

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AND GAME

SAFGA Board Newsletter



Dates to remember:

October 8th -
SAFGA AGM - Keith

October 28th -
CHASA Wild Food Dinner

2022 SAFGA Board Membership

President :	John Kentish
Vice President:	Rob Low
Secretary:	Vicki Fabris
Treasurer:	Jo Nannings
Board Member/Assistant Secretary :	Mark Fabris
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Delegates to Sporting Clays Australia:	J Kentish, C Ball and R Low
Delegate to Combined Firearms Council SA:	Phil Papaioannou
Delegates to CHASA:	M Fabris and R Low

Go to www.safga.org.au for contact details.

SA STATE TITLES at Central Field and Game

STATE Title Final Live Score Results



SAFPGA State Titles 2022

Hosted by SAFPGA Central Branch
27th & 28th August 2022

The 2022 SAFPGA State Titles were recently held on August 27th & 28th at the Central Branch.

15 squads competed over the weekend in good conditions. The course was set by Michael McKinnon.

Day 1: 100 targets Handicap shoot. Kindly sponsored by the following, Fisher Firearms, Costa Mushroom Farms – B Backhouse, Martin Family Tree Service – Kev Martin.

Our overall Event Sponsors: OTC – Lee Burger, Toressan Estate SAFPGA State Range and Field, Beretta Australia – for Beretta bags & merchandise for SA Team members, Sponsors for Juniors and Sub Juniors: Gunforce and Gamebore.

A big thankyou to Martin Columbo who provided a popup shop of his merchandise and earplugs. Martin donated a set of Shooting glasses to Centrals which we used as a door prize. Congrats to Mt Gambier's Ken Atkins for winning these.

Many thanks to our kind businesses and committee members who donated items for our mega raffle. Pt Turton Caravan Pk, Mr Spudman, Range and Field, M Holbrook to name a few.

Handicap results and overall results were posted online via livenesscores.

Photos kindly taken by: Day 1 – Chris Michael, Day 2 & Presentations P Papaioannou & K Ball

To all our committee members who took time off work and put in the hours to make this event run smoothly and efficiently, many thanks without you these State Titles would not have happened.



SAFPGA Board AGM Saturday October 8th

Come along to Keith
on October 8th to
have your say on the
direction of South
Australian Field and
Game.

SA State Title Grade winners





CHASA Activity Update

CHASA held its AGM on Friday 26th August.

Congratulations to the following elected office bearers:

President- Graham Stopp Vice President- Rob West

Secretary- Vicki Fabris Treasurer- Kon Pantelios

Appointed position holders:

Chief Scientist- Tony Sharley

Duck Coordinator - Rob West

Quail Coordinator- Geoff Roberts

Political Coordinator- George Kontopoulous

CHASA training manager - Phil Papaioannou

Website Manager- Christian West.

The development of multiple videos continues, to inform the wider community and politicians of the benefits related to conservation and hunting activities. [CHASA YouTube](#)

CHASA has created some email templates that can be used to email SA politicians to add your support for the next duck and quail season. Go to [Mail my MP](#) on the CHASA website.

CHASA is developing a supporters program to be launched at the Wild Food and Wine dinner on October 28th.

A Delegates General Meeting will be held at the Lake Bonney Sporting Clays, near Millicent on November 19th at 10am. The delegates will also participate in the club shoot on Sunday 20th, local SAFGA members are invited to come along for a chat with the CHASA team.

The website is currently under development so watch out for the new look.

[CHASA FaceBook Page](#)

WHY DO WE HUNT ?



WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON ?

...NEGLECT

...or CARING



The largest wetland rehabilitation programs in the last 50 years in Australia have been completed by Hunting groups...



Wild food.....



SA Shooters compete at the 44th Australian Sporting Clay Nationals

Final Live Score Results

The Sporting Clays Australia national championships were held 9-11 September, hosted by Echidna Park about 30 mins east of Geraldton in WA . This event was attended by 236 shooters including 18 South Australians. It was a magnificent event, with 8 grounds set in valleys of exceptional wheat fields and ranges of scrubby hills and granite boulders. The targets were first class and the shoot ran like clockwork, with the bus drivers keeping us on our toes with their punctuality.

The canteen staff kept us well fed and hydrated and the venue was well catered for with shooting paraphernalia and products to purchase. The event was so good it could have been a world championship. Congratulations Echidna Park and WA for putting on a fantastic event, and a special thanks to Sue Green for organising our permits for us.

Our SA shooters performed very well with several shooters achieving. Jeremy Kent finished 5th in AA and 7th overall with 185/200, only 4 off the winner Chris Brown with 189 and 3 25s. Not far down the list was Jamie Dunn with 175 and a 25 on gr 3 and Joe Densley with 174. Then came the entertainment in A grade with me shooting 167 and a 25 on gr1 and having to shoot off with Gary Adams and Dan Blackley for 3rd. In Veterans we had Ernie Scheidl in 2nd with 161 with congratulations on making the Australian team for the Oceania in New Zealand next year. Rob Shawyer wasn't far behind with 158 and a 25 on gr5. John Torresan on one leg won the masters category with 156 and made the Australian team for the Oceania as well. In the ladies Janette Densley finished 4th with 156 and also

made the team. Well done Nicholas Bologiannis who finished 4th in juniors with 160. Last but not least, our illustrious state target director Chris Ball, may have made the seniors podium if he had not been fiddling with his safety catch at the start of his last round!! All in all , it was a great shoot and it would be nice to see a few more South Aussies in Gunnedah NSW next year.

Cheers to all, Tim Widdison.



SAFGA

Facebook

We are putting the request out for photos of any club social events to share on the SAFGA FaceBook page.

This is a very effective way to promote the inclusiveness of our sport and friendliness of the SA clubs.

Please send any photos to secretary@safga.org.au

OR
tag

South Australian Field and Game Association when posting on your club Facebook pages and we will re share the images.

We are keen to make sure any good news stories you have are shared and viewed by as many followers as possible.



SAFGA Website Review

The website review is ongoing , thank you to Alex Button and Michale Gates for volunteering their time to complete this project. .

The Board welcomes any feedback or suggestions on how to improve the website so it is more user friendly and provides our membership with current and relevant information.

You can view the website here:

www.safga.org.au

Please feel free to contact anyone of the board members with your suggestions or email them to: secretary@safga.org.au

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hunting in NSW

Recently Phil Papaioannou made enquiries about hunting in NSW and found that hunters need to be members of an Approved Hunting Organisation (AHO) before they are eligible to proceed further with obtaining a licence to hunt. Some of our members hunt deer, pigs and other game in NSW, and also participate in pest control of ducks in the rice fields.

To help our members hunt in NSW, SAFGA has been engaging with the NSW Game Licensing Unit of the Dept of Primary Industry to become an Approved Hunting Organisation. This looks to be feasible. The Dept requires that our constitution must have provision in it to discipline members should they transgress NSW laws and their code of practice for hunting. Our constitution has that provision.

But the Dept also requires that our constitution must make specific mention of the NSW laws and code of conduct. Unsurprisingly it does not. However, the Dept is willing to accept an appropriately worded By-Law, and this is currently being drafted. The benefit of SAFGA becoming an AHO is that it saves each of the four clubs from having to be accredited. We'll keep you posted.

Proposed Ban on Bow Hunting

There have been rumours for some time that the SA government intends to ban bow hunting. They are no longer rumours, and I thank member Daniel Torresan for providing a copy of a letter he received recently from his MP. The letter is reproduced below.

SAFGA has never been an organisation concerned with hunting other than with firearms, and so we have no policies on bow hunting. However, we have always been strongly in favour of ethical hunting, and can cite many examples, three being:

1. Assisting with research into the effects of lead shot in wetlands, and supporting the introduction of non toxic shot.
2. Participating in setting duck and quail seasons having regard to the best available scientific evidence.
3. Devising the "Ducks In Sight" educational video, and assisting with the development and application of the Waterfowl Identification Test (WIT).

It seems to me that the approach the government should be taking is to examine whether bow hunting is, is not, or can be made, an acceptable form of hunting. But that is not being done. The decision has been taken to ban a currently legal activity without taking any evidence or receiving any submissions. This is wrong. All hunters and firearms owners should be alarmed that the government is acting in a unilateral manner, basically on a whim. It's bow hunters now, but who's next on the list?

Club Executives

Central Field and Game:

President: Christopher Ball
Vice president: Michael Lane
Secretary: Kathrin Ball
Treasurer: Pros Van derZalm

Lake Bonney Sporting clays:

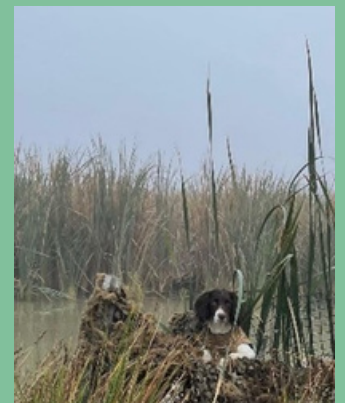
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Central Field and Game



Erin Thompson MP
MEMBER FOR DAVENPORT



Mr Daniel Torresan
8 John Walk
Flagstaff Hill SA 5159

Dear Mr Torresan,

Thank you for contacting me regarding bow and crossbow hunting.

The Labor Government has committed to banning the hunting of animals with bows and cross-bows. The Department for Environment and Water is currently considering options for delivering this commitment and will consult with key stakeholder groups regarding the implementation and any transition arrangements in due course.

The ban is not intended to restrict ownership of bows or crossbows, nor introduce licensing requirements for the devices, and would not limit the use of these devices for target archery. It is only hunting animals with bows and crossbows that are proposed to be banned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erin Thompson'.

Erin Thompson MP
Member for Davenport

28 September 2022

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