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SCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We had a hot start to the national shooting season in Rocky Gully, South Australia. The weather on Saturday was fierce and so was the shooting. The event went quite well considering the conditions with only a few disruptions from some trap problems (that's not the first competition I've been to that's had trap issues). Sunday cooled down but the shooting did not and at the end of the day we had our 2018 Australian Grand Prix Winner – Chris Brown. Chris was backing up from his 2017 win. He shot a fantastic 191, followed by his great mate and partner in crime Blake Nankervis with another great score of 189 including four 25s. Cameron Kivinen finished close behind in third on 188. Check out Ray McFarlane's report of the Grand Prix for more detail.

We thank our event partners, Outdoor Sporting Agencies (Rod Laidlaw), Outdoor Trading Company (Lee Berger) and Torresan Estate (John Torresan). The Association acknowledges and appreciates the ongoing generosity of our supporters.

The teams who will be competing at the FITASC Oceania Championships in New Zealand and the 40th World FITASC Sporting Championships in France have been finalised and are showcased in this issue's report from SCA National Team Manager, Ralph Ali. These shooters represent the enormous talent grown here in Australia and they are a true asset to our country and our sport. I would like to wish these teams safe travels and good shooting.

The next event on the SCA calendar is the English Sporting Nationals on the 5th and 6th of May in Sydney. We haven't had a major competition at these grounds for many years. I hope plenty of you attend and show your support to Australian Sporting Clays Sydney. It's great to see different clubs from around the country step forward and have a go. After that we are off to Brisbane Sporting Clays for the Compak Nationals on the 9th and 10th of June. Those who attended the 2016 Nationals should have some fond memories of the great hospitality, great grounds and great weather Brisbane has to offer. Rounding out the calendar is the Australian Sporting Clay Nationals at Laang. Remember to get in early and nominate for these events as we're seeing competitions at full capacity.

Finally, remember that SCA offers travel insurance for members if you're travelling interstate or overseas for a competition. You can purchase insurance online or get in touch with the SCA office for more info.

Yours in Shooting,

Tony Trainor

FAST X FIVE

with SCA Director of Coaching Wendel Litchfield

The person who introduced me to shooting was my Dad. We all shot a lot as kids. I introduced myself to sporting clays as it looked a lot of fun... and it was.

My first shotgun was an ATA686.

My greatest achievement in shooting is shooting back to back 25s recently. That was a buzz.

The best venue I've ever shot at is Piancardato, Italy.

When I'm not shooting I like to coach men's lacrosse. I'm also a keen player of nerdy board games.



HUNTING AND HABITAT UPDATE

- by Howard Barks

DUCK & QUAIL SEASONS ARE HERE AGAIN

Put your shotgunning skills to practical use and harvest some excellent meat for the table.

VICTORIA – Duck season commenced 17 February and runs until 11 June. Bag limit is 10 per day.

Check the Victorian Game Management website for details and apply online for your licence.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA – Duck and Quail Season

Duck season commenced 17 February and runs until 24 June. Bag limit is 12 per day.

Quail season commenced 17 February and runs until 26 August. Bag limit is 20 Stubble Quail per day.

Check the SA Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources for full details and apply online for your licence.

TASMANIA – Duck season commenced 10 March and runs until 11 June. Bag limit is 10 per day

Brown Quail season commences 12 May and runs until 24 June. Bag limit is 20 per day.

For details and to apply for a licence go to the website for DPIPE Tasmania game management

NEW SOUTH WALES – While there is not a declared duck season, there is plenty of duck shooting available in NSW. SCA is a recognised hunting organisation so our members need to go to the NSW DPI website and then go to the “Native Game Bird Management Plan”, register and follow the procedure.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA – No declared season however Maned Geese and Mountain Duck can be shot from 1 January until 30 June in the “South West Land Division” on farms for mitigation of crop damage with the approval of the farmer. No bag limit. Interested member can contact me at hbsm7@bigpond.com and I will email all the requirements.

As you can see there are plenty of opportunities. Follow the rules, have great time, keep safe and don't give the “Antis” any opportunity to restrict our hunting activities.

Regards,
Howard
SCA Hunting & Habitat Director

Did you know...

The fastest time recorded to shoot 25 clay pigeons is

**24.25
SECONDS.**



The Guinness World Record was set by American, Tyler Leinbach, on 25 July 2015 at River Ranch Sporting Club in North Carolina.

Watch him smash the clays on the Guinness World Records website at guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/clay-pigeon-shooting-fastest-25-targets.



SCA TEAMS 2018

- by Ralph Ali and Ray McFarlane

GREETINGS TO ALL SCA MEMBERS.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce and congratulate both the 2018 Oceania team and the SCA team that will travel to the 40th World FITASC Sporting Championships in France. As your National Team Manager it makes me very proud to be able to serve such talented and dedicated people as these competitors in our wonderful sport of Clay Target Shooting. Their dedication goes far deeper than just their skill sets and competitive nature. It does not go unnoticed that a commitment to compete in our sport also comes with a substantial personal financial burden when representing your association and country, so thank you on behalf of all the membership for your dedication.

OCEANIA TEAM TO ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND

(According to scores achieved at the 2017 SCA Australian Sporting Clay Nationals)

MAN

• Cameron Kivinen	186
• Chris Brown	185
• Nicholas Guerra	182
• Jack Gibbs	182

LADY

• Renae Birgan	167
• April Thompson	161
• Anna Hirschfield	152

SENIOR

• Chris Ball	177
• John Leach	177
• Peter Hall	173

VETERAN

• Eddie Magee	172
• John Torresan	163
• Alec Ceccato	163

JUNIOR

• Daniel Falco	174
• Mathew Wilesmith	173
• Bryce Paglia	169

SCA TEAM TO ST LAMBERT LAON, FRANCE.

(According to combined scores achieved at the 2017 SCA Australian Sporting Clay Nationals and 2018 FITASC Australian Grand Prix)

MAN

• Chris Brown	376
• Cameron Kivinen	374
• Nicholas Guerra	369
• Jack Gibbs	369

LADY

• Renae Birgan	344
• Felicity Richardson	332
• Anna Hirschfield	316

SENIOR

• Chris Ball	353
• John Leach	353
• Peter Hall	353

VETERAN

• Eddie Magee	345
• John Torresan	323
• Ross Christian	322

JUNIOR

• Daniel Falco	348
• Bryce Paglia	347
• Mathew Wilesmith	346

Congratulations again to those chosen. Each of you has performed exceptionally well and deserve your place on these teams.

I would also like to thank Horsley Park Gun Shop and Safari Firearms for their partnership and support of the 2018 Oceania team.



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sports and offers personal service as well as competitive pricing. Head to their fully stocked shop at Bexley or check out the great range of products available online.

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

I received several queries from members at Rocky Gully recently requesting information on SCA's national team selection criteria. From a technical standpoint, I have provided this criterion below.

1. **Each State will conduct a "State Team Selection Series" which must be completed prior to the conduct of the "SCA Australian Sporting Clay Nationals."**
2. **Each State is to forward to NDTs the formula they use to select Australian Team Qualifiers.**
3. **Open Section: Now called "MAN".**

For members to qualify for Australian Team Selection in Open (Man) Teams they must complete the minimum requirements set in each state for the Open Team Qualifiers.

a) At the completion of each States Qualifying Series, State Target Shooting Directors will announce the names for the number of Open competitors allowed for their State to the NDTs.

- South Australia 15
- Victoria 15
- New South Wales 10
- Queensland 10
- Tasmania 10
- Western Australia 10

b) Only shooters who finish in the positions allocated to each State are eligible.

Substitution of shooters who have finished outside of the particular States allocation is not allowed for any reason.

4. Categories:

a) All Ladies, Juniors and Seniors, who have completed the minimum number of "State Selection Events" as required for Open Competitors, will also have their names forwarded to the NDTs, for inclusion as "Team Qualifiers" at the Nationals.

b) There is no limit to the number of Category Shooters per State.

c) All Shooters who qualify for Australian Team Selection must compete at the National Championships for Australian Sporting Clays.

d) At the completion of the Nationals the "Top Fifteen State Qualifiers for Australian Team Selection" plus ties will form 'The National Training Squad' for the Open Australian Team.

e) Ladies, Juniors and Seniors who have completed their States Qualifying Series as in item 4 above will be considered for inclusion in the National Training Squad.

f) The top six Qualifiers from each Category at the Nationals i.e. Ladies, Juniors and Seniors will be added to the National Training Squad

5. The maximum number Ladies, Juniors and Seniors invited to join the National Training Squad will be.

- Ladies: Six plus ties
- Juniors: Six plus ties
- Seniors: Six plus ties

6. The National Training Squad as selected by SCA will attend the 200 target National Training Camp (FITASC Australian Grand Prix).

a) At the completion of the National Training Camp the various Team Members will be chosen on the combined scores from the Nationals and the National Training Camp i.e. scores achieved over 400 targets.

b) To be eligible for automatic funding. Open, Junior and Senior Team Members must achieve a score of (75%) 300/400.

Ladies (72%) 288/400 over the Nationals and Grand Prix events.

7. To participate at the National Training Camp as a Member of the National Training Squad, participants must indicate a willingness to attend the World championships if chosen.

a) In the event that particular teams are not fully represented at the completion of the "Australian Team Selection Series", SCA Target Shooting Committee may recommend to SCA Executive the inclusion of unqualified Team Members.

8. SCA Target Shooting Sub Committee may reassess the qualifying percentages required for funding of individuals if in their opinion.

a) The targets set for a particular event are proven to be too difficult.

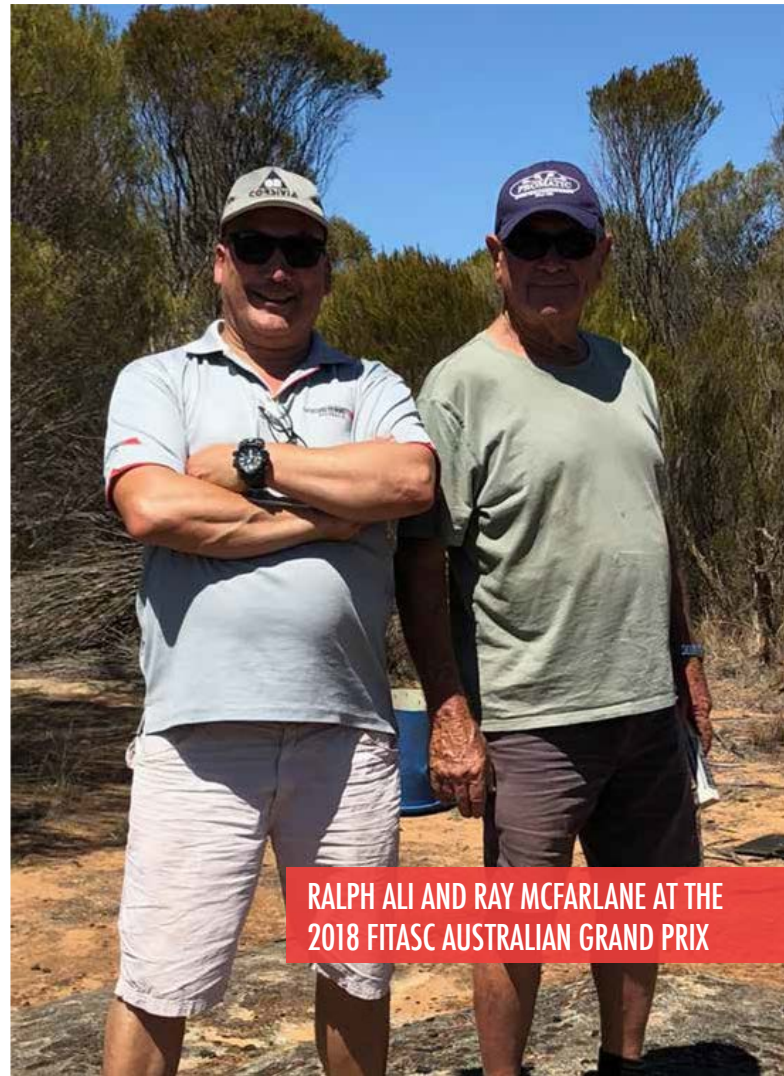
b) Weather conditions at a particular event substantially alter the difficulty of the original setting of the target.

I hope this information assists all members in having a clear understanding of the selection criteria and your technical requirements as a competitor.

In closing, I believe the teams chosen will be hugely competitive and represent SCA and Australia proudly in these upcoming international events. I look forward to assisting these teams to reach their highest potential.

Regards,

Ralph Ali
Protégé and Mentor



RALPH ALI AND RAY MCFARLANE AT THE 2018 FITASC AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

MAN



Chris Brown (VIC)



Cameron Kivinen (VIC)



Nicholas Guerra (VIC)



Jack Gibbs (VIC)

LADY



Renae Birgan (VIC)



Felicity Richardson (VIC)



Anna Hirschfield (VIC)

SENIOR



Chris Ball (SA)



John Leach (VIC)



Peter Hall (VIC)

VETERAN



Eddie Magee (VIC)



John Torresan (SA)



Ross Christian (NSW)

JUNIOR



Daniel Falco (SA)



Bryce Paglia (VIC)



Mathew Wilesmith (NSW)

MAN



Cameron Kivinen (VIC)

LADY



Renae Birgan (VIC)

SENIOR



Chris Ball (SA)

VETERAN



Eddie Magee (VIC)



Chris Brown (VIC)



April Thompson (VIC)



John Leach (VIC)



John Torresan (SA)



Nicholas Guerra (VIC)



Anna Hirschfield (VIC)



Peter Hall (VIC)



Alec Ceccato (NSW)



Jack Gibbs (VIC)

JUNIOR



Daniel Falco (SA)



Mathew Wilesmith (NSW)



Bryce Paglia (VIC)



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FITASC UPDATE

- by Ray McFarlane

FITASC Vice President (Oceania)



FITASC has branched out into Asia and recently conducted FITASC Asian Championships in both Compak Sporting and International Sporting. The event was hosted by the FITASC Thailand affiliate at Photharam, about two hours west of the Ratchaburi Province. It was the second FITASC Asian Compak Sporting Championship and the first time that an International Sporting Championship was conducted in the Asian Region.

The two events attracted shooters from around the Asian region, Australia, New Zealand as well as a number of visitors from various European countries. The Oceania region cleaned up with Victoria's Robert Hall winning the Asian Compak Sporting Championship from Kiwi Adam Green in second place. Adam won the Asian Sporting Championship with Robert in the bronze medal position. Congratulations to them both on their successes.

FITASC President, Jean-François Palinkas, was in attendance and has corresponded to me his delight in seeing a number of our Australian members competing.

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16th FITASC Australian Grand Prix



ROCKY GULLY, SA | 10-11 MARCH 2018

16TH FITASC AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

- by Ray McFarlane

Nearly 200 competitors made the journey to South Australia for the first Australian Grand Prix to be held outside of Victoria. It was fantastic to have 11 competitors from New Zealand at the event showing a trans-Tasman mix from across the ditch. With competitors from all six states in attendance, the Grand Prix is beginning to become a firm favourite on the SCA shooting calendar.

It was very warm on Friday when the targets were set with Saturday predicted to be a scorcher. The ground crews left filling the traps until the final curtain to avoid targets sitting in the carousels cooking in the heat before the start of the competition. Targets were set to take into account the predicted winds and temperature advised in the weather forecast. The range setters did a good job in anticipating these conditions and credit goes to them as the targets did not fluctuate with crazy variations.

Competitors faced 100 targets each day with the grounds in groups of 50 (2 x 25 target rounds). You started either odds or even layouts depending on your squad number. Layouts 1 and 2 were a short walk from the clubhouse. Rocky Gully laid on an air-conditioned bus to ferry people out to the start of Layout 3 and 4. The same bus collected competitors at the end of grounds 1 and 2 which made life easier for the competitors. Layouts 3 and 4 ended up a short walk back to the clubhouse although the walk up the hill to pads 3 and 4 of layout 4 had a few sitting down to catch their breath.

DAY ONE

A very warm start for the weekend. It was over 40 degrees on the first day of competition and those not used to the heat felt it. It was warm, but there was no humidity. The wind kept the heat down a little, which was a small bonus for the competitors. We must recognise the willing workers and the range crews who sat out in the heat all day and kept the event flowing. With some traps playing up and the targets melting on others, there were some issues but the team kept it all moving. It's not often that clay targets melt, so that gives you an indication of how warm it was out in the field. Despite the heat and the wind there were very excellent scores shot on all the ranges with a few 25 clean rounds showing up on the scoreboard.

Man (Open): Bart Brighenti and Sox Pilipasidis took the lead on Day One with 97/100 followed by Chris Brown, Blake Nankervis, Jack Gibbs and Jacob MacKenzie on 96/100.

Ladies: Renae Birgan 90/100, Felicity Richardson 84/100 and Anna Hirschfield 82/100 were the leaders.

Masters: Bryan Rafferty 84/100, Ray McFarlane 80/100 and Max Kavanagh 75/100.

Seniors: Off to a tight start here with Peter Hall 91/100, Robin Shawyer 89/100, Ross Mathews and Robert Passarin 88/100 and John Leach 87/100.

Veterans: The first three spots were being held by Rex Barber 91/100, Alan Backman 89/100 and Eddie Magee 86/100.

Juniors: A good start for some of the young guns with Billy Cain 94/100, Jeremy Paglia 91/100, Mathew Wilesmith 90/100 and Daniel Falco 89/100 leading the charge

DAY TWO

The targets were reset and the weather was reportedly going to be cooler with freshening south-westerly winds predicted. Some even found the early morning a little chilly first up on Sunday! The wind was a little stronger, but the targets did not become crazy and were still more than acceptable, giving everyone a fair competition. A good job again by the target setters. The scoring from competitors as a whole was of an extremely high standard and it took the entire day to sort out the winners in the categories and grades.

Man (Open): Chris Brown was extremely consistent and became the outright winner with a magnificent 191/200. Congratulations on making it two in a row, Chris! This was also Chris' fifth Australian Grand Prix title. Blake Nankervis came in second on 189/200, which included four possibles and fifty straight on Grounds 5 and 6. Cameron Kivinen came home strong to secure third place with 188/200.

Ladies: Renae Birgan added another Ladies Australian Grand Prix title to her record with 177/200 over Anna Hirschfield in second 164/200 and Felicity Richardson third 163/200.

Masters: Bryan Rafferty 163/200 easily won the new Master category from Max Kavanagh 150/200 and Ray McFarlane 149/200.

Seniors: Peter Hall followed up with 89/100 for a total of 180/200 to take out the Seniors from Robin Shawyer 177/200 and John Leach 176/200, who took out third place after a three way shoot-off with Robert Brown and Chris Ball (24, 21, 20).

Veterans: Alan Backman came from behind to finish on 183/200, with Rex Barber in second 177/200 and Eddie Magee third 173/200. This is also Alan's second time winning the category at the Grand Prix.

Juniors: Bryce Paglia made it three years in a row to win the Junior category with 178/200 after overtaking Billy Cain who finished on 176/200 and Daniel Falco in third 174/200. Top effort Bryce!

Presentations were conducted and the trophy table groaned from the prizes on display. The event partners for the Grand Prix were Outdoor Sporting Agencies, Outdoor Trading Company and Torresan Estate. Many thanks must go to these companies who continually support our fantastic sport. Support like this does not come easily and our members should recognise what these companies put into our sport that allows us the benefit of the generosity. Next time you make a purchase of any related product, remember these companies and support them as they have supported us.

The 2018 FITASC Australian Grand Prix was a very successful event. What a lot of people do not understand is the level of commitment host clubs put into holding these national competitions. Rocky Gully was supported by other clubs in South Australia who provided traps and other essential equipment, plus manning the grounds. I personally did not encounter an empty trap machine all weekend. To the commitment of those who sat out in the searing heat on Saturday – we all thank you. Well done also to the folks who looked after us with food and drinks.

We must also acknowledge John MacKenzie who has designed a computer program that controls all aspects of the competition and scoring.

Ray McFarlane
Vice President, FITASC



THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS – 2018 FITASC AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX



AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONS ARCHIVE

There's no doubt we have some exceptional shooters in this country with an impressive track record in our national competitions. Take a look at the Australian Grand Prix Champions Archive to see just how many have won multiple titles across the years.

Year	Location	Seniors	Ladies	Veterans	Super Veterans	Juniors	
2005	Geelong, VIC	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Barry Jane	Jake Johns	Blake Nankervis	
2006	Geelong, VIC	Chris Brown	Cherie Neilson	Warwick Cumberland	Jake Johns	Blake Nankervis	
2007	CANCELLED						
2008	Geelong, VIC	Brenton Irons	Natasha Lonsdale	Ed Treadwell	John Johns	Blake Nankervis	
2009	Geelong, VIC	Damien Birgan	Natasha Lonsdale	Alan Backman	Ray McFarlane	Robert Hall	
2010	Geelong, VIC	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Colin MacPherson	Ray McFarlane	Paul Adams	
2011	Laang, VIC	Damien Birgan	Renae Birgan	Colin MacPherson	Ray McFarlane	Jacob MacKenzie	
2012	Warrnambool, VIC	Brian Deadman	Renae Birgan	Lionel Bradley	Alec Ceccato	Jack Gibbs	
2013	Warrnambool, VIC	Jarryd Passarin	Renae Birgan	Ron Rhook	Colin Barker	Jack Gibbs	
2014	Geelong, VIC	Blake Nankervis	Renae Birgan	Ron Rhook	John Torresan	Adam Shale	
2015	Warrnambool, VIC	Chris Brown	Renae Birgan	Ron Rhook	Warwick Cumberland	Adam Shale	
2016	Geelong, VIC	Socrates Pilipasidis	Renae Birgan	Neil Peart	John Torresan	Bryce Paglia	
2017	Warrnambool, VIC	Chris Brown	Brittany Cole	Ross Clancy	Alan Backman	Bryce Paglia	
Year	Location	Man	Lady	Senior	Veteran	Junior	Master
2018	Rocky Gully, SA	Chris Brown	Renae Birgan	Peter Hall	Alan Backman	Bryce Paglia	Bryan Rafferty



(Left to Right) Blake Nankervis, Chris Brown, Cameron Kivinen and Robert Hall

MAN



LADY

(Left to Right) Anna Hirschfield, Renae Birgan, Felicity Richardson



JUNIOR

(Left to Right) Billy Cain, Bryce Paglia, Daniel Falco



(Left to Right) Robin Shawyer, Peter Hall and John Leach

SENIOR

VETERAN

MASTER



(Left to Right) Rex Barber, Alan Backman and Eddie Magee



(Left to Right) Max Kavanagh, Bryan Rafferty and Ray McFarlane

A GRADE



(Left to Right) Rex Barber, Bryce Paglia and Greg Dawes

B GRADE



(Left to Right) Alan Fletcher, Peter Passarin and Brent Harbour

C GRADE



(Left to Right) Danny Genovese, Glendon Dickinson and Domenic Turco



Ray McFarlane (Left) and Wendel Litchfield (Right) get ready to present the winners with their prizes



Lee Berger from Outdoor Trading Company





RULES CORNER

There are some points to raise that would improve the flow of our domestic and, more importantly, our international events which would make them more comfortable and satisfying for everyone.

Most of our competitors who shoot international competitions are well aware of these conditions and make sure they apply them. Many are unaware, or need reminding.

- **The rules of FITASC and SCA allow for a maximum of 15 seconds between shots.**

This should be rigidly enforced by each squad. If every member takes 20 seconds between each shot it can easily add an extra two hours on the day. Timing is paramount for you and your fellow squad members and other competitors.

- **When your squad is called, that means it is time to go.** Shooters should be ready when called and have all their gear with them for a speedy arrival at the first shooting stand.

- **Menus are provided at each stand to advise the shooter of the order of the targets.** It is not uncommon for some competitors to continually ask squad members what the next target is. Remember, each squad has 12 minutes on a stand to be finished and heading away to the next stand by then.



- **At the FITASC Australian Grand Prix this year time sheets were drawn with a timing of 12 minutes for each shooting stand.** Unfortunately, many squads exceeded the time period allowed, causing the scheduled finishing time to extend by over two hours each day. I accept that it was hot for the Saturday event, but Sunday was a great day for shooting.

The solution to these problems lies with us all and is in the shooters' hands. Please pay attention, be ready when called and know when it is your turn to shoot.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The FITASC Australian Grand Prix in South Australia set the scene for what is shaping up to be a fantastic 2018 season with some exceptional shooting on the cards. The SCA competition calendar has a truly national feel this year with events to be held in four states.

WHERE TO NEXT?



2018 English Sporting Nationals

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Antimony – 4%
Shotsize – 7, 7.5, 8, 9



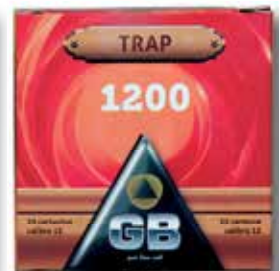
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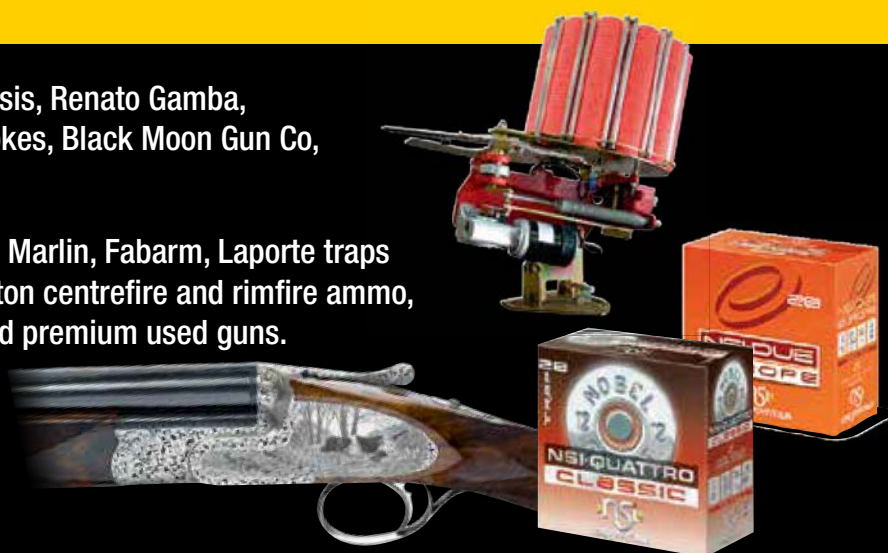
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NSW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Andrew Fairfield-Smith

New South Wales has had a good start to 2018. We have welcomed Majura Park Gun Club in Canberra to the fold with a Provisional Affiliation. This will hopefully be converted to a full membership at the next State AGM. The club boasts two sporting layouts, one Compak layout, ISSF trench, skeet and DTL. They shoot on every fourth Sunday and the club is well worth a visit.

In a sign of the times, Cooma Field and Game voted on a name change to rename as Cooma Sporting Clays. A large percentage of the club membership voted and a clear number opted for the change with 78% carrying the

motion. This is something now being looked at by Bermagui and I believe the State should look at this soon to bring us in line with the national body.

In other administration news we have secured state and club executive insurance to protect executives from potential adverse exposure.

On the shooting front, the first State Compak Championships went off without a hitch in Cooma in February. Numbers were a little disappointing, but the event was well received and will definitely have a future. Dubbo held the first State Selection Shoot

on March 18 with tough hot and windy conditions providing some challenging sporting targets. The event was well attended, and the selection series is off to a good start.

The next major event in NSW will be the SCA English Sporting Nationals in Sydney on May 5 and 6. Looking to see as many there as possible.

Andrew Fairfield-Smith,

President, NSW Field and Game



AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CLAYS SYDNEY

by Paul Smidt

The big news is we are on track for the 2018 SCA English Sporting Nationals on May 5 and 6. The ranges have been finalised thanks to our neighbouring clubs, Sydney Clay Target Club (SCTC) and Marconi Clay Target Club. SCTC has agreed to let us use part of their grounds for the weekend. Hopefully we will see NSWFG members outnumber the visitors. It's up to you.

ASC has got off to a sweaty start for 2018. With the Sydney long hot summer continuing on and on it has made clay shooting a draining way to unwind on the weekends and even harder to contemplate setting up or working bees. We have already held two club point score shoots plus our regular Saturday practise shoots which are becoming very popular now we have the Claymate system and eight to nine stands with 4 traps providing plenty of variety for all members and guest.

After many years of service our canteen operator Katrina and husband Mick have called it quits so they can spend some time relaxing on their weekends. We wish them well and thank them for their many years of service to the club. We have a new canteen operator, Tony, who is now finding his feet and enjoying the challenge of filling shooters' stomachs!

Work has continued on the clubhouse maintenance with Peter and Allan in the final stages of the balcony steel work painting.

A new range vehicle has been donated to the club by ASC member Ralph Ali. This ute even has air conditioning. The only problem now is we have to get out of it to do any work.

Ralph also donated a flat screen monitor for the clubhouse score board (OMG more technology).

Thanks to all the ASC members who made the long trip to Rocky Gully for the FITASC Australian Grand Prix in March. It was a great event, with all targets well-presented and shootable. We just didn't allow for the home ground advantage on Saturday; temperatures in the very high 30s just drained most of us soft New South Welshmen. A personal thanks to those who loaned me their guns over the weekend: Frank Araco, Craig Kurtz and Leo Pezzano. I would have got a very sore arm from throwing rocks all weekend without their generosity. Somehow I managed to take a semi-auto to a under and over fight.

Regards

ASC President

Paul Smidt



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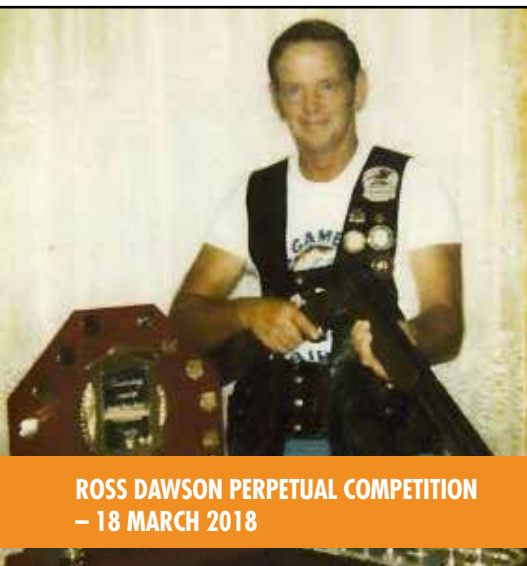
Saturday 17 February saw the regular crew Allan, Hugh, Colin, John and myself out early to reset the range for our first comp of the year. It was a long, hot day but we managed to get it all done including several new targets.

Sunday was again a hot day with a little cloud cover to start with but by 10.30am it was all gone and the Sydney summer continued hot and muggy.

A Range consisted of stands 1,2,3 and 4. Stand 2 had a painful sim pair that soon tricked many shooters if they lost focus on the first bird (yep that's me). Stand 3 had two new birds: a midi overhead and a quartering away curling std. Then it was off to Allan's rabbit hell! First up a L-R rabbit, then a R-L rabbit, next a L-R standard (don't know how that got in there?), followed up a quartering R-L rabbit to finish the stand. Shooters were greeted with a welcome L-R std on call with a R-L rabbit on report. I suppose we were lucky it wasn't sim pair rabbits.

B Range started on stand 6 with a new location and some new targets. Stand 8 had a tricky battue and a very straight forward R-L black rabbit, unless it bounced as you pulled the trigger then your squad would very rudely laugh at you (I may never get over it). Stand 9 was also new with a driven midi a big crow then huge rising away bird followed by a R-L curler. Luckily the pair was the curler followed by the crow.

High Gun for the event was Andrew Bell with a superb 91, well ahead of the chasing pack.



**ROSS DAWSON PERPETUAL COMPETITION
– 18 MARCH 2018**

A Grade

1st Peter Cassar 85
2nd Frank Araco 85 (the only 25 for the day)
3rd Mario Carta 83

B Grade

1st Paul Smidt 71
2nd Greg Taylor 71
3rd Ross Cotsios 69

C Grade

1st Paris James 71
2nd D Portelli 70
3rd D Stevenson 68

Veterans

1st Billy T 67

The Ross Dawson Perpetual Competition was held in mind-March and what a great (and challenging) day it was. We were quite a few shooters short due to the Dubbo State Selection Shoot. The range setup was excellent with targets that were very hittable, but needed a bit of thought. Congrats to the range setters on Saturday.

Many thanks to Hugh, John and George K for getting everything set up and packed up. Big thank you to Barbara in the office and Effy doling out delicious chicken schnitzel rolls all afternoon.



**HIGH GUN WINNER
STEPHEN NEWCOMBE (LEFT)**

Congrats to all the winners.

BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

by Patrick Thompson

CHRISTMAS SHOOT

Bermagui Field and Game's Christmas shoot was a fun-filled spectacular with over 70 shooters participating on a jolly course set out by Santa and his helpers. New shooters, families and the die-hard Bermagui and Cooma club members supported the Santa Sponsored day. Everyone was out to bust the clays for a chance at winning a Christmas ham or various other delectable prizes.



Grade winners in the George Digweed challenge



C grade winners Pat Tennant (1st), Dave Bedingfield (2nd), Jarrod Ringland (3rd) and Leon Karrington (4th)

Dave Bedingfield and Pat Tennant were in the shoot-off for first place in C grade but Pat stole first by one clay target. It seemed shoot-offs were on the cards for most grades, as C grade also had Jarrod Ringland and Leon Karrington vying it out for third and fourth. The ladies all shot well, with Carol Cook heading up the round with 67 and then another shoot-off for second and third between Michelle Craig and Jan Redman, with Jan taking second place.

Young gun Josef Gschwend won the Digweed Challenge, fighting it out against his dad, Mark, Phil Craig and Oscar Mower at the 70 metre mark. Nearly all shooters participated in the challenge, many of them buying back in at a cost of \$5, in the hope of being crowned the winner. However, the biggest winner with all proceeds being donated was the local primary school.

RESULTS			
AA Grade	1st	Craig Field	64
	2nd	Darren Redman	64
	3rd	Philip Craig	63
	4th	Robert Shaw	58
A Grade	1st	Neville Brady	69
	2nd	Mark Gschwend	63
	3rd	Barry Dunn	62
	4th	Chris Robinson	54
B Grade	1st	Zip Summerell	64
	2nd	Mick Durnan	64

	3rd	Mario Magrin	63
	4th	Pat Jubb	63
C Grade	1st	Pat Tennant	67
	2nd	David Bedingfield	67
	3rd	Jarrod Ringland	66
	4th	Leon Karrington	66
Ladies	1st	Carol Cook	67
	2nd	Jan Redman	65
	3rd	Michelle Craig	65
	4th	Rhonda White	63
Juniors	1st	Josef Gschwend	71
	2nd	Oscar Mower	67
	3rd	Patrick Thompson	61
	4th	Holly Gschwend	59

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2018

Bermagui Field and Game held their first shoot of the year on Sunday the 7th of January with over 50 shooters from various clubs attending.



Bermagui Field and Game President, Nev Brady, with John Lehmann



The top 5 Under and Over winners (left to right) Peter Tomasi, Corina Rowling, Mick Durnan, Wendy Crouch and Wayne Morris

The course was set out over six traps at the very lower end of the range. There were a couple of mishaps and problems with traps, but the set up crew were quick to fix them. They also had some brilliant targets set out including a cheeky rabbit playing hide and go seek with the shooters as well as an incomer sticking to the trees, making it hard to get before it hit the ground. The targets were fast and furious and kept the competitors on their toes. The "Bush Challenge" was sponsored by two groups: the side-by-side shooters were sponsored by Bruce Arthurson of Classic Racing and Performance Engineering, and the under-and-over shooters were sponsored by Far South Coast Excavations. The overall winner of the handicap challenge was John Lehmann on 117 using his trusty side-by-side. Congratulations must also go to Mark Gschwend and Simon Weeding who both shot 25 out 25. The girls at the barbecue set out a beautiful spread and we have to thank the people who bought cakes and salads as well as Darren and Jan Redman who kindly donated burgers and sausages to the club.

SIDE BY SIDE			UNDER AND OVER		
1st	John Lehmann	117	1st	Peter Tomasi	116
2nd	Robin Perkins	111	2nd	Wayne Morris	114
3rd	Graham Duncan	101	3rd	Mick Durnan	113
4th	Ron Manly	100	4th	Corina Rowling	113
5th	Adam Mower	99	5th	Wendy Crouch	112
6th	Pat Jubb	97	6th	Dale Allison	109
7th	Rob Duncan	96	7th	Paul Bone	109
8th	Chris Raabe	94	8th	Nathan Wu	108
9th	Michelle Craig	94	9th	Holly Gschwend	107
10th	Darren Redman	93	10th	Ray Summerell	107

SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2018

Sunday 28th of January saw shooters compete in the Muzza's Pairs novelty event, a great 112 target course set with some difficult targets. One stand had a challenging outgoing target as well as an incomer that fell at your feet, and on another there was a rabbit that bounced more like a kangaroo that had to be hit in mid-air. There were 44 competitors plus plenty of family members to cheer them on. Plenty of prizes were generously supplied by the sponsors, Muz and Barb Magrin. Holly Gschwend shot an excellent 67 out of the 112 targets in the Juniors, which was equal to third place in the Men's B grade. Darren Redman shot an outstanding 96 to win AA grade.



RESULTS				
AA Grade	1st	Darren Redman	96	
	2nd	Phillip Craig	87	
	3rd	Robert Duncan	83	
	4th	Mark Gschwend	79	
A Grade	1st	Tony Crome	89	
	2nd	Adam Shiels	78	
	3rd	Barry Dunn	74	
	4th	Neville Brady	73	
B Grade	1st	Zip Summerell	74	
	2nd	Owen Gauslaa	68	
	3rd	Raymond Summerell	67	
	4th	Peter Watson	64	
C Grade	1st	Dom Mooney	60	
	2nd	Bernie Parker	53	
	3rd	Mick Gehrig	50	
	4th	Jon Theobald	50	
Ladies	1st	Michelle Craig	67	
	2nd	Jan Redman	57	
	3rd	Vicki Marshall	48	
Juniors	1st	Holly Gschwend	67	
	2nd	Patrick Thompson	41	



GRADE WINNERS OF THE SILVER CITY WORKINGMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS SHOOT (LEFT TO RIGHT) PRESTON SLATER (JUNIORS), JOSH HOLMES (HIGH GUN), ELISSA TWEEDIE (LADIES), ENZO (BEST DOG), BOB TWEEDIE (C GRADE), ANTHONY ELLIOTT (B GRADE), AND RICHARD MURPHY (A GRADE)

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS by "Shellshocked"

3 DECEMBER 2017

On Sunday 3 December the Broken Hill Field and Game Association concluded another very successful year of clay target shooting with our popular Christmas Shoot, which

shooters. Richard Murphy won A Grade with 49, Anthony Elliott starred in B Grade also shooting a score of 49, and Bob Tweedie won C Grade with a score of 42. Elissa Tweedie shot very well for a score of 32 to win the



A very happy Clay Johnston, winner of the Club Championship for 2017, with the Rex and Sidney Carroll Cup



Club Grade Champions for 2017 (left to right) Josh Edgecumbe (B Grade), Jeff Glasson (A Grade), Ashton Hall (Juniors) and Peter Hoare (C Grade)



Association President Rod Weaver (left) presents the President's Shield to Peter Hoare (right) for outstanding service to the Association during 2017

was generously sponsored by the Silver City Workingmen's Club. The day was mild and overcast with a moderate breeze, conditions that were pretty good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were very pleased with an excellent turn out of 42 shooters.

The range was set by Brian and Josh who provided a variety of easy targets, which made for good shooting (as it should be at a Christmas shoot). The range comprised four stations of seven targets each and was shot twice to make up the 56 target competition. The best shooters in each grade shot some very good totals.

The High Gun trophy was won in very fine style by Josh Holmes who shot extremely well for a total of 51, a couple of shots clear of the next best shooters.

The results in all grades were pretty close with just a shot or two separating the best

Ladies grade, and Preston Slater continues to improve and recorded a very good score of 38 to narrowly win the Juniors.

At the conclusion of shooting the Association's President Rodney Weaver thanked all present for their attendance and support. Rodney presented an impressive collection of Christmas hams and cakes to the lucky prize winners and also presented the Association's annual awards.

The Ian West Memorial Trophy is a significant event on the Association's calendar. Ian was a very popular and highly regarded member of the Field and Game Association and his

Trophy is hotly contested and sought after by all of our shooters. The shoot was held in November and was won by Clay Johnston who accepted the trophy at the presentations.

The winner of the Rex and Sidney Carroll Club Championship Cup for 2017 was Clay Johnston. Clay was our best and most consistent shooter all year with no fewer than seven first place finishes from ten shoots. With 42 points, he held a comfortable margin clear of his rivals at the finish. Other shooters who scored prominently in the championship were Josh Holmes who finished with 31 points, Richard Murphy with 15 points and Jeff Glasson with 14 points.

Perpetual trophies were also awarded to the most successful shooters over the whole year in each Grade. Richard Murphy presented the trophies to Jeff Glasson (A Grade), Josh Edgumbe (B Grade) and Peter Hoare (C Grade). Ashton Hall was the winner of the Junior shooter for 2017 and was a very pleased recipient of the perpetual shield donated by the Rawson family.

Rod Weaver also presented the President's Shield, which is awarded to a member who makes an outstanding contribution to the Association during the year. For 2017 the shield was presented to Peter Hoare. Peter has



Clay Johnston with the Ian West Memorial Trophy for 2017

been the Association's treasurer for 35 years, an outstanding record of service. He has also had an important role to play in a wide range of Association activities, but like so many others involved in club administration, his contribution often goes unseen by the membership. Peter is certainly a very worthy recipient of this award.

The President and members of the Field and Game Association take this opportunity to thank our many sponsors and supporters for the valuable assistance they have given us during 2017. We also thank all of those members who have made a special effort during the year, particularly our office staff: Mal, Cassie, Elissa, Cil, grandma Brian and their helpers.

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

BROKEN HILL XMAS SHOOT 2017 56 TARGET SHOOT			
High Gun		Josh Holmes	51
AA Grade	1st	Richard Murphy	49
A Grade	2nd	Brian Casey	48
	3rd	Craig Lawrence	47
	1st	Anthony Elliott	49
B Grade	2nd	Tim Millsteed	47
	3rd	John Lemmich	47
	1st	Bob Tweedie	42
C Grade	2nd	Rod Grenfell	40
	3rd	Wayne Slater	40
	1st	Elissa Tweedie	32
Juniors	2nd	Cassie McEvoy	30
	1st	Preston Slater	38
	2nd	Ashden Hall	37

4 FEBRUARY 2018

On Sunday 4 February the Broken Hill Field and Game Association held the Jeff Glasson 50 Target Graded Championship, our first competition shoot for 2018. The shoot was conducted in warm and sunny conditions that made for an enjoyable day good for shooting clay targets. Organisers were rewarded with a good attendance of 26 shooters.

Range marshals Josh, Clay, Gerard and Kyle set a warm weather range of just five stations finishing within a stone's throw of the club house. The range had plenty of interesting and fun targets to shoot at and the degree of difficulty seemed just about right. The best shooters recorded some very good totals.

The best off gun total for the shoot was a score of 42 shared by Josh Holmes, Gerard Mahoney and Clay Johnston. Josh hung on to win the ensuing shoot-off by just a single shot to claim the High Gun medal.

Gerard Mahoney was best in A Grade on countback from Clay Johnston. Jeff Glasson had to work hard for the top spot in B Grade, but he shot consistently for 38 and finished just a single shot clear of the opposition. The results were similarly close in C Grade and Matt Gillespie had to shoot a very good 37 for the grade win. Kyle Mahoney was the lone ranger in the Junior Grade but shot 27 for a well-earned first place.

Members enjoyed a tasty steak sandwich lunch with a cool drink at the end of the day's shooting followed by the presentation of trophies and excellent meat trays from Top End Meats.

BROKEN HILL XMAS SHOOT 2017 56 TARGET SHOOT			
High Gun		Josh Holmes	42
A Grade	1st	Gerard Mahoney	42
	2nd	Clay Johnston	42
	3rd	Brian Casey	39
B Grade	1st	Jeff Glasson	38
	2nd	Ray Johnston	37
	3rd	Tim Millsteed	36
C Grade	1st	Matt Gillespie	37
	2nd	Malcolm McEvoy	36
	3rd	Bob Tweedie	34
Juniors	1st	Kyle Mahoney	27



GRADE WINNERS OF THE JEFF GLASSON 50 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP (LEFT TO RIGHT) JEFF GLASSON (B GRADE), GERARD MAHONEY (A GRADE), KYLE MAHONEY (JUNIORS), MATT GILLESPIE (C GRADE) AND JOSH HOLMES (HIGH GUN)

The Association then conducted its Annual General Meeting and election of Committee for 2018. The meeting was chaired by Association President Rod Weaver.

Rod reported that the Association enjoyed a very successful year in 2017 with excellent attendances at all clay shoots and field trips. Two very successful two-day championship shoots were conducted, which made possible a generous donation to Broken Hill Palliative Care. Ongoing maintenance work at the range has continued to improve our facilities and new traps have been purchased to improve our range and shooting competitions. Rod extended a vote of thanks to our committee members, range marshals, range maintenance crew, office staff and volunteer workers. The much appreciated support of our members, sponsors and benefactors has continued and the Association finished the year in a sound financial position.

The members then acknowledged the sterling efforts of a proactive and hardworking President and Committee by re-electing unopposed all committee members who renominated for 2018 and welcomed a couple of new faces to the new committee.

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

4 MARCH 2018

Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted the Mk1 Developments 50 Target Graded Championship on Sunday 4 March. The shoot was conducted in warm and sunny conditions that made for an enjoyable day. Organisers were rewarded with a good attendance of 26 shooters.

Range marshals Josh, Gerard and Richard set a sensible warm weather range with five stations and plenty of interesting and fun targets to shoot at. The degree of difficulty seemed about right with most shooters finishing with a respectable score.

The best off gun total for the shoot was a very good 42 shot by the two Joshes, Holmes and

- Edgumbe. Josh Holmes won the ensuing shootoff by a narrow margin to claim the High Gun medal.

The result in A Grade was very close with just three shots separating most of the field. Josh Edgumbe's high gun equalling score of 42 was good enough for a well-deserved first place. The result in B Grade was even closer with John Smith, Jeff Glasson and Wayne Haskard all shooting 37. Mr Smith got the nod on countback for the first place prize. Aaron Darley blitzed the field in C Grade and his score of 39 was comfortably clear of the rest of the field, and hinted that a promotion up a grade or two may be on the cards. Ashden Hall continues to shoot well in the Juniors and 19 was enough for another good win. ■



Grade winners of the Mk1 Developments 50 Target Graded Championship (left to right) Josh Edgumbe (A Grade), Josh Holmes (High Gun), Aaron Darley (C Grade), and Ashden Hall (Juniors)

BROKEN HILL - 4 MARCH 2018 50 TARGET GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP			
High Gun		Josh Holmes	42
A Grade	1st	Josh Edgumbe	42
	2nd	Andrew Ashwood	41
	3rd	Kym Files	40
B Grade	1st	John Smith	37
	2nd	Jeff Glasson	37
	3rd	Wayne Haskard	37
C Grade	1st	Aaron Darley	39
	2nd	Travis Casey	36
	3rd	Grant Boylan	34
Juniors	1st	Ashden Hall	19

COOMA SPORTING CLAYS

by Adam Mower

As the title suggests, Cooma has undergone some exciting changes to kick off 2018.

A question was put to the membership as to whether Cooma Field and Game should change its name to Cooma Sporting Clays. This would see the club moving forward with Sporting Clays Australia and some of the other clubs in NSW who have already made the switch. The majority of members voted, with a resounding 78% voting for the change. The club has a proud history that will not

be forgotten. We look forward to improving the grounds, facilities and equipment for the membership into the future and it is the club's view that "sporting clays" is a more marketable alternative for future growth.

The club has completed the installation of the new toilet facilities. The original ladies demountable toilet block has been replaced with a new, clean building containing three independent toilets with an extra, larger accessible room complete with shower. The building was 90% complete for the State Compak Championships and will be completed for the Easter Classic. We have also spent considerable time and effort improving the grounds for these events this year.

U/O SHOOT RESULTS		
High Gun		Nev Brady
AA Grade	1st	Andy Vaccaro
	2nd	Craig Field
	3rd	Filippo Petriella
A Grade	1st	James Brown
	2nd	Mark Gschwend
	3rd	Reg McGufficke
B Grade	1st	Mick Durnam
	2nd	David Noakes
	3rd	Peter Reeve
C Grade	1st	James White
	2nd	Glen Simmons
	3rd	Glen Weston
Ladies	1st	Jan Redman
	2nd	Kerrie Donald
	3rd	Wendy Crouch

SXS SHOOT RESULTS		
High Gun		Chris Davis
AA Grade	1st	Philip Craig
A Grade	1st	Mark Corbett
	2nd	Toby Edwards
	3rd	Chris Robinson
B Grade	1st	Adam Mower
	2nd	Ben Rowbotham
	3rd	Richard Warner
C Grade	1st	Ed Osolins
	2nd	Shaun Rowling
	3rd	John Lehmann
Ladies	1st	Michelle Craig
Juniors	1st	Daniel Davis

On the shooting front, the shoots we have held since the last magazine have gone exceptionally well. The 2017 Christmas Shoot was well attended with 96 shooters.

Those in attendance shot 75 targets over two ranges prior to an excellent Christmas lunch. After lunch we tried out with a new 3 shooter team, 30 target flush theme which proved very entertaining and popular with the participants and spectators.



Our January shoot was well attended by 54 shooters with one squad making the journey from Goulburn Field and Game to see what we had on offer. It was worth the trip for them with Warren Thorpe taking out high gun with a very well shot 96 which included a perfect third round.

JANUARY SHOOT RESULTS

High Gun - Warren Thorpe 96

AA Grade

1st Matt Webseter - 89
2nd Mark Gschwend - 87
3rd Darren Redman - 86

A Grade

1st Tom Shinfield - 82
2nd Peter (Nev) Skelly - 81 (after shootoff)
3rd Barry Dunn - 81

B Grade

1st Andrew Fairfield-Smith - 84
2nd Stephen McIntyre - 81
3rd Ben Rowbotham - 79

C Grade

1st Glen Weston - 76
2nd Bernie Parker - 71 (after shootoff)
3rd Dave Whiteman - 71
4th Rodger Sands - 68
5th Sam Tomasi - 66

Ladies

1st Jan Redman - 77
2nd Robin Perkins - 75
3rd Kerry Donald - 68
4th Penny White - 63
5th Sally Armstrong - 53

Sub Juniors

1st Jack Fairfield-Smith - 82
2nd Jack Newson - 62
3rd Ethan Whiteman - 47(out of 75)

February saw the inaugural running of the NSW State Compak Championships. The event was held over two days with some excellent work put in by the membership prior and during the event. Unfortunately, this wasn't reflected by the number of shooters in attendance but I think the event should be run for at least another year to see if we can generate some more interest in this discipline of the sport.



NSW STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

High Gun - John Collier

AA Grade

- 1st Frank Araco
- 2nd Matthew Wilesmith
- 3rd Chris Davis
- 4th Chris Barrowman

A Grade

- 1st Tom McGrath
- 2nd Mark Corbett
- 3rd Jason McGrath
- 4th Doug Alcock

B Grade

- 1st Max Kavanagh
- 2nd Doug Brenton
- 3rd Reno Morganti
- 4th Richard Seears

C Grade

- 1st Stephen Tipping
- 2nd David Noakes
- 3rd Andrea Barrowman
- 4th Marcus Vaccaro

The club shoot for February was our Ladies Day Shoot which is always a fun day. The ladies take charge of the whole shooting match including set up and pack up and I can inform you all there was nothing ladylike about the targets. It was a good day and the club appreciates the effort put in by the "girls" all year round.

FEBRUARY SHOOT RESULTS

High Gun - Neville McInnes

"The Ladies"

- 1st Sally Armstrong
- 2nd Kerry Donald
- 3rd Krista Mower
- 4th Penny White
- 5th Rhonda White

AA Grade

- 1st James Byrne
- 2nd Phil Craig
- 3rd Mark Gschwend

A Grade

- 1st Curls Thistleton
- 2nd Chris Raabe
- 3rd Darren Coleman

B Grade

- 1st Russell Rowling
- 2nd Reg McGufficke
- 3rd Lindsay Blewitt

C Grade

- 1st Ed Osolins
- 2nd Luke Kilborn
- 3rd John Lehmann
- 4th Dominic Mooney

Sub Juniors

- 1st Jack Newson
- 2nd Charlie Alcock
- 3rd Nick Colman



The March shoot should have been named the "Mad March Shoot" with wind gusts up to 90km. Targets were truly sporting, variable and unpredictable. 56 brave souls loaded with rocks in their pockets to keep them on the ground braved the conditions on a memorable day. The set-up crew did an excellent job with most targets standing up on the day. The score sheet would suggest it was just another day on the range.

Mark Gschwend from Bermagui Field and Game won the day's High Gun with an impressive 89. A Grade had a hotly contested faceoff for first place between John Sankey and Phil Craig, with both men finishing on 89. John took top prize after a shootoff. Other stand out results for the day were Charlie Kimber taking out B grade with a healthy three target lead on 77, Josh Lean who took out C grade by three targets finishing on 72, Jan Redman dominating the Ladies, Oscar Mower who won the Juniors with 70 and Jack Newson taking out the Sub Juniors with 63 targets.

MUDGEESPORTING CLAYSNEWS

by Maxwell Holland

2017 CHRISTMAS SHOOT

Mudgee Sporting Clays' annual two-day Christmas shoot was held on the weekend of 9th and 10th December. The shooting ground was in pristine condition thanks to some much needed recent rain. Those in attendance may have thought they were shooting on a golf course. Even the Clayfather of sporting clays, Ray McFarlane, commented that one of his favourite venues was Mudgee. Our members appreciated that comment, Ray.

The weather was favourable for all concerned with both days reaching approximately 27 degrees. Two ranges had been set with all types of targets on offer. The springing teal stations were once again hotly contested. Nominations had been kept to a minimum with all junior shooters participating for FREE. This is due to the very kind generosity of Mr Nick Nicholls. Nick has been a very generous supporter of our club for many years, in particular our junior members. Members are most appreciative of his continued generosity. Half hams were available from first to third placings in all grades.

RESULTS - DAY ONE		
AA Grade	1st	Stephen Payne
	2nd	Andrew Bell
	3rd	Jason Solomons
A Grade	1st	Chris Barrowman
	2nd	Ian Stewart
	3rd	Andrew Webb
B Grade	1st	John McCallum
	2nd	Scott King
	3rd	Alan Bauer
C Grade	1st	Graham Rouse
	2nd	Sven Krollpfeiffer
	3rd	Phillip Craig
Veterans	1st	John Barrowman
	2nd	Phil Headley
	3rd	Hank Van Den Heuvel
Super Vets	1st	Ross Christian
	2nd	Doug Brenton
	3rd	Laurie Redfern
Ladies	1st	Melissa King
	2nd	Lauren Judge
	3rd	Angela Newman
Juniors	1st	Jack Roth
	2nd	Cody Addley
	3rd	Nick McCallum
Sub Juniors	1st	Charles Stubbs
	2nd	Zach Twomey

RESULTS - DAY TWO		
AA Grade	1st	Stephen Payne
	2nd	John Collier
	3rd	Jason Solomons
A Grade	1st	Paul Crittenden
	2nd	Ian Stewart
	3rd	D Jessop
B Grade	1st	Alan Bauer
	2nd	John Dickey
	3rd	Steve Bell
C Grade	1st	Graham Rouse
	2nd	Phillip Craig
	3rd	Brad McCallum
Veterans	1st	Peter Kay
	2nd	Graeme Johnson
	3rd	Hank Van Den Heuvel
Super Vets	1st	Ross Christian
	2nd	Laurie Redfern
	3rd	Doug Brenton
Ladies	1st	Lauren Judge
	2nd	Melissa King
	3rd	Angela Newman
Juniors	1st	Jack Roth
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The springing teal stations were kindly sponsored by John Dickey and The Horsley Park Gun Shop. After shooting off, the winners were Frank Bodnar, Phil Moses, Rod McCloy and Jason Solomons who took home some cash for their efforts. A very challenging target had been set for those shooters who wished to try their luck after presentations on the Saturday evening. You could buy in and winner takes all. Peter Clarkson – who pretends that he can't see the targets and is a life member of our club – took home a pocket full of cash. Well done Clicko.

Once again, Mudgee members would like to thank Nick Nicholls for his continued generosity. Many thanks also go to John Dickey, Phillip Headley and the Horsley Park Gun shop.

BIG BIRD SHOOT – 25 FEBRUARY 2018

Mudgee Sporting Clays held a Big Bird 100 target event on Sunday 25 February. The idea of this competition was to have at least one extreme target on each station.

John Collier volunteered to run the event and with his willing helpers they did not disappoint. Seven stations with three traps per station had been positioned around our

ground so shooters had a huge variety of targets. The event attracted shooters from Lithgow, Dubbo, Gunnedah, Newcastle and Sydney. A delicious morning tea and lunch was provided to all competitors thanks to John's wife, Judy.

About fifty millimetres of rain fell after lunch, making the shooting conditions more difficult. No one complained as the rain was desperately needed. The club provided trophies for the first five winners off the gun and for the first in AA, A, B and C grade. Well done to Dubbo shooter, Christopher Everett, taking out first position off the gun with 77/102 with local Super Veteran, Ross Christian, finishing second on 71/102 closely followed by Steve Payne on 70/102. Our range captain John Collier came in in fourth with 67/102 followed by Leo Pezzano on 66/102. Jason Solomons won AA with 60/102, A grade went to Jackie Roth with 63/102, B grade to Johnno Dicko on 60/102 and C grade to Lauren Judge with 56/102. Better give Willie some coaching Lauren!

Mudgee members would like to thank all for attending and hope to see everyone back in May when we run our two day event.

SNAPSHOT OF 2017 MUDGEE CHRISTMAS SHOOT



DUBBO FIELD AND GAME

by Mel Phillips

WYANNA PARTNERSHIP LADIES RANGE – 19 NOVEMBER 2017



THE LADIES SHOWING OFF THEIR PINCH OF PINK



Ladies category winners Michelle Hooper (2nd, second from left), Mel Phillips (1st, middle) and Mo Ross (3rd, far right) with member of the Wyanna Partnership



The Wyanna Partnership sponsor our November shoot with the promotion of Breast Cancer Awareness. We ask that shooters don a pinch of pink in support and it is quite obvious that our shooters have no idea what a "pinch" is. From satin boxers, feather boas and tutus, all this and a great atmosphere makes for a fabulous day.

The idea behind the ladies range is that the ladies are masterminding the targets while the boys put their aprons on and cook up a storm in the kitchen. This was the second year we held the event and everything just got bigger – the targets, the outfits and the bragging! A secret stand is also set on the day and only announced at presentation. This went to our High Gun Winner, Chris Everett, with 24/28.

We had also been fundraising in the lead-up to the event and on the day itself with all money raised going to the McGrath Foundation. The total donated on behalf of Dubbo Field & Game was \$1169.00, which included \$299.15 in fines (fines include anything the range setters could think of and for that horrible habit of throwing shells – the fine was doubled!) and \$769.85 from the raffle.

RESULTS

High Gun	Chris Everett
AA Grade	Rodney Carr
	Tony Shorten
	Grahame Walton
A Grade	Chris Bourke
	Luke Cross
	Gary Adams
B Grade	Stephen Smith
	Anthony Corderoy
	Ben Hooper
C Grade	Luke Tomlin
	Peter Tremble
	Jason McGrath
Veterans	Peter Kay
	Colin Dorman
	Neil Donaldson
Super Vets	John Sidoti
	Les Townsend
	Keith Lyne
Ladies	Mel Phillips
	Michelle Hooper
	Mo Ross
Juniors	George Lyne
Sub Juniors	Nicholas Lyne
	Ethan Kelly
	Charlie North

CHRISTMAS SHOOT – 17 DECEMBER 2017

Despite the hot weather, we welcomed 120 shooters at our 2017 Christmas shoot, which is astounding! I'm pretty sure this was our biggest one yet.



Some of the shooters trying their luck across the dam



Santa showing his elves how to shoot.

Chris, Rob and Mel went about changing a few targets from the Bourke Family / Menzies Pumps & Irrigation shoot which was held the day prior. A few were made easier and just one or two slightly harder. Some of the campers came out and helped fill traps etc. ready for the morning (we were very grateful for the assistance).

We had a special visitor turn up despite his hectic schedule. Even Santa knew to wear his summer suit.

For a bit of fun we also held an Interclub Team Event between Dubbo Field & Game and Warren Gun Club as part of the Christmas Shoot. It was a great opportunity for the clubs to try out a different discipline and also promote the two clubs amongst the members. Warren came in with 397 but Dubbo came out the winners with 521. Warren Team: Helen Overton, Graeme Patten, Dallas Codrington, Glen Codrington, David O'Brien, Doug Ferguson. Dubbo team: Craig McPherson, Luke Cross, Peter Kay, Chris Everett, John Sidoti, Brett Hall.



B Grade winners with Dubbo Field & Game Vice President, Tony Everett, and a little helper



Junior winners with Dubbo Field & Game Vice President, Tony Everett



INTERCLUB TEAMS

- Dubbo Field & Game would like to thank everyone that helped set up and tackled the nasty job of packing everything away after. Thanks also to Chris and Paula who manned the office; Kennard's Hire for the air conditioning unit which we all enjoyed immensely; and Elizabeth Coaker and Sandra Carr who graciously took over the task of organising lunch for all of us, it's a huge job and their help is truly appreciated.

Thank you to our President, Rob, who spent the day doing the running around filling/fixing traps so the shoot kept going smoothly. He even managed to squeeze in his shooting in between jobs.

Last of all, thank you to all that came out and made the day what it was – BRILLIANT!

Presentation of the President's Trophy went to Nick Ridley.

Club Person of the Year present to Mel Phillips President's Secret Selected Score went to Thomas Gray. This is presented to a shooter who shot the score the President picked and who hadn't won another prize on the day.

High Gun winner, Stephen Payne, took home the leg of ham.

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NSW FIELD & GAME NEWS

by Paul Smidt

Welcome back to all NSWFG members for 2018.

Our state Compak event (Cooma) and first selection (Dubbo) are already over and the second selection (Cooma) will be concluded by the time you read this. Hopefully all NSWFG competitors will have entered the English Sporting Nationals at Sydney as well.

A quick reminder on the shooter's responsibility to update their handicap book. The new system was published on Page 22 of the December 2017 issue of the SCA magazine. If your book is incorrect or not updated when presented at a shoot you will be placed in the highest grade for the day.

I received a query from a member at the Dubbo presentations as to why NSWFG was not awarding a Masters category in 2018. In short, the answer is that NSWFG had already held its AGM and ordered sashes and medals for 2018 by the time these new categories were announced by FITASC. Page 22 of the December issue of the SCA magazine covered the changes. Thanks to the Dubbo branch for putting up prizes for the Masters category out of their own funds.

I feel all NSWFG members should be clear on the following protocol for correspondence or questions.

• Step 1

Branch members must raise issues with their branch first.

• Step 2

Branch will then notify the NSWFG Secretary in writing.

• Step 3

NSWFG Secretary will inform Executive and appropriate members.

• Step 4

NSWFG Executive will forward on to SCA if required.

I have also recently sent out some advice to all clubs regarding social media. Please be very careful with your comments and posts on social media.

Regards

Paul Smidt
NSWFG Secretary



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BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS REPORT - by Glen Rider

HI EVERYONE.

How fast is this year going?! We are a quarter of the way through 2018 already and what a great start we have had at BSC.

Our hard-working volunteers continue to put the hours in making the club more welcoming to visitors who, after trying the facility, generally join up. Our membership is continuing to grow and has to be attributed to the members' welcoming attitude. There is always someone willing to take a visitor out and show them the ropes. This is a credit to all who give their time to make our club a better place.

EVENTS

By the time you read this the first major competition at Brisbane Sporting Clays will have been completed. The event is now sponsored by the new crew at the Outdoor Trading Company (who used to be known as GB/Corsivia). This company continues to invest their time and resources with BSC.

At the end of April (Sunday 29 April) we will be hosting the QSC Compak State Titles. Anyone who has shot this knows it is a fast and furious discipline when the action starts. Try and make the time to be there, you will not be disappointed.

Our next big event will be the SCA Compak Nationals on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 June with 100 targets each day. This event will be generously sponsored by Mark Cain with Hull cartridges as prizes. As this is an SCA national event we have to remind everyone that BSC will not be taking nominations. All entries have to be made online through the SCA Website. This is the third consecutive year BSC has held a national event at our club and we're finding it allows our members to keep in touch with the rest of Australia.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

We have purchased the new 70mm diameter targets and matching Promatic Trap. There are only 3 of these traps in the country at this present time; the other two are in Victoria. A great little target which keeps its line, speed and can be very deceiving if you are not

aware of what this target is. This is another bonus for our members, as we keep in touch with trends around the world.

Visitors to BSC will also note the new blue Promatic target boxes showing up at the traps. The bonus is their cost effectiveness and the fact they also match the name and colouring of our trap supplier. These targets are "resin" based, which is a move away from the conventional coal pitch blend. We have been slipping these targets in here and there gradually as a trial process and they have been proven to break just as easy as our previous coal pitch-based targets. We have been experimenting with various forms of these eco-based targets and the Promatic brand seems to suit our requirements. It is always difficult introducing a new product as the quality has to be 100% and up to spec for reliability, cost (always important), visual colour in flight, and most importantly that they break when hit with shot (not off the trap). These targets are another positive improvement in the future development at BSC.

Clubhouse part two. The plans are with Council and our Government grant is waiting as we await Council approvals to come through. Anyone who has dealt with Council for any building process is aware of how slow approval can be with feasibility studies and everything else that goes with it. Hopefully we won't have to wait too much longer.

That's about it until next time. Keep up the positive attitude everyone and we hope see you out on the grounds at BSC.

Glen Rider,
BSC Secretary

QSCA REPORT

- by Ashley Mead

QSCA has seen continued growth in members and participation within the clubs, with a membership of 758 (593 currently financial).

Each club has a small group of dedicated volunteers who work hard to develop clubs and promote sporting clays. Without the selfless actions of those getting involved, the sport would fold. As the saying goes – 'many hands make light work'. Support those that support you; without them you would not have a sport to participate in. If you see new members looking for help, traps that need filling, help needed in setting up for practise or a competition, bins that need emptying, or one of the many other tasks that have to be done – please make the effort to get involved.

QSCA COMMITTEE UPDATE

QSCA held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 10th February at Brisbane Sporting Clays.

The meeting was well attended and supported by a number of proxy votes collected by member clubs and sent in by individuals. Thank you to those who made the effort to turn up or get a proxy vote back to us. The meeting discussed the Association's current status and was encouraged by QSCA's membership growth and financial health.

The AGM also resulted in a number of changes to elected positions, with Mark Farrow stepping down as President and Sue Farrow stepping down as Treasurer.

QSCA thanks go out to Mark Farrow who first took up an Executive role in 1984. Apart from a short break, he has held a role on the QSCA Executive Committee until this term. Mark's dedication to QSCA, along with each of the QSCA member body clubs promoting the sport, has resulted in an increase membership and new clubs coming on board with QSCA. He has also been instrumental in securing funding for our Association (numerous times) and the delivery of formal club coaching courses, to name just a few highlights.

Not to be forgotten is Sue Farrow who also deserves a vote of thanks after serving QSCA as Treasurer since 2015.

Your new QSCA Committee Executive for 2018 is:

- President – Glen Rider
- Vice President – Leo Cao
- Treasurer – Warren Dennis
- Secretary – Ashley Mead

QSCA REMINDERS

- Queensland Compak State Titles – 100 targets, Brisbane Sporting Clays, Sun 29th April

- 2nd QSCA Qualifier – 75 targets, Brisbane Sporting Clays, Sun 13th May
- SCA Compak Nationals – 200 Targets, Brisbane Sporting Clays, Sat 9th-Sun 10th June
- 3rd QSCA Qualifier – 75 targets, Fraser Coast Sporting Clays, Sat 4th August
- 4th QSCA Qualifier – 75 targets, Childers Sporting Clays (held at Fraser Coast Sporting Clays), Sun 5th August
- QSCA State Titles – 150 targets, Brisbane Sporting Clays, Sat 29th-Sun 30th September

2017 COMPAK SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The rain delayed 2017 COMPAK Sporting Championship was finally held over 100 targets at Fraser Coast Sporting Clays on Sunday 7th January 2018, with 28 shooters competing. Congratulations to Brett Chambellant for taking out the event with an exceptional 92/100, and to Darryl Groundwater for the only 25 of the competition!

Big thanks from QSCA to Fraser Coast Sporting Clays for running the delayed competition.

2017 QSCA COMPAK SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP			
High Gun	Brett Chambellant		92/100
AA	1st	Aaron Knowles	85
	2nd	Mark Fanning	79
	3rd	Mark Weston	68
A	1st	Mark Cain	85
	2nd	Vinnie Vitale	78
	3rd	Bill Philo	68
B	1st	Lincoln Hall	79
	2nd	Jason Hartfield	64
	3rd	Rowhan McLaren	61
C	1st	Robin Yates	68
	2nd	Rob Rudd	59
	3rd	Grant Paviour	58
Ladies	1st	Lyndall Groundwater	77
	2nd	Sandra Brown	33
Veterans	1st	Leo Cao	81
	2nd	Mark Farrow	78
	3rd	Max Whiting	76
Super Veterans	1st	Darryl Groundwater	86
	2nd	Geoff Irvine	74
	3rd	Kevin Gorlick	49
Juniors	1st	Billy Cain	71
	2nd	Damon Hall	69
	3rd	Ethan Hall	38

Full results available at
qldsportingclays.org.au.

Ashley Mead,
QSCA State Secretary

CHILDERS SPORTING CLAYS REPORT

- by Max Whiting

This year has started off slowly for our club with very hot summer that's kept people away and small membership numbers.

We have once again decided not to host a qualifying shoot this year but to combine it with a two day event at Fraser Coast in August. We appreciate the support Fraser Coast Sporting Clays is extending to CSC. It's a true example of clubs helping each other and the character of those concerned.

Moving forward this year we aim to tidy up the grounds and open up some new shooting areas. There is also a Skeet ground in the pipeline, but it's early days yet. In November CSC will host our 10th anniversary shoot. Put that one in your diary and come and celebrate with us. More details as the date gets closer.

Good shooting.

Max Whiting,
CSC President

VICTORIA

2017 VSCA REPORT

- by Ray McFarlane

We are now well into 2018 and a number of state selection events have been conducted. Winning scores are remarkably high and the standard by our younger shooters is increasing year by year.

In Victoria there is fierce competition no matter what category you compete in. No longer is there just one or two competitors at the top; to win you must shoot at your best. We may not have the largest membership in Australia but Victorian shooters are extremely competitive and always have the largest state attendance at any of the major Sporting Clays Australia events. A case in point at the recent FITASC Australian Grand Prix in Rocky Gully where Victorians made up 50% of the field.

Congratulations to the teams who will compete in New Zealand and France this year. The Open (Man) Team for the World FITASC Sporting Championships has seen a changing of the guard with Chris Brown, Cameron Kivinen, Nicholas Guerra and Jack Gibbs forming our youngest Open Team ever. Dedication does pay off. Best of luck to all the shooters who made the representatives teams.

GEELONG SPORTING CLAYS

Geelong is going along quite nicely. Additions to the club rooms are progressing and will provide more member comfort when completed.

We were fortunate enough to have a member, Jason Charlton, provide us with massive scaffolding (27 metres long, 4.6 metres high and 3.6 metres wide) with double staircases at each end so we can have a Compak Sporting layout where you can shoot down on targets under the shooter's feet. This is a great innovation for our grounds, which are relatively flat. Our Friday afternoon practise sessions are going well and members will soon have the choice of three acoustically controlled Compak layouts of various skill levels to practise on.

In keeping with our aims since our formation in 1996, we will leave no stone unturned to provide the best we can for our members and do whatever we can to advance sporting clays shooting.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN FIELD & GAME UPDATE

- by Sue Green



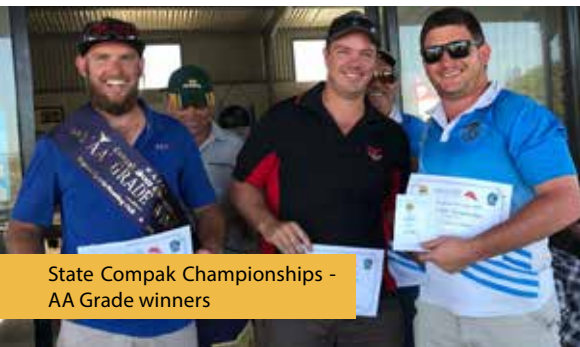
STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS
HIGH GUN WINNER DOUG COLEMAN

RESULTS STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS, PEGASUS 10 MARCH 2018

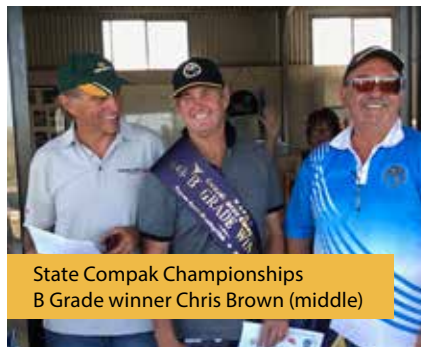
High Gun		Doug Coleman	86/100
AA Grade	1st	Michael McDonald	85/100
	2nd	Luke Turner	85/100
	3rd	Clayton Dennis	83/100
A Grade	1st	Gary Turley	85/100
	2nd	Dan Cheeseman	79/100
	3rd	Arthur Page	77/100
B Grade	1st	Chris Brown	74/100
	2nd	Jarrold Witney	73/100
	3rd	Brendan Karow	70/100
C Grade	1st	Andrew Smedley	78/100
	2nd	Jay Waterhouse	73/100
	3rd	Julian Gardiner	73/100
Veterans	1st	Bill Clarke	80/100
	2nd	Chas Genovese	79/100
	3rd	Dave Knight	73/100
Ladies	1st	Tracey Grayer	76/100
	2nd	Carrie Paulsen	58/100
Juniors	1st	-	-
Sub Juniors	1st	-	-

RESULTS WAFGA 1ST STATE QUALIFIER, HARVEY 18 MARCH 2018

High Gun		Tony Trainor	95/100
AA Grade	1st	Michael McDonald	92/100
	2nd	Clayton Dennis	91/100
	3rd	Gary Marsh	89/100
A Grade	1st	Aiden Cooper	94/100
	2nd	Luke Turner	92/100
	3rd	Nick Melanko	92/100
B Grade	1st	Brian Backhouse	82/100
	2nd	Paul Bailey	82/100
	3rd	Dan Cheeseman	81/100
C Grade	1st	Paul Pitaro	80/100
	2nd	Glen Doran	75/100
	3rd	Stuart Cooper	65/100
Seniors	1st	David Knight	87/100
	2nd	Mike Hudspith	85/100
	3rd	Grant Cooper	78/100
Ladies	1st	Maria Dunnet	83/100
	2nd	Tracey Grayer	71/100
Juniors	1st	Morgan Robins	84/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Cory Backhouse	74/100



State Compak Championships -
AA Grade winners



State Compak Championships
B Grade winner Chris Brown (middle)



1st WA State Qualifier - AA Grade



Junior winner
Morgan Robins



1st WA State Qualifier - B Grade



1st WA State Qualifier - A Grade



1st WA State Qualifier - Seniors



1st WA State Qualifier - C Grade
winner Paul Pitaro (right)



ROCKY GULLY: 2018 GRAND PRIX REPORT - by Wendel Litchfield

Hosting a major shoot is always a daunting task as anyone who has done it will attest to, and the 16th Australian FITASC Grand Prix was no different. With the first time that the Grand Prix had been held outside of Victoria, there was a considerable amount of expectation on our shoulders to ensure that this major shoot hit all the marks. In an excellent show of cooperation, Four South Australian clubs all came together to either supply traps and equipment as well as volunteers to help run the event, with each club responsible for overseeing and maintaining one of the four courses.

Our hard-working committee started much of the preparation many months ago, planning the courses under the direction of State Target director Greg Dawes and Rocky Gully's experienced target setting crew. With the help of Bryan Stokes and his many hours of effort on his excavator, the team began to assemble an earthen ramp, that although not completed, allowed us to use it to set machines on for one stand (Stand 1, Ground 3) that made for interesting targets. We can't wait until the earth is firm enough so we can shoot off the top of it.

For weeks before the event we had a constant stream of volunteers giving up their time to come and help prepare the grounds. All jobs big and small had to be attended to, fixing machines, moving lawns, making signs and cleaning...always lots of cleaning as well as the major things like hauling traps and machines into place. It was a labour of love and several days' work to get all the traps in place, maybe it was fortuitous (for me) that working long days in the heat had me conditioned for the first day of competition.

By the Friday the 9th, with camping available and many taking advantage of staying at the ground, the place was in full swing. The practice field saw a steady stream of competitors throughout the day getting their eye in and for the first time all entrants

were required to wear shooter numbers, so the office was flat out collecting books and handing out those printed numbers

Saturday was forecast to be a hot one, so all the staff were bracing themselves as were the shooters. As the temperature started to rise on the first day of competition we knew it would be a tough one for everyone. The staff were ready running our cold water to stations around the ground and trying to make sure people were drinking enough to stay hydrated, I drank 2.5 litres during each round, plus some before and after. Remember that your hard eye focus and concentration is the first thing to suffer under heat stress and you may not even realise it. With the mercury hitting a maximum 40.3 degrees, we knew there would be some issues, both with shooters feeling overcome by the conditions and the equipment standing up to such punishment; in both cases we were proven correct. A few shooters were struck down by the heat and suffered some mild heat stroke. Luckily the ground staff were able to ferry them back to the club rooms where we had our first aid personnel look after them. Luckily, they were able to shoot on the Sunday. It is a real reminder to drink enough water and dress for the conditions. The extreme heat also tested the tolerance of our trap machine, and those that were sitting in the direct sun really copped a beating. If any of you don't know what such heat does to targets, please look at the attached picture of black clays melted into a plastic puddle. Most of the delays caused by clay breakages were due to the clays warping in heat to such an extent that they no longer fit through the machines. Thankfully most shooters were patient and that's all you really can do in those testing conditions.

The heat didn't stop the good scores rolling in, with many shooters still managing to put quite a few 25s on the board. Ground 4, coming back up the hill towards the club



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rooms proved to be the most challenging, with a big chandelle on one stand and a long battue on another providing a suitable test for the top shooters.

In a relief for everyone, Sunday was a lot cooler, 25 degrees and mild but with some winds picking up towards the days end. Our target crew spent hours after the shoot adjusting targets, bringing some cranes and lifts down to cope with the forecast strong winds as well as to change it up for the next day. Without the extreme heat, everything ran smoothly and the squads got through in good time. Most pleasing was that our machine hardly missed a beat without even needing to be touched between days. Shooters also seemed to like the target mix, with good score continuing to come in, but different grounds proving to be challenging this time around. We hoped we provided quality entertainment for everyone and we hope to see you again at Rocky Gully.

Congratulations to Chris Brown who took the honours with a score of 191 and to all the winners and place getters as well as our sponsors, Outdoor Trading Company, Outdoor Sporting Agencies, Torresan Estate and Global Clay Technologies who all provided a most generous prize pool.

On a local front, we are very proud of our local shooters who have all made the Australian team. Daniel Falco - Juniors, John Torresan - Veterans and Chris Ball - Seniors. Congratulations to all three and we know you will do Australia proud in France.



High Gun Winner Jeremy Kent

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME 25/02/18 REPORT

After the cancellation of the January event due to fire ban conditions, the 55 competitors that nominated for the first event of the season were greeted with near perfect weather conditions for the 50 target Compak event sponsored by Kain's Transport and Jeff Olafsen(Landmark)

Ken Atkin and his course setting crew set two grounds in the 5 Stand sporting Clays Compak format to test the shooters' skills and Jeremy Kent shot two perfect rounds totalling 50/50 to take out the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun. Winning AA grade and only one target behind 49/50 was Chris Brown with his fellow Victorian Jamie Dunn second 48/50, Ken Atkin rounded out the AA grade podium in third.

Kingston's Andrew Green was in red hot form to win A grade with 48/50 from Tony Sellars and Casterton's Bruce Oakley in third. B grade was won by Cameron Scheidl from Romain Devaud and Garry Allison. Lake Bonney's Ian Lister hit good form to win C grade from Darren Beyer and Matt Crook.

Neville Kent won the Veterans with 45/50 from Chris VonStanke Snr and Wayne Gurney whilst in the Super Veterans Peter Klieve overcame a deficit to his old sparring partner Peter Caskey to win from Frank Kentish and Ernie Allen.

Tasha Bellinger dominated the Ladies with 44/50 with the improving Bec Kober and Emma Lawford rounding out the podium. Fresh from beating his father Chris at Lake Bonney recently, Declan Wright put in another strong performance to win the Sub Juniors 42/50 from the talented Rossouw brothers Fletcher and Carter.

Charles Wallis,
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South East Branch
South Australian Field and Game Assoc.

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Veterans (L to R) Neville Kent, Chris VonStanke Snr, Wayne Gurney



(L to R) Stan Johnstone (sponsor) Junior Aggregate winner Declan Wright and Peter Klieve (sponsor)



Sponsor Peter Telford with Veterans Aggregate winner Neville Kent



(L to R) Club President Charles Wallis with Open Aggregate winner Tim Widdison sponsored by Elders Mt Gambier

UPCOMING SHOOTS

Sunday March 4th - Lake Bonney
50 Targets

Sunday March 25th - Burrungule Park
60 Target (English Sporting)

RESULTS SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2018			
High Gun	Jeremy Kent		50
AA	1st	Jamie Dunn	49
	2nd	Christopher Brown	48
	3rd	Ken Alkin	47
A	1st	Andrew Green	48
	2nd	Anthony Sellars	46
	3rd	Bruce Oakley	43
B	1st	Cameron Scheidl	34
	2nd	Romain Devaud	32
	3rd	Garry Allison	27
C	1st	Ian Lister	34
	2nd	Darren Beyer	34
	3rd	Matthew Crook	33
Veterans	1st	Neville Kent	45
	2nd	Chris VonStanke	43
	3rd	Wayne Gurney	40
Super Veterans	1st	Peter Klieve	41
	2nd	Frank Kentish	38
	3rd	Ernie Allen	36
Ladies	1st	Tasha Bellinger	44
	2nd	Bec Kober	23
	3rd	Emma Lawford	20
Sub Juniors	1st	Declan Wright	42
	2nd	Fletcher Rossow	29
	3rd	Carter Rossow	27

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CHRIS BROWN COACHING CLINIC REPORT

- by Charles Wallis



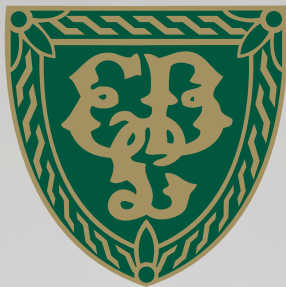
Chris Brown (L) with Robert Simson (R)

South East Field & Game recently hosted a coaching day with one of Australia's leading sporting clay shooters.

Chris Brown from Browns Shooting Academy conducted the clinics for twelve local shooters keen to improve their shooting skills.

Participants ranged in age from 12 to 73 years, just proving that you are never too old to learn. This is the second visit Brown has made to Burrungule Park following on from his first visit last September.

Brown has represented Australia in the sporting clays discipline around the world on multiple occasions and is a four time winner of the FITASC Australian Grand Prix and will shortly defend his 2017 title at the Rocky Gully range at Murray Bridge.



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GAME LOADS



ALPHAMAX+

HARD-HITTING
LEAD SHOT
GAME LOADS

AVAILABLE IN:

12ga/70mm - 32gram 1310fps 2, 4, 6, 7, BB & AAA shot
12ga/70mm - 34gram 1240fps 2, 4, BB & SG shot
12ga/70mm - 36gram 1300fps 2, 4, 6, BB & AAA shot
12ga/70mm - 42gram 1240fps 4 & BB shot



VIP GAME

HIGH PERFORMANCE
LEAD SHOT
GAME LOADS

AVAILABLE IN:

12ga/67mm - 32gram 1310fps 4 shot **Fibre Wad**
16ga/67mm - 32gram 1250fps 4 shot
20ga/70mm - 32gram 1230fps 4 & 6 shot
28ga/70mm - 24gram 1210fps 7.5 shot

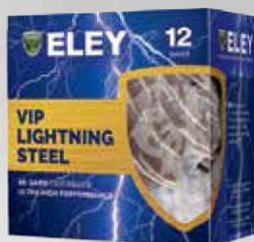


VIP STEEL

HIGH PERFORMANCE
STEEL SHOT
GAME LOADS

AVAILABLE IN:

12ga/70mm - 32gram 1310fps 2, 3, 4, 5 & BB shot



VIP HP LIGHTNING STEEL

EXTRA HIGH VELOCITY
STEEL SHOT
3" GAME LOADS

AVAILABLE IN:

12ga/76mm - 36gram 1410fps 2, 3, 4 & 5 shot



FOURTEN

CLASSIC
FIBRE WAD
LEAD SHOT
GAME LOADS

AVAILABLE IN:

410ga/3 inch - 18gram 1060fps 4, 6 & 7.5 shot
410ga/2.5 inch - 12.5gram 1060fps 4 & 6 shot
410ga/2 inch - 9gram 980fps 7.5 shot

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