

AUSTRALIAN SKEET SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 8th March 2026

ACTA Convention Centre, Wagga Wagga

Committee Present:

Nigel Hughes (President)
David Muir (Vice President)
Paul Johnson (Secretary)
Leonie Johnston (Treasurer)
Shane Bennett
Wayne Petersen
Brian Clarke

ACTA:

Les Kadziela

Apologies:

John Rodden, John Dichera, Karl Bowen, Glenn Walker, Andrew Watson, Michael Buttigieg

Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th April 2025 in Perth (available on website)

Nominated correct by Jacquie Durham and seconded by Rick Ball

Presidents Report:

President's report delivered by Nigel Hughes.

- Thanks to the members for attending
- Thanks to the ACTA for use of the facilities
- Thanks to the ASSA committee for their service
- Spreadsheet contains ~16000 lines skeet records data for members and the ACTA to use for various milestones & achievements.
- Support of junior development
- HOF Sub Committee has been going for the last 3 years
- Sponsored handicap events
- Merchandise available
- BRB at the ground this year
- Targets and Traps
- Handover to Karl Bowen as the incoming president.

Life Memberships:

- Wayne Reed
- Anonymous – SA
- Kat (Kevin) Mules

Life memberships for 2027 have already been sold, these were taken up in a day and a half. The funds from these memberships go towards growing the sport.

The secretary thanked the outgoing president for his service.

Financial statements were presented.

Profit & Loss plus Balance Sheet. Funds at bank \$19,804

Financial statements adopted as correct by Lorraine Hughes and seconded by Brian Clarke

Election of Office Bearers

1. Karl Bowen – President
2. Wayne Petersen – Vice President
3. Paul Johnston – Secretary
4. Leonie Johnston – Treasurer
5. Brian Clarke – committee member
6. Damon Michael – committee member
7. Nigel Hughes – committee member
8. Benn Baker - committee member
9. John Rodden – committee member
10. Matthew Dwyer – committee member

The floor was opened for any general questions:

- Indicates ASSA responses from the committee present

Hall of Fame.

Deb Macpherson: Asked where the ASSA are at with the Ladies Hall of Fame. Will ladies who qualify under the ladies criteria be recognised again should they qualify under open rules? Will they be accoladed appropriately when, in the future, they qualify under open rules. Can their jackets be embroidered with both achievements?

Jacqueline Durham: Would ladies be recognised again should they qualify under open rules. Not necessarily another induction but some form of recognition for reaching the open Hall of Fame?

Lorraine Hughes: Can we forward all of this on to the ACTA and suggest that should a lady achieve both the Ladies HOF and the Open HOF then there be recognition of both?
How have the ladies qualified for the Trap Hall of Fame? Is it under the same criteria as the open?

- There is one Hall of Fame, it is owned by the ACTA, what happens with it is their decision.
- There will be one hall of fame with Open and Ladies criteria.
- Should a lady qualify under open criteria and is already inducted under the ladies there would be some recognition but not another induction into the Hall of Fame.

- As long as there is a relationship between the ACTA and the ASSA we will put forward the best interests of our members and their suggestions.
- The presentation dinners, awards and achievements are put forward by their respective communities ie Skeet, provided they are within ACTA rules there should be no issue recognising these achievements.
- The ASSA have been fighting for at least the last 3 years to have women's achievements recognised and maintain the dignity of the HOF and inspire other ladies.
- We shoot American Skeet, there is only one HOF in the USA with different pathways.

Website Issues and Membership

John Pethybridge:

I didn't know until a few minutes ago that I wasn't a financial member of the ASSA, I couldn't look anything up and see if I was financial. Can we get a reminder when our membership is due?

- Wayne Petersen - A text message was sent on the 26th of February reminding you to renew. Also an email in December.

I can't find the text, why can't we logon to the ASSA website and check like the ACTA can.

Last year I asked whether the minutes of these meetings to be put on the website?

- The minutes are on the website, under the 'About' Tab listed under 'minutes'.

Trap setting at this years Nationals

Jacqueline Durham: Today we had issues with the targets on trap 1, we asked for them to be adjusted. Instead of adjusting them the targets were sped up, making them too fast. This is the National Championship, can the ASSA ask the ACTA that the people attending to the traps know what they are doing and that the targets are set with a speed gun.

- Ideally the targets are set in still conditions, when the wind has been contributing like this week it can be difficult.
- Given we already have a great relationship with the ACTA, Les Kadziela is sitting here with us and can take it to the ACTA in the morning.
- In past years the ASSA has assisted setting targets each day before competition.

Communication with the ACTA

Lorraine Hughes: When issues are raised, whether you agree with them or not, are they then raised by the ASSA in their meetings with the ACTA?

- These are discussed with the ACTA

Commonwealth Event at the Nationals

Nathan Campbell: Would like to hear thoughts on scrapping the Commonwealth title and making the national title a 200-target event. There are no Hall of Fame points on the Commonwealth, yet, and turn the national title into an endurance event. There's no reason why we can't change the format.

- There may be imminent news with this from the ACTA.
- The trophy associated with the Commonwealth event has been around since day 1 of skeet in Australia.

Benn Baker: Could we, if we take the Commonwealth out, on the second day still award the trophy for the day but it is not a title. Why not have 10 points for the 410 and Commonwealth? Even 20?

- If the Commonwealth attracted Hall of Fame points would that change your opinion of the Commonwealth?
- There are also discussions under way to get .410 and 28 gauge added to attract Hall of Fame points.
- What is easier to win? 410 with 120 competitors or 20 gauge with 40? Why discount the small gauges with little reward.

Jacqueline Durham: If that does change, it's not only the points but will it count towards the Hall of Fame as a national title? It needs to count as a national title, all national events should.

- There is a lot of discussion here, some argue there should be no points for Commonwealth and 28 & 410 but are quite happy to claim these gauges as a national title for HoF purposes. There are two sides, titles and points, which make up the Hall of Fame.
- DTL have allocated points to their Commonwealth title, a question for Les is does the Commonwealth count as a national title for DTL?

Les Kadzeila: The Trap only had the Commonwealth count for two years, and only then as part of a weekend Commonwealth carnival. It has since been taken away. The intention was to generate interest in people coming but it was not successful so it is over.

Trap rules used in Skeet

Sarah Bennett: Why for team selection and certain events are we forced to use rules intended for DTL, we aren't the same discipline and do things differently.

- We agree that what DTL do should have no bearing on Skeet, particularly for shoot offs.

Les Kadzeila: All teams are shot off, under the current system though reserves are on countback.

- We don't agree with countbacks, for any shoot off and any grade doubles 3,4 and 5 sorts things out quickly. We don't agree with what happened in Perth with the countbacks.
- A show of hands from those present showed no hands for countback and all hands up for shoot offs.
- Reserve positions can be adversely affected by countback under many circumstances. All should be given the opportunity to shoot off.

The committee thanked all present for their participation.

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 16:23pm