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F&G—October

The October Field and Game Shoot was conducted in pleasant Spring weather although the occasional breeze was a bit chilly. The overall shoot this month was sponsored by Daren Jones/Canberra Body Works at Queanbeyan while the SBS Section was sponsored by Bevan Brown/Fyshwick Firearms. The Club thanks our sponsors for their continuing support without which we would not be able to provide the current level of facilities for the members. Shooters attended from Sydney, Cooma, Goulburn and Bermi plus a strong contingent from Majura Park. Our congratulations go to Matt Webster who shot a cracking 94/100 to takeout High Gun. Other winners were :

AA	Andrew Paddison	90
2 nd	Peter Richards	86
A	Russell Stephenson	90
2 nd	Simon Weeding	89
3 rd	Peter Barlow	88
B	Mathew Richards	85
2 nd	Steve McIntyre	84
3 rd	David Howlett	79
C	Paris James	75
Ladies	Elspeth Dunn	44
Vets	John Taylor	52/75
Junior	Jack O'Dowd	69
2 nd	Max O'Dowd	65
SBS	Phil Craig	85
2 nd	John Sankey	84
3 rd	Norm Simms	77

A special thank you to the ladies who staffed the Canteen – Lorraine Davison and Jennifer Betar.

Also our “setteruppers” and all who helped pack up plus John Kearns who ran the office and as our Treasure keeps us out of financial trouble.

John Norris came up from Sydney a day early and got our Subaru four wheel drive going for us again. Thank you John for donating the vehicle and tuning it up for us.



Sporting Clays—October

Three squads shot the October Sporting 100 Targets. While only four people shot comp (1 B grade and 3 C graders) it was again good to see our new shooters from the New Shooter Sunday/ Corp Shooting starting to appear on the scene with their recently obtained Firearms Licenses. The weather was kind to us and the targets remained fairly consistent throughout the day.

Scores were :

B Grade	J Taylor	74/100
C Grade	Mark Kearins	55/100
2 nd	Greg Fuller	54/100

Our thanks go to Tim Jones who ran our local office and to all those who helped clear up and put away at the end of the day.

DTL—October

DOUBLE RISE DAY OF SHOOTING

EVENT 1 - 25pr. DR C/SHIP

A & O/A GEOFF MILLS 42/50

B BEN CAMPBELL 38/50

C W SMITH 23/50

EVENT 2 – 20 Pair Douvle Doubles off 20M

GEOFF MILLS and PETER EWART 18/20

BEN CAMPBELL and George Kozolis 17/20

O/A HIGH GUN

Geoff Mills 67/80

Skeet—October

1 st AA & OA	Mark Corbett	95/100
2 nd	Rodney Kneipp	93/100
1 st A	Kate Light	90/100
1 ST B	Ian Latter	91/100
2 nd	John O’Sullivan	86/100
1 st C	Simeon Ward	84/100
2 nd	Luciano Cassarotte	82/100

2012 Nationals—Seymour

This years F&G Australia Nationals was held at Seymour which is located about 100 km north of Melbourne. Seymour is a clean friendly “Goulburn River Town” with a population of about 6000 and is the home of the National Office.

Fourteen Club members attended and were accommodated in Seymour and the surrounding close towns – Nagambie, Talarook etc. The shooting grounds are located about 20 Km north of the town and about 8 km just off the main Highway.

Three of our members were in Squad 4 which meant at the ground at 0700 to start shooting at

0730. Canberra members put together some decent scores over the two days shooting but unfortunately these were offset with some not so decent scores which kept them out of the winners circle.

This year four of our members attended the Nationals for the first time – Daren Jones, Bryce Wilson, Richard Harley and Barry Herberts - and soon got over “Nationals Fever” and settled down to some interesting shooting. (Barry Herberts I think got a cut of the C Grade on one of the Five Stand Events). Doug Brenton, an affiliated member, got a third in the Vets.

Two of the ranges were in undulating country with targets shot across or down into gullies. The third range was shot mainly in flat open country but taking advantage of two lots of tower targets. Each range consisted of 6 Stands - four targets on five stands with one stand on each range of five targets. Interestingly this year there were no simultaneous or following pairs. (This did not make me unhappy!).

This years Nationals would have to go down as one of the best run shoots with a wide variety of very shootable targets relying on terrain and varying trajectory rather than high speed and unreasonable distance to test the shooter. Minor breakdowns were quickly fixed with minimum delays by the clubs who were managing the ranges. It's a great experience to participate in a large shoot like this and I would recommend it to all members irrespective of their grade.

The only negative note I heard was, again, there was no Super Vets over the two days and for some reason there were no S/Vets scores shown on the Score Board. (words like “treated like second class Citizens” etc). We will try and find out how many S/Vet attended and rise this with the Board again. Many of the now S/Vets have been instrumental in developing clubs over the years to their current level and we all know the value of keeping our senior members active and interested in sport.



F&G—November

With clear conditions and the wind gone from the previous day, 48 competitors participated in the penultimate sim field shoot for 2012. The course looked deceptively easy, until competitors reached station six and then, to quote one shooter “got burnt”! However George Bailey tore himself away from skeet for the day and took out high gun. The balance of the score were as follows (graded):

AA:	John Sankey	87
A:	John Norris	93
	Geoff Kearins	92
	Brendan Walsh	92
B:	Bryce Wilson	94
	Adam West	93
C:	Rodger Sands	93
Vets:	John Taylor	72
Ladies:	Marg Warriner	98
Subguage:	Peter Barlow	91
	Barry Dunn	82
	Rob Butterworth	79

Many thanks to our canteen and office volunteers who allowed the day to run smoothly. Speaking of

volunteers, over the past couple of months we have seen a trend where none of those rostered on for field and game set up are not turning up to assist. It's not an overly burdensome duty, only 4 hours once a year, but it does make the set up go much quicker. If you are unsure of when you allotted month is, there is a list on the board above where the beverage making facilities are and on the website (attached to the June news letter).



Skeet—November

The November skeet shoot was greeted with an overcast morning, which turned into a blustery but dry day. The shoot was well attended with 15 shooters enjoying the day. A high standard of shooting was seen thanks to the presence of the current national champion and 6 current or recent NSW open skeet team representatives. 5 shooters made the trip down from Sydney. Two Cooma shooters were present for the completion of our Canberra - Cooma inter club team shoot which ran in conjunction with the regular 100 target Southern Highlands competition.

O/A High gun	David O'Sullivan	99-100
AA 1 st	Tony Hickman	97-100
2 nd	Mark Corbett	96-100
A 1 st	Wayne Peterson	97-100
2 nd	Rodney Kneipp	96-100
B 1 st	Noel Watchorn	87-100
2 nd	Nigel Jones	84-100
C 1 st	Ian Crisp	62-100

Sporting Clays—November

The November Sporting was conducted in 30 plus temperature which came as a bit of a shock to some of the twenty shooters. Fortunately Rodney Kneipp had the foresight to erect two of the shade tents which protected the button pushers/scorers and spectators. The winds were light and variable swinging from south to north throughout the day which varied the targets considerably but some good scores were shot and Graham Bennett is to be congratulated on his HG of 94/100 which included a clean round.

Other winners were :

AA	Andy Vacaro	92
A	Lee Hanson	71
B	Norm Simms	83
C	Greg Fuller	52

Our thanks go to Neal Goodwin and others who helped prepared the range on the Wednesday plus Tim Jones who ran the books and all those who

pitched in to make the day enjoyable. Sporting will start again in January 2013.



Two Men in a Boat

Tim and “JT”, in the middle of November, decided to give Googong another run for ‘yellow belly’. Reports were, with the rising water temperature, they were starting to bite. Not daunted by a forecast of possible showers, the Saturday saw us on the water by 10am (No early start for Super Vets!) and trawling the western shoreline . down and into Shannon’s Inlet. From there across the lake past Rabbit Island and into some secluded bays on the eastern shore. Alas no Golden Perch but three or four smallish, but eating size, Redfin. A quick chat to two or three other fishermen on the lake revealed much the same story - no “yellow belly’ but plenty of red fin. The water is starting to clear and the foreshore is very pretty at this time of the year with the green growth and plenty of wild flowers. The small flooded timber looks like close to breaking up and there appeared plenty of aquatic life. Fishing will probably improve as the temperature rises and the fish become more active.



DTL—November

25 TGT DB/ Cont C/D E/O

A Grade Alf Niesar 24/25

B Grade Wayne Smith 24/25

C Grade Nathan Wilson 17/25

50 TGT DB/ Cont Championship

O/A Alf Niesar 48/50

A Grade GEORGE kozolis 47/50

B Grade Wayne Smith 45/50

C Grade Nathan Wilson 37/50

25 TGT P/S/ Cont C/D

A Grade Allan Wilson 70/75

B Grade Wayne Smith 64/75

C Grade Nathan Wilson 66/75

HIGH GUN

Alf Niesar 141/150



Last Minute Corporate shoot

Corporate shoots occur on a regulate basis at the club but on the Sunday after the sim field event we hosted 10 shooters for round of shooting. Now ordinarily corporate shoots are booked well in advance but sometimes when the stars align they can be done on very short notice (rare occasion). Well it happened to be one of those times. Several of these gents had just flown over to Australia that morning (from the US) and were trying an alternative approach to beating jet lag. Their

counterpart in Australia said why not a round of shooting, all of which was arranged on the Saturday! In any case, a fun time was had by all and we even had a shoot off for 1st place...congratulations Dave. Though as Dave is the boss to the runner up, we suspect some career enhancing strategies were going on!



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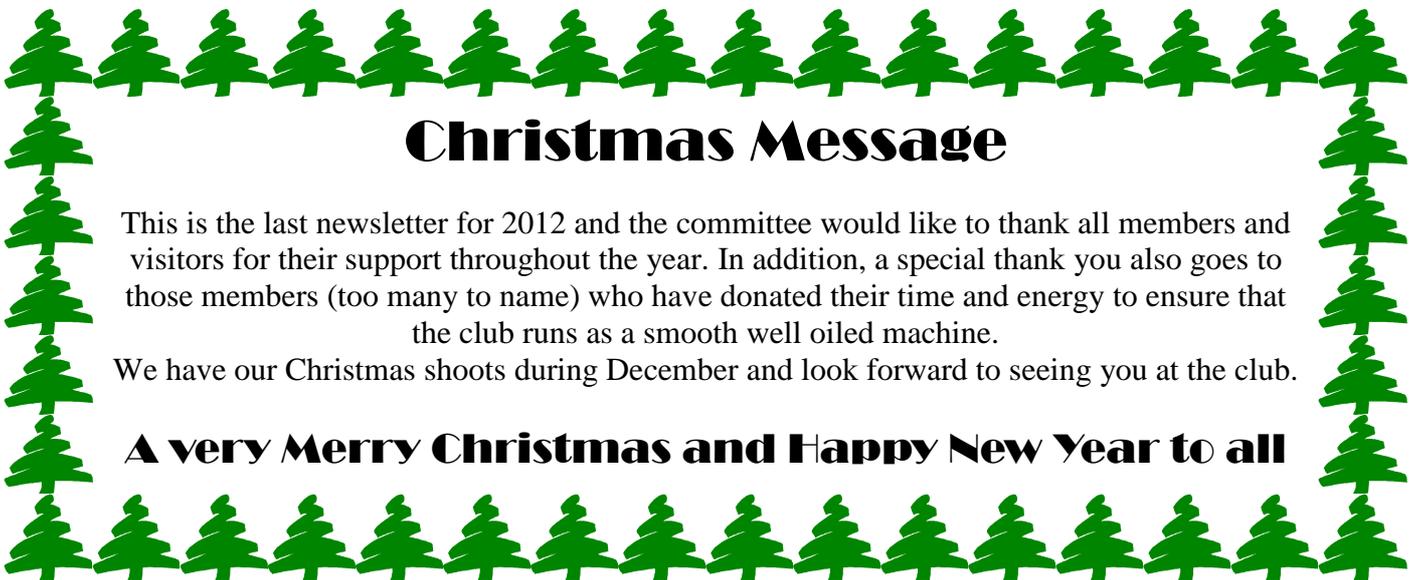
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Christmas Message

This is the last newsletter for 2012 and the committee would like to thank all members and visitors for their support throughout the year. In addition, a special thank you also goes to those members (too many to name) who have donated their time and energy to ensure that the club runs as a smooth well oiled machine.

We have our Christmas shoots during December and look forward to seeing you at the club.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all



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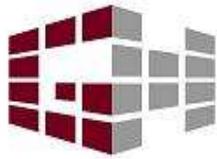
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