



Shooters of Today

Q1 2018 edition
Written by Carrie Paulsen

Dear Shooters,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of the State Newsletter for 2018.

We have a brand new State Executive & Committee. Vern Godfrey (Harvey) is our fearless leader this year, taking up the role of President with the help of Ian Callan (Wannamal) as his Vice President. Tom Papadopoulos (Pegasus) is the 3rd delegate to make up the Executive (The Executive is responsible for the day to day running of State). Mike Hudspith (Wanneroo) is the State Target Director for another year and Sue Green (Wannamal) continues to enjoy the punishment as State Secretary and also stays on for another year. We also have a few new Delegates around the table for 2018 and a lot of fresh ideas to continue to grow this sport that we all love so much.

Thank you to Colin George, who has endured the top position as State President for the last 4 years and Brian Backhouse as Treasurer for the last 2 years. The time and effort you both have given to the sport is greatly appreciated and we are all looking forward to seeing you both around the traps for a shot very soon.

If members have any ideas, or concerns about the sport, that they would like to address at a State meeting, it is imperative that you go through the correct channels. Discuss this issue with your State Delegates and it will be put on the agenda for the next State meeting. Don't forget that all state meetings are open for all to attend. Visitors cannot comment on the table discussions, but your voice can be heard through your Club Delegate.

Please remember that ALL positions on the Committee are volunteer positions. Committee members give up their own time to assist with the running of this sport. We all have a clear vision to move the sport forward direction.

There are a lot of exciting new events happening in 2018 – with the introduction of twilight shoots & BBQ's at Perth Metro (Wanneroo) and Echidna Park. These are already proving a big hit amongst the members looking for a bit of fun on a Friday & Saturday nights.

I also had a quick interview with our State Compak Champion – Doug Coleman, read on for all his secrets in his shooting success! 😊

If members have any ideas on what they would like included in these newsletters, or feedback good or bad, please email me with your comments: cpaulsen@rtgmining.com

Hope to see you around the traps soon!



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INFORMATION AND CLUB NEWS

THE STATE URGENTLY NEEDS MORE REFEREES!

As our beloved sport is growing rapidly, we are urging members to sit their referee accreditation so that we can fully comply with the FITASC rules.

What is involved?

A written test (this can be done before a shoot). It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Once your written test is completed, you will then need to sit a practical exam. This usually happens during a shoot, where you will become the referee for your squad. The examiner will test your refereeing ability and will mark you accordingly.

There is no cost to become a referee.

The more people that understand the rules, the better our sport will be!

WRONG INFORMATION REGARDING SUB JUNIORS& JUNIOR CATEGORY

SCA sent an email with information stating the age for the Junior category is from 18 and anybody that is 17 at the beginning of the year can shoot in Sub-juniors. This information is **INCORRECT**. Categories are as follows:

SUB-JUNIORS can shoot in this category up until the year they turn 17.

JUNIORS can shoot in this category from the year they turn 17 and up to the year they turn 20. The year you turn 21 – you are now shooting in open.

SENIORS can shoot in this category from the year they turn 56 up to the year they turn 66.

VETERANS can shoot in this category from the year they turn 66 until the year they turn is no longer a Veterans category.

Harvey Sporting Clays By Vern Godfrey, President

Harvey would like to welcome on board Harlon Anderson, representing Beretta Australia as a sponsor of Harvey Sporting Clays.

Beretta will be sponsoring a major 2 day event in November, so please watch this space.

Harvey is fine tuning the details and will advise all as soon as possible.

Echidna Park, Geraldton By Ian Grant, President

Echidna Park has introduced afternoon and morning shoots which are becoming quite popular. We shoot 150 targets over the weekend, allowing travelling shooters to get home in time for dinner on Sunday.

There are free powered sites and hot showers available for anybody wishing to camp on the ground. Food available for purchase with Saturday night a social evening at the on-site licensed bar.

Hope to see you at our next shoot!



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THE HANDICAP RULE HAS CHANGED..... again! 😊

As of 1 January 2018 the handicap rule will be changed AGAIN.
Our grade is now calculated based on 300 targets shot.

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

Handicap System:

A shooters percentage is calculated in the following manner:

- At the completion of 12 x 25 target rounds (300 targets shot), the total score is calculated.
- The total score obtained is then converted to a percentage, by dividing by 3.
- The resulting percentage is used to determine a shooters grade and handicap using the ready reckoner above.
- A shooters handicap may only increase by one point after each revision, but can be reduced by multiple points.
- During a calendar year from 1st January to 31st December inclusive, while shooters grade and handicap may decrease as performance dictates, they may only move down one grade in that period (based on the four system).
- If at the end of a calendar year, a shooter has not completed the next group of 300 targets, then re-calculation of their percentage, handicap and grade will not take place until the required sequence of 300 targets is achieved. In that instance, the grade and handicap will be as per the status-quo at the end of the previous year.



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PERTH METRO, WANNEROO

Written by Wayne Mascord, President

Night shoot and practice day Friday evening 19th January, Saturday morning 20th January.

An excellent night was had at our first scheduled shoot of the year with a practice shoot held on Friday 19th January. This was followed by a morning practice session on the Saturday.

The practice shoot was well attended with 28 shooters enjoying the balmy evening, with many comments that it was nice to shoot without the hot sweaty conditions.

A couple of rounds were shot prior to the sun going down with some challenging targets thrown to test the skills of the attending shooters.

Once twilight ascended on the grounds we stopped for a rest and enjoyed a lovely BBQ cooked by our guest "chef" Merv Mascord along with Deanne working vigorously in the kitchen preparing the sausage and onion rolls.

Once we had our fill of sausage sanga's and the lights had taken effect, the shooters ventured out to the main ground to try their hand at hitting the clays under lights, with some mixed results to say the least !!

A couple of shooters returned to have another crack on Saturday morning, fine tuning their techniques ready for the year ahead. Six shooters attended who not only braved the warm weather, but stayed four hours to get in as much practice as they could.

Feedback was very positive with many good compliments given on the night shoot format along with the target selection. Many thanks goes out to Mike Hudspith and Dave Smith for their time and effort getting the 2 grounds ready and special thanks to "Coops", Ryan and a several others for help.

Our next Wanneroo scheduled shoot is another \$10 a round practice event and BBQ on Saturday 17th February under lights commencing at 6:00pm. A great time was had at our first event so if you are feeling adventurous and want to try something different in a relaxed friendly atmosphere then come along!!



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PEGASUS SPORTS SHOOTING CLUB

Written by Tom Papadopoulos, President

It's been a busy 12 months at the club with a new shed being built which now houses the off grid solar power system. After a few teething problems the solar system is running a treat, life is much easier for volunteers as we don't have to bring and take away perishable items.

The Club has held some busy bees and started to get things a bit more organised so everyone will know what goes where, which we hope will make things easier for guys setting up as they will no longer need to search for equipment.... Well we hope!!!

Thank you to the GinGin Shire for providing the funding of the solar system and to the Lancelin Community Sport Complex for funding 50% of the shed. The GinGin Shire will also be building a road thru our course to provide easy access to our grounds, this work should be completed prior our state qualifier round in May.

Once done we should be able to set 4 courses for main events leading into the future. Plans are in place to purchase more traps to avoid having to borrow traps from other clubs, I'll keep you posted. We have also got our 3 towers operational and ready to go so hopefully will have a tower event later in the year. Thank you to all the helpers during this process, without them the club could never progress.

Pegasus recently hosted the State Compak Championships. The conditions were hot and windy, the temp was 39° and the wind was gusting up to 40kmh. Great weekend had by all. A big THANK YOU to the course setters and helpers over the 2 days - Arthur Page, Ryan MacPherson, Bill Truscott, Dan Cheeseman, Chris Brown & Luke Turner they had a horrid time with the wind and the heat. The targets were perfect for the conditions with no complaints from any of the participants.

We had 43 registered shooters, 2 from Scotland which was nice to see, as well as 5 from Moora for their first official WAFGA shoot, plus some spectators and kids which added to the atmosphere of the shoot. We also saw some first timers to our club, we hope they enjoyed our friendly little space and hope to see them again soon.

Special congratulations to Doug Coleman on winning his second State Compak Title twice in a row. Great achievement Doug keep up the good work.

Special thanks to Lisa Coleman & Penny Dodd for running the canteen, they kept everyone hydrated and fed all day, well done!!

Thank you also to the state representatives that ran the office Sue Green & Carrie Paulsen, a great assist for a small club.

Thanks to Mike Hudspith for his assistance and guidance on the day.

Congratulations to all the other winners on the day and thank you to all that attended.

Upcoming event as per flyer following, any queries please call Tom 0412 951 958



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THE WINNERS CIRCLE – STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIP - PEGASUS

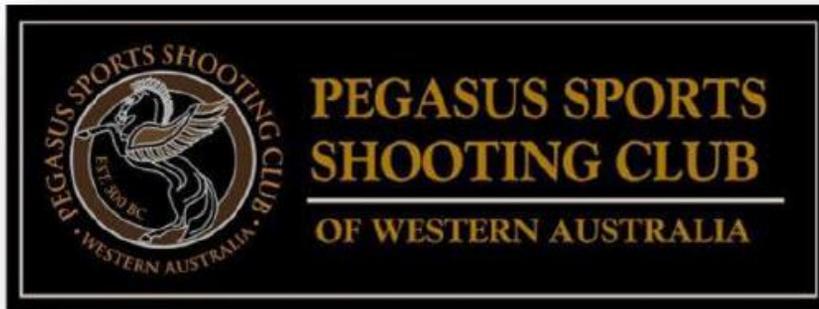




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PEGASUS SPORTS SHOOTING CLUB



100 Sporting Handicap Event

Sunday 6th May 2018

Commencing 9-30am

Prizing for all grades: - Nominations \$60

All shooters will be handicapped on the day: - handicap & grade will be assessed from the first 50 targets. The handicap will then be applied to the next two rounds.
For example, scores of 15, 18 = 33/50 the handicap will be B9, then if the second 50 target score is 18,18 = 36/50 the scores will be 33+36+18 = 87 total score.

High Gun Prize

Sponsored Proudly by Safari Firearms (NSW)

Alpha Lever Action 12g Shot Gun



This event is hosted by "Hellenic Sports & Recreation Assoc of WA (Inc)

"All clay target shooters welcome"

any queries call Tom 0412 951 958



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WANNAMAL SPORTING CLAYS

Written by Glenn Povey, President

The 2018 season is upon us and the Wannamal Committee has been busy in preparation for new beginnings at Wannamal Sporting Clays.

After the disappointment last year of not finding a new location for our club we were introduced to some members from Wandering Boddington Clay Target Club, although they are a WACTA club they could see the need for a Sporting discipline in the area. We had initially inspected the WBCTC ground however; it was deemed unsuitable for what we need in sporting.

Upon further discussion with the WBCTC members, we were advised of another two properties that may be suitable for our needs. We viewed one that was thick with scrubs, trees and bushland that would require a lot of clearing and the 2nd property was a little further from town and absolutely ideal for what we need. It showcases hills, natural bush, salt flats and plenty of open space, there is no limit or restrictions on where we can set up and the possibilities for ground set up is endless, not to mention the isolation of the property, with the nearest neighbour approximately 5km away.

After discussions with the Landowner, we were given the all clear to proceed with our Shire application. Our Club Secretary, Carrie has worked tirelessly in preparing our submission to council. The Club has organised a flyer drop to be posted to all residents and businesses in the Wandering and neighbouring towns. The flyer outlined information about our club and on the back includes a letter of support where locals could send directly to the shire to support our submission. The Club has received a large amount of support so far.

The club has been advised that our application will take approximately 8 weeks to process. All dealings with the Shire, so far, have been positive. The Shire has been extremely helpful and understanding.

The Club has formed a Planning Sub-Committee and has been successful in securing a 2nd hand transportable clubhouse already. The size is 12m x 12m and has been purchased on the provision of a successful Shire application. The Sub-Committee has also been scouring auction sites and newspapers for any items that may be required for the ground new set up.

As per the calendar we are hoping to run a couple of events towards the back end of the season to showcase our new location. We are excited about the new ground and as soon as we are given the green light from the Shire, we will be full steam ahead.

We have included some images of the new ground following this article.



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WANNAMAL SPORTING CLAYS – NEW GROUND PICTURES





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WA HUNTING & HABITAT NEWS – March 2018

Written by Hunting & Habitat Director, Howard Barks

There has been much going on including:

Rainbow Lorikeet control

Many thanks to Lex Shipp who co-ordinated this seasons activity. WAFGA members managed to destroy just under 4,000 birds in the Swan Valley which was a fantastic effort and much appreciated by growers. This is only the tip of the iceberg with the estimated population in the Perth metro area between 30 and 40,000. So there is much more work to be done. I am planning to have a meeting with the City of Swan to explore ideas on how we can be even more effective in the future.

Corella control

I followed up with Shire of Dalwallinu regarding their corella problem which resulted in a request from the Shire for WAFGA to organise a control shoot. Andrew Charleson & Lex arranged a team and ran the shoot which included shooters from Dalwallinu. It was very successful with around 500 birds destroyed. As a result we have been asked to run another shoot/s in other locations in the Shire during April subject to birds still being around .

Parks & Wildlife

We continue to build on our good relationship with the Dept. with more projects in the pipeline. It is very encouraging to see our efforts with goat control showing good results with vegetation re-emerging and goats tracks becoming overgrown. Andrew Charleson & Peter Flottman organised and took a team away recently and while goat numbers were low the Dept was very impressed with the professional manner our members conducted during the operation.

There are still opportunities for members who wish to become accredited for Parks & Wildlife projects. Please send me an email at hbsm7@bigpond.com and I will let you know the requirements and advise when the next course will be run.

Ducks

A reminder that from 1st January to 30th June Maned geese (Wood Duck) and Mountain duck (Australia shelduck) can be shot on farmland for pest mitigation purposes in the South West Land Division. No bag limit but conditions do apply, if you would like more details, please send me an email.

For those that wish to travel interstate there are duck seasons running in Victoria, South Australia & Tasmania.

Happy & safe hunting.

Howard

CHAMPIONS CORNER

Congratulations Doug Coleman

WINNER OF THE 2018 STATE COMPAK CHAMPIONSHIPS

How long have you been shooting sporting clays?

I started shooting sporting about 12 years ago, but really only started taking it seriously in the last 9 years.

Where is the best ground you have ever shot at?

Brisbane Gun Club, 2016 Nationals; unbelievable ground with a massive range of targets.

What is your favourite target to shoot in sporting clays?

Long (50-60m) crossing bellybird.

What is one piece of advice you can give to other shooters?

Don't beat yourself up when you miss a target. Set yourself goals for what you want from the sport. Be polite and respectful to your fellow shooters.

Do you have a routine you carry out before taking your shot?

Yes I do – a mental routine which I learnt from Tracey and Peter Grayer at Mindset Management.

Is there something in particular that you would contribute your shooting success to?

Be strategic with how you spend your time practicing, get coaching when you can and stick to your game plan. As it is not a physical sport your mental game is critical.

Name one thing you would like the State Association to achieve in 2018.

I think the WA State Association is on the right track for 2018 and hope they continue to listen to their members and make decisions based on the good of the sport.

What is your dream gun?

I don't actually have a dream gun.
I had a Beretta for 14 years, I never cleaned it and I never oiled it!
(I hope the guy I sold it too doesn't read this!!)





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UPCOMING SHOTS

MARCH

Sunday 18th March - 8:30AM
Harvey – 1st State Qualifier

Saturday 24th March
Wanneroo 6PM – Afternoon and night shoot and
BBQ
Echidna Park 1PM – Afternoon shoot

Sunday 25th March - 8:30AM
Echidna Park – Morning Shoot

APRIL

Sunday 8th April - 9AM
Harvey – Club Shoot 75 Targets
RESCHEDULED SHOOT FROM 15th April

Saturday 21st April - 1PM
Echidna Park – Afternoon Shoot

Sunday 22nd April - 8:30AM
Echidna Park – Morning Shoot

Sunday 29th April - 9AM
Wanneroo – ANZAC Commemorative 100
Sponsored by BEST

MAY



Sat 5 & 6th May
Sydney - SCA English Sporting Nationals
Echidna Park – Afternoon & Morning Shoot

Sunday 6th May
Pegasus – 100 Target Handicap 8:30am
(Highgun Alpha Lever Action Shotgun)

Saturday 19th May
Wanneroo – Practice 1pm to 4pm

Sunday 20th May
PEGASUS - 2nd STATE QUALIFIER

Saturday 26th May
Harvey – Twilight Shoot from 3pm

Sunday 27th May
Harvey – 100 Target Club Shoot 9am

Echidna Park – Practice Day 8:30AM





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**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 as an observer.**

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