
Our Fourth Edition

There are lots of positives in the news with this edition. Work continues on the modernisation of our facilities as we approach the club's 100th anniversary.

Centenary Celebrations

A sub-committee has been formed and planning is underway for the club's 100th anniversary event. The Centenary Shoot will be held on Saturday the 15th of June. The event will be held under our affiliation with Sporting Clays Australia, so that means it is open to members of ACTA, SCA, SSAA and Field & Game.

Traps & Equipment Replacement

The two new Laporte Twinlap DTL traps are in the country, but are stuck on the docks awaiting customs clearance. Whoa, hold the presses! I just got off the 'phone with Anton and the traps are finally here. Jacob is spending some of his time off from university to help get the traps ready for installation. Concrete work on trap No.2 is scheduled for mid-May, so there is still a chance that both of the new traps might be available for the Centenary shoot.

Four of the twelve Bowman Sporting Clays traps have been delivered and are already in use. The remaining eight Bowman traps are on their way and will be put into service as soon as possible.

Two sets of Canterbury voice release microphones have been delivered and are in use. The club has instigated a regular battery replacement routine to ensure that this equipment is reliable.

Kitchen Installed

The new kitchen is in place and looks very flash. The plumbing and electrical systems are still being installed, but Anita and Joelle have done a great job with improvised equipment at the last couple of competitions.

Toilet Progress

Things are getting serious. Brian Reid was barely off the 'plane from India before he waved his wand over the council's planning department and, *voilà*, the building permit appeared. Dutchy Dundas from Ready Built Portables in Mansfield was at the club recently marking out the ground work for our new toilet block and digging is due to start mid-May. Dutchy has gone way beyond the call of duty in his dealings with planning authorities and we are grateful for the extra effort he has made on our behalf. We can expect to be sitting pretty (toilet gag!) in the near future.

Clubroom Floors

Brett Jory doesn't know that weekends are for relaxing. He spent one of his Saturdays in April laying carpet tiles in the clubrooms and the office. It has taken a lot of time and an extraordinary amount of work by a few members of the committee and some club members, but the clubrooms and grounds are starting to look like the devastating December 2018 storms didn't even happen.

Access Ramp

If you are reading this in the clubrooms, you will have noticed the access ramp outside the front door. In keeping with the club's goal of welcoming people of all abilities, the committee is working hard to update all areas of the club.

Juniors Doing Well

SCA Wangaratta member Rhys McGauran put in a great performance at the 31st FITASC Sporting Championship of Oceania, held in Brisbane on the 20th of April. Rhys shot rounds of 20, 24, 23, 23, 23, 24, 23 and 22. His 182 total was enough to clinch 2nd in A Grade and 3rd in Juniors. Rhys came away with some very impressive trophies and medallions from the competition.

Environmental Update

Brian Reid recently received a report from Golder Environmental Consultants on the state of the wells and ground water around the area close to the club. The report seems to contain some good news for the club, but it is important to keep in mind that neither the EPA nor the Auditor has yet made any comment about their acceptance of the report. It is to be hoped that they will accept the report in due course and the Clean Up Plan will be finalised after this occurs.

Help Your Club

A lot of effort goes into setting up on practice days and competition days. Graham Coyle is always at the club around 1230 every Wednesday and Saturday to get the traps operational. Col Crittenden is there, too, giving up valuable time away from running his business. Any help setting up would be greatly appreciated, so why not get involved & support the club.

Container to be Elevated

It looks like Anton Motha has been busy collecting giant Lego blocks. You may have seen the very big concrete blocks on Ground No.2. They are to be used to elevate the shipping container to protect the contents from any future water inundation.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting is due in July. Official letters will be sent out to members with specific details about the date and time. Please come to the meeting to show your support for the club. The more members involved, the healthier the club will be in the future.

We hope you've enjoyed our 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