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SCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We have had two very fine events to start out the shooting season.

After the success of the FITASC Australian Grand Prix in March, all eyes turned to Australian Sporting Clays Sydney for the English Sporting Nationals on May 5th and 6th. Congratulations on a very well-run event. We would like to thank Safari Firearms, Phantom Scaffolding and Horsley Park Gun Shop for their support and sponsorship for the competition. It is always great to have new partners coming on board at these events.

The Compak Nationals will be held shortly at Brisbane Sporting Clays on June 9th and 10th sponsored by Mark Cain for Hull Cartridges. By the time you receive this magazine the shoot will have been run and the champions crowned. This is a great opportunity for the southerners to come up and warm their bones in the Queensland winter. As they say: beautiful one day, perfect the next... I am sure you will have received a warm welcome as always. This event will provide the Australian team their last chance for a good hit out before travelling to the 40th World FITASC Championships at St Lambert, Laon in France.

Talking of World Championships, we also have the 36th FITASC Universal Trench World Championship at Sarlópuszta in Hungary from 26th to 29th July. I know Craig Henwood and his team have been great ambassadors for this discipline over the past few years. They have promoted SCA and Australia well on the international scene and have proved themselves very successful in achieving medals and placings at this event. I am confident their successes will continue.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the SCA Australian Teams and individual members travelling over to Europe all the best in their shooting endeavours and in achieving success at the highest level. Bring home some medals and have good memories from these World Championship FITASC events. Safe travels to everyone and we look forward to the reports when you return back to Australia.

Before closing I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Majura Park Gun Club from the ACT who have become members of SCA through the member body, New South Wales Field & Game Association. Majura Park has been building their member base through SCA since the beginning of the year. Be sure to pay them a visit next time you're in Canberra.

Yours in Shooting,

Tony Trainor

THE SCA LOGO IS NOW A REGISTERED TRADE MARK

The Sporting Clays Australia logo is now certified as a registered trade mark.

SCA has been working to establish the Association's brand identity since its transition from Field & Game Federation of Australia to Sporting Clays Australia in 2015. The multi-stage process to trade mark the logo – including the emblematic 'falling clay' imagery – took around 18 months. SCA received the Certificate of Registration from IP Australia in May 2018, enabling us to promote the Association and protect the usage of our mark for the next decade.

SCA would like to thank solicitor, Mary Maini, for the time, work and assistance she provided throughout the process.





HUNTING AND HABITAT UPDATE

- by Howard Barks

We do not receive Australia-wide feedback so hope members are getting out hunting and their share of ducks and quail during the current seasons.

We have been very busy in Western Australia with a number of projects, one of which is rainbow lorikeet control. These pretty birds are not native to south-west WA and are a declared pest. During the 2017/18 summer, WAFGA members destroyed 3797 birds which was very much appreciated by fruit growers in the Perth region where these pests cause substantial economic losses to growers and have a very adverse effect on our native birds by taken over nesting hollows. There is now an emerging problem with rainbow lorikeets in Tasmania, so perhaps an opportunity for TFGA members in the "Apple Isle" to do the community a service and get involved before the rainbow lorikeet population gets out of control as it has in Perth.

WAFGA members are actively involved in corella control in country locations where these birds are causing problems for the community. I am sure WA is not the only state to have this problem, so there is possibly an opportunity for members in other states to get on board. In May I was invited to attend a seminar organised by the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Parks and Wildlife Service to discuss control methods and it will be interesting to discuss different control methods with other hunters.

We are endeavouring to become more effective in feral cat control and to that end I shall be attending a feral cat seminar at the end of May and hope to learn more about cat control. I am happy to share any information gained with any state that is interested. We need to be much more active in this area as feral cats are having a devastating effect on our native fauna across Australia.

In pastoral areas we will be continuing our feral herbivore and wild dog control once the cattle mustering season is completed, so from August members will have an opportunity to "go bush".

We continue to work with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions e.g. Parks and Wildlife Service on projects to control feral animals in national parks and conservation areas. Similar opportunities exist in all states and it would be fantastic to hear what is going on around Australia. Active H&H groups will help gain and retain members. Get out and about, do something good for the environment; it will make a change from cracking clays!

Good hunting, stay safe.

Regards,
Howard
SCA Hunting & Habitat Director

COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- by Wendel Litchfield



With the pressures of the 2018 Grand Prix now behind me, I was able to concentrate on my role as Coaching Director.

I have corresponded with the states about their current list of coaches and the need for some coaches on that list to be reaccredited. On this front there is some progress with State Directors beginning to hold sessions to renew their club coaches' qualifications. However, since a state-level Coaching Director

position is required to sign off on new and renewing club coaches, the lack of such a position puts any training in these states in a deadlock. States must try their best to recruit someone into the position, but being realistic, this is just not always possible and getting willing volunteers to commit to such a time intensive role is difficult. The remaining fallback position, is that I, as the National Director, hold training sessions in those states lacking a State Director. This isn't an ideal solution, as current time commitments do not allow me the luxury of enough days free to travel and stage these events, not at least until later in the year. I will continue to try and urge states to appoint someone to this key role.

In my home state of SA there has been interest in members becoming club level coaches and I have already begun training sessions with more to follow in the coming months as I fill available time slots. I believe this will lead to us soon having a very healthy contingent of club level coaches here in South Australia. These coaches are greatly needed as we have a large number of new members looking for a way to get started in the sport.

BASTILLE DAY

- by Ralph Ali



Quick explanation of Bastille Day.

Bastille Day marks the storming of the Bastille prison by angry Parisian crowds.

This seismic act demonstrated that ordinary people would no longer accept the absolute power of the king and signalled the start of the French Revolution which forced the creation of the modern French Republic.

The July 14 "Fête de la Federation" - which marked the first anniversary of the storming of the Bastille - became a French national holiday in 1880 and has been observed ever since.

The main event is a military parade in Paris attended by the President of the Republic, currently Emmanuel Macron, who often invites other political leaders. President Trump is due to attend this year's parade to mark the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into the first world war. Some 4,000 soldiers, police, firefighters and various military academies take part in the spectacle on Paris's famous Champs-Élysées. There is also a spectacular flypast involving notably the Alpha Jets of the Patrouille de France. In the evening fireworks light up the capital from the Eiffel Tower.

Elsewhere in France, villages, towns and cities host their own fireworks displays and dances.



A MESSAGE FROM RALPH ALI, NATIONAL TEAM MANAGER



Can you believe it's June already?! The 40th World FITASC Sporting Championships will be here before we know it. This year's event is being held at BTC Saint Lambert in France from 12-15 July. Most team members will start heading over to Europe in early July (with a bit of spare time to shake off any jetlag).

The uniforms are looking slick and I know the team will represent us well in the parade of national teams and on the podium just as they did last year. A polo shirt has also been added to the team kit so hopefully we'll see those getting a good workout in France. Thanks to Lowes Menswear (Lowes Manhattan Pty Ltd) for supplying us with the uniforms once again this year.

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I would also like to thank the members of Sporting Clays Australia for their continuous support which has helped build SCA into a successful and thriving Association. It is this same support and encouragement that will undoubtedly be offered to the team as they compete at this year's World Championships.

A few new team members have been added to the mix this year and will be competing alongside some seasoned Australian shooters. It's always exciting to see new faces work their way through the ranks to earn a place in a representative team. I'm sure all the team members will be aiming to claim a place on the podium and I'm confident we will perform well against other countries on the world stage. I would like to thank all the Team and wish them the best.

Safe travels and I'll see you all in Laon!

Best regards,
Ralph Ali

MAN	LADY	SENIOR	VETERAN
Chris Brown (VIC)	Renae Birgan (VIC)	Chris Ball (SA)	Eddie Magee (VIC)
Cameron Kivinen (VIC)	Felicity Richardson (VIC)	John Leach (VIC)	John Torresan (SA)
Nicholas Guerra (VIC)	Anna Hirschfield (VIC)	Peter Hall (VIC)	Ross Christian (NSW)
JUNIOR			
Jack Gibbs (VIC)	Daniel Falco (SA)	Bryce Paglia (VIC)	Mathew Wilesmith (NSW)

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2018 SCA ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONALS

- by Glen Rider

It has been many years since Australian Sporting Clays (ASC) Sydney last held an SCA national title at their Menai shooting range. The club infrastructure has grown and they have made some serious purchases of traps, transmitting gear and equipment. This club would now have some of the most modern equipment in the country. This is one of the clubs that is starting to get on board and offer their members the chance to shoot often rather than just once a month. This can be hard for volunteers, but ASC Sydney seems to have the people power and support of its members with a growing membership. Well done Sydney. As they say if you build it, they will come!

There was a great turnout for the English Sporting discipline which is starting to gain momentum; the event was seven shy of maximum numbers allocated. Sydney has been promoting English Sporting through the year and it showed with the number of New South Wales members that nominated for the event.

A few weeks prior to this event a large bush fire was descending towards the club house and shooting grounds. Fortunately, the fire service got this potential disaster under control with some strategically cut fire breaks which stopped the fires progress. A few more runs with the D9 bulldozer would have worked wonders and opened up some more areas of the thick ground cover of bush and scrub trees for the club to shoot from. Despite this, the event was still on the right side of positive and the first day's shooting started bright and early with an 8.30am kick off. The weather was perfect and the wind leading up to the competition subsided, leaving perfect conditions for shooting.

The layouts had a few tricky pairs and it was easy to let one or two slip past. Matthew Libbis came out of the traps full of fire on the B course and shot the first 50 straight, setting the scene for everyone else to follow. Only eight perfect rounds were shot over the weekend and with Matthew claiming two of those the rest went to John Younger, Bill Zogogiannis, Socrates Pilipasidis, Andrew Bell, Renae Birgan and Billy Cain. After the first day Chris Brown was the leader on 92/100 followed by John Younger and Matthew Libbis on 89/100.

The second day started the same as the first, with perfect shooting weather. The run to the podium was fast and furious and with the final tally complete, it was time to rally the top six for the Super Final: John Younger, Chris Brown, Billy Zogogiannis, Robert Hall, Sox Pilipasidis and Matthew Libbis. With barely anything in it at the outset, managing to hit the pairs became critical to secure the title. John Younger maintained his dominance to take out first with an impressive 23/25. Bill Zogogiannis came home strong with 22/25 to jump into second, while Chris Brown (20/25) and Socrates Pilipasidis (22/25) both ended up on 200 so had a "tied" shoot-off for third and fourth. Chris left nothing behind with a score of 5/5 to edging out Sox on 4/5.

2018 SCA ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONAL - SYDNEY

OPEN			
OPEN 1	High Gun	John Younger	203 (180 + 23/25)
OPEN 2		Bill Zogogiannis	201 (179 + 22/25)
OPEN 3		Chris Brown	200 (180 + 20/25 + 5/5)
OPEN 4		Sox Pilipasidis	200 (178 + 22/25 + 4/5)
OPEN 5		Robert Hall	197 (179 + 18/25)
OPEN 6		Matthew Libbis	194 (178 + 16/25)
Lady	1st	Renae Birgan	162
Senior	1st	Peter Hall	168
Veteran	1st	Rocky Furci	148
Junior	1st	Billy Cain	174
A Grade	1st	Andrew Bell	169
	2nd	John Pannuzzo	163
	3rd	Frank Araco	161
B Grade	1st	George Roth	146
	2nd	Gary Adams	143
	3rd	Greg Coleman	142
C Grade	1st	Angelo Salamon	135
	2nd	Paul Leonard	127
	3rd	Deon Stevenson	121

Special thanks to Horsley Park Gun Shop, Safari Firearms and Phantom Scaffolding for providing valuable sponsorship for the event. What a great example of local businesses getting on board and supporting our sport.

All in all the 2018 SCA English Sporting Nationals was a very well-run event. The traps worked flawlessly and hardly any broken targets came off the plate. Well done ASC Sydney, President Paul Smidt and his members for putting on a memorable competition. Don't leave it so long until the next one!

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(Left to Right) Bill Zogogiannis, John Younger, Chris Brown and Sox Pilipadis

MAN



LADY

Renae Birgan

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Billy Cain

JUNIOR



SENIOR

Peter Hall



Rocky Furci

VETERAN



A GRADE
ABOVE

(Left to Right) John Pannuzzo, Andrew Bell,
Frank Araco

C GRADE
BELOW

(Left to Right) Paul Leonard, Angelo
Salamon, Deon Stevenson



B GRADE
BELOW

(Left to Right) Gary Adams, George Roth,
Greg Coleman



2018 FITASC OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- by Ray McFarlane

The popular Rotorua Rod & Gun Club was the venue for the 2018 FITASC Oceania Sporting Championships. With an entry of over 171 competitors the event was assured of being a success. In attendance were 51 Australians, 79 New Zealanders, 36 New Caledonians, 3 Tahitians and 2 from Finland.

Rotorua is ideally suited for "Old Style FITASC" events with the available terrain at its disposal. When you drive into the club you are on the top of a great escarpment and all the fantastic terrain is revealed when you walk past the clubhouse and look over the edge. The club had prepared eight parcours and the event was held over three days. Each parcours presented totally different targets and the preparations were a credit to the ground setters. The weather was great for Rotorua and this also added to the success of a great event.

DAY ONE

The New Zealand top guns started well with Geoff Wells and Adam Green posting possibles on their first round, but at the end of the day it was Chris Brown and Socrates Pilipasidis leading on 72/75 from Geoff Wells 70, Adam Green 69, and Nick Guerra and Cameron Kivinen on 68.

LADY

Renae Birgan was again the leader with 63/75, Anna Hirschfield 61, April Thompson 58 and Vicki Johnstone 56.

JUNIOR

Matthew Wilesmith 69/75 was leading from the two Kiwi Juniors, Josh Pratt 66 and Keaton Norling on 65.

SENIOR

Des Coe was the leader with 66/75 with Derek Morgan and Chris Ball close behind on 65 and 64 consecutively.

VETERAN

Eddie Magee 62/75, Roger Kerslake 59, Allen Alley 58.

MASTER

Gordon MacPhee 60/75 was leading from Len Moule 54 and Max Kavanagh 53.

DAY TWO

The weather good again and the shooting was hotting up at the top. Chris and Sox both shot 70/75 to continue sharing the lead on 142/150. Close behind was Geoff Wells with 71/75, the best score of the day and one behind on 141. Adam Green 139 and Cameron Kivinen 138 were the best of the rest.

LADY

Renae with a great 70/75 total 133/150 was a clear leader from Anna Hirschfield 117, April Thompson 113 and Vicki Johnstone 111.

JUNIOR

Matthew Wilesmith 134/150 had a one target lead from Josh Pratt 133/150 ahead of Keaton Norling 129.

SENIOR

Des Coe was joined in the lead by Chris Ball and Derek Morgan, all on 133/150.

VETERAN

Eddie Magee 124/150 was holding on to top spot from Roger Kerslake 122 and Allen Alley 118.

MASTER

Gordon MacPhee 117/150 had a handy lead from Len Moule 114 and Max Kavanagh 111.

DAY THREE

Today was the day when the champions emerge. With "Old Style FITASC", nothing is confirmed until the final shot. Finally all shooters would have shot all of the parcours. The question was who was finishing on what were perhaps the easier layouts, and who had the harder finish? Well it proved that it would all go down to the wire.

Early favourites, Chris and Sox, both shot 46/50 for a total of 188/200 each and then along came the spoiler, with Nick Guerra 48/50 including a possible on the last parcours also 188/200. All eyes then went to Geoff Wells but with 46/50, he fell one agonising target behind on 187/200. Only one shooter could now upset the apple cart and it was Adam Green who needed a possible on layout 2 to tie. Not impossible, said all the onlookers. Geoff Wells and Josh Pratt (a Junior) both shot possibles on this layout. Unfortunately for Adam it was a bridge too far and he finished with a 22 and had to settle for equal fifth place together with Cameron Kivinen, Brian Deadman and Robert Hall. A three-way shootoff was to come to finalise all of the medal places in the Open category.

LADY

Renae was the runaway winner 179/200 with April Thompson 150/200 second and Vicki Johnstone 148/200 third.

JUNIOR

Matthew Wilesmith defended his title and finished on 179/200. Josh Pratt 176/200 and Keaton Norling 175/200 put on a great show to finish in the minor medals.

SENIOR

After a slow start on day one Chris Ball really put in on the last two days to finish with 180/200 from Des Coe 179/200 and Derek Morgan in third on 175/200.

VETERAN

Eddie Magee 171/200 took out the title from Roger Kerslake 163 and Allen Alley 155.

MASTER

Gordon MacPhee 157/200 was the easy winner of the new Master category from Max Kavanagh 148 and Len Moule 145.

Australia were victorious in all the Team events. Congratulations to all of the team members. Full results can be viewed on the New Zealand Clay Target Association website nzclaytarget.org.nz/shoots/results.

SHOOTOFF FOR THE 2018 FITASC OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIP

The ground setters had set up a difficult course with Stand 1 up on the top level, Stand 2 and 3 down on the bottom level, and Stand 4 back up the top level. They certainly put on some monster targets, especially the two stands on the top level.

STAND 1

The shooting order was Chris, Nick then Sox. Chris missed his first and cleaned the rest of the stand. Nick dropped his first two double barrels and cleaned the rest. Sox missed his second single and also dropped the double. Advantage Chris.

STAND 2

Down the bottom. Sox started and cleaned the stand. Next, Chris cleaned the singles and missed the second target of the double. Nick cleaned the singles and then dropped the complete double. The advantage was still with Chris by one target from Sox, and Nick two behind.



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► STAND 3

Nick started and he shot the singles and dropped the first target of the double. Both Chris and Sox do exactly the same. Chris held on to the advantage, one clear of Sox and two clear of Nick. You could hear the comments and with two behind people thought Nick was gone. But like a good book the last page can spring a surprise.

STAND 4

Onto the last stand and back up to the top of the hill. Three singles and two doubles. Certainly not easy and the hardest of the stands. Chris started with the singles and he broke them all. Next up was Nick and he also broke all the singles while Sox dropped one. Advantage Chris with one up on Sox and two up on Nick.

We are now down to the last two doubles. Nick started and with an awesome display of shooting he cleaned the stand to finish with 20/25. Next up was Sox and he dropped the first target of the second double, giving him 19/25. It was all up to Chris. He missed the first target for a 0-1 result. Now he needed to shoot the second double clean to win. He broke the first but the second target escapes. Sox was in third and it's down to Sudden Death for Chris and Nick. A coin was tossed to see who would lead off. Chris won the toss and decided to shoot first. The targets stiffened up a little and it was to be decided on single targets only; the first time a difference shows in the scores, the winner is to be declared.

Chris missed the first two singles. Nick missed the first and the broke the second target and was declared the winner. This is the first major success for Nick and it is an excellent run up to the 40th World FITASC Sporting Championships where he is part of the Open (Man) Team for Australia. Congratulations also to Chris and Sox. Well done.

To our Kiwi hosts, this was a fantastic event and enjoyed by all. Not only can they run a great event but the quality of shooters in New Zealand is also increasing rapidly; just look at the two Juniors who finished second and third. One other aspect of the event was the

timing of squads, some with eight in the squad. They had the Squad Times set at 50 minutes per squad, with the last squad timed to go out at 3.10pm. It actually took 60 minutes per squad, a total of nine hours of shooting. On the first two days shooting finished just in time to beat the going down of the sun. It was a credit to the organisers that this was achieved. For the most part, shooters obeyed the timing limit of 15 seconds per squad. Some of our Australian shooters who seem to take forever to shoot their targets could take a leaf out of the New Zealand approach to shooting.

It was indeed a pleasure to officiate as the FITASC Representative for Oceania at this event. Very little changes were made to the targets presented for the event by Rotorua Rod and Gun Club and all the ground staff and the office crew were a delight to work with. Thank you.

I would also like to congratulate all those Australians who were awarded an Oceania Cup. Your success at this level is recognition of your ongoing commitment to the sport and your success is well deserved.

Man	Lady
Chris Brown 1st	Renae Birgan 1st
Nick Guerra 3rd	Vicki Johnstone 2nd
Cameron Kivinen 5th	Anna Hirschfield 3rd
Senior	Veteran
Chris Ball 1st	Eddie Magee 1st
Peter Hall 2nd	Roger Kerslake 2nd
Robert Brown 3rd	
Master	Junior
Max Kavanagh 2nd	Mathew Wilesmith 1st
Ray McFarlane 3rd	Bryce Paglia 2nd
	Daniel Falco 3rd

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SCA Q&A

with Nick Guerra

Winner of the 2018 FITASC Oceania Sporting Championships

Were you confident you'd perform well at the FITASC Oceania Championships? Did you set yourself any goals heading into it?

I was confident I would shoot well, but probably not that I would win. I had a goal that I wanted to finish in the top five.

What was your preparation like?

Pretty good. I had been shooting reasonably well at our State Selection Shoots this year so far and had also recently made it into the Australian Team for the World Championships in France, so had a reasonable amount of confidence.

Had you shot at the Rotorua Rod and Gun Club before?

I had shot there once previously as a Junior and could remember it being an amazing place. It's a fantastic venue for an international event as they have unbelievable terrain and enough space to hold eight separate grounds, especially for "Old Style FITASC".

How did you find the layouts for the Oceanias?

I thought that it was a fairly consistent level of difficulty across all layouts. Probably Layout 2 and 6 were slightly tougher. I enjoyed Layout 1 the most.

Who were the standout shooters for you?

Chris (Brown) and Sox obviously shot great from start to finish, but Geoff Wells was shooting really well also. I was in his squad and if it wasn't for a few hiccups on the last layout I think he would have finished at the top as well.

There was obviously some big talent there. You had to take out a three-way shootoff to claim the win, and there were only six targets

between the top 10 competitors. cont'd top of page

Did it literally take until the last few targets before you felt like you were in the winner's spot?

Yes, for sure. Honestly, I didn't think I was really in a position to get a place until I shot 25 in the last round and saw Geoff miss a couple, which put me one ahead of him. At that point I thought I would be very close to a top three finish but still thought Sox or Chris would have won.

You've been on the podium at the Oceanias as a Junior and now you're the 2018 Oceania Champion. What's the journey been like?

As a Junior I used to follow the Sporting Clays circuit fairly regularly, however after I turned 21 I really went away from Sporting Clays and mainly chased game and the odd local FGA shoot. In the last two years I have started chasing Sporting Clays again on a more regular basis. To be honest I still don't shoot as much as I would like to, so it was really good to achieve a result like this.

You've also been named in the Australian Team this year. What are your plans for the World Championships?

This is my first time in the team. Obviously, the plan is to shoot as consistent as I have been recently and see what happens from there.

Tell us: what do you shoot with and what's in your kit?

GUN: Blaser F3 Super Sport

GLASSES: RE Ranger Falcon

CARTRIDGES: GB Extreme 8's

- by Erin Webb

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MATT SCHILLER WITH HIS \$1000 CASH FROM SHANE PINNER AND ANDREW BRADY FOR BREAKING THE AUSTRALIAN RECORD



AUSTRALIA JUNIORS TEAM

2018 UNIVERSAL TRENCH SERIES

- by Craig Henwood

What a season of Universal Trench 2018 turned out to be. Never in our wildest dreams did we expect this fun, exciting discipline to take off in Australia as well as it has. This season we trialled a new online booking system where a shooter could not only enter online, but also select the squad number and shooting position they wished to start in. What a hit and godsend this proved to be for all concerned.

With 276 entries, 4 clubs, 2 new Australian records, 1 equal Australian record and a lot of fun, 2018 has been a fantastic year all round.

We kicked off at Frankston Australian Clay Target Club (FACTC) with a record crowd of 95 shooters, meaning we had to cut the event back to 150 targets. While we know cutting targets back isn't ideal, it is a good problem to have and we thank the shooters for their understanding. Some amazing scores were recorded with Danny Di Pietro and Vinnie Mollica shooting off with 147/150 and Danny coming out on top. Michelle Beecham won the Ladies with 133 (apologies to Michelle for not having her listed as a winner in a previous article). Thomas Armstrong, last year's Junior World Champ, won the Juniors with 145 and Phil Matthews took out the Veterans with 143/150. A big thank you to FACTC and to Winchester Australia for sponsoring this round

Round 2 saw us return back to Cecil Park Clay Target Club in February and 70 shooters entered for the weekend. It was great to be able to use three layouts for the event, ensuring the smooth running of the shoot. Some big scores were recorded over the first 150 targets and then the weather took a turn for the worse, leaving the \$1000 up for grabs from Shane Pinner and Andrew Brady for an Australian Record to be broken unclaimed. Charlton Vella came out on top with 195/200, Mitch Iles the Junior with 193, his grandfather Bill the Veterans with 187/200 and Suzy Corry the Ladies with 185/200. Thank you Cecil Park and Bornaghi Australia for sponsoring the event.

Round 3 was held in March in Adelaide at the International Clay Target Club (International CTC) with 43 shooters and proved to be a tough affair for most, except for Nathan Cassells who recorded a truly world class score of 194/200 in some tough conditions to win by three targets from the ever improving Aaron Zupanic. Martin Collumb was the Veterans winner with 190/200, Amanda Holt the Ladies with 182 and the Juniors proved to be a great spectacle with Tom Armstrong and Nathan Argiro both tied on 186. In the shootoff both boys shot a clean round of 25 and then went to sudden death single barrel before



Our admin team Paul and Claire Watts doing what they do best



Australian Mens Team



Australian Veterans Team



Australian Ladies Team

Nathan came out on top a further six targets later. It was great to watch. A big thank to all involved at International CTC and Polyair for their sponsorship.

Round 4 in April saw the final held again at Melbourne Gun Club in some of the best conditions ever experienced for UT in Australia and boy did the records plummet. Sixty-eight shooters entered the event and it wasn't long til the red ink hit the scoreboard. At the end of the 200 targets Matt Schiller from Young, NSW had extended the Australian Record of 196/200 out to 198 with a great display of UT shooting to win the Australian National Title. But the records didn't end there with Phil Matthews recording an excellent 193/200 to break the Australian Veterans record, Thomas Armstrong a 196/200 to equal the Junior Australian record and Suzy Corry a 187/200 to claim the Ladies National Title. Some amazing shooting and a big thanks to everyone at Melbourne Gun Club and also Perazzi Australia for their support. Nathan Cassells won the Mialls Gunshop prize for Overall High Gun and Aaron Zupanic won the Top Shot Industries award for the most improved. Well done guys.



Top Shot Award - Most Improved Aaron Zupanic with his Top Shot Industries award

This left us with the most important part of the series: who had qualified for the World Champs Team in Hungary in July?

Men – Nathan Cassells, Matt Schiller and Danny Di Pietro

Ladies – Amanda Holt, Suzy Corry and Michelle Beecham

Juniors – Tom Armstrong, Nathan Argiro and Jack Cullinan

Seniors – Martin Collumb, Phil Matthews and Bill Iles

*As Bill Iles elected to shoot in the Masters category in Hungary, a position in the Seniors Team was offered to Colin Dunn to attend self-funded and compete in the Seniors Team, which he has accepted.

Good luck to all shooters competing in Hungry in both the teams and individual positions. I believe this to be our strongest team yet and look forward to seeing some great results.

Thank you to everyone who made the series possible and run as smoothly as it did, particularly Paul and Claire Watts for their efforts looking after the admin side of things which ensured this series to continue to be the well-oiled machine it is.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing UT sponsors for 2018 (in no particular order): Perazzi Australia, Winchester Australia, Pinners Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Polyaire Air Conditioning Products, Top Shot Industries, Bronze Wing Australia, Collumbo Shooting, PCM Enviro, The Flying Pan Catering Co, SportsPass, Go Shooting, Extreme Shooting Supplies, Bornaghi Australia, Mialls Gunshop and Catalyst Legal. Thank you all for your amazing support in making this a great series.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2019 series. Frankston (Nov 24-25), Adelaide (Feb 9-10), Newcastle (Mar 9-10) and Melbourne (April 13-14).

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NSW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Andrew Fairfield-Smith

With summer behind us we are potentially beyond the halfway mark of the local club calendar year.

The state has hosted the first three selection shoots, State Compak and the SCA English Sporting Nationals. All of these events have gone well with excellent numbers in attendance.

Cooma held the Second State Selection shoot, as per tradition on the Saturday of Easter as part of the Cooma Easter Classic. This event also included the State 20 gauge, Side x Side and Tri Gun Championships. The club once again ran four ranges for the Saturday and Sunday which is an impressive effort at club level.

Sydney did a fantastic job of hosting the English Sporting Nationals in early May. Credit to Paul Smidt and his team for holding the event. The targets were of a high quality and the two days went off without a hitch.

Thank you to SCA for letting NSW hold the event.

The Third State Selection shoot held at Mudgee in conjunction with the Jim Taylor Memorial shoot was yet another example that the sport is in good health. Craig Kurtz and his team were excellent hosts with a well-organised two day shoot.

I have been impressed with all the shoots I have attended. They have been well organised and run by the relevant clubs. Credit also to the shooters who make the effort to travel around the state to support these events. Competitors should be congratulated on their high level of competition and sportsmanship.

On the administration side of things, the General Meeting / phone hookup up held in April went well. Thanks to all clubs for making the effort to attend. Proposals put forward were all well received.

The State is looking forward to seeing the initiatives being suggested by the National body, including the new environmental and safety policies. These will be passed on to the clubs as soon as they become available. Hopefully the changes will be finalised in the SCA Constitution shortly. This will enable the State Constitution to be reviewed with a final version to be presented to the AGM later this year.

I wish the clubs hosting the larger shoots in the coming months all the best and encourage shooters to support these events wherever they can.

Andrew Fairfield-Smith,
President, NSW Field and Game

ASC SYDNEY NEWS

by Paul Smidt

Great news for our club is that the bush fires that threatened several suburbs in the southwest of Sydney on the 14th to 24th April where brought under control by the NSWRFs and its volunteers. These fires raged out of control on the Saturday afternoon as we packed up from the day's practise shoot. Myself and Peter Cassar had stayed back to alter the course and fill traps for the next day's competition. As the sun set and the smoke got thicker we decided to head home, only to see a large fire truck parked at our gate and some inner-city firemen informing us the road was closed. Looks like it was the long way home! This area has not had any fires for more than 20 years and the material build-up was explosive. That's why the powers that be decided to backburn from our range during the week. On the Sunday morning I still had phone calls from keen shooters asking if the shoot was still on. Then the calls, "is the club still there"? All ended well. We missed a shoot, but the equipment was all ok, traps, clays and batteries etc. We even got some track upgrades courtesy of the tips D11.

ENGLISH SPORTING NATIONALS REPORT

Thanks to all those who entered and helped over the weekend. It was great to see travellers from most corners of Oz from as far as WA and

a healthy number of New South Welshmen to boot. We had some fantastic working bees prior to this event with all those present really putting in big days. As President, this made it all worthwhile. We really tidied the whole ground up and added several improvements for all members. We must thank our generous sponsors, without whom we would have really struggled to provide such a great event:

HORSLEY PARK GUN SHOP

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And our neighbours at Sydney Clay Target Club for their extra ground for the week.

As for the event, I'd say it ran extremely well overall.

THE POSITIVES

Perfect weather all weekend (and no tip smell).

We didn't have one trap breakdown or flat battery over the two days (thanks Allan and Hugh). Clay breakages were acceptable and there were no hold ups.

Shooters were happy with the ranges. We ran well ahead of time all weekend.

AREAS WE COULD LEARN FROM

I underestimated the live scoring system and its complexities. This took a while to get on top of (lucky I stayed away).

Target-setting English Sporting is always hard for us from the colonies as we don't

shoot it enough! Maybe it could have been a little too tough? I didn't shoot, so it all looked very easy, especially after I watched Matthew Libbis shoot the last two stands for his 50 straight on Saturday. Thanks Matthew, I enjoyed seeing you dominate that course.

JOHN DRABBLE MEMORIAL COMPETITION

20 MAY 2018

We had near 70 shooters join us at ASC Sydney to shoot the John Drabble Memorial Competition in perfect weather.

The range setters, Hugh and Alan, did an amazing job of setting challenging and technical targets for this event. All were very shootable, except the rabbit on Range B. It seems you had to be over eighty to hit it. Hugh Johnston smashed it first shot then repeated it so his squad could record it. Those Scotsman love to rub it in! John would have probably smoked it too knowing how he loved a rabbit shoot and the English-Scottish rivalry might have come in a bit.

Thanks guys, I know we will all be thinking about the birds we hit (and missed) for a while. Only one 25 was shot on the day by Darren Sasse.





ASC Sydney President, Paul Smidt, with High Gun winner Matthew Webster

RESULTS

HIGH GUN

Matthew Webster 91

A GRADE

1st Frank Araco 90

2nd Frank Scambellone 88

3rd Darren Sasse

B GRADE

1st Philip Moses 83

2nd Leo Valeri 79

3rd Doug Brenton 75

C GRADE

1st Angel Salamon 85

2nd Anthony Burke 71

3rd Alan Dorahy 71

Congrats to all the winners.

Regards

ASC President

Paul Smidt



GRADE WINNERS OF THE ELISSA AND BOB TWEEDIE 75 TARGET GRADED HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP (LEFT TO RIGHT) PRESTON SLATER (JUNIORS), ROD GRENFELL (C GRADE), CASSIE MCEVOY (LADIES) AND JEFF GLASSON (HANDICAP HIGH GUN)

BROKEN HILL FIELD AND GAME NEWS by "Shellshocked"

25 MARCH 2018

On Sunday 25 March the Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 Target Simulated Field Graded Handicap Championship shoot. The shoot was sponsored by Elissa and Bob Tweedie who very generously provided an excellent range of prizes for the winning shooters. The day was mild and sunny, and conditions were just about perfect for shooting clay targets. Organisers were a tad disappointed with the attendance of 22 shooters given the great conditions, but work rosters kept a number of regulars away.

The range was set by Josh and Richard who did an excellent job to present a very good variety of targets in a compact range of five stations that was shot three times to make up the competition. The targets were a good mix of challenging and straightforward targets. Most shooters finished with a respectable score while those who managed to get onto the challenging targets recorded some very impressive totals.

The best shooters off the gun were Jeff Glasson and Clay Johnston who both shot pretty consistently and tied for High Gun with an excellent score of 67. At this shoot, the prizes were awarded for handicap totals and Jeff's good off the gun score combined with his handicap allowance totalled 88 and was enough to keep him comfortably clear of the opposition to win the Handicap High Gun Medal.

Josh Holmes was the lone ranger in AA Grade but a good off gun total, plus a small dollop of handicap, saw him finish with 73 to be a deserving winner of the first place prize. Clay Johnston and Jeff Glasson's top off gun scores were enough for them both to score comfortable handicap wins in their respective grades. Clay finished with 79 to win A Grade and Jeff finished with 88 to win B Grade. Rod Grenfell had a good shoot in C Grade and he

shot very well for 82, the third best handicap score for the shoot, and a well-deserved first place. The best Lady shooter was Cassie McEvoy who improved her scores as the day progressed and finished with an excellent score of 84, the second best handicap total for the shoot, and a strong first place finish. Preston Slater was best of the Junior shooters and he shot pretty consistently for a total of 73 and the first place prize.

BROKEN HILL - 25 MARCH 2018 75 TARGET GRADED HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP			
AA Grade	1st	Josh Holmes	73
A Grade	1st	Clay Johnston	79
	2nd	Brian Casey	76
	3rd	Richard Murphy	75
B Grade	1st	Jeff Glasson	88
	2nd	Wayne Haskard	78
	3rd	Anthony Elliott	77
C Grade	1st	Rod Grenfell	82
	2nd	Grant Boylan	78
	3rd	Will Evans	75
Ladies	1st	Cassie McEvoy	84
	2nd	Elissa Tweedie	75
Juniors	1st	Preston Slater	73
	2nd	Ashden Hall	71

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

MILPARINKA CHALLENGE SHIELD

21 AND 22 APRIL 2018

On 21 and 22 April the Milparinka and Broken Hill Field and Game Associations conducted their annual interclub shoot (grudge match), the Milparinka Challenge Shield, at the Milparinka simulated field shooting range. The competition comprised 100 targets shot on Saturday and another 50 targets shot on Sunday morning for a 150 target event.

- The weather was sunny and quite hot in the afternoons, but the evenings were mild and very comfortable for a cool drink and a chat. Despite the flies, which were way too numerous and friendly, conditions were pretty good for shooting clay targets. The shooters camped out on the range which made for an excellent social atmosphere and the organisers were pleased with an attendance of 14 shooters plus family and friends.



Broken Hill Field and Game President Rod Weaver (left) and Milparinka Field and Game President Rowan Young (right) with the Milparinka Challenge Shield

The range was set by Rodney, Josh, Peter and Jeff while Brian looked on from the comfort of his quad bike. Despite Brian's interjections the boys did an excellent job to present a very good selection of targets. The targets were not overly difficult which made for very enjoyable shooting and some pretty good scores from the top shots.

The best shooter off the gun was Josh Holmes who, despite a slow start, kept the rest of his scores above 20 and included a perfect score of 25/25 in his excellent total of 128. This was a very good effort from Josh who won the High Gun prize quite comfortably with a few shots up his sleeve at the finish.

First place prize in AA Grade was easily won by Gerard Mahoney who finished with an excellent total of 122. Rod Weaver was the Lone Ranger in A Grade and his score of 107 was therefore well rewarded with first place. Brian Hoare cruised around the range on his quad bike and had the odd shot here and there, enough for a good total of 113 and an easy win in B Grade. The results in C Grade were a bit closer but when the dust had settled, Rod Grenfell had taken the first place prize pretty convincingly with a score of 99. Given that there were still prizes available the organisers hastily created a Veterans Grade and Jeff Glasson – who had shot a good score of 116 – found himself to be the lucky winner of the first place prize.

At the conclusion of shooting Milparinka Club

President, Rowan Young, would normally go into a huddle with himself to consider the scores. But given it was Broken Hill's turn to organise the shoot the Milparinka rules were ignored and Broken Hill Club President, Rod Weaver, determined that by any measure applied Broken Hill had finished well ahead of Milparinka. Rod duly announced to general acclaim that Broken Hill had won the Interclub Challenge Shield, a fitting conclusion to an excellent weekend of shooting and a very good time had by all.



Grade winners of the Milparinka Challenge Interclub Shoot (left to right) Brian Hoare (B Grade), Gerard Mahoney (AA Grade), Jeff Glasson (Veterans), Rod Weaver (A Grade), Josh Holmes (High Gun) and Rodney Grenfell (C Grade)

MILPARINKA & BROKEN HILL - 21 & 22 APRIL 150 TARGET INTERCLUB CHALLENGE			
High Gun		Josh Holmes	128
AA Grade	1st	Gerard Mahoney	122
	2nd	Josh Holmes	72 (DNF)
A Grade	1st	Rod Weaver	107
	2nd	Brian Hoare	113
B Grade	3rd	Tim Maxwell	98
		Arnaud Fuster	96
	1st	Rodney Grenfell	99
	2nd	Will Evans	92
C Grade	3rd	Kyle Mahoney	90
	4th	Peter Hoare	84
Veterans	1st	Jeff Glasson	116
	2nd	Rowan Young	111
	3rd	Peter Ellis	110

6 MAY 2018

Broken Hill Field and Game Association conducted a 75 target Simulated Field Graded Handicap Championship shoot on Sunday 6 May. The shoot was sponsored by Josh Edgecumbe who very generously provided an excellent range of prizes for the winning shooters. The day started out cool but warmed to mild and sunny. Organisers were pleased with a good attendance of 30 shooters given the great conditions.

The championship was preceded on Saturday by a sporting clays shoot, in the afternoon and under lights in the evening. The targets were not overly difficult which made for fun shooting, particularly after dark when clays smashed under the lights. It looked spectacular. With a sausage sizzle, tea and a warm fire to hold off the evening chill, a very good time was had by one and all.

The ranges on both days were set by Josh and Josh and Richard and Clay who did an

excellent job. The championship layout presented a very good variety of targets in a compact range of five stations that was shot three times to make up the competition. Special mention to Josh Holmes who worked particularly hard all weekend to ensure a good shoot. The targets were a bit easier than average which made for very enjoyable shooting, and most shooters managed to better their handicap by a few shots. The easiest score for the weekend was recorded by Josh and Josh when they dropped a full



Grade winners of the Josh Edgecumbe 75 Target Graded Handicap Championship, (left to right) Jeff Glasson (A Grade), Josh Edgecumbe (Sponsor), Cassie McEvoy (Ladies), Neville Hill (C Grade), Ross Howse (B Grade) and Ashden Hall (Juniors)



Clay Johnston breaks another target under lights in the sporting clays shoot while his father Ray watches on

box of targets from the top of the tower; a perfect 200 break and not a shot fired. The better shooters, as usual, managed the targets very well and recorded some very impressive totals.

The best shooter off the gun was Clay Johnston who, despite a bit of a hiccup in his second round, shot very well for a total of 66. While the competition was tight, Clay's score was just that one vital shot good enough to win the High Gun medal.

The remaining prizes were awarded for handicap totals and the results were very close in all grades.

Jeff Glasson managed to improve his shooting with each round for his best off-gun score in a long while. His handicap total of



ANTHONY ELLIOTT TAKES A SHOT WITH HIS NEW SIDE-BY-SIDE SHOTGUN AND ASHDEN HALL CHECKS OUT THE RESULT

79 was just good enough for the first place prize in A Grade. Ross Howse had two rivals chasing him all the way to the finish but his score of 82 was one shot good enough for the B Grade win. The result in C Grade also went down to the last shot and Neville Hill was the winner with a score of 83. Cassie McEvoy was the lone ranger in the Ladies Grade but she shot particularly well for one of her best off gun scores and her handicap total of 88 was the highest handicap score for the shoot, a well-deserved first place. It was encouraging to see a few keen junior shooters at the range. Ashden Hall won the first place prize in the Junior Grade with a good score of 75. Preston Slater and Calan Lawrence, having his first try at clay shooting, also scored very well. ■

BROKEN HILL - 6 MAY 2018 75 TARGET GRADED HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP			
High Gun		Clay Johnston	66
A Grade	1st	Jeff Glasson	79
	2nd	Andrew Ashwood	78
	3rd	Josh Holmes	77
B Grade	1st	Ross Howse	82
	2nd	Anthony Elliott	81
	3rd	Ian Featherstone	81
C Grade	1st	Neville Hill	83
	2nd	Will Evans	82
	3rd	Rod Grenfell	81
Ladies	1st	Cassie McEvoy	88
Juniors	1st	Ashden Hall	75
	2nd	Preston Slater	70
	3rd	Calan Lawrence	61

BERMAGUI FIELD AND GAME

by Patrick Thompson

22 APRIL 2018

Sunday 22nd of April saw the David Cook and Mark Raabe memorial shoot, sponsored by the two great men's family and friends. The weather was a stunner for the 100 target OTG shootout at the Murah Range, with beautiful sunshine except for a little bit of wind in the afternoon. The course looked relatively easy, however, it was certainly testing too many



Sponsor Carol Cook with Penny White, Barbie Magrin and Corina Rowling plus sponsors Jan Raabe and Chris Raabe

of the shooters. From incomers to the tower and then to the rabbit, everyone was kept on their toes. One trap proved very troubling for some squads as the clays were almost always hidden between the tress. Plenty of excellent scores were shown throughout all grades with Tony Crome claiming High Gun with a great score of 86. A shootoff for second place in A Grade between Nev Brady and Richard Seears saw our illustrious President missing the mark and coming third. Richard also shot for the lucky cash prize, however, once again had to settle for second leaving the cash behind. Barry Dunn had an awesome round in B Grade shooting an 83, which was a better score than some of the A Grade shooters. Thank you to all those who travelled to Bermagui to enjoy the day and participate. A huge thank you also for all that contributed to our lunch table. ■

BERMAGUI - 22 APRIL 2018			
High gun		Tony Crome	86
A grade	1st	Adam Shiels	77
	2nd	Richard Seears	75
	3rd	Neville Brady	75
B grade	1st	Barry Dun	83
	2nd	Mick Durnan	78
	3rd	Michael Platts	77
C grade	1st	Jon Theobald	74
	2nd	Chris O'dea	71
	3rd	Mark Coleman	71
Ladies	1st	Penny White	64
	2nd	Barbie Magrin	57
	3rd	Corina Rowling	53
Juniors	1st	Holly Gschwend	70
	2nd	Patrick Thompson	54

COOMA SPORTING CLAYS

by Adam Mower

35TH COOMA EASTER CLASSIC

The 35th Annual Cooma Easter Classic ran from 30 March to 2 April 2018. Friday saw the Perazzi 20 Gauge NSW State Selection 75 Target event. A High Country autumn day put on perfect conditions for shooting. High Gun Andrew Bell won the day with a 64 over the three rounds. C Grade went to Rowan Venables with a standout 57.



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20 GAUGE NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 75 TARGET			
High Gun		Andrew Bell	64
AA Grade	1st	Steve Atkins	62
	2nd	Chris Davis	61
	3rd	Aaron Knowles	59
A Grade	1st	John Koolbanis	61
	2nd	Paul Crittenden	59
	3rd	Chris Barrowman	57
B Grade	1st	Greg Condran	60
	2nd	Steve Bell	54
	3rd	Craig Brown	51
C Grade	1st	Rowan Venables	57
	2nd	David Whiteman	45
	3rd	Jason Mouheit	44
Ladies	1st	Kimberly Atkins	48
	2nd	Mel Phillips	44
	3rd	Emalene Munro	43
Veterans	1st	Rob Passarin	57
	2nd	Michael Munro	57
	3rd	Kevin Haskin	54
S/Veteran	1st	Phil Craig	57
	2nd	Roger Kerslake	54
	3rd	Toby Edwards	53
Juniors	1st	Oscar Mower	51
	2nd	Jack Roth	49
Sub Junior	1st	Nick Davis	47
	2nd	Daniel David	43
	3rd	Jack Newson	37

Saturday was another cracking day to shoot the NSW State Selection over 100 targets and the first leg of the Cooma Easter Classic.

Rob Passarin took out the High Gun with 86 targets after a snappy shootoff with Wayne Lieshout, who took out AA grade on 86 points.

SATURDAY NSW STATE SELECTIONS 100 TARGET			
High Gun		Rob Passarin	86
AA Grade	1st	Wayne Lieshout	86
	2nd	Brett Inch	84
	3rd	Frank Sgambellone	84
A Grade	1st	Paul Crittenden	85
	2nd	Frank Araco	81
	3rd	Chris Barrowman	78
B Grade	1st	Josh Bell	78
	2nd	Craig Brown	76
	3rd	Josh Hayes	74
C Grade	1st	Jason Mouheit	61
	2nd	Mark Jones	60
	3rd	Stephen Tipping	60
Ladies	1st	Kimberly Atkins	70
	2nd	Emalene Munro	66
	3rd	Helen Overton	66

Veterans	1st	John Collier	80
	2nd	Peter Kay	74
	3rd	Garry Whykes	74
S/Veteran	1st	John Monaghan	73
	2nd	Phil Craig	73
	3rd	Toby Edwards	73
Juniors	1st	Mathew Wilesmith	79
	2nd	Tom McGrath	78
	3rd	Jack Roth	76
Sub Junior	1st	Daniel Davis	61
	2nd	Nick Davis	53
	3rd	Jordyn Perkins	48

Sunday's second leg of the Cooma Easter Classic saw Wayne Lieshout take the two day High Gun with 171 targets. AA Grade was hotly contested with Andrew Garvie and Brett Inch taking first and second on 168 targets after a shootoff. A special prize was awarded to our oldest shooter, Hugh Fairfield-Smith, who at 86 completed the two day event.

SUNDAY COOMA EASTER CLASSIC 200 TARGET			
High Gun		Wayne Lieshout	171
AA Grade	1st	Andrew Garvie	168
	2nd	Brett Inch	168
	3rd	Chris Davis	164
A Grade	1st	Paul Crittenden	164
	2nd	Chris Barrowman	161
	3rd	Matthew Wollnough	158
B Grade	1st	Josh Bell	159
	2nd	Craig Brown	158
	3rd	Robert Sturzaker	150
C Grade	1st	Jason Mouheit	126
	2nd	Mark Jones	123
	3rd	Stephen Tipping	117
Ladies	1st	Helen Overton	144
	2nd	Emalene Munro	138
	3rd	Andrea Barrowman	116
Veterans	1st	Rob Passarin	169
	2nd	John Collier	156
	3rd	Peter Kay	153
S/Veteran	1st	Phil Craig	156
	2nd	Toby Edwards	150
	3rd	Roger Kerslake	145
Juniors	1st	Jack Roth	153
	2nd	Tom McGrath	152
	3rd	Byron Perkins	144
Sub Junior	1st	Daniel Davis	123
	2nd	Jordyn Perkins	109
	3rd	Nick Davis	101

Monday's NSW State Side-by-Side Championship saw Craig Brown take out High Gun with a well shot 68 and Jason Mouheit winning C Grade on his first attempt with a side- by-side, which also saw him win the 2018 Tri-Gun Challenge Handicap. The Tri-Gun Off-the-Gun winner was Chris Davis.

Other highlights were Daniel Davis shooting a 62 in Sub Juniors, and Dennis Dinte winning the springing teal challenge with 32 targets.



35TH COOMA EASTER CLASSIC WINNERS



SIDE-BY-SIDE WINNERS

MONDAY SIDE-BY-SIDE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 75 TARGET			
High Gun		Craig Brown	68
AA Grade	1st	Andrew Bell	66
	2nd	Chris Davis	63
	3rd	Dennis Dinte	62
A Grade	1st	John Sankey	62
	2nd	Willie Wright	59
	3rd	John Koolbanis	59
B Grade	1st	Steve Bell	55
	2nd	Josh Bell	54
	3rd	Mick Hedger	52
C Grade	1st	Jason Mouheit	56
	2nd	Ivan Perry	49
	3rd	Arthur Rawlinson	33
Ladies	1st	Emalene Munro	56
	2nd	Michelle Craig	49
	3rd	Mel Phillips	39
Veterans	1st	Michael Munro	62
	2nd	Rob Passarin	60
	3rd	Peter Kay	60
S/Veteran	1st	Ian Cooke	60
	2nd	Laurie Redfern	59
	3rd	Doug Brenton	57
Juniors	1st	Jake Hedger	53
	2nd	Byron Perkins	50
	3rd	Oscar Mower	50
Sub Junior	1st	Daniel Davis	62
	2nd	Nick Davis	47
	3rd	Jordyn Perkins	28

Many thanks to our major sponsors (in no particular order): Perazzi Australia, Cooma Ex-Servicemen's Club, Global Clay Technologies, Terrence's Oversnow, Cooma Cranes, Territory Firearms and Safari Firearms for their support to make the weekend possible.

COMPAK IN APRIL

Thirty-six shooters braved a chilly morning to shoot the Cooma Cranes April Compak. Two courses were laid out on our newly improved grounds giving us a great variety of targets. Philip Craig took out High Gun with

88 targets. Other standout performances were Bob Duncan in A Grade with 86, Russell Rowling in B Grade with 72, Rowan Venables taking out C Grade with 75, Robin Perkins leading the Ladies with 68 and Charlie Alcock in his first shoot taking out Sub Juniors.

Thanks to Cooma Cranes for making the day possible.

APRIL COMPAK 100 TARGET			
High Gun		Phil Craig	88
AA Grade	1st	Daren Jones	79
	2nd	Colin Brownlie	77
A Grade	1st	Bob Duncan	86
	2nd	Doug Alcock	76
	3rd	Russell Rowling	72
B Grade	1st	Toby Edwards	69
	2nd	Michael Platts	64
	3rd	Rowan Venables	75
C Grade	1st	Brendan Ryan	55
	2nd	Peter Tomasi	54
	3rd	Robin Perkins	68
Ladies	1st	Michelle Craig	61
	2nd	Penny White	52
	3rd	Charlie Alcock	38



Compak Ladies winners

MIXED TARGET CHALLENGE

Fifty-six shooters came out on a cool but dry morning on 20 May to take on the mixed target challenge supported by Jindabyne Joinery. Club life member, Richard Mould, was chief rangesetter, presenting half of the



Sam and Peter Tomasi getting encouragement from Sam's mum, Michelle



Richard Seears and Rohan Venables enjoying the sunshine



HIGH GUN WINNER, CURLS THISTLETON WITH CLUB TREASURER, RUSS ROWLING

course in the wooded parts of the range, then moving to the open space of Death Valley to allow some longer targets to be thrown. The consensus for the day was it was a challenging course. Thanks to Richard and his crew for a great setup.

Our mixed target challenge is made by randomly presenting a different coloured target to the shooter. If shot, the club pays a prize. A total of 56 mixed targets were hit by 34 shooters.

Curls Thistleton was the day's winner with a 77.

We were also excited to be joined by nine new shooters. If you would like to join us to give sporting clays a try in the Snowy Mountains, you can find us at

facebook.com/coomasportingclays

MIXED TARGET CHALLENGE

High Gun		Curls Thistleton	88
A Grade	1st	Phil Craig	79
	2nd	Mark Gschwend	86
	3rd	Nev Brady	77
B Grade	1st	Mick Durnan	76
	2nd	Reg McGufficke	72
	3rd	Michael Platts	69
C Grade	1st	Glen Simmons	64
	2nd	Rodger Sands	75
	3rd	David Aldridge	55
Ladies	1st	Kerry Donaldson	54
	2nd	Shelly Craig	68
	3rd	Penny White	61
Sub Junior	1st	Charlie Alcock	52



Adrian Hayes Trophy winners – Sydney (Left to Right) Paul Smidt, Peter Cassar, Harry Kassianou and Frank Araco with Rob Murray and Michael Munro



Range setter, Stephen Cooper, with new Ladies shooter Mellissa Bourke

DUBBO FIELD AND GAME

by Mel Phillips

NSW STATE SELECTION 18 MARCH 2018

Sunday 18 March was the day for the first state selection for the year and Dubbo Field & Game were the hosts.

Range captain, Stephen Cooper, along with Milton Cartwright and Glen Bloink masterminded some fantastic targets. The boys set as many stands in the shade as possible due to forecasted high temperatures with five targets per stand. With the range set by Saturday afternoon, we were prepared to have a brilliant day of shooting on Sunday.

With jumping rabbits, high flyers, fast low crossers and a springing teal that seemed to do a backflip there was an assortment of targets to suit everyone. No one could have prepared for what arrived by mid-morning, however. The wind picked up to cause havoc with the flight of the targets and swirled dust around everyone. Shooters had to really think about picking their lines. Two targets coming off our red truck made their own special flight path really caused some anguish with shooters, from Sub Juniors all the way to AA Grade.

74 shooters braved the hot and windy conditions to contend for the "sash" and prizes that were on offer. The Adrian Hayes Trophy left the bush and headed to the city with the boys: Peter Cassar, Frank Araco, Harry Kassianou and Paul Smidt with a total of 248.

A huge thank you goes out to Stephen, Milton, Glen, Denis, Rob, Mel, Amelia and Dylon for setting the range; Rupert, Archie and Tony for keeping the range running on Sunday; Paula for taking on the office work; and Sandra for taking control of the kitchen. It's always fantastic to have helpers; it makes the shoot run smoothly and as the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work". Dubbo Field & Game President, Rob Murray and NSWFG Vice President, Michael Munro, presented the prizes (pictured in the photos).



High Gun Winner Stephen Payne with Rob Murray and Michael Munro



Veterans category presentation (Left to Right) John Sidoti (3rd), Rob Murray, Roger Kerslake (1st), Alec Ceccato (2nd) and Michael Munro

NSW STATE SELECTION 18 MARCH 2018

HIGH GUN	Stephen Payne	73+8
Seniors	Michael Munro	71
	Milton Cartwright	63
	Peter Kay	61+7
Ladies	Emalene Munro	63
	Amy Buys	61
	Lauren Judge	54
Veterans	Roger Kerslake	69+11
	Alec Ceccato	69+10
	John Sidoti	67
Masters	Denis Coaker	60
	Les Townsend	45
	Bob Richardson	29
Juniors	Mathew Wilesmith	70
	Jack Roth	69
	Tom McGrath	61
Sub Juniors	Nicholas Brighenti	58
	Aaron Mann	39
	Jake McPherson	38
AA	Jason Solomons	73+6
	Andrew Bell	69
	Bart Brighenti	68
A	Harry Kassianou	71
	Jason McGrath	68
	Tony Shorten	67
B	Paul Smidt	65
	Ken Purvis	62
	George Roth	61
C	Mitch Woods	61
	Ken Flemming	44
	Phil Cleal	39

ROB MURRAY ENGINEERING NIGHT SHOOT

The 2018 Rob Murray Night Shoot on Saturday 28 April saw just over 40 shooters take to the stands and try their luck.

Setting the range was Rob Murray with John Bennett (JB), Mel, Amelia, Dysten, Willy and Lauren giving their assistance as well. With a tricky teal, sneaky rabbit and one horrible low flying crosser, there was a mixture of targets set for everyone's capabilities.

Shooting started with 50 targets Saturday afternoon followed by a BBQ dinner cooked to perfection by the Everett Boys, Tony and Chris, along with sous chef John "Sods" Sidoti.

Stepping out on the range once more, shooters tried their hand at shooting the same targets under lights – total different ball game! The laughing started along with the scratching of heads with everyone wondering what they were doing wrong. What works in the light definitely doesn't work in the dark. Scores changed (some for the better, a lot for the worse). All shooters were treated to an extra special 25 targets if they wished, with these ones proving very tricky on the eyes. Thankfully this range was not counted in the results.

A huge thank you goes to Kennard's Hire, Dubbo for their ongoing support to Dubbo Field & Game with their loan of the lights to allow this shoot to happen.

ROB MURRAY ENGINEERING NIGHT SHOOT 28 APRIL 2018

High Gun		Christopher "Horse" Bourke	91
A	1st	Chris Everett	86
	2nd	Stuart Cole	81
	3rd	Brett Hall	80
B	1st	Ken Purvis	86
	2nd	Rupert Backus	84
	3rd	Craig McPherson	80
C	1st	Nathan Jones	66
	2nd	Steve Tipping	64
	3rd	John Bryden	61
Seniors	1st	Peter Kay	83
	2nd	Rodney Carr	70
Veterans	1st	Tony Everett	64
Masters	1st	Denis Coaker	70
Ladies	1st	Paula Purvis	70
	2nd	Melissa Bourke	67
	3rd	Lauren Judge	64
Juniors	1st	Tom McGrath	73
	2nd	Eli Kelly	41
Sub Juniors	1st	Ethan Kelly	74
	2nd	Charlie North	54
	3rd	Jake McPherson	45
Lucky Score	1st	Rebecca Bryden	37



High Gun winner Chris Bourke (left) and sponsor Rob Murray (right)



Master category winner Denis Coaker (left) with sponsor and President of Dubbo Field & Game Rob Murray (middle) and Veteran winner Tony Everett

GUNPRO PHEASANT FLUSH

Sunday 20 May brought approximately 40 shooters out to Dubbo Field & Game for the return of the Pheasant Flush. Martin and Nicky Bourke of Gunpro, Dubbo supported the club once again.

Stuart Cole was the mastermind behind the setting of the two styles of "walk-up" and "driven"; shooters were treated to a chaotic flurry of birds. Stuart brought in two scissor lifts, both of which held three traps, and those along with the "castle" and truck situated at the grounds created flying birds from all directions.

The walk-up range was set as if you were walking through the bush. Targets would fly from down low, crossing your path, even coming out right beside you. Hidden in amongst this range were two rabbits that everyone kept forgetting about, so quite a few escaped.

In comparison, on the driven range the birds would be coming overhead in numerous directions.

With the Flush being a team-of-three event, shooters chose their teammates wisely, although after the first two rounds some were starting to question their choices. Each team had what some would call a "unique" name.

Upon the shooter's call, the sequence was started. Five birds would be released, then approximately 5-6 seconds later another five would be released. The total of 80 birds had been released and shot at (notice I said shot



Aerial shot of the "driven sands"



Off-the-Gun winners
George Loudon, Hugo Graesser and Stuart Cole



Handicap event winners
Paula Purvis, Mel Phillips and Mellissa Bourke with George Loudon

"AT"). A few teams went in with a "plan" of who was going to shoot at which target; this quickly went out the window once the second set of birds had been released. Another plan of attack was "just shoot what you see" and this proved to be beneficial to some.

There was the occasional yelling of "you shot my bird!" and "leave mine alone!" followed by laughter from the teammates and the crowd of spectators. "Don't forget the rabbit" was repeated a few times.

At one stage, a scorer mentioned he was more nervous than the shooter, trying to keep count of birds hit.

After six rounds of mayhem and laughter, shooters were treated to a hot lunch and the presentation got under way.

Prizes were awarded for off-the-gun scores, drawn winners and also handicap event winner.

Off-the-gun winners	Scottish Poachers Stuart Cole Hugo Graesser George Loudon	290
2nd	Bourkbackaroy Christopher Bourke Rupert Backus Tony Corderoy	281
3rd	Top Guns Glen Bloink Brett Hall Craig McPherson	268
Drawn winners	# Pro Gun Ken Purvis Tony Monk Aliza Purvis	231
2nd	Gun Pro No 1 Stephen Smith Will Jameson Grant Barton	213
3rd	Gun Pro No 1 Stephen Smith Will Jameson Grant Barton	180
Handicap event winners	Yummy Mummies Mel Phillips Paula Purvis Mellissa Bourke	437 (handicap score)

WEST AUSTRALIAN FIELD & GAME NEWS

- by Sue Green

The WAFGA 2nd State Qualifier was hosted by the Pegasus Club. The club was abuzz with heaps of campers enjoying the hospitality of the Pegasus club members. The weather was perfect, sunny and no wind. It was certainly a great time of the year to hold any shoot from this magnificent coastal town of Lancelin.

The Pegasus Club members have put a lot of effort in to developing the grounds, clearing dunes to present two new grounds which made a great event to shoot over. One layout was a bit of a walk but well worth the trek and thanks to signage along the way saying "nearly there" you were comforted knowing you were going the right way!

There was so much positive feedback, especially with the great variety of targets. So many shooters are looking forward to coming back to Pegasus and shooting more targets at these new layouts. Congratulations to the club members, targets setters, admin, catering ladies and others who all helped to ensure this State Qualifier was a huge success.

A huge thank you to all the competitors and families (support crew!) who travelled vast

distances to attend. We had 62 competitors travel as far away as Geraldton and Moora from the north down to Bunbury and Harvey in the southwest. Some families made a five hour one-way drive just to compete. Thank you to everyone for making the effort. If it wasn't for the competitors we would have no event and all the many hours and hard work put in by our valued volunteers would have been in vain. Your continued support is hugely appreciated.

The honours went to Wannamal member and crowd favourite, Rhys aka Boodge Howard, who won outright with an 89/100 followed by Michael McDonald 87/100 who only recently won the Hellenic/Pegasus handicap shoot. Then not to be outdone were two "old geezers", Grant Cooper and Tony Trainor, with equal scores of 85/100.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed in any way to make the day so enjoyable. The next State Qualifier will be held at Echidna Park, Geraldton.

Sue Green,
State Secretary

RESULTS WA FIELD & GAME 2ND STATE QUALIFIER, PEGASUS 20TH MAY 2018			
High Gun		Rhys Boodge Howard Wannamal Club	89/100
AA Grade	1st	Michael McDonald Wannamal Club	87/100
	2nd	Clayton Dennis Echidna Park Club	84/100
A Grade	1st	Nick Melanko Wannamal Club	82/100
	2nd	Luke Turner Pegasus Club	81/100
	3rd	Ken Green Wannamal Club	79/100
B Grade	1st	Dan Cheeseman Pegasus Club	74/100
	2nd	Paul Bailey Harvey Club	74/100
	3rd	Stuart Cooper Echidna Park Club	71/100
C Grade	1st	Stuart Cooper Echidna Park Club	68/100
	2nd	Glen Doran Wannamal Club	65/100
	3rd	Mark Robins Perth Metro Club	61/100
Seniors	1st	Grant Cooper Wannamal Club	85/100
	2nd	Tony Trainor Wannamal Club	85/100
	3rd	David Knight Perth Metro Club	75/100
Ladies	1st	Maria Dunnet Wannamal Club	80/100
	2nd	Tracey Grayer Three Springs Club	74/100
Juniors	1st	Byron Jones Wannamal Club	73/100
Sub Juniors	1st	Cory Backhouse Harvey Club	63/100



Vern Godfrey, Rhys "Boodge" Howard (High Gun winner) and Tommy Papadopoulos



A Grade placegetters Ken Green (3rd) and Luke Turner (2nd)



B Grade placegetters "Wildman" Paul Bailey (2nd) and Dan Cheeseman (1st)



C Grade placegetters Glen Doran (2nd), Mark Robins (3rd) and Neil Jeary (1st)



Ladies placegetters Tracey Grayer (2nd) and Maria Dunnet (1st)



Seniors placegetters Tony Trainor (2nd) and Grant Cooper (1st)



The Bruce's vs The Coop's. The score thus far is Bruce's 2 - Coop's zip. The losers at the end of the year will put on a banquet for the winners family and friends.



Junior winner, Byron Jones, thanked his mum Anissa for the five hour drive to get to the shoot

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2018 AGM

- by Ray McFarlane

2018 has again been a great year for GSCA. We have finally finished all works required under the Grant received from Victorian Governments Minor Shooting Sports funding program. The grant of \$100,000 plus the GSCA contribution of \$50,000 in cash has provided us with much appreciated improvements for our members.

1. Extension to club rooms and internal refurbishments
2. A JLG boom lift that extends to 28 metres
3. 3 x Compak Sporting layouts which includes 18 new traps
4. 3 x Progetti Acoustic release systems for the Compak Sporting
5. Computerised scoring for events with two large display screens

This has been a huge program for the few club members who have been involved in the construction of the new facilities and I thank them sincerely for their efforts in bringing the project to fruition. Electricians, roof plumbers, carpenters, painters and other assistants have given up their time. Our next project, if approved, will be the refurbishment of our kitchen and its facilities

I would also like to thank the individual members who have assisted with the set-up of traps and grounds for all of our competitions.

Assisting your club is a thankless task and many take the efforts of the few who provide the necessary workforce to keep this club going as the work and responsibility of others.

As the Financial Report from our Treasurer will show, we are in a very good position and have a healthy bank balance. Most of the money made by the club is due to us being the recognised distributors of Promatic Traps in Australia. As we run a business, all club functions are subject to payment of GST. We also have lease payments to the property owner. Just with those two incidentals, each and every entry to shoot at the range incurs an initial cost to the entry fee of \$13 per entry.

This does not leave a lot of money for the other costs incurred by the club i.e. purchase of targets, upkeep of equipment, supply of prizes, fueling of the generator, etc.

In conclusion I wish to thank two people. Firstly, Jason Charlton of JC Scaffolding who has generously provided us with the imposing scaffolding structure for one of our Compak Sporting Layouts; it certainly gives us another perspective and allows us to shoot targets beneath our feet. The other is our Treasurer, Steven, who does a remarkable job and keeps a strict eye on all of our financial obligations.

Ray McFarlane,
President



TASMANIA



NORTHERN MIDLANDS SPORTING CLAYS

- BY JUDY TRIFFITT

Northern Midlands will host this year's Tasmanian State Championships on the weekend of 27 and 28 October.

The event will consist of 150 targets over the two days. The event has been fully sponsored by Outdoor Sporting Agencies with a range of Ridgeline products and we are very grateful to Rod Laidlaw for his support in this.

The nominations form is available by emailing nmsc@activ8.net.au.

The club will hold its 200 target Old Style FITASC Classic on the first weekend in December this year. We thank Dean Crouch of Topshop Industries, Rod Laidlaw of Outdoor Sporting Agencies and Danny Genovese of On Target Products for their support of our event. The maximum number of shooters for this event is 112 and we already have 80 places taken, so if you are planning to attend please get your nominations in to confirm your place.

At the moment the club is in the process of changing all our trap trailers over to new lighter weight ones. If anyone is interested in the old trailers they are available for sale.

Contact Ken via the above email or phone 0408 541 448.

Best of luck to the Australian teams and individuals travelling to the FITASC World Championships.





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Circle which category you wish to enter (Pensioners please circle Pensioner AND your category)

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AA Grade (L to R) Jeremy Kent, Tim Widdison, Chris Wright



HIGH GUN WINNER
RON RHOOK

SOUTH EAST FIELD & GAME SHOOT REPORT

- by Charles Wallis

SUNDAY 25 MARCH

Sixty two clay shooters nominated at Burrungule Park for the 60 target English Sporting sponsored by Castec Rural Supplies and O'Conner & Graney. This rarely-shot discipline sees all targets presented as pairs, so only one shot per target tests the shooters' skills. That coupled with very high winds playing havoc with some targets led to some erratic scores.



Sub Juniors (L to R) Shakielle VonStanke, Brodie VonStanke-Dowie, Declan Wright

Ron Rhook used all his experience to shoot 53/60 and take out the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun on a countback from Jeremy Kent who took out AA Grade from Tim Widdison 52/60 who also needed a countback to push Chris Wright back into third place.

A Grade was dominated by visiting shooters with Mick Banning 49/60 coming out on top of Andrew Green and Tony Sellars.

B Grade saw Gary Banning doing the "Hail Caesar" salute after beating Charles Wallis on countback after both had tied on 38/60, Mick Edwards rounded out the podium in third.

Doug Rohde made a welcome return to the club after a long holiday and won C Grade from Allan Spokes. Rob Marcato was delighted to make the podium for the first time in third.

The high scoring Veterans coped well with the winds with Neville Kent 55/60 winning on countback from Wayne Evans and Wayne Gurney back in third.

Super Veterans also needed to be decided by countback after Bob Jones and Ernie Allen shot 45/60, while third place was taken by Barry Hill.

Charlotte Devaud was delighted to win the Ladies class from Liz Rymill with Emma Lawford finishing third.

Adam Kuhl won the Juniors whilst Shakielle VonStanke won the competitive Sub Juniors class by one target from Declan Wright and Brodie VonStanke-Dowie.

RESULTS SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2018			
GAMBIER SHOOTING SUPPLIES HIGH GUN Ron Rhook 53/60			
AA	1st	Jeremy Kent	53/60
	2nd	Tim Widdison	52/60
	3rd	Chris Wright	52/60
A	1st	M. Banning	49/60
	2nd	A. Green	47/60
B	3rd	T. Sellars	44/60
	1st	G. Banning	38/60
	2nd	C. Wallis	38/60
C	3rd	M. Edwards	37/60
	1st	D. Rohde	34/60
	2nd	A. Spokes	32/60
Veterans	3rd	R. Marcato	31/60
	1st	N. Kent	50/60
	2nd	W. Evans	50/60
Super Veterans	3rd	W. Gurney	49/50
	1st	B. Jones	45/50
	2nd	E. Allen	45/60
Ladies	3rd	B. Hill	43/60
	1st	C. Devaud	32/60
	2nd	L. Rymill	30/60
Juniors	3rd	E. Lawford	18/60
	1st	A. Kuhl	
Sub Juniors	1st	S. VonStanke	34/60
	2nd	D. Wright	33/60
	3rd	B. VonStanke-Dowie	32/60

SUNDAY 22 APRIL

Perfect weather conditions greeted the 80 shooters that nominated for the 75 Target State Qualifier at Burrungule Park sponsored by O.G. Roberts, Cockys Autopro and Millicent Tyre Centre.

Coursesetter Ken Atkin took out the Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun with 72/75 shot over three courses with the semi Old Style Sporting format being used.



(L to R) Ben Hastings with High Gun Winner Ken Atkin

Jeremy Kent won AA Grade from the Dunn family with Leigh finishing one target ahead of his son, Jamie. Natimuk's Richard Emmerson won A Grade from Rocky Gully's Emilio Calicchio with Leigh Peterson back in third.

Glen Benham took out B Grade from Fabian Bigmore and Al Scheidl rounding out the podium. First-time visitor to Burrungule Park, Brenton Denney, was delighted to win C Grade from the improving Daniel Harradine and another newcomer, Mark Lenneth, finishing third.

Ernie Scheidl won Veterans from Wayne Evans and Greg Dawes whilst the Super Veterans saw Kevin Dyson using his newly acquired pacemaker to dominate the category and win by four targets. Runner up Chris VonStanke needed a "Crows Vs Bombers" shootoff to finish above Bob Jones.

Deanna Van der Zalm shot well to beat Tasha Belling in the Ladies category with Janette Densley back in third. The improving Ben Hastings won the Juniors whilst Declan Wright used his home ground advantage to beat Nicholas Bologiannis and Zachary Button.



(L to R) Bob Jones, Kevin Dyson & Chris VonStanke (Super Vets podium)



(L to R) Bob Jones & Chris VonStanke (Super Vets shootoff)

BURRUNGULE PARK SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018

South East Field & Game's monthly shoot saw 67 competitors nominate for the Collins Court Butchers/ J & B Lamond 50 target sporting clays event at Burrungule Park. Near-perfect autumn weather greeted the clay shooters tackling Neville and Jeremy Kent's targets.



(L to R) Sponsor representative Ben Hastings with High Gun Winner Jeremy Kent

Gambier Shooting Supplies High Gun was taken out by Jeremy Kent with 48/50, two targets clear of Ron Rhook who won AA Grade and also shot a possible 25 in his second round. Gavin Dyson, finishing second in AA, also shot 46/50 but lost out on countback to Rhook, Leigh Dunn rounded out in third.

A Grade was taken out by Andrew Hoare with 46/50 from Brian Shelton and Lake Bonney's Brenton Ferguson rounding out the podium.

Lake Bonney's Warren Whitehead claimed B Grade honours with 41/50 from Cameron Scheidl and Charles Wallis second and third respectively.

Mike Gates returned to the winners circle in C Grade ahead of promising newcomer, Mark Lennerth and Bob Marcato.

Veterans saw Neville Kent finish two targets ahead of Wayne Evans with 42/50 with Ray Lindner back in third. Super Veteran Kevin Dyson just managed to pip the red hot Peter Caskey by two targets and Chris VonStanke trailed by only one target in third. The ladies were led home by Vicki Fabris from Charlotte Devaud and Kellie Peterson. Ben Hastings is continuing the family clay shooting heritage with success in the Juniors. Meanwhile in Sub Juniors Shakielle VonStanke finished two targets ahead of his arch rival, Declan Wright, and newcomer Carter Rossouw finishing in third.

This event was also the second leg of the Lake Bonney/Burrungule Interclub Challenge. Burrungule shooters were unable to overcome a nine target deficit from the previous week which allowed Lake Bonney to regain the trophy by four targets.

RESULTS SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018			
HIGH GUN		Jeremy Kent	48
AA	1st	Ronald Rhook	46 (2)
	2nd	Gavin Dyson	46 (1)
	3rd	Leigh Dunn	44 (2)
A	1st	Andrew Hoare	46
	2nd	Brian Shelton	44
	3rd	Brenton Ferguson	43
B	1st	Warren Whitehead	41
	2nd	Cameron Scheidl	39
	3rd	Charles Wallis	37
C	1st	Michael Gates	30
	2nd	Mark Lennerth	29
	3rd	Robert Marcato	25
Veterans	1st	Neville Kent	42
	2nd	Wayne Evans	40
	3rd	Ray Linder	27
Super Veterans	1st	Kevin Dyson	42
	2nd	Peter Caskey	40
	3rd	Chris VonStanke	39
Ladies	1st	Vicki Fabris	32
	2nd	Charlotte Devaud	27
	3rd	Kellie Peterson	26
Juniors	1st	Ben Hastings	34
Sub Juniors	1st	Shakielle VonStanke	36
	2nd	Declan Wright	34
	3rd	Carter Rossouw	26

LAKE BONNEY SPORTING CLAYS

- by Kathy Ferguson

APRIL SHOOT

Malcolm Whitehead took out top honours at the Lake Bonney Sporting Clays 50 target shoot on the 15th of April. A total of 64 shooters braved the harsh wind and cold rain to compete in the event sponsored by Dave Reilly's Paint and Panel, Herb Whitehead Fencing and J & M Shanks Engineering.

A shootoff was required at the end of the normal 50 target course to settle first and second in A Grade between Gary Dangerfield and Mick Brennan, and decide third in B Grade between Plum Werchon and Steve Bellinger. Gary and Mick were even for the first couple of rounds of their shootoff, so the shooters were moved another 20 metres away from where the targets were being thrown to make the shooting even more challenging. Gary Dangerfield ended up on top with the help of a few of his special 'Danga Banga' shells. Plum was on song and comfortable shooting in front of a crowd for his shootoff with Steve; he didn't miss a target and secured third for the B's.

A huge thankyou goes to the sponsors and volunteers for setting up on the Saturday before the shoot in very difficult conditions.

LAKE BONNEY - APRIL SHOOT



High Gun winner Malcolm Whitehead



AA Grade – Mark Fabris (3rd), Danny Bellinger (2nd) and Chris Wright (1st)



A Grade – Gary Dangerfield (1st), Mick Brennan (2nd) and Bruce Parker (3rd)



B Grade – Graham "Plum" Werchon (3rd) and Mike Smith (2nd) (Cameron Scheidl (1st) not in photo)



C Grade – Davide Fabris (2nd), Matt Lucas (1st) and Trevor Whitehead (3rd)



Ladies – Tasha Bellinger (1st), Megan Millard (2nd) and Bec Kober (3rd)



Veterans – Wayne Gurney (1st) and Ernie Scheidl (3rd) (Geoff Lowe (2nd) not in photo)



Super Vets – Barry Hill (1st) and Peter Klieve (3rd) (Peter Caskey (2nd) not in photo)

LOXTON NOORA SHOOT

- By Josh Andrews

Loxton Field and Game held their annual two day shoot on the 26th and 27th of May. Fortunately this year there was enough water for the shoot to take place. Seventeen hunters attended with people traveling from as far as Adelaide for the weekend. Fifty ducks were taken on Saturday morning. Bird numbers per shooter varied with some hunters managing to take eight birds while one shooter was unfortunate enough to get none. The average seemed to be about three. Sunday morning was quieter than Saturday morning, which is generally what happens, and there were fewer shooters for Sunday.

One of the drawcards of the weekend is the raffle on Saturday after the shooting and Saturday night's meal. Thanks to our sponsors and those who donated prizes for the raffle. Some of the big ticket items were a duck sled and a floating gun bag. The meal was roast goat and lamb. Thanks again to John and Pete for doing the cooking. The meal was fantastic.

STUNNING SUNRISE
OVER NOORA BASIN

LOXTON SHOOTS

The April shoot was attended by 15 shooters. The 100 target shoot was a challenging course that tested the abilities of some of the best shooters.

A and B Grade were tightly contested. In AA and C there was a bit of distance between first and second.

RESULTS - APRIL SHOOT

High Gun	Kevin Nickolai		90/110
AA	1st	Haydn Brown	87/110
	2nd	Ray Pash	71/110
A	1st	Colin Nunn	77/100
	2nd	Peter Rugless	75/100
B	1st	Dean Hutchinson	86/112
	2nd	BJ Jensen	84/112
C	1st	Brad Gillespie	76/100
	2nd	Brenton Denney	65/100

The May shoot had 24 shooters attend for Adelaide, Mildura and locals.

Great conditions and challenging targets made for a great day out.

RESULTS - MAY SHOOT

AA	1st	Kevin Nickolai	62/75
	2nd	Mike McKinnon	56/75
A	1st	Wayne Gurney	61/75
	2nd	Peter Rugless	58/75
B	1st	Eric Schmaal	59/75
	2nd	Ian Jones	58/75
C	1st	Josh Beltrame	46/75
	2nd	Brenton Denney	42/75

ROCKY GULLY REPORT

- by Wendel Litchfield

We have hardly had time to breathe after finishing up running the 2018 Grand Prix, but of course time stands still for no one and we were straight back into our regular monthly shoots. After the summer heat abated a little, we offered the first of our 100 target shoots for the year in April. This shoot was eagerly anticipated by the local shooting contingent and the numbers on the day definitely bore out that sentiment, with many people rolling up to get involved. With great autumn weather, mild temperatures and light winds, shooting really doesn't get any better than that. Split-Old Style was the format and there were quite a few shooters there who had not experienced this format before, so getting

their heads around something new proved to be an interesting treat.

May was also a 100 target event and quite some effort went into producing an interesting course. Morning and afternoon stand positions varied highly, allowing for maximum variation in targets. There were some quirky targets thrown in there....ask anyone about shooting the very close rabbit from a bunker with the target rolling past at chest height!

Repairs and upgrades to our equipment have begun in preparation for major shoots later in the year. Our small tower is getting a new heavy duty winch, meaning we will be able to again hoist a trap or traps into the air much more easily and two of our cherry pickers are having their hydraulics serviced, allowing us to put them up to their full height. Our target setters can't wait to get the battue on the boom lift up in the air and really sizzling.

We are most pleased to see the end of our official range approval process from the Murray Bridge Council. Now all that remains is to see to the couple of items set down in the documentation, such as construction of a disabled toilet. We look forward to starting this very soon and look to have it completed well within our three year time limit.

We have one of our major shoots for the year on the horizon. The SA Old Style Championship will feature 150 targets over six Old Style courses and two days. This year will see more lifting equipment and some stands set in different locations from our regular club shoots. We hope to see you here.

NOMINATION FORM

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD & GAME SPORTING CLAYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

27th and 28th October 2018 - 150 TARGETS (75 each day)

Hosted by: **SOUTH EAST BRANCH**

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POSTAL NOMINATIONS: P.O.Box 1438 Mt.Gambier, SA 5290

ELECTRONIC NOMINATIONS - EMAIL: southeast@safga.org.au

Conditions of Entry

1. Squad list and starting times will be placed on the SAFGA website
2. Rule 1.05 i.e., Line on Shooting Jacket will be enforced
3. Squads will be drawn at random. Sub/Juniors must shoot with Guardian
4. Nominations will be returned only on receipt of reasonable excuse for non-attendance
5. Handicap Cards must be produced prior to commencing the competition
6. Incorrectly filled in H/Cap Card may result in disqualification
7. Seniors must be 55 years prior to 1-1-2018
8. Veterans must be 65 years prior to 1-1-2018
9. Juniors U/21 at 1-1- 2018. S/Juniors U/17 at 1-1- 2018
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For more information contact Michael Gates 0438 381 255

SA 2018 Sporting Clays State Championship Postal Nomination Form

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☐ **Seniors \$140**

☐ **Veterans \$140**

☐ **Sub-Junior \$80**

☐ **Ladies \$140**

☐ **Pensioner \$100 (must show pension card not seniors card)**

For EFT payments, please reference your full name in the payment details.



English Sporting State Champion, Damian Birgan with Beaudesert Sporting Clays President, Chris Wright

QSCA REPORT

- by Ashley Mead

QSCA has had a very busy quarter with a number of competitions held at member clubs. This has included the English Sporting and Compak State Titles as well as the first and second State Team Qualification Shoots (see results below).

QSCA also partnered with Chris Brown's Shooting Academy (BSA) to offer a subsidised training clinic for members. The results from members were outstanding with all training slots filled within 24 hours of being advertised. Due to the response to the coaching clinic, QSCA is investigating options for a second coaching clinic later in the year and will have an increased focus on providing training opportunities in 2019. QSCA is open to feedback from members on the type of training they would like to see offered and how it is delivered (please send comments via email to the QSCA Secretary).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Each club has a small group of dedicated volunteers who work hard to keep our member clubs running. Please make the effort to get involved, either formally by joining a committee, or by giving a helping hand to set up for practise or a competition.

QSCA REMINDERS:

- Third QSCA State Qualifier – 75 targets – Fraser Coast Sporting Clays – Sat 4 August
- Fourth QSCA State Qualifier – 75 targets – Childers Sporting Clays (held at Fraser Coast Sporting Clays) – Sun 5 August
- QSCA State Titles – 150 targets – Brisbane Sporting Clays – Sat 29 to Sun 30 September

QSCA ENGLISH SPORTING STATE TITLES – BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS

The 2018 QSCA English Sporting State Titles was hosted by Beaudesert Sporting Clays on Saturday 24 March, with 33 shooters competing. Congratulations to Damien Birgan for taking out the event with on 90/100, and for the only 25 of the competition!

An exciting shootoff was held for first in AA Grade with Peter Tobin (11) defeating James Palfreeman (9).

Big thanks from QSCA to host club Beaudesert Sporting Clays and to all the volunteers who set up the grounds and ran the event.

2018 ENGLISH SPORTING STATE TITLES BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS 100 TARGETS

OPEN			
High Gun	Damien Birgan		90/100
AA	1st	Peter Tobin	76 (11)
	2nd	James Palfreeman	76 (9)
	3rd	Renzo Renda	68
A	1st	Glen Rider	75
	2nd	Glen Graham	72
	3rd	Dave Cunliffe	68
B	1st	Clive Salmond	68
	2nd	Chris Wright	63
	3rd	Josh McIntyre	56
C	1st	Michelangelo Renda	61
	2nd	Bin Xu	54
	3rd	Chad Porter	53
Ladies	1st	Shannon Palfreeman	65
	2nd	Maree Birgan	61
		Marianne Gibbons	58
Senior	1st	Michael Birgan	82
Veterans	1st	Rob Hooper	65 (2)
	2nd	Dennis Bullimore	65 (1)
	3rd	Bill Warriner	62

FIRST QSCA STATE QUALIFIER – BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS

The rain delayed First QSCA State Qualifier was held at Beaudesert Sporting Clays on Sunday 25 March, with 34 shooters competing. Congratulations to Peter Tobin for taking out the event with an exceptional

71/75, and to both Peter and Billy Cain for the only 25s of the competition.

A Grade came down to a very close shootoff, with Dennis Dinte (9) defeating Glen Graham (8).

Thanks again from QSCA to host club Beaudesert Sporting Clays and its volunteers.



First State Qualifier High Gun, Peter Tobin

2018 QSCA FIRST STATE QUALIFIER BEAUDESERT SPORTING CLAYS 75 TARGETS

OPEN			
High Gun	Peter Tobin		71/75
AA	1st	James Palfreeman	67
A	1st	Dennis Dinte	67 (9)
	2nd	Glen Graham	67 (8)
	3rd	Mark Fanning	65
B	1st	Mark Cain	56
	2nd	Clive Salmond	55
	3rd	Josh McIntyre	53
C	1st	Andrew Schroter	62
	2nd	Bin Xu	47
	3rd	Gordon Beeby	45
Ladies	1st	Maree Birgan	55
	2nd	Shannon Palfreeman	49
	3rd	Karen Rider	40
Senior	1st	Michael Birgan	62
	2nd	Leo Cao	55
	3rd	Kris Dowie	53
Veterans	1st	Ian Waldron	65
	2nd	Vern Porter	46
Junior	1st	Billy Cain	68
	2nd	Reece Cain	64



**COMPAK STATE CHAMPION,
DENNIS DINTÉ**



COMPETITORS IN ACTION

COMPAK STATE TITLES – BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS

The 2018 Compak State Titles was held over 100 targets at Brisbane Sporting Clays on Sunday 29 April, with 51 shooters competing. Congratulations to Dennis Dinte for taking out the event with an exceptional 92/100, closely followed by Enzo Gigante on 89/100.

QSCA thanks Brisbane Sporting Clays for running the competition.

2018 COMPAK STATE TITLES BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS 100 TARGETS

OPEN			
High Gun	Dennis Dinte		92
AA	1st	Enzo Gigante	89
	2nd	Peter Tobin	88
	3rd	Paul Lillis	88
A	1st	Andrew Leech	84
	2nd	Glen Rider	81
	3rd	David Evans	80
B	1st	Mark Cain	80
	2nd	Andy Sawyers	77
	3rd	Peter Dow	74
C	1st	Nick Long	62
	2nd	Ricky Kennedy	60
	3rd	Stephen Muller	57
Ladies	1st	Maree Birgan	72
	2nd	Shannon Palfreeman	67
	3rd	Karen Rider	53
Senior	1st	Michael Birgan	85
	2nd	James Johnson	73
	3rd	Kris Dowie	73
Veterans	1st	Ian Waldron	77
	2nd	Denis Bullimore	73
	3rd	Vern Porter	31
Junior	1st	Billy Cain	85
	2nd	Harrison Lillis	69

SECOND QSCA STATE QUALIFIER – BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS

The 2018 Second QSCA State Qualifier was hosted by Brisbane Sporting Clays on Sunday 13th May, with 60 shooters competing. Congratulations to Reece Cain for taking out the event with on 59/75.

Big thanks from QSCA to host Brisbane Sporting Clays, and to all the volunteers who set up the grounds and ran the event. Special mention goes to target setters Dave Evans and Dennis Dinte.



Second State Qualifier High Gun, Reece Cain

2018 QSCA SECOND STATE QUALIFIER BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS - 75 TARGETS

OPEN			
High Gun	Reece Cain		59/75
AA	1st	Brett Chambellant	58
	2nd	Enzo Gigante	56
	3rd	Glen Rider	54
A	1st	James Palfreeman	56
	2nd	Vinnie Vitale	55
	3rd	Glen Graham	50
B	1st	Aaron Goodchild	49
	2nd	Andy Sawers	48
	3rd	Clive Salmond	46
C	1st	Lewis Stede	49
	2nd	Clinton Davis	41
	3rd	Greg Brown	37
Ladies	1st	Maree Birgan	54
	2nd	Lyndall Groundwater	46
	3rd	Shannon Palfreeman	45
Senior	1st	Keith Rhoades	58
	2nd	Leo Cao	56
	3rd	Ian Grant	55
Veterans	1st	Darryl Groundwater	51
	2nd	Ian Waldron	49
	3rd	Bob Ross	46
Junior	1st	Billy Cain	55
	2nd	Matthew Collingwood	49
	3rd	Deakin Nayda	45

Full results available at
qldsportingclays.org.au

BRISBANE SPORTING CLAYS REPORT

- by Glen Rider

HI BSC MEMBERS.

As we are in the middle of the clay target season at Brisbane with a flurry of activity since our last report, I will begin my report with the outcome of these events. The shooting calendar seems to be bursting at the seams with many Sporting Clay events across the country and it is getting impossible to avoid clashes with others around the country and at international level. Since our last edition there has been several major events at BSC including the OTC GB/Corsivia Classic, the QSCA Compak State Titles, the second QSCA State Selection Shoot and the SCA Compak Nationals.

Anyone who has been involved in the assembly of our competition calendar (which is compiled in November of each year) knows how complicated it is becoming to avoid competitions that are registered in the SCA, QSCA and Brisbane calendars. Priority is given to competitions from our Association (SCA) and other member bodies belonging to SCA. Somewhere along the line there will be a clash, unfortunately it cannot be avoided these days.

The OTC GB/Corsivia Classic was held over the weekend 7 and 8 April. This competition grows every year and this year did not disappoint with attendance. The event seems to be on the radar of many competitors. This shoot is usually held over the Mother's Day weekend but was brought forward to avoid timing issues and to try to give our travelling competitors a way to prioritise their attendance. There were 12 shooting stations set up for the 150 targets (100 targets on Saturday and 50 targets on Sunday).



Drawn Score Finalists (left to right) – Vern Porter, Ian Stark, Daniel Gibson, Karen Rider and Roy Ingram

- No repeat ground visits with the 12 shooting layouts generated under the new system, which makes for a greater competition experience. OTC has generously helped sponsor this event for a number of years

2018 OTC – GB/CORSIVIA CLASSIC 150 TARGETS			
OPEN			
High Gun	DAMIEN BIRGAN		138
AA	1st	BLAKE NANKERVIS	136
	2nd	JASON POLE	134
	3rd	LEE BERGER	129 + 11
A	1st	DAVID EVANS	129
	2nd	VINCENT VITALE	123 + 11
	3rd	STEVE BLAKE	123 + 10
B	1st	MARK CAIN	116
	2nd	ROBERT MATUCH	114
	3rd	AARON GOODCHILD	111
C	1st	CLINTON DAVIS	106
	2nd	MICHAELANGELO RENDA	99
	3rd	ZHANG WEITO	95 + 9
Ladies	1st	BRITTANY MELBOURNE	130
	2nd	MAREE BIRGAN	115
	3rd	LYNDAL GROUNDWATER	97
Veterans	1st	MIKE BIRGAN	121
	2nd	GREG MITCHELL	110
	3rd	KEITH RHOADES	103 + 10
Super Veterans	1st	DARRYL GROUNDWATER	124
	2nd	DENIS BULLIMORE	111
	3rd	IAN WALDRON	103
Juniors	1st	REECE CAIN	127
	2nd	BILLY CAIN	117
	3rd	JOSHUA DOW	92

now and the new director, Lee Berger, has continued with his support. The 50 target format on Sunday allows for any shootoffs and also the Compak Drawn Score Final for six members to go head-to-head in a final for a \$750 prize. The same \$750 prize was also put up for High Gun (\$1500 cash total) and fully sponsored by Brisbane Sporting Clays (BSC). Damien Birgan held off Blake Nankervis to take out the overall High Gun for the event and Karen Rider held off the boys on the Drawn Score Compak Final for the High Gun prize. Full results can be found on the BSC Facebook page and website.

THE QSCA COMPAK STATE TITLES

The QSCA Compak State Titles were held on Sunday 29 April. Only two weeks after the GB/Corsivia, BSC was on form again presenting the 2018 Compak State Titles. It was good turnout, no doubt members getting in some practise as we run into the final weeks for the SCA Australian Compak Nationals. It's Good to see Compak is starting to gain a following in Queensland again as it is a fantastic discipline.

This time of year, has the shooting grounds in top form and Daniel had made a great job of the mowing, leaving the lawns looking like a golf club. The atmosphere and environment around you also helps with the ambience at an event. Well done to Dennis Dinte for taking out the honours of High Gun with a fine 92/100.

The QSCA State Selection Shoot #2 was held on Sunday 13 May at BSC, two weeks after the Compak State Titles. This event was very well attended with 12 squads rolling up. It was a very busy period at Brisbane in a very short period. Thanks to the members who have put in their time to share the load. Thanks goes out to David Evans and Dennis Dinte for setting up the grounds. It takes time and effort to supply the members with targets and many may not appreciate the time that goes into these set ups to provide the day's entertainment. Thanks also to Ashley Mead for looking after the scoring and office as well as Daniel and Ian for the BBQ. Without your efforts the gate would not open.

Congratulations to Reece Cain for taking out the High Gun.

The Club is busy setting up for the next major event, the SCA Australian Compak Nationals on June 9 and 10. Our thanks go out to one of our own, Mark Cain, who will be helping to sponsor the event with **Hull Cartridges**. By the time this magazine reaches you we will be in the thick of it. Good luck to those members from interstate and overseas and our own Queensland members.

Until next time,

Glen Rider
BSC Secretary

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