



Sporting Clays N.S.W Incorporated.

Newsletter for November 2019

Hello fellow shooters,

Another Christmas rolls around with another year of shooting behind us. Sporting Clays NSW has had a great year. The State Calendar events went well. We had a few hiccups along the way with some organizational issues, hopefully we have ironed out the wrinkles for the year ahead. The targets and efforts put in by the clubs for these events cannot be faulted. It is a big effort to host a selection shoot, Sub Championship and State Championship and I congratulate all clubs that held events throughout the year.

On other things "State" the 2019 AGM in Bathurst went well. The executive remains unchanged and I thank the team for their efforts for the past year and look forward to the year ahead. Ralph Ali stepped aside as State target director and again I thank him for his service. To fill Ralphs shoes Peter Kay from Dubbo has taken on the roll and hit the ground running overseeing the State Championships in Sydney and representing NSW as target director at the Nationals and the National AGM in Melbourne. Welcome aboard Peter.

Thanks to Adam Mower, always a good sounding board for me. He has stepped down from the State environment position to be replaced by Barry Dunn from Bermagui. We have some interesting times ahead with environmental issues coming more and more to the forefront. Barry is across a lot of the topical issues in this area and look forward to his input to this position. Adam Mower is instrumental in the new flag and tear drop design and purchases, the purchases of the Adrian Hayes trophy's, various pins patches etc. Thankyou Adam for your assistance in the last 12 months.

Other news from the State AGM is the endorsement of a new State Constitution. Essentially a modern version of the old one incorporating the new name "Sporting Clays NSW". We are also finalizing the operational procedures for SCNSW. This document will hopefully encompass and tidy up the loose ends in operations. ie How to apply, run a selection shoot. Targets required; prizes required etc. we should be able to get this completed in early January.

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At the National AGM held in Melbourne at the beginning of the month NSW was represented by Myself, Paul Smidt and Peter Kay. We will be issuing another more thorough update on this meeting in the next week or so but a summary.

- Ralph Ali has been replaced by Greg Dawes from South Australia. As the SCA President.
- Anthony Pennetta from Victoria is feeling the vacancy created at Vice President.
- Straight Pull Shotguns, Lever actions and Pump action shotguns will not be permitted in competitions on SCA Ranges.
- NSW annual fees are to remain the same, however National fees have increased by \$4.40. (NSW was the only state to vote against the price increase.t)
- Gunnedah will be hosting the English Sporting Nationals in 2021. Date to be confirmed.
- Sporting Clays NSW will be hosting the Nationals in 2022. Location and dates to be confirmed.
- The Nationals in 2020 will be in Brisbane, and in 2021, Western Australia.

There are some more matters that need to be posted, reviewed and worked through. SCA is looking to a new start with changes to the executive. Sporting Clays NSW at this point is moving from strength to strength and will continue to strive for the best outcomes for the shooters, the clubs, Sporting Clays NSW and Sporting Clays Australia.

We are now in the Christmas shoot season. I attended the Bermagui Christmas shoot last weekend, the enthusiasm and love for our sport is palpable. I wish all clubs the best for their Christmas shoots they are great and really showcase what our sport is all about. Enjoyment, participation and fun.

Safe travels to all over the Christmas period, be safe and be careful, Merry Christmas.

Looking forward to a fabulous 2020.

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