

**Sporting Shooters Association of  
Australia (New South Wales) Albury  
Branch Inc.**

**AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER**



Inside this Issue Results of the 30 June  
shoot:

100Tgt 5 Stand Championship  
50tgt Ball Trap Championship  
50tgt Continental Championship

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Thank you Ian for you generous donation of the shells for our prizes.

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi All,

If you google the definition of “**bureaucracy**” you'll find listed “**excessively complicated administrative procedure**” and that pretty well sums up the NSW Fire Arms Registry (FAR) in a nutshell. I will admit that the once you get through, the people involved do seem quite helpful it's just the process involved that hampers the system. I won't go into detail here but the FAR have all information they requested, it just needs to be processed through a system that can only run on a Saturday (24<sup>th</sup> Aug is that day) and then further processed by someone who only works 3 x half days a week.

Early September should see us back in full operation, watch out for announcements via. social media and email. Hopefully the good news will spread just as quick as some of the **unfounded rumours** have around the grounds.

Many thanks to those who have been patient over the past few weeks while the range has been closed, small grace that the weather has been absolute rubbish over that period, still disappointing no doubt that but any positive is a positive.

I would like to thank the **Wodonga Albury Field and Game** for helping out over the last few weeks and enabling our commitments to both school and defence force groups to continue by utilizing their facilities. With the current short term closure of our range it has been great that both the school students and military have been able to continue their shot gunning activities albeit not on our grounds, so thanks to WAF&G.

The ACTA's monthly emag (yes, SSAA provide a glossy magazine included in your membership fees) contained a **disappointing and not exactly factual report by the ACTA president**. I'll quote this one item then leave it at that “**Probably the premier ground in this area is now lost to our sport**”. I will agree that on the first part in that OUR range is without doubt one of the premier ranges in the area but lost to the sport certainly **NOT!**

Boots on the ground and birds in the sky 2020 is without doubt shaping up as our busiest year ever. Watch out for big events also, the opportunity was available to hold a SSAA NSW State Title event in 2019! We considered this a little too soon and thought it was best to hold over till 2020 so watch out for that one! With the support of an organization that is approaching 200,000 strong it certainly puts our club in a very strong position to not only expand opportunities for our existing shooters but introduce many more to our great sport.

The interclub skeet championship that was started this year in conjunction with Numurkah-Shepparton CTC, Wangaratta CTC, Corowa CTC and of course now SSAA Albury will continue in 2020 and beyond. Unfortunately one of our eligible shoots was lost with the range closure, to replace that event we will bump up the 50 target skeet event scheduled for **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October to a full 100 target event** so please mark that in your calendar.

I must admit it has been fantastic to speak with some of the local skeet shooters whose main question in regards to our new SSAA Branch status was “**are you still shooting skeet and can I compete as an ACTA member?**” A resounding **YES** to both questions allayed any fears and confirmed that if we put the events on the local skeet shooters will come to shoot them.

Membership of SSAA (NSW) Albury Branch Inc. has steadily grown and we are currently sitting at just under **100 members!** Amongst those is a mix of existing competition clay target shooters plus some newbies we will be hoping to introduce to the joys of smashing clay targets with a shotgun. So please, if you are new to shotgun sports please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee and we'll get you breaking clays in no time at all.

Lastly an open invitation to any new members who wish to become further involved by joining the Committee, there are vacant positions available so please if interested contact one of the committee members and express your interest. Experience not necessary but enthusiasm certainly is!

Cheers,  
Ross

## OPENING HOURS FOR THE RANGE

Once we are up and running, **practice** will be available for all members and guests every **Saturday from 1pm – 4.00pm.**

We will be continuing the program advertised in the ACTA Blue Book for 2019 on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of each the month. All scores will be noted in your card and accepted by ACTA. All SSAA members are eligible to shoot the trap and skeet events.

Our **100tgt** Competition **5 Stand** will be held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of each month starting at 10.00am.

Below is a map for our new member's convenience and look forward to seeing you out there.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

For your information a very interesting comparison of our income from the period of January 2018 to June 2018 and January 2019 – June 2019. The increase is due to opening for practice every Saturday and the Firearms Safety Course conducted by Graeme Boyd. Graeme has donated his time abt 200 hours to bring this necessary funding to our club. These money's are over and above our regular income and has allowed us to purchase new traps. The Members wish to thank Graeme for all your help and generosity.

*(There are no comparisons for July & August 2019 as we were not operational.)*

### JANUARY - JUNE 2018 PRACTICE

\$2,256.00  
\$662.00  
\$724.00  
\$810.80  
\$1,131.00  
\$1,643.00  
**Total = \$7,226.80**

### JANUARY - JUNE 2018 FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

\$267.52  
\$610.00  
\$322.50  
\$247.50  
\$220.00  
\$397.00  
**Total = \$2,053.52**

### JANUARY - JUNE 2019 PRACTICE

\$1,890.00  
\$1,411.00  
\$1,938.50  
\$1,731.00  
\$1,832.95  
\$2,860.00  
**Total = \$11,663.45**

### JANUARY - JUNE 2019 FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

\$900.00  
\$1,000.00  
\$1,600.00  
\$1,700.00  
\$800.00  
\$900.00  
**Total = \$6,900.00**

## SSAA (NSW) Purchases

Last month we purchased 3 Bowman traps and they were delivered on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August with another on its way next week. Our long term plan is to replace all the old traps with new Bowmans'. Refer the following page for our purchases.

### BOWMAN TRAPS



Thank you to Reese Ehlers for helping with the unloading our new traps.



Thank you to Graeme Boyd who delivered our traps.





Bowman Supermatch Chondel/Teal



Bowman Supermatch Sporter x 2

## SHEDS

Thank you to Reese Ehlers and Bryan Liersch for getting this one together and we now have only 3 to go. Considering it was a like putting together a Meccano Set, I'd say they did a great job. ..





## 9th June Shoot Results

### Skeet

O/A Rick Palmer 68/74  
AA Mark McDonald 63/74  
A Bryan Liersch 60/74  
B Ross Winnel 63/74  
C Aaron Deans 64/74

Ladies Sam Crawford 55/74  
Juniors Cameron Ford 35/74

### DTL

O/A Bryan Liersch 121/125  
AA Robert Nixon 116/125  
A Tom Caldwell 100/125  
B Harry Stolpe 83/125  
Ladies Robyn Langley

No photos for this shoot are available.

## 100Tgt 5 Stand C'Ship & 50tgt Ball Trap & Continental C'Ships 30 June 2019

We had a great turnout for the day with 46 shooter for our 5 Stand and 17 for our DTL. The rain stopped about 10.30am, sun came out and it remained fine for the rest of the day. We had 4 x 5 Stands operational and all ran smoothly and we finished by 3.45pm.

We wish to acknowledge and pass our big thanks to **Mark Reynolds & Simon Hore** from Wodonga Albury Field & Game who took time to help us with setting up, the loan of 3 traps, ensuring the equipment ran smoothly for the day and supervising the refereeing of our squads. Thanks guys.

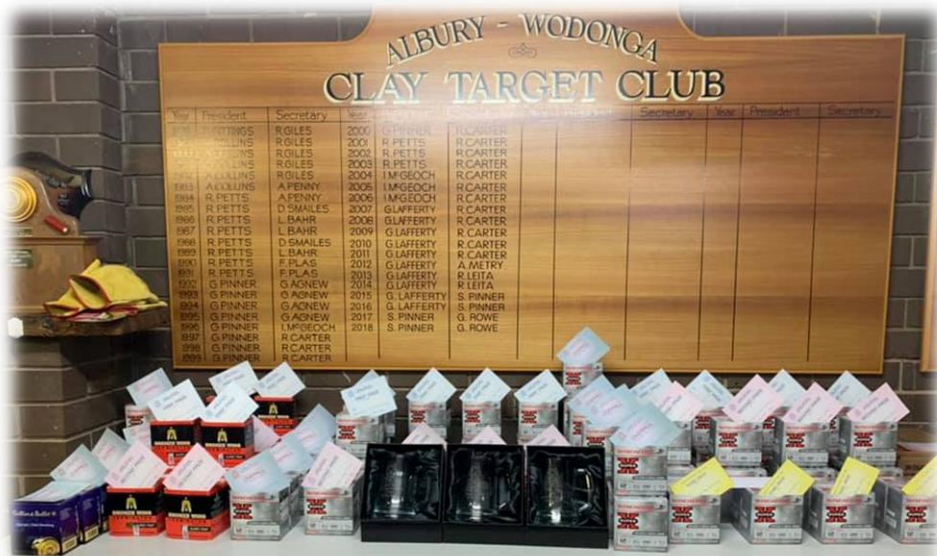
A big thank you to **David Coleman** for providing the programs for the blue boxes and **Grant Sandford** who supplied our Springer Trap for the day.



And thank you to all who came out and had some fun and also those who helped in various roles though-out the day.

Special thanks goes to **Graeme Boyd** who worked tirelessly for weeks (day and night, with a little help from his off sider, **Robyn Langley**, to get the 4 x 5 stand layouts operational, **Reese Ehlers** for his endless work maintaining our traps, **Stewart & Digby Anderson & Will Kosch** for their help stocking the hoppers, moving traps & all the other bits and pieces we needed them to do & **Brian Leisch** for making our grounds look fabulous.

Your huge efforts paid off and the grounds and layouts looked picture perfect.



Our prizes table proudly sponsored by Ian McGeoch.  
Thank you Ian.

## 100Tgt 5 Stand C'Ship & 50tgt C'Ships – JUNE 2019 Results

**Sunday 30 June 2019**

**Event 1 5 STAND 100TGT**

**High Gun Adam Shale 95/100**

AA 1<sup>st</sup> Brodie Secull 92/100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grant Sanford 90/100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Thompson 88/100

A 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Palmer 87/100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Coker 86/100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Russ Taylor 85/100

B 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Connell 83/100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Gamble 75/100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Brown 69/100



5 Stand High Gun – Adam Shale



C 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Kuschert 66/100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Crawford 62/100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Angus Beck 61/100

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Bilney 89/100  
Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Jami Thompson 68/100  
Veteran 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Purss 71/100

## EVENT 2 BALL TRAP 50TGT

**High Gun John Wojcik 45/50**

AA 1<sup>st</sup> Royce Wojtowyez 42/50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Pieper 40/50

A 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Fennessy 36/50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bryan Liersch 33/50

C 1<sup>st</sup> Will Kosch 45/50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Birt 34/50

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Kynan Rafferty 33/50  
Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Wojtowyez 14/50  
Veterans 1<sup>st</sup> Allan Collins 36/50

## EVENT 3 CONTINENTAL 50TGT

**High Gun Ross Liersch 47/50**

AA Royce Wojtowyez 43/50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Pieper 35/50

A 1<sup>st</sup> John Wojcik 41/50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Allan Fennessy 36/50

B 1<sup>st</sup> Phillip Thiel 33/50

C 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Birt 40/50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Darryn Rafferty 39/50

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Kynan Rafferty 26/50  
Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Robyn Langley 35/50  
Veterans 1<sup>st</sup> Allan Collins 36/50



Event 2 Ball Trap - High Gun - John Wojcik



Ross Liersch – High Gun



## “HOT OF THE PRESS”

### ACTA NATIONALS 5 STAND RESULTS

Our own Secretary of SSAA (NSW) Albury Branch, Major Aaron Deans and member Samantha Crawford were part of a team who represented the Army at the Perth 5 Stand Nationals this weekend. We are very proud of them and these are their achievements for the weekend:

**Aaron Deans** - C Grade  
 1<sup>st</sup> in Commonwealth Sporting  
 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTA Championships  
 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTA Nationals

**Sam Crawford** - C Grade  
 1<sup>st</sup> ACTA Championships  
 1<sup>st</sup> ACTA Nationals  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Sporting.

Congratulations to you both from all of us.  
Great shooting.



## CANTEEN NEWS

The Country Women's Association (CWA) have been helping us in the Canteen over the last 8 months and it was a delight to have them and we appreciated all their help

Unfortunately they are unable to help us for the rest of the year and we will surely miss them.

If there is anyone out there who could help us serve in the canteen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month we would be immensely grateful. We will always have all the food prepared and ready. All you have to do is serve.

Please contact myself (Robyn Langley) if you can help on 0406 733663.

## PAST HISTORY PICS OF ALBURY WODONGA CLAY TARGET CLUB (AWCTC)

Here are a few photos from the past of AWCTC History. This will be a regular section within our Newsletter and if you have some photo's or funny stories etc please email me and I include them here.

We will start at the beginning as these photos are part of the history of this club. Many people over the years dedicated their time and money to build this wonderful club and we all have appreciated and respect their dedication and passion.

We are still the same club but with a different affiliation. The History of Albury Wodonga Clay target Club will always stay in the Clubhouse for all to see.





The Clubhouse being built.



"What a view"



Official Opening of AWCTC



L to R – Reg Petts, Ian McGeoch,  
Richard Giles, Graeme Boyd & Reese  
Ehlers



L to R: Keith Hodge, unknown, unknown, Col  
Sanders? & unknown



"First Shot"





Ladies helping in the kitchen

## "Coaching"



We have a member of our club who is available for coaching from a complete beginner to the experienced. Graeme Boyd is a National Accredited Advanced Shooting Coach NCAS ID No: 3164809 & World ISSF Coaching ID No: TAC0454.

Graeme is available for one on one coaching, for Corporate Days, Buck's & Hen's Days, Ladies Days, Group Bookings and School Groups.

Contact Graeme on **0419 234 798** or email [\*\*claybusters@bigpond.com\*\*](mailto:claybusters@bigpond.com)

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