



WAFGA NEWSLETTER

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Written by Carrie Paulsen

Welcome to the 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

THE TOP 40 AS IT STANDS AFTER 5 STATE QUALIFIERS

RANK	NAME	OVERALL SCORE (best 4 scores)	RANK	NAME	OVERALL SCORE (best 4 scores)
1	Ben Sgro	388.63%	21	Ash Puglia	334.27%
2	Danon Randazzo	386.20%	22	Dan Cheeseman	333.98%
3	Steve Tunnicliffe	371.58%	23	Jarrod Whitney	325.89%
4	Michael McDonald	371.18%	24	Dale Browne	313.27%
5	Rhys Howard	370.99%	25	Stirling Quintal	310.98%
6	Clayton Dennis	370.86%	26	Vern Godfrey	305.20%
7	Gary Marsh	370.54%	27	Bill Clarke	304.12%
8	Tony Trainor	369.76%	28	Paul Bailey	299.82%
9	Mick Thomas	369.29%	29	Luke Hayward	293.21%
10	Ken Green	366.67%	30	Carrie Paulsen	286.60%
11	Garry Stipinovich	366.20%	31	Kai Tonkin	283.37%
12	Dave Knight	357.78%	32	Colin George	278.11%
13	Nick Melanko	356.92%	33	Graeme Gemmill	274.59%
14	Craig Ellis	349.71%	34	Brendan Karow	273.54%
15	Glenn Povey	349.34%	35	Arthur Page	257.02%
16	Alastair Crookes	346.23%	36	Kim Halbert	255.86%
17	Merv Holben	343.76%	37	Grant Cooper	250.04%
18	Ryan McPherson	341.97%	38	Antonia Mylonas	248.58%
19	Pat Taylor	340.46%	39	Ian Callan	247.06%
20	Mike Hudspith	339.63%	40	Gary Turley	246.01%



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REMINDERS & NEW INFORMATION

SUSPENSION TO WAFGA FUNDING

The current procedure for clubs to receive funding, is by simply asking the committee for funding. There is no procedure to allow this funding to be distributed to all clubs on a fair and equal basis and has always been considered as each case presents itself.

Unfortunately this has not provided all clubs with an equal share distribution in the past. Therefore the WAFGA Committee has decided to suspend all club funding until a procedure has been put in place to manage the State funding and allow this money to be divided to clubs on a fair and equal basis.

SCA NATIONALS – ECHIDNA PARK

The SCA Nationals will be held this year at the newly constructed Echidna Park in Geraldton. This is a great opportunity for all members (regardless of your ability) to travel and attend a nationals in their home state.

Echidna Park has worked tirelessly around the clock and has constructed a ground that is first-class. The club has a full kitchen, bar, club house, with male and female toilets and HOT SHOWERS.

Free camping is available over the Nationals, or hotel style accommodation available within a short distance in Geraldton.

For further information, please join the Echidna Park facebook page, or contact Ian Grant.

Colin George & Sue Green have secured a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Sport & Recreation for WAFGA. These funds will be extremely helpful and will be utilized to support state and national events and will also be used to provide assistance to junior training.

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

DON'T FORGET!

IF YOUR CLUBS FINANCIAL YEAR ENDS IN JUNE, YOU MUST LODGE YOUR INFORMATION FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



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CLUB NEWS

Pegasus Sporting Clays, Lancelin

The recent coaching by Damien Birgan held at Pegasus was very successful. The feedback from all attendees is extremely positive. Ben Sgro being the first attendee of this clinic who is reaping the rewards by winning the high gun at the 4th State Qualifier held at Wannamal. Congratulations Ben!

Throughout Damien's clinic, he pointed out that gun fit is a stand out issue amongst shooters. As soon as this can be rectified, along with mastering the basic fundamentals, many shooters would see improvements in their performance. Damien will return to WA to offer further coaching.

In other news around the Club, Pegasus has built a new storage shed and concreted out the front with the assistance from a grant received from the Complex Committee and Shire.

Pegasus has also received a \$25,000 grant to fit an 8 kw, off grid Solar System to the club house which will give them constant power. This will allow Pegasus to keep the fridge on when we are not there. A huge improvement on the running of the club as they will no longer be required to remove all perishables after each shoot.

Pegasus is currently awaiting approval from the Shire for civil works. This will be the construction of a road through the ground and beyond, which will provide access to additional area for future use by the Club. The additional ground will reward shooters with varied terrain being utilised at the Club.

Finally, Pegasus has now submitted and received confirmation from the Department of Commerce that their revised constitution has been lodged and accepted.

This was forwarded to State on the 7th June 2017 and it is now required that Delegates vote on this Special Resolution to allow this Constitution back into the Association.

State are working through the final approval process and are looking forward to welcoming Pegasus back into the Association.

Wanneroo Sporting Clays

Wanneroo was the lucky last club to secure funding from WAFGA, before the Committee suspended all funding until further notice.

Wanneroo will be utilizing these funds to purchase a new trap that will be used at all upcoming shoots.

Wanneroo would like to express their gratitude to state for this funding and would like to advise all that this funding will provide a better shooting experience for all that shoot at the Wanneroo ground.

Harvey

Harvey would like to extend an invitation to all shooters on July 9th as they have a 40 pair English Sporting scheduled at the club.

It is great timing to scrub up on your pairs technique before the fast approaching Nationals. There is plenty of free camping on the ground and the fire will be raging.

There will be a casserole dinner on the Saturday night for a small donation to the club. Harvey hopes to see you all there!



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WANNAMAL SPORTING CLAYS

The Future of Wannamal Sporting Clays

The Committee has been working extremely hard and is exploring a number of ground options. Despite the rumours, **Wannamal Sporting Clays WILL NOT BE CLOSING DOWN.** There has been a number of opportunities provided to the Club, however; we are searching for a ground that is of a similar standard to our current ground. This ground is unique to sporting clays and provides shooters within WAFGA a variety of ground options. we will find a ground suitable in the near future.

Should the Club not have a permanent ground prior to the 2018 season, they will host their shoots at temporary grounds on private properties. All grounds will be approved by the State Safety Officer and insurance will remain in place for any events that Wannamal host.

Wannamal Sporting Clays Closing Day Shoot

Wannamal Sporting Clays has been operating from their current ground since 1974. Unfortunately the time has now come, for the club to relocate.

The closing day shoot is an 80 pair English Sporting on Sunday 8th October and the club would like to invite all members to join in on the fun and festivities for one last time. On the Saturday night, the Club will feature a band and singer that will provide entertainment throughout the night, in addition to a delicious meal on offer (available at a cost). The pot belly will be raging, perfect to sit next too with a glass of red wine! There will also be many raffles for you try your luck at.

There will still be hot showers and camping on the ground is free, so please join with Wannamal to bid farewell to this amazing ground.

If you have any memories, stories or photographs of your time at Wannamal, please email them to Carrie Paulsen, cpaulsen@rtgmining.com



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HUNTING & HABITAT NEWS

DPAW accreditation courses

Don't forget that if you wish to partake in vermin control shoots on behalf of DPAW, you must complete an accreditation course. There is a \$10 per person (this covers the range fee).

Part 1 of the first DPAW accreditation course will be held on Sunday 16th July. Further courses to be booked for members yet to register.

Please contact the State Secretary, Sue Green or Howard Barks to complete your accreditation course TODAY.

Lotterywest Grant

WAFGA will be lodging a grant application with Lotterywest to assist in the purchasing of equipment for Hunting & Habitat activities.

University of New England

Hunting & Habitat are in the process of finalising a feral cat shoot plan to supply the University of New England with tissue samples to assist their national DNA research program into feral cats.

More information will be provided on these shoots, once locations have been finalised.

Upcoming vermin control shoots

Hunting & Habitat will be planning feral donkey shoots for September, October & November, dependent of ground conditions.

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

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

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. Please call Tony Trainor on 0407 775 818 to secure your spot today!



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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

(15km north of the Yanget Road/Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road intersection)

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED • Spots filling fast

Register online today at

sportingclaysaustralia.com.au/competition-entry

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UPCOMING SHOOTS

JULY

Sunday 9th July

Harvey – 80 target club shoot – English Sporting

Sunday 16th July

Wanneroo – Wanneroo 100

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July

Wannamal – 2 day shoot (two events)

AUGUST

Sunday 13th August

Wannamal – RTG Mining 100

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August

Three Springs – State 2 Day Championships

Sunday 27th August

Wanneroo – State Team Challenge

SEPTEMBER

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th Sunday 10th September

Echidna Park – 2017 SCA NATIONALS





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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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