



WAFGA NEWSLETTER

Q1 2017 Edition

Written by Carrie Paulsen

Welcome to the very first edition of the new WAFGA Newsletter. This is a quarterly newsletter that will be sent to all members of WAFGA to keep members up to date with information discussed from the State committee meetings and will include general news and notices submitted from all associated clubs in Western Australia.

If you have feedback or would like to include information in the next newsletter, please send to cpaulsen@rtgmining.com

Memberships – Now online!

All memberships are now processed online. This process is incredibly easy and all you need for your initial registration is your SCA number (ask your club secretary), a credit card and email address (or use your club secretaries email address and a friends credit card). Every year, you will be sent an email reminder to pay your annual membership. Simple!

Did you know, your membership payment is split in three sections?

Once you have paid online, the money is transferred to our National body, Sporting Clays Australia (SCA). They will then send a portion to our State Association (WAFGA) and then State sends the remainder to your club.

Why do we pay all this money for our annual membership?!

National (SCA) level – The capitation fee is currently set at \$69 per member. This portion of your membership covers the “right to own a firearm” criteria if applying for a club only firearms license. It also provides public liability for our sport and insurance coverage for all vermin control shoots via Hunting & Habitat. All SCA members are given the right to attend any National competition Australia-wide. An SCA member is given access to attend International events including Grand Prix, Oceania & World events AND if you are good enough, you can even become a part of the Australian team and represent your country at an international level. This costs also includes the printing of handicap books / membership cards and the part-time employment of one administration officer that is responsible for all membership processes and general administration to assist in the operation of SCA Australia.

State (WAFGA) level – The State capitation fee is currently set at \$16 per member. This portion is used towards the running of the State Association. It provides access to State Championships & Qualifiers, state team jackets and prize money for the state team, insurance for members at all state shoots, insurance for all transportation of club traps & machinery and directors liability insurance cover for all club committees. WAFGA is recognised by the Government, which allows the State to apply for government grants & assistance. All State committee members are unpaid and voluntary.

Club level – This portion of your membership will assist your club with insurance for their club house & ground. Money will assist clubs with the general running of the club. i.e. Trap and equipment maintenance, purchase of canteen food for club events, raffle prizes, competition prizes, stationary etc.

Handicap Rule Change

As of 1 January 2017 there is a change to the handicapping rule.

INCREASE IN HANDICAP:

For a shooters handicap to increase, it is calculated over 200 targets.

DECREASE IN HANDICAP:

For a shooters handicap to decrease, it is calculated over 400 targets

DON'T FORGET!

It is the shooters responsibility to ensure their book is graded correctly. (See rule A24.3 of SCA Rules & Regulations).

Please do not leave this task for the shoot management team – they are running a shoot and do not have time to manage your handicap books.

Travel Insurance

Did you know that SCA now offers comprehensive travel insurance for your firearm?

Login to your online profile for further information & purchasing.



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REMINDERS & NEW INFORMATION

CHANGES TO THE INCORPORATIONS ACT

The recently revised Associations Incorporations Act 2015, now requires **ALL CLUBS** to be registered with Associations Online and club secretaries must lodge an Information Statement after their AGM held each year.

The information statement will record information to ensure that contact details are current (for any updates & notifications sent to the Association). It will also record the date of the club AGM & financial status at the time of the AGM. This is to ensure that all Associations are compliant with the Act.

Clubs will also be required to update their Constitutions to comply with the revised Associations Incorporation Act 2015. Clubs have until the 1st July 2019 to make these changes and lodge with the Department of Commerce.

A draft model Constitution can be downloaded from the website:

www.commerce.wa.gov.au/associations

THINGS TO REMEMBER ON SHOOT DAYS

It is the shooters responsibility to ensure their handicap is correct in their books. Remember that you are now graded at 200 targets up, and 400 targets down (as per new ruling).

All shooters **MUST** have a line on their jacket or you will be disqualified from the competition. If you own a state jacket, please remember that you are representing the state and it is strictly prohibited to display any personal advertising on these jackets.

Remember to dress appropriately for the sport - enclosed shoes, sleeved shirts (no singlets), modest shorts, skirts or long pants.

BE COURTEOUS TO OTHER SHOOTERS AND PICK UP YOUR SHELLS! ☺

STATE SHOOT & COURSE SETTING

The State Target Director has requested that at all State events, all club course setters & the state safety officer will be required to walk around the grounds checking all target selection & setting. If the club course setter is unavailable to attend, they are responsible to organise a replacement course setter for the days event.

SCA NATIONALS – ECHIDNA PARK

This year, WA will be hosting the SCA Nationals at Echidna Park in Geraldton. This is a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful state and for WA to host a professionally run national competition that is able to present targets that will challenge all shooters, but not break them.

The 2016 SCA Nationals were held at Brisbane Sporting Clays and given the extremely positive feedback on this event, it would be great to see all WA clubs rally together to set the standard of a quality event, that has the rest of the country talking about for years to come.

Echidna Park invites all clubs to assist in making this event one to remember. The more helpers available from each club, the better the shoot will run.

NATIONAL FIREARMS AGREEMENT

The Australian Government has made amendments to the current National Firearms Agreement (NFA) and urged all states to implement. Changes are yet to be made; however WAFGA urges all Firearm owners to review the NFA as if these changes are passed by parliament, it will see changes made to some categories of firearms and the licensing procedure. All firearm owners should be aware of these proposed changes. Copies can be obtained via your Club Secretaries or call Howard Barks for further information.



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CLUB NEWS

Pegasus Sporting Clays, Lancelin

Due to a Constitutional issue, Pegasus has been out of action for the last year.

The Club is currently making the relevant changes and has called for a Special General meeting on the 29th April to have their Constitution approved by club members.

Once this has been passed, it will be lodged with the Department of Commerce for approval. As soon as Pegasus has received written approval from the Dept. of Commerce, WAFGA will then hold a Special meeting to approve changes to their Constitution to include Pegasus and will then lodge their updated Constitution to the Department of Commerce.

The State President & Committee are looking forward to Pegasus being back in operation.

Once finalised, WAFGA & Pegasus will discuss the option of hosting the Compak State Championship at Pegasus. Should complex availability permit, members will be notified of this event ASAP.

Harvey

Harvey has been funded \$4,500 from the state to put towards the purchase of a new trap, which had it's first "work out" at the 2nd State Qualifier.

Harvey has recently ordered new trailers for all traps and will now be embarking on a program to build trap houses and will continue to develop the club and grounds to improve the experience for all shooters.

Wannamal Sporting Clays

Sadly, this will be the very last year at Wannamal's iconic grounds. Wannamal is currently in the process of securing a new ground and will notify all members of WAFGA as soon as that has been finalised. Rest assure the Committee and Members are working hard on a new ground and it is business as usual for 2017. Wannamal will hold their closing shoot on the 8th October and the word on the street is, that it is not be one to miss!

WAGC in Whiteman Park, kindly hosted an extremely entertaining fundraiser for Wannamal, with all proceeds going directly to the club to assist with their relocation.

The event was a PSCA style set up, with finals being held under lights shooting flash targets. WAGC raised \$3000 through nominations, fines & raffles.

It was a very exciting and memorable night and was refreshing to see the two associations (WAFGA & ACTA) supporting one another.

Echidna Park, Geraldton

Echidna Park has been extremely busy preparing the grounds and clubhouse ready for their first official shoot on the 18th June 2017.

Phil Rendall (Victorian Target Director) & Tony Trainor (National President) travelled to Echidna Park, early March to walk through and map out each ground available for the Nationals.

The Echidna Park clubhouse is nearly complete. Check out the Echidna Park Facebook page for further updates.



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HUNTING & HABITAT NEWS

Vermin Control Shoots

Howard Barks on behalf of Hunting & Habitat and Colin George on behalf on WAFGA, have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Parks & Wildlife that will provide a greater opportunity for all WAFGA members to participate in formal programs of feral animal control on lands controlled by DPAW.

This Agreement brings additional responsibilities to members participating, as such they are required to have the same level of skills as DPAW. A set of protocols have been developed and will see Hunting & Habitat / WAFGA running short courses to provide the required accreditation to enable WAFGA members to take part in these shoots on behalf of DPAW.

If you are interested in completing your accreditation, please contact Howard Barks or Sue Green for further information.

Lever Action Shotguns

In the lead up to the State election, the previous State Government managed to change the category of lever action shotguns. 5 shot and under were changed from Category A to Category B and lever actions over 5 shot from Category A to D. This significantly reduces the chance of a successful licensing application.

This will also effect on-sale of these firearms as they will need to be handed to Police or a dealer. Meaning no compensation to the owner.

If you wish to register with Hunting & Habitat, please contact your Club Secretary for a registration form and send to Howard Barks: hbsm7@bigpond.com and the State Secretary sue@gde.com.au

UPCOMING COACHING IN WA

Coaching Clinics

Chris Brown & Tony Trainor will be running a coaching clinic on the Thursday 27th & Friday 28th July (before the Wannamal 2 day shoot). There will be 2 clinics per day. AM and PM sessions available. Spots are limited and price will be confirmed once we have an idea on numbers. Please call Tony Trainor on 0407 775 818 to secure your spot today!

Tom Papadopolous has organised Damien Birgan to travel to WA to offer some coaching at Pegasus (Lancelin) in April or May (date yet to be advised). Damien will also be coming back in September for the nationals and will make himself available at this time for some touch up coaching.

The cost will be \$100 per hour. If you are interested, please contact Tom Papadopolous directly on 0412 951 958.

Sporting Clays coaching in Western Australia

Western Australia has numerous coaches available to provide coaching in a private one on one lesson, alternatively, coaching is available for smaller groups

All of the WAFGA accredited coaches have completed their training through Shooting Australia and with their extensive experience and knowledge, will have the novice shooter smashing targets with ease or they are available to “fine tune” the more experienced shooters ability and mind set.

For further information on the qualifications of WAFGA coaches, please contact your Club Secretaries.

All WAFGA coaching is to be organised through the State Coaching Director: Tony Trainor on 0407 775 818



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2017 Australian Sporting Clays Nationals

hosted by
SPORTING CLAYS
AUSTRALIA

**The biggest event on the
Sporting Clays Australia
calendar goes West in 2017**

3 DAYS / 200 TARGETS (75 + 75 + 50)

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 September 2017

Echidna Park Sporting Clays Range

Yanget Road, Geraldton WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(5km north of the Yanget Road/Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road intersection)

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED • Spots filling fast

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sportingclaysaustralia.com.au/competition-entry

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UPCOMING SHOOTS

APRIL



Friday 7th, 8th & 9th April

Paita, New Caledonia – SCA FITASC Oceania Championships

Saturday 8th April

Three Springs – John Page Memorial

Sunday 9th April

Three Springs – 3rd State Qualifier

Tuesday April 25th – ANZAC DAY – LEST WE FORGET

Sunday 30th April

Wanneroo – ANZAC Commemorative 100

MAY

Saturday 6th & 7th May

Laang, Victoria - SCA COMPAK Nationals

Sunday 7th May

Wannamal – Dennis Agri Services 100

Sunday 15th May

Harvey – 75 Target Club Shoot

Sunday 28th May

Wannamal – 4th State Qualifier

JUNE

3rd & 4th June

Brisbane – SCA English Sporting Nationals

Sunday 11th June

Harvey – 75 Target Club Shoot

Sunday 18th June

Echidna Park – Club Championship

Saturday 24th June

Echidna Park – 100 Target Shoot

Sunday 25th June

Echidna Park – 5th State Qualifier



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WHO IS ON THE 2017 STATE COMMITTEE?

President	Colin George	President@wafga.org
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CLUB DELEGATES

**If members wish to discuss an issue at a State meeting, you MUST go through your club delegate.
Don't forget – All members are welcome to attend a State meeting.**

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