



# Sporting Clays N.S.W Incorporated.

News Letter for May 2019

Hello fellow shooters,

As a feature of the new website we will do our best to keep the SCNSW membership up to date with some news, general information and plans and strategies for the future.

Why a Website? Yes, websites are a bit dated with the advent of other social media outlets. However, they do provide a stable platform for the distribution of information to members and the general public. The biggest issues debatably are

- Cost. The costs of setup and website management are currently being covered by the revenue from the State calendar booklet.
- Updated and relevant information. Yes this can be onerous, but we have engaged a company to update posts etc. They are reliant on the information we provide, but that should be ok as long as we are ALL a little bit pro-active.
- The site needs to be visited so that a simple google search will find the site. It has to be easy to find.

So here we go

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The Sporting Clays NSW Executive would like to welcome Mellissa Bourke to the team as the new State Treasurer. Mellissa has an extensive business background, is unfortunately or fortunately for Horse loving her shooting and at this point, would be one of the fastest improving shooters in the State. All that aside, having had the pleasure of shooting with Mellissa, she is the politest, kind and well mannered shooter I have ever encountered. We could all take a page from her book.

Paul Smidt and I visited the NSW Office of Sport last month to continue lobbying for Sporting Clays NSW to be recognized as a State Sporting Organisation (SSO). Potentially if the body can get this recognition we will be able to access grant money at a State level. Currently the clubs can apply for grants through Safe shooting, community building etc but SCNSW have no ability or access to grant programs. We were well received, but got the usual hurdles, new government, new minister etc. They now know who we are and they also know we are not going to go away. Watch this space....

We have some good progress on the "development" side of things. Ardlethan / Beckom held a referees course in March adding 4 x new referees to the books. I believe new SCA badges will be forthcoming. Ken Jones held a Club Coach accreditation course in Cooma, 8 participants from Bermagui, Cooma and Sydney attended and can now call themselves accredited club coaches. State will do its best to facilitate any development programs clubs and members feel they would like to instigate, Junior coaching, have a go days, referees courses, coaching courses we need to know how and when and we can work with the clubs to achieve the best for all.

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A change to next years shoot calendar is that SCNSW will be setting the dates for the 2020 State selection shoots in the next few weeks. This will be based on the Nationals, we will work back to the State Championships, and then the State Selection shoots. This will provide a well spaced program to allow shooters and clubs a fair opportunity to organize their own calendars well in advance. If clubs have definite dates in mind you need to provide details ASAP.

As part of the State program we have promised the roll out of the new SCA environmental program and reviews to the State constitution and in turn club constitutions. I apologies again as due to work commitments I have not been able to give this my full attention. However with the advent of the ski season apparently my contracts will be complete. That will leave 2-3 months to cover some serious ground on these topics. Prepare yourselves.

It has come to our attention that the NSW Firearms Registry / Police may be conducting sport checks on ranges. Targeting firearm security and licenses. Please

- Make sure if your firearm is not with you it is locked up. Ie in a locked car.
- You are required to have a valid shooters permit / license on you when you are participating on a shooting range.
- Club shoot offices should be checking licenses at the time of nomination.

Please support the upcoming shoots.

- English Sporting State Champs. Gunnedah.
- 5<sup>th</sup> State Selection Shoot Dubbo.

Thanks for your support.

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