

## Our First Edition

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. The committee thought this would be a good way to keep members and visitors up to date with what's going on at our club. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it informative.

## Practice Numbers

Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September was a cracker, with 23 shooters here using the Five Stand and DTL facilities. Ernie reckoned it was the biggest Wednesday turnout that he can remember. Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October was another good day, with 16 shooters, including seven new faces who intend joining the club.

## Nomination Fees for Competitions

A motion was carried at the last committee meeting to adjust the costs of completion nominations. For all future events, nomination fees for females will be lowered to match those of veterans and the nomination fees for juniors will be lowered to \$20. Our nomination fees are based on a figure of \$0.60 per target. This figure compares favourably with other clubs in our region. Our nomination fees allow the club to cover the costs of running the events and to make a modest profit to reinvest in our facilities.

## Targets

Two committee members recently carried out some analysis of the targets used at the club. Independent of each other, they took samples of three types of targets (*Eurotarget*, *Nasta* & *Vivaz*) and weighed random batches to check for variation. The results showed that *Nasta* and *Eurotargets* varied from lightest to heaviest by around 4 grams, while the *Vivaz* varied by as much as 8 grams. Unbroken targets were also recovered from the paddock and inspected for pellet damage. The number of targets recovered varied, due to the fact that certain brands have been used much more extensively over the past couple of months; however, the raw results were still interesting. Of the targets recovered that were still whole, but showed obvious signs of pellet hits, 15% were *Eurotarget* and 25% were *Vivaz*.

## Trap House Specifications

Work is underway to ensure that all of our traps and trap houses comply with the ACTA regulations. At the moment, it appears that our traps are too high and this results in clays being thrown at incorrect angles. The trap houses themselves are also too high. The work to correct these anomalies will be done as soon as money and time allow. The goal is to have our club fully operational within the requirements of the sport's governing bodies.

## EFT at Competitions

Anita & Linda are working hard to arrange for EFT facilities to be available at future competitions. Please note that Wednesday and Saturday practice days will still be cash only.

## Referee & Scorer Stands

Steve Tamme has been hard at work fabricating referee and scorer stands. We already have one of his very flash units in use and the other is not far off. The stands allow much improved comfort and visibility for those officiating at competitions.

## **Environmental Clean-up Progress**

The club recently received an auditor's review and verification of the Clean Up Plan (CUP) as prepared by Golder Environmental Consultants in September 2018. The report is in response to a Clean Up Notice issued by the EPA on 29 June 2018. At this stage, further investigations are required at the club before a further auditor reviewed CUP and new Environmental Management Plan are produced. The Auditor has requested further information prior to signing off on a suitable CUP. The club will continue to work closely with EPA and the Rural City of Wangaratta on any remedial actions that may be required at the club premises. A copy of both the Auditor review and Golder's CUP are on hand at the club rooms for interested members to read upon request.

## **Mower & Catcher**

The new mower from Wangaratta Saw & Lawnmower Service is getting plenty of use. The mower can also tow a catcher that picks up spent wads. Bob Pigram is the official pilot of the new machinery and he has the place looking very nice.

## **New Members**

It's great to see so many new faces around the club, including a few females. There's also been a good mix of age groups, with even some young blokes bringing Mum out for a shot.

## **Grant Applications for Kitchen & Toilets**

We have two grant applications in the works at the moment. The result of our kitchen grant will be announced in October & the toilet grant in November. Keep your fingers crossed, everybody.

## **Compak Sporting Clays**

The committee is investigating the possibility of affiliating our club with Sporting Clays Australia, the group responsible for the Compak style of clay target shooting. Compak is described as "A condensed version of Sporting Clays..." Affiliation with Sporting Clays Australia will allow shooters from other organisations to take part in our five Stand competitions, greatly increasing the potential numbers at such events. Further information can be found at: <https://sportingclaysaustralia.com.au/about-us/compak/>

## **Canteen Requests**

Anita and her hard working team are doing a great job in the canteen. There's always a good variety of fresh food at competition days. Anita is keen for your (preferably positive) feedback, so take the time to let her know what you reckon next time you're at the club.

*Well, we hope you've enjoyed our first newsletter. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the latest developments at our club.*

*Anton Motha*

*President, on behalf of the Committee*

*Wangaratta Clay Target Club*