the shooting stand and calling for their targets has been reduced from 20 seconds to **15 seconds**. This also includes preparing yourself between shots/targets.

- **How many sighter targets can I see?** The first shooter in a squad may view a **maximum of two sighter targets**. It is not the prerogative for anyone other than the **shooter in the stand** to ask to view a second sighter target.

Requests from other competitors to see another target are not allowed.

- **Wind-affected targets are not No-Targets**

The only time trap machines may be altered for wind-affected targets during a competition is if the target is not visible, or the target trajectory becomes unsafe.

Vehicles on Shooting Ranges

It is not the intention of SCA to ban the use of quad bikes and motorbikes on shooting ranges at present, but there is a risk this could happen if members ignore our insurance requirements. Wearing a safety helmet that complies with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1698:2006 as a minimum is compulsory when riding either motorbikes or quad bikes on an SCA-affiliated range. If you do not conform to this requirement, the relevant SCA insurance policies will not cover you in case of an accident. There is a form available at your Club that should be signed at the start of every year (1st January) outlining your part in using your vehicle on the range. This form will be valid for one calendar year once signed.

Golf Buggies or bucket seat type vehicles do not require you to wear a protective helmet.

The sign off form is there to protect both you as a member and also the committee of your Club should an insurance claim have to be made in case of an accident. Please be aware you are placing yourself at risk if you do not sign this form.

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2017 NSW FIELD & GAME REPORT

by Andrew Fairfield-Smith

We have seen some changes take place in 2017. The committee has had some key position changes and that all requires some thank-you's and some welcomes.

Mick Odell has stepped aside as Treasurer and handed over to Melissa King. I would like to thank Michael for his great efforts and appreciate his hard work to bring the State books up to a high standard. Melissa has hit the ground running and will pick up where Michael left off and keep the executive honest I am sure.

The other change is obviously I have taken over from Michael Munroe as President. Michael has kindly stayed on in the capacity of Vice President to help, as I will admit I am a newcomer to the game. The casualty of this was Craig Kurtz, our 2017 Vice President, and again I can only thank him for his contribution and look forward to more in the years to come.

The other newcomer to the team is Neville Brady who has stepped up as State Environmental Officer. Welcome aboard Nev.

Okay then, where to from here?

NSW is in good shape. We are the largest member state in the SCA with 811 members, disappointingly only an increase of six members from 2016. Let's not be complacent though as Queensland is racing up the charts, adding more than 130 people to its membership from the year before. This is great for the sport as it shows there are people out there that are looking for something new. We just have to provide the correct formats and programs to attract new shooters. The State committee is in negotiation with two prospective new clubs that have real potential to boost these numbers. Watch this space.

2018 is promising to be a great year for NSW shooting. Cooma is kicking off with the first State Compak on February 3 and 4. This will

be followed by the state's usual high standard of selection shoots. The highlight of the year will obviously be the SCA English Sporting Nationals which are set to be held at the Sydney grounds on May 5 and 6. I am sure Paul Smidt and his team will provide an event to make us proud. Lock it in!

Ken Jones, State Coaching Director, is keen to run some programs in 2018 including shooter coaching and club coach accreditation weekends. Clubs should contact Ken ASAP if they are interested.

In closing, I attended my first National AGM in November. The SCA is definitely heading in the right direction and I am excited about the organisation's future.

Andrew Fairfield-Smith,
NSWF&G President

SYDNEY (AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAYS) NEWS

by Paul Smidt

I'd like to begin this report by remembering one of our great members who we lost this year. John Drabble passed away on Tuesday 5 September, aged 97. John had been a member of the club since 1983 and was also honoured as a life member. Anyone who knew John would remember him as a true gentleman and a fine shot, still hitting targets with ease well into his eighties and with his eyes not as sharp when he reached the 90s, John would take just a little longer to pick the target up but still manage to break clays at rifle range distances. He must have been a crack shot in his youth! John and his son Jonathon spent many a weekend either shooting or working at the Club; if it was heavy lifting or steel – John was there. They built the hand rails, both the towers on the ground (big John and little Jon), the iron doors to the storage underneath the club house and the main gates that enter the property. John contributed a lot to the club because he enjoyed the mateship of the members so much. Hopefully the Club in return provided John with a venue to enjoy his love of clay shooting.

ASC has had a very encouraging year with the Club moving forward in all areas.

- Membership has been steady with lots of new faces at shoots this year. Attendances at shoots has grown with

the ground opened three to four days a month and plans to extend in the future.

- The introduction of the Claymate system is the biggest upgrade to our Club since we went to full auto traps almost ten years ago. Our shooting stands are now all controlled by this system and targets are recorded every day we shoot. This, and the EFTPOS facility, have moved us in to a new era of service and efficiency for our members.
- Our licence has finally been reissued by the local council for the final 10 years, now two years in! Our next step is to push for permanent tenure. It may be another long slog for the dedicated few who refuse to be worn down by bureaucracy.
- The 2018 English Sporting Nationals date has been confirmed as May 5 and 6 and preparations are now underway to maintain the high standard of national events over the past years.

Thanks to our committee, ground crew, office, canteen, members and sponsors for a great year – we could not continue without your help

I would like to recognise our 2017 sponsors.

- Gary Georgiou - **Safari Firearms**
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- Mike Stevens - **Jambreroo Hunting Club**
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- John Dickey - **Horsley Park Gun Shop**
- The committee and its members – thank you for your kind support.

Regards
ASC President



Paul Smidt





GRADE WINNERS OF THE 75 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP (LEFT TO RIGHT) ROD WEAVER (B GRADE), CLAY JOHNSTON (AA GRADE AND HIGH GUN), JEFF GLASSON (A GRADE) AND NEVILLE HILL (C GRADE).

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS by "Shellshocked"

2 SEPTEMBER 2017

On Saturday 2 September, Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship. The weather was typical September fare, warm and sunny with a strong and gusty wind, but still pretty good for shooting clay targets.

The range was set by Josh and Josh and Brian who did an excellent job to present a very good selection of targets in a compact range. There was certainly plenty of variety in the targets which stood up to the windy conditions very well. Some of the targets were quite challenging and required a bit of hard work to ensure a good score but the best shooters recorded some very respectable totals.

The best shooter off the gun was Clay Johnston who continued a very good run of wins to record a total of 64, taking out AA Grade and the High Gun medal with a couple of shots up his sleeve at the finish.

The best shooter in A Grade was Jeff Glasson who shot a good score of 62 with a borrowed gun to win the first place prize fairly comfortably at the finish. Rod Weaver was a very easy winner in B Grade and his score of 57 was well clear of the rest of the field. The result in C Grade was quite a bit closer and Neville Hill had to work hard for a good score of 49 to take out first place.

Information for any event at Broken Hill is available from Association President Rod Weaver on 0407 187 498, and Secretary Josh Holmes on 0424 968 802.

BROKEN HILL - 2 SEP 2017 75 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP			
AA Grade	1st	Clay Johnston	64
	2nd	Josh Holmes	60
A Grade	1st	Jeff Glasson	62
	2nd	Richard Murphy	59
	3rd	Brian Casey	54

B Grade	1st	Rodney Weaver	57
	2nd	Josh Edgecumbe	51
	3rd	Brian Hoare	51
C Grade	1st	Neville Hill	49
	2nd	Neil Treganowan	47
	3rd	Malcolm McEvoy	46

5 NOVEMBER 2017

On 5 November we conducted a 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Championship. The weather was magnificent, mild and sunny, with just a light breeze, and conditions were just about perfect for shooting clay targets. Organisers were pleased with a good attendance of 28 shooters, including a couple of visiting shooters from Milparinka.

The championship was also an opportunity for shooters to compete for the Ian West Memorial Trophy, a significant and sought-after award on our calendar of shoots. Ian was a very popular and highly-regarded member of the Field and Game Association and the presentation of his trophy gives all members time to pause and reflect upon the significant contribution made by Ian, Garry Rawson, Rex Carroll and others who are unfortunately no longer with us.

The range was set by Preston, Wayne, Ross and Kym who did an excellent job to build a very good selection of targets into a single range layout that was shot three times to make up the competition. There was certainly plenty of variety in the targets which were not overly difficult; the best shooters in all grades shot particularly good totals for easy wins at the finish.

The best score off the gun was an exceptional total of 69 shot by Clay Johnston. Clay maintained his concentration throughout the shoot, shot very consistently, and won the High Gun prize and the Ian West Memorial trophy with a couple of shots up his sleeve at the finish.

Josh Holmes won the Robinson Crusoe award in AA Grade before a shot had been fired, but he still shot very well for a total of 60 which was deserving of the first place prize. Evan Stephenson doesn't get to shoot as often as we would like but made up for that with an excellent total of 67 to win A Grade. Colin DeGoumois shot extremely consistently for another excellent total of 66 for the first place prize in B Grade, and Steve Lawrence sailed home in C Grade with a good score of 52. It was good to see a couple of keen shooter in the Junior grade and Ashden Hall shot 42 for the first place prize.

Information for events at Broken Hill is available from Association President Rod Weaver on 0407 187 498 or Secretary Josh Holmes on 0424 968 802.



Sponsors and grade winners of the 75 Target Championship (left to right) Wayne Slater (Sponsor), Preston Slater (Sponsor), Kym Files (Sponsor), Colin DeGoumois (B Grade), Ashden Hall (Juniors) and Evan Stephenson (A Grade)

BROKEN HILL - 5 NOV 2017 75 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP			
High Gun		Clay Johnston	69
AA Grade	1st	Josh Holmes	60
A Grade	1st	Evan Stephenson	67
	2nd	Craig Lawrence	61
	3rd	Kym Files	60
B Grade	1st	Colin DeGoumois	66
	2nd	Josh Edgecumbe	60
	3rd	Tim Millstead	55
C Grade	1st	Steve Lawrence	52
	2nd	Neil Treganowan	47
	3rd	Peter Hoare	45
Juniors	1st	Ashden Hall	42
	2nd	Preston Slater	34



Lori Mann from the Rocky Gully club in South Australia breaks another target on her way to second place in the Ladies Handicap championship.



Silver City Championship winners (Left to Right) –Kevin Nickolai (AA Grade Champion), Haydn Brown (A Grade Champion), Brian Sibbons (Handicap High Gun), Xavier Russell (Junior Champion), Rob Shawyer (Veteran Champion), James Baird (B Grade Champion), Matthew Redway (C Grade Champion), Tasha Bellinger (Lady Champion) and Danny Bellinger (High Gun Champion).

7-8 OCTOBER 2017

On 7 and 8 October the Broken Hill Field and Game Association hosted its premier simulated field clay target shoot for the year, the 34th Annual 150 target Silver City Championships. Organisers were very pleased with an excellent turnout of 80 shooters from across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, particularly from Sunraysia and the Riverland, who competed for an impressive range of sashes and trophies.



High Gun Champion, Danny Bellinger (right), is presented with the perpetual Silver City Shield by Broken Hill Field and Game President, Rod Weaver.

Range marshals Brian, Josh, the other Josh, Gerard, Neville and Ashden worked very hard to provide an excellent double range layout that stood up to the wind. The targets appeared to be reasonably challenging but the best shooters were able to better their handicap fairly comfortably, so maybe the degree of difficulty was just a few targets on the friendly side of average. Three possibles were recorded over the course of the event and were shot by Danny Bellinger from Lake Bonney, Josh Holmes from Broken Hill and Leigh Norton from Sunraysia.

The best overall score for the shoot was from Lake Bonney AA Grade shooter Danny Bellinger with an excellent total of 136. Danny, who has had good success at the comp in the past, won the Silver City Shield High Gun sash by a pretty comfortable margin at the finish. This was his second Silver City Championship and his second Silver City Shield. He also won AA Grade in the 100 Target Championship.

Kevin Nickolai from Loxton won AA Grade with an excellent score of 131, sharing the placings with Broken Hill shooters Josh Holmes and Clay Johnston who both did their

club proud and shot really well for a score of 128. Clay also won the 50 Target Handicap Championship.

The result in A Grade was very close indeed and Loxton shooter Haydn Brown and Rodney Ahrens from Keith both shot 129 for a first place tie. Haydn prevailed in the shootoff to win the sash but Rodney's score was a pretty good effort considering his recent ill health. Broken Hill wishes Rodney well and we will see him again in 2018.



Sunraysia veteran shooter Peter Rudd calls for his next target. Peter finished in the top three in all of the Veteran's events.

The result in B Grade was a win in both graded events for Sunraysia shooter James Baird who shot 124 to finish comfortably clear of the rest of the field. James shot a reasonably mature English side-by-side shotgun which he clearly put to very good effect. Brian Sibbons, also from Sunraysia, shot 60 to win the 50 Target Handicap Championship, and also won the Handicap High Gun for the 150 targets with an amazing score of 175.

Renmark shooter Matthew Redway was last year's Junior Champion and he continued his good form into C Grade to shoot 106 for a comfortable win. Mike Woosnam from Loxton shot 61 to win the 50 Target Handicap Championship.

It's always encouraging to see a good field of shooters in the Ladies, Veteran and Junior categories and some excellent shooting as well.

Tash Bellinger from Lake Bonney has had some very good shoots at Broken Hill. Her second Silver City Championship was no different; she was easily the best of the Lady shooters taking a clean sweep of the two graded championships with a good score of 106. Cassie McEvoy from Broken Hill shot 60 for a first place finish in the 50 Target Handicap Championship.

Rob Shawyer from Renmark is a two-time winner of the Silver City Championships and the reigning Veteran Champion for the last three years. This year he shot an excellent 130 for third place off the gun, an easy win, and his fourth successive Veteran title. He also won the 100 Target Championship. Sunraysia shooter Bill Harker shot 61 for a first place finish in the 50 Target Handicap Championship.

Bendigo Junior shooter Xavier Russell had a very successful weekend and shot a good score of 119 to win both of the graded events in the Junior Grade. Broken Hill junior shooters Preston Slater and Ashden Hall featured prominently in the placings.

The Claypan Penguins Handicap Team Championship was won by the Sunraysia Poachers team comprising Brian Siddons, Rod Bath, James Baird and Lachie Simpson. A couple of side-by-side shotguns featured in the team score of 652 which was easily good enough for the championship win.

Association President Rod Weaver thanked all shooters for their attendance and presented the trophies to the lucky winners. The visitors, who made up nearly three quarters of our shooters and who in many cases had travelled a long way to participate, received special acknowledgement. Rod thanked all who had helped with the organisation and running of the shoot including the range marshals, the cooks, and the new nominations office crew who did a great job at their first attempt. Rod extended a special vote of thanks to the Association's sponsors – Broken Hill Toyota, Western Auto Electrical, Broken Hill Credit Union and the Claypan Penguins – for their continued support which is essential to the success of the Silver City Championships.

BROKEN HILL TOYOTA SILVER CITY CHAMPIONSHIP 150 TARGET GRADED				
High Gun		Danny Bellinger	Lake Bonney	136
AA Grade	1st	Kevin Nickolai	Loxton	131
	2nd	Josh Holmes	Broken Hill	128
	3rd	Clay Johnston	Broken Hill	128
A Grade	1st	Haydn Brown	Loxton	129
	2nd	Rodney Ahrens	Keith	129
	3rd	Leigh Norton	Sunraysia	127
B Grade	1st	James Baird	Sunraysia	124
	2nd	John Doherty	Geelong	121
	3rd	Brian Sibbons	Sunraysia	121
C Grade	1st	Matthew Redway	Renmark	106
	2nd	Trent Daniel	Rocky Gully	101
	3rd	Chris Rayner	Sunraysia	100
Veterans	1st	Rob Shawyer	Renmark	130
	2nd	Peter Rudd	Sunraysia	113
	3rd	Bill Harker	Sunraysia	113
Ladies	1st	Tash Bellinger	Lake Bonney	106
	2nd	Cassie McEvoy	Broken Hill	91
	3rd	Sharr Carson	Renmark	73
Juniors	1st	Xavier Russell	Bendigo	119
	2nd	Jamie Wood	Sunraysia	90
	3rd	Preston Slater	Broken Hill	89

WESTERN AUTO ELECTRICAL CHAMPIONSHIP 100 TARGET GRADED				
AA Grade	1st	Danny Bellinger	Lake Bonney	93
	2nd	Kevin Nickolai	Loxton	87
	3rd	Josh Holmes	Broken Hill	86
A Grade	1st	Haydn Brown	Loxton	91
	2nd	Bradley Harris	Sunraysia	87
	3rd	Rodney Ahrens	Keith	87
B Grade	1st	James Baird	Sunraysia	82
	2nd	Josh Edgecumbe	Broken Hill	80
	3rd	Brian Sibbons	Sunraysia	79
C Grade	1st	Trent Daniel	Rocky Gully	68
	2nd	Matthew Redway	Renmark	67
	3rd	Peter Bridley	Sunraysia	66
Veterans	1st	Rob Shawyer	Renmark	90
	2nd	Eric Schmaal	Loxton	75
	3rd	Peter Rudd	Sunraysia	74
Ladies	1st	Tash Bellinger	Lake Bonney	76
	2nd	Cassie McEvoy	Broken Hill	55
	3rd	Sharr Carson	Renmark	52
Juniors	1st	Xavier Russell	Bendigo	82
	2nd	Preston Slater	Broken Hill	63
	3rd	Jamie Wood	Sunraysia	59

COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION CHAMPIONSHIP 50 TARGET GRADED				
AA Grade	1st	Clay Johnston	Broken Hill	50
	2nd	Kevin Nickolai	Loxton	48
	3rd	Josh Holmes	Broken Hill	48
A Grade	1st	Colin Nunn	Central SA	53
	2nd	David Ellis	Broken Hill	53
	3rd	Leigh Norton	Sunraysia	53
B Grade	1st	Brian Sibbons	Sunraysia	60
	2nd	Rodney Bath	Sunraysia	59
	3rd	John Doherty	Geelong	57
C Grade	1st	Mike Woosnam	Loxton	61
	2nd	Matthew Redway	Renmark	59
	3rd	Chris Rayner	Sunraysia	56
Veterans	1st	Bill Harker	Sunraysia	61
	2nd	Peter Ellis	Broken Hill	56
	3rd	Peter Rudd	Sunraysia	55

Ladies	1st	Cassie McEvoy	Broken Hill	60
	2nd	Lori Mann	Rocky Gully	50
	3rd	Sharr Carson	Renmark	49
Juniors	1st	Jamie Hood	Sunraysia	55
	2nd	Preston Slater	Broken Hill	50
	3rd	Ashden Hall	Broken Hill	48

CLAYPAN PENGUINS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 150 TARGET HANDICAP				
1st	Sunraysia Poachers	Brian Siddons	652	
		Rodney Bath		
		James Baird		
		Lachie Simpson		
2nd	Sunraysia Committee	Brad Harris	626	
		Don Guyomar		
		Leigh Norton		
		Jamie Wood		

SUPPORTING PALLIATIVE CARE

The Field and Game Association is well known in Broken Hill as a clay target shooting club, and perhaps less well known as a charitable organisation. But for a number of years the Association has conducted an annual charity shoot on behalf of Broken Hill Palliative Care Services.



Broken Hill Field and Game Association Committee member Cassie McEvoy (left) and President Rod Weaver (right) present a cheque to Rebekah Zanette, Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, Broken Hill Palliative Care.

There were about 60 competitors at the Silver City Steel Championship shoot on 12 and 13 August, both visitors and locals, but given the noise in the club house on Saturday evening there seemed to be many more than that in attendance. The Association, courtesy of Ricky Cooper and his crew, served up a magnificent three course meal of soup, roast and desert, which was followed by a very entertaining charity auction conducted by the Association's auctioneer Ian Featherstone.

The quality and quantity of items donated for the auction was outstanding and the Association was overwhelmed by the generosity of Broken Hill businesses: Silver City Steel, Cavpower, Broken Hill Truck Centre, Jemrock, Atlas Copco, MJG Engineering, Lawrence Industrial Supplies, Blackwoods, Josh Edgecumbe, Josh and Bec Holmes,



Broken Hill Field and Game Association auctioneer Ian Featherstone (left), with assistant Ashden Hall, brings down the hammer on one of the many items generously donated by Broken Hill businesses.

Reece Plumbing, Bakers Delight, Elders, Western Auto Electrical, Spot On Fishing, Seven Day Spares, News World, and Ken and Carol Holden.

The shooters enjoyed a great evening and were more than happy to put their hand in their pocket for a worthy cause with keen bidding and very good prices paid for all auction items. This was an excellent result and the proceeds from the dinner, the auction, and from additional donations made by the shooters came to a total of \$3000 which was presented to Broken Hill Palliative Care Services.

Melissa Cumming, Director Cancer & Palliative Care Services for the Far West Local Health District said, "The Broken Hill Palliative Care Service sincerely thanks the Broken Hill Field and Game Association for their very generous donation of \$3000. All money raised is used to support palliative care patients and their families in Broken Hill through equipment purchases or services that help them to remain comfortable and safe in their own homes. We thank the local Association for their continued support with this annual donation to our service."

BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

by Patrick Thompson

24 SEPTEMBER 2017

The great Coomagui Cup was held on 24 September, sponsored by Drako's Bros Construction and 777 Supermarket Bermagui. It was an all terrain course with some excellent targets, thanks to the brilliant set up crew. Sadly, Bermagui went down to Cooma for the third year in a row by 52 points. The Coomagui Cup has been going since 2002 and the rivalry has been fierce. Bermagui holds the record of four years in a row, but Cooma is catching up!

► Mark Corbett came out on top as High Gun with 83 targets blown out of the sky. Tim Wilson and David Kautmannm also put in great scores in B and C grade and there was keen competition and good scores from the Juniors and Ladies.



Andrew Fairfield-Smith and Nev Brady holding the Coomagui Cup



The first-place winners with Jimmy Drakos

COOMAGUI CUP RESULTS		
High Gun	Mark Corbett	83
A/AA grade	1st Jake Hedger	82
	2nd Chris Raabe	79
	3rd Adam Shiels	75
B grade	1st Tim Wilson	76
	2nd Zip Summerell	73
	3rd Craig Bottom	72
C grade	1st David Kautmannm	65
	2nd Berine Parker	60
	3rd John Lehmann	59
Ladies	1st Penny White	58
	2nd Krista Mower	49
	3rd Alana Cox	46
Juniors	1st Oscar Mower	76
	2nd Patrick Thompson	53
	3rd Jack Fairfield-Smith	45

22 OCTOBER 2017

The Rainer Brandemeir sponsored shoot was a challenging and entertaining course of eight stands, which was well-designed by seasoned and new committee and club members. There were 37 shooters who fought it out for the win in the beautiful sunshine, with just a light breeze to tame the heat. The rabbit kept shooters on their toes as the clays were sent running and jumping down a path that proved a tease for all. There were also some fun overhead and incoming targets that stretched the limits if you didn't get them early. Bruce Arthurson shot for the money and unfortunately missed out like many people before him, but nonetheless he

was still a winner, taking home a generously donated meat tray from Benny's Butchery of Cobargo.



Richard Watkins, Justin Mann, Michael Platts and Bruce Arthurson were the C Grade winners



Craig Field, Philip Craig and Neville Brady were the A/AA grade winners

Some great scores were shown in this handicap event, especially in C Grade, with Michael Platts reaching 125 and Richard Watkins with 119. AA Grade saw Phillip Craig just outdo Craig Field by 1 point with 99 and 98 respectively and Nev Brady clearly taking out A Grade. Lunch was a magnificent spread put on by the Bermagui Field & Game Committee, with a huge thank you to all who brought a plate to share. Thank you also to our sponsor of the day Rainer Brandemeir.

22 OCTOBER 2017		
AA Grade	1st Phillip Craig	99
	2nd Craig Field	98
A Grade	1st Neville Brady	104
	2nd Mick Durnan	110
B Grade	2nd Paul Bone	108
	3rd Shane Platts	102
	4th Mario Magrin	101
	1st Michael Platts	125
C Grade	2nd Richard Watkins	119
	3rd Justin Mann	116
	4th Bruce Arthurson	109
	1st Alana Cox	116
Ladies	2nd Michelle Craig	110
	1st Patrick Thompson	107
Juniors	2nd Holly Gschwend	97

Next Shoot:

10am Sunday 26th November 2017.

65 targets Christmas Novelty Shoot sponsored by Santa.

Good fun will be had by all.

COOMA FIELD AND GAME

by Andrew Fairfield-Smith



September is an exciting time in the South Eastern shooting calendar as it sees the annual running of the Coomagui Cup, a hotly-contested event between the Cooma and Bermagui clubs. Now in its sixteenth year, both clubs have shared the honours fairly evenly, although Cooma needed to extend its winning streak to three to bring the count up to eight wins apiece.

SNOWY PLAINS MERINO STUD "RABBIT CHALLENGE" SCORES		
High Gun	Neville Brady	90/100
AA Grade	1st Bill Warriner	79/100
	2nd Matt Webster	73/100
	3rd Jake Hedger	72/100
A Grade	1st Tony Crome	84/100
	2nd Mark Corbett	80/100
	3rd Andrew Fairfield-Smith	78/100
B Grade	1st Curls Thistleton	78/100
	2nd Stephen McIntyre	75/100
	3rd Adam Mower	74/100
C Grade	1st Charlie Kimber	72/100
	2nd Lindsey Blewitt	65/100
	3rd Doug Blewitt	64/100
Ladies	1st Rhonda White	54/100
	2nd Penny White	50/100
	3rd Marg Warriner	44/100
Sub Juniors	1st Ryan Vaccaro	47/100

The first leg was held at Cooma with the running of the Snowy Plains Merino Stud "Rabbit Challenge", a 100 target event which incorporated 32 slow, fast and generally annoying rabbits. Cooma made the most of the home ground advantage coming away with a 40 target lead despite Bermagui President, Neville Brady's, best efforts taking out High Gun with a 90.

Attention turned to Bermagui on the following weekend. Cooma mustered 15 shooters for the bus trip, kindly donated by Cooma coaches, with numbers boosted by members who made their own way to the range with an excellent turnout of 26 for Cooma.

All shooters were confronted by blustery conditions that made the targets variable in flight and at times very unpredictable. This may have been helpful to the team from the mountains as Cooma prevailed, adding another 12 targets to the total. Mark Corbett

shot well and took out High Gun. Jake Hedger was the only shooter on the day to take out a 25- straight, which was impressive given the conditions.

COOMAGUI CUP FINAL SCORE

Cooma Field and Game **899/1200**

Bermagui Field and Game **847/1200**

That balanced the books at eight wins apiece and I'm sure will see the event heavily contested again next year.



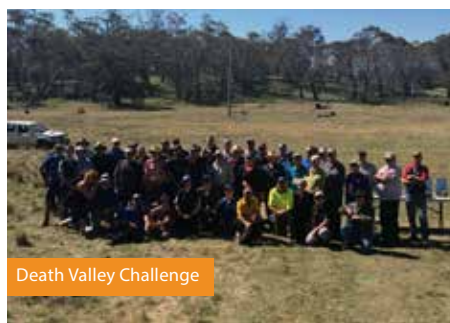
Nev Brady handing over the cup to Andrew Fairfield-Smith

October saw the third running of the "Come and Have a Go" day, held the day before our regular monthly shoot. Guest numbers were good with 25 legitimately interested people coming out to see what sporting clays is all about. There was an excellent turnout from the membership to play host which was also very encouraging. The club is certainly moving from strength to strength.

The next day was the annual "Death Valley Challenge", a day where the whole box and dice is moved to the end of the grounds including the shoot office, scoreboards, barbecues, etc. It's a big effort – and probably for the set up crew – a good thing it only happens once a year. The result is well worth the effort though with a great "picnic shoot" atmosphere. Cooma Cranes sponsored the day and 54 shooters were in attendance. Steve Mathews, a visiting shooter from Brisbane, took the High Gun for the day with an extremely well-shot 92.

Cooma is looking forward to a big 2018 starting off with the NSW Compak Championships on 3 and 4 of February followed up by the 35th running of the Easter Classic, the 20 gauge State Championships on Friday 30 March, the Easter Classic on 31 March and 1 April, and the State 20 gauge Championships on Monday 2 April.

SNOWY PLAINS MERINO STUD "RABBIT CHALLENGE" SCORES		
AA Grade	1st	Phil Craig
	2nd	Tony Crome
A Grade	1st	Neville Brady
	2nd	Colin Brownlie
	3rd	Oscar Mower
B Grade	1st	James Byrne
	2nd	Steve McIntyre
	3rd	Richard Sears
C Grade	1st	Doug Blewitt
	2nd	Dominic Mooney
	3rd	Rodger Sands
Ladies	1st	Shelley Craig
	2nd	Wendy Crouch
	3rd	Penny White
Juniors	1st	Jack Newson
	2nd	Olivia Hiessie



Death Valley Challenge

DUBBO FIELD AND GAME

by Mel Phillips

COAKER/EVERETT SHOOT 18 - 20 AUGUST 2017

The set up for this event started on Monday 14 August in fair weather. As the week continued on the weather did not favour us, bringing strong, cold winds which made range setting very difficult.

This year's competition – our sixteenth year running the event – was divided into two ranges running north/east to south/west. At the end of each Std SCA range we had the rapid shooting stations, rabbit, pheasant, crow and grouse.

The event started on Friday 18 August in cold, windy conditions. All 39 shooters who competed enjoyed the targets and were excited about competing on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday morning started in very cold, overcast conditions with high winds. We had 60 shooters compete. Scores were very close at the end of the day between Stephen Payne, John Koolbanis, Brett Hall, Josh Bell and Ken Purvis. The thing to remember is that final results are calculated over the best two-day results out of three days of shooting. A dinner was put on for shooters on Saturday night

and a live band provided entertainment, with some members staying a little too late perhaps.

On Sunday morning we had cold, clear, sunny conditions perfect for shooting. 68 shooters competed so final results could be analysed. The prizes and trophies were excellent.

WINNERS OF SPECIAL TROPHIES WERE:

Tom Everett Black Duck Station

Stephen Payne 14/14

Dick Coaker High Pheasant Station

John Koolbanis 31/32

Stuart Coaker Grouse Station

Brett Hall 29/32

Bernie Rawson Station

John Koolbanis 14/14

Highest Score Classic Pheasant Gun

Denis Coaker



Winners are grinners! Congratulations to all.

GRADE RESULTS		
High Gun	Stephen Payne	200/214
A Grade	1st	John Koolbanis 197
	2nd	Brett Hall 195
	3rd	Josh Ball 193
B Grade	1st	Ken Purvis 187
	2nd	Bill Weber 183
	3rd	Rod Carr
C Grade	1st	Sven Kroll Pheiffer 151
	2nd	Bob Warreb 149+7
	3rd	Scott Kelly 149+15
Ladies	1st	Lauren Judge 172
	2nd	Amanda Madsen 140
	3rd	Mel Phillips 128
Vets	1st	Neil Donaldson 141
Super Vets	1st	Mick Quinlan 184
	2nd	John Sidoti 173
	3rd	Denis Coaker 167
Junior	1st	George Lyne 189
	2nd	Angus Brander 180
Sub Junior	1st	Chris Koolbanis 178
	2nd	Tom Lyne 167
	3rd	Ethan Kelly 157

The shoot, shootoffs and presentations were completed by 4.15pm, so all the competitors were on the road home early.

Thanks to all who helped to set up the range and run the event. Special thanks to Peter Kay who was very ill with the flu but still came out to run the office with Chris Monk. Thanks to Denis and Tony for another great event.

SHOALHAVEN CLAY TARGET CLUB UPDATE

by Jasmine Simpson



Winners of the Misty 150

11 - 12 NOVEMBER 2017

The Misty 150 was held on 11 and 12 November, sponsored by Bronze Wing Australia and Compleat Angler & Camping World Nowra. The event consisted of 52 targets Double Barrel on Saturday plus 52 targets Sporting and 52 targets English Sporting on Sunday.

RESULTS - MISTY 150			
High Gun		M Wilesmith	135/156
AA Grade	1st	B Boon	134/156
	2nd	G Taylor	99/156
	3rd	C Tilley	96/156
A Grade	1st	M Gschwend	122/156
	2nd	N Brady	120/156
	3rd	N Egan	116/156
B Grade	1st	R Sears	115/156
	2nd	A Lugg	104/156
	3rd	L Effield	102/156
C Grade	1st	S Moroney	91/156
	2nd	W Schriber	83/156
	3rd	F Killick	77/156
Ladies	1st	S Craig	107/156
	2nd	B Hamilton	94/156
	3rd	T Willett	89/156
Juniors	1st	K Atkins	118/156
	2nd	B Nelson	68/156
	3rd	L Peterkin	45/156
Veterans	1st	B Duncan	118/156
	2nd	L Cook	117/156
	3rd	P Craig	116/156

Five competitors also took part in a night shoot in a 20 target speed round format.

RESULTS - 20 TARGET SPEED ROUND	
M Wilesmith	19/20
J Gould	38/40
K Atkins	37/40
R Kinross	37/40
M Gschwend	18/20

MUDGEE SPORTING CLAYS

by Ross Christian

RIO CLASSIC 2017

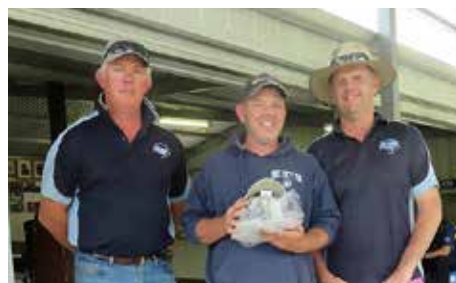
What a fantastic weekend it was. It rained all day Friday for the set up but cleared for a perfect weekend of busting clays. We had great numbers over the two day challenge which made for a great shoot.

Many thanks to all those that attended and we hope to see everyone return for our Christmas shoot in December.

RIO CHALLENGE RESULTS - DAY ONE		
AA Grade	1st	Stephen Payne
	2nd	Steve Atkins
	3rd	Andrew Garvie
A Grade	1st	Bill Weber
	2nd	George Roth
	3rd	John Koolanis
B Grade	1st	Craig Dargan
	2nd	Scott King
	3rd	Adam Orford
C Grade	1st	Graham Rouse
	2nd	Ali Ismail
	3rd	Lucas Theocharous
Veterans	1st	Max Holland
	2nd	-
	3rd	-
Super Vets	1st	John Sidoti
	2nd	Ross Christian
	3rd	David Brenton
Ladies	1st	Melissa King
	2nd	Lauren Judge
	3rd	Angela Newman
Juniors	1st	Jack Roth
	2nd	Kimberly Atkins
	3rd	-
Sub Juniors	1st	Ethan Kelly
	2nd	Finn Chetcuti
	3rd	Jack Atkins

RIO CHALLENGE RESULTS - DAY TWO		
AA Grade	1st	Stephen Payne
	2nd	Steve Atkins
	3rd	Andrew Garvie
A Grade	1st	Chris Everett
	2nd	George Roth
	3rd	Chris Barrowman
B Grade	1st	Scott King
	2nd	Craig Dargan
	3rd	Bob Warren
C Grade	1st	Jake Dawson
	2nd	Domonic Lebnan
	3rd	David Portelli
Veterans	1st	Peter Kay
	2nd	Henk Van Den Heuvel
	3rd	Max Holland

Super Vets	1st	John Sidoti
	2nd	Doug Brenton
	3rd	Ross Christian
Ladies	1st	Melissa King
	2nd	Angela Newman
	3rd	Lauren Judge
Juniors	1st	Jack Roth
	2nd	Kimberly Atkins
	3rd	Wil Holz
Sub Juniors	1st	Ethan Kelly
	2nd	Jack Atkins
	3rd	Archie Backus





VICTORIA

2017 VSCA REPORT

- by Ray McFarlane

2017 has again been a good year for the Victorian Sporting Clays Association (VSCA). We welcomed a new affiliate club in Bendigo Clay Target Club (CTC) and this extends our push into middle Victoria. This gives us both Maryborough CTC and Bendigo CTC in close proximity to each other where they can easily support each other in Compak Sporting events. It has also been a good year for improving the membership of clubs affiliated with VSCA our total membership now stands at over 400 members.

It is not a coincidence that this has all occurred since our national body changed its name to Sporting Clays Australia and online membership and competition entry became a reality. Prior to this we had an identity crisis with our opposing organisation "Field & Game Australia". It is our belief that the change of name has been instrumental in clarifying who we are as an Association. We at VSCA are very aware of this and feel that thanks must be given to the hard working SCA Executive for making these changes happen.

The 2017 game season in Victoria was the best it has been for many years, especially duck shooting, and with continued breeding

next year should be even better. Quail are a different story; with changed farming practices they seem to be in decline in a lot of areas.

Sporting Clays competitors have also had a good year in Victoria with many members travelling to the major SCA events. Our State Championships at the Laang Range was also a well-attended event.

The State Selection Series from which VSCA members can qualify to try out for National Team selection also attracted record numbers, as did the OSA Champion of Champions event conducted throughout the year by SCA. The Australian Sporting Clay Nationals in Geraldton attracted 93 Victorian members, which played a big part in making sure the event was the success it was.

VSCA clubs Daylesford, Geelong, Mornington and Maryborough were successful in attracting funding from the Victorian Government through their Minor Shooting Sports Program; all VSCA Clubs who applied were successful. They offered a maximum grant of \$100,000 on a two for one basis. This money has been wisely spent by the clubs in providing improved facilities and equipment

to their members.

My club, Geelong Sporting Clays, has been able to provide the following features and facilities to its members after obtaining the maximum grant of \$100,000.

- 1 Computerised scoring and electronic scoreboard display
- 2 Three complete Compak Sporting layouts comprising of 18 Promatic Traps and 3 Progetti Elettronica Acoustic Radio Target Release Systems
- 3 Club rooms extension
- 4 An additional 90 foot boom tower for throwing elevated targets

For this we thank the current Victorian Government for their extremely generous support.

Ray McFarlane

President, Victorian Sporting Clays Association



A MESSAGE FROM WAF&GA

The WA Field and Game Association would like to wish everyone a very safe and **happy Christmas**. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the shooting grounds in the New Year.

It's been a huge year for WA with a very successfully-run Nationals held at Echidna Park, Geraldton. Thank you to everyone who played a role in making this event so successful. I am sure these Nationals will be talked about for years to come.

It was great seeing all our clubs here in WA all work together for the betterment of our sport. There was a huge team of volunteers who all did a magnificent job and it was greatly appreciated.

The WAFGA would like to wish all our members and families a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2018.

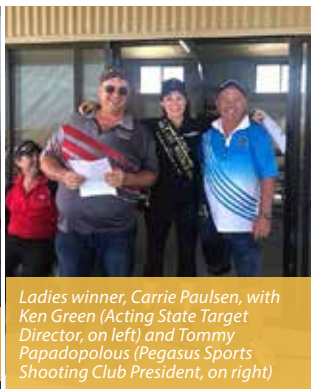
WAFGA STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS

22 OCTOBER 2017

- by Sue Green



High Gun Winner, Doug Coleman, with Pegasus Sports Shooting Club President, Tommy Papadopolous



Ladies winner, Carrie Paulsen, with Ken Green (Acting State Target Director, on left) and Tommy Papadopolous (Pegasus Sports Shooting Club President, on right)



Ken Green and Carrie Paulsen take in the views

WANNAMAL SPORTING CLAYS CLOSING SHOOT

- by Glenn Povey



Wilma and Ray Motteram with landowner, Mal Taylor

The 2017 WAFGA State Compak Championships were held at the Pegasus Sporting Club on Sunday 22 October. The weather was perfect and the ocean views totally magnificent.

Congratulations to Pegasus member Doug Coleman (90/100) who was crowned the WAFGA 2017 State Compak Champion. The runner up was Wannamal member Ken Green (89/100) who won AA Grade. A shoot-off was needed to sort out third place in the AA Grade between Michael McDonald and Peter Grayer, with Michael McDonald shooting a perfect 25 targets to win 3rd place. Thank you to Pegasus for his 25 break badge to add to his collection.

A Grade champ was Nick Melanko (86/100) followed by Three Springs member Gary Turley (82/100) in 2nd. The B Grade champ was Jarrod Witney (78/100) and C Grade was won by newbie Jay Waterhouse (68/100). Our Vets were tied at 79/100, but Grant Cooper was named the winner after both he and Billy Clarke decided to share the sash (six months at Grant's house and six months with Billy!). Our State Lady champ was Carrie Paulsen (71/100).

Numbers may have been down but it was still a fun, well run shoot. Special thanks to Arthur Page and Tommy Pap for setting the grounds

on Saturday. Thanks also to Ken Green for being the acting State Target Director for the day.

Special thanks to Vicki for running the canteen and even the State Secretary had a win, taking home a slab of ammo in the raffle. We ran the State event from the new clubhouse and the facilities are looking good. A huge thanks to the wonderful members from Pegasus Sports Shooting Club for your friendship and hospitality, and all the work that goes into hosting this State Compak Championships. WAFGA greatly appreciates all the effort.

PEGASUS STATE COMPAK RESULTS 22 OCTOBER 2017			
High Gun		Doug Coleman	90
AA Grade	1st	Ken Green	89
	2nd	Michael McDonald	86
	3rd	Peter Grayer	86
A Grade	1st	Nick Melanko	86
	2nd	Gary Turley	82
	3rd	Arthur Page	82
B Grade	1st	Jarrod Witney	78
C Grade	1st	Jay Waterhouse	68
Veterans	1st	Grant Cooper	79
	2nd	Bill Clarke	79
Ladies	1st	Carrie Paulsen	71

80 PAIR ENGLISH SPORTING SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2017

After weeks of preparation, the time had come to host the very last shoot at our beloved Wannamal grounds. Arriving at the grounds Saturday lunch time, there was already a carpark filled with caravans, tents and swags. We realised instantly this was going to be a huge weekend...

The Club aimed to invite as many people as possible that have been part of the Wannamal family over the many years spent at this ground; we especially wanted our founding members to be part of our closing shoot and celebrations. With the help of our veteran shooters, we were able to track down Ray and Wilma Motteram and Stephen Clint, who are a few of the members responsible for forming our great club. To our surprise, we had more and more people arrive throughout the day, word had certainly spread, this was not a weekend to miss.

The familiar smell of Coopsy's famous roast dinner filled the clubhouse and as it slowly cooked, we were busy plastering the walls with very large photo boards filled with memories from the early days and more recent times, balloons were blown up and party lights fixed to the roof. Meanwhile DJ



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DJ Marshy on the decks



Marshy set up his equipment, smoke machine and disco lights. Marc Stipinovich and Nonie Trainor also arrived and began to set up their stage... Finally, the scene was set for one of the most memorable nights in the history of Wannamal.

DJ Marshy had his tunes pumping and as people carved up the dancefloor, the room was filled with smiles and laughter. We decided to break for dinner, so we unchained DJ Marshy from his decks and before our second musical act took the stage, we had a few very special speeches.

Using the speeches to take a moment to appreciate the masses of people that filled our clubhouse – we not only had Wannamal members, but friends and family new shooters and old shooters from all clubs throughout Western Australia – all here to celebrate the many years of Wannamal Sporting Clays.

The landowner, Mal Taylor, gave a very heartfelt speech and was able to catch up with very special friends, Ray and Wilma Motteram throughout the night, whom he had not seen for some time. Once all speeches were finished we began to roll out dinner. We fed over 110 people for dinner. It was certainly a packed clubhouse!

As soon as people were settled eating their meal, Marc Stipinovich and Nonie Trainor took the stage to treat all to a fantastic range of classic songs that had everybody singing and dancing once again. So many terrible dance moves were witnessed throughout the night.

At some point during the night, the dancing

and singing was stopped for a very special auction. Andrew and Nadene Smedley from All Scope Firearms & Accessories donated three envelopes, one contained a \$100 voucher, one a \$50 voucher, and the third contained a voucher for a lollipop. The very talented DJ Marshy ran an absolutely unreal auction which raised over \$1000 for the club. Half of the money raised was from one of our newest members, Paul Pitaro. He selected one of the three envelopes and you guessed it, he won the lollipop voucher. Thank you for being such a good sport Paul! The other two vouchers were won by Monica Stipinovich and Tony Trainor.



High Gun winner, Clayton Dennis

The singing and dancing continued well into the early hours of the morning. Some people even having so much fun, they lost track of time and thought everybody had gone to bed early... until realizing it was 4am!

We had organized a coffee van to arrive at the ground the following morning. Thankfully, Coops and the kitchen ladies ensured we had plenty of bacon and egg sandwiches to go around as we had 80 pairs of English sporting to get through and had no time to waste with hangovers. We had 83 shooters nominated for the day, so we had to get cracking!

The weather throughout the day was extremely varied, with a mix of warm weather followed by patches of rain with lots of wind and then no wind; a pretty standard day at Wannamal. Probably a good thing as it gave the people that celebrated a little too hard the night before something else to focus on.

We stopped for a BBQ lunch after the first 40 pairs. We had a feast awaiting us with steak, sausages and a mountain of salads on offer. A much-needed boost to people's energy before tackling the last 40 pairs of the day.

As the shooters started to return to the clubhouse, it was apparent who felt a little rusty and who

managed to stay focused long enough to shoot 160 targets. It was none other than Wannamal's own

Clayton Dennis shot an amazing 131/160, taking out High Gun by only 3 targets in front of Pegasus member Benny Sgro.

The weekend was an absolute blast and a huge success and this is due to our club members and volunteers that worked around the clock to make it happen. Thank you to:

Carrie Paulsen who worked tirelessly in contacting all the old members, putting together the massive photo boards of the great times at the club and organising all of the prizes for the weekend.



Grant and Helen Cooper, Leanne Hudspith and Sue Ellis who worked in the canteen to provide an amazing meal for over 110 people on the Saturday night and then backed it up with an awesome BBQ lunch on the Sunday.

The Howards and Garry and Katerina Stipinovich for the donated meat.

The entertainment provided by DJ Marshy, Marc Stipinovich and Nonie Trainor.

Sue and Ken Green who run the office every single event.

Ian Callan and all the boys that set targets, filled traps and delivered boxes of clays throughout the weekend.

Last of all, thank you to the shooters, non-shooters and family members who attended the very last shoot at Wannamal, without you this event would not have been the huge success it was.

Stay tuned on the updates of our relocation. Wannamal Sporting Clays will be shooting in 2018 and we look forward to hosting you at our new ground.

RESULTS			
High Gun		Clayton Dennis	131/160
AA Grade	1st	Ben Sgro	128/160
	2nd	Colin George	122/160
	3rd	Gary Marsh	121/160
A Grade	1st	Doug Coleman	116/160
	2nd	Luke Turner	113/160
	3rd	Mick Thomas	112/160
B Grade	1st	Brendan Karow	109/160
	2nd	Matt Storer	108/160
	3rd	Andrew Charleson	108/160

C Grade	1st	Paul Pitro	98/160
	2nd	Glen Doran	97/160
	3rd	Alan Featherstone	97/160
Veterans	1st	Colin Barker	114/160
	2nd	Tony Trainor	111/160
	3rd	Jon Dyas	106/160
Ladies	1st	Carrie Paulsen	92/160
	2nd	Antonia Mylonas	82/160
	3rd	Emily Trainor	68/160
Juniors	1st	Tom Charleson	91/160
Sub-Juniors	1st	Kate Cooper	69/160

PERTH METRO BRANCH FIELD & GAME

WANNEROO SPORTING CLAYS

- by Mark Mansfield

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Neil S and Tony W

THE PERTH METRO BRANCH FIELD & GAME ASSOCIATION, MEMBER OF THE YEAR FOR 2017.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. David Smith for this achievement. David joined Perth Metro circa 10 ten years ago and immediately joined the committee in the role of Treasurer. He has also been our Grounds Safety Officer and after all of that time still serves on the committee today. David also assists in working bees using his own tools and consumables, and has greatly helped in getting Wanneroo to where it is today. All in all David is simply a "good bloke" and he deserves such recognition.

ROAD TO WHITEMAN PARK

The road to Perth Metro's ground at Whiteman Park is now sealed. This will make accessing the grounds much better.

CLUB RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

The Champions for 2017 are:

Club Champion: Andrew Peters

Runner up: Wayne Cunningham

3rd in Division: Mark Williams

Vets Champion: Hendrik de Beer

2nd in Vets: Tony Smith

Junior Champion: Matt de Beer

Below are the results of our Championship rifle shoot, the last qualifier for 2017. The scores from all of the qualifiers are used to determine the Club (Perth Metro) Champion.

OCTOBER RIFLE SHOOT 2017			
High Gun		Mark Robins	570/600
A Grade	1st	Wayne Cunningham	540/600
	2nd	Graeme Ledwood	530/600
	3rd	Andrew Peters	526/600
Veterans	1st	Hendrik de Beer	415/600
	2nd	Paul Sinderberry	400/600
Juniors	1st	Matthew de Beer	211/600

COACHING & PRACTICE DAY

Wanneroo ran a successful coaching and practice day in October with 19 shooters attending. Thanks go to Arthur, Tracey and Peter for coming along to help out.

ENGLISH SPORTING

Another great course was set by Mike and Dave with eight stations and 50 pairs thrown. The weather was starting to warm but the shoot still attracted nearly 40 shooters and a good day was had by those that attended. The scores were handicapped which levelled the field and there were three top scores of 93 which led to a shoot-off that was won by Coops.

ENGLISH SPORTING		
High Gun	Grant (Coops)	93
1st	Neil C	93
2nd	Lyndsay S	93
3rd	Tony T	92
4th	Luke T	92
5th	Andrew C	90

WHITEMAN PARK NEWS

The road to the Whiteman Park clubhouse has now been sealed with bitumen so there will be no more dust or mud problems and you don't have to worry about your car getting dirty anymore. Please remember that the speed limit is still 30km/hour. Hope to see more members shooting at Whiteman Park.

END OF ANOTHER YEAR

It seems only a short time ago I was writing last year's end of year article. Time does go quickly. The shoots at Wanneroo have been exceptional this year and that can only be achieved by those that put the effort in and make it happen. To those that helped out, I sincerely thank you for your contribution.

Our Whiteman Park grounds are well managed by Garry Rundell and his team, and the Club is seeing results from investing in remote controls and better traps. That investment is leading towards change in the ability to set improved targets.

Thanks go to our small but very successful team that manages the rifle group at PWAC. Hendrik de Beer, Paul Sinderberry, Mark Williams and Andrew Peters, all do a great job in managing the rifle group.

As I mentioned, time goes quickly and when you're running your own business or still work for a living time is at a premium, and it is not easy to find spare time to set up and run shoots. Special thanks go to Mike Hudspith, Dave Smith, Clyde Swartz, Garry Rundell and Hendrik de Beer for their individual efforts during 2017.

Recognition also goes to our members who have won places in State and National Championship shoots, these are:

2017 PERTH METRO STATE & NATIONAL WINNERS

Byron Jones	State Sub Junior Champion
Byron Jones	2 nd Place in 2017 Nationals

Also to Kim Green, Wayne Mascord, Chris Flemmich for assisting in setting and packing up. Also to Mark Williams for making up skids for the traps.

The whole team at Wanneroo, Whiteman Park and the Rifle group have put in a huge effort for 2017 and all the hard work is appreciated.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR 2017

Tony Trainor representing GB Corsivia and Andrew Smedley from Allscope Firearms.

What's coming up at Wanneroo?

POINT OF SALE SYSTEM

Wanneroo is now using a Point of Sale (POS) system. What is that? Well it's basically an EFTPOS machine, which means we can now take nomination fees electronically.

For those of you who have not done so yet please visit the Perth Metro Field & Game web site at www.pmfg.org.au.

Wishing you all a merry Xmas and a great New Year.

Stay safe and I will see you around the traps in 2018.

Mark Mansfield

President

Perth Metro Field & Game



B Grade



A Grade



AA Grade



C Grade



High Gun



Juniors



Ladies



Super Veterans



Veterans

QUEENSLAND SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION INC REPORT

- by Ashley Mead

NOVEMBER REPORT

QSCA has seen continued growth in members and participation within the clubs, with a current membership of 642 (up from 534 in November 2016).

Each club has a small group of dedicated volunteers who work hard to develop clubs and promote sporting clays; without these people our sport would fold. Please make the effort to get involved.

QSCA REMINDERS

- It's that time of year. Christmas shoots are on at your club. Please check the QSCA website (qldsportingclays.org.au) for details of dates/times and get into the Christmas spirit by shooting a few clays.
- Brisbane Sporting Clays' 'King of the Quarry' is on again. This Quarry shoot has earned a reputation as being a great day out, so if you're looking for a fun shoot in unique terrain, then this is the one for you. Escape the Christmas parties, those pesky relatives and work off that Christmas lunch. 100 targets, Boxing Day, Sunday December 26 at 9.30am.
- Due to a heavy weather cancellation in April, the 2017 QLD Compak State Titles will now be held at Fraser Coast on Sunday 7 January 2018.

2017 QSCA STATE TEAM

Congratulations to the QSCA State Team's performance at the SCA National Titles. The Queensland State team was narrowly beaten (on 1154) by the South Australian State Team (on 1159) for 3rd Place in the State Teams event.

2017 QSCA ENGLISH SPORTING STATE TITLES

The 2017 English Sporting State Titles were held over 100 targets at Beaudesert Sporting Clays on Saturday 28 October with 46 shooters competing. The event was sponsored by Top Shot Industries, MEC Shooting Supplies, Chris Wright Motorhomes and QSCA.

Beaudesert presented a challenging mix of targets over different elevations. After 100 targets, scores were level with Billy Cain and Rodney Carr on 78/100. The resulting shoot-off had both competitors displaying some great shooting, with Billy the winner after the shoot-off (19 to 9).

The fact that the club ran out of beer after the competition may reflect the pain and/or joy some shooters experienced!

Big thanks from QSCA to Beaudesert Sporting Clays for hosting, and to those who set the targets and ran the day including Chris and Rebekah Wright, Dean Short, Dave Cunliffe, Daryl Pilbeam and Rob Allan. Thanks also to Guy Lohmann and Rebecca Fenwick for running the noms and providing some great food. Apologies to anyone else I have missed.

2017 QSCA ENGLISH SPORTING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS			
High Gun	Billy Cain		78/100
AA	1st	Peter Tobin	76
	2nd	Glen Rider	75
	3rd	Brett Chambellant	74
A	1st	Paul Collingwood	73
	2nd	Mark Cain	71
	3rd	Nick Orr	70
B	1st	Spencer Deriz	66
	2nd	Peter Dow	65
	3rd	Andrew Sawers	64
C	1st	Hugo Richards	67
	2nd	Clive Salmond	54
	3rd	Rob Drews	54
Ladies	1st	Karen Rider	59
	2nd	Rebekah Wright	38
	2nd	Reece Cain	37
Juniors	1st	Mathew Collingwood	55
	2nd	Reece Cain	37
Veterans	1st	Rodney Carr	78
	2nd	Ian Grant	63
	3rd	Robert Davis	61
Super Veterans	1st	Bob Hooper	72
	2nd	Dave Williams	56
	3rd	Roy Ingram	47

2017 QSCA OLD STYLE FITASC STATE TITLES

The 2017 Old Style State Titles were held over 100 targets at Brisbane Sporting Clays on Sunday 12 November with 46 shooters competing. The event was sponsored by Brisbane Sporting Clays and QSCA.

While we don't shoot Old Style very often, a good day was had by all with Brisbane throwing a mix of targets over four grounds. Scores were close after the 100 targets, with Reece Cain on 92/100 to outdo little brother Billy Cain on 90/100.

QSCA would like to extend its thanks to Brisbane Sporting Clays for hosting the event, especially to Jason Pole who set the targets (with help from Dennis Dinte and Dave Evans). Thanks also to Kathy and Glynis for once again providing some great food. Leo Cao (QSCA Vice President) also had a long

drive to attend, compete and then hand out the medals and prizes. Apologies to anyone else I have left out.

2017 QSCA OLD STYLE FITASC STATE TITLE RESULTS			
High Gun	Reece Cain		92/100
AA	1st	Dennis Dinte	89/100
	2nd	Peter Tobin	84/100
	3rd	Frank Scambellone	81/100
A	1st	Frank Araco	83/100
	2nd	Phillip Nelson	80/100
	3rd	Lance Marshall	78/100
B	1st	Andy Sawers	75/100
	2nd	Peter Dow	65/100
	3rd	Jason Hartfield	63/100
C	1st	Andrew Schruter	79/100
	2nd	Chad Porter	64/100
	3rd	Daniel Davis	53/100
Ladies	1st	Shannon Palfreeman	55/100
	2nd	Karen Rider	49/100
Juniors	1st	Billy Cain	90/100
Veterans	1st	Michael Birgan	85/100
	2nd	Leo Cao	73/100
	3rd	Keith Rhoades	73/100
Super Veterans	1st	Dennis Bullimore	67/100
	2nd	Lyell Pettman	58/100
	3rd	Robert Hooper	58/100

Full results available at qldsportingclays.org.au

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all members, see you in 2018.

Ashley Mead

QSCA State Secretary

OLD STYLE FITASC STATE TITLES



HIGH GUN



LADIES



AA GRADE



JUNIORS



A GRADE



VETERANS



B GRADE



C GRADE



SUPER VETERANS



BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS REPORT

- by Glen Rider

Well BSC members, 2017 has almost run its course. It seems as though no sooner have we started the year that we blink and we are looking at its end. Someone would make a fortune if they could find out where the place is that time flies to.

Although the year seems to have flown by, when we look back over the past 12 months much has been achieved again at the Club. The following is a condensed list of the accomplishments for 2017.

- We received a \$100,000 Government grant that will allow Stage 2 of the clubhouse to be built. It may seem like nothing is happening but the plans have been drawn up and sent in to Brisbane City Council for approval. As with all things connected to Council, it takes time to go through the system and because they have confirmed this new part will require building approval, we are waiting for them to advise. The process is slow and time consuming and Kathy has a task that would test the patience of a saint. Still, we have persevered with the process and we should have confirmation shortly on the start of construction.
- Our corporate participation has been tremendous this year and is becoming a part of the standard activity at the Club. Not only does this generate income, it's also an important part in expanding our membership. This system would not be where it is without the undying help of our volunteers who turn up to the Club and help Vern out on the corporate layouts. A debt of gratitude goes out to our members who are generous in their support with the time they provide to the Club to make this happen. Your assistance is noticed and very much appreciated.

- New trap purchases this year. We have extended our inventory with another 10 new traps to the arsenal at the club.
- New to Australia is a new 70mm clay target trap. BSC has ordered one of these new machines which should hopefully be with us before the end of the year (along with 70mm clay targets of course). This is on top of the 10 new already purchased.
- A further 4 new Promatic Card Reader systems.
- New trailers to provide the new traps with mobility. Also replacements for some of the old 4 leg trailers which have served us well, but needed replacement.
- Bus stop structures for the Saturday practise layouts to house the card readers.
- A new till unit with two payment positions to replace the aging unit we had. The addition of the two positions will allow for expansion and help get our members/visitors through when they purchase products.
- The competition side has not slowed either, with several major competitions hosted by Brisbane: the GB Corsivia Two Day Event (which keeps growing every year), the SCA English Sporting Nationals, the QSC State Titles and the QSC Old Style FITASC, to name a few.

There has been just as much action behind the scenes with stuff that just "happens" – grass mowing, making sure traps have clays in them and in stock, ground design and trap placement, catering on competition days, drinks in the fridge, bins emptied, accounts balanced, etc. These are just a few of the jobs that just seem to happen as if by magic.

As the volunteers know, it actually takes people power to be lifting, placing, throwing or just DOING it. Thanks goes out to all our volunteers that help spread this load.

As we look forward to 2018, the Club is already preparing for the next year's entertainment and it looks like things are going to be bigger and better than 2017. If you feel you have some time available to help out at the Club, please let the Committee know as help is always appreciated.

If we do not see you at the Club until 2018, the BSC Committee would like to wish everyone of our members a Happy Christmas and safe New Year. See you all again in 2018 with guns blazing.

Glen Rider,
BSC Secretary



High Gun winner Danny Bellinger



AA Grade placegetters (L to R) Malcolm Whitehead (1st), Fabian Bigmore (2nd) and Craig Wright (3rd)

LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS OCTOBER REPORT

- by Vicki Fabris

Lake Bonney Sporting Clays held its South West Freight 50 target event on October 15 with a total of 78 shooters. Steve Bellinger and Norm Smith put their hands up this month to set the course and were able to present an interesting combination of targets to keep the competition tight.

High Gun was decided by a coin toss between AA shooter Danny Bellinger and Veteran Wayne Evans who both finished with a 44/50. The variation in the targets was enough to ensure that no-one was able to complete the course with a perfect 25. AA grade was strongly contested with Malcolm Whitehead taking out top honours, proving he is by no means going to be slowing down any time soon. Fabian Bigmore and Chris Wright also decided their positions by a toss of the coin with Fabian taking second and Chris third. Lake Bonney member Tom Weir had a good day out shooting 43/50 to win A grade ahead of Craig Hill and Matthew Jones. B grade had an interesting finish seeing three shooters having the same score at the end of the day. Karl Altschwager taking home first followed by Mick Brennan and Jon Prance. C grader Nigel Townley wasn't far behind them with a 37 for first in his grade, course setter Norm Smith happy with second and Somerset's Alex Gordon third. Wayne Evans was three targets ahead of the Veterans group while regular rivals Wayne Gurney and Neville Kent both shot 41. There wasn't much between the winners in Super Vets with Greg Todd coming in first with 39, Barry Hill second with 38 and Peter Caskey third with 37. Tasha Bellinger, Kellie Peterson and Meagan Millard took home the prizes in the Ladies. Lone Junior shooter Mason Patzel had a great day out finishing up on 38, giving his grandfather Jon Prance a run for his money. Declan Wright won the Sub Juniors over Brodie VonStanke and Jeht Townley.



B Grade placegetters (L to R) Karl Altschwager (1st), Mick Brennan (2nd) and Jon Prance (3rd)



Super Vet placegetters (L to R) Greg Todd (1st), Barry Hill (2nd) and Peter Caskey (3rd)

Peter Sims won the cash in the Flash Five competition, rewarding the crowd with a display of precision shooting and breaking all five flash targets thrown.

HIGH GUN – DANNY BELLINGER 44/50

1st		
AA	Malcolm Whitehead	41
A	Tom Weir	43
B	Karl Altschwager	38
C	Nigel Townley	37
Vets	Wayne Evans	44
Super vets	Greg Todd	39
Ladies	Tasha Bellinger	34
Junior	Mason Patzel	38
Sub/Junior	Declan Wright	34
2nd		
AA	Fabian Bigmore	40
A	Craig Hill	42
B	Mick Brennan	38
C	Norm Smith	33
Vets	Wayne Gurney	41
Super vets	Barry Hill	38
Ladies	Kellie Peterson	26
Sub/Junior	Brodie VonStanke	27
3rd		
AA	Chris Wright	40
A	Matthew Jones	40
B	Jon Prance	38
C	Alex Gordon	33
Vets	Neville Kent	41
Super vets	Peter Caskey	37
Ladies	Meagan Millard	25
Sub/Junior	Jeht Townley	26



Sub Juniors Brodie Von Stanke (2nd place) and Declan Wright (1st place)

SOUTHERN BRANCH REPORT

- by Wendel Litchfield

Rocky Gully Old Style Championship

Rocky Gully held the South Australian State Old Style championship in October, a shoot that has been a flagship for the club in recent years and everyone that attended in 2017 could not have been disappointed. The weather was a warm, sunny and clear 25 degrees with no wind, conditions like this don't get much better around here. 150 targets were offered across 6 old style courses set up across Rocky Gully's 300 acres to make use of as much different terrain as possible.

HELLENIC CUP



A Grade Winners (L to R) Aaron Went (3rd), Peter Rugless (1st) and Rob Marcoionni (2nd)



High Gun Winner - Gavin Dyson receiving his plaque and a box of Torresan wine and \$1000



B Grade Winner - Patrick Torrens receiving his 1st place plaque from State President Ernie Scheidl



Mark Moss - drawn score shoot off winner - receiving his \$1500 from Bruce Burns

OLD STYLE CHAMPIONSHIP



Prize pool thanks to our generous sponsors - Bruce Burns, John Torresan and SAFGA



AA Grade Winner - Jeremy Kent

At first glance, some shooters thought some courses to be on the easy side, but they quickly found out this wasn't the case, with varying speeds and trajectories deceiving even the most experienced campaigner. The South east were well represented with Jeremy Kent and Gavin Dyson neck and neck after the first day. Day 2 had just as perfect conditions as the first and the competitors all punched out some great rounds to keep the contest interesting. Gavin Dyson shot an impeccable 143/150 to win high gun from Jeremy Kent with a 136.

The random drawn score for the \$1500 prize shootoff continued this year, thanks to Bruce Burns and GB Corsivia. Bruce's generous sponsorship allowed for 6 shooters who shot the score nearest to the one drawn to go into a shootoff for the prize money. This year 106/150 was drawn and that saw an interesting shootoff between a range of Grades. It was a tight contest between all the shooters, with only a target in it up until the last pad. Then the pressure began to be felt and a few shooters came undone. Charles Wallis was looking promising, but unfortunately dropped his last target to avoid a draw and let Mark Moss come away the winner. Everyone who was there had a lot of

great things to say about the event, why don't you see for yourself next year?

HIGH GUN – GAVIN DYSON

146

1st		
AA	Jeremy Kent	136
A	Peter Rugless	135
B	Patrick Torrens	130
C	Matt De Lisio	113
Vets	Christopher Ball	136
Super vets	John Torresan	131
Ladies	Janette Densley	111
Junior	Daniel Falco	114
Sub/Junior	Nickolas Bologiannis	83
2nd		
AA	Shane Terry	135
A	Rob Marcoionni	133
B	Luciano Palumbo	123
C	Marlene Pohl	105
Vets	Grant Baum	135
Super vets	Richard Dean	128
Junior	James McNeil	103
3rd		
AA	Joe Densley	134
A	Aaron Went	132
B	Paul Douvos	114
C	Michael Vasileff	94
Vets	Robin Shawyer	133
Super vets	Rex Barber	124

Rocky Gully Hellenic Cup

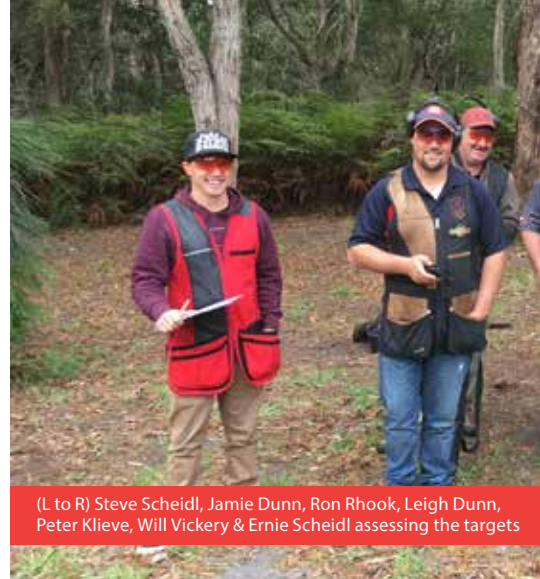
Another favourite event for the Rocky Gully members is the Monarto Cup, a friendly rivalry with our neighbouring club at Monarto, Hellenic Shooting Sports SA. Over two rounds, one at each venue, 10 shooters from each club add up their scores with the total after both rounds determining the winning club. The final round was held in early November at Hellenic and that Sunday all present experienced the first really hot day for the season, with the mercury rising to 36 degrees. Not being acclimatised, it really felt like a hot box and the afternoon round, all sweltered in the heat. Rocky Gully held a slim lead of 14 targets going into the final round and the Rocky Gully crew knew that anybody could win and everyone would really have to be on their game. The Rocky Gully crew persevered through the heat and although the afternoon round saw some scores slide, thanks to the heat, Team Rocky Gully hung on to shoot 632, to Hellenic's 631. Rocky Gully now takes a 5 to 3 lead in wins of the cup. We all look forward to next year and another set of team shoots. Lets hope we can keep our hands on the silverware!



Compak Championship - AA Grade Winners



Compak Championship - High Gun Winner



(L to R) Steve Scheidl, Jamie Dunn, Ron Rhook, Leigh Dunn, Peter Klieve, Will Vickery & Ernie Scheidl assessing the targets

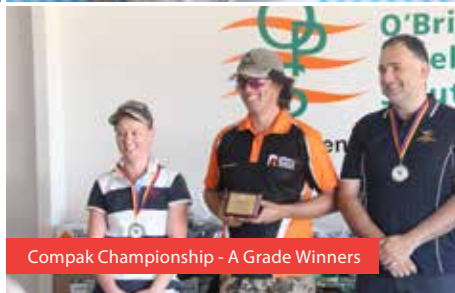
Compak State Championship

When I talk to people, I have not met anyone who doesn't enjoy shooting Compak Sporting, in fact some say it is their favourite format. So it came as no surprise that many shooters were keenly anticipating the South Australian Compak Sporting Championship. One day, 4 courses, 100 targets....fast and furious shooting and a sizable contingent from across the state traveled to Rocky Gully to test their skills.

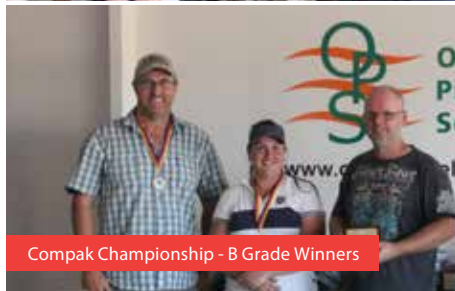
The Course setters gave shooters variety, with open fields and lifting equipment, sheltered scrub and targets thrown down slope under the shooter's feet where the shooting positions ran across a ridge of varying height. The day was clear and felt hotter than the predicted 30 degrees and the assembled field took to the targets with vigour. Everyone definitely said all the targets were there to be shot and any misses had to be owned personally.

Compak has a unique way of building pressure, especially with the way high scores can be accumulated and shooters start to feel the numbers build, seeing that there is not much in it between those at the top. This competition was no different with plenty of big scores being put on the board right from the very start with Gavin Dyson, Tim Widdison, Peter Hicks, Rob Shawyer and Daniel Falco all surging out of the blocks.

As is often the case, one ground proved slightly more tricky than all the others, ground 1 was deceptive with targets sliding down off height to way under the shooter's feet, stalling and dropping targets as well as a big chandelle. After all 4 rounds, local boy Peter Hicks was the High Gun winner on 94 after managing two 25s. Gavin Dyson was 1st in AA Grade on 93 and on 92 there was a three way tie between Rob Shawyer, Tim Widdison and Daniel Falco. After a shootoff, Daniel Falco dominated with 11/12, with Tim Widdison finishing 3rd on 8/12. Janette Densley and Charles Wallis also shot off for B grade 2nd and 3rd and Janette showed that all her practice and effort was paying off as she shot 9/12 to clinch 2nd place, including hitting all the very long birds!



Compak Championship - A Grade Winners



Compak Championship - B Grade Winners

It's always rewarding to see shooters walking away happy and pleased with the targets, even if they could criticise their own performance. Many remarked that they couldn't wait for the next time and that we should shoot more Compak. We will certainly be considering it.

Results:

HIGH GUN: Peter Hicks 94

AA Grade

1. Dyson, Gavin 93
2. Falco, Daniel 92
3. Widdison, Timothy 92 (8)

A Grade

1. Litchfield, Wendel 88
2. Bologiannis, James 86
3. Van der Zalm, Deanna 85

B Grade

1. Benham, Glenn 84
2. Densley, Janette 74
3. Wallis, Charles 74 (7)

C Grade

1. Smith, Colin 61
2. O'Brien, Joel 60
3. Vasileff, Michael 42

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME

24/09/17 REPORT

Occasional bursts of sunshine and showers together with high winds played havoc with the targets at South East Field and Game's monthly sporting clay shoot at Burrungule Park. The Stuart Bowd Contracting / Richmond Park Sheep stud / J.O Berkefeld 75 target event had 66 competitors nominate for the Old style Fitasc event over three courses set by Ken Atkin & his crew.

Lake Bonney's Danny Bellinger mastered the tricky conditions to take out the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun with 70/75

AA Grade saw the experienced Ron Rhook, cope well with the wind, to win with 69/75 from Jamie Dunn and Adelaide's current National veterans champion, Chris Ball complete the podium in third.

Craig Hill won A grade with 61/75 from Mick Banning in second with Greg Dawes, another visiting shooter from Adelaide finished in third.

Matt Crowe shot 55/75 to win B grade from the improving Ross Stevens and the "Fit again" Ricki Kelly rounding out the places.

Graham Fennell showed the other C graders a clean pair of heels to win by seven targets with Matt Crook and Peter Beck taking out the minor placings.

Wayne Evans reignited his season with a dominant 65/75 to win Veterans by five targets from Neville Kent and Wayne Gurney.

Kevin Dyson gave the Super Veterans a lesson on "how to shoot wind effected targets" to win by eight targets from, another visitor from Adelaide, David Gagnon. Peter Klieve had a smooth run into third without his old adversary Peter Caskey.

Tash Bellinger won Ladies by nine targets but snapping at her heels was the fast improving Janette Densley and Tamara VonStanke

Trap shooting specialist Willis Jenkins won



Juniors with 46/75 and Will Vickery mastered the tricky conditions to convincingly win Sub Juniors with 51/75 from developing youngsters Will Crook and Adam Kuhl

Results:

GAMBIER SHOOTING SUPPLIES HIGH GUN

Jeremy Kent 73/75

AA Grade

1. R.Rhook 73/75
2. S.McIntyre 73/75
3. D.Bellinger 69/75

A Grade

1. S.Crawford 69/75
2. A.Cowin 67/75
3. M.Brilley 67/75

B Grade

1. B.Spring 63/75
2. C.Wallis 60/75
3. G.Allison 60/75

C Grade

1. N.Emerson 48/75
2. D.Harridine 48/75
3. M.Crook 48/75

Veterans

1. W.Gurney 64/75
2. W.Evans 64/75
3. N.Kent 63/75

Super Veterans

1. B.Hill 67/75
2. G.Todd 64/75
3. K.Dyson 64/75

Ladies

1. T.Bellinger 61/75
2. T.VonStanke 49/75
3. J.Densley 48/75

Juniors

1. Max Crook

Sub Juniors

1. D.Wright 53/75
2. W.Vickery 53/75
3. S.VonStanke 50/75

22/10/17 REPORT

Cool, dry and still weather created near perfect conditions for the 111 shooters that nominated for the South East Field & Game's 75 target sporting clays event sponsored by GB/Corsivia, K & S Fuels, Spot On Fishing Tackle.



Course Setter Ken Atkin set three semi old style grounds to test the shooter's skill and concentration with shoot offs required in nearly all grades to determine podium positions.

The experienced Ron Rhook tore out of the blocks with consecutive perfect 25 scores however after 75 targets there was a three way tie with Jeremy Kent and Scott McIntyre joining Rhook on 73/75, necessitating a shoot off which went to shooting simultaneous pairs which was won by Kent after he managed the rare feat of smashing the two crossing targets with one shot to take out The Gambier shooting supplies High Gun, leaving Rhook to claim AA grade from McIntyre and Danny Bellinger in third.

Visiting Coleraine shooter Steven Crawford won A grade from Allan Cowin and Michael Brilley who also had to be separated by a shoot off.

Skeet specialist Brian Spring made a welcome return the sporting clay scene with a B grade win from Charles Wallis who also won his shoot off over Gary Allison.

Three C graders tied on 48/75 with a lengthy shoot off ensuing to determine the podium places with Neale Emmerson prevailing over Daniel Harradine & Matt Crook.

Veterans was won by Wayne Gurney narrowly defeating Wayne Evans and Neville Kent, whilst in Super Veterans Barry Hill romped home by three targets over traditional sparring partners Greg Todd and Kevin Dyson.

Tash Bellinger again dominated the Ladies class with both Tamara VonStanke and Janette Densley snapping at her heels with steady improvement.

Max Crook won the juniors and it took a shoot off to separate sub juniors Declan Wright from Will Vickery and Shak VonStanke trailing close behind in third.

Results:

GAMBIER SHOOTING SUPPLIES HIGH GUN

Danny Bellinger 70/75

AA Grade

1. Ron Rhook 69/75
2. Jamie Dunn 67/75
3. Chris Ball 67/75

A Grade

1. Craig Hill 61/75
2. Mick Banning 60/75
3. Greg Dawes 59/75

B Grade

1. Matt Crowe 55/75
2. Ross Stevens 53/75
3. Ricki Kelly 52/75

C Grade

1. Graham Fennell 47/75
2. Matt Crook 40/75
3. Peter Beck 30/75

Veterans

1. Wayne Evans 65/75
2. Neville Kent 60/75
3. Wayne Gurney 53/75

Super Veterans

1. Kevin Dyson 59/75
2. David Gagnon 51/75
3. Peter Klieve 50/75

Ladies

1. Tash Bellinger 59/75
2. Janette Densley 50/75
3. Tamara VonStanke 38/75

Juniors

1. Willis Jenkins 46/75

Sub Juniors

1. Will Vickery 51/75
2. Will Crook 28/75
3. Adam Kuhl 22/75

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2017 Results

ISSF World Cup Final

Skeet Men Gold Medal: Riccardo Filippelli

Trap Women Gold Medal: Alessia Lezzi

FITASC World Champion Compak 2017

Lady Gold Medal: Aurore Logghe

ISSF World Cup

Skeet Men Silver Medal: Riccardo Filippelli

ISSF European Championship

Trap Women Junior Bronze Medal: Greta Luppi

ISSF Oceania Championship

Trap Women Gold Medal: Laetisha Scanlon

ISSF Commonwealth Championship

Trap Women Gold Medal: Laetisha Scanlon

Double Trap Women Gold Medal: Emma Cox

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Lady Silver Medal: Aurore Logghe

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Junior Bronze Medal: Alexandre Stambolizian

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