

Our Sixth Edition

Welcome to the sixth edition of our newsletter. There hasn't been a lot of dramatic events going on over the past couple of months, but, in some ways, that's not a bad thing. It's nice to think that things have settled down and our club is simply ticking over nicely.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting was held in July. It was decided to try a different format this year to try to get more members to attend, so the meeting was held during the day, on a Sunday, and BBQ was provided afterwards. The turnout was still rather low, but those who did attend seemed to enjoy the event.

All committee positions were declared vacant and the following were subsequently elected. Thanks to those 2018/19 committee members who reaffirmed their commitment to the club by standing again this year. It's good to see Alison bring her experience to the group. Peter Beck has only just joined the club & has already put his hand up. That's the kind of member any club would want.

New Committee:	President:	Anton Motha	Vice President:	Brian Reid
	Secretary:	Linda Motha	Treasurer:	Anita Klima
	General:	Peter Beck		Graham Colye
		Colin Crittenden		Joelle Everingham
		Alison Harwood		Riley Long
		Jacob Motha		Phil Smith
		Peter Sunderland		Keith Willett

Bob Foster

Bob had an accident whilst travelling in NSW in August and spent some time in Concord Hospital, Sydney. Bob was subsequently transferred to hospital in Melbourne. Anton Motha spoke to Bob on the telephone a week or so after the accident and reports that Bob is receiving the best possible treatment and is in high spirits, given the circumstances. Bob assured Anton that he'll "...be back shooting within a couple of months." I'm sure we are all looking forward to seeing Bob back at the club doing what he does best, smashing clays and having a chat.

Phil Smith

Yet another club member is in the wars. Current committee member and past president Phil Smith is also in hospital. Phil took ill early in September and, at the time of writing, is in the Wangaratta hospital. Brian Reid visited Phil and found him in good spirits and resting comfortably. Brian says that Phil is surprising the medical staff with the speed of his progress. A full recovery is expected, but it could take some time.

Practice Sessions

Practice is held for DTL every Wednesday from 1:30 pm and on Saturdays from 1.30 pm, except for the third Saturday of each month, when we conduct DTL competitions. Sporting Clays practice is available every Wednesday from 1:30 pm and competitions are held on the second Sunday of each month.

Sausage Sizzle

Hard-working committee members and stars of the club's kitchen on competition days, Anita Klima and daughter Joelle Everingham organised a sausage sizzle outside Aussie disposals on Saturday the 31st of August to raise money for our club. Anita reports that the frosty start to the day meant business was slow, but sales picked up later. By the end of the day, the team had sold 150 sausages and a stack of onions. In fact, things went so well that at one stage, Joelle had to race home and cut up more onions to keep the town fed.

Thanks to Anita, Joelle, Riley Long, Brian Reid & Alison Harwood for running the BBQ. Thanks also to Aussie disposals for supplying the venue, the equipment and the bangers.

Gateway Health Neuro Support Group Visit

Our Vice President Brian Reid, a great advocate of community involvement, recently arranged with Lynn Williams from Gateway Health for a group to come to the club to try clay target shooting. The attendees, members of Gateway Health's Neuro Support Group, enjoyed the experience and most managed to break some clays. Club members Col Crittenden, Bruce Henshall, Jacob Motha and Brian Reid were on hand to support the group and provided firearms and coaching. Some of the visitors were in wheelchairs, so it was very nice to have the new universal access toilet block available for their use. Lynn Williams has brought groups to the club previously & sees value in the relationship continuing. We couldn't agree more.

EPA Update

The EPA has recently issued the club with a new Clean Up Notice. The club has until the 20th of December 2019 to comply with the notice. An auditor-verified Clean Up Plan (CUP) is to be submitted to the EPA by that date. The club's environmental consultants, Golder, are currently working on a new Environmental Management Plan to replace the current plan the club has implemented. Further groundwater tests will be conducted in coming weeks. It is hoped that the results will be favourable and will form the basis of the new CUP.

Vandalism

The club suffered some relatively minor vandalism on the last weekend in August. A number of clays, probably an couple of dozen or so, black and orange, were smashed and strewn around the area in front of the clubroom front door and also on Grounds no.1 and 2. It is most likely that the clays were ones that had been recently recovered from the paddock and were left sitting on the table under the office window. As stated, the damage was minimal, but the lesson for all of us is to make sure that everything is locked up and all equipment stored securely before leaving after practice sessions and competitions.

We hope you've enjoyed our newsletter. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the latest developments at our club. For further information, news and results, visit our website at <https://wctc.jimdo.com/> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WangCTC/>

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